

John Thexton of Gleaston Mill d 5 November 1914



IN LOVING MEMORY OF
JOHN THEXTON
LATE OF GLEASTON MILL
WHO DIED NOV. 5TH 1914
AGED 68 YEARS
ALSO SARAH ANNE, HIS WIFE
WHO DIED JAN 18TH 1941
AGED 86 YEARS
WILLIAM BUTLER,
BELOVED SON OF
JOHN & SARAH ANNE THEXTON
OF GLEASTON MILL
WHO DIED OCT^R 19TH 1899,
IN HIS 19TH YEAR
ALSO ISABELLA, THEIR DAUGHTER
WHO DIED AUGST 4TH 1884
AGED 8 WEEKS.

The baby Isabella, named on the gravestone, was probably named after John Thexton's mother, who died 1 November 1883. Probate was granted on 21 December 1883 to John Thexton of Gleaston Miller and George Thexton of Silverdale near Carnforth Lime Merchant the Sons and Thomas Atkinson Morphet of 9 Cornwallis-street Barrow-in-Furness Draper the Executors. **(National Probate Calendar (Index of Wills and Administrations) 1883)**. *This document is always written without punctuation.*

John Thexton can be found on the **1851, 1861 and 1871 Censuses**, all living at Gleaston Mill with his birth family.

John Thexton married Sarah Ann Butler on 27 May 1879 at Urswick Church.

In the **1881 Census** John Thexton was married, but living with his parents and siblings at Gleaston Mill. The household comprised George Thexton (61) Corn Miller, born Broughton, Lancs.; Isabella Thexton (59) born Urswick; John Thexton (32) Son, Married, Corn Miller; Sarah A. Thexton (20) Daughter, Unmarried, no occupation recorded; Matilda Thexton (18) Daughter, Unmarried, no occupation recorded; Louisa Thexton (15) Daughter, Unmarried, no occupation recorded; Amelia Thexton (13) Daughter, Unmarried, no occupation recorded; and Gertrude A. Morphet (10) Granddaughter, no occupation recorded, born Barrow.

On the night of the **1881 Census** Sarah A. Thexton (26), John's wife, was staying with her birth family at Stainton Head Farm. Thomas L. Butler (59) was the head, Farmer of 100 acres with 2 labourers, with wife Mary (52); daughter Sarah H. Thexton; grandson William B. Thexton (10 months); and further children of Thomas and Mary – George (24) Farmer's Son; John (21) Architect; Joseph James (13) Scholar; and Thurston H. (12) Scholar.

1891 Census living at Gleaston Mill were John Thexton (43) Corn Miller and Farmer, born Gleaston Mill, Aldingham, Lancs; Sarah Ann (sic) Thexton (36) Wife, born Stainton Urswick, Lancs; William B. Thexton (10), Scholar, born Gleaston Mill, Aldingham; Evelyn M. Thexton (8) Scholar, born Gleaston Mill; Maggie Thexton (6) Scholar, born Gleaston Mill; Bertha Annie Thexton (5), born Gleaston Mill; George Thexton (3) born Gleaston Mill; Helen Matilda Thexton (7 months), born Gleaston Mill; Thurston Hunt Butler (22) (*Sarah Anne's brother*) Farm Servant (Agriculture), born Stainton Urswick; Luke Crowe (20) Servant – corn miller, born Cartmel (*see James Crowe*); Jane Edmondson (16) General Servant (Domestic), born Aldingham; and Sarah Martindale (15) General Servant (Domestic), born Aldingham.

1901 Census living at Gleaston Mill were John Thexton (53) Miller and Farmer, born Aldingham, Lancs; Sarah A. Thexton (46) Wife, born Urswick, Lancs; Evelyn M. Thexton (18) Pupil teacher, born Aldingham; Maggie Thexton (16) Milliner's Apprentice, born Aldingham; Bertha A. Thexton (15), no occupation recorded, born Aldingham; George Thexton (13) no occupation recorded, born Aldingham; Helen M. Thexton (10), born Aldingham; Winifred A. Thexton (8) no occupation recorded, born Aldingham; Gertrude A. Thexton (5) no occupation recorded, born Aldingham; Luke Crowe (26) (sic) Servant, Corn Miller, born Cartmel; Mary A. Long (15) General servant (Domestic), born Urswick.

1911 Census: the Thextons had left Gleaston Mill and were living at 49 Roose Road, Barrow-in-Furness, where Ancestry mis-transcribes their name as Sherton. John Thexton (63) is a weight-checker for grain importers; Sarah Anne Thexton (56) has no recorded occupation; Evelyn Mary Waring (28) Daughter, Married, is an Elementary School Teacher (County Council); Bertha Annie Thexton (25) Daughter, Single, Elementary School Teacher (Borough Council); George Thexton (22) Son, Electric Car Driver, Tramways Co.; Winifred Alice Thexton (18) Daughter, Student, Municipal Secondary School; and Gertrude Amelia Thexton (14) Daughter, at School, make up the household.

It was unusual for Evelyn Mary Waring, as a married woman, to be working as a teacher. Many authorities expected married women to resign on their marriage.

In a manifest for the P & O ship Rawalpindi,, leaving London on 2 August 1929 for Bombay, India, Evelyn Mary Wearing (47) school-mistress, of 49, Roose Road, Barrow, is bound for Gibraltar.

The **National Register (Index of Wills and Administrations) 1930** has:

WEARING Evelyn Mary of 49 Roose-road Barrow-in-Furness **Lancashire** widow died 24 March 1930 Administration **Lancaster** 26 July to Sarah Anne Thexton widow.
Effects £1359 15s 10d.

In the **1939 Register** Sarah A. Thexton (DoB 20 August 1854) is living at 74, Flass Lane, Barrow, with her daughter Gertrude A. Thorne (DoB 31 July 1896), both occupied on Domestic Duties, and son-in-law Frank Thorne (DoB 10 May 1902) a fitter-erector in the gun mounting shop (@ Vickers).

A manifest for the S.S. Saxonia, sailing from Southampton on 23 September 1923, arriving at New York on 7 October 1923, has Bertha Annie Thexton (37), teacher, and Maggie Thexton (39), milliner, both daughters of Sarah A. Thexton, of 49 River (sic – probably Roose) Road, Barrow.