

William Scott, Fellmonger, d 2 December 1882



IN AFFECTIONATE REMEMBRANCE
OF

WILLIAM SCOTT

FELLMONGER OF ULVERSTON

WHO DIED ON THE 2ND DEC
1882, AGED 55 YEARS.

ALSO OF **SARAH,**

WIDOW OF THE ABOVE

WHO DIED MARCH 15TH 1898
AGED 75 YEARS.

BLESSED ARE THE DEAD WHICH DIE
IN THE LORD FROM HENCEFORTH
YEA SAITH THE SPIRIT, THAT THEY
MAY REST FROM THEIR LABOURS
AND THEIR WORKS DO FOLLOW THEM.

The Biblical quote is from *Revelation*
14: 13.

A fellmonger sounds like someone
who sells Lakeland hills. Surprisingly,
it's not!

A **fellmonger** is a trade that has died
out, though the process is probably
now mechanised. A fellmonger was a
dealer in hides or skins, particularly
sheepskins, and who separates the
wool from the pelts. The Company of
Fellmongers of Richmond Yorkshire,
was refounded in 1980 as a purely
charitable organisation. See
<https://www.fellmongers.org.uk/>

The William Scott on the gravestone appears to have been the third William Scott in this or a related trade, though not necessarily through a direct line. It is not always clear which William Scott is being referenced in each of the following. Sorry!

Looking through some of the newspapers on the British Newspaper Archive website, *Soulby's Ulverston Advertiser and General Intelligencer* 18 May 1854 has a death notice:

"In this town on the 13th inst., Mr. William Scott, aged 85 years. Deceased was perhaps the oldest tradesman in Ulverston, having commenced the tanning and skinning business in the Gill more than 60 years ago, and, which he had in connexion (sic) with his son, Mr. William Scott, junr., carried on successfully, and with the strictest integrity, up to the time of his death. He died regretted and highly respected by all who knew him."

This MAY be William Scott's grandfather, though the William Scott on the gravestone had a father called James Lishman Scott. The supposition is made more likely since the William Scott born in 1769 (i.e. 85 yrs old in 1854) married Agnes Lishman in Ulverston Parish Church 24 February 1794. He is listed as a skinner in the parish records. They had a number of children, including John Scott, baptised 5 April 1795; James Lishman Scott, born 14 January 1796; Agnes Scott, born 4 Sept 1802; Margaret Scott, born 20 November 1806; Anthony Scott, born 12 October 1809; Elenor (sic) Scott, born 31 August? 1811; Elizabeth Scott, born 1 January 1817. Puzzlingly, there is no Williams Scott born to this couple and baptised in Ulverston. (Lancashire Online Parish Clerk)

An advert in the same publication of 15 November 1855 there was the following advert:

"MILL DAM FIELD"

The Property of Mr. William Scott, situate at the high end of the Gill, in Ulverston.

The aforesaid close of Ground which contains upwards of Two Acres, is intended to be offered for sale in Building or Garden Lots, and ground plans of the property specifying dimensions of each lot, may be seen at Mr. Joseph Deasons's, at the house of the Auctioneer, and at the office of Mr. Remington, Solicitor, Ulverston, from whom all further particulars may be known.

Another (lengthy) advertisement in *Soulby's Ulverston Advertiser and General Intelligencer* 30 August 1860 reads:

TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION

BY MR. WILLIAM BLAYLOCK

At the house of Mr. Richard Gelderd, the Old Friends Inn, Soutergate, Ulverston, on THURSDAY the 20th September, 1860, at Six o'clock in the Evening, either in the following or such other Lots, and subject to each Conditions of Sale as will be then declared:-

- Lot 1. — All that Freehold Messuage or **DWELLING HOUSE** With the Warehouse, Lofts, Sheds, Boiling House, Yard, and Waterpits adjoining the same, situate in the GILL, in Ulverston aforesaid, late in the occupation of Mr. Wm. Scott, deceased.
- Lot 2. — All those 2 Freehold Messuages or Dwellinghouses, now used as a **BAKEHOUSE & DWELLINGHOUSE**, adjoining Lot 1, and now in the occupation of Mrs. Winder as Tenant thereof.
- Lot 3. — All those 2 Freehold Messuages or **DWELLINGHOUSES**, with the **WAREHOUSE** adjoining thereto, situate in the Gill, in Ulverston aforesaid, and now in the respective occupations of Thos Baynes, Wm. Baynes, and Messrs. H. Winder & Co., as Tenants thereof.
- Lot 4. — All that **FREEHOLD TANYARD**, With the Lofts, Sheds, Pits, and appurtenances thereunto belonging, late in the occupation of Mr. William Scott, deceased, together with a Messuage or **DWELLINGHOUSE** adjoining the same, and now in the occupation of Mrs. Todd.
- Lot 5. — All those 3 Messuages, Cottages or **DWELLINGHOUSES** With the Cowhouse and Privy adjoining thereto, situate in the Gill,, Ulverston aforesaid, and now in the occupation of James Baynes and others as Tenants thereof.
- Lot 6. — All that Freehold **BARN** or Warehouse, with the Stable and Yard thereunto belonging, situate in the Gill aforesaid, adjoining the Provision Warehouse occupied by Mr. Thos Fleming, and now in the occupation of Mr. Joseph Deason, as Tenant thereof.
- Lot 7. — All those 3 Closes or Inclosures of excellent **LAND**, situate in the "Mowings", near Ulverston aforesaid, containing altogether by admeasurement, 6a, 2r, 4p., or thereabouts, be the same more or less, and now in the occupation of Mr. T. Jackson, as Tenant thereof. (*The land measures 6 acres, 2 rods and 4 poles — RMW.*)
- Lot 8. — All that Piece of Freehold **BUILDING GROUND**, at present used as a Garden, containing by admeasurement, 1,190 square yards, or thereabouts, situate in Sun Street, in Ulverston aforesaid.
- Lot 9. — All those Two Customaryhold (sic) Messuages or **DWELLINGHOUSES**, One of which is now used as a Beerhouse, and the other as a Butcher's Shop, situate on the north side of Market Street, and adjoining the Weint, in Ulverston aforesaid, and now in the occupation of Thos. Atkinson and Edwd. Woodburne, as Tenants thereof.
- Lot 10. — A **PEW** or Seat containing eight Sitings, situate on the north side of and adjoining the Communion Table in St. Mary's Church, in Ulverston aforesaid, and now in the occupation of Mr. Thos. Brockbank as Tenant thereof.
- Lot 11. — Another **PEW** or Seat, containing six Sitings, situate on the south side of the Middle Aisle, in the said Church, and now in the occupation of Mr. John Fleming.

The foregoing Properties offer an eligible opportunity for investment, being situate in an improving part of town; several of the Lots are particularly desirable. Lot 4 is suitable for carrying on an extensive business as a Tannery, and the Fixtures, Plant and Stock-in-Trade may be taken at a Valuation, if required. It also offers an excellent

site for a Market House, the want of such a Building having been much felt. And upon Lot 7 there are several beautiful Sites for the erection of Villa Residences.

The several Tenants will show the Premises, and further particulars may be obtained by applying at the office of Mr. T. WOODBURN, Solicitor, Ulverston.

While the original of the above advert is hard to read, the advert from *Soulby's Ulverston Advertiser 19 July 1877*, regarding the death of the second William Scott, is much easier to read, as is the sale particulars following the death of the third William Scott, from the *SUA 25 January 1883*.

THIS EVENING.

TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION,
By Messrs. CARSON AND CHAMLEY,
At the Sun Hotel, Ulverston, on Thursday, the
25th January, 1883, at 7-30 in the evening,
subject to such conditions as will be then and
there produced,

THE following PREMISES the property of
the Deceased in trust of the late Mr. William
Scott, deceased:—

All those 2 Freehold closes or Inclosures of
LAND, called the "High Fields" or "Town-
bank Fields," containing 12a. 1r. 15p., with the
shippon and Hay-loft lately erected thereon,
situate and being at Town Bank, Ulverston, in
the County of Lancaster, in the occupation of the
vendors.

These fields are situated on rising ground,
overlooking the town of Ulverston, commanding
extensive views and are well adapted for building
sites.

Also all that MESSAGE or DWELLING-
HOUSE, situate, and being No. 12, Stanley St.,
in Ulverston, aforesaid, with the old-established
Tannery and Fellmongers Yard, including Dry-
ing Sheds and Wool Lofts behind and adjoining
the same, as now in the occupation of the vendors.

A profitable business has been carried on in
the above premises by the late Mr. William
Scott and his father for upwards of 40 years, and
the purchaser of the premises will be entitled to
the goodwill of the business without extra pay-
ment.

Also all that COTTAGE DWELLING-
HOUSE, being No. 14, in Stanley St., aforesaid.

Also, the following parcels of BUILDING
LAND, part of the Mill Dam Field, situate near
Sun Street, Ulverston, and communicating with
the main streets of the town.

Lot 1.—A Stable, Shippon, and other Outbuild-
ings, and 1,747 square yards of Land. These
buildings are adapted for four houses, and
were erected with a view to conversion.

" 2.—A plot of Land adjoining Lot 1, contain-
ing 1,503 square yards.

" 3.—A plot of Land containing 609 sq. yds.

" 4	"	"	250
" 5	"	"	353
" 6	"	"	310
" 7	"	"	1270

These lots are situated in a gravelly soil with a
warm aspect, and are suitable for a superior class
of houses.

Mr. Benshaw, of 12, Stanley Street, will ap-
point a person to show the premises.

Plans of the Mill Dam Field will be shortly
issued, and with conditions of sale, may be in-
spected, and all further particulars obtained on
application at the office of M. HART, JACOBSON,
Solicitor, Ulverston.

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WILLIAM SCOTT, Deceased.

PURSUANT to an order of the High Court of
Justice Chancery Division, made in the
matter of the Estate of WILLIAM SCOTT, de-
ceased, and in an action Heston v. Relf and
another, 1877, 8. No. 213. The Creditors of
WILLIAM SCOTT, late of Ulverston, in the
county of Lancaster, Tanner, who died in or
about the month of April, 1860, are on or before
the 13th day of August, 1877, to send by post
prepaid to Messrs. John Kynaston and Charles
Gasquet, of No. 88, Queen Street, Cheapside, in
the city of London, the Solicitors of the defend-
ant, William Relf, their Christian and Sur-
names, addresses and descriptions, the Christian
and Surnames of any partner or partners, the full
particulars of their claims; a statement of their
accounts and the nature of the securities (if any)
held by them; or in default thereof they will be
peremptorily excluded from the benefit of the
said order.

Every Creditor holding any security is to pro-
duce the same before the Vice Chancellor, Sir
James Bacon, at his Chambers, situated 11, New
Square, Lincoln's Inn, Middlesex, on Monday,
the 29th day of October, 1877, at 12 o'clock at
noon, being the time appointed for adjudicating
upon the claims.

Dated this 7th day of July, 1877.

C. HARWOOD CLARKE,
Chief Clerk.

Edmund Warriner, 21, Great Winchester
Street, E.C.,
Agent for Messrs. C. G. Thomson and Wilson,
of Kendal, Plaintiff's Solicitors.

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There are various other adverts selling land/property owned by William Scott, several duplicates of these.

Lancashire Online Parish Clerk tells us that Rev. John Sunderland baptised William Scott on 24 June 1827. His parents were James Lishman Scott (Tanner) and Margaret Scott. However, confusingly, Rev. Richard Gwilym baptised William Robinson Scott on 6 October 1835 at the Parish Church, Ulverston. His parents were William Scott (Tanner) and Elizabeth Scott. In the **1841 Census** this family is living in the Gill, where William Scott (40) is a Tanner. He has a wife Elizabeth Scott (30), and children William R. Scott (5); Agnes E. Scott (3) and Richard M. Scott (1). Another family, headed by Anthony Scott (30) Skinner, with wife and children, lives under the same roof. William Robinson Scott is in Kendal in the **1861 Census**, where he is a Solicitor's Clerk.

From *Ancestry* we learn:

1841 Census the Scotts were living in the Gill, Ulverston, where James L. Scott (45) is a Tanner. His family is wife Margaret (30), and children William (14); Agnes (13); Margaret (11); Eleanor (9); Ann (5); and Mary (3).

1851 Census at Stanley Street, Ulverston, were James Scott (55) Fell Monger, born Ulverston; Margaret Scott (43) born Lindle?, Lancs; William Scott (23) Fell Monger, born Ulverston; Margaret Scott (20) Dress Maker, born Dalton; Eleanor Scott (19) Dress Maker, born Ulverston; Ann Scott (15) Dress Maker, born Ulverston; Mary Scott (12) Scholar, born Ulverston; Jane Scott (7) Scholar, born Ulverston.

1861 Census living in Stanley Street, Ulverston, were James L. Scott (65) Retired Farmer, born Ulverston; Margaret Scott (53) Retired Farmer's Wife, born XXX (Unreadable); William Scott (33) Son, Unmarried, Farmer, born Ulverston; Eleanor Scott (29) Daughter, Unmarried, Milliner, born Dalton; Anne Scott (25) Daughter, Unmarried, Milliner, born Ulverston; Mary Scott (23) Daughter, Unmarried, Housemaid, born Ulverston; Jane S. Scott (17) Daughter, Unmarried, Housemaid, born Ulverston.

William Scott, son of James Lishman Scott, married Sarah Everson on 1 November 1862 in Ulverston Parish Church. In the **1861 Census** Sarah Everson was living as Head of Household in Sun Street, Ulverston, occupation "Formerly Cook". William's father James Lishman Scott died 25 January 1865. The **National Probate Calendar 1866** describes both James and William Scott as Fellmongers.

1871 Census living at Stanley Street (no house number) Ulverston were William Scott (43) Fellmonger, born Ulverston; Sarah Scott (44) born Ulverston; and Thomas D. Pearson (13) Nephew, Fellmonger's Apprentice, born Ulverston. The next-door neighbour Margaret Threlfall (65) Unmarried and living on her own, has an interesting job: Keeper of Mangle. Presumably people went to her to squeeze their washing drier.

1881 Census living at 12 Stanley Street, Ulverston, were William Scott (53) Fell Monger (sic) Master, employing 2 Boys, born Ulverston, Lancs; wife Sarah Scott (62) born Ulverston; James A. Renshaw (19) Nephew, Fellmonger's Apprentice, born Heaton?, Lancs; John Rhodes (13) Nephew, Fellmonger's Apprentice, born Ulverston.

The **National Probate Register (Index of Wills and Administrations) 1882** had:

SCOTT William 22 December.	The Will of William Scott late of Stanley-street Ulverston in the County of Lancaster
Skinner who died 2 December 1882 at Ulverston was proved at Lancaster by William Nicholls Werry of Tarn Close near Ulverston in the said County Farmer Richard Everson of Kendal in the County of Westmoreland (sic) Artist and James Arthur Renshaw of Ulverston Skinner the Executors.	Personal Estate £1017 7s 3d

*I have been unable to find Sarah Scott in the **1891 Census**.*

The **1850 OS map** of Ulverston shows four tanneries in the environs of the Gill; one at the top next to Mill Dam; one down Stanley Street opposite the Union Workhouse; a smaller one where Stanley Street meets the Gill, and the fourth on the triangular island of Buildings up from the Town Mill. (*Thanks to Ian Steel for this and other information*).