Walter Marsh of Marsh's Sass fame; d 19 May 1939



SACRED TO THE MEMORY OF
MY DEAR HUSBAND
EX ALDERMAN **WALTER MARSH**
WHO DIED MAY 19TH 1939,
AGED 69 YEARS.
ALSO **MARGARET**, HIS BELOVED WIFE
WHO DIED MARCH 19TH 1944,
AGED 73 YEARS.
ALSO **LEONARD**, THEIR SON,
WHO DIED JULY 13TH 1972.
ALSO **JAMES, ERNEST** AND **WILFRED**,
WHO DIED IN INFANCY.

'Marsh's Sass
Penny a Glass
When you drink it
It goes 'splash'.'
Barrow Skipping Song 1950s.





Adverts for Sass from 1933

Walter Marsh, son of William and Emma Marsh, of Cotton Lane, Derby, was baptised on December 20 1868 in the Church of St. James the Greater, Derby.

1871 Census, living at 48 Crane Street, Chester, are:
William Marsh (39) Boiler Maker, born Kidderminster, Worcs; Emma Marsh (42) Wife, born Bewdley, Worcs; Paula? Marsh (14) Daughter, Servant, born Brierley Hill, Staffs; Ellen Marsh (12) Daughter, Servant, born Brierley Hill, Staffs; William Marsh (4) Son, Scholar, born Brierley Hill, Staffs; Walter Marsh (2) Son, born Derby; Fanny J.? Marsh (6) Daughter, Scholar, born Brierley Hill, Worcs.

1881 Census living at 26 St. Luke's Street, Barrow-in-Furness are:
Edward Jones (23) Married, Blacksmith, born Liverpool, Lancs; F. J. Jones (16) Wife, born Staffordshire; Walter Marsh (12) Brother (i.e. of Fanny J. Jones, née Marsh), Scholar, born Derby, Derbyshire; Edward Jones (2) Son, born Barrow, Lancs. *From this record it appears that Fanny had become a mother at 14. However, in the **1891 Census** she is living with her husband Charles Edw. Jones at 6 Florence Street, Barrow, and she is 28 yrs old. Her father, William Marsh (61) Widower, Shipyard Labourer, is also present.*

Walter Marsh married Margaret Askew Q2 1889 in St. James', Barrow-in-Furness. (Cumbria BMD)

1891 Census living at 168 Dalton Road, Barrow, are:
Samuel Greenwood (24) Married, Fruiterer, born Burnley, Lancs; Katherine Greenwood (24) Wife, born Whitehaven, Cumberland; Willie C. Greenwood (10 mo) Son, born Whitehaven; Walter Marsh (22) Boarder, Riveter, Shipyard, born Derby, Derbyshire; Margaret Marsh (20) born Manchester, Lancs; Ellen Roberts (33) Married, Visitor, no occupation recorded, born Isle of Man; William Roberts (3) Visitor, born Liverpool, Lancs; Walter Roberts (1) Visitor, born Liverpool, Lancs; Margaret Cookson (21) Single, General Servant, born Barrow, Lancs.

1901 Census living at 40 School Street, Barrow, are:
Walter Marsh (31) Aerated Water Manufacturer, born Derby, Derbyshire; Margaret Marsh (29) born Manchester, Lancs; Walter Marsh (9) Son, born Barrow; Leonard (looks like Bernard) Marsh (3) Son, born Barrow. Also present are Fred Booth (21) Boarder, Butcher, born Bradford, Yorks; Joseph Caldbeck (24) Boarder, Steam Crane Driver, born Bridgefoot, Cumberland; and Mary Jane Cross (23) Domestic Servant, born Kendal, Westmorland.

1911 Census living at 40 School Street, Barrow-in- Furness are:
Walter Marsh (41) Mineral Water Making, born Derby; Margaret Marsh (40) Housewife, born Manchester, Lancs: they had five children, three of which had died; Walter Marsh (19) Son, Single, Apprentice Fitter & Turner at Vickers, Sons & Maxim, born Barrow-in-Furness; Leonard Marsh (13) Son, At School, born Barrow; Mary Bowers (16) Adopted daughter, Help at Home, born Barrow.

1921 Census, living at 22 Park Drive, Barrow, are:

Walter Marsh (52) Mineral Water Manufacturer and Proprietor of Motor Coaches, born Derby, Derbyshire; Margaret Marsh (50) Home Duties, born Manchester, Lancs; Leonard Marsh (23) In partnership with father in above-named business; born Barrow; Edwin Henry Dance (52) Visitor, Accountant (Retired) with Vickers, Ltd, Shipbuilders and Engineers, born Middlesex, London.

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MARSH Walter of 22 Park-drive Barrow-in-Furness **Lancashire** died 19 May 1939 at the North Lonsdale Nursing Home Barrow-in-Furness Probate **London** 5 July to Midland Bank Executor and Trustee Company Limited Margaret Marsh widow and George Willis coal merchant. Effects £10469 0s 2d.

Living at 22, Park Drive, Barrow in the **1939 Register** were Margaret Marsh (DoB 30 June 1871) Widow, Unpaid Domestic Duties, and Elizabeth Howard (DoB 26 October 1892) Single, Domestic Help.

From the Barrow Gossip column in Barrow News 6 May 1939:

This year the Walter Marsh Cup, given by Mr. Walter Marsh for the benefit of Barrow Junior Rugby, is to be offered for competition among North-Western League clubs, and the games will be played at Craven Park on Thursday evening next week. Askam meet St. Matthew's and Ulverston play Cambridge-street, matches 15 minutes each way.

The winners will meet in the final the same evening, 30 minutes each way.

In addition, during the interval between semi-final and final, there will be a goal kicking competition, for which North-Western and Intermediate League clubs have been invited to nominate two players. Each man will be allowed three kicks at goal, all from the 25 line, one centred and one on each ten-yard line of the 25.

Barrow News 20 May 1939:

DEATH OF EX-ALD. W. MARSH

BARROW MINERAL WATER MANUFACTURER

The death took place at the North Lonsdale Nursing Home, Barrow, on Friday of ex-Alderman Walter Marsh, well known in the town and district as a mineral water manufacturer, whose home was at 22, Park-drive.

Prior to his Council work, the ex-Alderman was a member of the old Board of Guardians, continuing his interest in public affairs when this body was taken over by the Council.

He was a member of the Hartington Lodge of Freemasons and also held high provincial rank in the Orange Order.

He was for many years a member of the committee of the Newbarns Tennis and Bowling Club.

Mr. Marsh, who was 69, met with a serious motor accident some years ago which had shaken him badly.*

Mr. Marsh was a great Rugby League football enthusiast, and a former Barrow player. He played as full back for the Barrow Club, and was capped for Cumberland.

His interest in the game was evidenced by his presenting the Barrow club with the Walter Marsh Cup, lately awarded to Cambridge-street, a competition open to the North-Western League teams.

The cup was given to Barrow with a view to encouraging junior football.

He leaves a widow and two sons to whom will go out the sympathy of all who knew this genial personality.

- *The serious road accident refers to a collision at Abbey Road/Manor Brow, Barrow, on 27 November 1930, when a car driven by Mr. Marsh collided with a lorry turning right into Manor Brow. Mr. Marsh was overtaking it, not having seen a signal that it was about to turn right. Mr. Marsh's sister, Mrs. Ellen Wilde, of 3, Holyoak Terrace, Ulverston, who was in the back seat of the car, died in hospital two weeks later of myocarditis, accelerated by the accident. No blame was attached to the lorry driver, and Mr. Marsh was not prosecuted.* (Report of the Inquest 20 December 1930 and 17 January 1931)

Barrow News 27 May 1939:

FUNERAL OF MR. W. MARSH

FORMER ALDERMAN AT BARROW

The funeral took place at Barrow on Tuesday afternoon, the interment at the Cemetery being preceded by a service at St. Mark's Church, of Mr. Walter Marsh, of 22, Park-drive, a former alderman of the Borough, who passed away on Friday week at the age of 69.

The late Mr. Marsh had taken a keen interest in public affairs, and many mourners assembled at the church to pay a last tribute. The service was conducted by the vicar, the Rev. G. E. Woodmansey.

The family mourners were Mrs. Marsh, widow; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Marsh, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Marsh, sons and daughters-in-law; Miss Marguerite Marsh and Miss Gloria Marsh, granddaughters; Mrs. Todd, niece (Sale); Mr. and Mrs. James Askew (Dalton).

There follows a list of Councillors and Masonic Brethren who attended.

Barrow News 15 July 1939:

EX-ALDERMAN MARSH'S ESTATE

TRIBUTE TO WIFE IN WILL

Mr. Walter Marsh, of 22, Park-drive, Barrow, mineral water manufacturer, a former alderman of the Borough, who died on 19 May last, left £10, 469 0s 2d., with net personalty (sic) £4,339 2s 11d.

Probate has been granted to his widow, Mrs. Margaret Marsh, of the same address, George Willis, of 10, Ainslie=street, Barrow, and the Midland Bank Executor and Trustee Co. Ltd.

He left the plant, machinery, etc. of his business to his sons, Walter and Leonard, £50 to his wife's maid, Elizabeth Howard, if still in her service, and the residue of his personal estate to his wife absolutely, stating

"And I desire my dear wife to know that I fully realise the great help she has been to me during our married life and that her true companionship has been the greatest blessing of my life."

His real estate he left to his wife during widowhood, then upon trust for his two sons with remainder to his grandchildren.

Barrow News 25 March 1944:

MRS. M. MARSH, BARROW

A well-known Barrow lady passed away on Sunday after a short illness in the person of Mrs. Margaret Marsh, widow of the late Ald. Walter Marsh, who died at her residence, 22, Park-drive, at the age of 73 years.

The funeral took place at the Barrow cemetery on Wednesday afternoon, preceded by a service at St. Mark's Church conducted by the vicar, the Rev. J. H. Bailey, who also officiated at the graveside.

The mourners were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Marsh, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Marsh, sons and daughters-in-law; Mr. J. Askew, brother, Mr. Fred and Margaret Lakeland, grandson-in-law and granddaughter; Mr. and Mrs. J. Dodd, grandson-in-law and granddaughter; Messrs. H. and J. Smith, nephews; Mesdames Neck, Harrison and Todd, nieces; Mrs. C. Styles, cousin; Miss L. Howard, Mrs. A. E. Ward, Miss P. Jackson, Mrs. Eccleston, Mrs. Gillow, Messrs. R. Williamson, Bond, J. Dockeray, Rawdon (Morecambe), Forest, and Robinson.

Mr. Fox was the undertaker.

Barrow News 24 October 1931:

FACTORY GUTTED

BIG FIRE AT BARROW

FIREMEN'S ALL-NIGHT BATTLE WITH FLAMES

A fire which broke out on Wednesday night completely destroyed the mineral water factory belonging to Messrs. W. Marsh and Sons, and situated in the Hindpool end of Duke-street, Barrow.

Mrs. Harriet Kendal (sic), of 14, Howard-street, noticed that the roof of the factory was ablaze, and at once raised the alarm. The fire brigade were called and arrived on the scene about 9.55. They found that the wooden buildings which constituted the factory were well alight. A shed containing bottling plant was destroyed, and the firemen directed their efforts to protecting adjoining property.

Two motor-lorries belonging to Messrs. Marsh and Sons, and a lorry belonging to Messrs. Gromes Bros, of Greengate-street, were destroyed. A saloon car was also destroyed.

Police and civilians assisted in removing two private cars from garages which were threatened by the flames.

Walter Marsh, jun., and George Fitzjohn, who were the last persons to leave the premises, stated that all was secure and in order at 6.30, when they left the factory.

Members of the fire brigade were engaged throughout the night in extinguishing the fire.

Barrow News 17 Aug 1918:

BARROW TRADERS SUMMONED

BOTTLING CASES AT BARROW AND ULVERSTON

At the Ulverston Police Court on Thursday, a couple of interesting cases under the Merchandising Marks Act were adjudicated upon. In the first case, Messrs. Thomson (sic) and Sons, trading as the Barrow Bottling Co., Ltd., were summoned at the instance (sic) of Walter Marsh, mineral water manufacturer, of 11, Hindpool-road, Barrow, for falsely applying a trade mark to aerated waters, and also with selling aerated waters to which a false trade mark had been applied.

Sir William Cobbett appeared for the prosecution, and Mr. F. W. Poole for the defence.

In his opening statement, Sir Wm. Cobbett stated that both the complainant and the defendant carried on business in Barrow as mineral water manufacturers and dealers. The allegation against the defendant company was that between the 4th and 12th of June last they falsely applied to certain aerated waters the trade mark of Walter Marsh and also between the same dates sold certain aerated waters falsely bearing the said trade mark to Miss Priestman, postmistress and shopkeeper, of Gleaston, who dealt, among other things, in mineral waters. The summons were taken out under Sections 2, 3, and 5 of the Merchandise Marks Act. Mr. Marsh was the proprietor of a registered trade mark, which was represented by a picture of a wheelbarrow along with the name and address of Marsh, moulded in the bottles. The letters "W.M." were also moulded in the bottom of the bottles, so that they could be easily seen when the bottles were turned upside down in the boxes in which they were delivered. On the 12th June in consequence of information received, Mr. Marsh went to Miss Priestman's, where he was shown a box containing two dozen bottles of mineral waters which had been delivered to by the defendant company. Eleven of the bottles belonged to Mr. Marsh, four belonged to Jas. Thompson and Co., of Barrow, four to Mr. Wharton, of Dalton, one to Mr. Ellison, of Barrow, and four others to a Kendal firm. The object of the prosecution was to put a stop to a most unfair trading practice. Moreover, since the war the difficulties had been enormously increased not only as to price but as to shortage.

Evidence bearing out this statement was adduced by Mr. Walter Marsh, the complainant, and Miss Elizabeth Eleanor Priestman, of Gleaston.

Thos Pitt Pladdy, outside representative for Messrs. Heath, brewers, and acting secretary during the war for the Barrow Mineral Waters Trade Protection Society, of which the defendants were members, said they had a recognised bottling exchange among the members, the object being that when mineral water bottles were inadvertently collected they were sent to the Society he represented to be returned to the proper owners. Witness had written to the defendant company calling attention to a complaint that they were using bottles belonging to other firms, and received a reply that the defendants had instructed their employees under no circumstances to use any other bottles than their own.

By Mr. Poole: The supervision over the bottles of different firms is much more difficult than before the war, owing to being so short-handed. Witness admitted that the defendant company had a larger stock of bottles than any other individual firm in Barrow, because it included the labelled bottles of 18 other firms which they had acquire the right to use.

Mr. Poole, in addressing the Bench for the defence, submitted that the box of bottles put? in evidence was the best possible witness he could produce that the defendant company had acted quite inadvertently and innocently in the matter. There was absolutely no evidence whatsoever of any attempt to defraud by false representation. It was the practice for the defendant company to decant or to put aside for the use of the staff any mineral waters in bottles which were found by the employees to belong to other firms, and it was obvious in this case that the carter who delivered the goods to Miss Priestman had inadvertently picked up and delivered one of these boxes that had been reserved. This was shown by the fact that there was an absence of the printed labels which the company put on the bottles sent out.

After hearing the evidence of Mr. J. H. Gardner, managing director of the defendant company, and works foreman Mr. Penny, foreman bottler, and Miss Percival, in charge of the labelling department, the Chairman intimated that the Bench found both charges proved. The defendants would be fined £10 in each case, and on the application of Sir Wm. Cobbett, two guineas were allowed in each case as special costs.

Similar summonses out against the same defendants by Jas. Thompson and Co. were withdrawn.

Leonard Marsh, of Three Winds, Baycliffe, died 13 July 1972, left £88,257. *(National Probate Calendar 1972)*