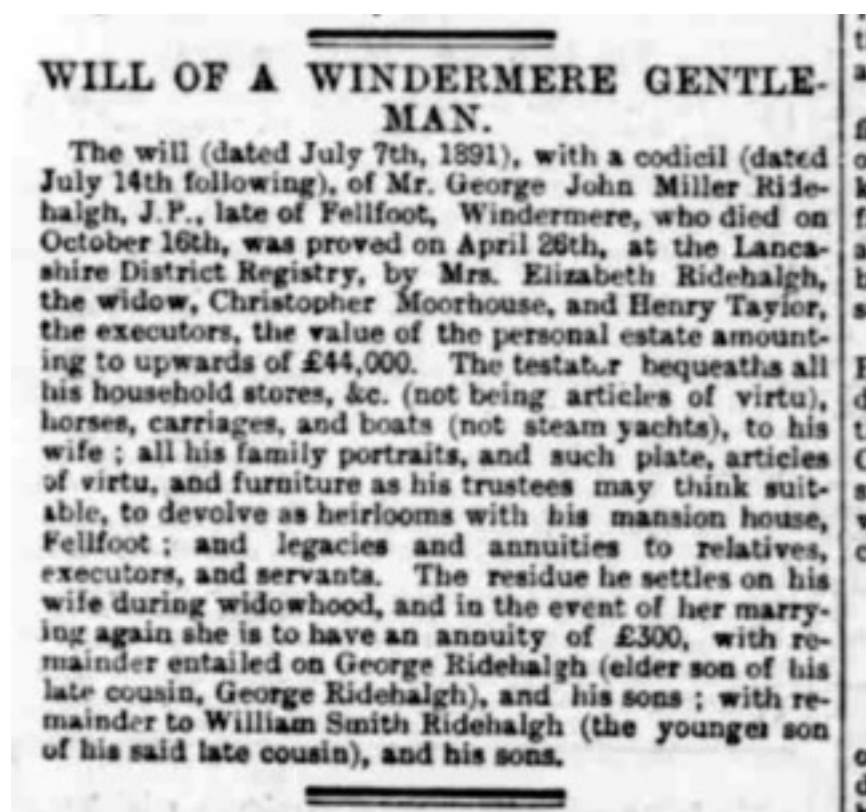


Ridehalgh family that lived on the Cartmel Peninsula in the 20th century

In May 2017 Kelley Sproston-Heath of the National Trust told us about The Heritage of Fell Foot on the shore of Windermere. The owner Colonel Ridehalgh died in 1892 and the estate passed to the sons of his late cousin, George. These men, George Junior and William Smith Ridehalgh, came to live in the Cartmel Peninsula in Grange over Sands, Kents Bank and Field Broughton. Here is the information about the Ridehalgh family of Cartmel Peninsula.

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George and William who were living in Grange by 1900 were the sons of Major Ridehalgh's (of Fell Foot) late cousin and they inherited the residue of the Fell Foot estate (after certain bequests) on the death of the Major in 1892. George died in 1907 in Grange. William married Ethel in 1909 and in 1911 they

lived at Kentsford on Kentsford Road, Kents Bank. William died in 1923 but Ethel was 90 when she died in 1975 and she was living at the Lodge at Field Broughton when she died.

George and William Smith Ridehalgh

Father - George Ridehalgh was born in 1832, the son of Robert a farmer and Martha of Whalley, Burnley.

1851 census - George and his brothers and sisters were living with their widowed aunt Margaret Smith at Canal Side, Barton upon Irwell. He was described as a warehouseman.

1861 census – George was described as a gentleman and he was living with his brother and sisters at 7 Aldred Street, Salford.

He married Mary Elizabeth Smith in Chester in 1868. She was born in 1829 in Liverpool.

Their first son, George, was born in 1869.

1871 census – George, Mary E and son George were living at Canal Bank in Barton upon Irwell. His occupation was Estate Agent.

Their second son, William Smith Ridehalgh, was born in 1872 in Barton, Lancs

George senior died in 1873.

1881 census – George and William Smith Ridehalgh were living in Chester with Mary, their mother, a widow. George and William were scholars and Mary was living off interest of money.

1891 census – cannot find family

1901 census – George and William were living at Graigengower, Fernleigh Rd Grange with Mary their mother. George was described as a barrister. Mary and William were described as living on own means.

Mary died in 1906, aged 78.

George died in 1907, aged 38.

William Smith Ridehalgh married Ethel Ravenscroft 1909 in Birkenhead. She was born in 1884 in Hunslett, Liverpool. A marriage announcement in the Manchester Courier and Lancashire General Advertiser dated 22 Sept 1909 gives William's address as Kents Ford, Grange-over-Sands. He was described as the son of the late George Ridehalgh of Polefield House, Prestwich and Ethel was the only daughter of Samuel Ravenscroft of Brathay, Oxton, Cheshire.

1911 census – William and Ethel were living at Kentsford, Kentsford Rd, Grange over Sands. William had no occupation and was described as private means.

William and Ethel did not have any children.

William died in 1923, aged 50, in Ruthin, Denbighshire. At that time he and Ethel were living at Broughton Lodge. He was buried at Staveley in Cartmel on 1 June 1923.

1939 register - Ethel, born 2 Oct 1884, was living at The Lodge, Field Broughton.

Ethel Ridehalgh died in 1975, and was buried at Staveley in Cartmel on Oct 6, aged 90.

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