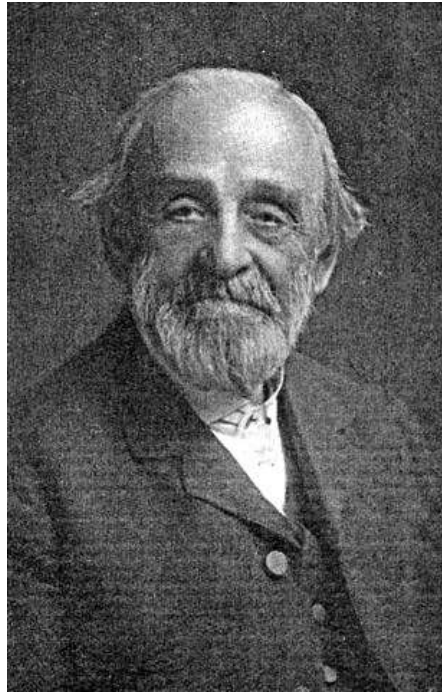


“A GRAND OLD MAN”
OF THE CARTMEL VALLEY

A chronology of the life of



William Richardson Nash

(1834 – 1917)

*Farmer, Building Society Founder & Administrator, Guardian of the Poor, District Council Chairman,
Magistrate, Quaker*

compiled from published sources

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*The description “Our Grand Old Man” was accorded to **WILLIAM RICHARDSON NASH** by
Lord Richard Cavendish, Chairman of the Ulverston Board of Guardians, when in 1916 he presented Mr Nash
with his portrait to mark 51 years as a member of the Board.*

*Born and brought up in East London, William Richardson Nash moved to the Cartmel Valley in his early twenties and began his life-work as a farmer.
But he became involved in much more than farming, as this chronology will show.*

- 1834 Recollections of a boy in East London 60 to 70 years ago:
I was born in East London. The birth note is as follows:-
“On the 11th day of the 6th month, 1834, was born in Cannon Street, in the Parish called St George’s in the East, in the County of Middlesex, unto William Nash of the same place, painter, and Rebecca, his wife, a son who is named **William Richardson**.
Witnesses J.C.HOPKI, Accoucheur, 130 Ratcliff Highway. MARTHA HATFALL, nurse.”
Examined at Ratcliff and Barking Monthly Meeting 22nd of 7th month, 1834. J. J. LISTER, Clerk. The J. J. Lister was Joseph Jackson Lister, father of Lord Lister.
I was brought up on goat’s milk, my mother being too ill to nurse me. ...



58 Cannon Street, London

Our house was no.58 Cannon Street, Ratcliff Highway. It was built by my father’s father about the beginning of the eighteenth century – his house in Osborne Street, Torrington Street being required for the docks – and was sold by my father in 1856, and afterwards made into a shop. The view from the top room ... was good: in the front we could see the handsome tower of the church, and from a side window overlooking the adjoining houses there was a picturesque view over the valley of the Thames ... to the Surrey hills beyond. The view from the back is shown fairly accurately in the pen and ink sketch taken from one of the back bedrooms. The crooked chimney belonged to our back kitchen and was built that way to make a better draught. The factory-looking building was a sugar refinery, or as we called it, sugar baker’s house: there were several of these round us, and one of our occasional pleasures was to watch them on fire ...

We had plenty of amusement as children. Father was always on good terms with the clergyman though we were Friends and had to be distrained upon for Church rates ...

We had lots of friends and visitors. A large family of cousins in Bedford Square, several nice families amongst the Friends we met at the Meeting House, corner of Brook Street and School House Lane, and relatives and friends from the country, and other acquaintances. At Christmas we always expected and got a hamper from Grandpa – fat goose, mince pies, Buckingham rock, Banbury cakes, and other nice things – but Christmas was a quiet time. The real fun was Old Christmas, or “Twelfth Day”. Then we had a party or went to a party, and two or three others followed in response ...

Two of our visitors I dearly loved, and still dearly love their memory – Edward Newman¹, the well-known botanist and etymologist [sic, but should be *entomologist*], who had a printing business in Old

¹ Newman, Edward [pseud. Rusticus] (1801-1876), naturalist, was born on 13 May 1801 at Hampstead, Middlesex, the eldest of four sons of Quaker parents. In 1826 he was one of the four founders of the Entomological Club, and became editor of the Entomological Magazine which ran from 1832 to 1838, to which he contributed fifteen out of the sixty-three articles in the first volume. In 1833 he was elected a fellow of the Linnean Society, and in the same year he played an important role in the founding of the Entomological Society of London. He was elected a member of the first council, and in 1853-4 he was president of the society. He was also a fellow of the Zoological Society, the Royal Microscopical Society, and

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Gravel Lane, and Charles Forrester² of Beaumont Square, who with his brother, under the names of Charles and Alfred Crowquill, wrote and drew sketches in humorous style for the *Gentleman's Magazine*, &c ...

We also had amongst our visitors shipowners and ship captains, and could pay visits to our friends' vessels in the river or in the docks ...

There was a good deal of poverty in St George's, and father was what in the country we call a Guardian, and the workhouse had then about 800 inmates. Mother was a visitor of the poor and on the Committee of the Bible Society ...

One of the greatest losses in business father had was Fry's Bank ... The Bank failed 25 November 1828, and an 11th dividend of ¼d in the £ was paid 28 July 1879 – 51 years afterwards. Father's share was 8/6, which shews he had £108 in the Bank ...

We generally had a week or two in the country every summer, perhaps a sail to Margate, Ramsgate and Dover; or a journey to Buckingham, where mother's father, and our two married aunts lived ... The London and Birmingham Railway was made in 1838, and we sometimes went to Aylesbury, and then about 18 miles by coach, or to Wolverton, where grandfather's man met us with a light covered cart ...³

- 1838 From four to eight years of age I went to small private schools: one in New Road, between Commercial Road and Whitechapel; one in Cannon Street Road, the other side of the railway bridge; one in Wellclose Square, and one in Great Prescott Street, and got as far as sums in long division.³
- 1842 At eight years of age I was sent to a little boys' boarding school at Epping, kept by Rachael and Sarah Day who got me as far as cube root.³
- 1845 By then I was eleven years of age, when I went for two years to Isaac Brown's at Dorking. He was a good logician and classic, and was afterwards principal at a Friend's College at Ackworth⁴, and retired to Kendal, where he died when upwards of 90 years of age.³
- 1847 From 13 to 15 years of age, I went to Richard Abbott, an excellent mathematician, at Malborough House, Woodberry Down, Lordships Road, Stoke Newington ...³
- 1849 After leaving school at 15 years of age [I] studied land-surveying for a few months, and then was put to farming, living upwards of a year at Bregsell Farm, near Dorking in Surrey, with John Sergeant,³
- 1851
(1) and for 4½ years at Whitehouse Lodge, Holbeach, Lincolnshire, with Joseph Burt Binyon.^{3,5}

the Zoologico-Botanical Society of Vienna, as well as an honorary member of the Entomological Society of France, that of Pennsylvania, and of the Botanical Society of Edinburgh. (Foote, Yolanda. *Oxford Dictionary of National Biography*, online edition)

² Charles Robert Forrester, (1803-1850), was a lawyer and writer. *Absurdities in Prose and Verse*, written and illustrated by Alfred Crowquill, appeared in 1827, the illustrations being by his brother Alfred Henry Forrester (1804-1872), so that in this instance, as well as on succeeding occasions, the two brothers were conjointly using the same name. (Boase, G. C. & Mills, Rebecca. *Oxford Dictionary of National Biography*, online edition)

³ Cartmel & Lower Holker Almanac 1909, p.45-50

⁴ Ackworth School, near Pontefract, West Yorkshire, was founded by John Fothergill as a boarding school for Quaker boys and girls in 1779.

⁵ Joseph Burt Binyon (1809-1897) later moved to Pit Farm, Cartmel about the same time as William Richardson Nash moved to Allithwaite and began farming at Windermoor. The two farms had previously been farmed together (see *1856 (1)* below). Binyon's move from Lincolnshire to Cartmel may have been prompted by the fact that his brother Alfred, a widower with four unmarried daughters, lived at Merlewood, on the other side of Hampsfell, near Grange-over-Sands. Joseph Burt Binyon and his son Charles remained at Pit Farm until 1878, and were followed there by William Richardson Nash, who also continued to farm Windermoor. Like Nash, Joseph Burt Binyon was a member of the Ulverston Board of Guardians.

(2)

Census				
56 Cannon Street, St George in the East, Tower Hamlets, Middlesex				
William Nash	head	61	Painter & glazier	St Geo in the East, London
Rebecca Nash	wife	53		Bucks, ?
William R Nash	son	16	Agricultural student	St Geo in the East, London
2 servants				

1855 TO BE LET, with immediate possession, furnished or unfurnished, Allithwaite Lodge – Apply to William Field⁶, Cartmel.⁷

1856

(1) Valuable farms to let, the property of the Right Honourable the Earl of Burlington⁸. To be let, and entered upon immediately, all those two farms, called “Pit Farm,” and “Windermoor,” on the parish of Cartmel, ... late in the possession of Mr John Thompson, deceased.⁹

Pit Farm consists of 277 acres of arable pasture and meadow land, and 273 acres of hill pasture. The arable land is a good dry turnip soil and the hill pasture lies upon limestone. It adjoins the town of Cartmel. The dwelling house and buildings are in a good state of repair.

The Windermoor Farm consists of 152 acres of arable, 12 acres of meadow, and about 360 acres of salt marsh land. When the Ulverstone and Lancaster Railway (now in progress)¹⁰ is completed the Carke Station will be within 1½ mile of either of the farms.

Conditions and further particulars may be known on application to Mr Drewry¹¹, of Holker.¹²

(2) As I grew older fewer weeks were spent in London each successive year, though 58 Cannon Street East was still my home until 1856, when father and mother came to live with me at Allithwaite ...³

1857 Agreement dated 7 March between the Earl of Burlington and **William R. Nash** re the letting of Windermoor Farm in Upper Holker.¹³

1858 Christmas Beef and Mutton Exhibition – Mr Todd exhibited two very handsome four-year-old Galloway heifers, fed by – **Nash**, Esq, Allithwaite Lodge ...¹⁴

1860

(1) *Death of Rebecca Nash, mother of William Richardson Nash (see family tree on pp 21-23).*

⁶ William Field was agent for five of the principal owners of estates in the parish. Known as “The Father of Cartmel”, he died on the 3rd of January, 1860, in the 90th year of his age, universally regretted. (Stockdale, J. 1872. *Annals of Cartmel*. p.575-576.)

⁷ Soulby’s Ulverston Advertiser, 15 February 1855, p.1

⁸ Lord George Augustus Henry Cavendish inherited Holker Hall and Estate in 1803. He was created Earl of Burlington in 1831. On his death three years later Holker passed to his grandson William Cavendish, 2nd Earl of Burlington, who became the 7th Duke of Devonshire in 1858. In 1916 the 7th duke’s grandson, Lord Richard Cavendish, presented William Richardson Nash with his portrait to mark 51 years membership of the Board of Guardians (see below 1916 (4)).

⁹ John Henry Thompson was found drowned in the tarn adjoining the farm on 4 January 1856. He was an extensive agriculturist, ... a kind and generous master, and well beloved by every one in his employment. (Soulby’s Ulverston Advertiser, 10 January 1856, p.3)

¹⁰ Opened as a single line for goods only on 10th August 1857. Passenger services commenced a month later. (Rush, R.W. 1973. *The Furness Railway, 1843-1923*. Oakwood Press, p.25).

¹¹ George Drewry (1816-1896) came to Holker in October 1845, on receiving the important appointment of steward to the late Duke of Devonshire, who was then Earl of Burlington. ...[He] did very much to improve the general condition and cultivation of the Holker and Cartmel estates. He was one of the first in this country to apply steam power to various processes of agriculture; and in many other ways did he succeed in enhancing the value of the Holker estate. (*Westmorland Gazette*, 18 April 1896, p.2).

He won a national reputation for breeding pedigree shorthorn cattle, winning many prizes for the Duke and earning substantial sums from sales. (A sale of thirty animals at Holker in 1878 realised just under £20,000 and the Duke gave him a gift of £1000. *Buxton Advertiser*, 18 April 1896). He resided at Holker Hall and became a close personal friend and confidential adviser to the 7th Duke of Devonshire and one in whom the Cavendish family could put implicit trust and confidence. The 7th Duke shared his interest in shorthorn cattle, visiting Holker, his favourite country house, to inspect the herd as a diversion from his many business dealings at Barrow and elsewhere. (Langham, M. 2001. *Buxton: a people’s history*. Carnegie Press. p.138-139).

¹² Soulby’s Ulverston Advertiser, 17 January 1856, p.3

¹³ Cavendish of Holker Muniment, Lancashire Record Office, ref DDCA 13-289.

¹⁴ Soulby’s Ulverston Advertiser, 23 December 1858.

- (2) *Marriage of William Richardson Nash, farmer, Allithwaite Lodge, and Mary Jane Windsor of Fair View, Flookburgh, at the Friends Meeting House, Height, Newton-in-Cartmel.*¹⁵ (see family tree on pp 21-23).



William Richardson Nash & Mary Jane Nash, nee Windsor

1861

Census				
Allithwaite Lodge				
William R Nash	head	26	Farmer of 500 acres employing 7 men & 2 boys	St Geo in the East, London
Mary J Nash	wife	29		Liverpool
William Nash	father	71		St Geo in the East, London
1 servant				



Allithwaite Lodge¹⁶

¹⁵ Cartmel Fell lies between Windermere lake and the Winster valley. ...on the exposed fell-top remote from all but a few farms stands the meeting house. The burial ground lies on one side of the road from Newton and the meeting house on the other, and each has an unusual entrance gateway shielded by stone walls and a slate similar to a lych gate. (see *illustrations on p.20*). The meeting house was built in 1677 ... (Butler, D.M. 1978. *Quaker meeting houses of the Lake Counties*. Friends Historical Society. p.131.)

¹⁶ One of a group of similar houses in the area of c.1800 and attributable to Francis Webster. The entrance front is of three bays and two storeys with a porch and tripartite windows, with a canted bay on the garden front; hall with Venetian screen; good plasterwork, marble chimneypieces by the firm. (Taylor, A. 2004. *The Websters of Kendal: a north-western architectural dynasty*. Cumberland and Westmorland Antiquarian and Archaeological Society. p.90).

Not far from Wraysholme is Allithwaite Lodge, a large house, nicely situated, well adapted for a large family. It has been untenanted for a few years ... (Ffolliott, W. 1854. *Cartmel parish and parish church: and sermons preached therein*. London: Wertheim and Macintosh. p.8).

Allithwaite Lodge, Allithwaite. A small early 19th century 3 bay Classical house of white limestone and roughcast with a central Tuscan porch flanked by tripartite windows. It formed part of the estate built up by Richard Winfield of Kendal c.1800, which also included Boarbank., and descended to his daughter Harriet Carter and his granddaughter Mary Winfield Lambert. Following the latter's death, the house was sold and has passed through a succession of separate owners. (Robinson, J.M. 1991. *A guide to the country houses of the north west*. London: Constable. p.152-153.)

1862

- (1) Flookburgh – Last night the Rev W Rigge, the respected incumbent of Flookburgh, gave a treat in the schoolroom to the Sunday school teachers, church singers, and a few friends, altogether about 40. Tea and coffee, with the usual appendages, were abundantly supplied, and done full justice to. Then followed various amusements, amongst others a beautiful exhibition of dissolving views, by **Wm. Nash** Esq. of Allithwaite Lodge ...¹⁷
- (2) Overseers for the ensuing year – The following overseers were appointed on Thursday last, to serve in the several parishes ... Allithwaite Lower: John Parkinson, and **William Richardson Nash** ...¹⁸
- (3) **William Richardson Nash** appointed Registering Officer for Swarthmore Monthly Meeting.¹⁹
- (4) *Birth of Mary Richardson Nash, daughter of William Richardson and Mary Jane Nash (see family tree on pp 21-23).*

1864 *Birth of Priscilla Nash, daughter of William Richardson and Mary Jane Nash (see family tree on pp 21-23).*

1865

- (1) In 1865 the late Mr Poole, along with **Mr Nash** and other gentlemen, founded the Furness and South Cumberland Permanent Building Society to encourage working people to become owners of their own houses, and to have a good and safe investment for their savings. ... The present president [1909] Benjamin Townson Esq, JP, of Barrow, was one of those who assisted in 1865. ... Mr Poole was its valued solicitor until his recent decease ...³
- (2) The beginnings of the Furness and South Cumberland Building Society are to be found in the determination of **William Richardson Nash**, a Quaker farmer, then resident in the Parish of Lower Allithwaite to resolve housing troubles in a rapidly expanding industrial area by the establishment of a Society which would encourage the investment of capital in house purchase by means of mortgage advances.
What efforts there were behind the scenes before Mr. Nash had persuaded Benjamin Fish to preside at a first Committee meeting on 28th October 1865, we shall never know. Yet, on that October evening, the names of ten men are recorded as having met in the Temperance Hall, Barrow-in-Furness and taken steps towards founding a Society which, in the short space of ten years, was to outstrip its founders' wildest dreams.
William Nash was a man with an acute business sense, a facile pen, and a store of local knowledge. In this industrial expansion and influx of population he saw opportunities for practical service and he was able to inspire men from places like Dalton, Cark and Ulverston with similar ideals. ... Thus it was that, on the 28th day of October, ... he was appointed the first Secretary, ... Mr Nash ... received an initial salary of about £145 per year, out of which he had to pay for any clerical assistance he required! One can imagine the great care he took to keep management expenses within bounds, and indeed his Minute Book reflects this for there are entries on scraps of paper which have been neatly attached to the appropriate page, and there is written evidence of an almost frugal approach to what was to become an important and prosperous Society.
William Richardson Nash saw the infant Society as a cause and it is clearly evident that he neglected no opportunity of furthering that cause. In later years he was to appear with unflinching regularity in towns and villages wherever business offered or he thought business might offer, ...²⁰
- (3) The Furness & South Cumberland Permanent Benefit Building Society may be said to owe its origin in 1865 to Mr John Poole of Barrow and myself [**William Richardson Nash**], and in saying this, there is no desire to ignore or minimise the help given by others, without which nothing could have been done. ... I was bent on persuading our country folks in Cartmel and other districts to have a little more thrift to put by savings and to find a good and safe investment for such savings.

¹⁷ Soulby's Ulverston Advertiser, 9 January 1862.

¹⁸ Soulby's Ulverston Advertiser, 17 April 1862.

¹⁹ Dictionary of Quaker Biography, Religious Society of Friends, Lond. [card index]

²⁰ *One hundred years: centenary of the Furness and South Cumberland Building Society ... 1865-1965*, p.3-7.

The Assistant Secretaries have been ... the Secretary's son, William Nash, from 1890 to 1898, when he went abroad and died at Skagway in Alaska, Miss Eliza Rebecca Nash, from 1898 to her decease in 1903 ...

His wife, during her life, did a good deal of the clerical and copying work and his children also rendered efficient help as they grew up.

The House of the Secretary, first at Allithwaite, then near Cartmel, and for some years at Cark, has always been an office for the local District of Cartmel. The Secretary or his assistants, attends once a month at Dalton, Millom, Askam and Kirkby, and at Ulverston every Thursday.²¹

(4) **William Richardson Nash** was elected to the Ulverston Board of Guardians for Cartmel Fell, subsequently for Lower Allithwaite (1880-1898), Claife (1898-1901) and Hawkshead (1901-1917)²²

(5) *Birth of Mabel Nash, daughter of William Richardson and Mary Jane Nash (see family tree on pp 21-23).*

1867 *Birth of Eliza Rebecca Nash, daughter of William Richardson and Mary Jane Nash (see family tree on pp 21-23).*

1869 *Birth of William Nash, son of William Richardson and Mary Jane Nash (see family tree on pp 21-23).*

1871

Census				
Allithwaite Lodge				
William R Nash	head	36	Farmer employing 9 persons	St Geo in the East, London
Mary J Nash	wife	39		Liverpool
Mary R Nash	daughter	8	Scholar (at home)	Allithwaite
Priscilla Nash	daughter	7	Scholar (at home)	Allithwaite
Mabel Nash	daughter	5	Scholar (at home)	Allithwaite
Eliza R Nash	daughter	4	Scholar (at home)	Allithwaite
William Nash	son	1		Allithwaite
William Nash	father	81		St Geo in the East, London
Maria Windsor	sis-in-law	30	Governess	Liverpool
1 servant				

1874 *Birth of Gulielma Nash, daughter of William Richardson and Mary Jane Nash (see family tree on pp 21-23).*

1879

(1) **William Richardson Nash** and family moved to Pit Farm, Cartmel.²³



Pit Farm, Cartmel

²¹ Cartmel & Lower Holker Almanac, 1917, p.43-46.

²² Barrow News, 17 March 1917.

²³ Dictionary of Quaker Biography, Religious Society of Friends, Lond. [card index]

(2) *Death of William Nash, father of William Richardson Nash (see family tree on pp 21-23).*

1880 – 1887 Chairman, Cartmel Agricultural Society. Special mention must be made of the late W. R. Nash, the late T. Westwood, the late J. M. Tyson, and the late W.G.M. Townley. All these gentlemen served the Society well and devoted most of their leisure to the success of its ambitions.²⁴

1881

Census				
Pit Farm, Cartmel				
William R Nash	head	46	Farmer (1000 acres) employing 13 men & 3 boys	St Geo in the East, London
Mary Jane Nash	wife	49		Liverpool
Mary R Nash	daughter	18	Daughter at home	Allithwaite
Eliza R Nash	daughter	14	Daughter at home, scholar	Allithwaite
William Nash	son	11	Scholar	Allithwaite
Gulielma Nash	daughter	6	Scholar	Allithwaite
2 servants				
Friends School, Micklegate, York				
Priscilla Nash	daughter	17	Student	Allithwaite
Mabel Nash	daughter	15	Student	Allithwaite

1885 *Death of Mary Jane Nash, wife of William Richardson Nash (see family tree on pp 21-23).*

1887

(1) **William Richardson Nash** appointed a Recorded Minister of the Religious Society of Friends.²⁵

(2) Flookburgh Village Hall. Memorial stone laying by Lord Edward Cavendish. On Saturday evening last the memorial stone of the new building now in course of construction ... was formally laid by Lord Edward Cavendish MP ... The movement has been floated by the “Flookburgh Village Hall Co. Limited” of which the following are the honorary directors:- **Mr W R Nash**, chairman ...²⁶

1888

(1) *Marriage of Mary Richardson Nash, daughter of William Richardson and Mary Jane Nash, and John Clark Isaac, of Liskeard, Cornwall, at the Friends Meeting House, Cartmel.*²⁷ (see family tree on pp 21-23).

²⁴ A short history of the Cartmel Agricultural Society 1872 – 1968, p.8.

²⁵ Dictionary of Quaker Biography, RS Friends, Lond. [card index]

²⁶ Ulverston News, 10 December 1887.

²⁷ During the 1850s with the continuing decline of attendance at Height meeting it became apparent that a new meeting should be established in Cartmel village. ... the first meeting was held there on 29 November, 1859. (Butler, D.M. 1978. *Quaker meeting houses of the Lake Counties*. Friends Historical Society. p.131.) The late Alfred Waterhouse (*Waterhouse later designed Manchester Town Hall, the Natural History Museum in London, and university buildings in Leeds, Liverpool and Manchester*) was born in Liverpool in 1830. He was about 28 years of age when he undertook the design and construction of the Friends Meeting House, Cartmel ... the buttresses were not in the original design, but added afterwards to prevent any danger from the tendency which the roof might have ultimately to force the walls out a little. The contract was let to the late James Carruthers of Ireth, who sublet the woodwork to Thomas Noblet, who is still living at Barrow, and the condition of the building, now nearly 50 years old, speaks well for those who had a hand in its construction. The total cost of the building, including laying out the ground and building a stable, but not including the value of the land, was £483-15-1½d. This does not include the architect’s fees, which were paid by a Friend in Manchester. (Cartmel & Lower Holker Almanac, 1906, p.39).



Friends Meeting House, Cartmel

- (2) First publication of *Cartmel and Lower Holker Almanac*, compiled by **William Richardson Nash**. Every year appeared the village almanac, well illustrated, full of valuable information and pithy stories, with references to local events of the past year and to deceased celebrities, giving warm tributes to the worth of many to whom he was politically opposed. His almanac usually ended with the annual report of the Peace Committee of Westmorland Quarterly Meeting.²⁸
- (3) Known locally as Nash's Journal ["The Cartmel and Lower Holker Almanac"] was edited through 30 years by **William Richardson Nash** and his second daughter, Priscilla. His "Journal" (partly printed in "John Hindle's little printing office at Cark") was given away, free of charge, to some 3,000 members [of the Furness and South Cumberland Permanent Building Society] and formed an excellent medium for propagating the editor's strongly held views on thrift and world peace. ... he and his daughters regularly recorded weather conditions in their "Almanac". He was much interested in economics and the prices of gold and silver.²⁹

1889

- (1) Positions held by **William Richardson Nash**.³⁰
- Member of the Committee to enlarge the Cartmel churchyard.
 - Member for Lower Allithwaite of the Guardians of the Poor of the Ulverston Union.
 - Member of the Committee to provide a Burial Ground in connection with Flookburgh Church.³¹
 - Chairman of the Cartmel Local School Attendance Committee.
 - Member of the Lower Holker Local School Attendance Committee.
 - President of the Cartmel Gospel Temperance Society & Band of Hope.
 - Secretary of the Furness and South Cumberland Permanent Benefit Building Society.
 - Secretary and Treasurer of the Flookburgh Village Club.
 - President of the Flookburgh Village Temperance Society.
- (2) There was a lecture, with illustrations, on "Money" by **W R Nash** at Flookburgh, on the 2nd December.³²

1890

- (1) *Death of Mabel Nash, daughter of William Richardson and Mary Jane Nash (see family tree on pp 21-23).*

²⁸ Annual Monitor (N.S.), 106 (1918) 89.

²⁹ Swale, W.E. 1972. *Grange-over-Sands: the story of a gentle township*, p.36-37.

³⁰ Cartmel & Lower Holker Almanac 1889.

³¹ "after a good deal of enquiry and much endeavouring to find a suitable and available site ... [the committee] were eventually most kindly and considerately met by Miss Harrison, of Flookburgh Lodge, who offered to them for the reasonable sum of £200 a small field ... at a short distance from the Church ... At a public meeting of the inhabitants ... on the 2nd of February 1887, this offer was thankfully accepted ..." (*Looking back ... recollections of life in Cark, Flookburgh and District*. 2001. p.60.)

³² Cartmel & Lower Holker Almanac, 1891.

- (2) The storm on Tuesday 30th September was almost the cause of serious loss on East Plain and Windermoor, and M Tyson, the occupier of East Plain, and J Crow, the farm bailiff for **W R Nash** on Windermoor and West Plain, had a busy night watching the sea bank and securing the sheep and taking them to higher ground ...³³

1891

Census				
Pit Farm, Cartmel				
William R Nash	head	56	Farmer & Building Society Secretary	St Geo in the East, London
Priscilla Nash	daughter	27	Assists in housework	Allithwaite
Eliza Rebecca Nash	daughter	24	Assists in housework	Allithwaite
William Nash	son	21	Farmer's son	Allithwaite
Gulielma Nash	daughter	16	Assists in housework	Allithwaite

1892

- (1) There was a Temperance Alliance meeting at Flookburgh on the 19th February. **W R Nash** was chairman, and they had a very good meeting.³⁴

- (2) There was a Temperance Meeting at Flookburgh, on the 27th October. **Mr Nash** gave an address ...³⁵

1893 The last of the winter series of Temperance Meetings, at Allithwaite, was held on the 24th March. **Mr Nash** was in the chair ...³⁶

1894 Miss McLaren Ramsey and **Mr Nash** addressed some 30 enthusiastic members of the women's Liberal Association, at Cartmel, on the 20th February.³⁷

1895 **William Richardson Nash** was chairman of the Ulverston Rural District Council from its formation,³⁸ and thus *ex officio* a magistrate for the county of Lancaster.³⁹

1898

- (1) Mr Victor Cavendish and his tenants – Local rent dinner – The half yearly rent audit of the Furness and Cartmel tenantry on the Holker estate, belonging to Mr Victor Cavendish, MP, was held at the Furness Abbey Hotel on Friday. After the transaction of business a large number of tenants sat down to dinner ... **Mr Nash** gave the toast of "Our landlord"... the tenants may be very thankful that he had not given them notice to raise the rents. It was something new to have wheat 1s a stone, which was occasioned by the enormous rise in the price of flour ... 1s was a great improvement on 9d, and 6d a pound for beef was a great improvement on 5d, and 7d or 8d a stone for potatoes was much better than 2d or 3d ... He believed Mr Cavendish endeavoured to manage the estate with advantage to himself and his tenants ... Mr Cavendish thanked the tenantry ... Unfortunately Mr Nash was retiring from the ranks of the tenant farmers, but he was not leaving the estate, and his sound advice would still be given to his colleagues ... Mr Ashburner gave the health of the Duke of Devonshire. He criticised the remarks of Mr Nash, respecting the raising of the rents, and said he thought no farmer in the district had as yet felt the improvement.⁴⁰

- (2) Pit Farm, near Cartmel – Important sale of sheep, horses and implements. M.B.Hodgson & Son have been favoured with the confidence of **W.R.Nash**, Esq., to sell by auction at Pit Farm, neat Cartmel, on Friday the 25th day of February, 1898, the first portion of his stock of sheep, horses, and husbandry implements, from Pit and West Plain Farms.

³³ Cartmel & Lower Holker Almanac, 1891.

³⁴ Cartmel & Lower Holker Almanac, 1893.

³⁵ Cartmel & Lower Holker Almanac, 1893.

³⁶ Cartmel & Lower Holker Almanac, 1894.

³⁷ Cartmel & Lower Holker Almanac, 1895.

³⁸ Barrow News, 17 March 1917,

³⁹ Cartmel & Lower Holker Almanac, 1896.

⁴⁰ Westmorland Gazette, 29 January 1898, p.7

The sheep consist of 440 three-parts bred ewes and shearlings, 150 three-parts bred hogs, very forward in condition; 100 half-bred hogs, bred on Hampsfell; 43 fat sheep, and 20 rams of different breeds.

The horses comprise:-

Lot 1. – Black mare, by Westwick, rising ten, 16-1 hands.

Lot 2. – Bay mare, by Westwick, rising seven, 16-1 hands.

Lot 3. – Bay colt, by Comrade, rising six, dam a Westwick mare.

Lot 4. – Three-year old black filly, by “Farmers’ Glory,” dam a Westwick mare.

Lot 5. – Bay filly, rising two, by “Stalmine Premier.”

Lot 6. – Useful work horse, quiet in all yoke.

Lot 7. – Useful work mare, quiet in all yoke.

Lot 8. – Useful work horse.

The husbandry implements comprise 11 coup carts and wheels, with shelvings complete; cart and ploughing gears, winnowing machine, double, single, wheeled and other ploughs; seed, saddle, stitch, chain, and other harrows; turnip pulpers and fingerers, patent Avery weights and scales, sack trucks, 2 double turnip drills, 2 mowing machines, by Samuelson; 2 reaping machines, by Bamlett; 3 heavy iron rollers, horse hoes, grubbers, sheep troughs, water barrels, straw cutters, oilcake crusher, hen coops, 2 long ladders, 2 sets iron seed harrows, hay scalers, water carts, sheep troughs and racks, balance weighing machine, cart covers, hay rakes, cart ropes, forks, rakes, spades, scythes, &c, &c; spring cart and harness, and a great variety of other useful implements as may be expected on a large holding.

Luncheon (by ticket) at 10.30 a.m.

Sale to commence at twelve o’clock prompt with the implements and gears, to be followed by sheep at two p.m., and horses at 4.30 p.m.

The Furness Railway Company have kindly consented to stop the noon trains at Cark Station on the day of the sale, and conveyances will meet all trains, and convey passengers at a small charge to the place of sale.

...

The auctioneers wish to draw particular attention to this important sale of sheep, &c., as they will be found an exceptionally grand lot, in the very pink of condition, and will well repay intending purchasers for a visit to Pit Farm on the 25th February.⁴¹

- (3) Cartmel – Band of Hope – On Tuesday evening a meeting of the Band of Hope was held in the Public Room, when **Mr W.R.Nash** gave an interesting address in support of the temperance cause. There was a fair attendance...⁴²
- (4) Gruesome find – On Tuesday whilst some workmen employed at **Mr Nash’s** new house, were engaged in making a roadway from out of the grounds to the main road, they unearthed a human skull. It was found about ten or 12 yards from the main road, and was only some ten inches below the surface. Other bones have also been found close by. The skull was in a good state of preservation, is full size, but minus the lower jaw. The teeth, both back and front are still good and quite white. There is much speculation as to how the skull comes to be buried there, and as to whether there is any probability of further finds. We have been assured that one of the bones found close to the skull is part of a shoulder blade, and an old zinc button also found at the same place gives an idea of olden times. It would be interesting to learn whether a medieval burying place has been tapped, or whether the skull is one which has been found on the sands and buried here.⁴³
- (5) A skull was dug up in the plantation belonging to “The Mount”, Cark, on the 15th February, which, ... proved to be one found on the Ulverston Sands about two years ago, and buried in that situation by a former Cark policeman.⁴⁴
- (6) Mr Nash and the Lancashire County Council – On Thursday, **Mr W.R.Nash**, chairman of the Ulverston Rural Council, was waited upon at Ulverston by an influential deputation, and invited to offer himself at the forthcoming County Council election as candidate for the Cartmel division. Mr

⁴¹ Westmorland Gazette, 12 February 1898, p.4

⁴² Westmorland Gazette, 19 February 1898, p.8

⁴³ Westmorland Gazette, 19 February 1898, p.8

⁴⁴ Cartmel & Lower Holker Almanac, 1899.

Nash, while thanking the deputation for the honour they had done him, declined to allow his name to be put into nomination on account of the pressure of his other duties.⁴⁵

25th February 1898 – Sale at Pit Farm, 700 sheep sold, luncheon excellent, unanimously praised.⁴⁶

- (7) Pit Farm, Cartmel – Highly important sale of farming stock, horses, sheep, and husbandry implements – M.B.Hodgson & Son have been favoured with the confidence of **W.R.Nash**, Esq., who is declining farming, to sell by auction, at Pit Farm, Cartmel, on Friday, April 22nd, 1898, the whole of his herd of Shorthorn cattle, sheep, horses, and husbandry implements.
The cattle consist of twenty-six Autumn calving cows and heifers, six present and Spring calving cows, five August calving cows, three fat cows, nine two-years-old geld heifers, eight two-years-old bullocks, eight eighteen-months-old bullocks, nine eighteen-months-old heifers, eight yearling bullocks, six yearling heifers, four young bulls, fourteen young calves, one bull, pedigree at the time of sale, and other cattle, numbering upwards of 112 head.
The sheep consist of forty-five half-bred ewes, in lamb; twenty-six Herdwick shearlings, and 172 Herdwick ewes, mostly with lambs at foot, off Hampsfell.
The horses comprise one very promising filly, rising two years old, by Stalmine Premier; and one yearling, by Stalmine Premier; and two good work horses.
The implements comprise three coup carts with shelvings complete, cart and ploughing gears, three turnip fingerers and slicers, two straw cutters, oil cake nutter, water troughs, sheep troughs, pig troughs, pig creels, water cart, scales and weights, corn chest, forks, rakes, spades, scythes, &c. &c.⁴⁷
...
- (8) Farm stock sale – Messrs M.B.Hodgson and Son on Friday sold by auction the large and superior stock of cattle, etc., at Pit Farm, Cartmel, for **Mr W.R.Nash**, this being the second large sale held there this spring. The numbers were 115 head of cattle, 250 sheep, 4 horses, and the husbandry implements. A very large gathering of farmers and others was present, and a most successful sale was the result. ... Prices: - Autumn calving cows 16/ 10s, 17/ 15s, 18/ 5s, 19/ 5s, and 19/ 15s; autumn calving heifers 13/ 7s 6d, 14/ 5s, 15/ 7s 6d, and 16/ 12s 6d; spring calving cows 19/ 5s, 20/ 7s 6d, 21/ 5s and 25/; fat cows 15/ 12s 6d, and 17/ 10s; geld cows 14/ 23 6d; bull 20/ 15s; two-year-old geld heifers 10/ 5s, 11/, and 13/ 2s 6d; two-year-old bullocks 12/ and 13/ 7s 6d; eighteen-months-old heifers 9/ to 10/ 2s 6d; yearling bullocks 6/ 12s 6d, 8/ 5s and 9/ 5s; yearling heifers 8/ 12s 6d and 8/ 7s 6d; young bulls 3/ 10s to 4/ 16s; young calves 47s, 62s and 70s; Herdwick ewes 20s to 32s. Work horses 17gs and 23gs; yearling 12gs; two-year-old filly 19gs. ...⁴⁸
- (9) **William Richardson Nash** and family moved to The Mount, Cark-in-Cartmel.⁴⁹ Holker Estate would not sell him the land [1 acre, 2 rods, 29 perches], he had to have it for 99 years on a lease,⁵⁰ for which he paid £44-10-0 rent, due annually on Lady Day, throughout the period of his tenancy.



The Mount, Cark-in-Cartmel⁵¹

⁴⁵ Westmorland Gazette, 26 February 1898, p.8

⁴⁶ Furness Year Book 1899, p.644

⁴⁷ Westmorland Gazette, 3 April 1898, p.4

⁴⁸ Westmorland Gazette, 30 April 1898, p.2

⁴⁹ Dictionary of Quaker Biography, Religious Society of Friends, Lond. [card index]

⁵⁰ *Looking back ... recollections of life in Cark, Flookburgh and District* (2001), p.49.

(10) *Death of William Nash, son of William Richardson and Mary Jane Nash, at Skagway, Alaska (see family tree on pp 21-23).*⁵²

1899 **Mr Nash** gave a lecture on the “Czar’s Manifesto of Peace” to the Men’s Bible Class at Flookburgh on the 15th January.⁵³

1901

(1)

Census				
[The Mount], Cark (between Cark Hall & Bank Top)				
William R Nash	head	66	Accountant & sanitary ⁵⁴	St Geo in the East, London
Priscilla Nash	daughter	37	Housekeeper	Allithwaite
Eliza Nash	daughter	34	Clerk	Allithwaite
Gulielma Nash	daughter	26		Allithwaite

(2) *Marriage of Gulielma Nash, daughter of William Richardson and Mary Jane Nash, and Henry Teasdale, of Cartmel, at the Friends Meeting House, Cartmel. (see family tree on pp 21-23).*⁵⁵

1903

(1) At the Congregational Church, the S.S. anniversary services were conducted on the 31st [May], when ... **Mr W. R. Nash** (Cark) gave an address to the children in the afternoon. ⁵⁶

(2) [Egbert Coleby] Morland⁵⁷ of Croydon, whilst investigating TB, contracted it himself. [After lengthy treatment in Switzerland under the devoted eye of his fiancée] he came to The Mount for open air treatment. In a few weeks he got quite lively and fairly strong, and was married to Miss Latchmore⁵⁸, of Leeds, a niece of **Mr Nash’s**, at the Friends Meeting House Cartmel on 27 October 1903. They now live in Arosa, Switzerland.⁵⁹

(2) *Death of Eliza Rebecca Nash, daughter of William Richardson and Mary Jane Nash (see family tree on pp 21-23).*⁶⁰

1908

(1) **William Richardson Nash** appointed a magistrate for the county of Lancaster, no longer *ex-officio* as Chairman of Ulverston Rural District Council.⁶¹

(2) Elected a Fellow of the Royal Meteorological Society on 11 March.

1909

⁵¹ In the case of our own house [The Mount] at Cark, the front roof was made nine inches higher than the back, and all the spouts met in one place, where a pipe conveyed the water to a large iron cistern holding nearly 1000 gallons, which was in an attic; the overflow went into an underground tank, to which was affixed a force pump to fill the cistern when required, which was only after a continuance of several consecutive dry days. This did well for about 14 years when a supply from the main was obtained. (Cartmel & Lower Holker Almanac, 1914, p.50).

⁵² Westmorland Gazette, 2 July 1898, p.5.

⁵³ Cartmel & Lower Holker Almanac, 1900.

⁵⁴ William Richardson Nash was acting chairman of the old Ulverston Rural Sanitary Authority.

⁵⁵ Westmorland Gazette, 29 June 1901, p.3.

⁵⁶ Mason’s Grange red book, 1904, p.99

⁵⁷ Egbert Coleby Morland studied medicine at St Bartholomew’s Hospital, London, whence he graduated in 1898 with the gold medal in physiology. He established a sizeable practice, mainly of British patients, in Arosa, but after the outbreak of the First World War, he returned to England, becoming the editor of The Lancet. (Fox, R. *Oxford Dictionary of National Biography*, online edition).

⁵⁸ Mary Windsor Latchmore was the daughter of William Richardson Nash’s sister-in-law Eliza Windsor who had married Joseph Latchmore.

⁵⁹ Cartmel & Lower Holker Almanac, 1912, p.37. Mary Windsor Latchmore was the daughter of William Richardson Nash’s sister-in-law Eliza Windsor who had married Joseph Latchmore.

⁶⁰ Obituary in Soulby’s Ulverston Advertiser, 19 November 1903 & Westmorland Gazette, 22 November 1913, p.7.

⁶¹ Cartmel & Lower Holker Almanac, 1909.

- (1) For nearly 53 years **William Richardson Nash** has been a tenant of the Cavendish family, 42 years of which he was a farm tenant in the district of Cartmel, and the last 10½ years tenant of the house and garden at Cark. He was also for between 40 and 50 years tenant of the Outmarsh etc at West Plain, belonging to the late James Stockdale, and afterwards his sister, the late Mrs Charles Rigg.³
- (2) On Whit-Sunday a well-known Cark inhabitant **William Richardson Nash** had the misfortune to fall and break his thigh.⁶²
- (3) The choir and **Mr Nash** – On Sunday evening, immediately after service, the Flookburgh Church choir proceeded to the residence of Mr Nash, The Mount, Cark, and sang outside the house a few of Mr Nash's favourite hymns. This little act of kindness on the part of the choir was greatly appreciated by Mr Nash. It was on Whit Sunday Mr Nash met with his accident. He was in the garden and slipped, breaking his thigh, and since then he has been confined to his room, but he is recovering, and the people of the Cartmel district will be pleased when they see him about again.⁶³
- 1910 Furness & South Cumberland Building Society annual meeting on the 15th March, when all the members were glad to see their secretary [**William Richardson Nash**] amongst them again.⁶⁴ **Mr Nash** managed to walk the whole way to his house from Carke station ... In spite of being handicapped through lameness, a Cark gentleman got his railway season ticket and began going to Barrow again. He also went up to London on the 28th June, and was able to patronize the tubes and trams, and attend numerous meetings, even visiting the Japanese exhibition.⁶⁵
- 1913 *Death of John Windsor Teasdale, grandson of William Richardson and Mary Jane Nash (see family tree on pp 21-23).*
- 1915
- (1) Cartmel notes. **Mr W.R.Nash** writes: - The fields are green, wheat coming up well, but although the temperature was fairly mild, it was generally so stormy that cattle out of doors did not look very happy. Sheep and cattle have mostly been healthy and thriven and few losses and prices good. Wheat and oats have both gone up in price. So little wheat is grown that it does not much affect local farmers, and all feeding stuffs have so risen in value that, although good oats command a higher price, it may still be better not to sell too many. From a farmer's point of view the year was (taken as a whole) fairly good. The turnip crop was the weakest point – several lots being patchy and some disease, but on the whole it turned out better than at one time it promised and some fields were really good. All other crops were up to the average and generally fairly well secured; pastures were good and cattle and sheep thrive well. Prices all round were remunerative and a good demand for horses for the army; and for beef, mutton, calving cows, and agricultural produce of all sorts.⁶⁶
- (2) *Deaths of Maurice Nash Teasdale and William Teasdale⁶⁷, grandsons of William Richardson and Mary Jane Nash (see family tree on pp 21-23).*
- (3) Meetings of the Building Societies' Association at Ryde on the Isle of Wight. Even our lame friend **William Richardson Nash** managed to climb on to the top of a coach!⁶⁸
- (4) *Death of Mary Richardson Isaac, nee Nash, daughter of William Richardson and Mary Jane Nash (see family tree on pp 21-23).*
- (5) On the 11th [June] the well-known resident of The Mount **William Richardson Nash** attained his 80th birthday, and was duly congratulated on the event by the Ulverston Board of Guardians; so that next time he went to London, he got his photograph taken at their desire.⁶⁹

⁶² Cartmel & Lower Holker Almanac, 1910, p.27.

⁶³ Westmorland Gazette, 13 November 1909, p.3.

⁶⁴ Cartmel & Lower Holker Almanac, 1911, p.24.

⁶⁵ Cartmel & Lower Holker Almanac, 1911, p.30-31.

⁶⁶ Westmorland Gazette, 16 January 1915, p.10.

⁶⁷ Westmorland Gazette, 13 February 1915, p.8.

⁶⁸ Cartmel & Lower Holker Almanac, 1915, p.33.

⁶⁹ Cartmel & Lower Holker Almanac, 1915, p.34.

- (6) War is a terrible thing, but what can we do but fight to the utmost limit when our Country, our Motherland, is in danger, and menaced by the modern Huns, with their cruel ideas of “Kultur”. ... The time has come when our duty to our Country counts above all else.⁷⁰

1916

- (1) A granddaughter [Katherine Mabel Isaac] of **W.R.Nash** of Cark, had a Quaker-Khaki Wedding at the Friends Meeting House, Cartmel, on Sunday afternoon, on the 5th [March]. The bridegroom [Geoffrey Hardy]⁷¹ had only 44 hours leave from Salisbury Plain for the event, so all was arranged without undue margin. After the pretty little Ceremony, everyone adjourned to Mrs Bielby’s Rooms, where, at short notice, she had got ready some very dainty grub and artistic Wedding Cake. The happy couple did not arrive in Camp quite up to time because their train was held up for 6 hours, while Zeppelins raided 8 counties and killed 18 people with bombs.⁷²
- (2) Our lame friend **William Richardson Nash** celebrated his 82nd birthday on the 11th, and had a tea party, driving over to Grange in the afternoon to fetch another lame friend who was staying there. He was twice in London during the month, attending meetings and visiting places round the vicinity, accomplishing a programme that most younger folks would have found rather too crowded to be enjoyable. It takes some scheming to cram the double journey, attending an important business meeting, a few hours in bed at an hotel, several personal calls, and meals, and a run round a good part of London in a taxi, all in 26 hours.⁷³
- (3) **W.R.Nash, J.P.**, was presented with a splendid portrait on the 3rd [August], in honour of his having been a Guardian for over 51 years. He was also given a Barograph, with an inscribed silver plate. Another Portrait was unveiled for the Board Room in Ulverston. Lord Richard Cavendish presided, and a nicely oiled feather was passed all round.⁷⁴

(4)

W. R. NASH HONOURED

51 YEARS A GUARDIAN

Appreciation of Members and Officials

“A GRAND OLD MAN”

At the meeting of the Ulverston Board of Guardians on Thursday there were interesting presentations to Mr W. R. Nash, J.P., who has been 51 years a member of the Board. Lieut. Colonel the Right Hon. R. F. Cavendish, C.M.G., D.L., J.P., presided, and in addition to a large attendance of members there were also present: Lady Moyra Cavendish, Mr and Mrs Teasdale (Mr Nash’s son-in-law and daughter), Mr C. E. Court, J.P., (Chairman of Ulverston Urban Council), Mr R. Dilworth (chairman of Joint Hospital Board), Colonel Baldwin (Chairman of North Lonsdale Magistrates), Mr S. E. Major (clerk to the Magistrates), Mr Richard Parker (a former Guardian), officials of the Guardians and Rural District Council.

Letters of apology for absence were read from Mr J. Bliss, M.P., Mr J. Fisher (next oldest Guardian to Mr Nash), Mr S. Taylor, J.P., C.D., Mr J. Walker, C.C., and Mr J. Farrer.

The presents consisted of a splendid portrait of Mr Nash (a duplicate to hang in the Board Room), bearing the inscription “Presented to W. R. Nash, Esq., J.P., by the Guardians of the Poor of the Ulverston Union, on the completion of his 51 years membership of the Board and in token of their esteem and regard. Lord R. F. Cavendish, D.L., Chairman; John Coward, J.P., Vice-Chairman; Charles W. Dean, clerk to the Guardians, 15th April 1916.” Also a barograph on which was the inscription: “Presented to W. R. Nash, Esq., J.P., by the officers of the Ulverston Union and Rural District Council as a souvenir of their esteem and regard, July, 1916.”

His Lordship said ... Mr Nash had now been for a period of over

51 YEARS A MEMBER

⁷⁰ Cartmel & Lower Holker Almanac, 1915, p.43.

⁷¹ 2nd Lieutenant G. Hardy, Royal Field Artillery, was killed in action 27 May 1917, and is buried in the Commonwealth War Graves Commission cemetery at Achiet-le-Grand.

⁷² Cartmel & Lower Holker Almanac, 1917, p.24; Report of the wedding in Barrow Guardian, 11 March 1916, p.4.

⁷³ Cartmel & Lower Holker Almanac, 1917, p.28.

⁷⁴ Cartmel & Lower Holker Almanac, 1917, p.31.

of that Board, and during that long time he had, by his close attention to business, by his practical knowledge of the duties of a Guardian, but above all by his sympathy, tact, and kindness, earned the esteem and affection of those amongst he had worked. ... For three generations members of his family had successively been chairmen of the board., and he knew his grandfather, his father, and his brother, ... always looked to Mr. Nash as their right hand man ... If he were asked what was the chief characteristic of Mr. Nash, he would without the slightest hesitation say his

GENUINE AND WARM-HEARTED LOVE

for his human fellow-being. ... A short time ago Mr. Dean and one or two others suggested that the Guardians would like to express in some tangible form their appreciation of Mr. Nash's service ... Their tangible appreciation ... took a very happy form. First of all, they presented themselves with a

VERY EXCELLENT PORTRAIT

to hang on the walls of the Board room, and it would be a very pleasing addition to the existing portrait gallery ... He hoped Mr. Nash would accept the duplicate of that portrait as a slight acknowledgement of the appreciation of his colleagues for his services ...

In asking Mr. P. J. Hibbert, J.P., the High Sheriff, to unveil the portrait, Mr. Coward (vice-chairman) remarked that Mr. Nash had for 27 years sat under the chairmanship of Lord Richard's grandfather, 17 years under the Marquis of Hartington and the present Duke of Devonshire, and seven years under the present chairman. ...

Mr. Hibbert unveiled the portrait, ...

Mr. Dean, on behalf of the officials of the Union and Rural Council, also the Joint Hospital Board, asked Mr. Nash to accept the barograph ...

Mr. Nash said he hardly knew how to express the thanks which were in his heart towards them for their kindness to him in the past and on the present occasion. ... Mr. Nash proceeded to relate most interesting reminiscences, the publication of which owing to pressure on our space we are compelled to hold over till next week.⁷⁵

⁷⁵ Barrow Guardian, 5 August 1916, p.2.

(5)

MR W. R. NASH, J.P.

Interesting reminiscences by “The Grand Old Man.”

In thanking the Guardians and the officials of the Board and Ulverston Rural District Council for their presentations to him, Mr W. R. Nash, J.P., who has been 51 years a member, said there must be considerable alterations in the course of over half a century and looking back he could still see the Board Room as it then was, with

THE DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE

on his high stool, with his back to the fire. The clerk, Soulby Sykes, on one side, and nearby Mr Postlethwaite, Mr Long, Mr Stockdale and other worthy Guardians now passed away. Mr Long was Lord Macauley’s brother and decidedly progressive, and Mr Postlethwaite the champion of the poor ratepayers, most emphatic in seeing that Mr Long’s motions were well sifted or stopped, whilst Mr Stockdale’s whole energies were directed to getting the mines rated. (Laughter.) As to their worthy clerk, he was a character. He (Mr Nash) thought he just missed being a lawyer. He was certainly gifted with a large sense of tact and in anecdotes inimitable. His two favourite themes were the Cavendishes, and Freemasons – laughter – and if at times he exaggerated his own exploits he also exaggerated the exploits of others and seldom alluded to the dark side of a character. The Earl and Countess of Burlington were his most intimate friends and if the Earl had sometimes to go through a toll gate with never so much as a copper in his pocket and to ride to Kirkby or Ulverston and back with

ONLY A BUN

between breakfast and dinner, all the Cavendishes were, as they still are, almost perfection. Then the marvellous way in which Soulby Sykes got into hopeless muddles when far away from home, and the generous way in which some previously unknown Freemason came to the rescue just exactly in the nick of time with unlimited kindness, advice, and money, were remarkable. (Laughter.) His optimistic tales of affection for the Cavendishes continued to the last. There had not been an acting chairman of the Board or a Guardian, a relieving officer or official of any sort, whether engaged in Poor Law or rural sanitary work, with whom he had come in contact, in whom he had not seen much to admire and esteem even in two or three cases of apparent failure, for such, alas, did occur now and then, there had been some beautiful trait of character, some gleam of bright sunshine amongst the shadows. Turning from men to measures, they had made, as they ought, some

PROGRESS IN HALF A CENTURY.

Barrow formed part of the Dalton Relief District, under the watchful supervision of George Simpson, who had discussed the cases with their noble chairman in anything but an obsequious way. He had been known to address the chairman as “Sees ta mon,” or something similar. (Laughter.) In 1878 Barrow was taken out of the Ulverston Union, and Dalton still remained, as it is now, a large and important district. Referring to the care of children, sick nursing and fever hospital, Mr Nash said the flagged floors of the children’s schoolrooms simply reeked with damp in wet weather and when the late Doctor Beardsley and himself suggested boarded floors and other improvements it was remarked that such luxuries were needless, the children wore clogs and the teachers ought to wear clogs too – laughter – and alterations were quite unnecessary. They had

TAKEN A LONG STRIDE

since then. There was now much more pleasure in visiting the sick wards than there used to be, not to say that even when attended to by the inmates of the House there was any real gross neglect, not even all paupers were wholly bad, most had one or more good points and many had been very useful, but there was a tendency at times to bestow less care than was desirable on the sick. The old fever hospital was pulled down and the Children’s Home⁷⁶ erected, entirely distinct from the House, and with the best results, so good that he for one regretted the action of the Local Government Board in first stamping it as part of the House and then obliging the Board to alter their arrangements.

THE FEVER HOSPITAL

at High Carley, built in 1885, was for some time rather a white elephant, not but what it was most useful, but as long as it was under the care of the Guardians those who were taken to it had to be considered as paupers, which contracted its usefulness. The late Mr Haines was very earnest in endeavouring to improve matters and at length the formation, in 1899, of a Joint Hospital Board got

⁷⁶ New children’s quarters were eventually built and plans, dated 1897, show two conjoined blocks each of three storeys, containing dormitories and attendants’ rooms, workrooms and shared dining hall and kitchen. This relieved pressure on the main workhouse block. (Whitehead, J. 2006. *Lost children: Ulverston Workhouse in the 19th century*. Handstand Press. p.12.)

them out of those difficulties. Other difficulties, however, arose in that the whole of the rural district had to contribute, and some parts were so distant as to make it dangerous to bring patients, and for some time they had a committee which went over almost the whole ground amongst the fells in the north of High Furness to find some suitable site for a supplementary hospital. The difficulty was solved in quite a different way, viz., improved roads, indiarubber tyres, and comfortable ambulances. It was easier to bring a patient 20 or 25 miles than eight or ten. That brought him to the

STATE OF THE ROADS

upwards of 50 years ago. Stones were put on which they had to work in as best they could with their carts and traps. The new-made roads worked into ruts, and then men raked the loose stones into the ruts, and at length, when the road got so that they could go along fairly comfortably, it perhaps all too soon wanted further repairs. He thought in road improvements they were before this country in some parts of Europe. When at school about 1847-8 they had a Prussian to teach them German, and he seemed to remember his description of road making in his country better than the language he taught them. (Laughter.) He would have it that wherever in this country they put down one part of road metal, they put down two in Germany, better broken, and with small stuff on the top to prevent running so much into ruts, and that our roads were vile compared with theirs. He also described huge rollers pulled by six or eight, or even more, horses to smooth down the metal.

THE FOUR HIGHWAY BOARDS

did good work, which had been well kept up by the Rural District Council, formed in 1895, taking over the highways in 1899. For several years previous to that they had a rural sanitary authority, which at first did not work very smoothly, especially owing to the elected Guardians resenting their being at times out-numbered by and dictated to by the numerous ex-officios, and they did not want to delegate their powers to a small select committee which the ex-officios appeared to favour. They got out of the difficulty by delegating the powers to a committee consisting of all the Guardians of the rural parishes and the requisite number of the ex-officios, which at once reduced the latter very considerably, and later on every parish that desired it was allowed to have a parochial committee, consisting of the members of the Parish Council and the Guardians representing the parish. The clerk was not expected to attend the meetings, and the plan worked smoothly, a large amount of good work being done, but it did not encourage heavy outlays on sewerage and water schemes. Time would fail to mention the improvements, not merely as to children, sick nursing, and infectious hospital, but in the house generally, cooking and laundry work, and good work done by the House Committee, also in the dispensing of out-relief. Those who represented the urban districts knew something of the improvements carried out by the urban councils of Dalton, Ulverston, and Grange, and those who represented the rural district knew something of the work done by the Rural District Council. They had but to think of the state of some of the villages between 50 and 60 years ago and now, and yet many of the

VILLAGERS ENJOYED LIFE

and lived to a good old age, even when their surroundings and perfumes were, as Ruskin expressed it, quite other than narcissus and violet. (Laughter.) Time would also fail to express to Lord Richard the virtues of his grandfather⁷⁷ and the sweet memory of his grandmother; the sterling political worth of his uncle, the late Duke of Devonshire⁷⁸; the character of his uncle, Lord Frederick, faithful unto death⁷⁹; the loveliness and goodwill of his father, Lord Edward⁸⁰. Lord Richard⁸¹ and his brother⁸² were worthy descendants of worthy ancestors. (Hear, hear.) Mr Nash thanked his very kind friends, the

RATEPAYERS OF HAWKSHEAD

⁷⁷ William Cavendish (1808-91) acceded to the revived Earldom of Burlington in 1834. By 1836 he was in fairly regular residence at Holker Hall, and in that year he accepted the office of chairman of the Ulverston Board of Guardians. Following the early death of his wife in 1840, he immersed himself in management of the Holker estate, the development of his slate quarries, and the administration of the Poor Law. Of his six Cavendish family seats, the Duke loved Holker Hall the most. (Marshall, J.D. 1958. *Furness and the Industrial Revolution*. Barrow-in-Furness Library and Museum Committee. p.184-185 & Marshall, J.D. & Walton, J.K. 1981. *The Lake Counties from 1830 to the mid-twentieth century*. Manchester University Press. p.103)

⁷⁸ Spencer Compton Cavendish, Marquis of Hartington, 8th Duke of Devonshire (1833-1908).

⁷⁹ Lord Frederick Cavendish, Chief Secretary for Ireland in the Gladstone government, was assassinated in Phoenix Park, Dublin, in May 1882.

⁸⁰ Lord Edward Cavendish (1838-91).

⁸¹ Lord Richard Cavendish (1871-1946).

⁸² Victor Cavendish, 9th Duke of Devonshire (1868-1938).

who had allowed a non-resident to represent them for so long⁸³, especially as old folks often found it difficult to get employment when once thrown out of office – (laughter) – and to assure them that, whether as poor law guardian or rural district councillor, it had been and still was his endeavour to serve them and look after their interests faithfully. ... (Applause.)⁸⁴

- (6) On the 4th [October] our lame friend **William Richardson Nash** returned from visiting London and its vicinity for a few days.⁸⁵

1917

- (1) **William Nash** was still Secretary [of the Furness and South Cumberland Building Society] and remained so until his death in May [actually March] 1917. All these years he was conducting the Society's affairs, not only from the office in Barrow, but from Ulverston, his home at Cark, and by paying regular visits to the neighbouring villages and townships. He wrote the minutes of the Society in his own hand and these, brief and to the point, faithfully record its progress for 52 years. In the tenth year of his office, he casually mentions in the minute book that he alone took the initiative in forming the Society and names his ten associates in that enterprise. He describes himself as a farmer, an occupation that he followed all his life. He had other interests, however, amongst which was the publishing of an annual review of local and national events called "The Cartmel & Lower Holker Almanac".

It is in copies of that publication that early advertisements of the Society are to be found, but Nash was County Magistrate and local Councillor as well as farmer, secretary, and well loved figure. He is still remembered for the wide brimmed Quaker hat he always wore, and for his invariable habit of walking down the street in the gutter rather than on the pavement! This latter habit, it is claimed, was to avoid the danger of absent-minded collision with other pedestrians for Nash was invariably deep in thought, contemplating his many activities, among them those of Chairman of Ulverston Rural District Council ...⁸⁶

- (2) The whole district mourned the loss of **W.R.Nash**, Esq., of the Mount, Cark-in-Cartmel, who died on the 15th [March], aged 82 years. "Rarely do nature and grace between them produce such a character, seldom are religion and the public blessed with a better servant. The funeral at the Friends Meeting house at Height was attended from far and wide, and the stormy day seemed, somehow, a very fitting day on which to say good-bye to one who knew more of work and suffering than most of us". His last work when taken ill on the 12th was signing, as a Magistrate, the War Office papers for Mrs R. Bayliff, whose husband had been killed in action on Feb. 11th.⁸⁷

- (3)

"GRAND OLD MAN OF CRAKE [sic, but should be *CARTMEL*] VALLEY"

DEATH OF **MR. W.R.NASH**, J.P.

FIFTY-TWO YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE

It is with deep regret we record the death of Mr William Richardson Nash, J.P., who passed away about noon on Thursday at his residence, The Mount, Cark-in-Cartmel, after a very brief illness. In fact, the deceased gentleman has practically died in harness, after a very busy, strenuous, and honourable career devoted for upwards of half a century to the services of the public. Only so recently as Saturday last, though then suffering from influenza, he journeyed to Barrow in connection with his duties as secretary of the Furness and South Cumberland Society, with which he had been officially connected for fifty-one years. Getting wet through, he contracted a severe chill, which resulted in his demise at the advanced age of 82 years. Directly the sad news reached Ulverston the flags at the Town Hall and the Ulverston Poor Law Institution were hoisted half-mast, and at the monthly sitting of the High Furness Divisional Committee the Chairman (Coun. George Frearson) paid a fitting tribute to the memory of the chairman of the Ulverston Rural District Council and the "Father" of the Ulverston Union, whose place, he said, it would be very difficult to fill. Mr Nash leaves two daughters to mourn his loss – Miss Priscilla Nash, who has acted as his housekeeper since his wife's death, and Mrs George [sic, but should be *Henry*] Teasdale. His only son, William, died in Dawson City many years ago.

MR NASH'S PUBLIC CAREER

⁸³ William Richardson Nash was elected to represent Hawkshead in 1901.

⁸⁴ Barrow Guardian, 12 August 1916, p.3.

⁸⁵ Cartmel & Lower Holker Almanac, 1917, p.35.

⁸⁶ *One hundred years: centenary of the Furness and South Cumberland Building Society ... 1865-1965*, p.9.

⁸⁷ Cartmel & Lower Holker Almanac, 1918, p.17.

Born in the East End of London, the late Mr W.R.Nash was the only son of an only son, both his father and grandfather reaching the ripe age of 89 years. He was originally intended for the profession of a civil engineer, but for health reasons his parents sent him into Worcestershire to learn farming. When quite a young man his first introduction into agriculture in the Cartmel district was at West Plain, Allithwaite. Afterwards he was tenant for many years of Pit Farm, under the Cavendish family, and there he established a reputation as one of the finest growers of wheat in the district. He was equally successful in the rearing of sheep, and on his retirement to The Mount he devoted his spare time to horticulture (by the way, he was a keen rosarian) and poultry-keeping. Some years ago he had the misfortune to break his leg through slipping on the ground when feeding his fowls, an accident which crippled him so much that he was compelled to walk about with the aid of a couple of sticks but such was his marvellous pluck and endurance and his rare devotion to public duty, that he was seldom, if ever, known to be absent from his public engagements, however inclement the weather. In Flookburgh he has always been looked upon as “the fisherman’s friend”, and as a farming expert he was well known, his monthly notes on agriculture and the weather⁸⁸ being always much appreciated and valued.

Mr Nash had the honour of being one of the oldest Poor Law Guardians in the kingdom, having served in that capacity for 52 years without a break. He was elected in 1865 as a Guardian for Cartmel Fell, and for 27 years sat under the chairmanship of the present chairman’s grandfather, the late Duke of Devonshire, formerly Earl of Burlington. Barrow was not made a separate union till 1876, so that for something like eleven years Mr Nash sat at Ulverston with representatives of the ancient parish of Dalton. From 1880 to 1898, Mr Nash represented Lower Allithwaite, the township of Claife from 1898 to 1901, and Hawkshead from 1901 to date. He was acting chairman of the old Ulverston Rural Sanitary Authority, and Chairman of the Ulverston Rural District Council from its formation in 1895. He took a special interest in the finances of the Ulverston Union, and for many years has served as chairman of the Finance Committee. At the beginning of August last, on the completion of 51 years’ membership of the Board, he was presented by the members with his framed portrait in token of their esteem and regard and appreciation of his services, and by the officers of the Union and Rural district Council with a handsome and valuable barograph or recording barometer. In making the principal presentation, the Chairman, Lord Richard Cavendish, characterised Mr Nash as “Our Grand Old Man”, and the vice-chairman, Mr John Coward, J.P., in asking Mr P.J.Hibbert, the High Sheriff, to unveil the portrait, remarked that in looking back over Mr Nash’s 51 years of public services, it was “a record not of opportunities missed or work left undone; but one of pleasant memories of work accomplished, of time well spent, and of rare devotion to public duty”. There were very few institutions in the Cartmel Valley with which the deceased gentleman was not more or less intimately associated, and he will indeed be much missed. He took a particular pride in the work and progress of the Furness and South Cumberland Building Society, of which he was one of the pioneers. On attaining his jubilee of the secretaryship of the society in the spring of last year, he was presented by the officers and committee with a handsome rose bowl. On that occasion the members voted 50 guineas for the purchase of a suitable gift, but Mr Nash declined to accept anything more than an illuminated address and a timepiece, and this presentation was made three or four weeks ago. Unlike most men who have devoted so much time to agriculture, Mr Nash also found time to indulge in intellectual pursuits, his well-filled library evidencing his taste for literature. One of the most prominent Quakers in the North of England, he was an Elder at the Friends’ Meeting House at Cartmel. He was a man of pronounced and perfectly independent views on most public questions, and in regard to the terrible international conflict now waging, he was not one of those Quakers who hold “for peace at any price”, and make a fetish of “conscientious objectors”.⁸⁹ It is not so long since his home was the scene of a khaki wedding, his granddaughter being married to an Army officer, and Mr Nash was pardonably proud of the fact that his grandson was serving with the colours. The deceased gentleman, who was a strict follower of the Simple Life, and a great lover of nature, was a noted pedestrian up to the time he became incapacitated by his infirmity. He delighted in long walks, and there was scarcely a hill in the Lake District and far beyond that he had not climbed over and over again. Possessed of many fine personal qualities, Mr Nash endeared himself to all who knew him, and the district is much the poorer because of his death.⁹⁰

⁸⁸ for an example, see *1915 (1)* above.

⁸⁹ see above, *1915 (6)*, for William Richardson Nash’s opinions.

⁹⁰ *Barrow News*, 17 March 1917,

- (4) The funeral of the late **Mr W. R. Nash** took place on Monday afternoon in the Quaker burial ground attached to the Meeting-house, Cartmel Fell. The cortege, which left The Mount, Cark, about two o'clock, was headed by Mr Nash's wagonette, on which rested the coffin, covered with floral tributes, followed by a number of motor cars, horse-drawn carriages, and farmers' carts. The family mourners were: Mr. and Mrs. Geo. [sic, but should be *Henry*] Teasdale (son-in-law and daughter) and Miss Teasdale, Mrs Geoffrey Hardy (granddaughter) Mr. William Isaac (grandson), and Mr. Latchmore, Halifax (nephew), Miss Nash, deceased's eldest daughter, was too unwell to attend, and Lieut. Hardy (grandson) is on military duty. The Ulverston Board of Guardians and Rural District Council were represented by Messrs. John Coward, R. S. Grayrigge, S. Taylor, P. J. Hibbert, J. H. Park, J. Coward (Finsthwaite), Chas. Kirkbride, Robert Willan, E. G. Mackereth, George Frearson, H. P. May, Jas. Dickinson, George Dixon (Hampsfell), Chas. W. Dean (clerk), Walter Carter (treasurer of the Union), W. F. Y. Molineux (engineer), and members of the highway and sanitary staff. Lord Richard Cavendish, the chairman, was represented by Mr. Edward Drewry, Holker House. The Furness and South Cumberland Building Society was also represented, and among others present were the Misses Graham (Kendal), Messrs. Harrison Jackson (Kendal), Hayes (Kendal), T. Crawford (Kendal), Wm. Satterthwaite (Hawkshead), W. Tatham (Priory House, Cartmel), Robt. Horne (Kendal, representing the Society of Friends), R. O'Neill Pearson, Smith (Cark House), Rev. G. S. Smith (vicar of Cartmel), G. Booth (Holker), George Lawrence (Holker), W. Cornthwaite (Allithwaite), the Misses Cooper, Mr. R. Dixon (The Heights), Mr. W. Cragg (assistant overseer of Cartmel parishes), Mr. Brian Batty (The Heights Farm), Mrs. Jas. Dickinson (Flookburgh), Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Storey (Cartmel), Mr. Joseph Thompson (Cark), Mr. Jno. Ellwood (Ayside), Mrs. David Hall (Cark), Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Long (Ayside), Mr. and Mrs. Ben Kidd (Finsthwaite), Mr. and Mrs. Ellwood (Barrows Green), Mr. Jno. Lancaster (Cartmel), Mr. Mossop (Grange), Mr. Warriner (Longlands), Mr. Fox (Hawkshead), Mr. Wilson Wildman (Patterson Howe), Mr. R. Lewis (Cark Hall), and others. The burial service was conducted by representatives of the Friends. The hymn, "Now the labourer's task is o'er", was sung. The plain oak coffin bore the inscription: "William Richardson Nash, born 11/6/1834; died 15/3/1917." At the close of the service at the graveside the mourners proceeded to the Meeting-house. After the singing of the hymn, "O God, our help in ages past", testimonies bearing on the high Christian character and devotion to public duty of the late Mr. Nash were given between brief intervals of meditation and prayer, together with expressions of sympathy for the sorrowing relatives, by Mr. Harrison Jackson and Mr. Pollard, Mr. Hayes, Mr. T. Crawford, and the vicar of Cartmel, on whose invitation all joined in the recital of "The Lord's Prayer" as a fitting termination to the service.⁹¹
- (5) The decease of **William Richardson Nash**, of The Mount, Cark-in-Cartmel, at the age of 82 years, has withdrawn a unique personality from the outward ken of those who knew and loved him. ... William R. Nash was born in 1834, at Cannon Street, St George's in the East Middlesex. His parents were William and Rebecca Nash, members of Ratcliff Monthly Meeting before its union with Barking. ... William Nash, senior, retired from his business as painter and removed to Allithwaite, Lancashire. William R. Nash farmed Pit Farm, Grange-over-Sands, leaving it a few years ago, but still retaining some business interests in his new home. Meantime he had become invaluable for his service to Friends and to the neighbourhood. For forty-six years at least he has been Clerk of Swarthmore Monthly Meeting, and Registering Officer for fifty-five years, making out personally all the Monthly Meeting trust property and other returns and attending to its business with great diligence. He was also a Recorded Minister. His last address on "The Light of the World" was given on the Sunday preceding his brief illness of five days. He was very fond of statistics, meteorological, economic and financial. Every month he issued his weather and farming notes, giving general details of weather and the results of barometric and other observations, with scrupulous exactitude and comparison of averages. The general local farming operations were noted, the blossoming of wild and garden flowers; hints were given to farmers as to manures and treatment of land, with statistics of farming stock in the district and of the cockle and other industries. Finance interested him greatly, and he always quoted the price of Consols and the Bank rate of discount, with comparisons, and, as a bimetallist,⁹² the gold price of silver per oz. In his first letter addressed to the writer he spoke of bimetallism, adding, "most bimetallists are protectionists; I am not, A.B. *is*," mentioning a well-known Quaker banker and farmer.

⁹¹ Westmorland Gazette, 24 March 1917, p.4

⁹² An advocate of bimetallism, the system of allowing the unrestricted currency of two metals (e.g. gold and silver) at a fixed ratio to each other, as coined money.

A Liberal in politics, he did not hesitate to show up any serious mistake that he deemed the Government of the day to be making.

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His writings were picturesque, poetical in thought, and not without a spice of humour. Very charming were some of his descriptions. His account of breaking his leg one Sunday afternoon, through slipping on a slope whilst feeding his fowls, was quite humorous. A stalwart local football player was requisitioned with others to carry him into the house on an ironing board. Taken into a sunny room, he asked his bearers to carry him no further, as he wished to spend his time of recovery in a bright place. From day to day men of all sorts and conditions came to inquire after the invalid, who much appreciated the loving attention bestowed upon him. After this accident, he was obliged to use two sticks when walking, and he walked hatless because, as he said, if the wind blew his hat off he could not run after it and fetch it.

He wrote a delightful account of his old friend Edward Trusted Bennett, with whom he had spent some of his early years on the farm of a Friend in Sussex. His account of the funeral of his old nurse, which occurred during his attendance at a Yearly Meeting, is an interesting story of faithful loyalty through long years. From her abode in the East End of London, he and the late Thomas Sterry Norton followed the remains to the grave as "chief" and only mourners.

Apart from Yearly Meeting, business brought William R. Nash to London not infrequently, notwithstanding the difficulty of locomotion of later years. ... On the occasions of his visits, he looked in upon friends in the intervals between business engagements, and sometimes attended the mid-week meeting for worship at Devonshire House. ...⁹³

- (6) By the death of Mr.W.R.Nash on March 15, 1917, in his eighty-third year, a notable figure from the Fell district has passed away. Mr.Nash, although born in London, early in life removed to Allithwaite, and for over fifty years rendered valuable public service, earning for himself in his latter years the title of "the grand old man of Furness". As a farmer and very successful wheat-grower he was naturally keenly observant of the weather, and his "Notes on the Weather and other unusual events in Cartmel and Lower Holker" were an interesting feature of the Cartmel and Lower Holker Almanac, a publication which has appeared for thirty years. Mr.Nash was also responsible for a monthly four-page leaflet entitled "Weather and Farming Notes". We are glad to note that his observations are, for the present, being continued by Miss Nash.⁹⁴
- (7) The old Meeting House at Height became, through his [**William Richardson Nash's**] influence, the scene of a numerous gathering on the first Sunday in each month⁹⁵, and each 'Peace Sunday' the inhabitants of Cartmel crowded to the Meeting House there to hear him give his yearly Peace Address.⁹⁶



Friends Meeting House, Height, Newton-in-Cartmel



Burial Ground

⁹³ Annual Monitor (N.S.), 106 (1918) 86-92.

⁹⁴ Quarterly Journal of the Royal Meteorological Society, 43, 1917, 338.

⁹⁵ Cartmel & Lower Holker Almanac, 1903, preceding p.13.

⁹⁶ Dictionary of Quaker Biography, Religious Society of Friends, Lond. [card index]



Grave of William Richardson Nash