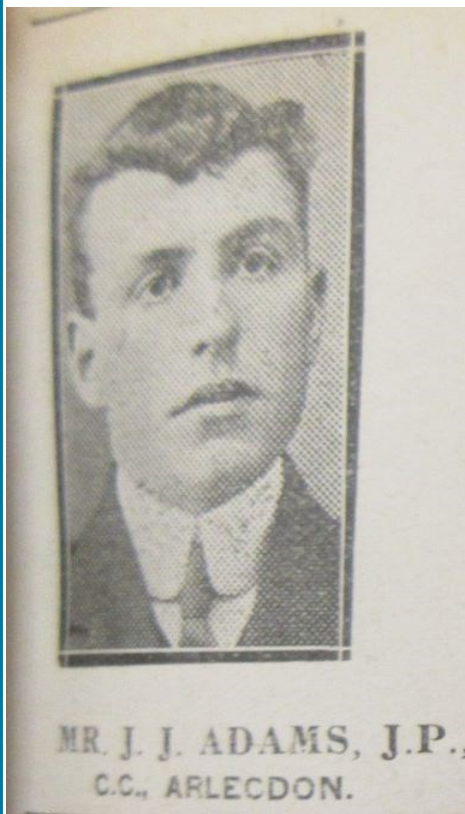


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We are exploring local people in the newly-released 1921 Census, which will soon be available via Find My Past in Cumbria's Libraries.

NAME AND SURNAMES	RELATIONSHIP TO HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD	AGE	SEX	HANDICAPED OR DEPENDENT	BIRTHPLACE AND NATIONALITY	PERSONAL OCCUPATION	OCCUPATION AND EMPLOYMENT	PLACE OF WORK	Information required only in respect of Married Men, Widowers and Widows
John Jackson Adams	Head	30	M	Married	Arlecdon, Cumberland	Trade Union Secretary	Cumberland Colliery Engineman Trade Union	6 Wybrow Terrace Workington	For each child place a X in the column corresponding to the age.
Agnes Jane Adams	Wife	29	F	Married	Brygham, Cumberland				
Thomas Brown	Father-in-law	53	M	Widower	Brockport, Cheshire	Quarryman	Retired		

Jack Adams was a magistrate and county councillor for Arlecdon and a councillor for Frizington Urban District Council. He later became Lord Adams of Ennerdale and had an influential role as secretary of the Cumberland Development Council. He lived at 6 Wybrow Terrace in Workington in 1921, with his wife Agnes and his father-in-law, Thomas. He was 30 years old and his occupation was recorded as Cumberland Colliery engineman and trade union secretary. The photo of him below is taken from the Whitehaven News County Annual in 1920 when he served on Cumberland County Council.



BAPTISMS solemnized in the Parish of <u>Arlecdon</u> in the County of <u>Cumberland</u> in the year One thousand eight hundred and <u>ninety one</u>						
When Baptized.	Child's Christian Name.	Parents' Names.		Abode.	Quality, Trade, or Profession.	By whom the Ceremony was performed.
		Christian.	Surname.			
Jan: 7 1891 No. 617	Sarah Violet Vandorbel	William & Elizabeth Ellen	McDonald	Arlecdon [Lamplugh]	Collier	W. F. Ives
October 11 th 1890 No. 618	William	George & Jane	Steele	Arlecdon [Lamplugh]	Miner	W. F. Ives
October 12 th No. 619	John Jackson	Thomas & Mary	Adams	Arlecdon	Miner	W. F. Ives

Whitehaven Archives holds Arlecdon parish registers including Jack Adams' baptism in 1891, above. From this, we can see that he was the son of a miner.

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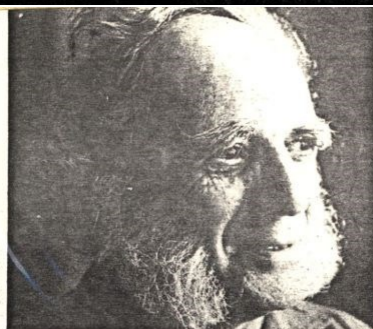
The acclaimed poet Norman Nicholson spent his life in Millom and in 1921, aged 7, he lived at 14 St George's Terrace with his father, Joseph, a widower of 44, and his maternal grandmother, Eliza Cornthwaite. The census tells us that Joseph was an outfitter and clothier who worked from home and that Eliza ran the house.

NAME AND SURNAME:--	RELATIONSHIP TO Head of Household.	AGE.	SEX.	MARRIAGE or ORPHANHOOD.	BIRTHPLACE and NATIONALITY.	Personal Occupation.	OCCUPATION AND EMPLOYMENT.	
							Employment.	
							Place of Work.	
of every person who is alive at midnight on the night of Sunday, 26th April, 1901, and who, whether an inmate of the family or an visitor, boarder or servant in the household or establishment:-- (1) names that right in the dwelling of the household or establishment, or (2) arrived and is received into the household or establishment on the evening of Monday, 27th April, not having already been enumerated elsewhere. <i>No credit shall be included.</i> <i>(For order of entries see Examples on back here.)</i>	State whether "Head," or "Wife," "Mother," or "Son," "Daughter," or "Sister," or other relative, or write "Other," or "Domestic Servant." (See Instruction No. 1.)	In years and months. For infants under one month write "Infant," or "Child," or "Doll," etc. <i>(See Examples.)</i>	If male write "M." If female write "F."	For persons aged 16 and over write "Married," "Single," "Divorced," or "Widowed;" if divorce write "A." For children under 16 write "Son," "Daughter," "Brother," "Sister," "Nephew," "Niece," "Orphan," "Foster Child," or "Other," as the case may be. If born at Sea, write "At Sea."	(1) If born in the United Kingdom, write the name of the County and of the Town or Parish. (2) If born outside the United Kingdom, write the name of the Country, and of the State, Province, or District, or Territory. If born at Sea, write "At Sea."	If not born in the United Kingdom state Native Place or Residence in the country, and state age respectively. If born in a foreign country, give: - Native Place, - "Naturalized British Subject," or "British Citizen," or "Citizen," as the case may be. <i>(See Instructions Nos. 1 and 2.)</i>	(1) If working for an employer state the name and business of present employer (person, firm, company or public body), set, if at present out of work, last employer, adding "out of work." (2) If employing person for purposes of business, write "Employee." (3) If working on own account and not employing person for purposes of business, write "Own Account." <i>(Note.--For Domestic Servants and others in private personal service, write "Private.")</i> <i>(See Instructions 8 to 11, and Examples.)</i>	Give the address of each person's place of work with "No fixed place." For a person with no regular place of work write "At home." If the work is carried on mainly at home, write "At home." <i>(No entry to be required for any person who is retired or out of work.)</i>
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)
1 Joseph Thompson	Lundholm	46	M	Widow	Lundholm	Calfather & clothing	own account	at Norma
2 Norman John Olsen	Lundholm	7	M	Son	Lundholm			ORGOO
3 Eliza Lundholm	Lundholm	49	F	Widow	Lundholm			
4 Joseph Thompson	Haver	46	M	Widow	Lundholm	Calfather & clothing	own account	at Norma
5 Herman C. Thelsson	Lundholm	7	M	Son	Lundholm			
6 Eliza Lundholm	Lundholm	49	F	Widow	Lundholm			

From parish registers at Whitehaven Archives, we know that he was baptised Norman Cornthwaite Nicholson in January 1914 (see below) and he lived at St George's Terrace, Millom for most of his life. During his lifetime, he was awarded the Queen's Gold Medal for Poetry and an OBE. He was prolific, writing ten books of poetry and four plays, as well as writing topographical and other miscellaneous works. In his poetry, Cumberland life and industry featured heavily.



BAPTISMS solemnized in the Parish of <u>S. George, Nelson</u> in the County of <u>Cumberland</u> in the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and <u>fourteen</u>						
When Baptized.	Child's Christian Name.	Parents' Names.		Abode.	Quality, Trade, or Profession.	By whom the Ceremony was performed.
		Christian.	Surname.			
1914 2nd. 18th 8 St. George No. 756	Norman Cuthbert	Joseph Edith Maud May	Nickerson	St. George Nelson	Draper & Outfitter	Paul Roper



Norman Nicholson
**Millom Poet becomes Copeland's
First Freeman**

Windscale

*The toadstool towers infest the shore;
Stink-horns that propagate and spore
Wherever the wind blows.
Scafell looks down from the bracken band,
And sees hell in a grain of sand,
And feels the canker itch between his toes.
This is a land where dirt is clean,
And poison pasture, quick and green,
And Storm sky, bright and bare;
Where sewers flow with milk, and meat
Is carved up for the fire to eat,
And children suffocate in God's fresh air.*

Norman Nicholson

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The Robertson-Walker family owned a large mansion on 13 acres of land in Gilgarran, Distington. James Francis Austin Robertson-Walker, a country squire, was listed as a tenant farmer, aged 43, living with his wife Ethel; his father, also called James and his young son Ian, aged 3. They had five servants with them when the census was taken: a cook, housemaid, parlour maid, kitchen maid and nurse.

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Yours Obedient Servant
 J. H. Kenton Walker

CHANGE OF NAME.—I, James Robertson Walker, of Gilsarran, in the county of Cumberland, and of No. 2 Marlborough-mansions, Victoria-street, Westminster, in the county of Middlesex, Esquire (formerly called JAMES ROBERTSON), do hereby give notice, that I have TAKEN upon myself, and intend henceforth to use in all deeds and writings to which I shall be a party or which I shall sign, and upon all other occasions, the SURNAME of WALKER, in addition to and after that of Robertson, And that such change of name is formally declared and evidenced by a deed poll under my hand and seal, dated the seventeenth day of June, 1893, and intended to be forthwith enrolled in the central office of the Supreme Court of Judicature in England.

Dated this nineteenth day of June, 1893.

JAMES ROBERTSON WALKER.

Witness to the signature of the above named James Robertson Walker—Lewis T. Helder, Solicitor, Whitehaven.

James was born in 1851 in Kensington. He changed his name to incorporate 'Walker' in 1893 to inherit the family estate. He is pictured here (left) on his electoral candidate card [undated]. In the archives, there are schedules of all the farms and lands his family owned in Harrington, Cleator Moor, Dean and Whitehaven including land in Distington conveyed to the parish council to build a war memorial in 1919.

James Robertson-Walker Esquire

Schedule of Assessments of Farms, Lands, Houses etc for the year 1910/11				
No. of Assessment	Parish of Redington		Schedule B Assessment	Schedule B Assessment
121 ₁	The Director	for Warrent House		
		Hardy and Hancock		
		at Lalganai	13 6 0	- -
129	Do	The Woodlans and		
		Plantations	13 2 0	31 1/2 0
	Do	The House Shootings		
		over Do		
132		Princes Hope	16 0	
126	J. F. Austin Roberts	The House Farm	250 18 0	
	Walter		61 5 0	
166	David Messenger	High House and Gyn Ufford	26 5 0	
167	John Messenger	Laver Gap	18 2 0	
169	William Bull	Kellumehill etc	18 2 0	
176	Anthony W. Bellam	Communade etc	53 6 0	
183	Re W. C. Alderson	Blevis	21 10 0	

Dated 1st December 1899

James Robertson Neelker Esq

to

The Parish Council
of
Wickington

Conveyance

of
a piece of land in the
Parish of Wickington to be
used as a site for the
Wickton War Memorial



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NAME AND STATUS	DATE OF BIRTH	AGE	SEX	RELIGION	EDUCATION	DEPARTMENT AND NATIONALITY	PERSONAL DESCRIPTION	OCCUPATION AND EMPLOYMENT	Place of Work	Notes
1. Sir John Frecheville Ramsden (Baronet)	Head	44	5	M	Married	St. George's	Baronet	Landowner	at home	
2. Joan Ramsden (Wife)	Wife	40	2	F	Married	St. George's	Baronet	at home	at home	
3. John St. George Ramsden	Son	19	2	M	Single	St. George's	Baronet	at home	at home	
4. Mary Joyce Ramsden	Daughter	13	7	F	Single	St. George's	Baronet	at home	at home	
5. Miss Barbara Ramsden	Daughter	38	1	F	Married	St. George's	Baronet	at home	at home	
6. Miss Patricia Ramsden	Daughter	10	2	F	Single	St. George's	Baronet	at home	at home	
7. Miss Joan Ramsden	Daughter	7	11	M	Single	St. George's	Baronet	at home	at home	
8. Miss Mary Ramsden	Daughter	38	6	F	Married	St. George's	Baronet	at home	at home	
9. Miss Elizabeth Ramsden	Daughter	32	4	M	Single	St. George's	Baronet	at home	at home	
10. Miss Joan Ramsden	Daughter	38	10	M	Married	St. George's	Baronet	at home	at home	

Sir John Frecheville Ramsden, baronet, of Muncaster Castle was 44 in 1921. He was staying at Bulstrode, in Buckinghamshire, another one of his residences at the time of the census. With him were his wife Joan and his teenage children, John and Mary along with ten visitors and eighteen servants including footmen, laundry maids and a chauffeur. Pictured here, from the Pennington collection at Whitehaven Archives, is an invitation to his wedding to Joan Buxton, whom he married at Dunston church in Norfolk in 1901. There is also a letter about his release from the Army in 1918, in which he served as a captain.

Mr & Mrs Geoffrey F Buxton
invite
Sir John & Lady Frecheville Ramsden
on the occasion of the marriage
of their daughter
Joan
to John Frecheville Ramsden
in Dunston Church
on Wednesday 15th May at 1 o'clock
and at Dunston afterwards.

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 & CO. NEW
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Penner's Hall,
Austin Friars,
London, 12th August 1918.
 R.C.2

Sir John F. Ramsden, Bart.,
 Bulstrode,
 Gerrards Cross,
 Bucks.

Dear Sir,

I have made enquiries of Capt. Cornwall of the Release from Colours Department to-day. He tells me that our application for your release is in hand, but he could not tell me the exact position. He promised to call for the papers and to hasten matters if he could. At any rate, he says that the matter is going through and that in any case in a very short time your release is almost sure.

Yours faithfully,
Lawrence
 Secretary.

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Whitehaven Workhouse was situated on Low Road, next to the Cemetery. In 1921, this was used both as a place for the poor and as an infirmary. On 19 June 1921, there were twelve staff, 46 patients and 81 'inmates'.



According to the 1921 Kelly's Directory, the workhouse was built in 1856, using red sandstone, with a maximum capacity of 424. The attached infirmary was built in 1905. At the time of the Census, it was run by the master and matron, Wade and Florence Wood, who hailed from Yorkshire. Wade Wood stayed on as master for another 8 years. In the electoral register, they were recorded as living at the workhouse.

447	R	—	Todd, George	6
448	R	O	Wood, Wade	Workhouse
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The census return shows a number of miners in the workhouse. Others were general agricultural labourers, who would have depended on seasonal work.

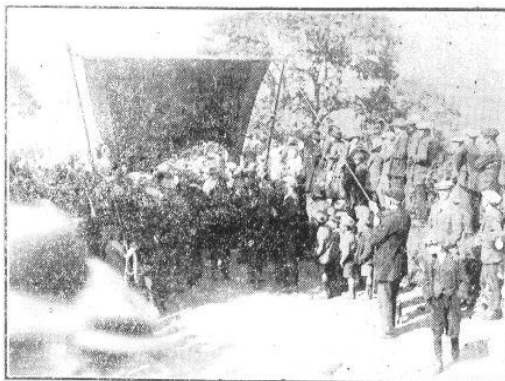
THE WHITEHAVEN NEWS, THURSDAY, JUNE 17, 1926.

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THE CROWD AT THE WORKHOUSE GATES.

Some of the workhouse patients and inmates were born in Ireland, reflective of the immigrant population in towns like Cleator Moor and the casual types of work they did. Those in the infirmary were often elderly people, perhaps too infirm or frail to work or with no family to support them. The institution later became Meadow View geriatric hospital. The workhouse was the subject of headlines in 1926 (see left) when striking miners stormed the building for food during a national dispute about pay and conditions, which lasted eight months.

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