

33 & 35 Ravensdowne

1891 - Christian AINSLIE

Summary:

In the 1830s William Ainslie was a Solicitor at 8 Bridge Street, Berwick. Christian Ainslie was born in Berwick, the daughter of Solicitor William and Margaret of 8 Bridge Street, Berwick. She never married and lived with them until she is recorded in 1861 as living in Ravensdowne, next to a Solicitor's Office, and her occupation is given as 'Seminary for Young Ladies'. She is later described as a teacher at a Boarding School and a Retired Teacher. She lived with her niece Jane Wilson Ainslie who was a music teacher. In 1871 there were two 14 year old girls, scholars, living with them as boarders, and in 1875 they advertised that they 'can receive Boarders to attend the Corporation Academy or any other Schools. Lessons superintended in the evening.' She died in November 1897 aged 95.

A Mrs Rees Evans ran a Ladies School/Seminary in Ravensdowne, could this be the one where the Ainslie's taught?

Information and Sources:

1841 census - Bridge Street, Berwick

William AINSLIE			37	Solicitor & Bank	b. Northumberland
Margaret AINSLIE			67	Independent	b. Scotland
Christian AINSLIE			36		b. Northumberland
Ebenezer AINSLIE			35	Writing Cl.	b. Northumberland
William AINSLIE			6		b. Northumberland
Margt AINSLIE			4		b. Northumberland
James AINSLIE			2mths		b. Northumberland
Jean [GRINLAW]			30	Female Servant	b. Scotland
Isabella SIMPSON			26	Female Servant	b. Scotland

1851 census - Bridge Street, Berwick

Margaret AINSLIE	H	W	77	House Proprietor	b. Scotland
Christian AINSLIE	D	S	40		b. Berwick
Jane W. AINSLIE	GrDau	S	17		b. Scotland
Margt B. AINSLIE	GrDau	S	14		b. Berwick
James [W]. AINSLIE	GrSon	S	9		b. Berwick
Edith SCOTT	Serv	S	26		b. Newcastle

1861 census - Ravensdowne (next to Solicitors' Office)

Christian AINSLIE	H	S	57	Seminary for Young Ladies	b. Berwick
Jane W. AINSLIE	Niece	S	26		b. Scotland
Margaret DUNN	Serv	S	48	Servant	b. Scotland

1871 census - Ravensdowne (1st house in Ravensdowne - on census follows Woolmarket)

Christian AINSLIE	H	S	60	Teacher Boarding School	b. Berwick
Jane W. AINSLIE	Niece	S	38	Teacher	b. Scotland
Ellen SIBBIT	Boarder	S	14	Scholar	b. Ancroft
Caroline REDPATH	Boarder	S	14	Scholar	b. Scotland
Janet JOHNSTON	Serv	S	25	Domestic Servant	b. Scotland
Agnes Hill	Serv	S	40	Laundress	b. Beal

Berwick Advertiser

Friday 3 October 1873 - page 1

Miss J. W. Ainslie will resume her music lessons on Wednesday, October 1st.
Ravensdowne, Berwick.

Berwick Advertiser

Friday 1 January 1875 - page 2

Miss J. W. Ainslie will resume her music lessons on Monday, January 4th, 1875.

Miss Ainslie can receive Boarders to attend the Corporation Academy or any other Schools. Lessons superintended in the evening.

Ravensdowne, Berwick

Dec. 29th, 1974.

Berwick Advertiser

Friday 20 August 1875 - page 1

Miss J. W. Ainslie will resume music lessons on Wednesday, August 25th.

Ravensdowne,

Berwick-on-Tweed

Berwickshire News and General Advertiser

Tuesday 18 July 1876 - page 3

BERWICK

On Friday forenoon the young ladies attending the seminary of Mrs Rees Evans in Ravensdowne, with their parents and friends, assembled in the large garden at the house, and an hour was spent very pleasantly in listening to specimens of the ability of the pupils, before separating for the holidays. Papers treating of "Pottery" "English Literature to the end of the Norman Period," "Paper," the "Overland Route," and the "Manners and Custom of the Angle-Saxons," which had been composed by some of the young ladies, were read by Mrs Evans, and showed a surprising knowledge of these subjects, and accurate in English composition. Several musical pieces both vocal and instrumental, were performed in a very creditable style; and a dialogue was read from "The School for Scandal," which amused both the pupils and their elders. A tone of intelligence and pleasure in learning seems to pervade the school.

1881 census - 33 & 35 Ravensdowne

Christian AINSLIE	H	S	79	No Occupation. Retired Teacher	b. Berwick
Jane Wilson AINSLIE	Niece	S	40		b. Scotland
Elizabeth SCOUGAL	Serv	S	23	General Servant	b. Tweedmouth

Berwickshire News and General Advertiser

Tuesday 1 January 1889 - page 6

A CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINMENT

One of the most pleasant Christmas entertainments is that provided by the pupils attending Elder House seminary. Mrs T. Rees Evans, ably assisted by Miss Blanche a Becket Evans, and a competent staff of governesses, give ample evidence, through their pupils, before "Breaking up" for the Christmas holidays, that the young folks under their charge are trained in the best of ways. On Thursday evening the annual exhibition was held in the Good Templar Hall, which, gaily decorated, was comfortably filled by an interesting and appreciative audience, including the Mayor, and some of the clergy of the town. Work and drawings from the hands of the scholars was shown, while on a stage very effectively "sceneried" was given a cantata "Golden Hair and the Three Bears," instrumental music, and kindergarten songs. In the cantata, the characters were very creditably sustained by some of the pupils, while the kindergarten pieces were given with great ease and no little pomp and ceremony by very tiny people who, arrayed in pretty dresses, gave to the whole a picturesqueness not often seen.

Electoral Register

1889

County Elector

Christian AINSLIE, house at 33 Ravensdowne, both lived at and qualifying property.

1891 census - 33 & 35 Ravensdowne

Christian AINSLIE	H	S	89	Living on own means	b. Berwick
Jane W. AINSLIE	Niece	S	55	Living on own means	b. Chirnside
Margaret A. COLLINS	Serv	S	17	General Servant	b. Byker

Kellys Directory

1894

Private Residents - Misses Ainslie, 33 Ravensdowne.

Mrs Arabella Evans, Ladies School, 55 Ravensdowne.

FreeBMD - Ancestry

1897 DEATH

Christian Ainslie, born about 1802, died December quarter 1897, aged 85 years, in Berwick Registration district.

Glasgow Herald

Tuesday 9 November 1897 - page 1

DEATH - At 33 Ravensdowne, Berwick-on-Tweed on [8]th November, Miss Christian Ainslie, in the 96th year of her age. Funeral on Wednesday the 10th inst at 2.15 p.m. Friends, please accept this (the only) intimation and invitation.

1901 - David C. RUSSELL

Summary:

David Cairns Russell was born in Berwick in 1863, the second son of Draper James and his wife Elizabeth. He attended Berwick Grammar School and with his older brother Jonathan and a younger brother James was in business with his father in Berwick. In 1895 he was living in Glasgow, described as a Drapery Warehouseman, when he married Janet Dods of Coxan's Lane, Berwick, in Glasgow by Sheriff's Warrant. The next year his father died and in 1901 David is a shopkeeper draper and living at 33 & 35 Ravensdowne with his wife and 4 children. Some years after his father's death the Russell family left Berwick to live in Edinburgh, in 1911 David, now a Drapery Salesman, and his family are in Glasgow, where he dies in 1944, aged 80.

Information and Sources:

Free BMD - Ancestry

1863 BIRTH

David Cairns Russell, June quarter 1863 in the Berwick Registration district

1871 census - Western Lane, Berwick

James RUSSELL	H	M	37	General Draper employing 3 men & 4 Apps	b. Scotland
Elizabeth RUSSELL	W	M	34		b. Berwick
Jonathan RUSSELL	S	S	9	Scholar	b. Berwick
David C. RUSSELL	S	S	8	Scholar	b. Berwick
Elizabeth RUSSELL	D	S	3		b. Berwick
Johanna P. RUSSELL	D	S	1		b. Berwick
? RUSSELL	D	S	1mth		b. Berwick
Mary ADAMSON	Nurse	W	69	Nurse	b. Scotland
Phillis RULE	Serv	S	24	Servant	b. Tweedmouth
Jane WATERS	Serv	S	16	Servant	b. Ashington

Berwick Advertiser

Friday 3 December 1880 - page 2

Berwick School of Art

The annual meeting in connection with this institution was held last night in the corner room of the Corn Exchange Buildings, Sandgate.....In Freehand 24 students were examined; 14 passed and 2 obtained prizes. The students passing included... David C. Russell....

Is this the right David C. Russell??

1881 census - 57 Bridge Street, Berwick

James RUSSELL	H	M	46	Draper employing 18 men	b. Scotland
Elizabeth RUSSELL	W	M	43		b. Berwick
Jonathan RUSSELL	S	S	19	Draper's apprentice	b. Berwick
David C. RUSSELL	S	S	18	Clerk	b. Berwick
Elizabeth RUSSELL	D	S	13	Scholar	b. Berwick
Johanna P. RUSSELL	D	S	11	Scholar	b. Berwick
James RUSSELL	S	S	8	Scholar	b. Berwick
Jessie T. S. RUSSELL	D	S	17	Scholar	b. Berwick
Jane B. SHERLAW	Serv	S	19	Cook	b. Scotland
Margaret A. P. PURVES	Serv	S	19	Housemaid	b. Berwick

London and Surrey Marriage Allegation - Ancestry

1884

12 March 1884 Jonathan RUSSELL, bachelor, aged 21 years and upwards, St Jude Grays Inn Road Parish, Middlesex AND

Emily Louisa JOHNSTON, spinster, aged 21 years and upwards, Berwick-on-Tweed

1891 census - 57 Bridge Street, Berwick

James RUSSELL	H	M	57	Draper	b. Scotland
Elizabeth RUSSELL	W	M	54		b. Berwick
David C. RUSSELL	S	S	28	Draper	b. Berwick

Johanna P. RUSSELL	D	S	21		b. Berwick
Christina B. RUSSELL	D	S	20		b. Berwick
James RUSSELL	S	S	18	Draper's apprentice	b. Berwick
Jessie T. S. RUSSELL	D	S	17	Scholar	b. Berwick
John C. RUSSELL	S	S	13	Scholar	b. Berwick
James RUSSELL	GrSon	S	6	Scholar	b. Stoke Newington
Margaret FRASER	Serv	S	20	General Servant	b. Scotland
Isabella GILLIE	Serv	S	17	Housemaid	b. Scotland

1891 census - 16 King's Gate, Old Machar, Aberdeen

Jonathan RUSSELL	H	M	29	Commercial Trav. Drapery Goods	b. England
Emily L. RUSSELL	W	M	26		b. England
Charlotte H. J. RUSSELL	D	S	1		b. Aberdeen
Elizabeth RUSSELL	Sister	S	23		b. England
Jeannie R. LESLIE	Serv	S	18	General Servant	b. Aberdeen
Elsie FORBES	Serv	S	16	Nurse	b. Dufftown

Statutory Registers

1895 MARRIAGE - Blythswood, Glasgow

31 January 1895 at 163 St Vincent Street, Glasgow, by Declaration in presence of Alexander Mackie Donaldson Writer 31 Lacrosse Terrace Glasgow, and Margaret [Fell/Till] Cragg Mill, Belford

D. C. RUSSELL, Drapery Warehouseman, bachelor, aged 32 of 15 Willowland Street, Glasgow, son of James Russell, Draper (Master) and Elizabeth Russell M.S. Cairns AND

Janet DODS, spinster, aged 28 of Coxans Lane, Berwick on Tweed, daughter of Thomas Dods, Farmer and Janet Dods M.S. Robson.

Witnessed: (no witnesses as an Irregular marriage) Warrant of Sheriff Substitute of Lanarkshire dated January 31st 1895.

Edinburgh Evening News

Thursday 20 February 1896 - page 2

DEATH OF A BERWICK EX-COUNCILLOR

The death took place this morning of Mr James Russell, draper, High Street, Berwick, at the age of 62. Deceased was for several years a member of Berwick Town Council, and of Berwick Board of Guardians.

1901 census - 33 & 35 Ravensdowne

David C. RUSSELL	H	M	38	Shopkeeper Draper	b. Berwick
Jane RUSSELL	W	M	32		b. Scotland
Jane RUSSELL	D	S	5		b. Scotland
Elizabeth C. RUSSELL	D	S	4		b. Berwick
James RUSSELL	S	S	2		b. Berwick
Thomasina D. RUSSELL	D	S	7mths		b. Berwick

1901 census - 90 Craiglaw Drive, Morningside, Edinburgh

Jonathan RUSSELL	H	M	39	Drapery Com. Trav.	b. England
Emily L. RUSSELL	W	M	36		b. England
James RUSSELL	S	S	16	Draper's Apprentice	b. England
Charlotte H. J. RUSSELL	D	S	11	Scholar	b. Aberdeen
Bruce L.P. RUSSELL	S	S	7	Scholar	b. Aberdeen
Emily E. M. L. RUSSELL	D	S	3		b. Aberdeen
Francis S. Walker	Serv	S	27	Domestic Servant	b. Dunfermline

Berwickshire News and General Advertiser

Tuesday 30 October 1906 - page 6

BERWICK NATIVE DIVORCES

In the Court of Session, Edinburgh, on Saturday, proof was led in an action of divorce by Emily Louisa Johnston or Russell, 10 Henderson Row, Edinburgh, against her husband, Jonathan Russell. The pursuer, examined by Mr Haldane, said she was forty-one years of age, and was married to the defender in London in April 1884. They continued to live in London for two years after the marriage. Since then they had lived continuously in Scotland. They had lived in Portobello for two years, then in Aberdeen for twelve years. they had also been in Musselburgh. In 1902 the defender became tenant of the King's Arms Hotel, Melrose, and

carried on business there until the beginning of this year, when they came to Edinburgh. While they were at Melrose the pursuer began to suspect the defender's fidelity owing to his familiarity with a barmaid called Mary Newton. The pursuer was absent from the hotel for some time, and on her return the defender told her that he had misconducted himself with the girl. Since coming to Edinburgh the pursuer ascertained that the defender had renewed his relations with Newton, who was a servant in an Edinburgh hotel. The house at 10 Henderson Row was taken in the pursuer's name. she had asked him to leave, and he had declined. She received a letter from her agent intimating that unless she left the defender or got the defender to leave her he could not conduct the case. After that she applied to the police to turn the defender out. That was done about three weeks ago after a disturbance. Some time before this action was raised the defender's income was between £500 and £600 a year. Several landladies who had let rooms to the defender in Edinburgh and Glasgow stated that the defender and a lady whom he said was his wife had lived with them. One landlady, whose suspicions were aroused, asked him to leave. Meeting here thereafter, he told her that an action of divorce had been raised against him by his wife. He did not say he was guilty, but stated that he was going to marry the other lady. Decree of divorce was granted. There had been six children of the marriage, and four survived. The pursuer was granted the custody of two of these, with aliment at the rate of £20 for each per annum.

1911 census - 8 Grantley Street, Pollockshaws, Glasgow

David C. RUSSELL	H	M	38	Drapery Salesman	b. England
Janet RUSSELL	W	M	32		b. Kelso
Janet RUSSELL	D	S	15	Dressmaker's Apprentice	b. Glasgow
Elizabeth RUSSELL	D	S	14		b. England
James RUSSELL	S	S	12		b. England
Thomasina D. RUSSELL	D	S	10		b. England
Johanna P. RUSSELL	D	S	7		b. Eastwood
John D. RUSSELL	S	S	5		b. Eastwood
Sydney D. RUSSELL	D	S	4		b. Eastwood
William D. RUSSELL	S	S	3		b. Eastwood
Charles M. RUSSELL	S	S	2		b. Eastwood

1911 census - 182 Bruntsfield Place, Merchiston, Edinburgh

4 rooms with 1 or more windows

Emily L. RUSSELL	H	W	45	Boarding House Keeper	b. England
Bruce L. P. RUSSELL	S	S	17	Apprentice Electrical Engineer	b. Aberdeen
George H. G. Birrell	Boarder	S	18	Clerk C.A.	b. Milngavie

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Tuesday 14 June 1932 - page 5

BORDERER'S DEATH IN GLASGOW

Partner of Berwick Firm & Proprietor of Melrose Hotel

A Member of a once well-known Berwick Family has passed away, by the death, (at the age of about 70), at Cambuslang, Glasgow, of Mr Jonathan Russell, Native of Berwick, and eldest son of the late Coun. Jas. Russell, Bridge-st.

Educated at Berwick Grammar School, under 2 successive headmasters - (Warren and Macdonald) - in the Seventies, 55 years ago, - Jonathan Russell, as well as 2 other brothers (David and James), began business with his father, who was one of Berwick's best known Drapers, - first in the shop in West-st., now part of the premises of Ex-Mayor Henry Stuart, J.P. (Messrs Jas. Dunlop and Son), and latterly in the building now held by Mr J. M. Simmen, of Cafe Royal. The 4th son of the late Coun. Russell is now one of Edinburgh's leading Surgeon-Dentists, in East Claremont-st., in Broughton District of Capital of Scotland, having served his articles with Mr R. R. Riddell, Berwick. A daughter of Coun. Russell became wife of the late Dr Chas. McLean, of Yeadon, Yorkshire, who was son of a former Minister of Ancroft, Berwick; and Dr McLean was a Berwick Grammar School Boy when the Russell Boys, Jonathan and David, were at this same School.

After some years' experience in his father's Berwick Business, (in which he was a Partner), Mr Jonathan Russell got a position as a representative of one of the leading Scottish Houses, in Glasgow, and became one of the best known Commercial Travellers in Scotland, his journeys extending as far South as Berwickshire and Berwick-upon-Tweed. Coun. Russell himself, Founder of Russell Firm, was originally with the late Mr Carter, Draper, Ayton, and came to Berwick in 1854, to join the Staff of the late Mr Thos. Bogue, Draper, (father of the late Mrs Wm. Alder, wife of Ald. Wm. Alder J.P. a former Mayor of Berwick). The Bogue Establishment, in High-st., Berwick, was taken over by the late Coun. Thos. Morrison, J.P., (who died recently at Longstone View, Berwick, at the great age of over 90); and the Morrison premises are now occupied by Tweedside Co-operative Society. It was in 1864 - 68 years ago, - that Coun. Russell left Bogue's, and began

business for himself in West-st. Coun. Russell died in 1896, leaving a widow, and 4 sons and 4 daughters. Some years after this, the Russell Family left Berwick to reside in Mayfield, which is in Newington District of Edinburgh.

Mr Jonathan Russell, who has just passed away, married the eldest daughter of the late Mr Johnston, Proprietor of old Red Lion Hotel, in High-st., famous Berwick Hostelry and Coaching House when Scott had it, (over 60 years ago). Mr Scott having come there, as Proprietor, from Collingwood Arms Hotel, Cornhill-on-Tweed. "The Lion" was the Headquarters of Liberal Party in the day when Berwick sent 2 Members to Parliament.

After many years "On The Road" as a leading "Commercial," Mr Jonathan Russell became Proprietor of King's Arms Hotel, Melrose, a house much frequented, in those days, by Tourists of Borderland, (including Americans), who usually stayed some days in the District, instead of, as now, "doing" Scott Country in one single day by bus or car from Edinburgh!

Mr Jonathan Russell had served on the Staff of Messrs J. Bibby and Sons, Ltd., of Liverpool, Senior Partner of which Firm, (Mr Joseph Bibby), now over 80 years of age, is Author of a beautiful book, just published and reviewed in a recent issue of Bookland Column of "Berwick Journal and Northumberland News," and, also, in "Berwickshire News."

Berwickshire News and General Advertiser

Tuesday 7 February 1933 - page 3

DEATH

RUSSELL - Nursing Home, Denbigh, North Wales, Feb. 2 Emily Louisa Russell, wife of the late Jonathan Russell, Berwick-on-Tweed.

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Thursday 16 July 1942- page 4

Mr John C. RUSSELL

At 10, East Claremont Street, Edinburgh, on Saturday, the death took place of Mr John Cairns Russell, L.D.S., a native of Berwick. The youngest son of the late Mr James Russell, draper, High Street, Berwick. Mr J. C. Russell was educated at Berwick Grammar School and later trained as a dentist with the late Mr R. R. Riddell before proceeding to Edinburgh to take his degree. He has been in practice for a long number of years as a dentist in Edinburgh. The funeral took place at Warriston Crematorium on Tuesday.

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Thursday 27 January 1944- page 6

Mr D. C. RUSSELL

The death is announced at 8, Grantley Street, Glasgow, on Tuesday, of Mr David Cairns Russell, in his 81st year. He was a son of the late Mr James Russell, Draper, High Street, Berwick, for many years, and was originally employed with his father's firm, being a native of the town. He was a brother of the late Mr John Cairns Russell, L.D.S., Edinburgh, who died in 1942, and who left bequests to Edinburgh Royal Infirmary and to the Scottish Branch of the British Dental Association to form the Cairns Russell Bequest.

1911 - James THOMAS

Summary:

James Thomas was born in Stanley, Perthshire, a son of Peter and Betsy Thomas, Ferryman, Farmer and Fishing Tacksman, his younger brother, Peter, was a Salmon Fisher. In 1881 he was recorded as a Pattern maker, living in Edinburgh when he married Catherine Brough of Scone. In 1882 he was still living in Edinburgh when his daughter was born, but by 1886, when his son was born, he had moved to Stanley in Perthshire and was then a Master Engine Patternmaker. In 1891 he and his family were living at Redgorton, in Perthshire where he was a Millwright Joiner. In 1900 they moved to 75 Ravensdowne, Berwick where he became the Secretary and Manager to the Berwick Salmon Fisheries Co. Ltd., a position he kept until his death. He was senior elder of Wallace Green Church and for years was a Sunday School teacher and a member of Berwick Presbytery. By 1911 he had moved to 33 Ravensdowne, living there with his wife, who died in September 1927, and mother-in-law who died in 1913. At some point after this he moved to 53 Ravensdowne where he died in January 1947, aged 90.

Information and Sources:

1861 census - Burnmouth Ferry, Auchtergaven, Perthshire

Peter THOMAS	H	M	36	Ferryman	b. St Martins
Betsy Tinning THOMAS	W	M	35		b. Dumfriesshire
James THOMAS	S	S	4		b. Auchtergaven
Mary THOMAS	D	S	2		b. Auchtergaven
Barbra HONEY	Serv	S	19	Servant	b. Auchtergaven

1871 census - Burnmouth, Auchtergaven, Perthshire

Peter THOMAS	H	M	46	Tenant of Ferry & Farmer	b. St Martins
Betsy THOMAS	W	M	47		b. Tanwald, Dumfries
James THOMAS	S	S	14	Scholar	b. Auchtergaven
Mary K. THOMAS	D	S	12	Scholar	b. Auchtergaven
Peter THOMAS	S	S	10	Scholar	b. Auchtergaven
David T. JOHNSTON	Nephew	S	20	Rural (post) Messenger	b. Lochmaben
Isabella INGLIS	Serv	S	23	Servant	b. Auchtergaven

1881 census - Burnmouth Ferry, Auchtergaven, Perthshire

Peter THOMAS	H	M	56	Fishing Tacksman	b. St Martins
Betsy M. THOMAS	W	M	58		b. Tanwald, Dumfries
Mary K. THOMAS	D	S	22		b. Auchtergaven
Peter THOMAS	S	S	19	Salmon Fisher	b. Auchtergaven

Statutory Registers

1881 MARRIAGE

23 December 1881 at Bonhard, Scone, after Banns according to the forms of the Church of Scotland James THOMAS, Pattern maker, bachelor, aged 25, of Tarvit Street, Edinburgh, son of Peter Thomas, Farmer and Betsy Thomas M.S. Tinning, AND Catherine BROUGH, spinster, aged 25 of Bonhard, Scone, daughter of Thomas Brough, Coachman and Mary Brough M.S. Cromb.
Witnessed: Peter Thomas and Mary Brough

Statutory Registers

1882 BIRTH

29 November 1882, Mary Cromb THOMAS, at 9 Fowler Terrace, Edinburgh, daughter of James Thomas, Engine Patternmaker (Foreman) and Catherine Thomas M.S. Brough (married 23 December 1881 at Scone). Informant: James Thomas, father, present.

Statutory Registers

1886 BIRTH

9 May 1886, Peter THOMAS, at Elm Cottage, West Fews, Stanley (Redgorton), son of James Thomas, Engine Patternmaker (Master) and Catherine Thomas M.S. Brough (married 23 December 1881 at Scone). Informant: James Thomas, father, present.

1891 census - James Street, Redgorton

James THOMAS	H	M	34	Millwright Joiner	b. Auchtergaven
Catherine THOMAS	W	M	34		b. Aberdelgie
Mary C. THOMAS	D	S	8	Scholar	b. Edinburgh
Peter THOMAS	S	S	4		b. Redgorton

1901 census - 75 Ravensdowne

James THOMAS	H	M	44	Secretary & Manager to the Berwick Salmon Fisheries Co. Ltd.	b. Scotland
Catherine THOMAS	W	M	44		b. Scotland
Mary C. THOMAS	D	S	18	Pupil Teacher	b. Scotland
Peter THOMAS	S	S	14		b. Scotland

1911 census - 33 Ravensdowne

8 roomed house

James THOMAS	H	M	54	Secretary & Manager to the Berwick Salmon fisheries Co. Ltd.	b. Auchtergaven, Perthshire
Catherine THOMAS	W	M	57	Married 29 years 2 children still living	b. Aberdalgie, Perthshire
Mary BROUGH	Mother -in-law	W	84		b. Dunning, Perthshire

FreeBMD - Ancestry**1913 DEATH**

Mary BROUGH, aged 87 years, September quarter 1913 in Berwick Registration district

National Probate Calendar**1913**

BROUGH Mary of 33 Ravensdowne Berwick-upon-Tweed widow died 24 July 1913 Probate Newcastle-upon-Tyne 26 August to Catherine Thomas (wife of James Thomas).

Effects £620 18s. 3d.

Berwick Advertiser**Thursday 29 September 1927** - page 7**DEATH**

THOMAS - at 53 Ravensdowne, Berwick-on-Tweed, on 26th September, Catherine Brough, beloved wife of James Thomas, Berwick Salmon Fisheries, Co., Ltd.

Berwick Advertiser**Thursday 21 September 1939** - page 3**DEATH**

HARRISON - at 28 Coquet Terrace, Newcastle-on-Tyne, on September 16th, Mary Cromb, dearly beloved wife of William H. Harrison, and daughter of James Thomas, Berwick-on-Tweed

Sunday Post**Sunday 2 June 1946** - page 2**PREFERS SHANKS' MARE**

Mr James Thomas, of Ravensdowne, Berwick, who has just celebrated his 90th birthday, leaves his home punctually every morning at nine o'clock and walks to his office at the Tweed Salmon Fishery Company, where he has been secretary for 44 years.

In the evening he walks home again, up one of the steepest hills in Berwick and still has energy enough to work in his garden.

Mr Thomas is a native of Stanley, Perthshire. His family were well known in Tay fishing circles.

Berwick Advertiser

Thursday 16 January 1947 - page 3

DEATH

THOMAS - At 53 Ravensdowne, Berwick, on January 12, in his 91st year, James Thomas, Secretary-Manager of Berwick Salmon Fisheries Company, Ltd. Interred Berwick Cemetery.

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Thursday 16 January 1947 - page 3

OBITUARY

Berwick's 'G.O.M.' of Salmon Fishing

A life-long association with Tay and Tweed salmon fishing was ended by the death on Sunday in his home at 53, Ravensdowne, Berwick, of Mr James Thomas, veteran manager of Berwick Salmon Fisheries Co., Ltd.

Although he was approaching his 91st birthday, Berwick's "Grand Old Man" was actively at work until a few weeks ago. He walked daily to and from his office on the Quayside, preparing for the February opening of the 1947 season. In almost half a century in Berwick, Mr Thomas was a well-known figure to Tweed fishermen and townspeople. He enjoyed remarkable health despite his great age - and as an indication of his vitality he insisted on personally hoisting a flag at the Salmon Company's offices in celebration of V-Day.

A native of Stanley, Perthshire, Mr Thomas came to Berwick in 1900, when he succeeded the late Mr George L. Paulin as secretary of the Company. By that time his knowledge of the salmon fishing industry was already extensive for his father was lessee of the Burnmouth Fishery on the Tay, later becoming secretary of the Tay Fishery Syndicate. Mr Thomas' brother, Peter, was also identified with Tay fishing.

Before he came to Berwick Mr Thomas was a prominent figure in the Stanley district, where he was a member of Auchtergaven School Board and Stanley Public School as well as being clerk to the District Water Committee; organiser of a Penny Savings Bank and treasurer of the Horticultural Society.

Although well-known in Berwick, Mr Thomas did not play the same active part in local affairs. In 1914 he was appointed treasurer and collector for the River Tweed Commissioners. He was senior elder of Wallace Green Church and for years was a Sunday School teacher and a member of Berwick Presbytery.

Mr Thomas was predeceased by his wife in 1927 and in 1939 by his married daughter, who was Mrs W. H. Harrison, Heaton. He is survived by his brother, Peter, now in his eighties, and a son, Chief Engineer-Officer Peter Thomas, Port Line, Ltd., who last year was awarded the O.B.E. for his part in a dramatic Atlantic rescue in 1943. An Old Boy of Berwick Grammar School, he has been in the Merchant Navy since before the 1914-18 War. Chief Engineer-Officer P. Thomas married in 1919 Miss I. K. Henderson, daughter of the late Mr and Mrs James Henderson, Berwick.

Mr Thomas has three grand-daughters - Mrs T. Robinson and the Misses Dorothy and Marie Thomas, London.

Members of Wallace Green Church Session, of which Mr Thomas was senior elder, along with members of the Church Trustees and representatives of Berwick Salmon Fisheries Company, attended the funeral to Berwick Cemetery on Wednesday.

At the service in the church the Rev. W. Z. Gibb made reference to the work Mr Thomas had done for the church. He thought it fitting that the service should be held in Wallace Green Church of which Mr Thomas was a faithful member and servant. He came to Berwick almost 50 years ago, immediately associated himself with the church, and in a very short time became an elder.

For over 40 years he had given unstinted service - an outstanding example of loyalty and devotion, which was impressive right up to the end of his days. He endeared himself to young and old. The friendliness and graciousness of his declining years brought him much respect and admiration.

Family mourners who attended the funeral were:- Mr Peter Thomas (son), Mr and Mrs Peter Thomas (brother and sister-in-law), Mr B. Thomas (nephew), Mr W. H. Harrison (son-in-law), Mr J D. Henderson, (Belford), and Miss Graham (housekeeper).

Among others present were:- The Mayor (Councillor J. W., Carmichael), Chairman of Directors of Berwick Salmon Fisheries Company; Major H. R. Smail, Mr T. Purves, and Mr T. Dunlop, Directors; Mr J. F. Reed, Assistant Manager; Mr J. S. Oliver, Clerk of the Tweed Commissioners, Hawick; Mr J. E. T. Smith, Secretary of Wallace Green Church Trustees; Alderman J. Macnab, Chairman of Berwick Harbour Commissioners; Supt. J. W. Coxon, and Mr R. S. Holmes.

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Mr James Thomas, 53, Ravensdowne, Berwick, late of Stanley, Perthshire, secretary manager of Berwick Salmon Fisheries Co. Ltd., who died on January 12, aged 90 years, left £9,692 19s 9d gross, with net personalty £8,841 19s 2d. He left £100 to his housekeeper Alice Graham, if still in his service, certain shares to his sister-in-law Janet W. Thomas; his residence to his son Peter, and the residue to his said son and his granddaughter, Kathleen Robinson. Probate has been granted to his sister-in-law, Mrs Janet W. Thomas, of Elm Cottage, Fewes, Stanley, Perthshire.