



Grandfather" George Nelson.

Interestingly, we have an envelope addressed to George Nelson at 199 Manchester Road, Hollinwood, postmarked first on Ju 19 00 1000pm Inverness and then Ju 20 00, 1030am Edinburgh and labeled Photographs. Who did this come from? What pictures did it originally include? We now think we know who they came from!

The 1901 Census has become available via the internet.¹ George Nelson, wife & children have been located at 199 Manchester Road, the address matching that of the envelope received the prior year.

2004 Addendum

NELSON

There is still a fascination with the Nelson Family and the missing father ... a family where the father was never with them on census night! The Irish link is also interesting in that George Nelson's (the author's great-great grandfather) brother went to Ireland ... also, Nelson/Neilson is more a Highland's scots name (and Penninghame and Minnigaff are not in the highlands!) though it could also be an Irish name!

So, once again the family was revisited Also, more resources become available over the www with time!

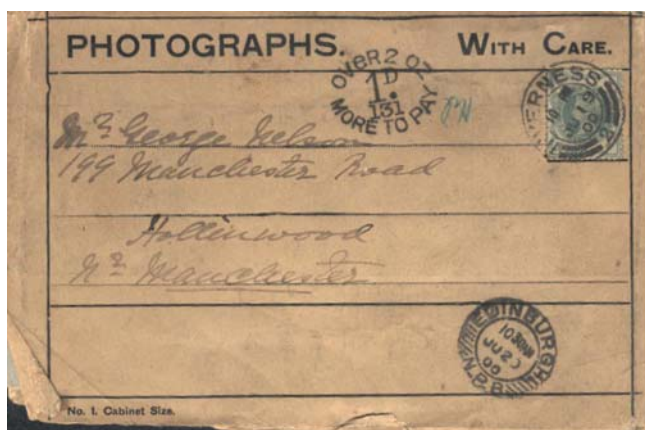
This story always starts with George Nelson and then we try to go from there

George Nelson (Great-Great Grandfather)

The picture is of "Great-Great

¹ accessed August 2002, www.census.pro.gov.uk, RG13/3813, Hollinwood, St. Margarets, Oldham, Lancashire, Folio 29, Page 50

Administrative County		The undermentioned Houses are situate within the boundaries of the													
Civil Parish of <u>Leocham</u>		Ecclesiastical Parish of <u>St. Mary's</u>		County Borough, Municipal Borough, or Urban District of <u>Leocham</u>		Ward of Municipal Borough or of Urban District of <u>Hollinwood</u>		Rural District of		Parliamentary Borough or Division of <u>Leocham</u>		Town or Division of			
Col. 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
No. of Inhabitants	ROAD, STREET, &c., and No. or NAME of HOUSE	HOUSES				Number of Inhabitants in House	Name and Surname of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	Condition of Marriage as to Persons above 16	Age last Birthday of	PROFESSION OR OCCUPATION.	Employer, Worker, or Own account	If Working at Home	WHERE BORN	
		Uninhabited	In Occupation	Not in Occupation	Building										
292	199 Manchester Road	1				4	George Nelson	Head	M	48		Labourer	own account at home		Scotland
							Sarah A. do	Wife	M	54					Leamington
							John W. do	Son	S	20		Machine Maker & Fitter	Worker		do
							Mary do	Daughter	S	20		Cotton Weaver	Worker		do
							Sarah A. do	Daughter	S	15		Cotton Weaver	Worker		do



(for more on this envelope and it's importance, see info on George's sister Jessie)

Edith Warburton (a granddaughter of George) had in her possession two of George's sewing thimbles.



One is labeled "A.Morrall Trademark." A little digging revealed that this trademark probably refers to Abel Morrall Ltd, a company based in Redditch Worcestershire. Working with the Redditch Library² which referenced the book "History and Description of Needle Making" by Michael T. Morrall, 1854, we learn:

"The length and substance of a needle should be proportioned to the particular work on which it is used. Abel Morrall's needles are made with a view to suit every purpose for which a needle can be required.... Abel Morrall also manufactures needles for tapestry and chenille work; for sail makers, packers and mattress makers; bookbinders, saddlers and harness makers; for glovers, furriers, & e with square or round points....Abel Morrall will send, on application , printed forms for ordering all kinds of needles and thimbles."

² received information June 2004 from - Library, Redditch (CS) [RedditchLib@worcestershire.gov.uk], Phillip Davis

John Walker Nelson

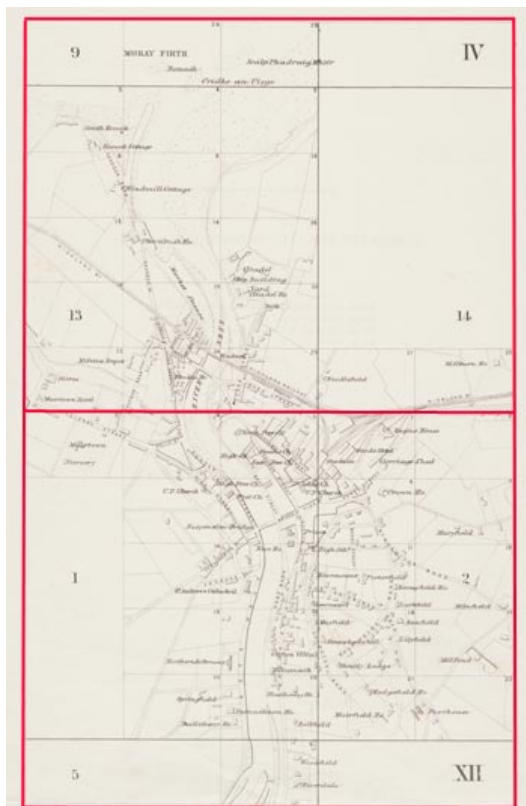
This is the John Walker Nelson who was George's brother ... last we heard he had married an Irish girl in Dublin, was a watchmaker in Limerick Ireland till about 1882 and had 2 daughters. After 1884, he is not listed in the Limerick directories.

Many Scottish records are now accessible online. On a whim, the author wondered if John could have come back to Scotland and figured that the easiest record to search would then be a death record since "John Walker" in combination as a given name is fairly rare. Well, to the author's surprise, a death record for a John Walker in 1887 did show up and it is "our" John Walker Nelson. The particulars are:

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1887. DEATHS in the District of Inverness in the County of Inverness

No.	Name and Surname. Rank or Profession, and whether Single, Married, or Widowed.	When and Where Died.	Sex.	Age.	Name, Surname, & Rank or Profession of Father. Name, and Maiden Surname of Mother.	Cause of Death, Duration of Disease, and Medical Attendant by whom certified.	Signature & Qualification of Informant, and Residence, if out of the House in which the Death occurred.	When and where Registered, and Signature of Registrar.
181	John Walker Nelson, Watchmaker (Journeman) Married to Mary Ann Lillie.	1887. May 7th. at home A.M. 38 High Street Inverness	M.	36	John Nelson, Lace Manufacturer, (deceased), Mary Nelson, as cert. by M. G. — (deceased),	Bright disease of kidney, Chronic, J. Murray M.D.,	Samuel Alex. Alexander Brother-in-law (Present)	1887 May 6th At Inverness Donald Fraser Registrar.



So, John died in 1887 in Inverness Scotland³ (map to left)... how intriguing ... Inverness, the origination of the 1901 envelope to George. Notice that the informant was listed as Samuel Alexander, brother-in-law ... the long and the short is that this led the author to the 1891 census, where she found the family and found the wife was named Jessie and following the trail to their marriage and her death confirmed that she was a sister to George and John Walker. It will end up that 38 High Street is where Jessie Aitken Nelson Alexander lived in 1891.

Further searching on Nelson's in the 1891 census for Inverness does not reveal Mary Ann nor the two daughter's we know were born in Limerick in the 1870s. One supposes that Mary Ann went back home to Ireland upon her husbands death.

The certificate states that the father was John Nelson, Lace Manufacturer (deceased). Now, the mother Mary's death in

³ accessed 8/27/04 ... 1867-1868 map of Inverness, <http://sites.scran.ac.uk/townplans/inverness.html>

The family has been found in the 1881, 1891 and 1901 census for Scotland⁴. During that time they moved from Glasgow (Lanarkshire) to Inverness (Invernesshire).

Source: FHL Film 0203421 GRO Ref Volume 098 EnumDist 6 Page 26										
Ref no: 50257		Census Place: Inverness, Inverness, Scotland							Highlands/Lowlands: H	
ROAD, STREET, ADDRESS &c.	GIVEN NAME	SURNAME	CONDITION as to Marriage	AGE	SEX	RELATION to Head	BIRTHPLACE	HANDICAP	OCCUPATION	
Dwelling: 15 Petty St	Agnes Lang.	ALEXANDER	Unmarried	10	F	Daughter	Glasgow, Lanark, Scotland		Scholar	
Dwelling: 15 Petty St	Helen	ALEXANDER	Unmarried	20	F	Daughter	Glasgow, Lanark, Scotland		Dressmaker	
Dwelling: 15 Petty St	Jessie	ALEXANDER	Married	41	F	Wife	Newton Stuart, Wigtown, Scotland		Wife Dressmaker	
Dwelling: 15 Petty St	Jessie	ALEXANDER	Unmarried	13	F	Daughter	Grantown, Elgin, Scotland		Scholar	
Dwelling: 15 Petty St	Samuel	ALEXANDER	Married	44	M	Head	Edinkillie, Elgin, Scotland		Auctioneer 1 Man 1 Boy 1 Woman	
Dwelling: 15 Petty St	Samuel	GRANT	Unmarried	6	M	Son	Inverness, Scotland		Scholar	

(1881)

51	38	00	1	Samuel Alexander	Head	man	44	Cabinet maker	X			Margaret Edinkillie		10
	32	59	01	Jessie A	Wife	man	41	Dress maker				Wigtown, Newton Stewart		
				Jessie	Daughter	Woman	13			X		Invernesshire Grantown Elgin		
				Agnes	Daughter	Woman	10			X		Lanark, Glasgow		
				Samuel	Son	Boy	6	Bookseller		X		Inverness Elgin		
				Margaret	Daughter	Woman	10	Scholar						

(1891) (R.D. No.: 98; R.D. Suffix: 0; Page No.: 31) (38 High Street)

124	38	00	1	Samuel Alexander	Head	man	44	Both Auctioneer				Margaret Edinkillie		7
				Jessie A	Wife	man	41	Top Rev. office				Wigtown, Newton Stewart		
				Jessie	Daughter	Woman	13	Top Rev. office				Wigtown, Newton Stewart		
				Agnes	Daughter	Woman	10	Top Rev. office				Wigtown, Newton Stewart		
				Samuel	Son	Boy	6	Top Rev. office				Wigtown, Newton Stewart		
				Margaret	Daughter	Woman	10	Top Rev. office				Wigtown, Newton Stewart		

(1901) (R.D. No.: 98; R.D. Suffix: 0; Page No.: 19) (38 High Street)

From the censuses, we construct the following family

Samuel Alexander	Husband	c. 1837	Auctioneer/Cabinet Maker	Edinkillie SCT
Jessie Alexander	Wife	c. 1840	Dressmaker/	Newton Stewart SCT
Helen Alexander	Daughter	c. 1861	Dressmaker	Glasgow SCT
Jessie Alexander	Daughter	c. 1868	Dressmaker	Grantown SCT
Agnes Lang Alexander	Daughter	c. 1871	Dressmaker	Glasgow SCT
Samuel Grant Alexander	Son	c. 1875	Bookseller/Architect	Inverness SCT
Margaret Alexander	Daughter	c. 1883		Inverness SCT

⁴ www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk, accessed 6/10/2004 and 6/11/2004

With the above, a search in www.familysearch.org (IGI component of the records) ... revealed the following children of Samuel Alexander and Jessie Nelson:

Helen Alexander	31 March 1861	Tradeston, Glasgow (source # 6035516, batch #C119331)
Mary Alexander	22 June 1863	Forres, Moray (source #6035516, batch #C111371)
Jessie Alexander	14 March 1868	Comdale And Inverallan and Advie, Inverness (source #6035516, batch # C110933)
Agnes Lang Alexander	26 August 1870	Govan (source #6035516, batch #C116461)

Interestingly, there is a daughter Mary listed who is never found in the census and so one assumes that she died before 1881 or married. This would make sense since there does seem to be some adhering to the Scottish naming pattern of 1st daughter = father's mother, 2nd daughter = mother's mother, 3rd daughter = mother, 4th daughter = father's sister etc...

Also, Agnes Lang is listed as born in Govan and this is a district of Glasgow.

We were also able to learn that Jessie died in 1915 while still living in Inverness. By that time she was a widow and her death was reported by her son Samuel. Interestingly, it is the only time that her name is given as Jessie Aitken Alexander ... a middle name not seen since her birth notice!

1868	Jessie-Aitken Alexander	1915	F. 75	John Nelson	Hemiplegia	Jessie Alexander	1915
		July	years	Kassner	4 days	Son	July 28 th
		Twenty Eighth		(deceased)			Inverness
		St. James St. W.		Mary Nelson	At Cert by		S. A. Campbell
B.	Widow of Samuel Alexander	Woodbine		M. A. McCarty	G. J. Hamilton	Mary Bank	Dist. Registrar
	Inverness	Inverness		(deceased)	L. R. & P. S.		J. H.

Unfortunately, none of this information on John Walker Nelson or Jessie Nelson Alexander gives us any leads to their father, John Nelson, or any of their siblings, Jane, Margaret or Hamilton.

Hamilton Nelson

The author was reminded that George's sister Hamilton had a daughter in 1867. So, though she couldn't be found in the 1861 census, we know that she was still around in 1867. She named her daughter Margaret, the name of her twin.

89	Mary	1867	2	Mary Nelson	1867
	Patron	And. Torkington		Grandmother	May 11/1891
		11 1/2 St. Hill		present	Upd. on 1891
	Legitimate	London 1891	Hamilton 1891		James 1891
		Perth 1891	Domestic 1891		Upd. on 1891
					2m

David Martin Registrar

Sarah Slater

Coming forward in time, we last saw Sarah Torkington Slater, living with her daughter and son-in-law, George Nelson, at 51 Lee St., Oldham in 1881 and she is listed as 59. Looking at <http://freebmd.rootsweb.com>, we see the death of a Sally Slater, 70, in the March quarter of 1891 (Oldham 8d 55). Since the Census was April 5-6, 1891, her death would have preceded the census.

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