

Grandfather" George Nelson.

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)

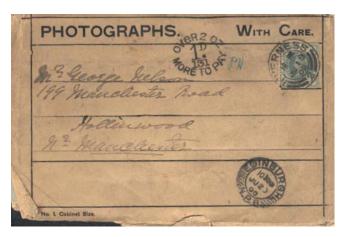
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Interestingly, we have an envelope addressed to George Nelson at 199 Manchester Road, Hollinwood, postmarked first on Ju 19 00 1000pm Inverness and then Ju 20 00, 1030am Edinburgh and labeled Photographs. Who did this come from? What pictures did it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

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

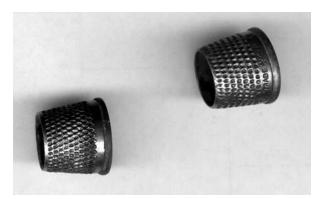
¹ accessed August 2002, www.census.pro.gov.uk, RG13/3813, Hollinwood, St. Margarets, Oldham, Lancashire, Folio 29, Page 50

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(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."

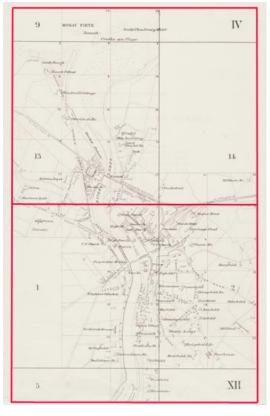
² received information June 2004 from - Library, Redditch (CS) [RedditchLib@worcestershire.gov.uk], Phillip Davis

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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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

1870 does not list the husband as deceased (and as a Weaver) though we have not found him yet! So, maybe he died between 1870 & 1887!

Jessie Nelson Alexander

Working off of the above information, we finally discover Jessie marrying Samuel Alexander in 1860 in the District of Govan (apparently near Glasgow) ... in the county of Lanark. From the www.genuki.org site, we learn: Govan -- "a parish and a burgh in the lower ward of Lanarkshire and in the extreme NW of that county."

"Once upon a time.....the parish of Govan was almost entirely an agricultural parish, and its population were a plain simple rural population. Only a century ago the population of the entire parish, even including Gorbals, which.....was at that time incorporated with it, was only 4389. It will be easily seen from this fact that the greater portion of the parish which is now teeming with myriads of human beings, and resounding from one end to the other with the clanking of hammers, the roar of traffic, and the incessant hum of general business and activity was then reposing in all the quietude and somnolency of purely primitive life."

"The parish is for registration purposes divided into the districts of Govan, Hutchesontown, Gorbals, Tradeston and Kinning Park."

(Ordnance Gazetteer of Scotland 1883)

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Given a marriage on April 20, 1860, this now disproves the Jessie Nelson that we found previously who lived in the vicinity of Newton-Stewart/Minnigaff.

They appear to have lived at 12 Pollockshaws Road, Glasgow where he was a cabinet maker and she was a warehouse girl. They were married by the Minister of the Union Free Church, after Banns. The address where the marriage took place is indecipherable.

The family has been found in the 1881, 1891 and 1901 census for Scotland[†]. During that time they moved from

Glasgow (Lanarkshire) to Inverness (Invernesshire).

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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

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)
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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!

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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.

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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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