

Rigg Cemetery, Gretna - a few gravestone inscriptions from this cemetery in Dumfriesshire.

In loving memory of John AITCHISON beloved husband of Agnes SEATON 4 Hospital Road Annan died 1 Dec 1954 aged 82 years. Also Agnes SEATON his wife died at 4 Hospital Road Annan 28 April 1956 aged 79 years. Also James their son died at Cumberland Infirmary 9 April 1923 result of an accident aged 13 years 10 months.

Of your charity pray for the soul of Dorothy Ethel ALLEN the beloved daughter of Tom & Nellie ALLEN of Sudbury Suffolk who departed this life November 4th 1918.

In memory of Leslie Fraser ANGUS died March 26th 1937 aged 11 years.

March 27 1937 Glasgow Herald

Leslie Angus (11) of Power House Terrace Gretna died in the Cumberland Infirmary, Carlisle, yesterday from head injuries received the previous day, when he was knocked down in the presence of three or four of his schoolmates. Angus and his companions had emerged on their cycles out of Dominion Road on to the main Carlisle – Dumfries road, and his machine and a motor car (driven by James Kennedy, butcher, Mayfield, St John's Road, Annan) collided.

In loving memory of William ARMSTRONG who died at Stanwix Carlisle 26 April 1946 aged 66 years. Also Mary his beloved wife who died at Stanwix 17 Oct 1958 aged 75 years.

In loving memory of James Crone BEATTIE of Bonstead Hill the beloved husband of Janet BEATTIE died 28th December 1924 aged 62. Also the above Janet BEATTIE who died 25th March 1950 aged 85.

January 3rd 1925 Wigton Advertiser

Farmer's Sudden Death

Mr J C BEATTIE'S SEIZURE AT AIKTON

Mr. Halton, Coroner for West Cumberland, held an inquest at the Joiner's Arms Inn, Aikton, on Tuesday afternoon concerning the sudden death which occurred on Sunday of Mr. James C. Beattie, aged 62 years, farmer, of Boustead Hill. The body was identified by Mr J R Beattie, Plumdon, Annan, brother of the deceased. Margaret Eleanor Bulman, manageress of the Joiner's Arms Inn, Aikton, said she had known Mr. James Beattie for over twenty years. It was a general thing for him to go to her house for the Sunday papers and have his tea, and he did so that Sunday, that arriving about two o'clock in the afternoon. He complained of feeling cold. He got the papers and read them, and had tea between half-past four and five o'clock. Witness then went out for a few minutes across the field, but the servant girl shouted to her and when she went back to the house, found Mr. Beattie sitting on a chair breathing heavily. She got some water and bathed his forehead, but he died shortly after.

- - - The Coroner found death to be due to angina pectoris. Mr. Beattie, who belonged to the Annan district, had farmed in Cumberland for about thirty years—at Kingside Hill, Aikton House, and for some years on his own holding at Boustead Hill. He was a member of the Committee of the Kirkbride Agricultural Society and a member of the Cumberland Pig Breeders' Association ever since it was started.

In loving memory of Joseph Ewart BEATTIE the beloved husband of Thomasina BEATTIE who died at the Queen's Head Hotel Springfield May 10th 1910 aged 46 years. Also the above Thomasina BEATTIE who died at Station House Longtown March 10th 1952 aged 83 years. Also their daughter Mary Irving BEATTIE who died May 16th 1975 aged 76 years. Also their son Robert James BEATTIE who died January 27th 1984 aged 87 years.

July 15th 1916 Dumfries and Galloway Standard

Military Appeals

A GRETNA HOTEL

Mrs Thomasina Beattie, South View, Springfield, appealed against the decision of local tribunal refusing her claim in respect of her only son, Robert J. Beattie, railway clerk, on the ground that she was a widow and partially dependent on him. The local tribunal stated that appellant previously carried on the Queensberry Hotel at Gretna, now taken over by the Control Board, and they did not see any grounds which would warrant exemption. Mr Haining, solicitor, stated on behalf of appellant that she had not yet been paid the small balance due to her by the Control Board. There were a son and daughter, the son being employed with the G. & S-W Railway Company at Gretna, making a wage of 21s 3d. The daughter could not do anything to support herself, and both she and the mother were practically dependent on the son's wage, such it was. The hotel changed hands at a price but when claims were met there would be very little. Mr M'Lean : Does the Control Board not pay any compensation to Mrs Beattie when taking over the hotel? Mr Haining : The price is paid. Mr Maitland Heriot ; Is It not the case that you got the option of staying at the hotel? Mrs Beattie: Yes, but I was not able to so. Mr Maitland Heriot : If you could that, it looks to me that you are not entirely dependent on your son. To what extent are you dependent? Mrs Beattie : fully. Maitland Heriot : That of course is where the local tribunal may be wrong, as they believed that there were other means, and did not know you were practically dependent on your son.

The appeal was refused

In loving memory of Thomas Coombes BEATTIE beloved husband of Helen Isabella COWAN died result of enemy action 7th April 1941 aged 60 years. Also his beloved wife Helen Isabella Martin COWAN who died at Dumfries 7th May 1957 aged 83 years.

(Thomas Coombes Beattie born Carlisle. Listed in "WWII Civilian Deaths 1939 - 1945 for Borough of Carlisle": Thomas Coombes Beattie, age 60. Husband of Helen J Beattie of 72, Annan Road, Gretna, Dumfriesshire. Injured 7 April 1941 at Masonic Hall, Gretna; died the same day at Cumberland Infirmary.)

In loving memory of Doris McKend BOYD dearly loved wife of Robert BELL died at Edinburgh 29 Aug 1960. Also the above Robert died at Longtown 18 May 1989 aged 72 years.

In loving memory of Joseph BEWLEY died at Gretna 20th Aug 1936. Also Frances Helen HAUGHAN wife of above died 27th Aug 1935.

In memory of John Rutter BIGGINS born 28 Sep 1862 died 14 April 1914. Also children of the above John William born 25 April 1890 died 10 May 1890. Lena Taylor born 13 July 1891 died 8 Nov 1895. Both interred at Elswick Cemetery Newcastle on Tyne.

April 18th 1914 Dumfries and Galloway Standard

THE LATE MR J. R. BIGGINS. The death occurred on Tuesday morning in Cumberland Infirmary of Mr John Rutter Biggins, Charles Street, Annan. Mr Biggins underwent a few days ago an operation for an internal complaint. He was a native of Winlayton, Durham, and served his apprenticeship as an engineer there. He was afterwards employed in several large engineering works, including Armstrong's at Newcastle, where he was for ten years, and also at Glasgow and Grantham. He came to Gretna to be works manager at the Moss Litter Works twelve years ago. About a year ago he became managing director of the newly-started moss litter works at Kirkbride, Cumberland, and resided in Annan, crossing the Solway Viaduct daily for the discharge of his duties. Mr Biggins was greatly interested in musical matters. He was the first organist in the United Free Church, Gretna, and, afterwards was organist in Kirkpatrick-Fleming Parish Church. Subsequently he became organist in Gretna Parish Church. When he left the U. F. Church at Gretna he was presented with a bicycle, and he also received a presentation from the Parish Church on severing his connection with it. He was a Freemason, having been for many years a member of Tyne Lodge, No. 991, Newcastle. He was fifty-one years of age, and leaves a widow and a family of two sons and two daughters.

His eldest son is also a skilled organist. The funeral takes place to-day at Gretna. There will be a memorial service in the Parish Church, in which the Rev. J. O. Stafford, Gretna; Rev. J. Walker, Kirkpatrick-Fleming and the Rev. D. Eaglesham, Gretna, the ministers of the three churches with which Mr Biggins had been professionally connected, will take part.

In loving memory of Lancelot the beloved husband of Mary BLACK who was accidentally killed at Gretna Station October 7th 1920 aged 52 years. Also Mary BLACK widow of the above who died at 7 Peel Street Carlisle 11th Sept 1933 aged 70 years. Also of Lancelot George their son who was killed in action in Belgium Feb 25th 1915 aged 22 years.

February 3rd 1915 Dumfries and Galloway Standard
Kirkpatrick Fleming Man's Narrative

Mr Lancelot Black, Grahamshill Cottages, Kirkpatrick Fleming, has received some interesting letters from his son, Private George Black, 1st Battalion Gordon Highlanders, 3rd Division British Expeditionary Force, extracts from which are as follows: We had lovely sail up the Seine when coming here, and if it had been summer time this glorious country would take a bit of beating for scenery. We get plenty of excellent cigarettes out here, so don't need to do without a smoke, and also get plenty of clothing of various kinds sent us by the good people of Britain. We get four days in the trenches and four days out, and while we are out of the trenches we are billeted in farms. We have all been supplied with a fur jacket, and if you only saw us all you would think were a lot of Eskimos. I have some rare good chums from Motherwell. While in the trenches I can tell you the bullets and shells make fine music. You can hear the shells screeching like demons of an infernal region from the enemy's guns the greater part of the day, while at night the rifles start their chorus. It is something terrible to do duty under circumstances like these. So you will see we are kept from wearying. We have plenty of tobacco, but matches are very scarce. The weather is something awful, for it has rained every day since we came. When we came out of the trenches we had to wade through many feet of water to the road. I am glad to say I still keep well and fit, and just came out of the trenches last night, and will be back again on Monday night.

March 19th 1915 Motherwell Times

ANOTHER SOLDIER'S DEATH - News of the death of Corporal George Black, of B Coy. 1st Batt. Gordon Highlanders, has been received by his parents. He enlisted after the outbreak of war, and was sent to the front in January. He saw a good deal the fighting, but was shot through the body on 25th February while leaving the trenches. He only survived ten minutes. Corporal Black was 22 years of age and was a native of Kirkpatrick Fleming, Dumfriesshire. Before enlisting he was employed in the British Welding Company's Works, Flemington, and was highly respected by his fellow-workmen. He lodged with Mrs Aitken, 564 Windmillhill Street, for the past four years.

In loving memory of James BLACKIE died 17 September 1939 aged 69 years. Also his beloved wife Jane AITKEN died at Gretna 25 February 1956 aged 83 years.

September 29th 1939 The Scotsman

The death has occurred of Mr James Blackie, The Rowans, Loanwath Road, Gretna, who took a prominent part on the management of St Andrew's Church there, having been an elder, manager and representative of the congregation at the General Assembly. He was a native of Duns.

In loving memory of Joseph only son of John and Isabella BLACKLOCK died at Springfield 20 Jan 1943 aged 22 years. Also the above John BLACKLOCK died at Springfield 20 Oct 1953 aged 73 years. Also the above Isabella BLACKLOCK died 26 May 1962 aged 72 years.

In loving memory of Isabella BRAIDWOOD died at Browhouses Eastriggs 8th February 1933 aged 83 years. Thomas BRAIDWOOD died at 3 Melbourne Avenue Eastriggs 13th January 1954 aged 78 years. Also Janet

SMITH his wife died at Carlisle Infirmary 11th October 1964 aged 76 years. Also John their son died at Dominion Road Gretna 15th November 1989 aged 77 years. Dearly loved husband of Catherine MARTINDALE died 12th April 1999 aged 83 years.

In memory of David Ramsay BROATCH who died at Rigg 7th April 1909 aged 82 years. Also Frances NELSON his wife who died at Stoneybridge 13th July 1914 aged 75 years. Also Hannah their daughter who died at Howdenburn Hospital Hawick 15th Oct 1893 aged 29 years interred in Kirkandrews on Esk churchyard. Also Andrew their son who died at Springfield 6th August 1909 aged 39 years. Also Richard BROATCH their eldest son who died at Stoneybridge Gretna 14th March 1949 aged 86 years. Beloved husband of Elizabeth SMITH.

In loving memory of David BROWN The Square Rigg who died 4 Sep 1936 aged 57 years. Stewart Douglas Cook his son who died 23 April 1936 aged 26 years. Annie SINCLAIR his wife who died at Down Hall Wigton 21 Oct 1951 in her 74th year.

September 12th 1936 Cumberland News

The Rigg of Gretna district has suffered a severe loss by the death of Mr David Brown, The Square, which took place at the Cumberland Infirmary on Friday. Mr Brown had been in failing health throughout the summer, his son's death a few months ago causing a shock from which he never recovered, although he was able to discharge his duties.

Mr Brown had been sub-postmaster in Rigg village for five years, and was a most courteous and obliging servant of the public who held him in the highest regard. A devout churchman, he was superintendent of the local Sunday school and an elder of the church. He also took a prominent part in the public life of the district, and was instrumental in the formation of Rigg Carpet Bowling Club, of which he was secretary and treasurer. He was also a member of the Mansfield Hall committee. Throughout the winter months he was energetic in promoting social functions, generally of a charitable nature. He was identified with Rigg Burns Club, at which he usually figured in the toast lists annually. He was a staunch Conservative.

Mr Brown was a native of the Biggar district, and went to Rigg during the war when he was employed as a motor mechanic in the Gretna munitions factory. One of his hobbies was poultry breeding, and during the past year or two he was a successful exhibitor and the Gretna Poultry Show. He was 57 years of age, and is survived by his widow and a grown up family of one son, John, who lives in the neighbourhood of Lockerbie, and a daughter, Mrs Pool, who lives at Annan.

In loving memory of John Thompson BROWN beloved husband of Mary Ann NELSON who died at Whithaugh Newcastleton 14 June 1923 aged 48 years. Also their son trooper John BROWN RAC who died at Cattrick Military Hospital 3 June 1945 aged 34 years. Also the above Mary Ann NELSON who died at Drumlanrig Hospital Hawick 9 July 1963 aged 82 years.

In memory of Radio Officer James CARTNER beloved son of Wilfred and Agnes E CARTNER torpedoed near Iceland June 27th 1941 aged 18 years. Also Wilfred J CARTNER beloved husband of Agnes E REID died April 8th 1948. Also his wife Agnes Euphemia REID died February 19th 1953.

September 6th 1941 Dumfries and Galloway Standard

GRETNA OFFICER KILLED

Mr and Mrs Wilfred Cartner, Central Avenue, Gretna, have received official intimation that their only son, Radio Officer James Cartner, was killed by enemy action on 27th June. Deceased was 18 years of age. He was educated at Gretna and Annan Academy, and on leaving school was for eighteen months employed by Messrs D. Thomson & Sons, electrical engineers, Carlisle. Thereafter he proceeded to the Caledonian Wireless College in Glasgow and joined the Merchant Navy in December, 1940.

In loving memory of John Richardson CARTNER joiner Gretna Green who died at Carlisle Infirmary 27 August 1920 aged 64 years. Also his beloved wife Agnes Jessie SNODDON who died at Gretna Green 11 June 1934 in her 81st year.

In loving memory of Pte John Richardson CARTNER Signal Corps DLI dearly loved son of George & Rachael CARTNER killed in action at Chateau Moeres 31 May 1940 aged 21 years. Also the above Rachael CARTNER who died at Prince Charlies Cottage Gretna Green 26th Jany 1951 aged 67 years. Also the above George B CARTNER who died at 1 Quinton Place Springfield 30 May 1956 aged 76 years.

June 29th 1940 Dumfries and Galloway Standard

GRETNA SOLDIER KILLED

Intimation has been received that Private John R. Cartner, Prince Charlie's Cottage, Gretna, was killed in action at Chateau Moeres on May 31st. He was the only son of Mr and Mrs George Cartner. Almost a year ago he was called up with the Militia, and enlisted into the K.O.S.B. From there he was transferred to the Durham Light Infantry Signal Corps. He was sent to France in January. Private Cartner would have been twenty-two years of age on Saturday last. He was educated at Gretna Public School and Gretna Township School, where he was dux boy in 1933, and at Annan Academy. On leaving school he was for some time employed by Mr Mison, electrician, Carlisle. From there he went to the Rosebank Cafe, Gretna, and later served for three months behind the counter of Gretna Post Office, where he was working when he was called up. On 28th July, 1939, he was chosen to be among the militiamen inspected by the Duchess of Gloucester near Edinburgh.

In loving memory of Albert CHANDLER a dear husband and father who died at Carlisle 23rd Aug 1960 aged 66. Also his dear wife Isabella ALLEN who died at Carlisle 20th June 1964 aged 69. Also their eldest son Albert Edward CHANDLER died at Carlisle 10th Dec 1974 aged 55.

In loving memory of George CLARK beloved husband of Helen SMITH who died at Fauld Farm Rockcliffe 13th April 1968 aged 59 years. Also of his dearly loved wife Helen who died at Carlisle 13th March 1987 aged 79 years.

In affectionate remembrance of Maxwell the dearly beloved husband of Agnes COCHRANE Kirtle Bank Cottage Rigg who departed this life 7th Nov 1918 aged 25 years. Also Agnes wife of the above died 23rd Oct 1979 aged 92 years. Also Peter COCHRANE their son who died 12th Nov 1916 aged 8 months. Also William COCHRANE their son who died at Gretna 7th April 1941 aged 25 years.

(Maxwell Cochrane b Carlisle, died of influenza 1918)

In loving memory of John V CONROY who died 10th January 1951 aged 83 years. And Elizabeth his wife who died 31st July 1948 aged 63 years. Also James their son accidentally killed 16th November 1947 aged 34 years. And Mary their daughter who died 7th April 1988 aged 81 years.

(John Valentine Conroy married Elizabeth Robley 1904 in Carlisle)

In loving memory of our father William CRAWFORD who died at Scaling Mill Loftus Yorks 4th April 1921 aged 66 years. Also our mother Helen PARKER widow of the above who died at Empire Way Gretna 29th Augt 1927 aged 67 years.

In loving memory of Mary daughter of the late Andrew C and Kate CRICHTON granddaughter of the late Archibald and Margaret CRICHTON of Tynemouth died 6th Jany 1927 aged 20 years. Also of Sarah elder daughter of the above A and M CRICHTON died 5th March 1930 aged 73 years .And Jane their younger daughter died 7 January 1938 aged 73 years.

In loving memory of William DALRYMPLE dearly beloved husband of Isabella MURRAY who died at Carlisle Infirmary 1st Sept 1918 aged 46 years.

In affectionate memory of Sarah DAVIDSON "Fidelis" who died at Graitney Hall on Xmas Day 1922. Faithful, loyal, true.

Yorkshire Post 26 December 1922

DAVIDSON – Christmas Day at Graitney Hall, Gretna, aged 66 years, Sarah Ann Davidson, daughter of the late Alfred Davidson, Fountains, Ripon – interment at Gretna today (Thursday) December 28.

In loving memory of William son of James & Agnes DAVIDSON who died at Springfield 31 Jan 1901 aged 6 months & 3 weeks. Also Mary Graham their daughter who died there 7 May 1902 aged 9 weeks. Also the above James DAVIDSON dearly beloved husband of Agnes Hall McINDOE who died at Market Drayton 16 August 1947 aged 77 years. Also the above Agnes Hall McINDOE who died there 27 September 1951 aged 78 years.

In loving memory of Margaret Mary beloved wife of Matthew DICKSON who died 7th July 1933 aged 62 years. And of Captain Matthew DICKSON who died 13th June 1937 aged 82 years.

June 16th 1937 The Scotsman

The death has occurred of Captain Matthew Dickson, a well-known seafarer, at his residence in Central Avenue, Gretna, Dumfriesshire. The son of the late Mr Matthew Dickson of Liverpool, a marine engineer, the deceased ran away to sea when 15 years of age, serving before the mast on a windjammer. He rose through all the grades until he became a captain. He was 82 years of age. His wife predeceased him some time ago. and he is survived by three married daughters.

In loving memory of Arthur Edmund beloved son of Arthur and Sara DOBSON of Carlisle who passed away on Dec 25th 1927 aged 19 years. Also Sarah J wife of Arthur DOBSON died June 10th 1967 aged 92 years. Also of Arthur dearly loved husband of Sara DOBSON who died Feby 19th 1934 aged 62 years.

December 31st 1927 Wigton Advertiser

Mr Arthur Dobson, only son of Mr Arthur Dobson, a Carlisle violinist and piano tuner, was drowned on Christmas morning in the Solway Firth at Gretna. Mr Dobson, his wife, son and daughter were staying at Gretna, and on Christmas morning Mr Dobson and his son went for a walk along the shore. Mr Dobson jun. was carrying a gun, and he shot a wild fowl, which fell into the sea. He stripped and went into the water to recover the bird, and apparently misjudged the depth. His father, who was about a hundred yards away at the time, saw him sink into the deep water, and waded into the water but failed to reach his son who was drowned. The body was recovered about two hours later.

In memory of Mary Ann RAE wife of Charles DUNBAR who died at Gretna Green 26th March 1906 aged 65 years. Also the above Charles DUNBAR who died at Gretna Green 24th March 1921 aged 85 years. Also Elizabeth DUNBAR daughter of the above who died at Langholm 2nd January 1917 aged 46 years. Also Helen DUNBAR daughter of the above who died at Mountain View Thursby 4th July 1939 aged 63 years.

In loving memory of George Reed ELLIOTT of Norton on Tees at rest May 23rd 1920 aged 29 years.

In loving memory of Humphrey Nelson FAWCETT who died 23rd February 1929 aged 70 years.

(Humphrey Fawcett - born Maryport, Cumberland)

In memory of Private Harold FELL died 26 Dec 1918 aged 23 years. Beloved there must be other nobler work to do.

(Harold Fell - born at Windermere, son of John and Helen Fell of Whinfield Road, Windermere, Westmorland)

In loving memory of Sergt Leslie FISHER dearly beloved husband of Mary TELFORD died in the Middle East 16 Aug 1942 aged 32 years. John DAVIDSON beloved husband of Mary died in Cumberland Infirmary 4 Sep 1976 aged 71 years. Also Mary DAVIDSON died 20th June 2002 aged 94 years.

September 16th 1942 Dumfries and Galloway Standard

GRETNA SERGEANT'S DEATH

Mrs Fisher, Headlesscross, Gretna Green, has been notified that her husband, Sergeant Leslie Fisher, serving with the R.A.S.C., has died on active service in the Middle East. Sergeant Fisher, who was 32 years of age, was educated at Eastriggs School, and before the war was a fitter with Messrs Cowan & Sheldon, Carlisle.

In loving memory of William R GORDON blacksmith who died at Rigg 14th December 1902 aged 27 years. Also Robert GORDON son of William & Jane GORDON born 29 Nov 1852 died at Edenmount Carlisle 19 Dec 1919. Mary Glendinning GORDON who died at Loaninghead 8th Feby 1924 aged 67 years. Also John GORDON who died at Carlisle 18th June 1943 aged 67 years. Also James their son died March 1931 aged 49. And Isabella his wife died May 1929 aged 38. Interred at Bowness on Solway.

In loving memory of Phyllis SCOTT beloved wife of John HALLIDAY who died at Gretna Hall 16 May 1912 aged 55 years. John HALLIDAY who died at Birk Hill 7 Jany 1920 aged 75 years. Also Andrew CAMPBELL Mossband Railway Cottage the beloved husband of Janet I SCOTT who died 8 Dec 1916 aged 61 years. Also Janet wife of the above Andrew CAMPBELL who died at Club House Floriston Feb 21st 1934 aged 83 years.

In loving memory of William HARKNESS Springfield Gretna who died at Carlisle Infirmary 6 Feb 1946 aged 65 years. And his wife Barbara JOHNSTONE who died at Carlisle 13 June 1916 aged 33 years. Also their daughter Margaret F HARKNESS who died at Springfield 1 July 1908 aged 1 year. Also their daughter Isabella J HARKNESS who died at Springfield 28 April 1914 aged 1 year & 9 months. Also Mary GLENDINNING wife of above William HARKNESS who died at Springfield 12 Jan 1943 aged 61 years.

In loving memory of my husband Thomas H HARROWER who died at Gretna 8th Feby 1918 aged 46 years.

February 15th 1918 The Scotsman

At Gretna, suddenly, on Friday 8th inst, Thomas Henderson Harrower, clerk of works.

February 13th 1918 Dumfries and Galloway Standard

SUDDEN DEATH AT GRETNA - Thomas Harrower, assistant clerk of works, Gretna, died very suddenly on Friday night. He had just completed his work for the day, and was preparing to proceed his home to Gaitlebridge on his motor bicycle, when he was observed to collapse. Dr Grant and Dr Carlyle were immediately summoned, but on their arrival they found that life was extinct, and all they could do was pronounce death to be due to natural causes. Mr Harrower, who was 43 years of age, had been employed at Gretna factory since April, 1916, and was highly esteemed by his colleagues. He leaves a widow and one boy of five years of age.

In loving memory of John M Riddell HENDERSON missionary in Livingstonia for more than 30 years who entered into glory 6th April 1943. And his wife Catherine Young RIDDELL died 14th June 1951.

April 10th 1943 The Scotsman

Former Missionary's Death

The death has occurred at Rigg of Gretna Manse of the Rev J M Riddell Henderson , for many years a missionary in Livingstonia , Nyasaland. Mr Henderson, who belonged to Ecclefechan , joined the staff of the Livingstonia Mission in Nyasaland in 1896 to assist in the work being carried on to the west and north of Lake Nyasa . He was sent out by the United Free Church of Scotland , and served at several stations in Livingstonia . In 1927, owing to his health, Mr Henderson retired from the mission service.

In loving memory of Frederick HORSBURGH dearly loved husband of Mary Kathleen IRVING The Nook Gretna died 7 April 1941 aged 30 years. Also Eric their son who died in infancy.

(Frederick Horsburgh died in bombing of Masonic Hall in Gretna)

In loving memory of Skelton beloved husband of Mary E HUNTINGTON who died Decr 31st 1930 aged 58 years. Also his wife Mary Eleanor who died March 19th 1953 aged 81 years. Also Milward Keith eldest son of the above who died July 19th 1961 aged 64 years. Also Mary Ann ARMSTRONG daughter of the above who died Decr 9th 1969 aged 64 years.

(Skelton Huntington b 1872 in Carlisle)

In loving memory of John HYSLOP senr who died at Kirtle Grange March 12th 1913 aged 74 years. Also Margaret McCHEYNE wife of the above John HYSLOP who died at Gloucester April 19th 1919 aged 81 years.

April 26th 1919 Gloucester Journal

DEATH OF MRS. HYSLOP

We regret to record the death of Mrs Margaret Hyslop, which took place on Saturday at The Boundary, Sandhurst-road, Gloucester, the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. A. G. Winfield. The deceased lady, who belonged to an old Scotch family, was the widow of the late Mr. John Hyslop, formerly of The Grove, Taynton, who died some four years ago and was buried at Gretna Cemetery, near Carlisle, where the remains of the late Mrs. Hyslop were laid to rest on Wednesday. On Tuesday morning a short service was conducted at the house by Mr. F. J. Brooke, the deceased having been in recent years a member of the Wesleyan Church. The chief mourners were Mr. William Hyslop (son), Mrs. Irving, Mrs. Palmer, and Mrs. Whinfield (daughters), Messrs. A. G. Winfield, H. T. S. Palmer, and F. W. Giles (sons-in-law). Miss Margaret and Master Georgie Winfield (grandchildren), Miss Vick, and Mr. and Miss Teague.

In memoriam Jonathan W ISHERWOOD died 31st May 1927 aged 76 years. Also Eliza Ellen his wife died 27th September 1936 aged 80 years.

April 7th 1877 Leeds Times

Marriages - March 31st at the parish church, Leeds, Jonathan Waddington Isherwood, stone cutter, to Eliza Ellen Horsfall, both of Bramley.

In loving memory of Christopher JARDINE beloved husband of Janet PATTERSON who died at Springfield 21 April 1915 aged 46 years. Also Grace their daughter who died in infancy. Also the above Janet PATTERSON who died at Green Acres Longtown 22 August 1950 aged 78 years. Also Shonah Ann J their great granddaughter who died in infancy. Also James their son (late of Smalmstown) who died 25 Jan 1977 aged 74 years. Dearly loved husband of Nancy who died 12 Jan 1989.

In loving memory of Jarred beloved husband of Isabella JARDINE who died at Springfield July 17th 1933 aged 65 years. Also Isabella his wife who died August 27th 1950 aged 80 years. Also Jarred their youngest son who died Jan 3rd 1938 aged 37 years. Thy will be done.

In loving remembrance of Robert JOHNSTONE who died as the result of an accident at Gretna Green Station July 21st 1916 aged 34 years. Also his beloved wife Annie McBURNIE who died Oct 25th 1975 aged 88 years. Also their daughter Agnes (Nancy) wife of Cyril DEERING who died Jan 19th 1976 aged 59 years.

July 26th 1916 Dumfries and Galloway Standard & Advertiser

RAILWAY FATALITY

Foreman Surfaceman's Sad Death

An accident of a distressing character occurred on Friday morning a short distance north Gretna Green station on the Glasgow and South-Western Railway. As the 8.15 passenger train from Dumfries to Carlisle was slowing down on approaching Gretna Green station Robert Johnstone, foreman surfaceman, residing at Gretna Green Cottages, was engaged examining the line along with one of his men, Thomas Straiton. He was in a kneeling position in the four-foot way, and he and his companion were so intent on their work that they failed to notice the approach of the train. Straiton was clear of the line and escaped, but Johnston discovered too late that the train was upon him, and he was in the act of getting up when he was struck by the front of the engine about forty yards off the signal cabin, and thrown some distance. The train was stopped as quickly as possible. The stationmaster, Mr Jas. Gibson, was apprised of the accident, but on examining the body found that death had been instantaneous. The body was removed to the station premises, and later in the day was conveyed home. Deceased was 33 years age, and had been in the employment of the railway company for eleven years. For the past 2 ½ years he had been foreman, and located at Gretna Green. He was of an obliging disposition, and was popular with his men. He is survived by his widow and young family, two boys and a girl, the oldest boy being nine years ago. The funeral took place on Monday to Gretna cemetery, and was very largely attended, amongst the mourners present being Mr Gibson, the stationmaster and a good number of railwaymen. The service was conducted the house the Rev. J. O. Stafford, parish minister, and the Rev. David Eaglesham, Chapelknowe United Free Church.

In loving memory of James KELLY showman who died at Gretna 1st Dec 1918 aged 30 years. Also Martha his beloved wife who died 3rd April 1961 aged 71 years.

December 11th 1918 Dumfries and Galloway Standard

On the 1st inst at Springfield, Gretna Green, James Kelly, beloved husband of Martha Spencer and only son of John Kelly, aged 30 years.

(James Kelly living in Rickergate, Carlisle, in 1901 census)

To the devoted and ever loving memory of a loyal faithful and loving son John Voyle KERR aged 23 years. Only child of the Rev and Mrs J C KERR of Allsaints Parsonage Gretna. Lover of all things bright and beautiful, God's creatures great and small, who was called suddenly to his heavenly home on April 13th 1940 whilst training with the Royal Corps of Signals in Glasgow. His memories are an everlasting joy. Thanks be to God. RIP.

April 20th 1940 Dumfries and Galloway Standard

GRETNA SOLDIER'S SUDDEN DEATH. The sad news reached Gretna on Saturday of the sudden death of Mr John Boyle Kerr, son of Rev. Cyril Kerr, minister of All Saints' Church, Gretna, and St John's, Eastriggs. Mr Kerr had been serving with the Royal Corps of Signals in Glasgow and had died that morning. Mr Kerr, who was twenty-three years of age, joined the Royal Corps of Signals three weeks ago and had proceeded to Glasgow. On Friday he had complained of not feeling very well. After midnight he asked a comrade for a drink of water, and after taking it collapsed and died. A doctor was called and expressed the view that death was due to poisoning. How poison could have got into his food can only be conjectured. Apart from his complaining of not feeling well his comrades had no other evidence of Kerr's illness. Mr Kerr was the only child of Mr and Mrs Kerr, and much sympathy is felt for them in their sad and sudden bereavement. Prior to joining the Royal Corps of Signals Mr Kerr was employed in the Electricity Department of the Dumfries

County Council and was engaged at Gretna. He was educated at Dumfries Academy when his father, before going to Gretna, was curate of St John's Church, Dumfries. Mr Kerr was a young man of exceptional promise, and was of a likeable and bright disposition, and by all was held in high esteem. The funeral took place to Rigg Cemetery on Tuesday. Prior to the interment a service was held in All Saints' Church, Gretna, which was attended by a large congregation. The mourners included officers of the Royal Corps of Signals.,Glasgow. The service was conducted by the J. Inglis, Annan. Mr Kerr's former colleagues at Gretna acted as pall-bearers. There were many beautiful wreaths.

In loving memory of Mary Jane beloved wife of David LINTON who died at R East 10 Gretna 25 Oct 1941 aged 75 years. Loved by all. David LINTON husband of the above who died at 12 Central Ave Gretna 10 July 1955 aged 90 years. Also their grandson Pte John PORTEOUS 1st KOSB who was killed in Palestine 6 Dec 1947 aged 20 years. Also George beloved son of Margaret McCARTNEY and grandson of above who died in Cumberland Infirmary 17 Nov 1950 aged 24 years.

(David Linton b Stanwix, Carlisle, wife Mary Jane b Longtown)

In loving memory of James beloved husband of Annie MACARTNEY Mossband Hall who died 23 Sept 1913 aged 45 years. Also Annie wife of above James MACARTNEY who died at Blackbank 30th Jan 1953 aged 79 years. Also Robert and Jennie children of the above who died in infancy. Also James their son who died July 15th 1917 aged 26 years. Also Janet Ellen their daughter who died Novr 6th 1918 aged 17 years.

September 25th 1913 Dundee Evening Telegraph

GRETNA GREEN FATALITY Gretna Green was the scene of a singular accident, which resulted in the death at Cumberland Infirmary of James M'Cartney, a farm servant employed at Mossband Hall. M'Cartney was driving a cart laden with a plough, when, turning a corner, he was jolted off. He fell head foremost, and fractured his skull.

In memory of Violet McKAY wife of William MACARTNEY who died at Springfield Oct 9th 1915 aged 79 years. Also of the above William MACARTNEY who died at Springfield Jan 28th 1920 aged 84 years. Also of Ann Fell Stubbs HODGSON wife of Walter MACARTNEY who died at Guards Mill Cottages Gretna May - 1916 aged 43 years. Also William IRVING son of Wm and Violet MACARTNEY who died at Lady Minto Hospital Minnedosa Canada April 19th 1937 aged – years.

To the memory of David Ramsay MACINTOSH of Gretna Hall Gretna Green dearly loved husband of Mary Carnan RICHARDSON died 2nd February 1940 aged 53 years. Also the above Mary Carnan RICHARDSON of Gretna Hall died 19th May 1953 aged 47 years.

February 3rd 1940 Dumfries and Galloway Standard

MR D. R. MACINTOSH, GRETNA HALL

Many friends throughout the county will learn with regret of the death of Mr D. R. Macintosh, proprietor of Gretna Hall, Gretna, which occurred yesterday. A native of Inverness, Mr Macintosh came to Gretna after the Great War, and took over the motor business which was known as Gretna Motor Company. Being a man of considerable enterprise, he greatly expanded the business by establishing petrol-filling stations all the way from Kingston, on the Dumfries-Carlisle road, to Beattock Summit, on the Glasgow road. Three years ago he purchased from Miss Fowle-Smith of Wyseby the house of Gretna Hall, a Georgian mansion with romantic associations with runaway marriages. When Fleet marriages were abolished in 1754, English persons desiring to be married secretly had to get out of England, to which only the Hardwicke Act applied, and the practice was to post to the Border and cross over to Gretna, the nearest and most convenient spot where runaway marriages could be legalised. There were several marriage houses in the area at that time, and Gretna Hall later became one of the most popular. When Mr Macintosh acquired the property he revived the marriage business. He converted an outhouse into a blacksmith's shop, and acted as priest,

dressed in picturesque Highland garb. During the two years he had been in Gretna Hall he performed 500 marriages. It will be recalled that last year Mr Macintosh was the defender in an action in the Court of Session relating to this business. Mr Macintosh was an ardent Highlander, and was an enthusiastic member of the Carlisle Highland Association. He was also a member of Gretna Lodge of Freemasons, and was connected with the Royal Arch Chapter. He was a sergeant in the Dumfriesshire Special Constabulary. Mr Macintosh, who was fifty years of age, leaves a widow, but no family. The funeral, which will be of a Masonic character, takes place to Gretna Cemetery on Monday.

February 3rd 1940 Dundee Courier

Gretna Without A "Priest"

Kilted Laird of The Anvil Dead

Gretna Green mourns the death of its most picturesque figure, Mr David Ramsay Macintosh, 53-year-old "priest" of Gretna Hall, whose death occurred from pleurisy. Many villagers wept when they heard of the passing of the kilted laird of Gretna Hall. Since he began marrying couples over the anvil at the blacksmith's shop in the courtyard of the old Georgian mansion house two years ago, he had become known to thousands of people in this country and abroad. Since he married the first couple in the New Year of 1938 he had performed over 500 weddings. When the war began the Government repealed the ban on Gretna marriages, and with the departure of the "priest" from the rival smithy, Mr Macintosh became the only officiating personality at Gretna Green weddings. To-day Gretna Green is without a "priest." Mr William Macintosh, of Carlisle, a brother, said to a reporter last night that the future of Gretna Hall's runaway marriage business was as yet undecided.

In loving memory of Hugh John MACKIE born at Gretna House 11 Feb 1899 and died there 20 April 1924. Son of Hugh MACKIE J.P. born at Half Morton 30 Jan 1851 died at Gretna House 17 Feb 1934. Also Mary Ezzetta BROATCH wife of the said Hugh MACKIE and second daughter of the late George and Mary BROATCH Thwaite Ruthwell who died 18 Feb 1957 aged 89 years.

February 19th 1934 Dundee Courier

Gretna Green Owner Dead

Why He Bought Famous Smithy

Mr Hugh Mackie, the owner of the famous blacksmith's shop at Gretna Green, died on Saturday, aged 84, at Gretna House, Gretna. Mr Mackie's association with the smithy dated back 65 years to a day when as a youth he was one of the witnesses to a marriage performed over the anvil. The wedding gave Mr Mackie an idea. He saw possibilities in the development of the smithy as show-place which might attract visitors from all over the country. When the smithy came into the market 30 years ago, Mr Mackie, who had become a prosperous farmer, bought the building. More than 50,000 people now visit the smithy each year, paying sixpence a head for admission, while there has been an average of 300 marriages a year during the past six years. The business was in fact so great that Mr Mackie formed a company, consisting of his wife, his three daughters, and his son, to conduct the affairs of the smithy. The marriage of a Glasgow lorry driver last Tuesday brought the total for this year to 23, and Mr Richard Rennison, the "blacksmith-priest," said yesterday that the letters had received indicated a record rush at Easter. At the time of his death Mr Mackie owned the entire village of Gretna and many acres of the surrounding land.

In loving memory of Elizabeth Jane ANDERSON beloved wife of William MALTMAN who died at Cumberland Infirmary 24 January 1941 aged 47 years. Also William MALTMAN beloved husband of the above who died at 19 Westgill Road Springfield 5 May 1959 aged 67 years.

In loving memory of William MAVIS born 29 August 1837 died at Toll Bar Gretna 15 June 1916. Also Mary his wife born 24 December 1844 died at Dickstree 9 February 1918. Also William grandson of the above aged 9 months.

June 24th 1916 Wigton Advertiser

At Toll Bar, Gretna, on the 15th inst, William Mavis (late of Cumdivock) aged 79 years.

Sacred to the memory of Elizabeth BUCKLAND wife of Peter McDOUGALL who died at Gretna Green 1st December 1905 aged 80 years. Also the above Peter McDOUGALL who died at Gretna Green 3rd March 1913 aged 89 years. Also Rebecca J McDOUGALL their daughter who died 25th February 1943 aged 83 years. My dear husband Richard Peter McDOUGALL their son who died at Dumfries 28th March 1945 aged 79 years. Also his wife Rose JARDINE who died at Croglin Armathwaite 23rd March 1946 aged 68 years.

March 31st 1945 Dumfries and Galloway Standard

OBITUARY NOTICE MR R. P. M DOUGALL, GRETNA.

The death occurred suddenly in Dumfries on Wednesday of Mr Richard P. M'Dougall, Victoria Avenue, Gretna. Mr M'Dougall, who retired from active work a short time ago, began his career as a law student in Edinburgh and he later joined the staff of the late Mr Murray Little, solicitor, and Town Clerk of Annan. Subsequently he was appointed Deputy Town Clerk, an appointment which he held until his retiral, serving in that capacity in recent years under Mr Alex. Knox, the present Town Clerk. Mr M'Dougall's services to the town were recognised some years ago when he was given the freedom of the burgh at the same time that honour was conferred upon Mr Murray Little. He had worked with Mr Little for 46 years. Mr M'Dougall held a number of other appointments, including the clerkship of Annan Libraries Committee before the amalgamation of the burgh and county libraries. He had distinct gifts as an entertainer and for many years he made frequent appearances on concert platforms, his pawky humour winning for him considerable popularity. For many years he was a member of Gretna Parish Church and for a considerable period acted as treasurer under the late Rev. J. O. Stafford. His brother, the late Mr J. M'Dougall, was for many years headmaster at Torthorwald Public School. Mr M'Dougall is survived by his widow, for whom much sympathy will be felt in her bereavement.

In loving memory of William McLEAN beloved husband of Isabella IRVING who died at Cumberland Infirmary Feby 19th 1924 aged 66 years. Also of his wife Isabella IRVING who died at Fern Cottage Springfield April 6th 1927 aged 74 years.

In loving memory of Private Edward McMURRAY who died in France from wounds received in action 26th Oct 1917 aged 26 years. Also Janet Agnes McCARL beloved wife of the above who died at Gretna Hospital 23rd July 1918 aged 26 years. Also Pte Samuel McCARL who was killed in action 25th Sept 1915 aged 22 years. Also Pte William McCARL who was killed in action 27th Augt 1917 aged 22 years.

(Edward McMurray mentioned on war memorial at Rockcliffe, Cumbria)

In loving memory of Thomas Hughan McTAGGART who died at Dildawn Gretna Green April 10th 1915 aged 80 years. Also Mary Isabella wife of the above who died at Carlisle July 30th 1938 aged 83 years. Also Thomas HENDERSON 62 Annan Rd Gretna who died January 31st 1937 aged 68 years. Also Barbara Jane McTAGGART wife of Thomas HENDERSON who died at Locharbriggs Sept 20th 1940.

April 14th 1915 Dumfries and Galloway Standard

MR T. H. M'TAGGART, GRETNA.

We regret to record the death of Thomas H. M'Taggart, who died at his residence at Gretna Green on Saturday night. Mr M'Taggart had reached the advanced age of 80 years. A native of Galloway, deceased joined the service of the railway company in early life, and after many shifts to various parts of country was ultimately appointed stationmaster at Gretna Green, a position which he filled with much acceptance to the local community for over thirty years. Shortly after his retiral from the service he was appointed inspector of poor for the parish of Gretna, and later was elected clerk to Gretna School Board, both of which offices he discharged with much ability until his retirement some years ago on account of failing health. Of an

obliging disposition, he was highly esteemed in the district. Deceased was twice married, and is survived Mrs M'Taggart and a daughter, the wife of Mr Henderson. Caledonian stationmaster at Annan. The funeral takes place to Gretna Cemetery to-day.

In loving memory Ethel MONTGOMERY (Champion Diver) Douglas MONTGOMERY (Magician)

December 24th 1835 Sunderland Daily Echo

At Gretna on December 22nd (suddenly) aged 53 years, Ethel Jane, beloved wife of Douglas Montgomery. (only sister of Mrs Wardle, 14 Mount Pleasant). Interment at Gretna.

September 7th 1940 Dumfries and Galloway Standard

Situations Wanted

At Liberty - Douglas Montgomerie, Magical Entertainer, offers services for Benefit Concerts, full programme etc, in aid of Spitfire Fund, Red Cross, Soldiers' Comforts, etc. Offers invited from British Legions, Women's Institutes etc. Apply G.P.O., Gretna.

May 14th 1936 The Stage

Douglas Montgomerie's Northern Follies

WANTED - Lady Piani.-Ent. Imm., also 2 smart yng Ladies. Sing and Dance. Photo, lowest (tour) - 38 Annan Rd. Gretna, Carlisle.

In loving memory of our dear ones called home. Sarah N L MONTGOMERY of 14 Canberra Road Gretna 18th October 1940. Barbara L MONTGOMERY of 15 Etterby Street Stanwix Carlisle 21st April 1937. Life that shall endless be. Elizabeth M MONTGOMERY of Petteril Street Carlisle 16th November 1944. Margaret MONTGOMERY of Petteril Street Carlisle 22nd September 1945.

In memory of Agnes LITTLE the beloved wife of James MOSCROP who died at Red Kird April 21st 1930 aged 72 years. Also the above James G MOSCROP who died April 21st 1948 aged 87 years. Also Thomas MOSCROP son of the above accidentally killed Oct 6th 1932 aged 32 years. Also their daughter Agnes Mildred KIDD who died 13th Aug 1993 aged 81 years. Also Helen GILLISON aunt of the above who died 1910.

April 25th 1949 The Scotsman

At 42 Inveresk Road, Musselburgh (the residence of his daughter) on the 21st April 1949, in his 87th year, James G Moscrop of Red Kirk, Gretna. Funeral at Gretna Cemetery today (Monday) 25th April 2pm.

In loving memory of Grace SNEDDON beloved wife of James L MOSCROP died 12th Jan 1936 aged 38 years. Also the above James L MOSCROP died 28th Dec 1961 aged 67 years. Alexander Sneddon MOSCROP son of the above died 14th Oct 2008 aged 83 years.

In loving memory of our dear son Driver Edward T MUIR RASC killed on active service at Norwich 29 August 1940 after being evacuated from Dunkirk aged 22 years.

September 7th 1940 Dumfries and Galloway Standard

WAR CASUALTIES - GRETNA SOLDIER KILLED IN AN ACCIDENT

News has been received that Dispatch Rider Edward Thomas Muir, B West 1, Gretna, was fatally injured at Norwich while heading convoy on his motor cycle. Dispatch Rider Muir had a narrow escape at Dunkirk when he and his chum had to swim to their boat. His chum attended his funeral, which took place to Rigg Cemetery, Gretna, where was buried with full military honours. He leaves a widow and little daughter.

February 19th 1941 Dumfries and Galloway Standard

GRETNA FAMILY DISPUTE

Removed Flower Stand From Grave

What was described as a very unusual and distressing case was heard in Annan Justice of Peace Court on Friday, when ex-Provost John Currie, Annan, presided. Mrs Janet Wallace, wife of John Wallace, labourer, West 1, Gretna, was charged with removing a flower stand, the property of Mrs Sarah Muir, Currock, Carlisle, from the grave of her husband, Pte. Edward Muir, in Gretna Cemetery to B West 1, Gretna, and smashing it with a hammer. Accused pleaded guilty, and Mr K. G. Sutherland, solicitor, Annan, appeared on her behalf. Mr James Henderson, Dumfries, who prosecuted, said Mrs Muir placed the flower stand on her husband's grave at Gretna Cemetery, and afterwards she discovered that it had been removed, and she found a brown paper parcel in her garden at Carlisle with a letter. It could not have been written by Mrs Wallace, for she could not write. On opening the parcel she found that the parcel contained the flower stand she had placed on her husband's grave, and it had been smashed with a hammer. The police made inquiries and they discovered that Mrs Wallace had taken away the flower stand and smashed it, and afterwards dropped it in Mrs Muir's garden. Mr Sutherland stated that Private Muir was in the Royal Army Service Corps and was killed in an accident at Norwich in August last. The widow had no means to pay the funeral expenses, and Mrs Wallace, the lad's grandmother, who had brought him up and was greatly attached to him, paid the expense of bringing the body home and having it interred in Gretna Cemetery, at a cost of £8 10s. Mrs Wallace discovered that the widow had received funeral benefit to the amount of £31 from a society with which he was insured. Mr James Currie, Gretna (one of the presiding Justices): And also the pension. Mr Sutherland, continuing, said Mrs Muir made no attempt to pay any of the expenses, and that led to some ill-feeling. Mrs Wallace put flowers on the soldier's grave and told Mrs Muir she could do the same if she wished, but she objected to Mrs Muir putting on the grave anything else, such as a flower stand. Notwithstanding that Mrs Muir placed a flower stand on the grave, and Mrs Wallace admitted that she had removed it and broken it up. This was a most distressing case, and in view of all the circumstances he asked the court to deal leniently with the accused, who was 61 years of age and was very much distressed by the affair and having to appear in court. The Justices, after conferring, said they had decided, after hearing Mr Sutherland, to dismiss the case. Mrs Wallace: Will your honours tell Mrs Muir she has no right to the grave? Inspector Blackwood: The Justices cannot decide that. Mrs Wallace; Well, that is what all the noise is about.

In loving memory of James dearly beloved husband of Janet NOBLE Mansfield Rigg who died 7th April 1941 aged 48 years. Also Janet his wife who died 6th July 1968 aged 75 years. Also Betty their daughter died in infancy.

(James Noble died in bombing of the Masonic Lodge, Gretna)

In loving memory of Margaret IRVING beloved wife of William NOTMAN who died at Bridge End Gretna 13th January 1908 aged 54 years. Also the above William NOTMAN who died at Hosket Hill Carlisle 3rd July 1922 aged 73 years.

In loving memory of Jessie daughter of George and Margaret E OLIVER who died at New Orchard Ecclefechan 5th Dec 1902 aged 15 years. Margaret Elizabeth CARRUTHERS wife of George OLIVER who died at Headless Cross Gretna 22nd May 1907 aged 52 years. Also of the above George OLIVER who died at Carlisle Decr 6th 1926 aged 71 years. Also William James their son who died at Carlisle Infirmary 10th Dec 1933 aged 50 years. Also Annie their eldest daughter who died at Thistlewood Rigg 19th Sept 1961 aged 81 years. Also Christina their daughter who died 29th Jan 1976 aged 77 years. Also Mary FORTUNE their daughter who died at Preston 2nd May 1987 aged 92 years.

In loving memory of David PATTERSON beloved husband of Agnes PATTERSON who died at West Scales 6th April 1914 aged 68 years. Also George PATTERSON his son who died at West Scales 31st May 1924 aged 38 years. Also Agnes JOHNSTONE wife of the above David PATTERSON who died at The Bungalow Eastriggs 22nd Nov 1925 in her 81st year. Also James John PATTERSON their elder son who died 30th April 1950 aged 65 years.

April 8th 1914 Dumfries and Galloway Standard

DEATH OF A GRETNA FARMER

The death occurred at West Scales, Gretna, on Monday night of Mr David Patterson, a well-known Annandale farmer. Mr Patterson had been complaining for a day or two, but his death was unexpected. He had farmed West Scales for the last twenty years, and while he carried on mixed farming on a large extent, he was perhaps principally known for his grazing of sheep. For some years he was a member of Gretna School Board, and took a keen interest in the affairs of the parish. He is survived by his widow and grown-up family. The funeral takes place to Gretna Cemetery to-morrow.

June 2nd 1924 Edinburgh Evening News

George Patterson, farmer and owner of West Scales, Gretna, was yesterday attacked by a four-year-old shorthorn bull in the byre. He went into the byre to release the bull to get it watered, when it turned upon him and gored him to death, the body being badly mutilated. The bull then left the byre and Mr Patterson's body was discovered later in the day.

In loving memory of Joseph the beloved son of Edward and Elizabeth PERCIVAL who died 9th July 1918 aged 12 years. Also John Edward their son who died 19th July 1904 aged - months. Interred at Stanwix Cemetery. Also the above Edward PERCIVAL who died 22nd November 1938 aged 71 years. Also of Elizabeth his wife who died 20th December 1947 aged 83 years.

14327345 Sapper J A PHILIPSON Royal Engineers 3rd April 1943 age 19.

(At foot of above) In loving memory of John from the Headquarters Employees C.A.D. Longtown.

In loving memory of George Henry PIKE of Torquay Devonshire dearly beloved son of Mary & the late Sergt Richard PIKE who died at the Works Hospital from injuries received at Eastriggs Munition Works March 12th 1917 aged 34 years. This stone is erected by his companions & fellow workers as a token of respect & esteem.

March 31st 1917 Dumfries and Galloway Standard

FATAL ACCIDENT INQUIRY Dumfries on Thursday Sheriff Campion and a jury held a public inquiry into the circumstances attending the death of Thomas Neeson, timberman, Blackaddie Cottages, Sanquhar; James Booth, Jutland House, Eastriggs Township, Dornock; and George Henry Pike, C4 Eastriggs Township, Dornock. The following jury were empannelled : George Armstrong, timber merchant, 25 Moffat Road; John A. M. Jeffs, fishmonger, Church Crescent; Frank Holbrook, photographer, 62 English Street; John Douglas, fishmonger, 63 High Street; John Anderson, postingmaster, Commercial Hotel Stables; James Marchbank, joiner, 20 Shakespeare Street; and James Kay, grocer, 146 Lockerbie Road. James Kissock, depute fiscal, conducted the inquiry. In the first case Mr James Lohar, assistant secretary of the Ayrshire Coal-owners' Association, for the Sanquhar and Kirkconnel Collieries, Ltd., and in the two others Mr J. C. R. Macdonald, W.S., Dumfries appeared for the Ministry of Munitions. Mr James Burns, H.M. Inspector Factories, Kilmarnock, was also in attendance. - - - George Henry Pike, was employed as an acid circulator at Gretna, sustained fatal injuries the result of an explosion in the course of his employment the night of 12th March. In each case the jury returned formal verdict, and found that there was not sufficient evidence to show what caused the explosion in Pike's case.

February 12th 1918 Western Times

A fine headstone and kerb has been erected in Gretna Cemetery by his comrades and fellow workers in memory of Mr George H Pike, of Ellacombe, Torquay, who was accidentally killed whilst on duty in March last.

T C PITTAWAY

(Thomas Christopher Pittaway, schoolmaster, b Westmorland, former teacher at Heskett New Market)

In loving memory of Charles Edward RADCLIFFE born September 15th 1861 died April 16th 1928.

January 14th 1893 West Cumberland Times

Marriages - at the Parish Church, Harrington, 1st inst, by the Rev A F Curwen, Charles Edward Radcliffe, accountant, to Margaret Jane, widow of the late Captain John Sprott, of Harrington.

Sacred to the memory of Matilda HOUGH beloved wife of David RICHARDSON who died at Eram Cottage Gretna Green 23rd August 1936. Also the above David RICHARDSON who died 19th December 1945 aged 82 years. Also their daughter Violet M RICHARDSON who died 11th July 1984 aged 84 years.

To the memory of Sarah Isabella RICHARDSON died at Gretna 8 Oct 1943 aged 76 years. Also George Gibson RICHARDSON died at Gretna 17 May 1941 aged 75 years. Cremated at Newcastle on Tyne.

December 10th 1941 Western Morning News

Mr. George Gibson Richardson, of Gordon House. Gretna (near Carlisle), Dumfries-shire, managing director of Richardson's Moss Litter Co. Ltd., who died on May 17 last, aged 75 years, left estate of the gross value of £27,600 with net personalty £22,367. (Estate Duty £4,227). Probate is granted to his widow, his son William L. Richardson, of 1, The Crescent. Carlisle, and his daughter Mrs. Mary I. Beresford. of 3, Maer Down. Bude. He left his property upon trust for his wife for life, and then his interest in " the Amble property" to his grandson, Ian Gibson Richardson, and the remainder as to one-third each to his children Phyllis and William, and one-third upon trust for his daughter Mary.

In loving memory of Gilbert RITCHIE Gretna beloved husband of Gordina NICHOL died 3 March 1944 aged 71. Virtute Acquiritor Honos. And of the above Gordina NICHOL died 13 January 1971 aged 94 years.

March 8th 1944 Dumfries and Galloway Standard

On 3rd March 1944, at the Cumberland Infirmary, Carlisle, Gilbert Ritchie of Central Avenue, Gretna, beloved husband of Gordina Nichol. Interred in Gretna Cemetery on Tuesday 7th March.

MR GILBERT RITCHIE, GREтна

The death occurred in Cumberland Infirmary on Friday night of Mr Gilbert Ritchie, newsagent and ironmonger, Central Avenue, Gretna. Mr Ritchie, who was 71 years of age, was a native of Glasgow. On completing his education, he was for some time engaged in Canada and the United States; and settled in Gretna in 1914, opening a newsagent's and ironmonger's business in Central Avenue. Shortly afterwards he opened shops in Eastriggs and Gaitlebridge, and became a wellknown figure on both sides of the Border. He was a founder member and past master of Lodge Gretna Freemasons, and was present when Gretna Masonic Hall was bombed, when several members were killed in 1941. He was very severely injured that occasion, and made a remarkable recovery. He took an active interest in the social life of the township, and was a devoted member of St Andrew's Church, and a prominent member of Gretna Bowling Club. He was a popular and highly respected member of the community. He is survived by his widow, one son, and a daughter. The funeral took place yesterday afternoon to Gretna Cemetery.

In loving memory of Thomas Irving RITCHIE who died at Demesne Rockcliffe on 11th Dec 1949 aged 29 years. Second son of Arthur I B and Jeanie G RITCHIE and husband of Jean YOUNG. Also the above Jeanie G RITCHIE who died at Demesne Rockcliffe on 26th March 1966 aged 76 years. Also her husband Arthur I B RITCHIE of Demesne Rockcliffe who died on 9th August 1971 aged 83 years.

Sacred to the memory of Joseph ROYAL Australian Mmunition Worker who died at Gretna 9 Augt 1917 aged 58 years. Erected as a token of respect by his Australian fellow workers on the Dornock Section.

A token of respect to the memory of Capt. SHAND from the Midland Glasgow – London employees.

June 2nd 1934 The Scotsman

The death has occurred of Captain Stuart Shand, Gretna, at the age of 63 . He went to Gretna during the war to take up the position of Government Land Agent and was responsible for many important negotiations . He continued in office for some years after the Armistice, pending the final sale of the extensive properties . He- purchased from the Disposal Board the Institute at Gretna , and promoted its use for entertainments until the building was acquired by the County Council to relieve congestion in Gretna Township School : Captain Shand was also the proprietor- of the Union Jack Hotel , which was the stopping place for the night express bus from Glasgow to London , as well as much other bus and transport traffic . Captain Shand presented to St Ninian's Roman Catholic Church, Gretna, of which he was a member, pictures depicting the Seven Stations of the Cross. He is survived by his widow, and one son, who is in the Royal Air Force.

In loving memory of Benjamin SMITH beloved husband of Jessie Wilson IRVING killed by enemy action 7 April 1941 aged 44 years. Also the above Jessie Wilson IRVING who died 13 December 1977 aged 80 years. Also Mary SMITH his aunt who died 11 Oct 1929 aged 63 years.

April 9th 1941 Dumfries and Galloway Standard

In April 1941, as the result of enemy action, Ben Smith of Old Graitney. Funeral on Friday at 3 o'clock. (Benjamin Smith died in the bombing raid at Gretna Masonic Hall)

In memory of Henry Fowle SMITH Esq. M.D. deputy surgeon general of Graitney Hall served on Headquarters Staff throughout the Crimean War born Dec 13th 1823 died August 5th 1906. And Clementina Mary wife of above H Fowle SMITH Esq youngest daughter of the late Colonel GRAHAM of Mossknow born July 17th 1841 died at Graitney Hall May 20th 1916. Also their daughter Meliora Clementina SMITH born June 18th 1883 died April 22nd 1947. Asleep in Jesus.

August 8th 1906 Dundee Evening Telegraph

Death of a Crimean Veteran

The death is announced of Dr Henry Fowle Smith, H.M. Deputy-Surgeon-General, Gretna Hall, Dumfriesshire, at an advanced age. Dr Smith went through the whole of the Crimean campaign, and it was he who certified the death of Lord Raglan. Deceased was widely known over the South of Scotland. He survived by his widow and only daughter.

To the dear memory of the Revd John Owen STAFFORD MA born in Mouswald School House 1 Nov 1869 died in Gretna by enemy action 7 April 1941. Ordained in Mochrum 25 June 1900 and for 35 years the beloved minister of this parish. Husband of M.A.S. TWEEDIE KERR. Also of their son Lieut. Kenneth STAFFORD MC RFA Wounded at Beaudignies and died November 1918. Also of the above Mary A S TWEEDIE KERR who died on 23 January 1949 aged 79 years. Also Julia Mary STAFFORD their daughter who died 15 May 1973 aged 76 years. Jean Tweedie STAFFORD their daughter who died – Jan 1977 aged 77 years. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life nor powers of the height shall separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

(The Rev Stafford died in the bombing raid on Gretna Masonic Hall)

April 9th 1941 Dumfries and Galloway Standard

OBITUARY NOTICES THE REV. JOHN O. STAFFORD The death occurred at a late hour on Monday evening of the Rev. John O. Stafford, M.A., who had been minister of Gretna for the past thirty-five years. Mr Stafford

was a son of Mr James Stafford, who was for thirty-six years headmaster of Mouswald Public School. He was educated at Dumfries Academy and Glasgow University, where he took his Arts Course, graduating M.A. in 1890. He was licensed by the Presbytery of Lochmaben in 1893, and his first appointment was assistant in Old Deer, Aberdeenshire, and he was afterwards assistant in Dunblane Cathedral. In 1900 he was ordained and inducted minister of Mochrum, and in 1906 he was inducted to Gretna. Mr Stafford took an active interest in public affairs, and served on the School Board, the Education Authority, and Dumfries County Council. He was a prominent Freemason. On the occasion of his semi-jubilee in 1925 he was presented with pulpit robes and a purse of Treasury notes from his congregation, and Mrs Stafford, by whom he is survived, was presented with a salver.

November 16th 1918 Dumfries and Galloway Standard

The Rev. J. O. Stafford, Gretna Manse, received notification on Saturday that his son, Lieut. Kenneth Stafford, had been seriously wounded, and was lying in hospital in Rouen. Lieut. Stafford was shot in the head on the Monday previous, and his condition is still critical. A short time ago Lieut. Stafford was slightly wounded at the Italian front, and after recovery he returned to the fighting line in France.

November 20th 1918 Dumfries and Galloway Standard

GRETNA MINISTER'S SON KILLED. Lieutenant Kenneth James Stafford, only son the Rev. John O. and Mrs Stafford, The Manse, Gretna, has died of wounds. Lieut. Stafford proceeded to Edinburgh University from Clifton Bank School, St. Andrews, in March 1916, joining the O.T.C. at that time. He received his commission in February, 1917, and proceeded France five months later. From France he went Italy in November, and in the spring of this year he was again fighting in France. Slightly wounded two months ago, Lieutenant Stafford succumbed to wounds received on the 4th inst. He was 20 years of age.

In ever loving memory of Thomas STRAITON Springfield Road who died at Carlisle 18th August 1928 aged 74 years. And Jane LATIMER his wife who died at Montrose 5th Feb 1939 aged 84 years. Also of their son John born 24th October 1880 died 19th October 1882. Interred in Carlisle Cemetery. And Jane Agnes BELL sister of Thomas STRAITON who died at Solway View 8th July 1938 aged 77 years. Not lost but gone before.

February 10th 1939 Montrose Standard

On Sunday the death took place at "Morven," Union Place, of Mrs Thomas Straiton, mother of Mr G I Straiton, mathematics teacher at the Academy. She was 85 years of age and formerly resided at Gretna.

In ever loving memory of Joseph STRONG who died at Gretna June 25th 1930 aged 66 years. And Mary his beloved wife who passed away Feb 1st 1940 in her 71st year. Also Corporal Joshua STRONG their only son killed in action in France April 24th 1918. Also Ada their daughter who died December 1986. At rest.

From "Windermere and Grasmere in the Great War" by Ruth Mansergh

There is a wooden cross on display at the Imperial War Museum, London, from the grave of Corporal Joshua Strong (1889 - 1918) 28th Canadian Infantry, who was killed in action on 26th April 1918. His parents, Joseph and Mary Strong, were from Elterwater, and in 1911 he lived in Elterwater and worked as a quarryman. His remains are buried at Bellacourt Military Cemetery, Riviere, France.

In loving memory of Horace Richard youngest son of Herbert and Jane TAYLOR died at Gretna 16th Aug 1925 aged 15 years. Also Herbert Powley TAYLOR died at Carlisle Infirmary 23rd April 1952 aged 68 years. Also Jane Ann his wife died at Crozier Lodge 9th Jan 1956 aged 70 years. Also their son Dennis TAYLOR died 13th Dec 1970 aged 62 years.

In loving memory of Annie GRUNDWELL dearly beloved wife of Joseph TELFORD who died at 27 Balfour Rd Carlisle 26th March 1941 aged 45 years.

In loving memory of William John eldest son of James and Jane TELFORD who died at Gretna Green 22 May 1915 aged 14 years. Also Jane TELFORD mother of above who died at Carlisle Infirmary 20 March 1940 aged 63 years. Also the above James TELFORD who died at Headlesscross Gretna Green 9 December 1947 in his 70th year.

In loving remembrance of Walter THORBURN who died at Gretna Station 10 November 1938 aged 61 years. Also of Helen KIRK dearly loved wife of the above who died at Gretna Station 14 February 1938 aged 56 years. Also of Mary Elizabeth their beloved eldest daughter who died 8 June 1952 aged 47 years. Also of Catherine their dearly loved daughter who died 10 May 1974 aged 66 years.

In loving memory of Private James TUDDENHAM Duke of Wellington's Regt who answered his country's call in 1914 and gave his life on April 30th 1918 aged 23 years. Interred on Mount Memmel in France. Also Jane Ann sister of the above who died at Crabtree Rigg March 27th 1902 aged 3 years and 3 months. Also Elizabeth beloved wife of James TUDDENHAM & mother of the above who died at Rose Cottage Gretna Green on Feb 5th 1937 aged 80 years. And the above James TUDDENHAM beloved husband and father who died at 51 Henderson Road Carlisle March 30th 1948 aged 90 years.

(James Tuddenham described by CWGC as son of James and Elizabeth Tuddenham of Rockcliffe, Carlisle)

In loving memory of Barbara CARNAN wife of James Steel WANNOP who died at Springfield – April 1924 aged 54 years. Also of the above James Steel WANNOP who died at Springfield 21st Oct 1926 aged 62 years.

In memory of Thomas WEAL who died at Brow House Sept 10th 1921 in his 84th year. Also his wife Mary Ann Rose who died at West Cowick Yorkshire May 15th 1918 in her 85th year.

Stephen William WEBB who died 28th February 1926 aged 73 years.

In treasured remembrance of William Wettenhall WEST (Bill) beloved husband of Jean WEST who died 7 April 1941. Also his beloved wife Mary Jean WEST who died 28 May 1950.

April 19th 1941 Dumfries and Galloway Standard

Re W. W. WEST (Deceased) - Notice

The BUSINESS of EGG and POULTRY MERCHANT hitherto carried on by the late Mr W. W. West at RIGG, GRETNNA, and LONGTOWN, Cumberland, is being carried on as usual.

(William Wettenhall West, Corporal in Home Guard, b Newcastle upon Tyne 1907, son of Frederick and Edith West, died in bombing of Masonic Hall at Gretna).

In loving memory of John WHITSON who died at Cumberland Infirmary 30th January 1924 aged 41 years.

In loving memory of my dear husband Pattinson WOOD who died at Mossband 22nd May 1912 in his 47th year. Also his son Pte Robert WOOD 2nd Royal Scots Fusiliers who was killed in action in France 9th July 1916 aged 21 years. Also Elizabeth TELFORD beloved wife of the above Pattinson WOOD who died at Carlisle 27 Aug 1927 aged 63 years.

In loving memory of Maggie the dearly beloved wife of Charles H YOUNG of 308? Warwick Road Carlisle died 25th Feby 1925 aged 22 years. Thy will be done.

In loving memory of Mina dearly beloved wife of Sidney C JOHNSON and eldest daughter of Andrew and Elisebeth YOUNG Springfield Gretna who died in Dumfries Infirmary Jan 10th 1931 aged 25 years. Also of Thomas YOUNG son of the above Andrew and Elizabeth YOUNG who died at Gretna April 7th 1941 aged 34

years. Also the above Andrew YOUNG who died at Springfield April 12th 1952 aged 71 years. Also the above Elizabeth YOUNG who died January 18th 1965 aged 80 years.

(Thomas Young died in bombing of Masonic Hall, Gretna)