

Pensioner Details
<i>Pensioner name:</i> Thomas Armstrong
<i>Person ID:</i> SC1002
<i>Your name:</i> Chloe Bennett
<i>U3A group:</i> Scotland
Part One: Birth and Family
1: When and where was your pensioner born?
Thomas Armstrong born about 1841 Sebergham, Cumberland England, civil parish, High Sebergham (on 1851 census with his grandmother).
2: Who were your pensioners' parents? Record any details you can find out about them here (e.g. occupation, religious affiliation, whether they could read or write)
<p>Father</p> <p>Not sure about these</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Armstrong – Weaver (son's death certificate). ?Possibly Thomas's father John Armstrong< Hand Loom Weaver in 1851 census in Paisley, born Ireland. His brother was James and Thomas's eldest son is John James. John Armstrong's mother Mary Armstrong was christened 6 May 1787. She is recorded as having father Thomas Armstrong and mother Jane. • <u>More likely possibility</u> is father John Armstrong and mother Jemima Armstrong. On 1861 Census, Father John Armstrong is Handloom weaver born Brampton, Cumberland. Thomas is living with parents, two sisters and two brothers including Simon aged 8. <p>Father, John Armstrong is noted on Thomas's marriage certificate of 1881 as Grocer deceased. This ties in with 1851 census below.</p> <p>Thomas (PP) is recorded as living with his grandmother on the 1851 census. His grandmother is listed on the 1851 census as Head of the household and occupation grocer and presumably lodging house keeper as she had 10 lodgers including a 2 yearchild.</p> <p>Mother</p> <p>His mother is shown as Jane Armstrong wp Eccles Deceased on Thomas's marriage certificate in 1881 Mary Armstrong wp Eccles (son's Death certificate)</p> <p>Can't find anything for Mary or Janes Eccles on Ancestry</p>
3: Did your pensioner have any siblings? What were their names, and how old were they in relation to your pensioner? Use this space to record anything else you have found out about them (e.g. occupation)
<p>1861 Census (this may not be the right Thomas as mother is listed as Jemima, see above)</p> <p>On 1861 census Living in Botchergate, Carlisle No 14 Sq</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • James Armstrong Born about 1843, Carlisle, Cumberland (civil parish Botchergate), aged 18, scholar • Mary Jane Armstrong born about 1848, Carlisle, Cumberland (civil parish Botchergate, aged 13

- Margaret Armstrong born about 1851, Carlisle, Cumberland (civil parish Botchergate, aged 10

Brother

Simon Armstrong

- Born: abt 1853, on 1861 census aged 8. On 1881 census Civil Service living with his brother Thomas and family at 2 Holyrood Terrace, Edinburgh

Part Two: Marriage and children

1: Did your pensioner marry? What was their spouse's name, and when and where did they marry them? Use this space to record any extra details you can find out about their spouse (e.g. when/where they were born, their occupation)

Marriage – 1st

Thomas Armstrong (age 25) married Rachel Hope (age 22) on 20 July 1865 in Carlisle, England

- Born: About 1843 in Annan, Scotland. Her parents were Archibald Hope (age 25) and Janet Hannah (age 28)
- 1851 census: Listed aged 8 as living with her parents Archibald ((34) and Janet (36) and brother James (3) in Botchergate, Carlisle, Cumberland.
- 1861 census: and aged 18 in Botchergate, Cumberland .
- 1865: marriage See above.
- 1871 census: Listed as living with husband, Thomas(29) and son John J Armstrong (4) and daughter Jessy(3) in 1 Blackfield, Dumfries
- 1880 Death: She died on July 8th1880 at 2 Holyrood Terrace Edinburgh. Her death certificate records 'debility from an unavoidable haemorrhage 14 days parturition r.....(?) 2-3 days suspicion of septicaemia, as certified by R Bruce MD'. She had 3 sons and 3 daughters.

1881 census: Thomas (29) living with his children, brother and housekeeper in 2 Holyrood Terrace, Edinburgh (see below for details)

Marriage – 2nd

Thomas Armstrong (age 40) married Margaret Donaldson (age 25) on October 21st 1881.at Viewforth (?) Manse, Edinburgh after 'Banns according to the Terms of the Gaelic Church. Thomas Armstrong , (Telegraphist) is shown as living at 2 Holyrood Terrace, Edinburgh and Margaret Donaldson (Telegraphist) of Pilrig Cottage, Leith.

- Born: Margaret Donaldson was born on July 1st 1856. Her parents were James Donaldson (age 51) and Margaret Donaldson (age 34) in Edinburgh Parish, Edinburgh, Midlothian.
- 1861 census: Listed, (age 4) as living with her parents James Donaldson (age 56), a butcher's clerk, and Margaret Donaldson (aged 39) and in 2 Hadd(ington) Place, Edinburgh St Cuthberts with brother Charles (19), sister Elizabeth (16), sister Helen (7), brother James Donaldson (3) and 5 boarders/lodgers.
- 1871 census: Listed, (age 14) as living with parents James Donaldson (age 71) and Margaret Donaldson (age 49), niece Maria Donaldson and 3 lodgers at 25 Haddington Place, Edinburgh St Cuthberts

- 1881 census: Listed (age 24), occupation Telegraphist (Civil Service) and was living with her mother, Margaret Donaldson, a widow, at 2 Pilrig Court, Leith South, Midlothian
- 1881 Marriage: see above
- 1891 census: Listed (age 34) as living with her husband Thomas (age 49), Asst Supt Tel Sept GPO, and stepson David (age 18), stepdaughter Mary (age 17), stepdaughter Lizzie (age 17), daughter Helen (age 5), daughter Christian (age 1) and daughter Margaret (age 7) at 2 Tait Street, Edinburgh South Leith, Midlothian
- 1901 census: Listed (age 44) living with her husband Thomas (age 60), Civil Service Pensioner, Margaret's mother Margaret Donaldson (79), step daughter Lizzie (age 13), daughter Margaret (age 17), daughter Helen (age 15), daughter Christian (age 11), son Thomas (age 9), son Charles (age 7) and daughter Catherine (age 5).
- 1911 census: Listed (age 54) living with husband Thomas (70), Retired Pensioner, daughter Margaret (age 27), daughter Christian (age 21), son Thomas (age 19) and daughter Catherine (age 15).
- Death: After 1911 census Can't find death certificate. Margaret is not mentioned as deceased on death certificate of Thomas but neither is Rachel who died in 1880. Her son, Charles is the informant on Thomas's death Certificate.

2: Did your pensioner have any children? What were their names, and when they were born? Use this space to record any extra details you can find out about them (e.g. occupation, where they lived later in life)

By first wife Rachel Armstrong (nee Hope) died aged 37 in July 8 1880 in Edinburgh

- Son: John James Armstrong born about 1867.
- Daughter: Jessy Armstrong born abt 1868
- Son: James Armstrong born abt 1871
- Son: David Armstrong born abt 1872
- Daughter: Mary Jane Armstrong born abt 1873/74
- Daughter: Lizzie Hannah Armstrong born abt 1877/78

Son: John James Armstrong

Born: 2nd May 1866 in Dumfries. Aged 4 on 1871 census, Dumfries (1 Blackfield Dumfries) On 1881 census aged 14 lived 2 Holyrood Terrace, Edinburgh St Andrews. Enlisted in the Royal Engineers in 1887.

Daughter: Jessy Armstrong

Born: abt 1868. On 1871 census aged 3. Not on later census' Died?

Son: James Armstrong

Born: abt 1871. Not on 1881 census with parents. Died?

Son: David Armstrong

Born: abt 1872 in Dumfries, Dumfriesshire 1881 census aged 9

Daughter: Mary Jane Armstrong

Born: abt 1873/74 Born in Edinburgh. On 1881 census aged 7, on 1891 census aged 17. Not on later censuses with family.

Daughter: Lizzie Hannah Armstrong

Born: abt 1877/78 Born Edinburgh. On 1881 census aged 3, aged 13 on 1891 census, 23 on 1901 census as dressmaker. Not on 1911 census with family.

Note. David Armstrong, Mary Jane Armstrong and Lizzie Hannah Armstrong on the 1891 census onwards as having mother, Margaret Armstrong (their stepmother) not Rachel Armstrong.

By **second wife Margaret Armstrong (nee Donaldson)** on 1891 census onwards live 2 Tait Street, Edinburgh South Leith

- Daughter: Margaret Armstrong
- Daughter: Helen Armstrong
- Daughter: Christian Armstrong
- Son: Thomas Armstrong
- Son: Charles Armstrong
- Daughter: Catherine Armstrong

Daughter: Margaret Armstrong

Born: about 1884 in Edinburgh. Aged 7 on census 1891, aged 17 on 1901 census and 27 on 1911 census and 'at home'.

Daughter: Helen Armstrong

Born: about 1886 in Edinburgh. Aged 5 on 1891 census aged 5, 15 on 1901 census but not on 1911 census (age 27) with family.

Daughter: Christian Armstrong

Born: about 1890 in Edinburgh. Aged 1 on 1891 census, aged 11 on 1901 census and 21 on 1911 census and 'at home'

Son: Thomas Armstrong

Born: abt 1892 in Edinburgh. Aged 9 on 1901 census, aged 19 on 1901 census and on 1911 census he is described as Grocer and worker .

Son: Charles Armstrong

Born: abt 1894 in Edinburgh. Aged 7 on 1901 census but not on 1911 census with family. Present at father's death 1917- address 22 Jordan Lane, Edinburgh. Lived at 22a Roseburn Place, Edinburgh (Electoral Roll 1921/22) in boarding house with 4 couples listed on electoral roll.

Daughter: Catherine Armstrong

Born: about 1896 in Edinburgh aged 5 in 1901 census, aged 15 on 1911 census and 'at home'.

Part Three: Work

1: What occupation was your pensioner recorded as doing in census years? Please make sure to state clearly which year you are referring to

1851: Age 10, listed as scholar living in grandmother's lodging house. Grandmother on census as Grocer

1861: Age 20, listed as Commercial clerk (if this is correct Thomas, as mother listed as Jemima)

1871: Age 30 listed as Chief Clerk Telegraph Department

1881: Age 40 listed as Civil Service

1891: Age 50 listed as Asst Supt Tel Sept GPO

1901: Age 60 listed as Civil Service Pensioner

1911: Age 70 listed as Retired Pensioner

Died 1917

2: What occupations were people living with your pensioner (e.g. spouse, children, boarders) doing in the census years? Please make sure to state clearly which year you are referring to

James Armstrong (father)

Mary Armstrong (maternal grandmother)

1851 Grocer

Simon Armstrong (Thomas's brother) born 1853

1881: Occupation 'Civil Service'

Thomas's children

John J Armstrong (son),

1881 census (aged 14), Scholar. 1887 aged 21 on he enlisted in Royal Engineers, Regimental number 22195, Attestation Paper. Original image held by Fold3, subscription only part of Ancestry.

David Armstrong (son)

1891 Tece Grassk Clerk GPO

Not on 1901 census with family

Mary Armstrong (Daughter)

1891 Dressmaker

Not 1901 census with family

Lizzy Armstrong (Daughter)

1901 Dressmaker

Margaret Armstrong (Daughter)

1901 no occupation

Margaret Donaldson (mother in law)

1901 no occupation

Agnes Stephenson

1881 Housekeeper to Armstrong family

Part Four: Anything Else

Please use this space to record anything else you have found out about your pensioner

Thomas Armstrong retired in 1901. He lived at 12 Comely Bank Place, Edinburgh Abbey, Midlothian and is listed as such on the 1901 and 1911 census.

Part Five: Your Sources

Please use this space to record the sources you have used

??Mary Armstrong, grandmother of Thomas Armstrong, Christened 6 May 1787

England & Wales, Christening Index, 1530-1980 - Ancestry.co.uk

Source Information

Ancestry.com. England & Wales, Christening Index, 1530-1980 [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2008.

Original data: Genealogical Society of Utah. British Isles Vital Records Index, 2nd Edition. Salt Lake City, Utah: Intellectual Reserve, copyright 2002. Used by permission.

England, Select Births and Christenings, 1538-1975 - Ancestry.co.uk

Source Information

John Armstrong[?] father of Thomas Armstrong (occupation matches)

1851 Scotland Census - Ancestry.co.uk

Source Citation

Parish: Paisley High Church; ED: 6A; Page: 16; Line: 2; Roll: CSSCT1851_123; Year: 1851

Source Information

Ancestry.com. 1851 Scotland Census [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2006.

Original data: Scotland. 1851 Scotland Census. Reels 1-217. General Register Office for Scotland, Edinburgh, Scotland.

Mother of Thomas Armstrong

??Jemima Armstrong born c1820 died Oct-Nov-Dec 1864 (see above)

Source Information

FreeBMD. England & Wales, Civil Registration Death Index, 1837-1915 [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2006.

Simon Armstrong (Thomas's brother) born 1853

England, Select Births and Christenings, 1538-1975 - Ancestry.co.uk

Source Information

Ancestry.com. England, Select Births and Christenings, 1538-1975 [database on-line].

Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2014.

Rachel Hope 1st wife

1851 census

Source Citation

Class: HO107; Piece: 2429; Folio: 282; Page: 1; GSU roll: 87109

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1866

John James birth (eldest son of Thomas)

Scotland, Select Births and Baptisms, 1564-1950 - Ancestry.co.uk

Margaret Armstrong born Donaldson

1861 census

Source Citation

Parish: Edinburgh St Cuthberts; ED: 63; Page: 18; Line: 1; Roll: CSSCT1861_126

1861 Scotland Census - Ancestry.co.uk

1881 census

Source Citation

Parish: Leith South; ED: 15; Page: 19; Line: 20; Roll: cssct1881_298

Source Information

Ancestry.com. 1881 Scotland Census [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2007.

1891 census

Source Citation

Parish: Edinburgh South Leith; ED: 15; Page: 14; Line: 16; Roll: CSSCT1891_340

1901 Census

1901 Scotland Census - Ancestry.co.uk

1911 census

Census returns - Census - Search results | ScotlandsPeople

Charles Armstrong

1922/23 Electoral Register City of Edinburgh and Burgh of Leith

Source Citation

Edinburgh City Archives; Edinburgh, Scotland; Register of Voters For the City of Edinburgh and the Burgh of Leith; Reference: SI56/76

www.ancestry.co.uk/imageviewer/collections/61486/images/43258_302022005616_2901

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