

Pensioner Details
<i>Pensioner name:</i> Robert Boyd
<i>Person ID:</i> SC1007
<i>Your name:</i> Pauline Gall
<i>U3A group:</i> Scotland
Part One: Birth and Family
1: When and where was your pensioner born?
William Boyd was born in 1840 and baptised on 13th December 1840 in Falkirk, Stirlingshire
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>William's father was John Boyd, born about 1811, Stirlingshire, a carting contractor and his mother was Catherine Boyd, born about 1816 in Stirlingshire - m/s Walds (parish register) or Walls (William's death certificate, also on her marriage record) or Wallac (1841 census).</p> <p>They were married on 1st July 1836 in Falkirk. Parish registers show married in Church of Scotland.</p> <p>In 1841 their address was 'Park Foot' , Park Foot, Stirlingshire.</p> <p>In 1851 John was a Carter Master</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>In 1841 and 1851 William lived at 'Park Foot', Park Foot Road, Falkirk.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brother, James born 1837 who in 1851 was a carter • A brother, John born 1839 • A sister Catherine born 1843 • A brother Robert born 1845 • Twin brothers George and Thomas born 1849
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)
William was married to Isabella Melvin in Falkirk on 23rd August 1861. Isabella was born in 1842 in Falkirk
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)

1871 census – William’s children were

- James - born 1868, Falkirk
- Catherine - born 1865, Falkirk
- William– born 1870, Falkirk

1881 census - William’s children were

- Catherine
- James
- William
- Robert – born 1873, Falkirk
- Isabella – born 1875, Falkirk
- Christina - born 1877, Polmont
- Margaret - born 1879, Polmont

1891 census - William’s children were:-

- James– Town Postman
- Catherine– Dressmaker
- Christina– Dressmaker’s Apprentice
- Margaret
- Mary born 1882, Polmont
- Jane born 1886, Polmont
- Agnes born 1886, Polmont

1901 census – William’s children were:-

- Catherine – Dressmaker
- Isabella – Domestic Servant
- Mary – Grocer’s Clerkess
- Jane – Dressmaker
- Agnes – Dressmaker
- Granddaughter – Isabella Stewart born 1900 – Polmont

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

1881 Census – wife Isabella was listed as a Rural Messenger’s wife

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- Catherine
- James
- William – born 1870, Falkirk
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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

In 1871 William’s address was 6, Silverrow Street, Falkirk

- See Part 2 Q1

In 1881 William’s address was Polmont

- See Part 2 Q1

In 1891 William’s address was ‘Gardenhead’, Polmont

- See Part 2 Q1

In 1901 William’s address was Main Street, Grangemouth. See Part 3 Q1 for list of Boyd family occupations. Also living at this address were:

- Donald McKay (head, married): 33, Grocer’s Assistant, b. Falkirk
- Helen McKay (married): 29, b. Airth
- Annie McKay: 4, b. Grangemouth
- Donald McKay: 2, b. Grangemouth
- Janet McKay, 0, b. Grangemouth

Part Four: Anything Else

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

William died of “Diabetes Insipidus, Phthisis Pulmonalis” in 1911 age 69.

Part Five: Your Sources

Please use this space to record the sources you have used

Birth of William Boyd 1840 – Scotlands People Church registers - Old Parish Registers Births and baptisms (1840): 479/110/110 (Falkirk)

1836 marriage of William Boyd's parents – Scotlands People Church registers - Old Parish Registers Banns and marriages (1836): 470/122/139 Falkirk

1840 baptism record for William Boyd:https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=R_687273231

1861 William's marriage to Isabella Melvin -
https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=R_695222081%2F1

1841 census for William Boyd -
<https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=GBC%2F1841%2F0016349665>

1851 census for William Boyd -
<https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=GBC/1851/0019832966>

1871 census for William Boyd -
<https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=GBC/1871/0023662743>

1881 census for William Boyd -
<https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=GBC/1881/0029213713>

1891 census for William Boyd -
<https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=GBC%2F1891%2F0035033121>

1901 census for William Boyd -
<https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=GBC/1901/0035666092>