

ANDREW DOW (1844-1904)
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Andrew Dow was born in the Perthshire town of Auchterarder in 1843. His parents Hendry Dow and Ann Martin were both natives of Auchterarder. Hendry is listed as a manufacturer in 1851. By coincidence I found a news report for another Andrew Dow, Kilsplindie, Perthshire, late driver of Royal Mail who died on 24th September 1845 so some of our Andrew Dow's older relatives may have had a background in the Post Office.

Andrew Dow had two brothers, Robert and James, and a sister Ann. Until the 1861 census, the family lived in Auchterarder together, though Robert was living separately a few doors away by 1861. Both Robert and James started as bakers, but James became a mason by 1871. By the time James died in 1918 he was back in Auchterarder, a gardener who had married an Elizabeth Christie in Cathcart Renfrewshire in 1874.

I found no occupations for sister Ann Dow nor any certain record from 1871. By 1871 Hendry Dow is listed as a Quarry labourer, in Auchterarder and is still there in 1881, living alone after the death of his wife Ann, also in 1881. He died in 1886.

In 1861 Andrew is listed as a writer's clerk aged seventeen, in Auchterarder but by 1866 he had moved to Glasgow and was working for the Post Office as a letter carrier. From his earlier occupation, I think he hoped for a post as a postmaster, but remained a letter carrier for thirty-five years in the south side of Glasgow city.

Andrew married Margaret McConnell in Eastwood Renfrewshire in October 1868. This district adjoined Glasgow and was on the south side of the River Clyde. Andrew's brother Robert Dow is living in this district in 1871, a boarder who was unmarried and a baker. Andrew and Margaret appear to have had one baby called Henry who didn't survive, and Margaret died herself in September 1869 at home in King Street, Glasgow of a chest infection.

In 1870 Andrew married Janet Craig from Kilmory parish on the Isle of Arran. Later censuses recorded that she spoke Gaelic, common then on the west side of Arran. In 1871 the young couple were living a single room on Maxwell Street, Pollokshaws, Renfrewshire, an area of close packed tenements on the south side of Glasgow. By 1881 they had moved very slightly further into Renfrewshire to the Crossmyloof area and had five young children.

In 1891 they had moved again over to the Govanhill area of Glasgow, more dense tenements, and were in a three roomed flat with their eight children. The older children were all employed. Thomas C Dow age nineteen was a postman, Ann McQueen Dow, sixteen, a power loom weaver, Andrew Dow Jnr., fourteen a message boy. Jessie, twelve, James, ten, Donald eight, and William six were all at school while Catherine, three was too young.

By the year of Andrew Dow's retirement in 1901, at fifty-seven, Thomas and Ann had moved out, young Andrew was a tailor, Jessie a dressmaker, and young William Dow was an assistant postman. Only Catherine, at thirteen, was still at school. Daughter Ann McQueen Dow may have married

William Sloan, in the Gorbals, Glasgow (just down the road towards the centre of Glasgow but still on the south side of the river). They seem to have been a hard-working and close knit family.

When Andrew died in 1904, after only three years retirement, his son Thomas Dow registered his death and was living in Dunard Road, on the north side of Glasgow. Perhaps his postman route was located in that area. Young Donald was a soldier at Maryhill Barracks in Glasgow in 1901, aged eighteen. I couldn't track down James in 1901 but by 1911 he was back, an engineer's labourer, age thirty, living with his mother and some siblings. Still in Govanhill, now in a two roomed flat, widow Janet also had Andrew thirty-four, tailor, Jessie thirty-two dressmaker and son William, twenty-six a postman, for support. I have no idea what eventually happened to Donald, as a soldier, nor to Catherine who may have married, but I like to think that they were living in streets not too far away from their mother.

Andrew was a postman in a crowded, tenement area of Glasgow. He would have had many hours climbing stairs in the tenements to deliver the mail, but he lasted in the job for thirty-five years. That he died of lung disease is not unexpected, given the density of the population. It is interesting that two of his sons chose to become postmen too. In my searches of newspapers, I uncovered a Glasgow Daily Record report:

A Mrs William Dow, 2 Batson Street Govanhill received notice on Wed 2nd May that her husband William Dow of the Cameronians, had died from wounds received in action, previously postman to the Southern district of Glasgow.

Also, I found a record of a Thomas C Dow returned from New York to Liverpool in 1937 age sixty-six, retired, with wife. I believe this could be Andrew Dow's son, one of the postmen in the family.

Fact Sheet: Andrew Dow

Pensioner Details
<i>Pensioner name:</i> Andrew Dow
<i>Person ID:</i> SC1012
<i>Your name:</i> Rena Mitchell
<i>U3A group:</i> Scotland
Part One: Birth and Family
1: When and where was your pensioner born?
Andrew Dow was born in Auchterarder, Perthshire in on 2 nd October 1843. (transcript says Andrew Daw)
2: Who were your pensioner's parents? Record any details you can find out about them here (e.g. occupation, religious affiliation, whether they could read or write)
<p>His father was Hendry Dow, born or / baptised 30 April 1815 in Auchterarder Perthshire. Father Andrew Dow, Mother Ann Riddoch. Died 1886 age 71 in Auchterarder, Perthshire. His mother was Ann Dow nee Martin, also born or baptised 18 September 1814 in Auchterarder parish Ref 329/30/196 to Robert Martin, father and Ann Sommerville, mother</p> <p>Marriage (parents) Hendry and Ann married 21 Dec 1842 in Auchterarder, Perthshire, Scotland<i>Scotland, Select Marriages, 1561-1910</i> [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2014.</p> <p>Hendry Dow (father) 1851 census Hendry Dow listed age 35, b Auchterarder, Perthshire, manufacturer in Feus, Auchterarder, with wife Ann Dow, age 36, born Auchterarder Perthshire, no occupation; son Andrew Dow age 7 scholar, born Auchterarder Perthshire; son Robert Dow age 5 born Auchterarder Perthshire, scholar; son James Dow age 4, born Auchterarder Perthshire; daughter Ann Dow age 1, born Auchterarder Perthshire. 1861 census at Powhillock, Auchterarder Hendry Dow age 44, Manufacturer, (3 rooms) with wife Ann age 45, no occupation; son Andrew age 17, writer's clerk; son James age 14, baker's apprentice; daughter Ann age 11, scholar. 1871 census Henry Dow age 53, Quarry Labourer still at Auchterarder (2 rooms) with wife Ann age 53, son James Dow, Unmarried age 23, Mason, Grandson Andrew Dow age 6, scholar, born Auchterarder and grandson Henry age 1 born Auchterarder. I have not found out whose children these were 1881 census Henry Dow may have been at Powhillock Road, Auchterarder, Perthshire age 66, Quarrier, living alone. It does say he was born in Pollokshaws Renfrewshire so this may not be the same person, but I am fairly sure it is as in 1871 he was recorded as a quarry worker. Hendry Dow (father) died in Auchterarder, Perthshire, age 71 in 1886, Ref 329/22 (not paid for)</p> <p>Ann Martin (mother) 1841 Ann Martin may be at Muthil, Perthshire age 28, Ref 386/A 10/1 (not paid for) 1851, 1861, 1871 censuses with husband and family, see above. She died in 1881 in Auchterarder age 66 years. Death reference 329/19 (not paid for)</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, later life)

Brother Robert Dow

Brother Robert born @ 1846 in Auchterarder. 1851 age 5 Scholar with parents. 1861 in Auchterarder a few streets away from parents. 1871 boarder at 128 Herriet Street, Eastwood Renfrewshire, baker age 25 **Not reliably found after this (too many possibles)**

Brother James Dow

Brother James born @ 1847 in Auchterarder. 1851 and 1861 with parents, 1871 on not found
1874 James Dow married Elizabeth Christie in Cathcart, Renfrewshire. Correct parents.
James Dow (brother) died on 29 July 1918 , gardener, age 71 of Arterio Sclerosis at 3 Hunter Street Auchterarder, husband of Elizabeth Christie, correct parents, registered by neighbour.

Sister Ann Dow

Sister Ann born @ 1850 in Auchterarder. 1851 and 1861 with parents, 1871 on not found

Part Two: Marriage and children/ boarders

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). **Note:** *You can also use this space to record any details about people your pensioner boarded with.*

Andrew Dow was married twice.

Margaret McConnell (first wife)

First wife was Margaret McConnell. They married on 9 October 1868 in Eastwood, Renfrewshire, Scotland. Ancestry.com. *Scotland, Select Marriages, 1561-1910* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2014.

She died age 28 in Eastwood, Renfrewshire in September 1869. *NRS 1869 Statutory Registers Deaths 562/ 255*

Janet Craig (second wife)

Second wife was Janet Craig. She was born in Kilmory, Bute 26 Nov 1843. *Scotland, Select Births and Baptisms, 1564-1950* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2014.

They married on 16 November 1870 at Kilmory, Bute, Scotland, Ancestry.com. *Scotland, Select Marriages, 1561-1910* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2014. Also recorded as Shiskine Arran on one child's birth certificate

Janet Craig (second wife)

1871 census at 25 Maxwell Street, Pollokshaws, Eastwood, Renfrewshire age 27, born Arran Bute, no occupation with husband **Andrew Dow** age 27, born Auchterarder Perthshire, letter carrier, in one room.

1881 census at Crossmyloof, Cathcart, Renfrewshire age 37, born Kilmory Bute, no occupation; with husband **Andrew Dow (as Don- family name wrongly transcribed)** age 37 born Auchterarder Perthshire, **PO Letter Carrier**; son Thomas C Dow age 9, born Pollokshaws, Renfrewshire, scholar; daughter Ann McQ Dow age 16, born Pollokshaws Renfrewshire; son Andrew Dow age 4 born Pollokshaws, Renfrewshire; daughter Jessie Dow age 2 born Pollokshaws Renfrewshire; son James A Dow age 1 month, born Cathcart Renfrewshire

1891 census at 190 Cathcart Rd, Govanhill, Lanarkshire (3 rooms) age 47, speaks Gaelic; with husband **Andrew Dow age 47, Postman**; son Thomas C Dow age 19, **postman**; daughter Ann McQueen Dow age 16, power loom weaver; son Andrew Dow age 14, message boy; daughter Jessie Dow age 12, scholar; son James Dow age 10 born Crossmyloof, Renfrewshire, scholar; son Donald Dow age 8 born Crossmyloof, Renfrewshire, scholar; son William Dow age 6 scholar, born Govanhill, Lanarkshire; daughter Catherine Dow age 3, born Govanhill Lanarkshire

1901 census at 574 Cathcart Road, Govanhill, Govan Lanarkshire (3 rooms) age 57, born Shiskine Bute, no occupation; with husband **Andrew Dow** age 57 born Auchterarder, **postman**; son Andrew Dow age 24, tailor; daughter Jessie Dow age 22, dressmaker; son William Dow age 16, **assistant postman**; daughter Catherine Dow age 13, scholar.

1911 census at 32 Bankhall Street, Govanhill, Lanarkshire (2 rooms) age 67, Gaelic speaker, **widow**, no occupation with son Andrew Dow age 34, tailor; daughter Jessie Dow age 32 dressmaker; son James Dow age 30, labourer,engineer's; **son William Dow age 26, postman govt.**

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)

Son Henry Dow

To First marriage: Henry Dow born to Andrew Dow and Margaret McConnell. No dates given. May have simply been a record of still birth, though his mother died of other causes.

To Second marriage (as far as I found)

son Thomas Craig Dow

Thomas Craig Dow b Pollokshaws Glasgow @ 1872. 1881 scholar age 9 with parents. 1891 was a **postman** age 19 living with parents. 1901 was elsewhere. Thomas Dow registered his father's death in Glasgow in 1905 while living at 60 Dunard Street Glasgow.

Daughter Ann McQueen Dow

Ann McQueen Dow b @ 1875 in Pollokshaws Renfrewshire. 1881 age 6 with parents. 1891 was power loom weaver age 16 with parents. 1901 on, not found.

Son Andrew Dow

Andrew Dow b @ 1877 in Pollokshaws Renfrewshire, 1881 age 4 with parents. 1891 was message boy living with parents age 14. 1901 was tailor age 24 living with parents. 1911 tailor living with mother and siblings

Daughter Jessie Dow

Jessie Dow b @ 1879 in Pollokshaws Renfrewshire. 1881 age 2 with parents. 1891 was scholar age 12 living with parents. 1901 was dressmaker age 22 living with parents. 1911 was dressmaker living with mother and siblings

Son James Alexander Dow

James Alexander Dow b 18 February 1881 in Cathcart, Renfrewshire. 1881 age 1m with parents. 1891 was scholar age 10 living with parents. in 1901 was elsewhere. 1911 was back living with mother, see above

son Donald Dow

Donald Dow b @ 1883 in Crossmyloof, Renfrewshire. In 1891 was scholar age 8 living with parents. **1901 may have been a soldier age 18 at Maryhill Barracks Glasgow.**

Son William Dow

William Dow b @ 1885 Govanhill Glasgow. 1891 was scholar age 6 living with parents. 1901 was **assistant postman** age 16 living with parents. 1911 was **postman** age 26 living with mother and siblings.

Daughter Catherine Dow

Catherine Dow b @ 1888 in Govanhill Glasgow. In 1891 was living with parents age 3. 1901 was scholar age 13 living with parents. 1911 not found.

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: listed as scholar in Feus Auchterarder, Perthshire aged 7
1861: listed as writer's clerk in Powhilloch Auchterarder, Perthshire aged 17 years
1866: started work as a postman aged 22
1871: Listed as letter carrier, age 27 living at 25 Maxwell St Pollokshaws, Renfrewshire with second wife Janet
1881: Listed as P O Letter Carrier age 37 living at Crossmyloof, Cathcart, Renfrewshire with family
Wrongly transcribed as Andrew Don with wife and 5 children
1891: Listed as postman, age 47, living with wife and 8 children at 190 Cathcart Road Glasgow
1901: Listed as postman age 57, living with wife & 4 children at 574 Cathcart Road Glasgow

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

1851 Father Hendry Dow b 1816 Auchterarder, manufacturer.
1861: Father Hendry Dow age 44, cotton manufacturer
1861 Brother James Dow listed as Baker's apprentice.
1861 Boarder William Lundie age 39, b Arbroath Forfarshire, teacher
1861: James Gowans age 14, b Auchterarder, servant.

1891: Son Robert Craig listed as **postman** age 19
1891: Daughter Ann McQueen Dow listed as power loom weaver age 16
1891; Son Andrew listed as message boy. Age 14

1901 Son Andrew listed as as tailor age 24
1901 Daughter Jessie listed as dressmaker age 22
1901 Son William listed as **assistant postman** age 16

Part Four: Anything Else/Later Life

Please use this space to record anything else you have found out about your pensioner. For example: what do we know about their life after retirement?

Andrew lived only 4 years after retiring of phthisis pulmonalis age 61. Two of his sons became postmen

Part Five: Your Sources

Please use this space to record the sources you have used

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