

Pensioner Details
<i>Pensioner name:</i> David Gibson
<i>Person ID:</i> SC1013
<i>Your name:</i> Innes Mathers
<i>U3A group:</i> Scotland
Part One: Birth and Family
1: When and where was your pensioner born?
David Gibson was born in 1863 in Glasgow. This information is from 1871 census. No record of baptism has been found.
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>Helen Mcfarlane married William Gibson on 24th February 1860 at the United Presbyterian Church at Broughton Place Edinburgh. Both sets of parents were present.</p> <p>Helen was born in Edinburgh in 1837. William was born in Forfar in 1835. Helen and William signed the register.</p> <p>William's parents Father Benjamin was a farmer Mother Jane; nee Brand.</p> <p>Helen's parents David Mcfarlane was a carpet manufacturer and employed 26 staff. Mother was Margaret; nee Mcewan.</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>David had 4 brothers and 2 sisters.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John born 1861 in Linlithgow. John became a toolmaker. • David born 1863 in Glasgow. • William born 1865 in Glasgow William became a plumber. • Margaret born 1867 in Kincardine. Initially a mill worker Margaret went on to become a confectioner. Margaret may have moved to Dublin after marrying Alexander Hamilton. • Daniel born 1870 in Ardoch Perthshire. • Jane was born in 1872 in Perthshire. She was known as Jeannie and became a warper. • Thomas was born in 1875 and became a clerk

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)

There is no record of David marrying. He is still living with his mother and younger sister Jeannie in 1901. They live at 10 Neilston Road Paisley. In 1911 still living with his mother, now at 19 Neilston Road. He is now recorded as a pensioned postman, now an insurance collector.

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)

David did not marry and there is no record of children

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

David is recorded in the 1881 census as being an upholsterer assistant. By 1891 he was a letter carrier. In 1901 census he is still a letter carrier. By 1911 he is an insurance collector.

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 census William, David's father was the only worker. He was a grain miller.
- In 1881 John was a toolmaker. William was a plumber's apprentice. Margaret was a mill worker.
- In 1891 Helen was a widow. John had left. Daniel was a clerk. Maggie was a confectioner. Jeannie was a warper. Thomas was a clerk.
- In 1901 Jeannie and David are both still living with their mother.

Part Four: Anything Else

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

I can find no death certificate for David.

I have found a record of a William Gibson as a passenger on a ship bound for Montreal. He is the correct age and occupation. On Ancestry he appears in the 1911 Census, 1921 Census and he died in 1924.ⁱ It may be that David went out the following year.

There is a record of David Gibson travelling on the Scotian on 24/3/1911 to Canada (passenger number 12954), but I can't be sure this is our David.

Margaret married a Alexander Hamilton and moved to Dublin and can be found there in the 1911 Census.ⁱⁱ Their mother Helen may have died in Dublin in 1920.ⁱⁱⁱ

Part Five: Your Sources

Please use this space to record the sources you have used

See endnotes.

Census Records for David Gibson

- 1881 Parish: Paisley Low Church; ED: 67; Page: 23; Line: 16; Roll: cssct1881_174
- 1891 Parish: Paisley Low Church; ED: 63; Page: 7; Line: 5; Roll: CSSCT1891_191
- 1901 Parish: Paisley; ED: 92; Page: 8; Line: 19; Roll: CSSCT1901_210
- Marriage certificate for David's parents from Scotland's People Statutory Register Marriages (1860): 685/1 47

ⁱ Year: 1911; Census Place: 9 - Ward six, Hamilton East, Ontario; Page: 9; Family No: 90 1921 Reference Number: RG 31; Folder Number: 62; Census Place: 62, Hamilton East, Ontario; Page Number: 5 Death Archives of Ontario; Toronto, Ontario, Canada; Collection: MS935; Reel: 319

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http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie/pages/1911/Dublin/Usher_s_Quay/South_Circular_Road__South_Side/64769/

ⁱⁱⁱ Name: Helen Gibson Estimated Birth Year: abt 1837 Date of Registration: Oct-Nov-Dec 1920 Death Age: 83 Registration District: Dublin South Volume: 2 Page: 444 FHL Film Number: 0101608