

Pensioner Details
<i>Pensioner name:</i> John Maxwell
<i>Person ID:</i> SC1020
<i>Your name:</i> Jean Jones
<i>U3A group:</i> Stewartry
Part One: Birth and Family
1: When and where was your pensioner born?
1847 – Kirkcowan in Wigtownshire - can find no date
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><b>Father</b> John Maxwell</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Born in Kirkcowan in 1796 – father James Maxwell and mother Margaret Hannay</li> <li>• In 1851 he was a farmer of 15 acres</li> <li>• Died in Kirkcowan in 1882 aged 86 as on monument erected by family</li> </ul> <p><b>Mother</b> Ann McCubbin</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Born in Kirkcowan in 1804 - parents William McCubbin and Margaret Stroyan.</li> <li>• Died in 1869 as mentioned on family memorial in Kirkcowan</li> </ul> <p>They married in Kirkcowan on 28<sup>th</sup> March 1833</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)

- Sister MARY born in 1836, died on 9<sup>th</sup> November 1912 aged 75 yrs.
- Brother JAMES born in 1837 but died in infancy
- Sister MARGARET born in 1839 - died on 27<sup>th</sup> January 1927 – unmarried
- Brother WILLIAM born in 1841 –was on 1861 census as an agricultural labourer – died in 1865 age 24
- Sister ANN born in 1843 – died 12<sup>th</sup> August 1923 – unmarried . Known as Annie McCubin Maxwell

All born in Kirkcowan and all older than John

#### MARY

- 1841 – living with parents in Kirkcowan
- 1851 - was a visitor at the house of James Stroyan and wife Helen and 7 children. They lived at Lower Eldrig Kirkcowan. James was a farmer with 20 acres. Mary and John's mother was a Stroyan before she married.
- 1861 she was back living with family has no occupation
- 1864 - She married JOHN PRENTICE on June 30<sup>th</sup> 1864 – they lived in Kirkcowan. John was from Ireland in 1835-7. His occupation in 1881 was a plate layer.
- 1871 – Mary and John lived in High Row 2 Kirkcowan with children John and William M. John Prentice was a labourer and Mary is a labourer's wife.
- 1881 - Still at same address with children John, William M? and James. John Prentice senior is a Plate Layer. Note. William M is a mistake as William Maxwell Prentice had died so should be William Robert.
- 1891 – Same Address John, Mary and William Maxwell Prentice .John was a general labourer and William was a clerk on the Railway. There was a boarder A. Nicholson who was a railway points man
- 1900 – Husband John died on 15<sup>th</sup> July 1900 aged 63.
- 1901 - Living with sister Annie

#### *Children of this marriage*

- Annie McCubin Prentice born 1865 – lived mostly with Mary's brother John - as on their census returns
- John Prentice born 1867
- William Maxwell Prentice born 1870 - died on 16<sup>th</sup> May 1871 aged 13 months
- William Robert Prentice born 1872
- Mary Prentice born 1875 – died on 26<sup>th</sup> April 1876 aged 6 months
- James Alexander Prentice born 1876 in Kirkcowan. 1901 possibly living in Govan Glasgow working as a boatbuilder

**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).

John did not marry

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)

No

**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 - Scholar  
1861 - No occupation on form  
1871 - Messenger  
1881 - Postman  
1891 - Rural Postman  
1901 - Retired Postman  
1911 - Retired Postman

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 was a farmer of 15 acres and mother was a farmer’s wife. All children were scholars

1861 - father was a cattle dealer and brother William was an agricultural labourer. No occupations given for rest of family.

1871 - Father was a crofter and a widower. Two children on form: John’s sister Margaret, unmarried and no occupation (presume she looked after house?). There is also a Ann McCubin, a granddaughter to father John, living there. She is a scholar.

1881 – Father now retired Dealer and John a postman. Sister Margaret umarried still there and is the housekeeper. The Granddaughter is now Ann Mcc Maxwell and is a house maid and this is how she is named this time

1891 - John is now head of the household and is a rural postman. Sister Margaret still housekeeper and AnnMcc now has surname Prentice and she is a dressmaker. She is a niece to John. There is now a nephew James A Prentice aged 14 living there and he is a mill worker.

1901 – John still head of house and is a retired postman. Sister Margaret still living with him but no occupation given.

1901 - Widowed sister Mary Prentice and single sister Annie were living together in Church Street Kirkcolm, Kirkcowan. Mary was a janitor’s widow and Annie had no occupation

1911 - John head of house and a retired postman and Sister Margaret is again down as a housekeeper

#### 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?

The house where John lived was in High Street Kirkcowan and he was the proprietor and tenant of this house. With his sister Annie Maxwell he was the proprietor of 2 houses. On the valuation rolls for 1892-3 he lived in one with sister Margaret and a John Prentice was the tenant of the other. His house had a feu of 11shillings and 3 pence and rent or rateable value of £4 .5shillings. The rent on the 2<sup>nd</sup> house were the same. But no feu on this house.

1892 to 5 – valuation rolls for Wigtownshire show John being the proprietor and tenant of house in High Street Kirkcowan. Also the proprietor of next door house with Annie his sister, this had a tenant John Prentice -- the family had lived in the High Street since early 1800s

1911 – census tells us that the family were not Gaelic speakers. The house had 3 rooms with windows. His sister Mary Prentice lived next door.

John died on 7<sup>th</sup> March 1921 – and left a will which was proved on 5<sup>th</sup> June 1921. This was a mutual will with his sisters Margaret and Annie. The house was owned jointly and the sisters had ownership after Johns death. John's assets were valued as £47.17s.1d. This included 8s.11d due to him from the Post Office

## Part Five: Your Sources

Please use this space to record the sources you have used

Scotland Births & Baptisms 1564-1950 for John Maxwell

[https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=R\\_686951508](https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=R_686951508)

1841 England,Wales & Scotland Census FMP

<https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=GBC%2F1841%2F0015990112>

1851 England, Wales & Scotland Census FMP

<https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=GBC%2F1851%2F0020429544>

1861 England, Wales & Scotland Census

<https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=GBC%2F1861%2F0022413932>

1871 England, Wales & Scotland Census

<https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=GBC%2F1871%2F0023398700>

1881 England, Wales & Scotland Census

<https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=GBC%2F1881%2F0027972498>

1891 England, Wales & Scotland Census

<https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=GBC%2F1891%2F0033781073>

1901 England Wales & Scotland Census

<https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=GBC%2F1901%2F0038790454>

1892-5. Valuation Rolls for Wigtownshire Parish of Kirkcowan (ScotlandsPeople)  
VR012300021-/96 Wigtown County page 96

Family memorial, Kirkcowan

<https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=PRS%2FSCOTLAND%2FMI%2FADD%2F5%2F0057795>

Parents' marriage: [http://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=R\\_686942243](http://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=R_686942243)

Mother's birth: [https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=R\\_686951181](https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=R_686951181)

Sister Mary's birth: [https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=R\\_686947497](https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=R_686947497)

1871 census England,Scotland & Wales (Mary Prentice)

<https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=GBC%2F1871%2F0023398752>

1881 census England Scotland & Wales (Mary Prentice)

<https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=GBC%2F1881%2F0027972462>

1901 census England Scotland &Wales – Mary Prentice & Annie Maxwell sisters- FMP

<https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=GBC%2F1901%2F0038790453>

1864 –Mary Maxwell and John Prentice marriage

[https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=R\\_695961104%2F2](https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=R_695961104%2F2)

