

Pensioner Details
<i>Pensioner name:</i> David Murray
<i>Person ID:</i> SC1026
<i>Your name:</i> Anonymous
<i>U3A group:</i> Scotland
Part One: Birth and Family
1: When and where was your pensioner born?
David Murray was born on the 26 th July 1840 at Evertown, Canonbie, Dumfries-shire, the natural son of Elizabeth Barclay and Benjamin Murray. Elizabeth was 24 and Benjamin 19 at the time of David's birth. He was baptised on the 1 st September.
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)
Father: Benjamin Murray lived with his parents. He was born around 1820. Mother: Elizabeth Barclay lived with her parents. She was born around 1816.
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)
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: <i>You can also use this space to record any details about people your pensioner boarded with.</i>
David Murray 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)
David Murray did not have any 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

1841 census: 10 months old.
1851 census: aged 10 a scholar
?1861 census: a ploughman
1871 census: a letter carrier
1881 census: Post Messenger
1891 census: Rural Postmessenger
1901 census: Postmessenger
1911 census: 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

1841 census: David's grandparents Francis Barclay and Margret both aged 65 are recorded as being cotton hand loom weaver as were many people living in Evertown at that time. Elizabeth his mother, aged 25 is not listed as having a trade.

1841 census: Benjamin Murray aged 20 was born in Canonbie and lived in [Lowmarek] House. He is not listed as having an occupation but his father Thomas aged 55 was a shoemaker and his brother aged 12 was an apprentice.

No trace of Benjamin Murray after the 1841 census

1851 census: David was aged 10. He was living with his mother and grandfather. Thomas aged 74, now a widower had resigned his job as a hand loom weaver. Elizabeth is not listed as having a trade.

?1861 census: there are two David Murrays aged 20 born in Canonbie listed on this census. One is listed as living in lodgings in Rowanburn and working as a coalminer, the other is working as a ploughman at Shillingmoss. The David Murray who was a miner is still working at Rowanburn in 1871, whereas the David Murray who was working as a ploughman no longer was working at Shillingmoss.

1861 census: Elizabeth aged 49 was living with her father aged 86. Francis is listed as being a farmer of 6 acres.

1871 census: David aged 30 is living at Evertown Cottages with his mother aged 58. David was working as a letter carrier.

1881 census: David aged 40 is still living with his mother Elizabeth aged 68 at Evertown. She is listed as working as a house keeper. His job title is now Post Messenger.

1891 census: David aged 50 is still single and living with his mother Elizabeth aged 79, although she now has help around the house in the form of Marget Murray aged 25 a domestic servant. David is now listed as a Rural Postmessenger. They lived in Evertown.

1899: Elizabeth Barclay, spinster living at Glenzier died on the 2nd March aged 87. She was buried at Canonbie on March 5th.

1901 census: David aged 60 was living by himself at Evertown. He was working at the time of the census as a Postmessenger.

1911 census: David aged 70 is recorded as being a retired Postman. He was still living at Evertown, but by this time he had a general servant, Grace Lamb aged 17 working for him.

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?

1905 Valuation Rolls: David Murray a retired post carrier was a tenant of Glenzier, renting the house and land for £8 p.a.

David Murray died on 23rd November 1918 at 8:15 a.m. at Evertown, when he was 78 years old. His death was informed by his cousin Mary Beatee on the 28th November 1918. He died of suppurative arthritis of the knee and cellulitis.

He was buried at Canonbie Graveyard on the 26th November.

Part Five: Your Sources

Please use this space to record the sources you have used

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- 1891 MURRAY, DAVID (Census 814/ 9/ 6) Page 6 of 13
- 1901 MURRAY, DAVID (Census 814/ 9/ 1) Page 1 of 8
- 1905 MURRAY, DAVID (Valuation Rolls VR009700033-/42, DUMFRIES COUNTY)
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- 1911 MURRAY, DAVID (Census 814/ 9/ 5) Page 5 of 7
- 1918 MURRAY, DAVID (Statutory register Deaths 814/27)
- Death and Interment Register for the Parish of Canonbie p8
- Canonbie Parish Council Graveyard Interment Register p28
- ScotlandsPeople Statutory Registers of Deaths (1918) 814/27