

Pensioner Details
<i>Pensioner name:</i> Patrick Leslie Packman
<i>Person ID:</i> SC1028
<i>Your name:</i> Janet Amos
<i>U3A group:</i> Dingwall and District
Part One: Birth and Family
1: When and where was your pensioner born?
Patrick was born in 1836 in the registration district of Rayne, Aberdeenshire.
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>He was the son of John Packman, a postmaster, born around 1797 in Aberdeenshire and Elspet Packman, nee Findlater, who was born around 1813 in the parish of Oyne, Aberdeenshire.</p> <p>At the census of 1851, it is clear that John was literate and numerate, being now called 'teacher and farmer of 6 acres'.</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>Patrick was the only boy in a family of four.</p> <p>Margaret, one year his senior, became the postmistress at Old Rayne and lived with Patrick and his wife and children until her death , aged 65 in 1900.</p> <p>Jane, two years his junior, worked as a domestic servant in Aberdeen before she married John Melvin, a saddler from the neighbouring parish of Oyne, in 1865 at Rayne at the age of 27. She died at Oyne in 1873, a mother of three young children.</p> <p>Christian, or Christina completed the family, three and a half years younger than Patrick. She married John Smith in 1874 at Rayne, when she was aged about 33. In the 1871 Census she was living at Old rain and listed as being a milliner. By the time of the census in 1881, she was already widowed and living alone in Aberdeen, working as a dressmaker.</p>
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)
<p>1875 Patrick Packman married Ann Bisset in at the Congregational church, Oldrain.</p> <p>1861 Census. Ann Bisset, the eldest of five children, was born in 1850 at Chapel of Garioch, Aberdeenshire, to James Bisset, a farmer of 73 acres, at Langside, and his wife, Janet Bisset. James employed two labourers (a ploughman and a cattle boy) and a domestic servant.</p>

1871 Census. Ann is a General Domestic Servant working for her uncle, Archibald Bisset, a Miller and Farmer of 115 Arable acres at Newmill, Keithhall, Aberdeenshire. The household includes Archibald's three male siblings, two of them working on the farm, one as a grieve and the other as a miller, and his sister, listed as Housekeeper.

1911 Census. Ann is widowed and living with her daughter, Maggie, at 24 Midstocket Road, Aberdeen. She died in Aberdeen in 1924.

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)

Patrick and Ann Packman had three children: **John**, born 1876, **Jessie Ann**, born 1880 and **Maggie**, born 1889, all at Oldrain.

- At the 1891 Census, John was absent from Old Rain, listed as a visitor at the farm of his Uncle, Archibald Bisset.
- At the 1901 Census, he was working as a cashier and lodging at 33 Braemar Place, Aberdeen, with Alexander Snowie, a stonecutter, and his family.
- At the 1911 Census, he was working as a Secretary and boarding with George Childs, a political secretary and agent, and his family in Newcastle.
- In the 1939 register of the National Archives, he was sharing a home with his sister, Maggie at 41 Salisbury Gardens and working as a Commercial Accountant.
- He died in Newcastle in 1950, at the age of 73.

Jessie Ann is present in all the Census records from 1881 until 1901 at Old Rain, the latter census listing her occupation as Postmistress.

- At the 1901 Census, Maggie is listed as being a scholar.
- In 1908, she is the informant of the death of her father, Patrick at the Royal Asylum in Aberdeen, and she is living at 24 Midstocket Road.
- In the 1911 Census, she is living there with her mother, Ann, and working as a typist in a legal office.
- In the 1939 register of the National Archives, she is working as a commercial clerkess and living with her brother, John, at 41 Salisbury Gardens, Newcastle.
- She died in Newcastle in 1959, aged 70.

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

- At the 1851 Census, Patrick is listed as a scholar, along with his two younger sisters.
- At the 1861 Census, Patrick, aged 24 is working as a post messenger. The address is given as Old Rain Post Office.
- At the 1871 Census, Patrick is a post runner, his father still Postmaster and farmer of 9 acres of arable land. Elspet is listed as the Postmaster's wife and Margaret, Postmaster's daughter.

- At the 1881 Census, Patrick is Head of the house and a rural letter carrier. and his wife, Annie, housekeeper. They have two children, John, b.1876 and Jessie Ann, b.1880.
- At the 1891 Census, Patrick is termed a postman and Ann, a postman's wife. They have third child, Maggie, b.1879.
- At the 1901 Census, Patrick is the postman, Ann the postman's wife and Maggie, a scholar.

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

- At the 1851 Census, his older sister, Margaret (Mary in the census) is a house servant. His father is listed as a teacher and farmer of 6 acres.
- At the 1861 Census, his father, now aged 63, is the Postmaster and Margaret and Christian (referred to as Christina Leith elsewhere), aged 26 and 20, are listed as domestic servants.
- At the 1871 Census, Christina L is a milliner, and living at the house at Old Rain. Jane is now lodg-ing, along with another four people, at the home of Alexander Roger, a widower and his son, also Alexander Roger, both working as AM Bank Agent General Post Manager North of Scotland and "Gen Me". She is listed as being a domestic servant.
- At the 1881 Census, his sister, Margaret is now Postmistress.
- At the 1891 Census, Jessie Ann is listed as a scholar, but by 1901, after the death of her Aunt Margaret, she is the Postmistress at Old rain. Jessie Ann died at Rayne in 1906, aged 27.

Part Four: Anything Else

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

1908, 20th May: Patrick died at the Royal Asylum, Aberdeen, from multiple abscesses, 14 days, and senile decay. His funeral arrangements and obituary are detailed in the Press and Journal as cited below.

Part Five: Your Sources

Please use this space to record the sources you have used

Births

- 1879 Jessie Ann birth record: https://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/record-results?search_type=People&surname=Packman&forename=Jessie%20Ann&forename_so=starts&from_year=1879&to_year=1906&surname_so=exact&record_type=stat_births

Census

- John Packman and Maggie Packman living in Newcastle, 1939
<https://www.findmypast.com/transcript?id=TNA/R39/2921/2921J/008/01>
- John Melvin is a widower with 4 children, still at Oyne
<https://www.findmypast.com/transcript?id=GBC/1881/0026529041>

Marriages

- 1833 John Packman's Marriage to Elspet (or Elizabeth) Findlater
https://www.findmypast.com/transcript?id=R_695304417%2F1
- 1865 Jane Packman's marriage to John Melvin
https://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/record-results?search_type=People&surname=Packman&forename=Jane&forename_so=starts&from_year=1838&to_year=1873&surname_so=exact&record_type=stat_marriages
- 1874 Christian Leith Packman's marriage to John Smith
https://www.findmypast.com/transcript?id=R_695450770%2F2
- 1875 Patrick Packman's marriage to Ann Bisset
https://www.findmypast.com/transcript?id=R_694894530%2F1
- Jane Packman married John Melvin in 1865 at Rayne
https://www.findmypast.com/transcript?id=R_695644731%2F2
- Jane is married to John Melvin and they live at Oyne
<https://www.findmypast.com/transcript?id=GBC%2F1871%2F0023297873>

Deaths

- 1873 Jane Packman death record
https://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/record-results?search_type=People&surname=Packman&forename=Jane&forename_so=starts&from_year=1838&to_year=1873&surname_so=exact&record_type=stat_deaths
- 1873 Death notice of Jane Packman/Melvin.
https://search.findmypast.co.uk/bna/viewarticle?id=BL%2F0000031%2F18731126%2F125%2F0004&transcriptid=BL_0000031_18731126_125_14861875 Jane Packman's gravestone inscription, adding the death of John Melvin and recording the death of their daughter, who died in infancy
<https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=GBPRS/FHS/ABD-MIS9/0027334>. NB.

The gravestone records Jane's birth as being in 1840 and her death in 1875, conflicting with all other records.

- 1901 Margaret Packman death record page.
https://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/record-results?search_type=People&surname=Packman&forename=Margaret&forename_so=starts&from_year=1834&to_year=1900&surname_so=exact&record_type=stat_deaths
- 1906 Jessie Ann death record page
https://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/record-results?search_type=People&surname=Packman&forename=Jessie%20Ann&forename_so=starts&surname_so=exact&record_type=stat_deaths
- 1908 Patrick Packman death notice, detailing funeral arrangements
https://search.findmypast.co.uk/bna/viewarticle?id=BL%2F0000576%2F19080521%2F099%2F0004&transcriptid=BL_0000576_19080521_099_1611
- 1908 Patrick Packman Obituary, Aberdeen Press and Journal
<https://search.findmypast.co.uk/bna/viewarticle?id=bl%2f0000576%2f19080525%2f024&stringtohighlight=patrick%20packman>
- 1924 Ann Packman death record.
https://search.findmypast.co.uk/record?id=https%3A%2F%2Ffamilysearch.org%2Fark%3A%2F61903%2F3%3A1%3A3Q9M-CS7G-XRL%3Fcc%3D2562514&parentid=R_104260154163
- 1950 John Packman death record.
<https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=BMD%2FD%2F1950%2F2%2FAZ%2F00717%2F100>
- 1959 Maggie Packman death record.
<https://www.findmypast.co.uk/transcript?id=BMD%2FD%2F1959%2F3%2FAZ%2F00677%2F041>
- 1906 Jessie Ann death
https://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/record-results?search_type=People&surname=Packman&forename=Jessie%20Ann&forename_so=starts&from_year=1880&to_year=&surname_so=exact&record_type=stat_deaths
- Maggie Packman 1959 death
<https://www.findmypast.com/transcript?id=BMD%2FD%2F1959%2F3%2FAZ%2F00677%2F041>
- Ann Packman 1924 death
https://www.findmypast.com/transcript?id=R_104260154163

