

Pensioner Details
<i>Pensioner name:</i> James Ramsay
<i>Person ID:</i> SC1031
<i>Your name:</i> Innes Mathers
<i>U3A group:</i> Lanark District
Part One: Birth and Family
1: When and where was your pensioner born?
James was born on 25/8/1859 at High Church Glasgow. <sup>i</sup>
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)
His mother was Janet nee Allison. She was born in Renfrewshire in 1830. His father William was a police constable, born in Ellon Aberdeen in 1827. They were Church of Scotland.
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)
James was the oldest child. In 1881 census he is still living with his parents. His younger brother William is 16, born 1865 in Glasgow. He is a tinsmith apprentice. George is 13, born 1868 in Aberdeen and a scholar. Bella is 10, born 1871 and a schola born in Aberdeen. Their father is from Aberdeen. Their address is 2 Garthland Lane, Paisley.
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).
James married Isabella Allison at St. Columba Church Seedhill, Paisley. Banns were read at Church of Scotland. The date was 27/6/1882. James was 24 and Isabella 25. <sup>ii</sup>
Isabella was born 1857 in Glasgow. Isabella was a treadmill worker. Isabella's father David was a treadmill mechanic. Mother was Mary.
James's father William was a gardener journeyman. Mother Janet.
James and Isabella both lived in Garthland Lane, Paisley at nos 2&5.
Both sets of parents were present.

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)

In the 1891 census they had three children. Mary was born 1883 in Glasgow. Janet is born 1885 in Glasgow. Bella is born 1891. They live in Paisley. The house name is Williamsburgh. I can find no information on this family after the 1891 census.

### 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

According to the 1881 and 1891 censuses James was a letter carrier/postman. He received his pension in 1901.

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

I can find no information on this family after 1891 census.

#### 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?

Isabella died in 24/2/1896. She was 39. James was present. Reason for death was phthisis pulmonalis.<sup>iii</sup>

## Part Five: Your Sources

Please use this space to record the sources you have used

- ScotlandsPeople 1881 census ref.573/82/17.
- ScotlandsPeople 1891 census ref. 573/72/18.
- ScotlandsPeople marriage certificate (1882) ref. 573/274 .
- Isabella's death certificate (1896) ScotlandsPeople ref. 573/218.

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<sup>i</sup> ScotlandsPeople Statutory Death Register (1865): 644/2 1465

<sup>ii</sup> ScotlandsPeople Statutory Marriage Register (1882): 573/274

<sup>iii</sup> ScotlandsPeople Statutory Death Register (1896): 573/218.