

*MAIL AND FEMALE: THE LIFE
AND LOCATIONS OF A
VICTORIAN POSTMISTRESS
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The life of Victorian Postmistress Christina Sutherland contains a few mysteries:

- How did she meet her husband? Christina, a woman born in Orkney who moved to East Lothian to work for the Post Office, was married in 1901 to a Postmaster from Ullapool.
- Why did she retire? Her Post Office records say only that her retirement aged forty-two was due to ill health. However, Christina lived to the age of eighty.
- There is yet another mystery associated with her husband, Duncan Matheson.

“Keep it in the family” was a phrase that kept occurring to me as I researched Christina’s life. She was born in 1858 on South Walls, one of the smaller islands of Orkney, where her father George was the postmaster. Two of Christina’s older sisters were also employed by the Walls Post Office.

We then find Christina in North Berwick (modern East Lothian), appointed as a sorting clerk and telegraphist aged twenty-nine. She had travelled almost the length of Scotland from her birthplace, a distance of around 350 miles. This was her first official job for the Post Office, although she may have helped her Orkney family in theirs. Christina lived at 7 Westgate, in what was probably then the North Berwick Post Office building, as a lodger with Margaret Walker and her family. It is likely that Margaret was the postmistress, as one of her daughters worked for the Post Office as well as Christina. An attractive Edwardian Post Office building now stands at 4 Westgate, but this dates from 1906.

Later, at the beginning of 1893 when she was thirty-four, Christina became the postmistress at Musselburgh, just along the coast of the Firth of Forth. The Post Office was on the High Street, and in another rather plain building – it was not until 1903, after Christina had retired, that a new Post Office with ornate stonework was built further along the street. However, Christina now had charge of her own small fiefdom, including the property next door as her dwelling. She was joined in her house by lodgers, including her niece Jemima Groat, who was a sorting clerk and telegraphist. Her mother, Christina’s sister, had died, and Jemima is found living with her aunt on the censuses of 1901 in Musselburgh and 1911 in Inverness, before and after Christina’s marriage.

Family connections also existed at the Musselburgh Post Office before Christina took over. The previous postmistress was a Miss Anderson, who took over from her postmaster father James Anderson following his death.

Christina retired in 1901 due to unspecified ill health, following eight years' service as the Musselburgh postmistress, with a total of twelve years working for the Post Office. She was entitled to a Post Office pension, which means that she must have been a full postmistress and not a sub-postmistress.

The same year, after retiring, Christina Sutherland married Duncan Matheson in September at The Windsor Hotel on Edinburgh's Princes Street "according to the Forms of the Free Presbyterian Church". This church was and remains strict and doctrinal, the result of various schisms in the Church of Scotland. The denomination is most active in the Western Isles and Highlands of Scotland, and is far more likely to have been Duncan Matheson's church than Christina's – it currently has no congregation in Orkney. Duncan was the postmaster in Ullapool, which still has a Free Presbyterian Church congregation.

So here we have our first two mysteries: why did Christina retire, and how did she meet her husband? Are the retirement and the marriage related? As a postmistress and Post Office employee, Christina was a civil servant. Married women could not be postmistresses: they could continue to do the job, but their husband would become the official postmaster. However, Duncan Matheson had his own Post Office in Ullapool, and presumably intended to stay there. Christina had very little time after she retired to meet a man she wished to marry. Did she already know Duncan, and decide that if she reported a health condition that would entitle her to a pension on retirement she would then be free to marry, move house, and also have a small independent income?

Ullapool is on the north-west coast of highland Scotland in what was then Ross-shire, so how did the two meet? Perhaps they both attended business or social meetings of Scottish postmasters and postmistresses? Or perhaps Christina holidayed in the Highlands, and they met when she called into the local Post Office? Perhaps they had mutual friends (there could be another Post Office connection here)? We will never know how these two postal workers who lived 225 miles apart came to be a couple.

The likely initial intention was for them to live in Ullapool, but in 1902 Duncan lost his job, and here we have another mystery. The local paper, the *North Star and Farmers' Chronicle*, reports in August 1902: "... the Post-Office at Ullapool was removed from Pulteney Street to Argyll Street, where it was for a number of years, Mr Duncan Matheson being postmaster during the last twenty-three years, and being now deprived of his office without reasons assigned." This event must have been of great interest and a source of gossip in a small community – and naturally the postmaster would know almost everyone.

The Mathesons, like the Sutherlands, were a family of postal workers. Duncan's father ran the shop at the same Pulteney Street address before his death, and it is likely that it was a Post Office, as two of his children had postal occupations: Duncan's sister Margaret was a telegraphist, and his brother Alexander was a mail driver, later becoming postmaster at Achiltibuie to the north of Ullapool.

Duncan and Christina moved to Inverness, where Duncan acquired a job as a travelling salesman for a brewery. Christina had no occupation listed on the 1911 census, which was usual for most married women. They shared their accommodation at 6 Ness Bank with Christina's niece Jemima and two other nieces, so when Duncan was away from home Christina would have had company. They were also able to afford to employ a domestic servant. Did Christina miss her old Post Office, or did she instead enjoy the domestic life? Ness Bank, as its name suggests, is beside the River Ness, with an uninterrupted view across the water.

The last time we see the couple in Inverness they are living in a property called Redcliffe, which had already been established as a lodging house for many years. Its most famous guest was Thomas Telford, who stayed there while overseeing the construction of the Caledonian Canal (1801-1810). Both Duncan and Christina died there, in 1929 aged seventy-two and 1938 aged eighty respectively. This building is now the Redcliffe Hotel.

In Mill Street Old Cemetery, Ullapool, a small green site overlooking Loch Broom, is a large granite Matheson grave memorial. On one side are the names of Duncan's parents and two of his siblings, and the other side bears the names Duncan Matheson and Christina Spence Eunson Sutherland: a woman whose life took her around the Scottish coast – island, lowland and highland.



Figure 1: Another Scottish postmistress - Ms McGregor - outside her Post Office in Drymen, 1934. Source: The Postal Museum, London.



Figure 2: A 2008 view of Musselburgh High Street. The old Post Office was located in between what is now Timpsons and The Musselburgh Arms. The blue door could be Christina's flat.

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Fact Sheet: Christina Sutherland

Pensioner Details
<i>Pensioner name:</i> Christina SE Sutherland
<i>Person ID:</i> SC1037
<i>Your name:</i> Linda Gilbert
<i>USA group:</i> Scotland
Part One: Birth and Family
1: When and where was your pensioner born?
Christina Spence Eunson Sutherland was born on 6 November 1858 in Walls & Flotta, Orkney. 1891 & 1901 censuses specifically name the place as Longhope, which is on the island of South Walls in the south of Orkney.
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: George Sutherland 1861 census: age 43, Postmaster, b. Walls & Flotta, Orkney, address: Post Office Shop, Walls 1871 census: age 52, Port master (likely should read Postmaster), address: South Ness, Walls Mother: Harriet Johnston 1861 census: age 41, b. Walls & Flotta, Orkney Both parents were deceased by the time of Christina's wedding in Sep 1901. The Ancestry family tree referred to below has death dates: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• George Sutherland age c. 74 1893• Harriet Sutherland age c. 76 1896 However it seems these dates were obtained from another family tree, and no death record links are shown, so accuracy cannot be assumed.

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)

Siblings 1861 census:

Margaret R 19 Domestic Servant

Mary 17 Post Masters Assistant

Jemima F 13 Scholar 1871 census: age 21, Litegraph Clerk (should this be Telegraph Clerk?)

Harriet 10 Scholar

Catherine 8 Scholar 1871 census: age 16, listed as Catherine MG, Domestic Servant

Georgina 4 Scholar

(Christina 2)

James 3 mo 1871 census: age 10

Extra sibling 1871 census when Christina is 12:

John A 6 Scholar

All children born in Walls, Orkney.

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:** *You can also use this space to record any details about people your pensioner boarded with.*

Christina Sutherland (42) married Duncan Matheson (45) on 4 September 1901 at The Windsor Hotel, Princes St, Edinburgh "after Banns according to the Forms of the Free Presbyterian Church". Both signed their names.

Duncan Matheson lived in Ullapool, Ross-shire and was a Postmaster. His parents were John Matheson, General Merchant (deceased) and Mary Ann MacLeod (deceased) (the grave memorial has McLeod)

Christina lived at 51 High St, Musselburgh (the house beside the Post Office). She had no occupation listed. Her parents were both deceased. Her father's former occupation was Postmaster.

One witness was Jemima Groat, Christina's niece who lived with her (see Part 3 section 2 and Part 4) who signed her name.

The Windsor Hotel on Princes St was built in 1879, and later became the Royal Over-Seas League. There are currently plans for a new hotel on the site (see Scotsman article link below).

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)

Christina & Duncan did not have any children – Christina was 42 when she married, which may be a factor.

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

Christina Sutherland

1861 census: age 2

1871 census: age 12, Scholar

(no census record found for 1881)

1891 census: age 30 (likely incorrect), Sorting Clerk & Telegraphist (in North Berwick)

1901 census: age 42, Postmistress (in Musselburgh)

1911 census: age 52, no occupation listed (in Inverness)

(On the 1911 census, Christina is not listed under her full first name – she was found via her husband. If this also happened in 1881, it could be why she cannot be found.)

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

1861 census: address: Post Office Shop, Walls, Orkney

George Sutherland (father, 43) Post Master
Harriet Sutherland (mother, 41) none listed
Siblings:
Margaret R 19 Domestic Servant
Mary 17 Post Masters Assistant
Other siblings scholars except James, the baby

1871 census: address: South Ness, Walls, Orkney

George Sutherland (father, 52) Port Master (likely should be Post Master)
Harriet Sutherland (mother, 51) none listed
Siblings:
Jemima F 21 Litegraph Clerk (should this be Telegraph Clerk?)
Catherine MG 16 Domestic Servant
James & John A scholars

David Pegler (lodger, 20) Selegraph (likely should be Telegraph)
(also listed on census: Elisabeth Ronaldson, 21, visitor, no occupation)

(no census record found for 1881)

1891 census: address: 7 West Gate, North Berwick, East Lothian.

This is likely to be the Post Office in North Berwick, and also a house. It is likely that Margaret Walker was the Postmistress, as she was the Head of Household.

Margaret Walker (Head of Household, 46) Stationer & Newsagent
Catherine D Walker (daughter, 24) Daily Governess
Christina A Walker (daughter, 17) Post-Office Clerk
Frederick A Walker (son, 15) Banker's Clerk
Frances M Walker (daughter, 12) scholar

Christina Sutherland was their Lodger - Sorting Clerk & Telegraphist in the Post Office.

1901 census: address: 51 High St, Musselburgh

This house was beside the Post Office, which was no. 53 - Christina was the Postmistress – see Part 4.

James Sutherland (brother, 40) Clerk
Jemima J F Proat (should be Groat) (niece, 25) Sorting Clerk Telegraphist
Jeanie Young (servant, 16) General Servant Domestic

1911 census: address: 6 Ness Bank, Inverness

Duncan Matheson (husband of Christina, 54) Commercial Traveller (for Brewery)

Alice MacKenzie (niece, 22) Chemists Assistant

Jemima Groat (niece, 35) Sorting Clerk & Telegraphist

Harriet Young (niece, 15) scholar

Katie Macdonald (servant, 19) Domestic Servant

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?

Sutherland: Ancestry Family Tree Data

Christina Sutherland appears with only a few details in a family tree on Ancestry. There are more details for other family members backed up with reference sources that can be consulted from the tree:

Jemima Fotheringham Sutherland (age c.23, Christina's sister) married Alexander Flett Groat on 31 Aug 1871 in Walls & Flotta, Orkney. One of her children was Jemima Groat born c. 1875. Jemima Groat senior died age 56, and was buried on 24 Nov 1885 – there is a grave record for her on Orkney. (It is a Groat family grave, and Alexander Groat's second wife is also buried there.)

Jemima Groat the daughter is recorded as living with her aunt Christina Sutherland on the 1901 and 1911 censuses. She was also a witness at Christina's marriage to Duncan Matheson in 1901.

Another sister of Christina, Harriet Sutherland, married Thomas Cowper, and they moved to Edinburgh, where they appear with their family on the censuses 1881 to 1901. It is therefore possible that Christina and Harriet were able to see each other regularly while Christina was in Musselburgh.

More information about Christina Sutherland working for the Post Office:

Christina was appointed as Sorting Clerk & Telegraphist in North Berwick in June 1888 (British Postal Service Appointment Book).

The later 1906 Post Office was at 4 Westgate, and can be seen on Google street view, with "Post Office" in the stonework over the door.

Christina was appointed as Postmistress in Musselburgh in 1893 (British Postal Service Appointment Book - actually last entry for Dec 1892). The PO was 53 High Street, and she lived next door at no.51.

(The old PO is now a shop, the Musselburgh PO has moved into Poundstretcher.)

In the Post Office Edinburgh & Leith Directory for the years 1893-4 and 1901-2 (when she was appointed and when she retired) Christina Sutherland is listed in Musselburgh under both nos 51 (house) and 53 High St (Post Office)

Christina retired due to ill health (unspecified) in 1901, and was married in the same year.

In the **Directory & Yearbook for Musselburgh 1903** p.15, the Post Office is listed at 53 High Street, and the Postmaster was P Brown. On p.31 Paul Brown, Postmaster, is listed, and he is not living at 51 High St. On p.97 51 High St is now occupied by a veterinary surgeon. There are no entries for Christina Sutherland or Duncan Matheson, so it can be assumed they no longer live in Musselburgh.

P 157 of the Yearbook PDF provides interesting details of postal prices and other PO services in 1903.

St Martin's-le-Grand 1902 p.121 has the appointment of P Brown as Postmaster in Musselburgh. His previous job was Sorting Clerk & Telegraphist in Edinburgh.

Musselburgh News has some articles referring to Christina Sutherland and/or the Post Office in Musselburgh:

25-11-1892 (column 2) Appointment of Miss Sutherland as postmistress. The previous postmistress was Mrs Anderson. Miss Sutherland's previous job was Sorting Clerk & Telegraphist at North Berwick.

29-9-1893 (column 2 of text) Miss Sutherland, Postmistress, presented Miss Murray, Sorting Clerk & Telegraphist at Musselburgh PO, with a gold bracelet on her transference to Edinburgh.

03-11-1893 (bottom of column 2 of text) An obituary for a Mr Anderson has references to Musselburgh PO: his father James was Postmaster there for some time, and on his death James' daughter became Postmistress. This must be the Postmistress referred to in the article on 25-11-1892, who should therefore be Miss Anderson not Mrs (as she is correctly described in the 1938 article).

23-9-1938 (column to right of photo)

An article about the retirement of a postman contains the information that he began his service when Miss Anderson was Postmistress, and also worked when Miss Sutherland was Postmistress. She was the last of the Postmistresses in Musselburgh. The postman had served under 8 Postmasters and Postmistresses in his 46 years' service.

Duncan Matheson (Christina Sutherland's husband)
(see birth record and census information below)

Duncan Matheson was born on 14 Jun 1856 in Ullapool, Ross-shire, to parents John Matheson & Mary Ann McLeod. John Matheson on the 1861 census is described as a Merchant in Ullapool. They lived at Pulteney Street (various spellings, this is the current correct version). In 1871 & 1881 Mary Ann was the head of the family and described as Grocer & Merchant respectively. John died in 1865 according to his grave memorial (see below). In 1881 Duncan Matheson was Postmaster at the same address in Ullapool, in 1891 Head Postmaster, and in 1901 Postmaster & Auctioneer. By 1891 he is Head of Household. In 1901 John has no more Matheson family members at the same address.

As the address remained Pulteney Street, Ullapool throughout, it is possible that the grocer's shop was also a Post Office when John and later Mary Ann were the main breadwinners.

1891 census includes the following at same address:

Alexander (32, brother) Mail Driver – later to become Postmaster at Achilitibuie, Ross-shire, see newspaper article below.

Margaret (27, sister) Telegraphist

North Star and Farmers' Chronicle (a Ross-shire paper):

28-8-1902: (column 2 of text) – The Post Office was moved from Pulteney Street to Argyll Street. Duncan therefore lost his job as Postmaster of 23 years “without reasons assigned”.

This is presumably the reason that Duncan left Ullapool and moved to Inverness.

22-4-1909: (column 4) - Duncan Matheson of Inverness is mentioned as one of the mourners at the funeral of his brother Alexander Matheson, Postmaster at Achilitibuie for nearly 20 years.

The Post Office Inverness directories for 1906-7 and for 1911-12 have Duncan Matheson living at 6 Ness Bank, Inverness, described as a Traveller (a travelling salesman).

Matheson family grave memorial

This memorial has on one side John Matheson and Mary Ann McLeod (Duncan Matheson's parents) along with two of their children, and on the other side Duncan Matheson and Christina Sutherland. It has the following information:

John Matheson died 19 Jun 1865

Mary Ann McLeod died 13 Jun 1899

Duncan Matheson died 11 Feb 1929 at Redcliff, Inverness (confirmed by Death Cert)

Christina Spence Eunson Sutherland died 6 Nov 1938 at the same place

A search shows this should be Redcliffe:

It is now the Redcliffe Hotel, 1 Gordon Terrace, Inverness (1 Gordon Terrace is on Christina's Death Cert). The building has a history as a lodging house, and Thomas Telford lodged there when working on the Caledonian Canal (see link below).

Duncan Matheson's cause of death (Death Cert) was arteriosclerosis, diabetes, cerebral haemorrhage (the rest is illegible, 5 days is mentioned). The informant is his brother-in-law, but his name is illegible.

Part Five: Your Sources

Please use this space to record the sources you have used

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Walls & Flotta, Orkney

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Christina Sutherland 1891 census: Parish: *North Berwick*; ED: 1; Page: 9; Line: 7; Roll: *CSSCT1891_373*

Christina Sutherland 1901 census: Parish: *Inveresk*; ED: 3; Page: 1; Line: 9; Roll: *CSSCT1901_394*

Duncan Matheson (Christina is on this but her first name is not given in full)

1911 census: (from Scotland's People) Census 098/A 10/32 page 32 of 34 Inverness

Ancestry family tree page for Jemima Sutherland, Christina's sister, also showing her daughter Jemima. This page has a copy of Jemima's Marriage Cert.

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Duncan Matheson

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1871 census: Parish: *Lochbroom*; ED: 1; Page: 26; Line: 8; Roll: *CSSCT1871_13*

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1891 census: Parish: *Lochbroom*; ED: 1; Page: 27; Line: 7; Roll: *CSSCT1891_20*

1901 census: Parish: *Lochbroom*; ED: 1; Page: 19; Line: 2; Roll: *CSSCT1901_20*

1911 census: (from Scotland's People) Census 098/A 10/32 page 32 of 34 Inverness

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1911-12

<https://digital.nls.uk/directories/browse/archive/85112215>

Matheson family grave memorial, including Christina Sutherland

https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/183512337/christina-spence_eunson-matheson

Redcliffe Hotel, 1 Gordon Terrace (address where Duncan & Christina died)

http://www.redcliffe-hotel.co.uk/redcliffe_hotel_history_inverness.htm

Christina Spence Eunson Sutherland Death Certificate

(Scotland's People) Age 80 1938 098/A 484 Inverness

Duncan Matheson Death Certificate

(Scotland's People) Age 72 1929 098/A 72 Inverness