

Pensioner Details
<i>Pensioner name : Andrew Wilson Thomson</i>
<i>Person ID: SC1038</i>
<i>Your name: Anne Martin</i>
<i>USA group: Scotland</i>
Part One: Birth and Family
1: When and where was your pensioner born?
Andrew Wilson Thomson was born on the 21 <sup>st</sup> of August 1850 in the village of Bowden in Roxburghshire. He was baptised on the 20 <sup>th</sup> of October 1850 in Bowden.
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> Alexander Thomson, born 9<sup>th</sup> of March 1813 in St Boswells, Roxburgh. He died in Bowden in 1875 aged 62.</p> <p><b>Mother:</b> Mary Wilson born 1815.</p> <p>Marriage: Alexander and Mary married on the 26<sup>th</sup> of July 1849 in Melrose. Alexander's occupation was an agricultural worker.</p> <p><b>Grandfather:</b> Andrew Thomson b.1773.</p> <p><b>Grandmother:</b> Isabel Learmonth b.1776</p> <p><b>1841 census:</b> I found Isabella on the 1841 census, aged 65, working as a servant. Andrew is in the 1841 census, aged 65, working as a labourer.</p> <p><b>1851 census:</b> Andrew is also on the 1851 census living with his son, Alexander and Andrew his grandson. It is recorded that he was a former weaver. He died in 1859.</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)
There is a birth for a James Thomson on the 17 <sup>th</sup> September 1853 in Bowden. James does not appear on any census so can only presume that he died at a young age.

## 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.*

Andrew married Alice Hooper Wood in 1881 in The Free Church of Scotland in Oxnam. Andrew was a post runner and Alice was a domestic servant.

Wife: Alice Hooper Thomson (nee Wood)

Alice was born in 1859 and her parents were John Wood, a farm servant and Margaret Forman.

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)

Andrew and Alice 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

1861: Listed as Scholar

1871: Listed as Grocer apprentice

1881: Listed as Rural letter carrier

1891: Listed as Postman

1901: Listed as Retired postman

1911: Listed as 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 Alexander Thomson-Agricultural worker
- 1851 Andrew Thomson- formerly weaver
- 1861 Alexander Thomson- Ag.Lab
- 1871 Alexander Thomson (nephew) – Railway porter
- 1881 Catherine Thomson-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?

On the 1901 census Andrew and Alice were living in Hawthorn Cottage in Bowden. By 1911 they are in Trinity cottage which it seems they had bought. Mary died in 1914 aged 69.

Andrew died on the 17<sup>th</sup> of December 1924 aged 74 in Bowen. His death certificate gives the cause of death as “arterio sclerosis and chronic bronchitis”. His death was registered by his brother in law James Wood.

Andrew left a will. His moveable estate and cottage were valued at £509-13-9 which in today’s terms is £31,148.00. He left the cottage in which he lived to his brother in law, Mark Wood, a gardener.

To his sisters in law, Margaret and Euphemia Wood, he jointly left the cottage and stable and also the shed building of wood with the iron roof.

## Part Five: Your Sources

Please use this space to record the sources you have used

- 1851 census for Andrew Thomson: Parish: *Bowden*; ED: 1; Page: 9; Line: 3; Roll: *CSSCT1851\_200*; Year: 1851
- 1861 census for Andrew Thomson: Parish: *Bowden*; ED: 1; Page: 8; Line: 9; Roll: *CSSCT1861\_140*
- 1871 *census for* Andrew Thomson: Parish: *Bowden*; ED: 1; Page: 2; Line: 19; Roll: *CSSCT1871\_178*
- 1881 census for Andrew Thomson: Parish: *Bowden*; ED: 1; Page: 1; Line: 18; Roll: *cssct1881\_316*
- 1891 census for Andrew Thomson: Parish: *Bowden*; ED: 1; Page: 4; Line: 15; Roll: *CSSCT1891\_383*
- 1901 census for Andrew Thomson: Parish: *Bowden*; ED: 1; Page: 4; Line: 21; Roll: *CSSCT1901\_421*
- 1924 Death Record: Statutory Registers Deaths (1924): 783/14
- 1925 Will: Wills and Testaments (1925) SC62/44/130 Jedburgh Sheriff Court Image 223