

McAdam Family

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McADAM ANCESTRY IN DOUGLAS, ISLE OF MAN

Joseph McAdam, my great grandfather was born in County Down, Northern Ireland; before 11 Jan. 1850 when Joseph married Hannah (Anna Sophia Curphy) I have no information about him.

The 1851, 1861, 1871 Census gave Joseph's ages as 24, 38 and 46 respectively, in 1851 Joseph lived in Wellington Street, Douglas with his wife Hannah, in 1861, he was living at 98 Strand Street, Douglas and was a stone-cutter by trade. In 1871 he was living in Ballasalla with Hannah and son William who was aged 19 years.

Hannah, his wife, was the illegitimate daughter of John Curphy and Isabella Skillicorn of Lonan.

Of Joseph's brother, John McAdam, I have records that by his wife Elizabeth, he had a son, James born 5th Sept. 1836 and baptised 9th Oct 1836 in Kilmegan Parish County Down. A daughter Susannah was born 1840 she married Richard Roney in 1861. A daughter Isabella, born in 1842 was baptised 7 Aug 1842 in Drumgoland Parish, County Down, she married Pt. JM O'Brien in 1866 at Kirk Braddan. A daughter Elizabeth, was born 1845 in Scotland. A daughter Jane was born in Douglas and was baptised in 1849 at St. Barnabas Church, Douglas, Jane married someone named Taylor.

John McAdam owned the house 2 Bathurst Street, Douglas and when he died on the 6th Feb. 1896 he left in his will dated 29th Dec. 1893 his house, 2 Bathurst Street, to his grand daughter, Margaret Dobson, wife of John Joseph Dobson and all his other Real Estate.

To Susan Roney, Isabella O'Brien, Eliza McAdam, Jane Taylor, his brother, Joseph and son James he left each the sum of £6.00.

Susan Roney had eight children - Eliza Jane, bp 1863 at St. Barnabas, Mary bp. 1866, at St. Barnabas, William bp 1867 at St. Mathews, Richard bp. 1873 at St. Barnabas, Daniel bp 1879 at St. Mathews, Joseph, bp. 1880 at St. Mathews and Joseph Hugh bp. 1882 and a daughter Sarah who died 19th June 1869.

Of Isabella O'Brien, Eliza McAdam and Jane Taylor I have no information. In Brown's Director 1894, John McAdam owned 2 Bathurst Street, Douglas and 3 Corrans Court.

James McAdam had 11 Grafton Street, a dwelling house and workshop. Richard Roney son-in-law had a lock-up shop in Dukes Street.

Was the seeming affluence of John McAdam and Family due to an inheritance from County Down?

I have a will of a James McAdam of Mulloughdrin dated 10th Feb. 1877 in which is mentioned a brother Joseph, a nephew James, a sister Eliza and nieces Eliza and Rachel,

The will was proved 8th Feb. 1878.

My great grandfather, Joseph did not seem to participate in the Enterprises of brother John.



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Joseph died at 2 Bathurst Street, 29th May 1904 and his wife, Hannah died 28th Sept. 1899, at Mucklesgate, Douglas.

Joseph had two sons, James Stewart bp 1850 at St. Barnabas of whom nothing is known and my grandfather, William McAdam born 3rd Feb. 1852 at Ballasalla and baptised at St. Thomas Church, Douglas. Grandfather, William McAdam, was married at St. Peters Church, Walton-on-the-Hill, Everton, Liverpool. He was 20 years of age, a Bachelor, and Cabinet Maker on his marriage to Christian Quaggin a Spinster aged 18 years. Christian had nine children: Ada Christian bp 1872 at St. Barnabas whilst they lived at Hanover Street, Annie Jane, bp 1874 at St. Barnabas whilst they lived at 32 Athol Street, Douglas. William then was a cabinet maker. William Robert (my father) baptised 1876 at St. Mathews, Douglas and William senior then was a labourer. Miranda bp. 1879 at St. Mathews, Douglas when they lived at 4 Cambrian Place, William then stated to be a Cabinet Maker. James Douglas, born 1884 at 41 Fort Street, Douglas. Clara baptised 1881 at St. Mathews, Douglas when they lived at 41 Fort St. Joseph Stanley, born in 1886 at 41 Fort Street. William at this time was a builder.

Grandfathers children -

Lucy Lilian, born 1888 at Albany Street Douglas. Arthur Cyril born 1890 at Albany Street, Douglas. Clara, Lucy and Arthur were school teachers in the Isle of Man and in England.

In the 1889 Porters Directory it states;

William McAdam, Mason, 9 Albany Street,
McAdam and Moore, Joiners and Builders, Market Street, Douglas

Browns Directory 1894. Albany Street, Douglas.

No's 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, owned by McAdam and Moore. The rest of Albany Street, owned by Fred Caren. It is said that grandfather William McAdam built Hotels on the Promenade and also St. Ninians Church.

Grandfather William McAdam died at "Clifton" adjoining St. Ninians on 12.10.1920. His residence The Elms, Dukes Road, Douglas.

William Robert McAdam (My Father) worked in England during the first World War and mother lived at various addresses in Douglas. Father married 4th July 1904 at St. Thomas Church, Ardwick, Manchester. He was 27 years old, a bachelor, a joiner. His father was then stated to be a hotel proprietor. He married Elizabeth Barton, Spinster, 25 years old. My mother had seven children:

Robert Granville in 1904 at Old Elm Street, Ardwick, Manchester, William Edward in 1906 at 10 Market Hill, Douglas, Arthur James (myself) also born at 10 Market Hill, Douglas in 1909. Lilian Winifred was born in 1911 at 15 Willow Terrace, Douglas and was baptised 30.8.1911 at St. Mathews, Douglas. Clara Evelyn was born in 1913. Norman Joseph was born at 2 Bathurst Street, Douglas in 1915. Phyllis Edna was born in 1920 in Manchester.

My mother's father, William Barton was born in North Meols Lancs as were his Ancestors. He married Ann Creer, daughter of Edward Creer and Isabella Lewin

14.7.1876 at Christs Church, Southport.

Ann Creer's sister Isabella and brother John Joseph emigrated to Illinois U.S.A. where John Joseph married Eleanor Catherine Kissack.

My wife and I have met Clarence Edward Creer and his wife and keep in touch.

Joshua Steven Clarke married Alice Mae Cashin in 1902 and William Robert Clarke married Elizabeth Ann Kissack in 1877. Elizabeth Ann was the sister of Eleanor Catherine Kissack.

I remember living at 10 Market Hill, the home of grandfather Barton. Fishermen used to lay their catches on sacking on the road-way. 10 Market Hill as we saw it last was taken over as a Film Processing Firm. I remember 2 Bathurst Street, where we lived in in 1915 and until we left the Isle of Man to join father in Manchester. There was a corner shop in Bathurst Street we patronised for a farthings worth of Locusts, Tiger Nuts or Liquorice strips.

I remember going down Murrays Road to Mrs Dobson's for Buttermilk in a jug for my mother to make Soda Cakes.

I remember German Prisoner's of War marching down Murrays Road to their Camp. I can also remember my sister Lily and I running after a Zeppelin flying over the Promenade and leaning on the Promenade railings watching the sea lap the wall and the boats coming in and going out.

How much different Douglas seems these days.

I have Quaggin Ancestry going back to 1675 when Ann Farrant was baptised and married William Quackin 14.2.1698, with mentions of Quayles, Crellins, Kneens Corletts and Radcliffes.

At 83 years of age I am unable to do any research now, but I would like to know about James McAdam son of John and Margaret, John's Grand-Daughter. My mother's brother James Edward Barton lived at 3 Kensington Lane, Douglas and Ann Creer Barton died there in 1922 and James Edward in 1952. As far as I know James Edward never married.

I have had a query about other Bartons in Douglas or elsewhere but I don't know of any connected with my own Ancestry.

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The Manx Sun 4th. January 1851

Deaths On the 20th.Ult., at the Sand House, near Peel, in the parish of German, Mr John Quane, commonly known by the name of 'Quane Berchagh' or 'Rich Quane', aged 72 yrs. The deceased was a perfect miser, of very humble origins, having been born in the parish of Patrick. He never followed any particular calling in life, lived for many years upon the charity or benevolence of his relations; was saving in the extreme, denied himself of every comfort and even necessary of life; and it is generally believed he has died worth from £7,000 to £8,000.

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THE SKEALEY GIRLS

My grandmother's sister Eleanor Amy CORKILL (als CRAINE) emigrated to the U.S.A. around 1911. A couple of years ago I answered a "members interests" enquiry in the Journal from Les. CORKILL of California, thinking he could possibly be part of this family. He wasn't - even though the two CORKILL families originated from the parish of German in the 1700's. We haven't discovered a common link yet, but we have continued to correspond.

Then, out of the blue, last October, I received a letter from a Mrs. Linda COLE of Washington (the State), U.S.A. She is one of my CORKILL'S - in fact my second cousin. Les. CORKILL had given her my address (we must never underestimate our American 'cousins' - they seem to have quite an extensive network of Manx connections!)

Linda and I share common great great grand-parents - James CORRIS (a tailor from St. Johns) died 1883 - his wife Margaret SKEALEY (SKIELLY, SKEALLY, SKEALLEY, SKELLY - take your pick!) died 1920. She had obtained a copy of their marriage certificate dated 25th May 1852, at Kirk Michael. Did I know anything about them? She seemed a bit stuck. "Not a lot" I thought. I knew of them, of course, but had never done any research on them. So I, (big-head here) decided that after a couple of afternoons in the Museum Library - I'd soon sort them out.

The CORRIS family was relatively easy, except that James CORRIS' baptism wasn't recorded on the micro-film of German baptisms, or the original register - (checked by my cousin, Mrs. Irene Warrilow of Peel - thanks to Canon Brian Kelly). There is a little gap from late 1826 to early 1827, between the old method of recording baptisms and the beginning of the new. According to his age, when he died, and "born German" on all census returns, this is where JAMES should have appeared.

Patrick CORRIS was JAMES' father (as Linda said). However, he had been married twice - but I managed to work out which wife was JAMES' mother. (I have all this family's details if anyone is interested).

So - on to the SKEALEYS. According to Linda, Margaret SKEALEY'S father was Stephen SKEALEY - a mason. That was where she was stuck and there so was I. This man (as named) just never existed - anywhere! I checked the marriage entry - exactly as she stated - so 'off all round the houses,' as they say, and eventually I came up with the following - (by now my couple of afternoons were stretching a wee bit!!)

John SKEALLY married Mary MADDRELL - 1st November 1808, at Marown.

John son of J. SKEALLY and M. MADDRELL baptised 24th December, 1809, at Marown.

then followed a rather peculiar gap until the family resurfaced at BALLAUGH in 1815.

ANN daughter of John SKIELLEY and Mary MADDRELL baptised 5th March 1815 at Ballaugh.

CATHERINE daughter of John SKIELLEY and Mary MADDREL baptised 26th October, 1818 at Ballaugh.

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