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Research report Ann Martha Harrison

The primary objective of this research project was to verify and document the family tradition that Ann Martha Harrison (born circa 1899 in Hull) was allegedly, after the death of her father, sent to the workhouse when very young. Three of her older siblings were also said to have suffered the same fate (Charles born 23 Dec 1883, Govan, Lanark, Scotland; William born c. 1888 Ireland; Mary born c. 1889 Kingston upon-Hull). Ann later was sent to a McNeil family in Prince Edward Island (Canada). While in Canada she is said to have met her future husband, Ronald J. Jackman. He is said to have gone to work in New York City, where she later joined him and they were married. Her siblings were said to have been farmed out to other families but were in attendance at her wedding. Her father, George Harrison, born circa 1849 in Scotland, died about 1899, possibly in Hull. Her mother was Mary Maher, born about 1865 in Ireland.

The secondary objective of this research project was to research the Harrison ancestry.

The results of these objectives are:

Primary: No records were located in England or Canada pertaining to Ann Martha Harrison or her siblings being admitted to or dismissed from a workhouse in the Hull, England area. Additionally, no records were found in Canadian orphan records pertaining to Anna Martha Harrison or her siblings. No record was found placing Anna in a McNeil home on Prince Edward Island. Records were found which suggested that Anna Martha Harrison was in Canada and then went to the New York City area, and that her future husband came to visit her several times before they were married. This is opposite of the family story. Finally, after many hours of searching, a passenger manifest containing many children including Charles, William, Edward, Mary, and Annie Harrison was located.

Secondary: A great deal of information was found about Anna's father, George Harrison, and her grandfather, Samuel Harrison (newly discovered).

Following is the report of the research that was done. Given the great volume of records that were found, this report is in effect a discussion of those records presented in a chronological fashion (most recent to oldest). Copies of all of the documents which were located are found after the report. The documents are numbered in the lower right-hand corner for easy access and identification. The document numbers correspond to the footnote numbers located within the body of this report. There may be documents which were in the client's possession previously but, they were needed for clarity in the research effort and thus are included.

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1848, 14 September; Air Passenger Manifest¹

Ronald J. Jackman is found on a manifest flying from Gander, Newfoundland to New York City. He indicates that his permanent address is 2570 33rd Ave., San Francisco, CA. He also states that he has a certificate of citizenship dated August 22, 1932. He is 51 years of age.

1942: World War II draft registration²

William Harrison is residing at 2305, Apt. 2-G. University Ave. Grand Concourse in the Bronx. He indicates that he was born January 17, 1888 in Clonmel, Ireland. His wife is listed as Mrs. Katherine Harrison at the same address. William is employed by Vincent Astor at 23 W. 26th St., New York, NY.

1940 Census, Enumerated April 11:³

Ronald Jackman is listed as male, white, 41, married, born in Newfoundland, "civil engineer F. H. A." His wife, Anna, is 42 and born in England. Their first child, Ronald Junior, 16, was born in New York. The next five children listed were all born in Michigan, and they are: John F., 14, James G., 13, Rose Marie, 12, Margaret, 10, and Charlotte, 8. The youngest child, Mary, 6, was born in California. The census indicates that this family was living in the same place in 1935. Interestingly, under citizenship Ronald's status is given as "~~Am-Cit~~". It looks as though they first recorded Ronald as being an American citizen but then drew a line through their entry. Anna is listed as "AL" meaning alien. *Note: Naturalization records during this time period will normally indicate the date and port of arrival, including Canadian border crossings. A border crossing record for Anna would include a notation stating when and where she had arrived in Canada. If Anna was never naturalized, the chances of discovering when and where she came into the US are very slight.*

In the same census year⁴ Anna's brother, William Harrison, is found living at 1420 Grand Concourse, New York City, Bronx, New York. He is male, white, 52, married, had attended two years of high school, born in Ireland, naturalized, and lived in the same place in 1935. His occupation was listed as "assistant manager, apartment house". William's wife, Kathleen, was female, white, 56, married with two years of high school, and born in New York. Her occupation is given as "Guard and manager of apartment house". She too had lived at this same address in 1935. Living with this couple was William's sister-in-law, B. Helena La Conte, white, 60 years old, single, with 4 years of elementary education, born in New York and had lived there in 1935. Helena is a "housekeeper for a private family". *Note: If William's naturalization record can be found, it may provide his immigration information which may give us a clue about*

¹ Passenger manifest 1948. Ancestry.com

² WWII draft registration card. New York, Bronx. Ancestry.com

³ 1940 U.S. Census. US California, San Francisco San Francisco, ED. 38 -- 401, sheet 9A, lines 10 -- 18. Ancestry.com

⁴ 1940 U.S. Census. New York, Bronx, New York City, ED 3 -- 175, sheet to be, lines 69 -- 71. Ancestry.com

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his previous place of residence and whether he was ever in a workhouse. Who the sister-in law is we don't know.

Anna's brother, Edward D. Harrison, also appears on the 1940 census⁵. Edward is residing with his wife, Ida Mae, in a rental at 206 Forest Street, Flint, Michigan. He is 48 and she 46. They are married. Edward completed eight years of elementary school, while Ida Mae attended one year of high school. Edward was born in England and Ida in Indiana. Edward was naturalized. In 1935 they resided at Quantico, Stafford County, Virginia. He is a gardener in a green house while she does house work for a private family. *Note: Edward's naturalization likely occurred as a result of military service. The 1935 residence at Quantico, Virginia suggests Marine Corp service. If he received his naturalization as a result of military service, such a record will probably not give much, if any, immigration information.*

1932, May 17: Detroit Naturalization Index

A very interesting card⁶ was located for one Jackman, Ronald Joseph born 4 September 1898, naturalized 17 May 1932, and Naturalization petition number: 70043. Given the date of this naturalization, it is likely that it occurred in the US District Court in Detroit. This is very likely Anna's husband as there is an entry in the California Death Index for her husband (d. 4 May 1971 San Francisco) which indicates that he was born "4 Sep 1897". Though the year is off, it is my opinion that these are the same people. *Note: Obtain this naturalization petition to see if it gives any immigration information for Anna Martha Harrison Jackman.*

1930 US Census

The Ronald J. Jackman family is found⁷ renting for \$40.00/month at No. 7 Olde Street, Mt Clemens City, Macomb, Michigan. Ronald was 32, married, married first at age 25 (abt. 1923). He and his parents were born in Newfoundland. Ronald immigrated to the US in 1921 and applied for US citizenship prior to 1930. He was a civil engineer doing road construction. Annie H., Ronald's wife, is 33, married, married first at age 26 (about 1923). She and her parents were born in England. This record states that Annie immigrated in 1920 to the United States. She is at this time an alien. The children in the home at this time were Ronald J., 6 (born about 1924) years old, born in New York, John F., 4 10/12 (born about June 1925) in Michigan, James G., 3 8/12 (born about August 1926) in Michigan, Rose M., 2 1/12 (born about March 1927), Margaret M., 6/12 (born about October 1928). *Note: the fact that Ronald has applied for naturalization fits very well with the information found in the Detroit naturalization Index.*

⁵ 1940 US Census. Michigan, Genesee, Flint, ED 86-118, sheet 1A, lines 27-28

⁶ Detroit (Michigan) Naturalization Index. Ancestry.com

⁷ 1930 US Census. Michigan, Macomb, Mt Clemens City, ED 50-35, sheet 10B, lines 89-95. Ancestry.com

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1930 US Census

William Harrison and his wife Catherine were living at 2246 Grand Concourse, New York City, Bronx, New York⁸. William is 42 years old (b. abt. 1889) and married. He was married at the age of 41 (abt. 1928). He was born in Clonmel, Ireland. His father was born in Scotland while his mother was born in Ireland. William asserts that he immigrated to the US in 1898, and that he was naturalized at the time the 1930 census was taken. His occupation is "Real Estate Manager". Catherine was at this time 52 (b. abt. 1878 in New York). Her father was born in New York and her mother in Canada. She has no occupation listed. *Note: This couple was likely married in New York about 1928. The 1898 immigration date is consistent with the family tradition that the Harrison children came to America after the death of their father in the 1890's.*

1922, July: Canadian Border Crossing at Buffalo, New York⁹

The story of Anna Harrison leaving Canada to be with and marry Ronald Jackman seems to be dispelled by this manifest. Ronald, a 24 year old clerk, who resides in Regina, Canada, is going to his "friend Anna Harrison" in Hemstead, Long Island, New York. He plans to be there for two months.

1921, November 28: Canadian Border Crossing¹⁰

Just eight months previous to his July 1922 visit, Ronald had left Regina to be with Anna Harrison in Hemstead, Long Island, New York. *Note: This indicates that Anna Harrison was in the US and at Hemstead, Long Island, New York at least as early as 28 Nov 1921. This narrows down her immigration date.*

1920, January 26 Michigan Marriage Records¹¹

Charles A. Harrison, 35 years old, born 1885 in Scotland, son of George Harrison and Mary Mahor (sic.). married 26 January 1920 to Sylvia Dakin, 31 years of age, born 1889 in Michigan, daughter of Thomas Dakin and Alberta Filkins, married by D. I. Sutherland, a clergyman. The witnesses were Edward Harrison and Ethel E. Dakin. *Note: The witnesses appear to be the groom's brother and the bride's sister. This places Charles and Edward Harrison in Detroit in January 1920. We don't know if they were residents of that city then.*

⁸ 1930 US Census. New York, Bronx, New York City, E.D. 3-635, Sheet 23A, Lines 44-45. Ancestry.com

⁹ Canadian Boarder Crossing records. Ancestry.com

¹⁰ *ibid*

¹¹ Marriage records, 1868-1925. Washtenaw to Wayne (to be cont'd) counties - FHL US/CAN Film [2342740]

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1910 US Census¹²

William S. Harrison was an opera singer residing on Tennyson Street in Boston, Massachusetts as of 20 April 1920, the date of the enumeration of the US census. The enumeration states that he was a single 23 year old (b. abt. 1887) man who was born in Ireland. It indicates that his father was born in Scotland and his Mother in Ireland. Additionally, the record states that William immigrated to the US in 1908. *Note; William was not married to Ida yet; his immigration date may help us to locate his passenger manifest leaving the United Kingdom and/or arriving in the US.*

1910 February: Canadian Border Crossing¹³

William S. Harrison at the age of 22 (born about 1887-8 in Tipperary, Ireland) had left the US in November of 1909 to visit his mother, Mary Harrison. She was residing in Tipperary, Ireland in 1910. He returned from Ireland to Halifax, Nova Scotia and was in transit through Yarmouth, Nova Scotia on his way to 48 Tennyson Street, Boston, Massachusetts. There is a "Date of Landing" provided in column 31: "1898 May 24". Additionally, column 32 asks for the "Name of SS" (Sailing Ship) which is given as "Siberian". *Note; Unless the landing place and name of vessel refer to William's 1910 return from Ireland, it appears that William came to Halifax on the SS Siberian, arriving 29 May 1898. **He would have been about 10 years old. This may be after his father, George Harrison died.** There is a query at <http://archiver.rootsweb.ancestry.com/th/read/BRITISHHOMECHILDREN/2002-12/1040529142> They are seeking information about a passenger who was on the SS Siberian departing Liverpool 14 May 1898, arriving Port of Halifax 24 May 1898. This other person was one Frank Hickling age 13. Frank was listed on the 1901 Canadian census as the "ADOPTED SON" of another couple in New Brunswick. It sounds as though Frank may have been among those "British Home Children" shipped to Canada as orphans, which fits with the family story. **Get this manifest.***

1891 Census¹⁴

The George Harrison family is residing at number 1 Ebenezer Pl., Commerce Lane in Kingston upon Hull, Yorkshire, England. George is 41 (born about 1850) a merchant clerk having been born in Leith, Scotland. His wife Mary is listed as 26 years of age (born about 1865 in Ireland). The oldest child in the house is a son Charles who is five (born about 1886 in Scotland). Next is a son William, three years of age (born circa 1888 in Ireland). Lastly is the daughter, Mary, two years of age (born about 1889 in Kingston upon Hull). *Note: the 15 year age difference between George and his wife Mary is interesting. If Charles is the oldest child, George and Mary may*

¹² 1910 US Census. Massachusetts, Suffolk, Boston, ED 1396, Sheet 8A, Line 2

¹³ Canadian Border Crossing records. Ancestry.com

¹⁴ 1891 English census. Yorkshire, Kingston upon Hull St. James Parish, page 15, number 104

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have been married when she was about 20 years old or circa 1885. Given the birthplaces of each of the individuals, this marriage may have taken place anywhere in the UK.

1888, 17 January: Irish births¹⁵

William Samuel Harrison was born on 17 January 1888, and he was baptized on 27 January 1888. This birth occurred at King St., Clonmel in the parish of Clonmel in County Tipperary. The father: George Harrison (occupation: pensioner), the mother: Mary Maher. One witness listed: Margaret Halpin. *Note: this birth date matches what we saw on the US censuses. George Harrison's occupation, "pensioner", means that he was in the military at some time previously. We need to look for his pension record or military service record.*

There is also a baptism for this baby on 25 Jan 1888 in St Peter & St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church in County Waterford. The sponsors were Edward and Margaret Doody. (See document 15B). It was not unusual for a mixed couple (Protestant and Catholic) to christen a child in both churches.

1885, 23 December: Statutory birth records of Scotland¹⁶

Charles Harrison was born December 23, 1885 at 11 PM. His birth occurred at Barndyke Street, Govan (a former burgh of Glasgow city). He is the son of George Harrison, an engineer's clerk, and Mary Harrison, maiden surname. The birth was reported by George Harrison, the father.

1882, marriage index, Ireland¹⁷

Entries for the marriage of George Harrison and Mary Maher were found in the July quarter of 1882 indicating that they were married in Clonmel District. *Note: Using this information, search for the marriage abstract in the Irish Family History Foundation website.*

1882, 2 September: Church marriage records, Ireland¹⁸

The marriage between George Harrison and Mary Maher occurred at St. Mary's Church of Ireland in Clonmel. This record indicates that this event occurred in County Waterford as opposed to County Tipperary as the index indicated. (Clonmel is now in county Tipperary). George was in "A" Barracks, Clonmel. He was a "Bombadier". His father is listed as Samuel who is a printer. The bride, Mary Maher, was residing at "barracks, Clonmel" her father is "Denis" a servant. The witnesses are Edward Lodge and Kate Craig. The officiator was Sandford William at St. Mary's, Clonmel. The couple was married by license. *Note: This confirms our suspicion about George being in the military and they were likely not members of St. Mary's parish or they*

¹⁵ Civil Birth Index. Irish Family History Foundation <http://ifhf.rootsireland.ie/>

¹⁶ Statutory Birth Records of Scotland. <http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/>

¹⁷ Ireland, Civil Registration Indexes, 1845 -- 1958. <HTTP://familysearch.org>

¹⁸ Church marriage records. <http://ifhf.rootsireland.ie/>

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would have been married “by banns”, having published them at the parish church for several weeks prior to the marriage.

St. Mary’s Clonmel (Known as “Old St. Mary’s Church of Ireland”) Link to map

<http://maps.google.com/maps?q=Clonmel&hl=en&ll=52.353786,-7.706303&spn=0.002749,0.004823&sll=39.499761,-111.547028&sspn=7.111023,9.876709&t=h&hnear=Clonmel,+County+Tipperary,+Ireland&z=18>

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or go to Google.com and click on maps, then type in old St. Mary's Church, Clonmel, Ireland.



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Saint Mary's Church of Ireland Church, Mary Street, Clonmel, Tipperary South

1874, 2 November: Certificates of Death¹⁹

The death certificate of Charlotte Harrison, female, 50 years of age, no occupation, was ordered and received from the General Registers Office (GRO) in England. This is the mother of George Harrison and wife of Samuel Harrison.

1871, 24 April: Certificates of Death²⁰

The death of George Harrison's Father, Samuel Harrison, occurred at No. 4 Catherine Square, Woolwich, Kent, England on 24 April 1871. Samuel was a Gunner Pensioner of the Royal Artillery. He died of "Congestion of the lungs, Chronic Bronchitis, of a long duration". The informant of his death was Alice Harrison of at No. 4 Catherine Square Artillery Place, Woolwich, Kent, England. This is likely his 13 year-old daughter.

1871 Census. Woolwich, Kent, England²¹

The household of Samuel Harrison and his wife Charlotte was located at number 4 Catherine Square in Woolwich. Samuel is a married man of 64 years of age (born about 1807) and a Chelsea pensioner. The census indicates that he was born in Lancashire. His wife, Charlotte, is a married 46 year-old (born about 1825, in Galway, Ireland). At the taking of the census, Samuel's and Charlotte's children who were living at home were: William, 19 (born about 1852) years of age, employed in the Royal Arsenal. He was born in Leith Fort, Scotland; Alice, a 13-year-old (born about 1858) daughter who was born in Woolwich; and Samuel J., their 11 year-old son (born about 1860), also born in Woolwich. *Note: Search for the military service record of Samuel Harrison. The family should be in Woolwich on the 1861 census and possibly in Leith Fort in Scotland on the 1851 Census.*

From a London Survey:

"Catherine Square was a cramped court built near the south corner of Mulgrave pond in 1843. Meanwhile there was comparably clever development east of the pond on what became Back Lane (later Belford Grove), where William James Cann, a Brewer Street builder, added Cann's Buildings in the late 1840s. The courts were occupied almost exclusively by artillerymen, those married 'off the strength' (without permission) and so obliged to find housing outside the barracks, one family to a room, typically with a small lodging allowance and their wives'

¹⁹ Certificate of death Kent County, east Plumstead District, 1874, September quarter volume 1D page 679 Gen. register office, P.O. Box 2 Southport Merseyside, PR 8 2 JD, United Kingdom

²⁰ Certificate of death Kent County, Woolwich dockyard District, 1871, April quarter volume 1D page 581. Gen. register office, P.O. Box 2 Southport Merseyside, PR 8 2 JD, United Kingdom

²¹ 1871 census England. Woolwich, Kent. findmypast.co.uk

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earnings from work as laundresses, seamstresses or servants. This accommodation was immediately noted as especially unhealthy, but more than one room homes were built and dense occupancy and poverty continued into the 1890s. Charles Booth's investigator then found Catherine Square to be one of the roughest spots in the district, prostitution clinging to the neighborhood of the barracks ('open spaces are more used than the houses'). Rooms were still let to soldiers (married quarters remained scarce) whose wives led 'wretched lives' taking in other soldiers' washing. Clearances followed as leases came up for renewal around 1903. The following link will pinpoint the location of Catherine Square²². It was at the south end of Mulgrave pond. It no longer exists.

<https://maps.google.com/maps?q=artillery+Place,+Woolwich,+Kent,+United+Kingdom&hl=en&ll=51.490896,0.058558&spn=0.010809,0.01929&sl=39.499761,-111.547028&sspn=6.856855,9.876709&hq=artillery+Place,+Woolwich,&hnear=Kent,+United+Kingdom&t=m&z=16>

This is just below the Thames River south east of London.

1861 Census England²³

Samuel Harrison and his family were living at number 6 Cann's Buildings, Woolwich, Kent, England. On the census he is said to be 46 years of age. This would make him born about 1815, nearly 12 years later than the date calculated from the 1871 Census. Samuel is listed as a laborer and Chelsea pensioner. He is said to have been born in Bole, Lancaster County. His wife, Charlotte is said to be 36 (born about 1825) years of age and born in Galway, Ireland. The oldest son in the house is your ancestor George who is 11 years of age (born about 1850) and born in Glasgow, Scotland. The remaining children in the house are the same as appeared on the 1871 Census. Their ages and places of birth are consistent with the information provided on the 1871 Census. Additionally, in the household is Samuel's sister-in-law, Jane McCarthy. Jane is 15 years of age (born about 1846) and was born in Chatham, Kent County, England. *Notes: The place of birth given for Samuel is "Boles, Lancaster". There is no "Boles" in Lancaster but, there is a "Bold" Heath Inn and a "Bold" Old Inn. Both places are in Prescot Parish, Lancashire. Though Jane McCarthy is only 15 years of age, she may be the youngest sister of Charlotte. If this is the case, we have discovered Charlotte's maiden name, McCarthy. If we can locate a marriage record for Samuel and Charlotte, it will clear up this question.*

1851 Census Scotland²⁴

Samuel is found on the 1851 Scotland census with his wife and two young sons residing at the Fort cottages at Leith. Samuel is listed as 42 years of age (born about 1809 in Prescot, England).

²² Google maps.google.com

²³ 1861 Census of England. Woolwich, Kent. findmypast.co.uk

²⁴ 1851 Census. Scotland, Midlothian County, Leith. www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk

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His wife is listed as "Charton" 27 years old (born about 1824) born in Galway, Ireland. Their son, Charles, is five years old (born about 1846 in St. Ann, Barbados, West Indies). Lastly, in the home is George, a one-year-old son, born in Glasgow, Lanark, Scotland. *Note: Prescott, England is the Parish in which "Bole"/Bold is located. There is little doubt that "Charton" is in fact Charlotte. The birthplace of Charles, St. Ann, Barbados, West Indies, suggests that Samuel Harrison was stationed in Barbados at the time of the birth of his son. Additionally, it appears that he was able to have his wife with him at his duty station.*

There is a website which gives information about the artillery garrison at St. Anne's Fort on Barbados. It is <http://www.barbados.org/garrison.htm> There are some pictures of some of the artillery pieces which would have been there at the time when Samuel was a gunner in the Royal artillery.

Military Service Records, Samuel Harrison²⁵

There are only four pages contained in Samuel Harrison's military service record. The information held within them provides an informative time line of his life from his enlistment in 1836 to his dismissal in 1857.

18 October 1836: Samuel enlisted at the age of 22 years in Warrington, Lancaster, England (Warrington is today in Cheshire, just southeast of Boles/Bold, Lancashire, England).

The enlistment papers indicate that he was born in the Parish of Prescott County of Lancaster "in or near the town of Prescott". He served for 21 years, 31 days (18 Oct 1836-17 Nov 1857) having been stationed for 4 years and 9 months in Newfoundland, and 4 years and 2 months in Barbados. His conduct was "Exemplary". He held 4 "Good Conduct Badges". He was never convicted by Court Martial. He has 2 entries in the Regimental Defaulters Book, punished summarily. (These would have been minor infractions and not criminal.)

Samuel was dismissed 17 November 1857 at Woolwich, Kent, England due to "worn out by length of service, Disability caused by his military service."

At his dismissal Samuel Harrison was in the 8th Battery, Royal Artillery. He was at that time "43 years & Months" (perhaps 43 and zero months), 5 feet 9 inches tall, dark hair, eyes, and complexion. His trade is recorded as "Groom". *Notes: Samuel's year of birth varies 1807 (1871 census), 1815 (1861 census), 1812 (at discharge in 1857), and 1814 (at enlistment in 1836). Determine where his company was stationed at the time he got married so we know where to look for that record. It is the only viable source for telling us who his and Charlotte's fathers were. We need this information in order to sort out the several Samuel Harrisons who appear in the birth and christening records in and around Prescott.*

²⁵ Military Service Records British Army. findmypast.co.uk

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Military Service Records, George Harrison²⁶

On the 19th of December 1863, at 3:00 PM, George Harrison enlisted in the Royal artillery at Woolwich, Kent, England for a term of 15 years and 11 months. He was at the time 14 years and one month old and stood 4'7" tall. He had a "fresh" complexion, brown eyes, and brown hair. George states that he was born in Glasgow, Lanark, Scotland. His enlistment paper has his actual signature about two-thirds of the way down on the right hand side.

Document number 26C – 26E chronicles George Harrison's military service. When he first enlisted he was given the rank of trumpeter. On September 1, 1864 he was transferred to the second brigade as a trumpeter. George's first incident of trouble came on 17 December 1869 (this would have been a couple days before his 19th birthday) he spent time in the garrison cells. This would not be the last time that he did so, as can be seen on his record of service. George was regularly in the garrison cells or awaiting trial all the way up to 29 November 1882.

George's military history took him to many places around the world. After enlisting he was at home until 26 September 1864, then he left for the Cape (Cape of Good Hope) and was there until 12 June 1870 (five years and 259 days). His company was moved from the Cape to Mauritius on 13 June 1870 where they remained for two years and 90 days, after which they went to the island of St. Helena for four years and three days. The company returned home on 14 September 1876 where he remained until 4 September 1885 (eight years and 356 days). This history also indicates that George and Mary Maher were married September 2, 1882 in Clonmel. At the time of his discharge he intended to reside at number 404 Ganbraid, Maryhill, Glasgow, Scotland.

After returning to the UK in 1876, George Harrison and his company were sent to Curragh, County Kildare, Ireland on 18 November 1882. From this posting they were sent to Glasgow, Scotland on 14 May 1883. On 30 July 1883, he was at Leith Fort outside of Edinburgh, Scotland. Once more, he was sent to Glasgow, on 25 August 1884.

While stationed at Clonmel, George Harrison, then an acting bombardier, married Mary Mahar (sic), spinster, at the Perry's church in Clonmel, County Tipperary on September 2, 1882. Just short of two years later, George and his bride had a baby boy, George Samuel Harrison, born 31 June 1884, at Leith Fort, just north of Edinburgh. The child was baptized at Leith Fort on August 6, 1884.

²⁶ *ibid*

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George's medical history while in the service is pretty ordinary. Under "general remarks" the surgeon indicates that George's "habits and conduct in the service temperance, etc." were "regular", "good", "temperate". Later it is stated that George's habits were "irregular, conduct bad, and intemperate" (this might explain the numerous times in the garrison cells).

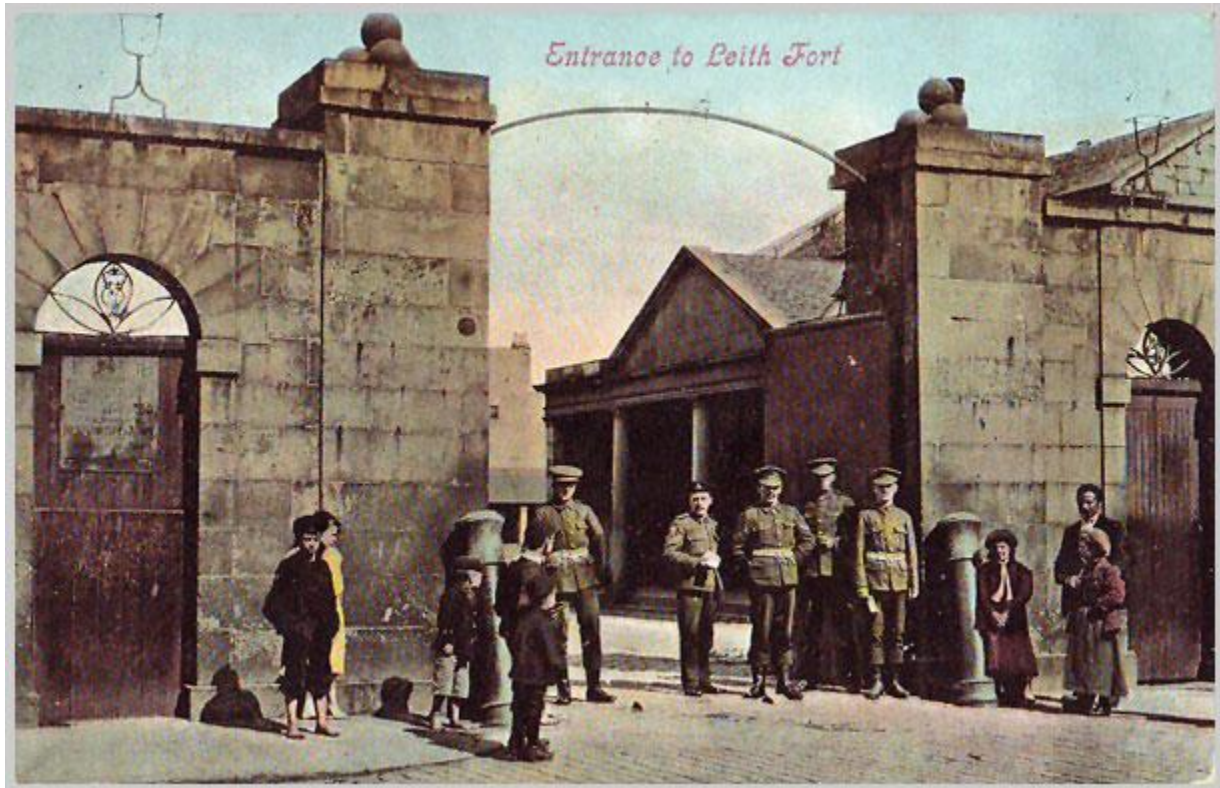


Gate house and wall of old Leith Fort 2012

<http://www.scottish-places.info/images/p3341.jpg>

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Entrance to Leith Fort about 1910

[http://1.bp.blogspot.com/-](http://1.bp.blogspot.com/-UY6vz6DoO7w/TyzVx4a_qwI/AAAAAAAAAGU/HXHT1IaPuwE/s1600/leith%20fort3.jpg)

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Royal Artillery at Leith Fort about 1846

Major Crawford, Major Wright, Capt. St. George, and Capt. Borthingham of the Leith Fort Artillery by David Octavius Hill (1802–70)

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Passenger manifest of the SS Siberian, departing Liverpool 14 May 1898 bound for Halifax Nova Scotia.²⁷

After many many hours of scouring passenger list indexes, both leaving England and arriving in the United States and Canada, a list was found containing what appears to be the children of George Harrison and Mary Maher. The children are listed on the manifest for the SS Siberian, leaving Liverpool on 14 May 1898, bound for Halifax, Nova Scotia. There are numerous pages of children listed, and interspersed among their names are clergymen and nurses who appear to be the caregivers of these children. It is very apparent that these children are among the "home children" being sent from England to Canada.

²⁷ travel, passenger lists departing England. <http://www.findmypast.co.uk/passengerListShowTranscript.action?uvn=264000025&vsn=46>

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Four children who match those identified previously as children of George and Mary Harrison were found. They are listed on two separate pages (the girls and boys are listed separately and in descending age order): Charles Harrison, 11 (born 1887), William Harrison, 10 (born 1888), Edward Harrison, 5 (born 1893), Annie Harrison, 3 (born 1895), and Mary Harrison, 8 (born 1890). A copy of the manifest page containing Annie and Mary was made²⁸. The page with the boys listed would not download or display. An e-mail has been sent to FindMyPast.com requesting help.

Summary

Research was productive in achieving great progress toward the goals set out at the beginning of this project. After considerable effort and time, the passenger manifest for Annie Martha Harrison's immigration to Canada was located. Her siblings Charles, William, Edward, and Mary are all on the same ship, the SS Siberian, sailing from Liverpool on 14 May 1898. However, no record was found for Annie in Canada connecting her with the McNeil family, with whom she was alleged to have stayed. It was discovered that Annie was in the New York City area as early as 1921. Her future husband, Ronald Jackman, visited her on at least two occasions previous to their marriage. He came from Canada for two month visits. This somewhat dispels a portion of the family tradition. The lack of records held by the authorities in England regarding the work houses in Hull makes it difficult to ascertain the exact death date of George Harrison, their father. We do know that their mother, Mary Maher Harrison, was residing in Tipperary in 1910 when her son William S. came to visit her from the US. Death dates for the parents have not been located as of this time.

Research has established the parentage of George Harrison as Samuel Harrison and his wife Charlotte, and the father of Mary Maher as Denis Maher. Additionally, a potential maiden name for Charlotte Harrison was found, McCarthy, as well as a possible younger sister, Jane McCarthy. Also, great information was discovered about George and Samuel Harrison regarding their military service. The exact location of George's marriage to Mary Maher was located and is included in this report. Hopefully it will make it possible for you to be able to visit the church.

The probability of extending the Harrison line beyond Samuel, who was born between 1805 and 1815, depending on which records we consult, is fair. The best approach is to determine the location of his military company around the time of his marriage to Charlotte. This will allow us to have an idea of where to look for the marriage. The marriage record should name the fathers of the parties. We need the name of Samuel's father to differentiate him from several other Samuel Harrisons who were born in the Prescott, Lancashire, England area.

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²⁸ *ibid*