

ANDREW HEPBURN the SHOEMAKER
1858 – 1940s

Andrew Hepburn was the first-born son to **Samuel Hepburn & Eleanor Elliott** in Castlefinn, County Donegal September 1858 and was married to **Sarah Margaret Wilkie** in the Strabane 1st Presbyterian Church, County Tyrone in May 1882. According to the traditional Irish naming pattern, he was named after his father's father, Andrew Hepburn, mason of Castlefinn.



While in Strabane, Andrew & Sarah Margaret had two children, **Samuel and Mary Ann Hepburn**.

He then worked as a mason in Portadown, County Down where a daughter **Sarah Ellen Hepburn** was born.

By 1891 Andrew and his family were living in Belfast, County Antrim. His wife gave birth to four more children; **Margaret Helena, Andrew Thomas, Eleanor and Rebecca Jane**. Children, Sarah Ellen Hepburn and Andrew Thomas Hepburn died young. Wife, Sarah Margaret also died in Belfast in 1898 and Andrew married again in 1900 to **Elizabeth Oliphant** from Castlefinn.

In 1901, Andrew Hepburn and his eldest son (18 year-old Samuel) were living and working in Manchester, England as brick setters with brother **James Marshall Hepburn**.

From 1902 Andrew is found back in Belfast at 4 Rusholme St. and seen in the Belfast City Directory as a bricklayer. He eventually moved to **230 Old Lodge Road** and worked as a "**Boot & Shoe Maker**".

In 1912 Andrew signed the Ulster Covenant objecting to the move towards Home Rule.

He immigrated to Toronto, Canada on the SS REGINA in April 1923 where three of his daughters (Mary Ann, Eleanor and Margaret Helena) were already living. His youngest daughter, Rebecca Jane Hepburn, and her husband **Samuel Gibson Sloane** arrived three months later in July 1923.

In 1924 Andrew Hepburn was living with his daughter Margaret Helena and her husband **Jefferson Washington Mcatee** at 743 Manning Street, Toronto. In the same year, he travelled to the United States to visit his son Samuel who was living in Chicago.

He died in Toronto in the 1940s where he is said to be buried near his daughter Margaret Helena Hepburn McAtee.

Issue:

1. Samuel 1883–1955
x Mary Simpson
2. Mary Anne 1885-?
x David Bertram Harrison
3. Sarah Ellen 1887-1892
4. Margaret Helena 1891-?
x Jefferson Washington McAtee
5. Andrew Thomas 1893-1894
6. Eleanor 1896-?
x Hayden Wm Thomas Jones
x Mr. Sayre
7. Rebecca Jane 1898-1942
x Samuel Gibson Sloane

Sources:

1. Canadian Border Crossing 1923
2. Public Records Office Film MIC/1P/10 Old Parish records Strabane 1st Presbyterian
3. PRONI: Ulster Covenant 1912
4. Irish General Records Office birth, marriage, death registration
5. Passenger list: SS REGINA 1923
6. Belfast City Directory 1899 – 1911
7. Letters: Mary Jane Hepburn Harrison to Cora Hepburn 1949-1950
8. Family Letter: "Dear father" Samuel Hepburn, Commissioner
9. Hepburn Photos Archive
10. Communications:
 - a. James Marshall Hepburn, Lt. Col. (dec)
 - b. James Hughes Hepburn of Rockland, Mass. USA
 - c. Andrew Hepburn of Burton on Trent, England (dec)