

WILLIAM HEPBURN of LONDONDERRY
1865 - 1948



William Hepburn was born in Castlefinn, County Donegal in January 1865 to **Samuel Hepburn & Eleanor Elliott** and was married to **Mary Ann Henderson** (“Minnie”) in the Strabane 1st Presbyterian Church, County Tyrone in September 1892.

He worked as a mason and his first child, **Ellen Hepburn**, was baptised at **St Luke’s Church of Ireland in Convoy**, County Donegal in 1893.

By 1901 he was living at Elmwood St, in Londonderry, County Derry where his children **Mary Jane, William Joseph, Florence Georgina and Samuel Marshall Hepburn** were born. Florence Georgina Hepburn died at age six.

In 1911 the family were living at **8 Shipquay Street, Londonderry** and in 1912 William and other members of his family signed the Ulster Covenant objecting to the move towards Home Rule.

In September 1921, while living on Shipquay Street, William’s older brother **David Elliott Hepburn** came to visit from Virginia in America where he practiced as a Baptist Minister. During the visit, a formal group photo was taken of William Hepburn, his wife & children and two of his seven brothers, **David Elliott Hepburn** and **George Elliott Hepburn**. The photo still survives today.

In 1928 William’s son **Samuel Marshall Hepburn** and young wife **Nora Dougherty** immigrated to Toronto, Canada to a **cousin, William Fraser**.

William Hepburn died in October 1948 at his home on 8 Shipquay Street. As a very active member of the **Masonic Order of Murray Club of Apprentice Boys of Derry**, a large number of officers & members of the order attended the interment at the **Londonderry City Cemetery**. William’s wife, **Mary Ann Henderson Hepburn**, died in 1943.

Issue:

1. Ellen 1893-1963
2. Mary Jane 1895-?
3. William Joseph 1897- ?
4. Florence Georgina 1899-1906
5. Samuel Marshall 1904-?
x Norah Dougherty

Sources:

1. PRONI MIC1/208A/1 St. Luke Church of Ireland Parish register, Convoy, Donegal
2. PRONI MIC/1P/10 Strabane 1st Presbyterian Church marriage register
3. Irish General Records Office birth, marriage, death registration
4. Census of Ireland 1901:1911: Derry, City: Londonderry
5. PRONI: Ulster Covenant 1912
6. Photo: September 1921
7. Canadian Government Return: Passenger List for Samuel Marshall Hepburn & Norah Dougherty 1928
8. Newspaper Obituary: Derry Standard 1 Nov 1948
9. Communication:
 - a. Andrew Hepburn, Burton on Trent, England (dec)
 - b. David Hepburn, Culmore, Londonderry, N. Ireland