

MATTHEW HEPBURN, SHOEMAKER
1873 - 1914

Matthew Hepburn was the eighth son born to **Samuel Hepburn**, mason, and **Eleanor Elliott** in Castlefinn, March 1873. It is believed that he was named after **Matthew Elliott**, a brother of Eleanor Elliott who had immigrated to Pennsylvania in 1873.



In 1901, Matthew Hepburn is seen on the census living with his aged parents & older brother, **George Elliott Hepburn** at **Sessiagh Allison** in Castlefinn. He is listed as a twenty-eight year-old unmarried **Shoemaker**, and a member of the Church of Ireland.

In 1907 he is found in the **Register Of Members of the Church of Ireland** for the Parish Church of Donaghmore, Dioceses of Derry, Co. Donegal.

Matthew Hepburn married **Isabella Nixon** (daughter of Frank Nixon, a farmer) on 27th February 1908 in Castlefinn.

In 1912 he was living in Castlefinn when he signed the Ulster Covenant and also in 1913 when he was listed in the **County Donegal Directories** as “**Matthew Heyburn, Boot & Shoemaker, Castlefin**”.

Matthew died on the 17th August 1914 from **Acute Albuminuria**, a fatal condition of the kidneys (also known as “**Bright’s Disease**”). His brother George Elliott Hepburn was present at his death. He is buried in the graveyard of the **Monellan Chapel of Ease in Killygordon** in the parish of Donaghmore.

Issue:
none

Sources:

1. Irish General Records Office birth, marriage, death registrations
2. Census of Ireland 1901 Castlefinn, County Donegal
3. PRONI MIC1/209E/3 Register of Members of the Church of Ireland for the Year 1907, Parish Church of Donaghmore, Dioceses of Derry, County of Donegal
4. PRONI MIC 1/209/ B/3 Parish Church of Donaghmore, marriage parish register
5. Co. Donegal Directories, 1913, p220
6. Ulster Covenant 1912
7. MIC1/209/C1 Parish Church of Donaghmore, burial register, Monellan Church Graveyard
8. Communication:
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