

SAMUEL HEPBURN OF DETROIT  
1867 – c1950

**Samuel Hepburn** was born in Castlefinn, Donegal, Ireland in 1867 the fifth son to **Samuel Hepburn**, mason of Castlefin and **Eleanor Elliott**.



In 1901 he was living on 26 Gill St., in the Chorlton district of South Manchester, England with his brothers **James Marshall Hepburn** and **Andrew Hepburn**, all working as brick setters.

He is next seen in 1906 on the ship CITY OF PEUBLO as a thirty eight year-old bricklayer travelling to **San Francisco, California** from **Victoria, British Columbia Canada**.

In April 1910, Samuel Hepburn, a bricklayer, is found on the EMPRESS OF BRITAIN from Liverpool to Quebec en route to Toronto after helping his brothers rebuild the family cottage in Sessiagh Allinson, Castlefinn, Donegal.

Later that same year he is found living on **Loomis Street, Chicago, Illinois** with **Cora**, a twenty-nine year old woman from Michigan.

On 8 April 1913, **Samuel Hepburn**, 44, and **Mrs. Cora Barrett**, 32, were married by the Justice of the Peace in Chicago, Illinois.

In 1920, Samuel & Cora were living on **Montcalm St. West in Detroit, Michigan**. He states his year of immigration as 1906. Lodging with them was a nephew, **Samuel Hepburn** (a **WW1 Veteran** and **son of Andrew Hepburn of Belfast**) his nephew's wife, **Mary Simpson**, and their two infant sons, **Andrew & William Samuel Hepburn**.

In 1930 Samuel & Cora were still living on Montcalm St. West in Detroit.

There are photos of Samuel & Cora from the late 1940s and letters from 1950.

**Samuel Hepburn of Detroit** died around 1950. He had no known children.

Issue:

No known issue.

Sources:

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  - b. James Hughes Hepburn of Rockland, Mass. USA
  - c. Andrew Hepburn of Burton on Trent, England (dec)
  - d. Jean Elizabeth Jackson, Reading, Mass. USA