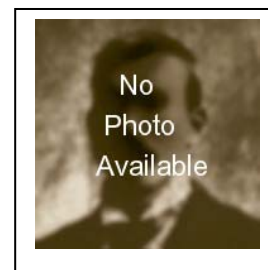


EDWARD MARKS HEPBURN
1826 - 1915

Edward Marks Hepburn was born and baptised in Donaghmore parish in January 1826 to **Andrew & Jane “Hebron”**.

On 12th September 1850 Edward Marks “Heyburn” a weaver of Castlefin married **Jane Kerr** of Castlefin in the Church of Ireland Donaghmore parish church. Their respective fathers were; **Andrew Heyburn, Mason** and **Robert Kerr, Farmer**. Family lore states that the Kerrs lived in the property next to Sessiagh Allison.



Edward & Jane had three children although only one survived, a son **Samuel Hepburn** who was born in 1852 in **Hillhead, Castlefinn** (a townland on the same lane as Sessiagh Allison).

At some point Edward Marks Hepburn moved to the adjacent parish of **Stranorlar** and lived for many years in the townland of **Drumboe** as a farm labourer (about 5 miles from Castlefinn). Family lore suggests that he worked for many years as a gardener and land steward at **Drumboe Castle**, the manorial home of **Lady Hayes** which was a short distance from where Edward Marks Hepburn lived.

Their son, Samuel, immigrated to England and served with the Lancashire Constabulary from 1876 to 1902. Samuel had no children, so Edward Mark’s descendancy ended with the death of his son, Samuel.

In 1901, sixty year-old Edward Marks Hepburn, Farm Labourer and wife, Jane is seen living in Drumboe Lower in Stranorlar Parish, County Donegal.

They are also found at the same residence in 1911 although Edward Marks states his age as 84 which is a more accurate reflection of his true age. He states that he is a retired farmer, married 53 years. His wife reports that she has had three children, although only one is living.

Edward Marks Hepburn died at the old age of 91 at Drumboe. The cause of death was listed as “senile decay”. A George P. Galloway was present at his death.

Donaghmore Church of Ireland records list him as buried in the St. Patrick’s Donaghmore Graveyard in Castlefinn.

Edward Marks’ wife, Jane Kerr Hepburn, subsequently went to live with **George Elliott Hepburn** at **Sessiagh Allison in Castlefinn**. She died the following year and is buried with her husband.

Issue:

1. Unknown child died young
2. Unknown child died young
3. Samuel 1852 – 1918
- x Sarah Ann Alexander

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