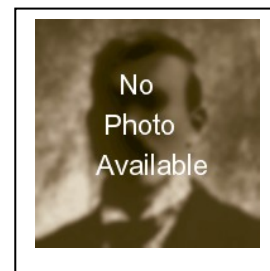


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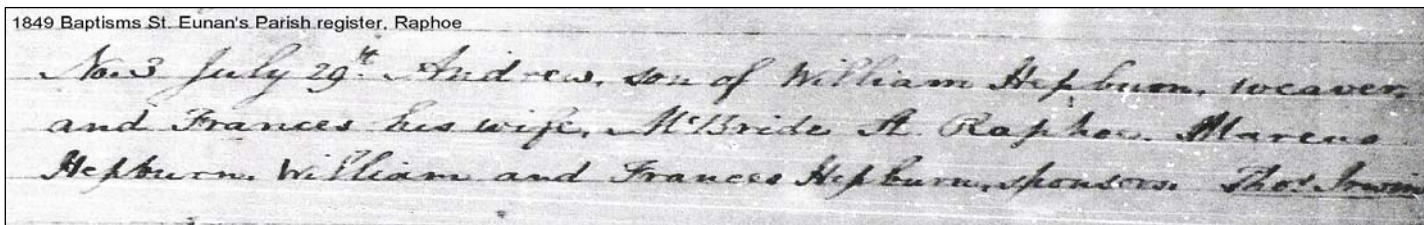
William Hepburn was the son of **Andrew Hepburn**, mason, and **Jane** of Sessiagh Allison, Castlefinn.



He is seen in the Church of Ireland Donaghmore Parish records in 1846 marrying **Frances McConaghy** (the daughter of **Cairn Patterson**, a Labourer). At the time he was a weaver living in **Hillhead** near Sessiagh Allison.

In 1858, William Hepburn & Frances or “Fanny” McConaghy are found on **McBride Street in Raphoe** where his grandfather, William Hepburn, a mason, had also been known to live.

William is seen in the Stranorlar District Valuation Lists living on McBride Street, Raphoe from 1858 until his death in 1887 when his son **Thomas Hepburn** took over the property. (Thomas’ son, Samuel Hepburn, then took over the property which was eventually sold to the McGee family. The property still exists on McBride Street).



William & Frances had nine children in the parish of Raphoe. Three children (**Andrew, Eliza Jane & John**) immigrated to **Manhattan, New York**. Three children (**William, Samuel & Thomas**) moved to **Scotland**. Son Thomas and his wife Bridget Strain eventually returned from Scotland and eventually took up residence in the family property on McBride Street.

To date, little is known about the remaining three children that were born in Raphoe to William & Fanny (**Anne Jane Hepburn, Frances Hepburn and Robert Hepburn**).

William Hepburn of McBride Street died 16th September 1887 in Raphoe at 64 years from “cerebral softening”. His son, **Samuel Hepburn**, was present at his death. His wife, Frances, died in 1900.

They are buried in the Church of Ireland **St. Eunan’s Graveyard, Raphoe**. There is no headstone.

William Hepburne	McBride St Raphoe	Sep 16 64	Robert Strain
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Fanny Hepburn	Close Lane	7 th July 1900	Edmund Dean
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Burials; St. Eunan's Parish register, Raphoe. 1887 and 1900

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Issue:

1. Andrew 1849 – c1885
x Mary Jane Jamison
x Mary Jane Sands
2. Anne Jane 1851 –
3. William 1854 – 1926
x Jane Eaton
4. Eliza Jane 1857 - ?
x Charles Frederick Waack
x Isaac Thompkins Cox
5. Samuel 1859 – 1932
x Mary Jane Spence
6. Thomas 1861 – 1918
x Bridget Strain
7. Frances 1862 - ?
8. John 1863 – 1928
x Mary Jane Sands
x Ella Roberts
9. Robert 1864 - ?

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