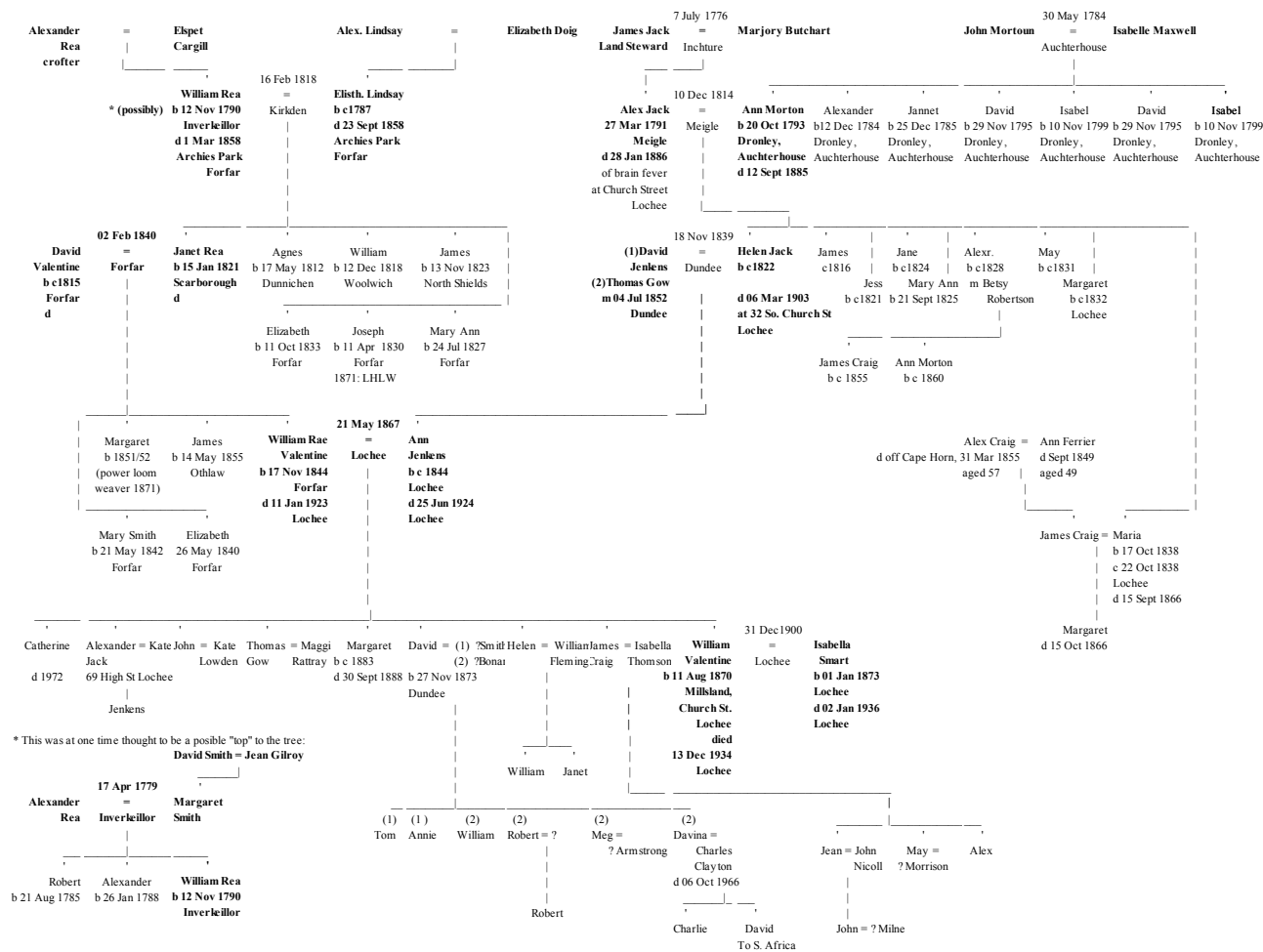
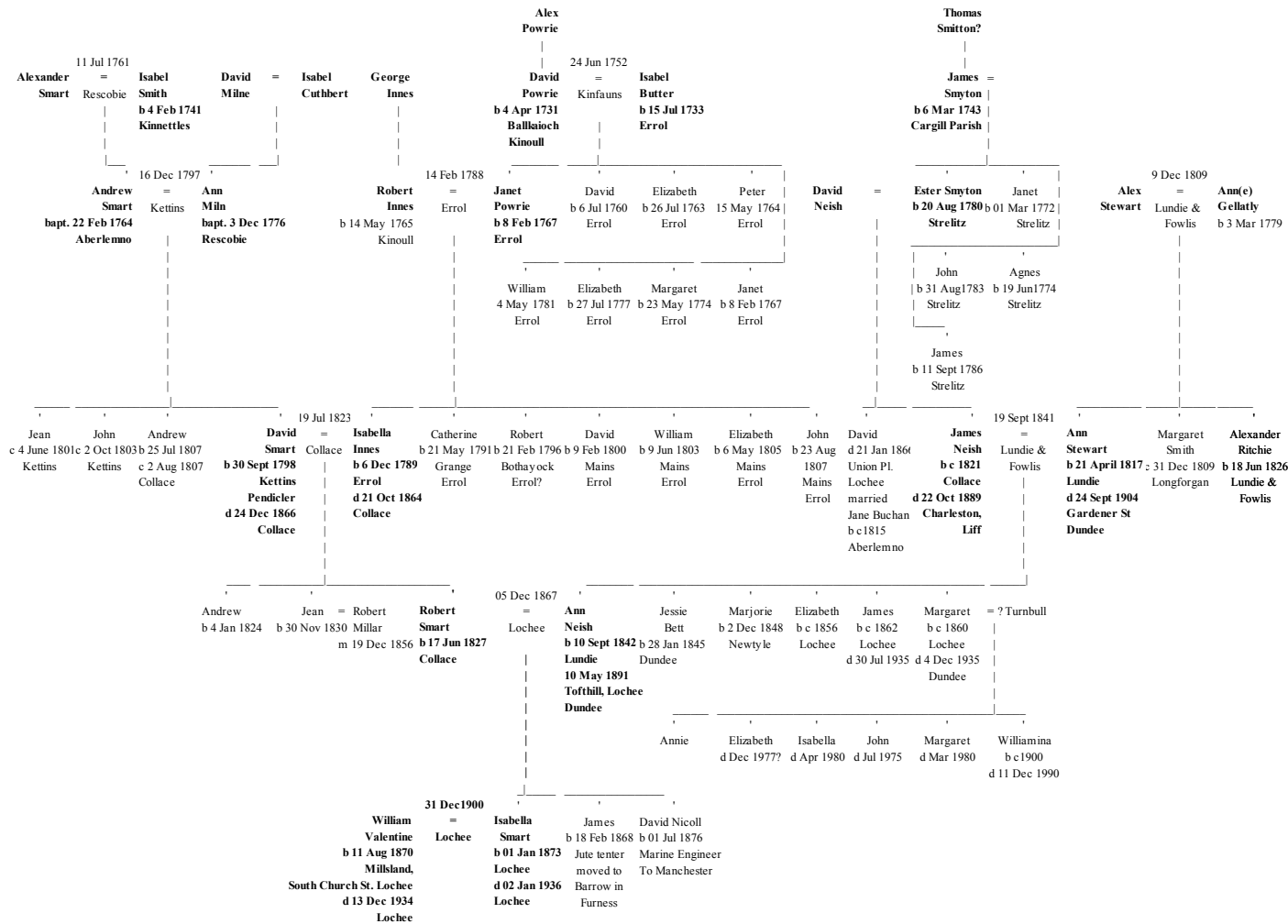


William Valentine & Isabella Innes Smart





William Valentine    Isabella Innes Smart

William and Isabella were married on 31st December 1900 at Lochee. He was a blacksmith living at 32 Church Street, Lochee and she a factory worker living at 33 Liff Road, Lochee.

They set up house in Marybank Lane in Lochee and were there at the 1901 census:  
282/5 Lochee, Angus, Dist 1 book 3a page 52

8 Marybank Lane

William Valentine	h m 30	blacksmith	worker	Forfarshire, Lochee
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Bella Valentine	w m 28			Forfarshire, Lochee
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The house had 2 rooms with windows.

She had been born on 1st January 1873 at Park Place, Lochee to Robert Smart and Ann Neish (although her father was resident at "Bell and Sime's Land" at the time of the birth). He was the son of William Rea Valentine and Ann Jenkins.

No wedding photos of the couple are known to exist but the one below shows them four years after marriage.



Card to Isabella From "C" postmarked Madderty on May 9th 1904. Isabella with Annabella in the middle and William behind. The others, although not known are presumably family members from Madderty including C who would be, no doubt, her cousin by marriage, Charlotte.



William (extreme left) at the blacksmiths, probably in Lochee.

William was a blacksmith to trade and latterly he spent most of his time working for his father's business (later his sister's). In what spare time he had he was a keen sportsman and is shown with a cricket team below (back row second from right)



A daughter, Annabella Stewart Neish Valentine was born in November 1901, another daughter, Helen Fleming Valentine in July 1906 and a son William Valentine on 28 July 1908. Helen unfortunately contacted diphtheria and died on 20th August 1908. William's christening and Helen's funeral took place on the same day.

Annabella was a talented elocutionist and won several certificates for this. On leaving school she worked in the office of a jute mill but scarlet fever struck in 1920 when she was nineteen and she died on the 17th October. After this her mother could not

bear to hear her son, a violinist, play although it has to be admitted that it might have something to do with the quality of the playing as well.

Although Annabella had attended Harris Academy, she did not complete the course, leaving at age fourteen. This reflected badly on the family and, as a result, Willie was not accepted for Harris and attended Ancrum Road School, leaving there in 1922 with the certificate reproduced overleaf.

From school, Willie joined Jute Industries as a mill clerk in Walton Works, serving there and in Rashiewell Works and in 1929, when he was seeking other employment, was given the reference reproduced overleaf. About this time also, Willie attended Spanish classes with a view to emigrating to South America. Study at this time was part of his life and he amassed quite a list of qualifications, which he listed in his own hand when applying for jobs.

By 1933 Willie had become a keen golfer, a passion he retained for the rest of his life, and became a founder member of Downfield Golf Club in Dundee.

Sundays were a day for walking, perhaps to Menzieshill (now the site of Ninewells Hospital) and returning by tram, or for listening to bands in the parks, Baxter Park being a favourite. Young Willie would turn out in his spats and bowler hat. For less formal occasions plus-fors were the height of fashion. He enjoyed sport and played football and tennis among other things.

Both William and Bell are remembered as being nice cheery people. As he was always working she had to make her own entertainment enjoying among other things, visits to the cinema.

On 13th December 1934 William Sen. died aged 64. His son, Willie, in later years told both his son and son-in-law that his father had been kicked by a horse he was shoeing, blood poisoning resulted and in these pre-antibiotic days proved fatal. Nan, Willie jnr's wife told her daughter that she thought that he died as the result of haemorrhoids which became infected. The death certificate does not agree exactly with either of these explanations.

Only two years later on 2nd June 1936 Bell also died. She had been suffering from cancer and spent some time when ill with relations at Madderty. During this time she sent several letters to her son, some of which are reproduced. This long-term illness resulted in Willie's marriage to Nan Fraser being delayed until the year following his mother's death.



William Valentine



Isabella Smart

For a time after his mother's death, Willie stayed at Toft Hill with his Aunt Cathie and her companion Margaret Doig but hated the arrangement (for one thing Aunt Cathie would walk into his room and switch the light off even if he was there). Both Cathie and her companion had a reputation for talking about people behind their backs - one of Cathie's comments had been "Bell isn't much of a cook" which, as the house had only one gas ring, was rather unfair. Kate, the wife of Cathie's brother John (known as Jeck) was also rather upset by comments made by Cathie as were others. During his time at Toft Hill, Willie wrote several applications for various jobs one of which is reproduced overleaf together with a reference he was given.



William Valentine Jnr. circa 1928

The gravestone in Balgay cemetery reads:

In loving memory of my dear husband William Valentine who died 13th Dec 1934  
aged 64 years.  
Also our daughter Annabella who died 17 Oct 1920 aged 19 years, Helen who died  
20th August 1920 aged 2 yr.  
Isabella Smart beloved wife of the above who died 2nd June 1936 aged 63 yr.  
also their son William who died 24 May 1980 aged 71 years



1870 Dundee 5<sup>th</sup> (Lochee) 282/5 no.257

William Valentine	1870 August eighth Millsland South Church St Lochee	M	William Valentine stoker in a jute mill Ann Valentine nee Jenkins Married 1867 May 21 <sup>st</sup> Lochee	William Valentine father
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1873 Dundee 282/1 no. 27

Isabella Smart	1873 January First 4h 30m a.m. 8 Park Place Lochee	F	Robert Smart Outdoor overseer Ann Smart M.S. Neish 1876 Dec <sup>r</sup> . 5 <sup>th</sup> Dundee.	Robert Smart father Bell & Sime's Land Dundee
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1900 Dundee 1901 282/5 No. 25

On 31 Dec 1900 Western Hall Lochee after Banns According to the established Church of Scotland	William Valentine blacksmith bachelor	30	32 South Church Street, Lochee	William Valentine stoker jute mill  Ann Valentine M.S. Jenkins
	Bella Smart factory worker spinster	27	33 Liff Road Lochee	Robert Smart gardener Ann Smart M.S. Neish deceased

Death 1934 Dundee 282/2 no. 946.

William Valentine Motor driver M to Isabella Smart	1934 M 64 13 Dec 5h 45m Dundee Royal Infirmary U.R. 63 Kirk Street, Lochee	William Rae Valentine garage proprietor (deceased) Ann Valentine M.S. Jenkins (deceased)	Gas gangerine of perineum Acute toxic myocarditis	William Valentine 63 Kirk Street Lochee.
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1936 Dundee 282/2 no. 514

Isabella Valentine widow of William Valentine garage manager	1936 F 63 02 Jan 8h 30m a.m. Royal Infirmary U.R. 63 Kirk Street, Lochee, Dundee	Robert Smart cleansing dept. overseer deceased Ann Smart M.S. Neish deceased	Carcinoma Internal obstruction	William Valentine son 63 Church Street Lochee
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# Certificate of Merit.

(ARTICLE 29 OF THE CODE.)

THE LORDS OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE PRIVY COUNCIL ON EDUCATION  
IN SCOTLAND have been pleased to sanction the award of this Certificate of Merit, in terms  
of Article 29 of the Code, by the Education Authority of the Diocese of Dundee  
to William Valentine a pupil over fourteen years of age in  
Broomfield Public School.

It is certified (a) that the holder was shown to the satisfaction of His Majesty's Inspector  
to have been of good proficiency in the ordinary subjects of an elementary education before  
enrolment in a Supplementary Course, (b) that he has been under instruction in a Supplementary  
Course for not less than one complete school year, (c) that his general progress in the work of  
the Course was very well.

The holder's character and conduct are certified to by the Headmaster, and the marks  
which, in the opinion of the Headmaster and Class Teacher, represent his attainments in the  
various subjects of instruction are shown on the back of this Certificate.

*Geo. Macdonald*  
Secretary.

(i)—Subjects common to all Supple-  
mentary Courses.

English	...	...	...	V. Good
Arithmetic	...	...	...	V. Good
Handwriting	...	...	...	V. Good

(ii)—Subjects of Head B., Schedule V.  
of the Code.

British History	V. Good
Geography	Good
Nature Study	Good

(iii)—Special Subjects selected under Schedule VI. of the Code.

Special Course.

Common Commercial Documents	V. Good
Laws of Health	V. Good
Drawing	Good
Mathematics	V. Good
Woodwork	Good

WE CERTIFY that the foregoing marks represent our opinion of the holder's proficiency  
in the various subjects of instruction as judged by the whole character of his work in each subject,  
and that his character and conduct have been V. Good.

*John O. Anderson* Class Teacher.

*Black Ramsay* Head Teacher.

Countersigned on behalf of the Education Authority.

Date 24<sup>th</sup> Aug 1912

Poplar Bank,  
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September 16<sup>th</sup> 1936.

N<sup>o</sup> 308,

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William Valentine.

(3.)

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Our Reference...Walton Works

Your Reference.....

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(Parties residing in the  
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(Pursuant to the "Marriage Notice (Scotland) Act, 1878.")

I, John Robertson Registrar of the Parish (or District) of  
Lochee in the Burgh of Dundee, hereby  
certify that on the 28 day of Dec 1902,

William Valentine Bachelor Blacksmith  
32 South Church Street Lochee  
and Bella Smart Spinner Factory Worker  
33 Loft Road Lochee

duly gave Notice to me of their intention to contract Marriage with each other, and that all the  
requirements of Law in respect of such Notices have been complied with, and no Objections  
stated.

/ / / /

Certified by me the said John Robertson  
this 28 day of Dec 1902

Robertson, Registrar.

<sup>1</sup> Name and surname, condition, rank or profession, and place of residence of persons giving Notice.  
<sup>2</sup> Name of Registrar.

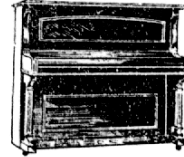
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