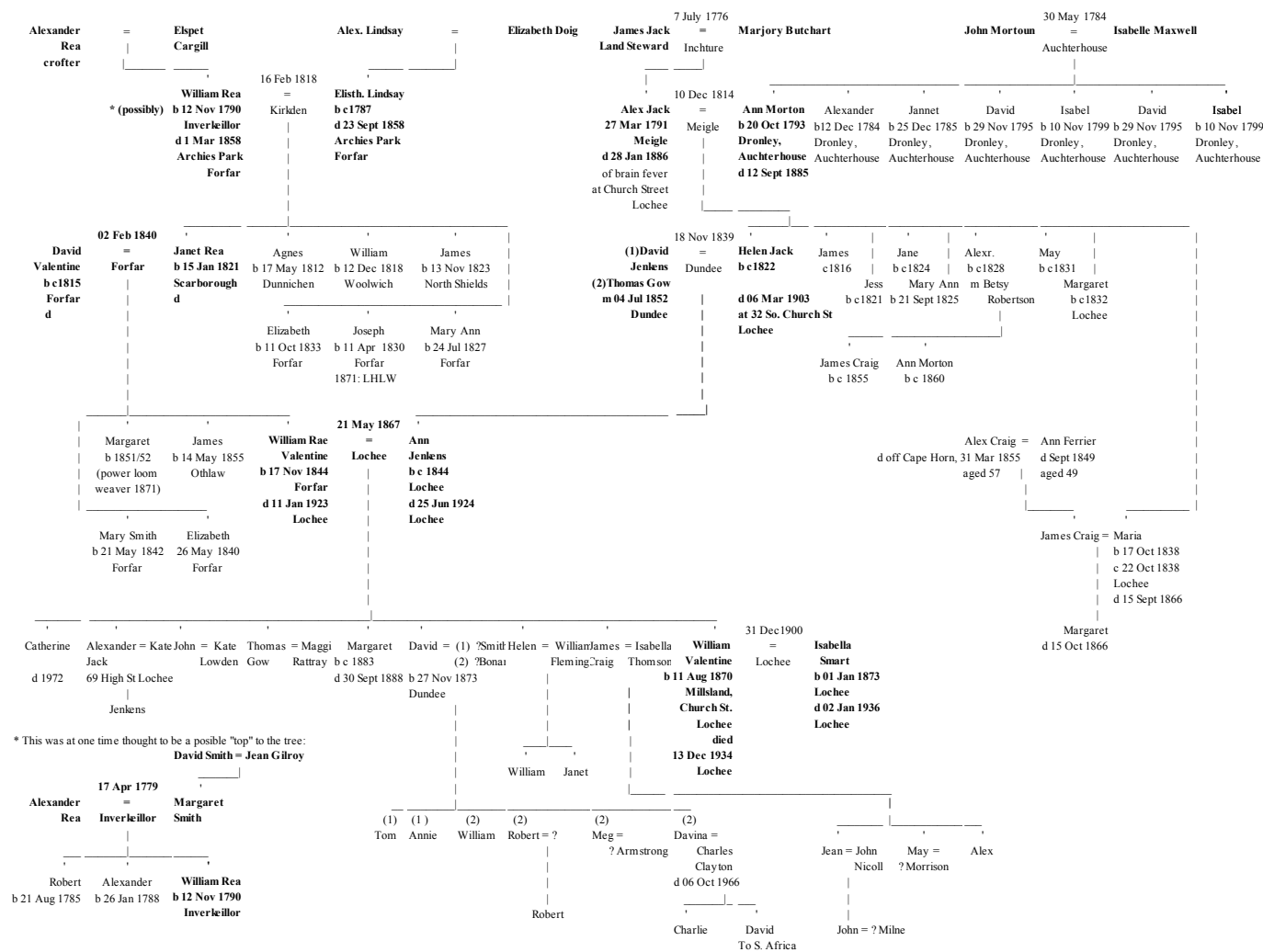


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At the time of their wedding on 21<sup>st</sup> May 1867, William Rea (or Rae) Valentine was a stoker in a jute mill and Ann Jenkins was a power loom weaver. Both were aged 23. They were married at her home in Butters Loan and it is interesting to note that although she had attended school (see 1851 census) she “signed” the marriage register with her mark. Two people witnessed the making of this mark (one of whom was Thomas Gow, whom her mother would shortly marry). Presumably schools at this time did not regard it as important that girls should learn to read and write and would concentrate on practical skills such as knitting and sewing.

The young couple moved in to a house at 16 South Church Street, Lochee. Where their family began to grow: Tom 1868, William 1870 (at Mills Land, South Church Street), Lochee,

1871 Census Dundee, Lochee 282/5 Book 5 page 3

The headings for the columns in the census are: Name, Relationship to head of house (h = head, w = wife, s = son, d = daughter etc.), male/female, age, trade or profession and Place of birth. The 1891 census has the additional columns “Employer” and “Employed?” These are marked with a cross as appropriate.

16 South Church Street.

William Valentine	h m 26	fireman's labourer	Angus, Forfar
Ann Do.	w m 26		Angus, Lochee
Thomas G	s 2		Angus, Lochee
William	s 7mo.		Angus, Lochee

There followed David 1873, John 1875, Helen 1878, Alexander 1879 and James 1881.

By 1881 they had moved to 32 Church Street where they lived in a house with two windowed rooms:

1881 Census Dundee, Lochee 282/5 book 5 page 5

32 South Church Street.

William Valentine	h m 36	Factory fireman	Forfar
Ann Valentine	w m 36	House duties	Lochee
Thomas Gow Valentine	s 12	App. Butcher	Lochee
William Valentine	s 10	scholar	Lochee
David Valentine	s 8	scholar	Lochee
John Valentine	s 6		Lochee
Helen Valentine	d 4		Lochee
Alex <sup>r</sup> Jack Valentine	s 2		Lochee
James Craig Valentine	s 2mo		Lochee

Margaret was born in 1883 and finally Catherine in 1885.

The 1891 Census (Lochee 282/5 book 3 page 44) sees the family complete at 32 South Church Street.

			Employer? Employed?	
William Valentine	h m 46	Stoker, jute mill	X	Forfar
Ann Valentine	w m 46			Lochee
Thomas Valentine	s u 22	Railway stoker	X	Lochee
John Valentine	s u 16	Railway porter	X	Lochee
Hellen Valentine	d 14	Power loom weaver (jute)	X	Lochee
Alex <sup>r</sup> Valentine	s 12	scholar		Lochee
James Valentine	d 10	scholar		Lochee
Catherine Valentine	d 6	scholar		Lochee

William is not in the family home but is to be found serving his time as a blacksmith at the smiddy in Liff Village.

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			Employer? Employed?	
Andrew Philip	h m 60	Blacksmith	X	Forfar Arbroath
Iasbella Philip	w m 72	B smith wife		Forfar Arbirlot
Isabella Philip	G-Dau u 22	Gen serv	X	Forfar Liff
William Valentine	boarder u 20	Blacksmith Apprentice	X	Forfar Lochee
William Hackney	boarder u 19	Blacksmith Apprentice	X	Forfar Lochee

Two doors away, with his family, away lives another blacksmith, Peter Balhary who was Andrew Philips son-in-law. It is interesting to note that the picture below implies that at least four blacksmiths and two apprentices were required in Liff at that time.



Liff Smiddy, William is the apprentice at the front.

The 1901 Census (Lochee 282/5 book 3 supp bk. A page 52) sees the family still at 32 South Church Street. The house had 3 rooms with windows.

			Worker?	Working at home?	
William Valentine	h m	56			
Ann Valentine	w m	55			
Thomas Valentine	g-son	1			
David Valentine	s widr.	28			
John Valentine	s u	26			
Alexander Valentine	s u	22			
James Valentine	d u	21			
Catherine Valentine	d u	16			
Annie Valentine	g-dau	6			
Bella Wilson	boarder s	32			
			Stoker, jute mill	worker working at home	Forfar
			Scholar		Lochee
			Gas stoker	worker	Lochee
			Railway servant	"	Lochee
			Railway servant	"	Lochee
			Railway servant	"	Lochee
			Keeping house	at home	Lochee
			Scholar		Lochee
			jute winder	"	Lochee



Back: L-R John, William, Helen, Tom, David, Sandy.  
Front: Catherine and James with Parents William and Ann. circa 1893



Back: L-R John, William, Helen, David, James  
Front: Sandy, William Rae, Catherine, Ann Jenkins, Tom. circa 1900

As can be seen from the foregoing, William had remained a stoker in a mill until 1881 but by 1901 is a coal merchant. In 1902-3 he appears, for the first time, in the Dundee Directory in business as a coal merchant, "W Valentine & Son" located at 8 South Church Street. In 1907-8 the firm moved to 80 South Road and by 1911 the description "Coach Proprietor" had been added to the title of the business. A new site for the business had also been found, Camperdown Stables, 164 High Street, Lochee, while the family lived at 78 Kirk Street. (Church Street became Kirk Street when Dundee took over Lochee). By 1913 "Coach Hirer" had been added to the title. The family all lent a hand in the business - David carried coal, his second wife bundled sticks. William jnr., who ran his own Blacksmith business, dealt with mechanical things, Catherine who ran a stationer and tobacconist business at 93 South Road and apparently at one time a Pawn Brokers, dealt with the business side.

The firm was the first to own a Rolls Royce hearse in Dundee, David and his mother going to collect it from the manufacturers. One of David's children could remember Ann in tears worrying about the huge outlay (some of the money for the hearse had been lent to the firm by David). Work for the hearse came from, among others, Ned McHugh, undertaker in Brook Street, who, according to an oral history tape in the Wellgate Library, Dundee, "done a' the R.C. funerals".

On the same tapes, the same speaker refers to the Valentines having "mainly Hansom cabs", owning twenty horses and carrying jute from the docks.

Another speaker describes "Valentine and Company" as having a brake with two horses which was hired by jute workers for evening drives to Birkie and round about. The workers paid for this by having a "bunce up" (they collected together the money)

At one time the firm also owned the horse drawn "Birkie Bus" which ran from the end of the West Church, Lochee to Birkhill Inn, Birkhill. A further speaker describes the Valentines as delivering mail in the Birkhill area.



The "Birkie Bus" at its terminus, Birkhill Inn.

William died in 1923 and Ann in 1924. Bequests from their estates were:  
William's estate - Catherine Mary to get the burying ground in Balgay Cemetery. The business to be valued and Catherine to be offered it at valuation with time to pay. Life-

rent use of furniture, plate, pictures etc. to wife Ann (according to the will, most actually belonged to Catherine already). On wife's death realise all and pay Catherine £230, Thomas £100, David £80, Alexander £80. To the children of the late Helen Valentine or Fleming £100 divided equally, William £200, John £200. Granddaughter (daughter of David) £20. Anything remaining to be divided in above proportions.

Ann's estate - Catherine Mary Valentine to get furniture, jewellery, etc. Stock to be valued and Catherine Mary to be offered it at valuation with three years to pay if she accepts. Husband William had left £1010 to people in his will but did not leave sufficient funds to pay this so remainder is to be divided in similar proportions: i.e. 99 parts, 23 to Catherine, 10 to Thomas, 8 to Alexander, 8 to David, Helen's children to get 10, William 20, John 20, Alex to get his in £5 installments if still unmarried but to get the whole remaining amount if he marries. (This last presumably inserted because of Sandy's liking for the bottle and to prevent him drinking too much)

Cathie accepted the offer to buy the business and she continued to run it until 1940 when she sold out to McLeans Garage and continued to work for them for another six years.

Note: Catherine, in reporting her father's death, said her grandfather (David Valentine) had been a public house keeper in East High Street, Forfar. No documentary evidence of this has been found. A second David Valentine, who was a wine merchant, did stay near her grandfather in Mid-Street, Lochee but he is not connected to the family.



William Rae Valentine and Ann Jenkins

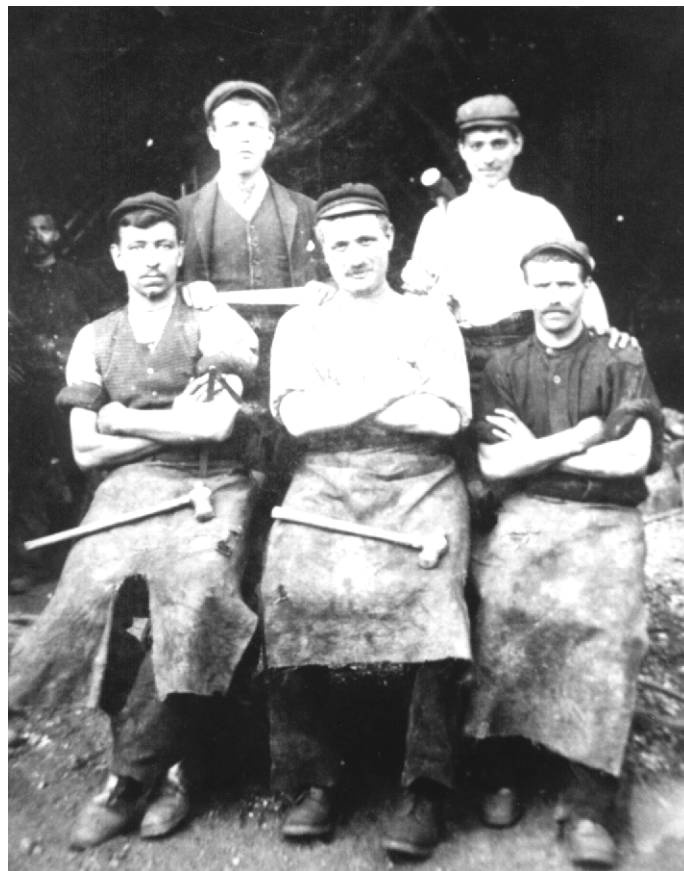


Catherine Valentine





Camperdown Garage and Stables



William Valentine (jnr.) front left.



The stone in Balgay Cemetery reads: Erected by William Valentine and Ann Jenkins his wife in memory of their daughter Margaret who died 30th Sept 1888 aged 5½ yr also Bella who died 10th March 1911 aged 42 years. The above William Valentine died 11th January 1923 aged 78 yr. and the above Ann Jenkins died 25th June 1924 aged 79 years also their youngest daughter Catherine died 2nd November 1972.

Birth records: O.P.R. Angus, Forfar

17 November 1844. David Valentine weaver and Janet Rea his spouse had their third child born 16<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> and bap<sup>t</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> named William.

No record of the birth of Ann Jenkins has been found.

Marriage:

1867 3<sup>rd</sup> Dundee (282)

Date	Names	Ages	Address	Parents
1867 21 <sup>st</sup> Day of May at Butters Loan	William Valentine General labourer bachelor	23	Mid Street Lochee	David Valentine Gardener Janet Valentine M.S. Rea
C of S	Signed by her Her Ann X Jenkins mark Power loom weaver Spinster Sgd: Charles Buist wit. Thomas Gow Wit.	23	Butters Loan Loan	James Jenkins sailor deceased  Helen Jenkins M.S. Jack

Witnesses: Isabella Murray, Jammes Bell.

Deaths:

1923 Dundee, Lochee (282/4) No 11.

Name	Date	sex	age	Parents	Cause	Informant
William Rae Valentine Coach Proprietor M Ann Jenkins	1923 Jan 11 <sup>th</sup> 164b High St Lochee	M	78	David Valentine wine merchant (deceased) Jessie Valentine Nee Rae (deceased)	Heart Failure 14 days Asthma	Catherine Valentine daughter

1924 Dundee Lochee (282/4) no. 167

Name	Date	sex	age	Parents	Cause	Informant
Ann Valentine Widow of William Valentine coach proprietor	1924 June 25 <sup>th</sup> 7 Tofthill Lochee	F	79	David Jenkins seaman Helen Jenkins afterwards Gow	Diabetes Bronchitis Broncho- Pneumonia	William Valentine son 63 Kirk Street Lochee.



William Rae Valentine and Ann Jenkins

CERTIFICATE OF ENTRY OF BIRTH.

(17 and 18 Vict. c. 80, Sect. 37.)

I hereby certify that I have this day registered the Birth of  
William Valentine, Stoker, and Ann  
Jenkins, his Wife, which took place at South Church Street, Letcher  
on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of August 1861

David Jenkins Registrar

for the Parish (or District) of Letcher  
in the Borough of Bruden

over Aug<sup>th</sup> 1861