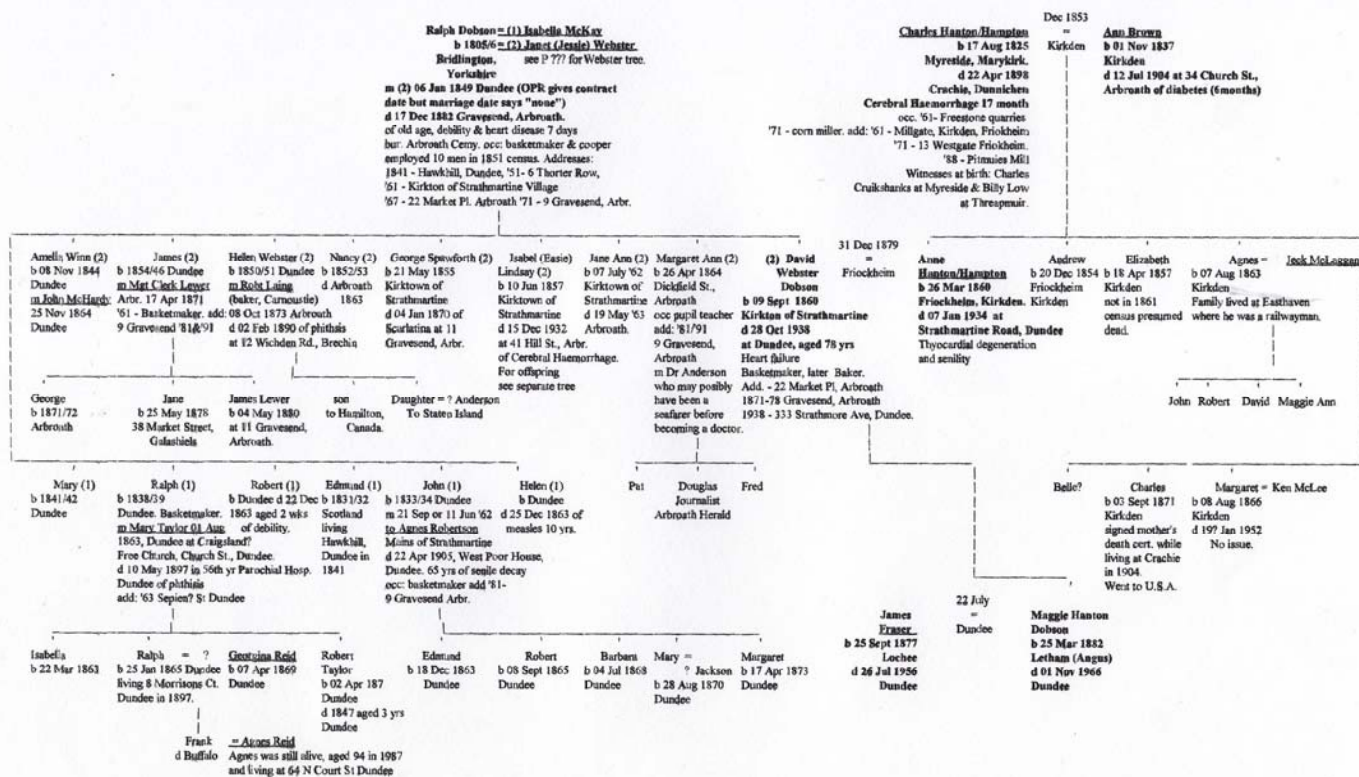


David Webster Dobson and Ann Hanton



David Webster Dobson Ann Hanton

David was born 9th Sept 1860 at Kirkton of Strathmartine. His parents, Ralph Dobson, a basketmaker, from Bridlington and Janet (or Jessie) Webster had been married in Dundee on 6th January 1849. David started work as a basketmaker but by age 20 had become a baker. He was not time-served in baking and in later life was on firing loaves only.

Ann was born 26th March 1860 at Kirkden, Friockheim to Charles Hanton (Freestone Quarrier in 1861 and Corn Miller in 1871) and Ann Brown. Charles and Ann had married in December 1825.

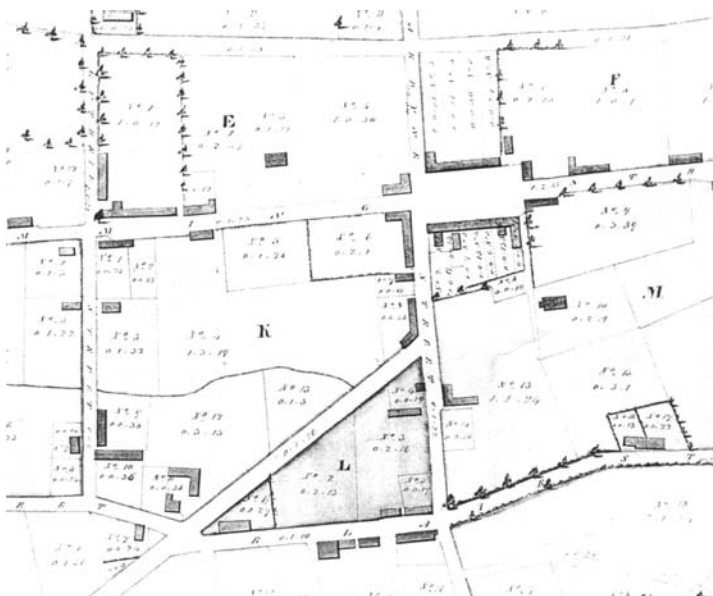
David and Ann married on 31 Dec 1879 in Friockheim, Kirkden.

In the 1881 census Ann is living in Friockheim with son Tom, aged 7 months, and her sister, Margaret, aged 14.

1881 Friockheim 298 dist. 3 page 4

Millgate

Dobson	Ann	h	m	20 bakers wife	Forfar, Friockheim
Dobson	Thomas M	s	m	7mo.	Forfar, Friockheim
Dobson	Margaret Hampton	sis	u	14 scholar	Forfar, Friockheim



David is in Blair Road Letham staying in the house of a James Langlands a retired farmer (now a feuar) and his wife along with two other bakers. Presumably all were working for the same bakery but whether this was owned by the Langlands or not is unknown.

The location of this house in Blairs Road is not known as the enumerator appears to have made his visits in

an erratic fashion and previous censuses do not help. However it does seem likely that it was one of the three houses shown in the triangle at the bottom at the 1840 map.

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Blair Road, Letham

Langlands	James	h	m	62 feuar	Forfar, Dundee
Langlands	Catherine	w	m	58 feuars wife	Forfar, Kirkden
Sherrifs	David	boarder	u	20 baker	Forfar, Kirkden
Kinnear	Thomas	boarder	u	20 baker	Forfar, Dundee
Dobson,	David	boarder	m	20 baker	Forfar, Strathmartine

In 1882 Maggie Hanton Dobson was born on 25 March in Blairs Road, Letham. She was the first daughter in a family which was to have 3 girls and 6 boys. The others being: Tom born 1880, David born 1883 (who died at age 11), Charles born 1884/5, John born 1887 Andrew 1890, George born 1893 (who died at 3½ months), Ann born 1895 and Isabella born 1897.

Of those who survived childhood, Tom died aged 23 following an accident at work on the railway. He received burns to his feet while handling a warming pan, which contained coals and which was used to warm carriages. Maggie married James Fraser and their life is recorded elsewhere in this book. Charles (Chay) became a journeyman baker but died on 29 December 1817 of wounds received in Palestine where he is buried on the Mount of Olives. John was an apprentice blacksmith before becoming a tenter in jute mills. (a tenter is a mechanic who maintains mill machines). Andrew was a traveller in the fruit business, working for, among others, Fyffe's Bananas. (His great niece, Sheila Valentine, got her first banana from him when she was about seven. Prior to this, because of the war, she had seen only pictures of this fruit and was under the impression that the inside would be clear or transparent). Ann (always Annie) became a furrier and tailoress in Dundee where she worked with Henderson & McKay in Whitehall Street, A.C.Little in High Street and D.M.Brown in Murraygate. Isabella (Bella) was a weaver before marrying Bill Luddington, a shoemaker from Northampton, who ran a cobblers business in Strathmartine Road, Dundee. Their son David, a sheet metalworker, emigrated to U.S.A. and at first stayed with his uncle, Charles Hanton. This Charles may have been married to Belle.



David Dobson and Ann Hanton with L-R Thomas, John, David, Charles and Maggie
c1889.

The family had a reputation for moving around. Family and other sources mention Friockheim, Letham, Crachie, Arbroath, Carnoustie and Forfar. They finally settled in Dundee by 1893.

The 1891 census found them in Forfar , 288 dist 23 page 23:

22 Don Street				
Dobson David	h m 30	baker employed	Forfar, Strathmartine	
Dobson Ann H	w m 31		Forfar, Friockheim	
Dobson Thomas	s 10	scholar	Forfar, Friockheim	
Dobson Maggie H	d 9	scholar	Forfar, Letham	
Dobson David	s 7	scholar	Forfar, Friockheim	
Dobson Charles	s 5		Forfar, Arbroath	
Dobson John H	s 3		Forfar, Arbroath	
Dobson Andrew M	s 1		Forfar, Carnoustie	

The 1901 census 282/4 page 57

98 Dens Road, Dundee			
Dobson David	h m 40	loaf bread baker (emp)	Forfar, Strathmartine
Dobson Ann H	w m 41		Forfar, Friockheim
Dobson Maggie H	d 1 9	sack machinist	Forfar, Letham
Dobson Charles	s 15	baker (appce)	Forfar, Arbroath
Dobson John H	s 13	scholar	Forfar, Arbroath
Dobson Andrew M	s 11	scholar	Forfar, Carnoustie
Dobson Annie	d 6	scholar	Dundee, Forfarshire
Dobson Isabella M	d 3		Dundee, Forfarshire



The photo above shows 22 Don Street, Forfar in March 2000.
The Dobsons house was the top floor to the left of the close.

Addresses in Dundee were: 3 Isla Street (1893), 105 Strathmartine Road (1903),
333 Strathmore Avenue (1930's).



105 Strathmartine Road in 1988

Ann Hanton often helped local families with her skills as a midwife. She enjoyed sewing and made her family's clothes and many of her own.

Ann gained a reputation for enjoying herself and liked going to pictures, making hats and going on holiday, two of her favourite places being Pitlochry and Calendar.

As a result of Ann's enjoyment in going out, her daughter, Maggie, was left with much of the work at home. To her brothers, Maggie was known as the "Sergeant Major" as she kept them in order and organised the house. She always seemed to enjoy keeping the house spick and span.

David (senior) later worked in the same Dundee bakery (DECS) as James Fraser his son-in-law. He was described as “a small man with ruddy cheeks who was quiet and mild mannered”.



David Dobson, Ann Hanton with Bella Dobson (centre) and Annie Dobson. c 1902



Ann Dobson with grand-daughter Annie Hanton Fraser

Birth 1860 Kirkden 298 no. 20

Ann Hanton	1860 F	Charles Hanton	Charles Hanton
	26 Mar	freestone quarrier	father
	7h a.m.	Ann Hanton	(not present)
		Maiden Name Brown.	

Birth. Parish of Strathmartine 307/2 no. 13.

David Webster Dobson	1860 M	Ralph Dobson	Janet Webster
	09 Sept.	basketmaker	mother
	5h 3m a.m.	Janet Dobson	(present)
	Kirkton of	Maiden Name Webster	
	Strathmartine.		

Marriage. Parish of Kirkden 1880 298 no. 2

1879 on the 21 st Dec at 13 Westgate Friockheim Parish Established C of S	David Webster Dobson journeyman baker (bachelor)	19	13 Westgate Friockheim Kirkden	Ralph Dobson basketmaker Jessie Dobson M.S. Webster
	Ann Hanton domestic servant (spinster)	19	13 Westgate Friockheim Kirkden	Charles Hanton corn miller Ann Hanton M.S. Brown

Witnesses: A Brown, Isabella Dobson

Death. Parish Dundee St. Clement 282/2 no. 834.

David Webster Dobson Baker (retired) Widower of Ann Hanton	1938 M 78 28 Oct Found dead 0h 40m p.m. Last seen alive Oct 28 th 8h 30m a.m. 333 Strathmore Ave. Dundee	Ralph Dobson basketmaker (deceased) Janet Dobson M.S. Webster (deceased)	Heart failure John Dobson Senility son. 4 North Wellington Street, Dundee.
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Death Parish Dundee St. Clement 282/2 no. 26

Ann Dobson Married to David Dobson Baker, retired.	1934 F 73 7 Jan 11h 20m a.m. 333 Strathmore Ave Dundee	Charles Hanton meal miller (deceased) Ann Hanton M.S. Brown (deceased)	Myocardial degeneration. Senility	David Dobson widower (present)
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Above and below: Ann Hanton and David Dobson





L-R John Dobson, May Dobson and David Dobson with Eleanor in front. 1938.



The marriage of Bella Dobson to Bill Luddington. Best man ? Bridesmaid Annie Dobson.