



James McKay ANDERSON

1882 – 1918

James Mackay Anderson was born in Williamsburgh , Elie on 11 February 1882. His father Andrew Anderson 1850-1932 was at that time a fisherman. He was the eldest of seven children. Whilst he was born in Williamsburgh his address and that of the family in 1901 census was shown as the police station Williamsburgh. Perhaps his father became the policeman or alternatively his mother was in custody at the time, which is unlikely. But it seems from the 1901 census that it was a crowded household. He is described as being a mason apprentice. On 1 November 1901 he married Helen Gerard Dunn at Glencoe Villa in

Williamsburg which I suspect was the home of the united free church minister. On that occasion

his father is designed as being golf green keeper. They had two children Helen Junior who survived but a few weeks and William

Police Station	No	1	Male	Female	Age	Sex	Mar	Age	Occupation	Worker
			William H Baird	Head	Mar	36			Police Constable	
			Winnie Wood	Wife	Mar			31		
			Esther	Daughter				6	Scholar	
			Maud	Daughter				3		
		1	Andrew Anderson	Head	Mar	49			Golf-green keeper	worker
			Florence	Wife	Mar			39		
			James	Son	S	19			Mason (Apprentice)	Worker
			William	Son	S	17			Selfish-maker (Apprentice)	Worker
			Helen	Daughter	S			14		
			Henry	Son				12	Scholar	
			Natasha	Daughter				9	Do	
			Edgith	Daughter				9	Do	
			George	Son				5	Do	
		1	James Anderson	Head	Mar	38			Mason	Worker

Dunn Anderson who was born in 1907 and died in 2000*. We do not know whether he was apprenticed to Scott or Forrester but he was obviously a proficient golfer and he applied for and was successful in getting the job of professional at Lanark Golf Club. We are grateful to Lanark GC for the following information.

According to Lanark Golf Club records, James McKay Anderson was interviewed on Saturday 16th April 1910 for the position of Greenkeeper and was paid his train fare to attend.

had made a short list of the applicants for the post of Greenkeeper consisting of Anderson, Deason and Brown it was submitted to Messrs. Anon, James Anon & William Anon who along with Messrs. Hamilton, Bob Jack & Johnie represented the Club Council. The joint meeting approved the selection made by the Golf Course Coy and it was decided that Anderson be asked to meet a committee consisting of the four directors who have from the first been associated with the management of the regulations at the Club House on Saturday 16th and show as better his suitability for the post. He is to have his train paid. If he give satisfaction to the Committee they are to arrange with him as they think best. I was instructed that a badge of some kind be

Extract from Lanark Golf Club Minutes

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LIST OF MEMBERS.

o Assistants. P—Foreign Members.

SO—Southern. SC—Scottish. M—Midland.
I—Irish. N—Northern. W—Welsh.
W.E.—West of England Section. E—Eastern.

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SECTION.

1907 SC. Adams, D., 10, Royal Exchange Square, Glasgow.
1909 SO. Adams, G. H., Hampstead Golf Club, Middlesex.
1912 N. Adams, Percy L., Ganton Golf Club, Yorkshire.
1910 W.E. Adlam, W. C., Saltford Golf Club, Nr. Bristol.
1902 M. Adwick, Jas. H., Olton Golf Club, Solihull, Nr. Birmingham.
1912 M. Adwick, Wm. Hy., Trentham Park Golf Club, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs.
1908 SO. Aitken, Richard, The Stables, Witley Park, Godalming, Surrey.
1911 E. Allen, Ernest, 99, Garfield Rd., Newtown, Great Yarmouth.
1912 SO. Amos, Thos. Harry, Burhill Golf Club, Walton-on-Thames, Surrey.
1911 SC. Anderson, James, Golf Club House, Lanark.
1905 SC. Anderson, Joe, Craigiehill Golf Club, Perth, N.B.
1908 SO. Andrews, A. R., Borstal Golf Club, Rochester, Kent.
1909 Andrews, Bryant.
1908 F. Armitage, H., 8, First Street, Walden, New York.

PGA Membership Records. In 1911, the PGA records show James as being elected to the Scottish Section showing Golf Club House, Lanark as his address.

membership of the Club and the work in connection with the clubhouse was agreed to hand over the sale of the balls to James Anderson the Professional. The profits to be as an increase of wages—

The Council also considered that the rules of the Club should be revised and brought up to date and a Committee consisting of the Captain, Secretary, Treasurer and Mr. Haxell was appointed 4 July 1913. The following gentlemen were today unanimously admitted members of the Club—

This is another extract from the Club Minutes in July 1913 mentioning James Anderson, Professional, and giving him the right to sell golf balls at the Club.

LADYBANK	1879	(PEARSON, J.) (1890-91); (RUTHERFORD, J.) (1893-1901); ANGUS, Robert (1902-06); BRIEN, O. (1910-11)
LADYHILL, Monmouth		WILLIAMS, Harry 1913-1921; HARRISON, John W 1921-1923
LAHINCH	1892	McKENNA, James 1893-1899; MACNAMARA, William E 1899-1928; McCAVERY, W 1928-1938
LAMBERHURST	1920	(PUTLAND, B.) (1895-97); JEFFRIES, F. (1924); PROWSE, H 1924-1932
LAMBTON COLLIERIES Durham		HAUXWELL, J. (1913-23); HARRISON, R. (1926-1938)
LAMLASH	1892	SHAW, Archie (1893-1916; McKINNON, W 1916-1917)
LANARK	1851	(WILSON, Wm) (1888-1896; (STEVEN, John) 1890-94); MACKIE, A (1905-06); ANDERSON, J. (1912-14); CHRISTIE, Charles (1920-1922; MOFFAT, R 1922-1933)
LANCASTER	1889	(FAIRCLOUGH, T.) 1889-1891; (PARKINSON, A.) 1891-98); CUTBERT, D (1904-1908; CHITTY, Alfred 1908-1910; ARTHUR, Sam 1910-1921; BALL, W H 1921-1938)
LANGLAND BAY	1904	HOWE, Walter 1905-1907; BOOTH, W H 1907-10; HILL, W H (1920-1930)
LANGLEY PARK	1910	ROSS, Jack B 1910-1914; SANDERSON, A J 1914); BALL, Frank (1920-1926; COTTON, Henry 1926-1933)
LANSDOWN	1894	(JONES, J.) 1895-96; EATON, W (1904-1905; JOHNSON, W E 1905-1907; EATON, W 1907-1923; WHITCOMBE, Charles A 1923-1925; HOOD, R R 1923-1926; SMITH, M A 1926-1938)
LARGS	1891	(BARBOUR, J.) (1894-1895; (GALLAGHER, J.) 1895-98); McKELLAR, John F. (1903-1938)
LARK HILL, Tetbury Glos	1901	HALL, J. (1903-06)

There is also an entry in Jacksons Register of British Professional Golfers 1887-1930 which shows that J Anderson was at Lanark until 1914.

Name and Surname. Rank or Profession, and whether Single, Married, or Widowed.	When and Where Died.	Sex.	Age.	Name, Surname, & Rank or Profession of Father. Name, and Maiden Surname of Mother.	Cause of Death, Duration of Disease, and Medical Attendant by whom certified.	Signature & Qualification of Informant, and Residence, if out of the House in which the Death occurred.	When and where Registered, and Signature of Registrar.
Helen Gerard Anderson	1913, October Thirtieth-first 4h. 30m. P.M.	F.	33 years	William Dunn Fisher Fisher	Parturition. Rachitic Flat Pelvis. Shock & Collapse	James M. Anderson Widower Present	1913, November 1st at Lanark
Married to James M. Kay Anderson, Golf Green Keeper	Golf Club House Lanark			Margaret Dunn Mrs. Wilson	Certified by Dr. Macwell Adams M.B. Ch.B.		Elliot Gray Assistant Registrar J. H. Kay

In the National Records of Scotland, ...James' wife Helen sadly died at the age of 33 during childbirth in the Golf Club House, Lanark on 31st October 1913.

Shortly after that, in 1914, James left Lanark, ...to live in Elie - Fife, perhaps to take care of his children and returned to his former profession of Mason. James then joined the 1st/6th Battalion Black Watch in January 1915 and on 12th August 1916 he went on to marry Elizabeth Paisley** in Elie which is where James' parents also stayed. From July 1917 he was on active service at the front, and in April 1918 it was reported in The East Fife Observer that he had been taken prisoner.

East Fife Observer 25th April 1918.

Missing

Recently Private James Anderson and his brother Private George M Anderson sons of Mr & Mrs Anderson, Glencoe, Elie were officially reported missing. Later news received by the wife of Private Jas. Anderson states that he is now a prisoner of war in Germany. In pre-war days he was a **professional golfer in Lanark**, while his brother was employed by Mr Garland, joiner Elie.

Almost 8 months later, James' wife and parent's hopes were dashed and the East Fife Observer reported the following news on 5th December 1918.

Another Prisoner of War Victim.

Though no official confirmation of the intelligence has yet been received there is too much reason to fear that another local victim has to be added to the prisoners of war who have made a supreme sacrifice. The mother of Private James Anderson 6th Black Watch – Mrs Anderson – and his wife residing in Glencoe Villa were made aware that he had been taken as a prisoner of war near Cambrai some months since and have been regularly sending him parcels which however it appears he never received. A comrade Private William Stenhouse Northumberland Fusiliers at present in Kirkcaldy has vouchsafed information to the effect that Private Anderson was killed outright by a bomb which dropped from an aircraft fully two months ago and that about ten other soldiers were also killed or wounded at the same time.

His family have been looking forward with eager anticipation to see him coming home soon and this sad information has naturally disconcerted them. Private Anderson joined up in the Black Watch in January 1915 and had been on active service at the front since July last year. Previous to enlistment he was a **golf professional at the golf course in Lanark**, was 37 years of age and leaves a widow and three young children. What makes it all more distressing is that his brother Lance Corporal George M Anderson also of 6th Black Watch has likewise been taken a prisoner after he had been wounded in action and the family are in dubiety as to his present whereabouts. On Tuesday Mrs Anderson proceeded to Kirkcaldy to see if she could obtain any further information regarding her husband. Much sympathy is felt for the family in the state in which they now find themselves placed.

On the 19th December, they went onto report that James's brother, George, returned home.

The following is an entry from The Commonwealth War Graves Commission showing James's details and confirming that he is commemorated at The Roisel Communal Cemetery Extension at Somme, France.

PRIVATE ANDERSON, JAMES MCKAY

Service Number 265884

Died 12/08/1918

Aged 36

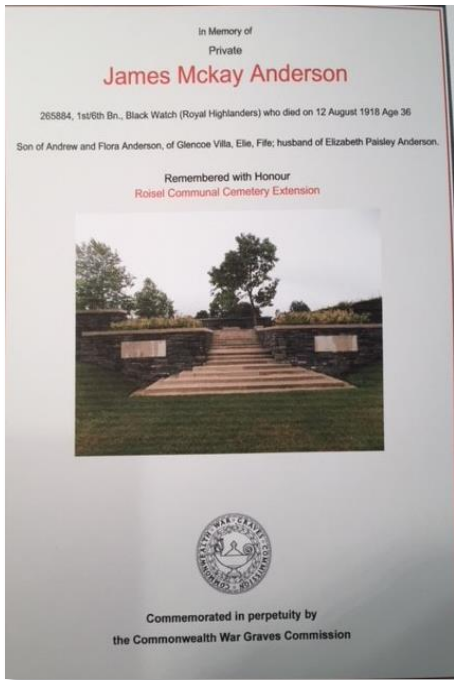
1st/6th Bn. Black Watch (Royal Highlanders).

Son of Andrew and Flora Anderson, of Glencoe

Villa, Elie, Fife; husband of Elizabeth Paisley Anderson.

Pvt James McKay Anderson

BIRTH	unknown
DEATH	12 Aug 1918
BURIAL	Roisel Communal Cemetery Extension Roisel, Departement de la Somme, Picardie, France
PLOT	IV. N. 1.



James is remembered on the war memorial in Elie,
<http://www.iwm.org.uk/memorials/item/memorial/5729>

At the moment, there has been over 90 names, including James McKay Anderson, added to the list of brave PGA Professionals who made the ultimate sacrifice.

First Marriage

90 / MARRIAGES in the Parish of *Elie* (Page 3.) in the County of *Fife*

No.	When, Where, and How Married.	Signatures of Parties. Rank or Profession, Whether Single or Widowed, and Relationally (if any).	Age.	Usual Residence.	Name, Surname, and Rank or Profession of Father. Name, and Maiden Surname of Mother.	If a regular Marriage, Signature of officiating Minister and Witness. If irregular, Date of Contract, Presence of Usher, or Sheriff's Warrant.	When & Where Registered, and Signature of Registrar.
1901.	on the <i>First</i> day of <i>November</i> at <i>Glencoe Villa, 11th Burnside, Elie.</i>	<i>(Signed) James McKay Anderson Mason (Journeyman) (Bachelor)</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>Williamburg Elie.</i>	<i>Andrew Anderson Self-Service Keeper</i>	<i>(Signed) John Marydell Minister of the United Free Church of Scotland, Elie.</i>	<i>1901, November 2nd at Elie</i>
5	<i>After Banns, According to the Forms of the United Free Church of Scotland.</i>	<i>(Signed) Helen Guard (Dress) Domestic Servant (Spinster)</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>Shore Street St. Monacs</i>	<i>William Dunn Fisherman</i>	<i>(Signed) James Finlay (Dress) Witness Robert Gombel Registrar</i>	<i>1901, November 2nd at Elie</i>

Second Marriage

No.	When, Where, and How Married.	Signatures of Parties. Rank or Profession, Whether Single or Widowed, and Relationally (if any).	Age.	Usual Residence.	Name, Surname, and Rank or Profession of Father. Name, and Maiden Surname of Mother.	If a regular Marriage, Signature of officiating Minister and Witness. If irregular, Date of Contract, Presence of Usher, or Sheriff's Warrant.	When & Where Registered, and Signature of Registrar.
1916.	on the <i>Twelfth</i> day of <i>August</i> at <i>The Manse, Elie.</i>	<i>(Signed) James McKay Anderson Mason (Journeyman) (Bachelor) 11th Burnside, Elie.</i>	<i>36</i>	<i>Glencoe Villa, Elie.</i>	<i>Andrew Anderson Self-Service Keeper</i>	<i>(Signed) John Elie Minister of Elie</i>	<i>1916, August 12th at Elie</i>
4	<i>After Publication, According to the Form of the Established Church of Scotland.</i>	<i>(Signed) Elizabeth Anderson (Dress) Laundress (Spinster)</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>12th Burnside, Perth.</i>	<i>John Paisley (Dress) (Dress) James Paisley (Dress) (Dress) M.S. Johnson</i>	<i>(Signed) Robert James (Dress) Witness Robert Gombel Registrar</i>	<i>1916, August 12th at Elie</i>

Notes:

* William Dunn Anderson left to go to New York in 1923 – he was only 16 years old and it is not clear what his purpose was but we are fairly certain he stayed in USA, became a bookkeeper and eventually settled in Ontario Canada where he died in 2000. He married Jane McClung from Kilmarnock in 1929 in Wentworth Ontario.

** Elizabeth Anderson probably emigrated to Canada since the address on the war pension form is c/o Smith, Sawdy Athabaska Laundry Alberta so far we have not managed to trace her later movements.