

**William
Brown**

1877 - 1958

**John Innes
Brown**

1902 - 1968

**Douglas Rolland
Brown**

1906 - 1950

William Brown was born in Earlsferry in 1877.

12	William Brown	1877	Mr. William Brown	Isabella Rolland	1877
	(Illegitimate)	March Fourth 5h. A.M.	Ploughman	Domestic Servant	April 7th
	Earlsferry			Wick, Forth	Edinburgh
				Parish of Logic	Thomas Smith

He lived with his wife Marrion (sic) at Craig Cottage at Chapel Green.

11 House & garden	"Craig Cottage"	James Rogers	William Brown golf club maker
2 House & garden	"Craig Cottage"	Kathleen Bank	James Riddell, bank agent
3 House & garden	Robertson		Robertson

In the 1901 census he is described as a golf club maker and Marrion Innes is described as golf club maker's wife! They had at that time one child William Rolland Brown born in 1900. They were married in Musselburgh in 1899. I think we can assume that he was apprentice to Forrester.

By 1911 he had moved to Walton on the Hill in Surrey where he was still a golf clubmaker and it is reasonable to suppose he had been recruited by James Braid. By that time they had two children

(For order of entering names see Examples on back of Schedule.)				1901				1902				1903				1904			
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.	12.	13.	14.	15.	16.	17.	18.	19.	20.
William Brown	Head	34	Married	12	3	2	1	Golf Club Maker								Life Carlisle	British		
Marrion Brown	Wife	40	Married					School								Midlothian	Subjects		
John Brown	Son	9														Life Carlisle	6-12		
Douglas Brown	Son	3														Life Carlisle			

John Innes Brown born 1902 and Douglas Rolland Brown born 1906. It becomes a little complicated because although he was born illegitimate there was a court action in Cupar in 1893 which established that his father was William Brown and his mother Isabella Rolland or then Smith.

They subsequently married but William seems at times to have acquired the middle name Rolland as it suited him because although his marriage certificate shows that he is William Rolland Brown his birth certificate shows him simply as William Brown.

6	John Innes Brown	1902	Mr. William Rolland Brown	William R. Brown	1902
	March First 1h. em. A.M.	Golf Club Maker	Father (present)	March 17th	
	Craig Cottage, Earlsferry, Edin.		Marrion Brown		Edin.
			Mr. Innes		Robert Campbell Registrar
			1899, March 10th, Musselburgh		

However what complicates things is that he and Marrion had a son whom they called William Rolland Brown. He was born in 1900 and died in 1908. William died in 1958 and Marrion died before him as a result of an accident:

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Register of Corrected Entries

for the District of Kilsonghar February 26th 1894

in the County of Liffey

With reference to Entry No 12, in the Register Book of Births for the year 1877, insert the following note on the authority of a Certificate in the form of Schedule (F) :-

In an action relating to the paternity of a child named William Brown, born March 4th 1877, at the instance of Mrs. Isabella Rolland or Smith, wife of, and residing with, David Smith, ploughman, Rives, with consent of said David Smith, as administrator for his said wife, and of said David Smith for his interest, against William Brown, ploughman, residing at Straithers, Parish of Beres, the Sheriff Court of Liffeshire (Cupar District) on the 27th day of September 1883, found that the said Child was the legitimate child of the Parties aforesaid.

9th November 1883,
Colinsburgh. } Thomas Linn,
Registrar.

DEATH FROM BURNS. INQUEST WALTON-ON-THE-HILL WOMAN. An inquest was held at Epsom County Hospital on Tuesday on Mrs. Marion Innes Brown, aged 67, wife of Mr. R. Brown, a golf club maker, of 12, Ferndale Road Walton-on-the-Hill, who died in the hospital result of injuries received after her clothing had caught alight on Saturday. Douglas Brown, a son gave evidence of identification and said it was his opinion that his mother might have caught her clothes alight as she was reaching for the mantelpiece over the sitting room fireplace of her home. There was a low grate in the room. Mr. Brown said he was away at the time of the accident but he agreed with his son that the grate was low one.Mrs. Brown was very highly respected in the district. Her husband has worked at the Walton Heath Golf Club for many years and her two sons were assistants to

Mr. James Braid, the famous professional. The elder, "Jock" Brown, was professional at Chipstead for some time, and the younger, "Doug" Brown* was formerly professional at Kingswood, and some years ago won the Assistant Professionals' Golf Tournament. [January 1938]

*See last entry



The elder son, John Innes Brown, was designed as a golf professional when he married in 1922.

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1922. Marriage solemnized in the parish Church in the parish of Walton-on-the-Hill in the County of Surrey

No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the Time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
323	October 20 th	John Innes Brown	20	Bachelor	Golf Professional	Walton-on-the-Hill	William Rolland Brown	Golf Professional
		Veronica Topps	20	Spinster		Walton-on-the-Hill	John James Howard Topps	Builder

Married in the parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Church of England by me, Mr. Balace

This Marriage was solemnized between us, John Innes Brown and Veronica Topps in the Presence of us, William John Topps and Douglas Rolland Brown

PRETTY WEDDING.—A very pretty wedding of considerable local interest was solemnised on Monday Walton Parish Church by the Rector (Rev. G. Borlase). The bride was Veronica Topps younger daughter Mr. and Mrs. Topps Walton-on-the-Hill, and the bridegroom, Mr. J. Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Brown, of Walton. The large attendance at ceremony evidenced the high respect and cordial goodwill entertained for each other the two well known local families concerned. Familiarly known "Jock" the bridegroom is professional to the Chipstead Golf Club, and was formerly assistant to James Braid Walton Heath. Given away by her brother. Mr. William

Topps the bride was handsomely attired in cream silk dress with veil and orange bio-sums, and carried a bouquet of white carnations.The duties of best man devolved on Mr. Douglas Brown, of the bridegroom. [November 1922].

Chipstead (right)



However by 1939 he is described as a bus conductor, which suggests he did not succeed as a golf professional. It might have been that by that time the golf clubs in anticipation of war were downsizing but in 1939 it was a little early for that.

50	76	1	Brown John J.	-	M	Mar 1 02	M	Bus Conductor
		2	Brown William R.	-	M	Mar 4 77	W	Golf Club Maker
		3	Brown Donald J.	-	M	Oct 9 23	S	Apprentice Golf Professional
		4	Brown Veronica	-	F	Mar 8 02	M	Unpaid Domestic Dut

And by the time of his father's death in 1958, he was a turf accountant. He had a son, Donald Innes Brown born in 1923, who was described in the 1939 census as an apprentice golf professional but we cannot find where he was earning his living. He, as had his brother, been assigned to Walton Heath and trained under Braid. [Below from 1928]

ASSISTANTS' TOURNAMENT.			
The annual tournament for assistant professionals reached its ultimate stage at <u>Stoke Poges</u> yesterday, when the final medal play competition over 36 holes decided what is virtually the assistants' championship. The winner was D. R. Brown (Walton Heath), who, after a steady morning round of 75, improved by three strokes in the afternoon to win by three strokes from E. Haynes (<u>Stoke Poges</u>).			
The leading scores were:—			
D. R. Brown (Walton Heath)	75	72—147	
E. Haynes (<u>Stoke Poges</u>)	72	78—150	
A. Perry (Walton Heath)	71	79—150	
S. Ball, jun. (Heaton Park)	74	77—151	
E. E. Beverley, jun (Royston)	77	75—152	
B. Hodson (Newport)	77	76—153	
J. Donaldson (R.A.C., Epsom)	79	75—154	
L. J. Taylor (Royal Mid Surrey)	79	76—155	