## **Andrew Pearson**

1881 - 1949

There were a large number of Pearsons indigenous to Elie/Earlsferry and it has been difficult to track them down. Andrew Pearson comes to this list as a result of a passing remark in a newspaper article of 1902 which was discussing the various "Ferry" men who had a current influence on the golf scene.

The writer mentions various names of which we are now familiar, but one sentence finished "Andrew Pearson represents the Ferry at Deal,". We have researched extensively for this gentleman, and we have concluded that there is no current evidence of his time at Deal (Royal Cinque Ports G.C.) However, we do have a record of Andrew Pearson who was a professional golfer.

He was born on 24<sup>th</sup> April 1881 the son of Robert Pearson and Susan (see birth certificate below).

Name:	Andrew Pearson	
Age in 1911:	28	
Estimated Birth Year:	abt 1883	
Relation to Head:	Boarder	
Gender:	Male	
Birth Place:	Elie, Fife	
Civil Parish:	Wanstead	
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Country:	England	
Street Address:	10 Martha Rd, Wanstead N	N E
Marital status:	Single	
Occupation:	Professional Golfer	
Registration District Number:	188	
Sub-registration District:	Wanstead	
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Household Members:	Name	Age
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	Elizabeth Ann Smith	39
	Frederick Jack Smith	15
	Andrew Pearson	28

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The address given was 4 The Vennel, which house belonged to his mother and father. He features in the 1901 census as living there with his parents and his sister. However, the newspaper article below suggests that he was in Deal in 1902. We cannot trace his presence there but the next time we come across him is in the 1911 census in England, where he is shown as living in Wanstead in Essex and his profession is professional golfer.

Wanstead	Park Club The junior monthly medal was wor
by H.	8. Casselton (14), 72 net. Andrew Pearson, the
eighth	rofessional, playing with Mr. J. Turner, did the hole—a distance of 150 yards—in one stroke.

Initially we could find little reference to him then....

Wanstead G.C. We had made for the George Hotel, just ran acme a little village green kind of space, flanked with very nice new houses, turned up a private road, drove through a very fine old brick archway, and there we were, with the car's nose a foot from the door of Andrew Pearson's modest little shop. The clubhouse is evidently a converted private residence, long,

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It's at that point the references dry up and we assume that because of World War 1 activities at Wanstead Golf Club were in abeyance. After the armistice it seems that Andrew did not return to Wanstead and the next professional there was the famous Percy Aliss. So, we lose him for a bit. It is not unreasonable to suppose that he was called-up and the fact (see later) that he was in the British Legion suggests he served by it is difficult to ascertain where and for how long. It is a reasonable assumption that after the war he returned to Elie but we certainly know he was there from 1930s onwards.

We know he died unmarried in 1949.

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His obituary in the newspapers of the time said:

"The Elie Branch of the British Legion lost one of its best members by the passing of Mr Andrew Pearson. He was one of the original members of the branch\*. and was undoubtedly one of its finest members. For some years he was honorary secretary, and during the whole of the 15 years of his membership he helped in every way to It one of the best branches in the area. His keen humour and his most obliging nature endeared him to all the members and if anything was required they could rely on Andrew being the man to lead a hand They have lost a great friend, and out who will be missed.

\*This per se suggests he was in the armed forces and if the article is accurate he must have joined in 1934 which would accord with his return to Elie to the Vennel but where he was meantime we do not know.

He died in Elie on 1<sup>st</sup> December 1949 and the electoral rolls for the preceding 16 years show hm as living at 4 The Vennel, initially with his mother until she died in 1945 at the ripe old age of 93.

## 1911 Wanstead Essex



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           Peat, George, 5 Fountain Road, Elie
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We have reason to believe that he joined up for the First World War via the Sportsman Battalion. He features in the Roll of Honour compiled by Alan Provan of the History Society (https://www.eliehistory.com/explore/roll-honour/).