

JAMES MONTGOMERY MISKELLY AND ELIZABETH HAUGHAN

James married Elizabeth at Gretna Green in 1853 and all told they had 13 children, John, William, Thomas and Jane were born in Carlisle. Ellen, Mary, James, Elizabeth, Isobel, and Annie were born in Darlington. Lilly Julia and Albert were born in Penrith. Sadly they lost William at 5, Ellen before her 1st birthday, Annie 19, Lilly 7 and Julia age 2. The remainder all married and had families of their own.

James started out working as a cotton weaver on leaving education but later took on a job as a Post Office Messenger a job he continued to do after he moved his family to Darlington between 1860 and 1863. James then returned to Penrith around 1874 and continued his profession as a messenger and he also managed to obtain a position as a messenger for his son Thomas. By 1891 James again had uprooted his family and this time moved to Sunderland taking up a job as an Insurance Agent. James died from a heart attack in 1894 leaving Elizabeth to bring up Isobel, James and Albert he was buried in Sunderland cemetery. Isobel and James both married shortly after their fathers death but Albert remained with his mother until 1901 when he married. With no income Elizabeth had to leave the family home and she took Albert and went to live with her daughter Isobel Lister. Elizabeth died in 1914 in Byker Newcastle and is buried in Byker cemetery. How she came to be living there I do not know at present but she may have been in an institution.



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