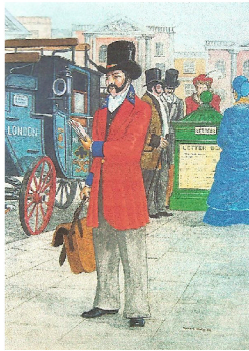


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At 17 James Montgomery Miskelly had followed his Mother and Father into the weaving industry. At sometime between 1851 and 1861 he got a position as a Post Office Messenger at the Post office in Carlisle. Between 1860 and 1864 he moved to Darlington in County Durham where his occupation as a P O Messenger continued. I am not sure if the move was because of promotion in his capacity as messenger or just that he wanted to move there. He only remained in Darlington for a periods of 10 years until around 1873 when he returned to live in Penrith.

When his son Thomas turned 18 he also became a Post Office Messenger in Penrith and continued in that profession until his retirement at the age of 60 in 1919. A total of 41 years service walking the streets of Penrith and working in the Post Office in later years. Word has it he retired as head postmaster but there is no record of that unfortunately.

I visited the Post office Records office in London and they furnished me with a copy of his pension documents detailing his career. Unfortunately there was no such document for his father who left the Post Office and returned to the North East becoming an Insurance Agent residing in Sunderland where he died in 1894.

