
Bradberry Family

Stennerskeugh
Ravenstonedale
Westmorland

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A number of years ago I persuaded my father, Charles James Jackson, born 1920 at Cliburn, to make a few notes for me regarding his family connections. I had heard over the years about family characters and thought I should have some written records.



Recently I decided to make a copy of these notes for other members of the family and add a few research notes of my own. In so doing I have had a lovely journey to Ravenstonedale, Westmorland, without leaving the comfort of my own home in New Zealand.

Grandma Jackson, pictured above in 1956, is not just a name in Dad's notebook but someone that was very much part of my life until I was 7 years old. So the journey to find out more about the person who was my Grandma Jackson began with an emotional connection.

Because Grandma Jackson's home in Penrith was within a skip and a jump of my own, I visited her every day and there learned my love of the garden. Helping, in my own way, I harvested black currants and gooseberries for topping and tailing, ready for tarts and jam, and rhubarb to eat raw after dipping it in a saucer of sugar. I still enjoy blackcurrants and gooseberries and have them growing in my own garden ready to be made into tarts. Nothing out of Grandma's small garden or her allotment was wasted. She used to make wine and was renowned for her parsnip variety. This potion left the postman and coal man staggering after their Christmas tippie at her house.

In the hallway of her home there was a grandfather clock standing at the foot of the stairs. When I went to her home in the morning, a daily ritual for me as a pre-schooler, Grandma would be upstairs, possibly making her bed. On my way up to greet her, the clock was a great temptation, and I would stop to tinker with it. As I reached for the pendulum, after quietly opening the door, I would hear from above, **"Leave that clock alone"**. I always wondered how she knew I was there and what I was up to. I now know of course, that she would have been ready for me every morning, and would have heard me coming the minute I left my own back door.

I remember an open fire and toast cooked over it on a toasting fork. The teapot stood permanently beside the fire and its tar like contents becoming well and truly stewed.

Grandma taught me the rudiments of knitting. I always had trouble with tension and the stitches were too tight. I watched the production of ‘tatty mats’ out of scraps of material. These mats were crafted using scraps of material on a background of sacking. I remember the preparation for one with all the scraps of material laid out and helping to choose which to use. Little pieces of someone’s old coat, or trousers were handled and sorted for suitability. Going back the next morning to help her I was disappointed to discover the mat nearly complete except for the edging. Grandma had a sewing machine that fascinated me and was another temptation. In spite being told not to, I put my finger where I shouldn’t and got it pierced by the needle!

I still own a soft toy, named Golly, that was made for me by Grandma. He has a lovely little crochet hat and a “pink” face, and a body made of red velvet. His outer knitted garments went asunder years ago. As they were very hard to get on and off over his head they eventually stayed off. I don’t think they were ever intended to come off but little girls being what they are it was inevitable that he was left just in his red velvet undergarments. Golly has been much loved and had a very adventurous life having travelled via the top bunk to NZ in 1957 with a Teddy Bear to share his company. Not for him the label of “not wanted on voyage” and relegation to the hold.

A trip down the town with Grandma to go shopping at Woolworths stays in my memory. It was a long walk for short legs down the back lane across the wooden railway bridge, and down Brunswick Road, and then back again.

And then of course, all of a sudden you are five years old, and have to go off to school every day and not go to see Grandma unless it fits in with the new routine.

I think now how devastated Grandma must have been when this little family that she was so close to in every respect packed up and moved in 1957 to the other side of the world never to be seen again.

This lady who was my Grandma Jackson started out life as Maggie Bradberry living at High Stennerskeugh, Ravenstonedale, Westmorland.

Maggie came from a family of thirteen and was born c.1889 to James and Margaret Bradberry. Dad remembered, as a small child, visiting a big house with his mother. He was amazed at the huge staircase it had. Living at Cliburn at the time, and then later Penrith, Ravenstonedale was not a place he was really familiar with but this particular visit stayed in his mind.

I was delighted to discover the Ravenstonedale website recently and listen to the recording made in 1987 of my Great Uncle Jack Bradberry – Maggie's younger brother. His voice has the timbre, accent and humour of my late father and I thank the people who had the foresight to collect local history and those who help make it available.

Because the Bradberry family were long time residents I was able to find them in the census records without much trouble. Originally they hailed from Swaledale in Yorkshire. Because of Jack Bradberry's recording I was also able to confirm that their mother, Margaret, was born into the Thompson family that had been in the Ravenstonedale district even longer.

When doing searches in the census records I found it necessary to search four times; using the spelling variations of Bradberry, Bradbery, and Bradbury and Broadbery. Sometimes the transcripts of the original census are incorrect and obviously so – just human error. But sometimes the writing is very poor or unclear on the original documents so the transcripts are based on a best guess by the transcribers. To the east, across the country, the name is more often than not "Bradbury". However, the family I am concerned with all appear to have continued to call themselves Bradberry.

The census searches I have completed cover the period 1841-1911. I have not as yet traced the family back beyond 1841 when Thomas (Maggie's Grandfather) was forty years old and living at Street, so at the moment I do not know when he came to Ravenstonedale from Swaledale Yorkshire, but records continually show his wife Ann was born at Ravenstonedale, and it is possible that they married there.

In 2005 I visited Ravenstonedale with my husband and adult daughter on our big OE, armed with my father's notes. We knew no one there and we just wandered around. Because of the lack of a signpost at the time we asked directions for High Stennerskeugh at the King's Head, but that at first just brought about shaking of the heads and shrugging of the shoulders. We were lucky that the three colonials wandering in the lane with a camera attracted a lady who came out from her home to see who it was that was "casing the joint". This kind person confirmed that the house we were standing in front of had previously been owned by the Bradberry's but the location was not really High Stennerskeugh as that was further back up the fell, and the house there had been burnt at some time. Middle Stennerskeugh would be a more geographically accurate name as it wasn't Lower Stennerskeugh either. So I took this to be the house that my father remembered with the big staircase where his Grandfather James Bradberry had lived at one time.



Pictured above is that house. Half the family of thirteen were born at a different home on the fell. I think this is the house Jack Bradberry refers to as Low Stennerskeugh on the recording of 1987. Some of the census records refer only to Stennerskeugh without the clarification of situation.

Of course with hindsight I wish that I had been more informed at the time of my visit and that we had spent longer there. Photos taken at the cemetery at St Oswald's Church of the headstone inscriptions, along with my father's notes, have allowed me to sort out where everyone fits into the family. I can also see that my father has been named after other members of the Bradberry family rather than the Jackson family.

Margaret (Maggie) Bradberry – Jackson. 1889-1959



1911	Census	Whinfell Farm Cliburn		Est yr	age	West Westmorland	Born
Bradberry	Margaret	Servant	single	1889	22	General Domestic Servant	Ravenstonedale

The photo of Maggie, from Jackson family records, is estimated to have been taken about 1910. Margaret was married in 1915 to Thomas (Tommy) William Jackson a Painter from Penrith. They had a family of three and she was left a widow in 1933. Part of her married life was spent in Cliburn before moving to Penrith. Maggie died in 1959.

Thomas Bradberry, c.1885, is pictured below; he was Maggie's eldest brother. A joiner by trade he lived at Greenholme with his wife Sarah. He died serving in WW1 on 1st May 1917. Thomas is mentioned on the family headstone at St Oswald's and on the separate war memorial there and also the one at Orton.



Private Thomas Bradberry 25229 7th Battalion, Border Regiment

Thomas was transferred to the 8th Battalion Border Regiment and was wounded in the Somme and taken prisoner. He eventually died of his wounds in Germany and is remembered in the Cologne Southern Cemetery.

<http://www.otlhs.ukme.com/OrtonWW.html>

This Ravenstonedale school photo of 1911 pictures three of the Bradberry children.



- Jane (Jenny) 11 yrs,
- Sarah (Sal) 9 yrs,
- John (Jack) 7 yrs.

Jane died young in 1923 and is buried with her parents; she was called Jenny or Jinny. Sarah married John Atkinson Nelson and emigrated to NZ in 1926. Jack remained all his life in the Ravenstonedale district. Sarah's son named John Bradberry Nelson died this year, 2011, in Invercargill, Southland, New Zealand. It was Aunt Sarah and Uncle Jack Nelson that met us in 1957 when we arrived in New Zealand.

Photo Courtesy of Frank Chalmers and the Ravenstonedale Independent History Archive. frankrddale@yahoo.co.uk

BRADBERRY FAMILY MEMBERS

Thomas Bradberry	Street	m. Ann	
1797-1856		1803-1878	
Born Swaledale		Born Ravenstonedale	
<u>Family:</u>	<u>dob</u>	<u>dod</u>	
John	1824	1857	
Thomas	1830	?	? see later notes page 12
Jane	1831	1855	
Margaret	1835	1857	
William	1838	1905	See separate table for William
James	1843	1909	Married Margaret Thompson. See below table
<i>Ann</i>	<i>1843</i>	<i>1908</i>	James and Ann were twins
Charles	1848	1858	
James Bradberry 1844-1909	Stennerskeugh	m. Margaret Thompson 1863-1952	Daughter of Robert and Isabella Thompson of Lytheside
<u>Family:</u>	<u>dob</u>	<u>dod</u>	
Ann	1884		m. Dixon Lyle
Thomas	1885	1917	Killed WW1
Isabella	1886		m. John Graham
Robert (Bob)	1888	1974	m. Beatrice
Margaret(Maggie)	1889	1959	m. Thomas William Jackson
William	1891	1927	
James	1893		m. Connie
Elizabeth	1895	1916	
Charles	1896	1916	
Mary	1898		m. JN Metcalf
Jane (Jenny)	1900	1923	
Sarah Agnes (Sal)	1902	1979	Emigrated to NZ 1926. m. J A Nelson
John (Jack)	1904	1999	m. Lizzie

It is obvious how James and Margaret named their children systematically from the previous generation starting with parents on both sides and then brothers and sisters. The census data supplied the year of birth for me and the cemetery records supplied the dates of death.

This headstone situated at St Oswald's Church Cemetery commemorates James Bradberry of Stennerskeugh, his wife Margaret, and five members of their family. These people were Maggie's parents and siblings.



James	1/07/1909	65 yrs
Margaret	13/12/1952	89 yrs
Elizabeth	1916	21 yrs
Charles	1916	20yrs
Thomas	1917	33 yrs
Jane (Jenny)	1923	24yrs
William	1927	37 yrs



Pictured above, also at St Oswald's Church cemetery is the headstone of Thomas Bradberry of Street his wife Ann and five members of their family. Thomas and Ann were Maggie's grandparents. Maggie's father, James, had a twin sister called Ann. She remained single and is buried with their parents. The census records show her to be "Living by her own means" at Orton in 1891 and by 1901 she had moved back to Ravenstonedale. She died 10 months prior to James.

Thomas	12/10/1856	59yrs
Ann	25/1/1878	75yrs
John	4/1857	33yrs
Jane	14/8/1855	24 yrs
Margaret	15/12/1857	22yrs
Charles	18/4/1858	10yrs
Ann	2/09/1908	65 yrs

Also in the cemetery and the census records there appears a William. I think that this is James's older brother, and the son of Thomas and Ann. I have no proof of this but enter the details here and I am ready to stand corrected in the future. The dates fit in with that generation and James did have a brother named William according to the census data. William is found to be living at different times at Street and Greenside and he died at Coldbeck

William Bradberry		Margaret
1838-1905		1838-1906
Born Ravenstonedale		Born Ravenstonedale
<u>Family:</u>	<u>dob</u>	<u>dod</u>
Thomas	1867	1899
Agnes Ann	1881?	1881?

With the accumulation of census data I needed to develop a spreadsheet to allow me to keep track of names and places. Those same names and places are mentioned by Jack Bradberry in his recordings and listening to them has been a real highlight for me during this journey.

It is obvious that the family as a whole, and each generation, experienced great sadness and loss that was typical of the era in which they lived. I am not a serial genealogist and do not intend to track down branches and twigs on the family tree. I already feel like an intruder snooping about and feel that I have achieved what I set out to do.

However I was intrigued by a missing Thomas Bradberry c.1830. In 1841 at High Stennerskeugh in the household of John Bradberry, age fifteen years, a farmer, there lived a boy of eleven years named Thomas. This Thomas I think is the son of Thomas of Street and therefore brother to John and James (Maggie's father). He does not appear again in the census records for his home area, neither is he recorded in the St Oswald's cemetery records.

Searches further afield turned up an entry in the London census of 1861 that was a possibility because the Thomas Bradberry listed stood out as Westmorland born. He is recorded as being a Journeyman Upholsterer, age 31 yrs, living with his employer and family at 185 Oxford Street, Marylebone.

Of course I had to find out who he was living with and in so doing have convinced myself that I have the right man. The employer is William Hewetson age 59 also born in Westmorland. From the census records and other reading I know that the Hewetson and Bradberry families were neighbours at Ravenstonedale over many years. Apart from Thomas and the Hewetson's there are other members of the household Westmorland born.

Hewetson 1861 London Census. 185 Oxford Street

Surname	Forename	Age	Relation	Occupation	Birthplace
Hewetson	William	59	Head	Upholsterer	Westmorland
Hewetson	Ann	59	Wife		Westmorland
Hewetson	John	21	Son	Upholsterer	London, Middlesex
Bradberry	Thomas	31	Servant	Upholsterer Journeyman	Westmorland
Shaw	Joseph H	21	Servant	Upholsterer Journeyman	Westmorland
Milner	Michael	17	Servant	Upholsterer Journeyman	Westmorland
Kettle	Ann	26	Servant	General Serv	Egham, Surrey

http://www.ucl.ac.uk/bloomsbury-project/streets/alfred_place.htm

City of London Corporation Estate. Alfred Place

*The new inhabitant of no. 17 was **John** Hewetson, who by 1871 had also established the upholstery firm of Hewetson & **Milner** at nos 16–17; this firm, which subsequently became Hewetson, Milner & Thexton Ltd, stayed in Alfred Place with additional extensive premises in Alfred Mews for the next thirty years*

I have a picture in my mind of the people and the district well into the past from the photographs on the Ravenstonedale website, <http://www.ravenstonedale.org/> and from reading *The History and Traditions of Ravenstonedale Westmorland* by Rev W Nicholls. Because I was unable to find this book to purchase in NZ I have downloaded an electronic version from this site. <http://www.archive.org/details/historytrad00nichiala>.

Now it is time to search out the family of my grandfather Tommy Jackson to complete the journey started when I asked my own father to record information for me. So I am leaving Ravenstonedale for a while and heading back to Penrith with the feeling that I have a wealth of information to add to my fathers's records about his mother Maggie Bradberry and her family.

I do hope one day to have a look at the Swaledale connection and there are one or two clues to follow up; such as the Aldersons. The census data shows the Alderson family are also from Swaledale and one of them was living with Thomas Bradberry in 1851 – a blind, spinster, Aunt Margaret, aged 82.

I would like to ascertain a family name for Ann Bradberry, wife of Thomas, born Ravenstonedale c.1803. I have located the GRO Index entry for the birth of her twins James and Ann so I am hopeful that it will lead me to success.

As I write this I have only looked briefly into Maggie's mother's family - the Thompsons of Lytheside. Margaret Thompson the mother of the thirteen Bradberry children appears in the 1881 census, age seventeen years, at her family home. I believe her father to have been Robert who had died prior to this date and her mother to be Isabella recorded as being the head of the household. This great-great-grandmother of mine did not die until 1916 at the amazing age of 96yrs.

I apologize for any errors or omissions in this document, which I admit does contain a number of assumptions. It has been compiled from numerous sources; my father's memory, my own research, one fleeting visit six years ago to Ravenstonedale, historical photographs and encouragement supplied freely by Frank Chalmers of the Independent History Archive, a vivid imagination and curious disposition, and of course a much loved and remembered presence in my early childhood, Maggie Bradberry, who will be with me always.

If anyone reading this document feels that I need to be corrected in any way I would appreciate hearing from them.

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Data attached: **Census1841-1911**

Census Data 1841-1911

Address	Year	Head	
Street Farm:	1841	Thomas	Thomas died 1856
	1851	Thomas	
	1861	?	
	1871	William son of Thomas	
	1881	William son of Thomas	
	1891	William son of Thomas	
High Stennerskeugh	1841	John son of Thomas	John died 1857
	1851	John son of Thomas	
	1861	Ann widow of Thomas	
	1871	Ann widow of Thomas	Ann died 1878
	1881	James son of Thomas and Ann	
	1891	James son of Thomas and Ann	
Stennerskeugh	1901	James son of Thomas and Ann	James died 1909
	1911	Margaret widow of James	Margaret died 1952
Brough	1861	William son of Thomas	William is a border in this census
Elm Lodge Orton	1891	Ann daughter of Thomas and Ann	
Greenside	1901	William son of Thomas	William died 1905
Town	1901	Ann daughter of Thomas and Ann	

1841 STREET
THOMAS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Est birth</u>	<u>age</u>	<u>Born in this county</u>
Thomas	1798	40	Farmer
Ann	1803	35	Yes
Margaret	1835	6	Yes
William	1838	3	Yes
Joseph Thompson		50	Farm Labourer

1841 High Stennerskeugh
JOHN son of Thomas of Street

<u>Name</u>	<u>Est birth</u>	<u>age</u>	<u>Born in this county</u>
John	1825	15	Farmer
Thomas	1830	11	yes
Jane	1832	10	yes
Eleanor Hall	1811	30	
This Thomas is a mystery as he does not appear again. There is one in 1861 age 31 born in Ravenstonedale who is living as a servant Marylebone London			

1851 STREET
THOMAS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Est birth</u>	<u>age</u>	<u>Born</u>
Thomas	1798	53	Farmer of 100 acres
Ann	1803	48	wife
Margaret	1835	16	
William	1838	13	scholar
James	1844	7	scholar
Ann	1844	7	scholar
Charles	1848	3	
Margaret Alderson	1769	82	BLIND/ annuitant
Joseph Thompson		58	Farm Labourer

1851 High Stennerskeugh
JOHN son of Thomas of Street

<u>Name</u>	<u>Est birth</u>	<u>age</u>	<u>Born</u>
John	1825	26	Farmer of 36 acres
Jane	1832	19	
John dies 1857 age 33 years			
Jane dies 1855 age 24 years			
where has Thomas gone born 1830 gone?			

1861		High Stennerskeugh				
ANN		widow of Thomas				
<u>Name</u>		<u>Est birth</u>	<u>age</u>		<u>Born</u>	
Ann	Head	Widow	1803	58	Farmer 41 acres	Ravenstonedale
James	son	unm	1844	17		Ravenstonedale
Ann	Dau	Unm	1844	17		Ravenstonedale
NB: Widow of Thomas who died 1856 Mother of John and Jane previously here 1851						
1861		BROUGH				
WILLIAM		? Son of Thomas and Ann				
<u>Name</u>		<u>Est birth</u>	<u>age</u>		<u>Born</u>	
William	Boarder	unm	1838	23	Fence Waller	Ravenstonedale
this is the only William after searches for all three spellings in Westmorland and Yorkshire Living with a family called Holmes						
1871		High Stennerskeugh				
ANN		widow of Thomas				
<u>Name</u>		<u>Est birth</u>	<u>age</u>		<u>Born</u>	
Ann	Head	Widow	1803	68	Farmer of 26 acres	Ravenstonedale
James	son	unm	1844	27	Farmers son	Ravenstonedale
Ann	Dau	Unm	1844	27		Ravenstonedale
Henry White Boarder 46 Carpenter Ravenstonedale NB: Ann dies 1878 at 75 yrs						
1871		STREET				
WILLIAM		? Son of Thomas and Ann				
<u>Name</u>		<u>Est birth</u>	<u>age</u>		<u>Born</u>	
William	Head	m	1838	33	Farmer 122 ac	Ravenstonedale
May?	wife	m	1839	32		Ravenstonedale
Thomas	son	unm	1867	4		Ravenstonedale
Thomas ?stick	servant	?	15	? Servant domestic	Dent	
Elizabeth Elliot	servant	?	17	General Servant domestic	Cliburn	
Robert Walker	Boarder	?	29	Clerk of Works	?burn Cumberland	

1881		High Stennerskeugh	
JAMES		son of Thomas and Ann	
<u>Name</u>	<u>Est birth</u>	<u>age</u>	<u>Born</u>
James	Head	unm	1844
Ann	Sister	unm	1844
Ann their mother dies 1878			
1881			
STREET FARM			
WILLIAM			
? Son of Thomas and Ann			
<u>Name</u>	<u>Est birth</u>	<u>age</u>	<u>Born</u>
William	Head	m	1838
Margaret	Wife	m	1839
Elizabeth Wilkinson	servant	um	1861
William Hunter	servant	un	1850
where is thomas?			
1891		High Stennerskeugh	
JAMES		son of Thomas and Ann	
<u>Name</u>	<u>Est birth</u>	<u>age</u>	<u>Born</u>
James	Head	Married	1844
Margaret	Wife	Married	1864
Ann	Daugh		1884
Thomas	Son		1885
Isabella	Daugh		1886
Robert	Son		1888
Margaret	Daugh		1889
William	Son		1891
Mark Bouns?	servant	s	45?
Agnes ? D	servant	s	15
1891		Elm Lodge	
Ann		twin sister of James	
Ann		East Orton	
Ann	Head	s	1844
Eleanor Richardson	servant	s	14?
1891		STREET FARM	
WILLIAM		? Son of Thomas and Ann	
<u>Name</u>	<u>Est birth</u>	<u>age</u>	<u>Born</u>
William	Head	Married	1838
Margaret	Wife	Married	1839
Thomas	son	s	1867
Margaret Metcalf	servant	s	?
Thomas dies 1899			

There are Aldersons from Swaledale at the neighbouring properties. See also Alderson living with Thomas in 1851 also from Swaledale

1901		Stennerskeugh				
JAMES		son of Thomas and Ann				
Name			Est birth	age		Born
James	Head	m	1844	57	Farmer	Ravenstonedale
Margaret	Wife	m	1864	37		Ravenstonedale
Ann	Daugh	S	1884	17	Farmer's daughter	Ravenstonedale
Thomas	Son	S	1885	16	Joiners	Ravenstonedale
Isabella	Daugh	S	1886	15	Apprentice Farmer's daughter	Ravenstonedale
Robert	Son	S	1888	13		Ravenstonedale
Margaret	Daugh	S	1889	12		Ravenstonedale
William	Son	S	1891	10		Ravenstonedale
James	Son	S	1893	8		Ravenstonedale
Elizabeth	Daugh	S	1895	6		Ravenstonedale
Charles	Son	S	1896	5		Ravenstonedale
Mary	Daugh	S	1898	3		Ravenstonedale
Jane	Daugh	S	1900	1		Ravenstonedale
James snr dies 1909						
1901		Town				
ANN		twin sister of James and daughter of James and Margaret				
Ann	Head	s	1844	57	Living by own means	Rvenstonedale
Ann dies 1908						

<u>1911</u>		<u>Stennerskeugh</u>				
MARGARET		widow of James				
<u>Name</u>			<u>Est birth</u>	<u>age</u>		<u>Born</u>
Margaret	Wife	Widow	1864	47	Farmer	Ravenstonedale
Robert	Son	S	1888	23	Working on Farm	Ravenstonedale
William	Son	S	1891	20	Working on Farm	Ravenstonedale
James	Son	S	1893	18	Boot and shoe maker	Ravenstonedale
Elizabeth	Daugh	S	1895	16	Dairy worker	Ravenstonedale
Charles	Son	S	1896	15	Scholar	Ravenstonedale
Mary	Daugh	S	1898	13	Scholar	Ravenstonedale
Jane	Daugh	S	1900	11	Scholar	Ravenstonedale
Sarah Agnes	Daugh	S	1902	9	Scholar	Ravenstonedale
John	Son	S	1904	7		Ravenstonedale
1911	Whinfell Farm Cliburn				West Westmorland	
MAGGIE	daughter of James and Margaret					
Margaret	Servant	s	1889	22	General Domestic Servant	Ravenstonedale
NB:		Maggie marries T W Jackson 1915				

1901		Greenside				
WILLIAM		? Son of Thomas and Ann				
<u>Name</u>			<u>Est birth</u>	<u>age</u>		<u>Born</u>
William	Head	m	1838	63	Farmer employer	Ravenstonedale
Margaret	Wife	m	1839	62		Ravenstonedale
<i>Noble Cookson</i>	<i>servant</i>	<i>s</i>	<i>1871</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>shepherd domestic</i>	<i>Bampton Crosby</i>
<i>Isabella Walker</i>	<i>servant</i>	<i>s</i>	<i>1887</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>servant</i>	<i>Ravensworth</i>
William dies 1905 Margaret dies 1906						