Catherine Heaslet Elliot Williams

Catherine was born 10 Dec 1883 at 21 Newton Street, Paisley, Scotland. Her father, Andrew, an Iron Riveter, was 24, and her mother, Jane, was 22 at the time. One of her middle names on her birth registration is 'Hazlett', but I believe the correct spelling should be Heaslet, per her grandmother's maiden name.

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The 1891 Scotland Census has the family at 21 Newton Street and Catherine is listed as 7 years of age and a scholar. Father is a Boilermakers riveter.

The 1901 Scotland Census has the family at 27 Glen Street, Paisley. Catherine is 17 and a Threadmill Worker. No doubt working at the Ferguslie Thread Works owned by the Coats family.

She married James Heaslet on December 31, 1908, in Paisley when she was 24, which means perhaps that she did not make the move to Ireland with the rest of the family and kept working at the thread mill. Neither she nor James can be found in any of the 1911 Census.

James was a brickmaker at the Ferguslie Fireclay Works in Paisley and continued his work in Dalry Scotland before getting a much better job in Stobswood, England.

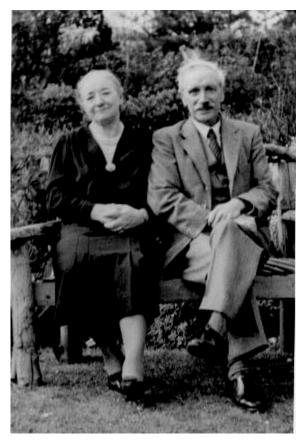


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The first job at Stobswood was to supervise the building of a new brick kiln. Jean (Heaslet) Defty, daughter of James and Catherine, had a photo of the kiln and the work crews that was taken when it was completed. Jean used to tell a story about the times in Dalry when she worked at the Coates thread mill and walked to work with her father. The Butler family was there at the same time period and Jean talked about the problems that Joseph suffered with crippling arthritis in his hands which caused him to leave his ropemaking trade a find work in brickmaking with the help of James.

At Stobswood, daughter Jean was to meet and marry Arnold Defty because the brickyard her father managed was very close to the mines where Arnold worked. The Heaslet family lived in the company managers residence at Stobswood which was called Alma House. The house that Jean last lived in, Woodburn House, was the under-managers house.



They had three children; Jean (1909-2014), James (1912-1951) and Catherine 1914-1986). She died on January 23, 1967, at the age of 83.

