Martha Badrock Williams

Martha Badrock Williams was born on March 11, 1886, at 31 Thread St. in Paisley, Renfrewshire, Scotland. Her father, Andrew James Williams, was 27, and her mother, Jane Elliot, was 24.

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She married William Cassells on April 26, 1907, in Auchengower, Paisley.

However, according to the 1911 Canadian census, William and Martha arrived in 1904 and lived on a farm in Osgoode Township, Lot 36, Concession 3. Some clarification is required here. Did they return home to get married or is the arrival date wrong?

Oral family history suggests that both Martha and William worked for A.J. Martin at the Morewood cheese factory. They had two children during their marriage both born near Morewood, Archibald (b.1909) and Walter (b.1912). William is listed as a Cheesemaker on both birth registrations.

This is where the family story gets complicated. In 1907 it appears that Martha's brother John arrived in Canada. The story has it that he tried farming but he eventually began working for A.J. (Judson) Matin at the cheese factory. His 1915 enlistment papers list him as a Cheesemaker. In 1911, my grandfather, Robert, arrived in Morewood and started work at the cheese factory. He married a girl from back home who came over in 1912. His brother John was a witness at the wedding and Robert



was listed as a Cheesemaker. A.J.Martin's son, Alva Jay went off to war in Europe in 1916 and according to family lore, John took Alva Jay home to meet the family and met great John's sister Annie. They must have hit it off as Annie followed Alva Jay home after the war and they got married in 1919. Before all that happened Martha and the kids went back to Glasgow via Montreal on the ship Pretorian arriving October 13th 1915. They might well have met Alva Jay when he visited Belfast.

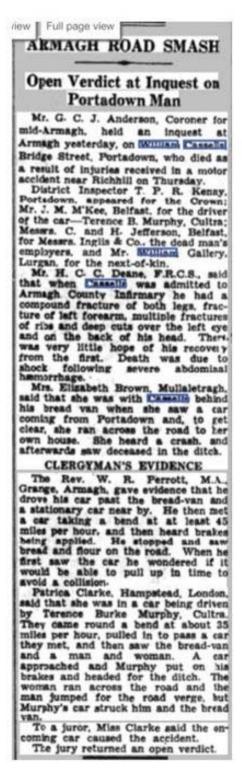
William was a bread man and was fatally injured in a vehicle accident while on deliveries.

Newspaper reports on the death of William Cassells 8 Jul 1937



Armagh (suddenly, as the result of an accident). William dearly-beloved husband of Martha Cassells late of 33, Hanover Street, Portadown. Funeral from his residence, 58, Northumberland Street, Belfast, to-morrow (Saturday), 10th inst., at 3 p.m., for interment in City Cemetery.

Deeply regretted by his sorrowing Wife and Sons.



The newspaper reporting is confusing. They lived at 33 Bridge St., Portadown. The 58 Northumberland St. address is that of the LFCC Church where the service was held.

William was employed by Messers Inglis & Co., a very large bread and pastry bakery that still exists today.

William is buried at the Belfast City Cemetery - Glenalina Extension grave L74. Martha died 13 Mar 1964, aged 78, and is buried in the same plot. William and Martha's gravestone was vandalised in the City cemetery during a time when a lot of Protestant gravestones were attacked and unfortunately was never replaced.