

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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1886. BIRTHS in the District of Paisley in the County of Renfrew

No.	Name and Surname.	When and Where Born.	Sex.	Name, Surname, & Rank or Profession of Father. Name, and Maiden Surname of Mother. Date and Place of Marriage.	Signature and Qualification of Informant, and Residence, if out of the House in which the Birth occurred.	When and Where Registered, and Signature of Registrar.
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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) Martin 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

Collision Between Bread-van and Motor Car

As the result of a collision between a bread-van and a motor-car near Stonebridge, Richhill, **William Cassells**, Bridge Street, Portadown, was admitted to County Armagh Infirmary yesterday afternoon suffering from a fracture of both legs and other injuries. He died shortly after admission.

Cassells—July 8, 1937. at the Hospital, 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.

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ARMAGH ROAD SMASH

Open Verdict at Inquest on Portadown Man

Mr. G. C. J. Anderson, Coroner for mid-Armagh, held an inquest at Armagh yesterday, on **William Cassells**, Bridge Street, Portadown, who died as a result of injuries received in a motor accident near Richhill on Thursday.

District Inspector T. P. R. Kenay, Portadown, appeared for the Crown; Mr. J. M. M'Kee, Belfast, for the driver of the car—Terence B. Murphy, Cultra; Messrs. C. and H. Jefferson, Belfast, for Messrs. Inglis & Co., the dead man's employers, and Mr. **William** Gallery, Lurgan, for the next-of-kin.

Mr. H. C. C. Deane, F.R.C.S., said that when **Cassells** was admitted to Armagh County Infirmary he had a compound fracture of both legs, fracture of left forearm, multiple fractures of ribs and deep cuts over the left eye and on the back of his head. There was very little hope of his recovery from the first. Death was due to shock following severe abdominal hemorrhage.

Mrs. Elizabeth Brown, Mullaetragh, said that she was with **Cassells** behind his bread van when she saw a car coming from Portadown and, to get clear, she ran across the road to her own house. She heard a crash, and afterwards saw deceased in the ditch.

CLERGYMAN'S EVIDENCE

The Rev. W. R. Perrott, M.A., Grange, Armagh, gave evidence that he drove his car past the bread-van and a stationary car near by. He then met a car taking a bend at at least 45 miles per hour, and then heard brakes being applied. He stopped and saw bread and flour on the road. When he first saw the car he wondered if it would be able to pull up in time to avoid a collision.

Patricia Clarke, Hampstead, London, said that she was in a car being driven by Terence Burke Murphy, Cultra. They came round a bend at about 35 miles per hour, pulled in to pass a car they met, and then saw the bread-van and a man and woman. A car approached and Murphy put on his brakes and headed for the ditch. The woman ran across the road and the man jumped for the road verge, but Murphy's car struck him and the bread van.

To a juror, Miss Clarke said the oncoming car caused the accident.

The jury returned an open verdict.

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.