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Scottish Immigrant



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Edith Clark was born 22 December 1894 probably in Glasgow, Scotland. Her parents were Peter Clark, born 2 February 1869, and Mary Stamp, born, we believe, the 20th of August 1864, on Holy Island, Northumberland, England.

Edith's father was a shipyard storekeeper at John Brown Shipyards in Glasgow. He was the son of Peter Clark (Sr.) who was a ship carpenter, and Matilda McLeish Clark. Peter (Sr.) was born in Old Monkland, Lanark and Matilda was born in Barony, Lanark according to the information I received from my researcher in Scotland.

Peter (Sr.)'s parents were John Clark and Margaret Simpson; Matilda McLeish's parents were Archibald McLeish and Mary Wallace. Peter and Mary were married on the 9th of November 1859 at BIR, Partick, Renfrew, Scotland.

Peter Clark (Sr.) and Matilda had eight children:

Annie, born 10 May 1862, Dunbar, Had., G.;

Mary, born 29 April 1864, Lak, Glasgow, G, Scotland;

Elizabeth, born 8 April 1866; (??)

Peter, (there is a discrepancy as I had taken my information from Edith's Birthday Book, and the information from my researcher in Scotland indicates he may have been born Feb 1869, not 1866 as indicated in the Birthday Book); Archibald, born 15 July 1871, Lak, Glasgow, G, Scotland;

Jane McLeish, born 9 Feb. 1874, Lak, Glasgow, G, Scotland;

John, born about 1878, Old Kilpatrick, D, G, Scotland; and,

Matilda, born about 1881, Old Kilpatrick, D, G, Scotland. (Whatever does the D, G, stand for?)

In the 1881 census, Peter Clark (Sr.) was 45 years old, a Ship Carpenter, living at 2 Jardines Land, Old Kirkpatrick, Dumbarton, Scotland.

So, we have finished with Edith's grandparents. On to her father and mother (Peter, Jr. and Mary).

Peter Clark and Mary Stamp were married on the 22nd of August 1894 at Newcastle Upon Tyne, Northumberland, England. (LDS IGI Files) Edith was born in 22 Dec 1894 (hmmm...very interesting!),

Christina was born 17 June 1905 at Whiteinch, Glasgow, Lanark, Scotland and  
Peter Mcliesh Clark was born in 1902 at Renfrew, Renfrew, Scotland.

There is another child, John, who I don't know how he fits into the scheme. I have his birthdate as about 1888, but I cannot verify this. All I remember is my Dad telling me about the time when he was a little boy and his "Uncle John" came to visit. My son John has Uncle John's wooden tool box which has "J. Clark" carved in it. Apparently he was also a ship's carpenter and an electrician. He may have been in WWI as well. He must have been Edith's uncle.

Peter (Jr.) appears to have bettered himself and worked his way up to owning a shipyard storehouse at John Brown Shipyard.

In the 1891 census they are: (I have to find this out yet)

Peter Clark died on the 11th of November, 1948 at 22 Gladstone Street, Glasgow. He was 79 years old.

Mary, his wife, had died on the first of October 1948 at Western Infirmary, Glasgow. She had been living with her daughter, Christina Wilson, at 31 Crawford Street, Glasgow. (1) (BMD, Hillhead, Glasgow) It is interesting to note that Christina Wilson, her daughter, was the "Informant" for her mother's death, and Matilda Scott, sister of Peter (Sr.) was the "Informant" of his death. (2) (BMD, Milton, Glasgow)

Two interesting asides: (1) Mary left Peter a widower, and in the BMD's he is listed as 'storekeeper, retired, and (2) in the BMD, Mary is referred to as "the daughter of Annie Stamp, washerwoman, deceased". There are a few Annie Stamps listed on the census of Holy Island, Northumberland. In actuality, the people who lived there (it is an island when the tide is in, and has a roadway(?) connecting to the mainland when the tide is out. I have never been there so I don't know if I have described it correctly.) At any rate, it appeared to me that for the most part the people who lived there were fishermen, widows, paupers and, would it be too unkind to say, unmarried mothers?

Edith was about 19 or 20 when she came to Canada. I wonder if she had some training in cooking or as a lady's maid or kitchen maid.... My mother told me that Edith arranged to come over to Canada to go and work in Vancouver as a lady's maid. She traveled with a number of other young ladies.

The ship they traveled on was \_\_\_\_\_. They left the (date)\_\_\_\_\_ and arrived in (St. John, New Brunswick? Montreal?)\_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_(date)\_\_\_\_\_.

( I have searched only one year's ships passenger list – it is hard to get to the Provincial Archives when Saturday is the only day we have to do anything! It's open Wed evenings too and should try to plan that and at any rate, I found out her name was not on the St. John NB ships of 1912-1913 – I plan to try Montreal next time)

However, to go on, on January 7th, 1914 Edith Clark from Glasgow, granddaughter of a washerwoman, daughter of a ship's storehouse owner, married Herbert Blair Lund. Herbert was the son of Daniel Lund, (deceased) who had been a farmer and also a pioneer into what was then known as the Territories, and Charlotte Coxen, daughter of John Coxen and Catherine Knox. I know nothing about John Coxen except he may have come from Massachusetts. Catherine was born in Ireland.

There were a large number of Lunds in New Brunswick. Herbert, however, was from the family line that had moved to the Lippentott area, which is now the Maryfield/Elkhorn area of Saskatchewan and Manitoba. Herbert's grandparents, John and Mary Ann Towse Lund decided to sell their farms, pack up, and go west! They were kind enough to stay in New Brunswick long enough to be put on the 1882 census data and then they left for the Wild West.

The 1901 Census of the "Northwest Territories, which included Assiniboia District which became part of Saskatchewan in 1905) lists Herb's family as:

Lund, Charlotte, Head, Widow, age 52, b 9 July 1848 in St. John NB, came to Territories in 1892, English ancestry, Methodist, farmer. She had 8 children.

Her children living at home in 1901 were:

David A. born 1873,

Harvey W., born 1877,

Herbert B. born 4 Feb 1886 (Edith's future husband was just 15 years old), and

Helen M. born 1889. The children were all 'farm labourers.

Herb's father, Daniel, had died less than a year after they arrived in the N.W. Territories and their belongings were later destroyed in a fire. Charlotte carried on with the help of her in-laws, John and Mary Ann (Towes) Lund. Both her in-laws had been born in Yorkshire, England. The Woodville Cemetary near Elkhorn, Manitoba holds many of the pioneer Lunds.

I am not the best person to be telling the story of the Lunds. It begins in Yorkshire and goes through the Acadians, the American settlers, the Yorkshire immigrations and the Eddy Rebellion. However, my cousin Marty Lund is looking forward to telling of that tale. So I will just continue from the marriage of Herbert and Edith.

I am not sure of a few dates, however, Edith and Herbert lived in Elkhorn, Manitoba for a while. My Uncle Alfred Norman Lund was born 31 Dec. 1914. My father, Lloyd John Lund, was born there in 1918. And their younger brother, Lorne Lund was born on the 25 May 1920. At some time they spent a while in Winnipeg where Herbert learned about barbering. They moved to Birtle, Manitoba and he became the town barber for the rest of his working life.

Edith kept a boarding house for school teachers. I remember her kitchen (maybe I'll add the description of her house here). She was very active in the church, as all prairie ladies were, and her friends were known to her by their last names. She'd say, "well, I'll ask Newsham about that when I see her". Even her husband was called by his last name, "oh Lund's still at the barber shop". Her hair was always red and I understand that the Lund trait ran to red hair too. Their boys all had the red hair! Two of my granddaughters have inherited that red hair!!