Five years after his first wife's death Lionel married Jessie Grant Reid at St Joseph's Cathedral in Allahabad, Uttar Pradesh on 13<sup>th</sup> October 1932.



St Joseph's Cathedral, Allahabad

From the marriage record we can see that Lionel was living in Jabbulpore (Jabalpur) at the time and he is recorded as being a Hotel Keeper. Presumably this means he now owns a hotel in Jabalpur.

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Jessie Grant Reid

Although she is only referred to as Jessie Reid in their marriage record on the shipping list when they leave India for good in 1946 she has the initial 'G' as well. This led me to discover that she was almost certainly Jessie Grant Reid, the daughter of William Topping Reid and Elizabeth Surenne Reid. This is partially confirmed by the fact that her father's name on the marriage record is given as William. More specifically though there is a probate record for a Jessie Grant Anscombe who died in 1972.

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William Topping Reid was in the merchant navy and qualified as a First Mate in 1870. He married Elizabeth in Calcutta in 1881 and Jessie's brother and two sisters were all born in India.

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William Topping Reid Elizabeth Surenne Marriage

From his marriage record we can see that William had given up life in the Merchant Navy and become the Superintendent of Freight for the India General Steam Navigation Company. More commonly known as the British India Line this was one of largest shipping companies at the time and had opened a London – Calcutta service in 1876.

Elizabeth must have travelled back to Scotland her daughters for Jessie's birth in 1891. So when Jessie was only 3 months old her mother, sisters and ayah returned to Calcutta on the Clan Buchanan which was a relatively small steel hulled freighter that carried a few passengers, in this case 8.

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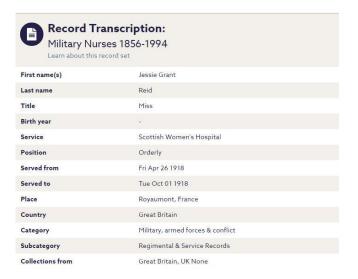
Elizabeth Reid & daughters Birkenhead - Calcutta 1892

There appears to be little information about Jessie's life in India as a girl. It's possible that she travelled back to England in 1913 although there must be some doubt as to whether the Miss Reid who travelled on the Matiana from Calcutta to London in April 1913 was Jessie because no Christian names or initials are given. However, we do know that Jessie was working as an orderly in France towards the end of the First World War. So the fact that Miss Reid was a nurse makes it quite plausible despite the fact that her given age is incorrect. We also know that later on Jessie was a governess and it's possible that the 11 year old school boy in the next record on the shipping list was in her charge

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Jessie Reid Calcutta - London 1913

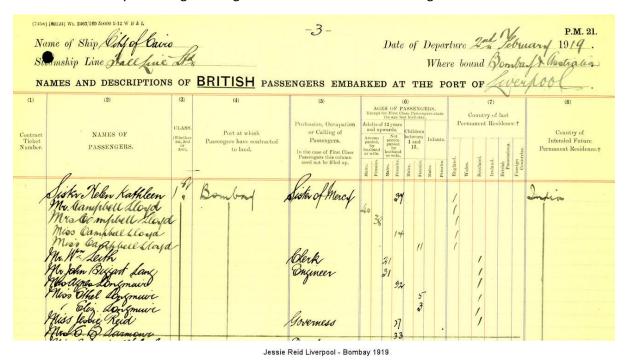
Jessie served with the Scottish Women's Hospital at Royaumont from 26<sup>th</sup> April to 1<sup>st</sup> October 1918.



This made her eligible for the British War and Victory Medals.

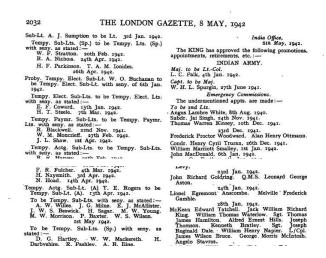
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After the war Jessie got herself a job as a Governess and travelled back to India with her charges and their mother in February 1919. Agnes Longmuir was the wife of James Longmuir a Jute Merchant in Calcutta.



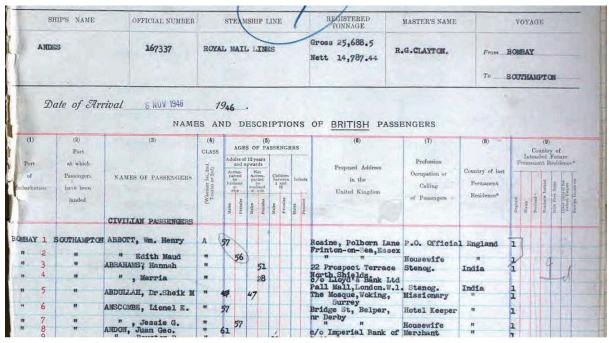
James Longmuir died in 1922 but I could find no further information about what Jessie did between 1919 and her marriage to Lionel in 1932.

Rather surprisingly perhaps the next record in Lionel's life is that he joined the Indian Army during the Second World War. According to the London Gazette he was appointed as Second Lieutenant in the Indian Army on 24<sup>th</sup> January 1942 but by 17<sup>th</sup> March of that year he is an Acting Captain.



His role throughout the war was in Military Intelligence and his name appears in the 1943 and 1944 British Army Lists with the rank of Acting Captain. During this time he was based in the Headquarters of the Army in India in New Delhi.

Following the end of war things began to change very rapidly in India as the independence movement grew stronger. In late 1946 Lionel and Jessie obviously decided to leave for good and arrived in Southampton from Bombay on 8<sup>th</sup> November 1946.

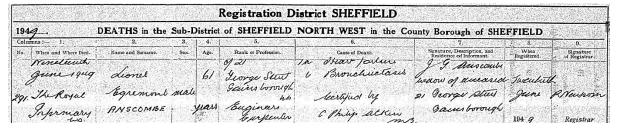


Lionel & Jessie Anscombe Bombay - Southampton 1946

The address given in the shipping list is that of Lionel's sister Gwendoline. His profession is given as Hotel Keeper which indicates that, apart from the Second World War, he spent the whole of his working life in the hotel trade.

What Lionel and Jessie did when they got back to England is a bit of a mystery. George does mention in his notes that "My father remarried later and returned to England at the great India exodus in 1947. They stayed with us in Camberley for a while and he died a few years later in Gainsborough, Lincs."

What we can be sure of is that Lionel died on 19<sup>th</sup> June 1949 in Doncaster Royal Infirmary of heart failure and bronchiectasis.



At the time he was living at 21 George Street in Gainsborough, Lincolnshire and was buried in Gainsborough on 23<sup>rd</sup> June. Interestingly his wife gives his profession as Engineer's Carpenter which seems quite different to the hotel keeper he describes himself as in 1946.



21 George Street, Gainsborough, Lincolnshire

Quite why he was living in Gainsborough is not clear but his son Frederick Alan was also living there for a long period. Whether Fred went to live with Lionel or Lionel went to live with Fred is not clear. Either way Fred married Gwendoline Golland there in 1952 and he died there in 1977.

It would appear that after Lionel's death Jessie went back to her native Scotland where she died on 29<sup>th</sup> September 1972.

ANSCOMBE Jessie Grant of 43 Princes St Edinburgh died 29 September 1972 Probate Nottingham 16 November. £120063.

This presents another mystery. The house that Jessie and Lionel were living in in Gainsborough is a relatively small terraced house, probably 'two up two down'. Yet Jessie dies 23 years later and leaves £120,000 which is equivalent to £1.6 million pounds today.