Lionel Egremont Anscombe – Jessie Reid

Five years after his first wife's death Lionel remarried a spinster, Jessie Grant Reid at Allahabad in Uttar Pradesh on 13th October 1932. As Allahabad is some 550 miles from Ambala it is likely that Lionel is managing a hotel there by this time, but there is no evidence of this.

Jessie Reid
mentioned in the record of Lionel Anscombe

Tools

Name:	Jessie Reid
Age:	41
Sex:	Female
Father:	William Reid
Husband:	Lionel Anscombe

Other information in the record of Lionel Anscombe
from India Marriages, 1792-1948

Name:	Lionel Anscombe
Event Type:	Marriage
Event Date:	13 Oct 1932
Event Place:	Bengal, India
Event Place (Original):	Allahabad, Bengal, India
Gender:	Male
Age:	42
Marital Status:	Widowed
Birth Year (Estimated):	1890
Father's Name:	Clement Anscombe
Spouse's Name:	Jessie Reid
Spouse's Gender:	Female
Spouse's Age:	41
Spouse's Marital Status:	Single
Spouse's Birth Year (Estimated):	1891
Spouse's Father's Name:	William Reid

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.

Jessie Grant Reid
Scotland Births and Baptisms, 1564-1950

Name:	Jessie Grant Reid
Event Type:	Birth
Event Date:	26 Sep 1891
Event Place:	Saint George, Edinburgh, Midlothian, Scotland, United Kingdom
Event Place (Original):	St. George, Midlothian, Scotland
Gender:	Female
Father's Name:	William Topping Reid
Mother's Name:	Elizabeth Lurenne Reid

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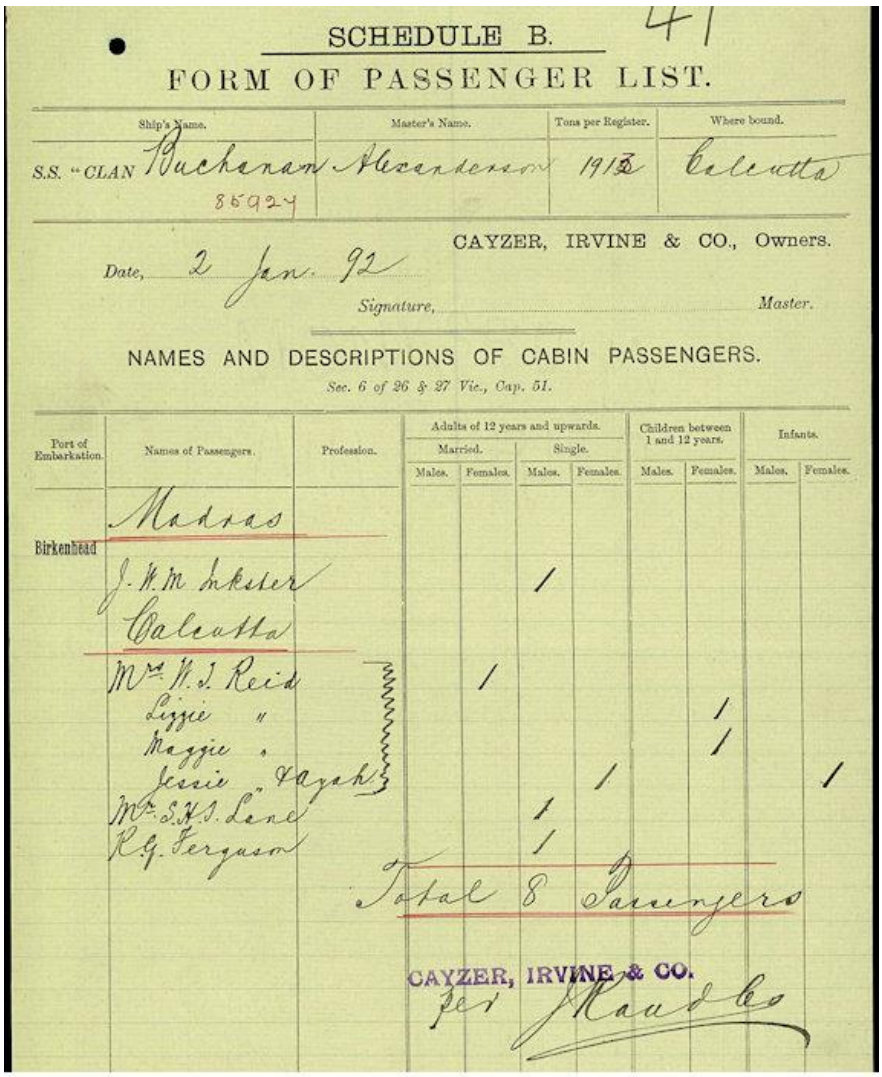
William Topping Reid was in the merchant navy and qualified as a First Mate in 1870. He married Elizabeth in Calcutta in 1881 and Jessie's brother and two sisters were all born in India. Elizabeth must have come back to Scotland her daughters for Jessie's birth in 1891. So when Jessie was only 3 months 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.



SCHEDULE B. 41

FORM OF PASSENGER LIST.

Ship's Name.	Master's Name.	Tons per Register.	Where bound.
S.S. "CLAN Buchanan 85924	Alexanderson	1912	Calcutta

CAYZER, IRVINE & CO., Owners.

Date, 2 Jan. 92

Signature, ... Master.

NAMES AND DESCRIPTIONS OF CABIN PASSENGERS.

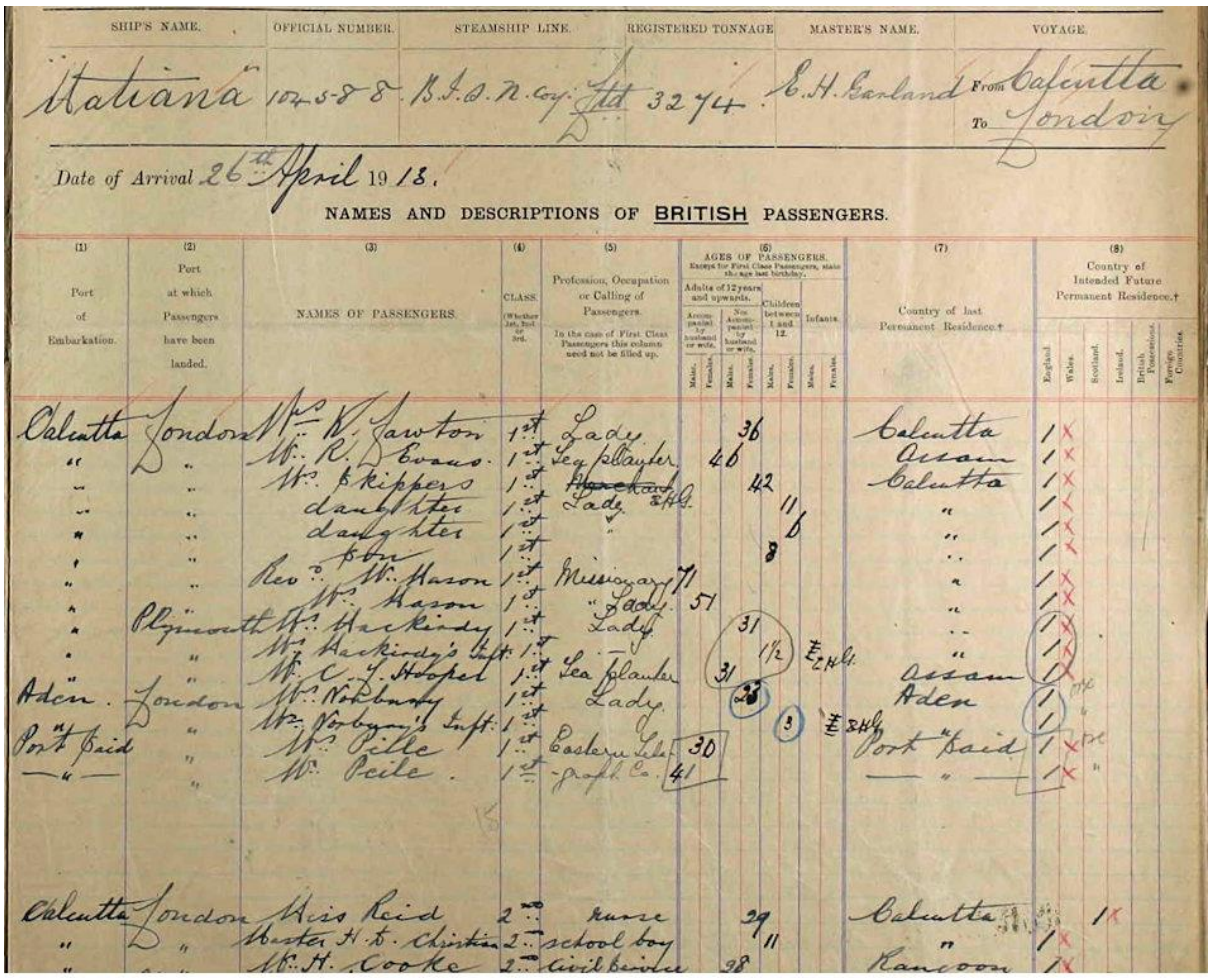
Sec. 6 of 26 & 27 Vic., Cap. 51.

Port of Embarkation.	Names of Passengers.	Profession.	Adults of 12 years and upwards. Married. Males.	Married. Females.	Single. Males.	Single. Females.	Children between 1 and 12 years. Males.	Children. Females.	Infants. Males.	Infants. Females.
	Madras									
Birkenhead	J. H. M. Inkster				1					
	Calcutta									
	Mrs W. J. Reid			1						
	Lizzie "							1		
	Maggie "							1		
	Jessie " Nayah					1				1
	Mr S. H. S. Lane				1					
	R. G. Ferguson				1					
	Total 8 Passengers									

CAYZER, IRVINE & CO.
per J. Maudes

Elizabeth Reid & daughters Birkenhead - Calcutta 1892

There appears to be little information about Jessie's life in India as a girl, but when she left school she must have trained as a nurse. She appears to have travelled back to England in 1913. There must be some doubt as to whether the Miss Reid who travelled on the Matiana from Calcutta to London in April 1913 because no Christian names or initials are given. However, we do know that Jessie was working as an orderly for the French Red Cross in France towards the end of the First World War. So it is quite plausible.



SHIP'S NAME: Italiana | OFFICIAL NUMBER: 104588 | STEAMSHIP LINE: B.I.S.N. Coy. Ltd | REGISTERED TONNAGE: 3274 | MASTER'S NAME: E.H. Garland | VOYAGE: From Calcutta To London

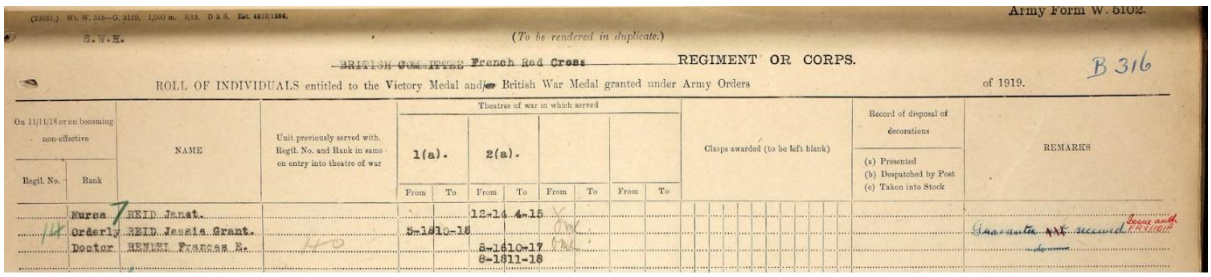
Date of Arrival 26th April 1918.

NAMES AND DESCRIPTIONS OF BRITISH PASSENGERS.

(1) Port of Embarkation.	(2) Port at which Passengers have been landed.	(3) NAMES OF PASSENGERS.	(4) CLASS.	(5) Profession, Occupation or Calling of Passengers.	(6) AGES OF PASSENGERS. Adults of 12 years and upwards. Accompanied by husband or wife. Male.	Female.	Unaccompanied. Male.	Female.	Children between 1 and 12. Male.	Female.	Infants. Male.	Female.	(7) Country of last Permanent Residence.†	(8) Country of Intended Future Permanent Residence.† England.	Wales.	Scotland.	Ireland.	British Possessions.	Foreign Countries.
Calcutta	London	Mrs W. Lawton	1st	Lady			36						Calcutta	/	X				
"	"	Mr R. Evans	1st	Sea Planter	46								Assam	/	X				
"	"	Mrs Kippers	1st	~~Planter~~			42						Calcutta	/	X				
"	"	daughter	1st	Lady					11				"	/	X				
"	"	daughter	1st	"					6				"	/	X				
"	"	Son	1st						8				"	/	X				
"	"	Rev Mr Mason	1st	Missionary	71								"	/	X				
"	"	Mrs Mason	1st	" Lady	51								"	/	X				
"	Plymouth	Mr Hackinday	1st	Lady			31						"	/	X				
"	"	Mrs Hackinday's Inft	1st	—					1½		E & H		"	/	X				
"	"	Mr C. J. Hooper	1st	Sea Planter	31								Assam	/					
Aden	London	Mr Norbury	1st	Lady			23						Aden	/					
Port Said	"	Mrs Norbury's Inft	1st						3		E & H		"	/					
"	"	Mr Pelle	1st	Eastern Telegraph Co.	30								Port Said	/	X				
— " —	"	Mr Pelle	1st		41								— " —	/	X				
Calcutta	London	Miss Reid	2nd	nurse			29						Calcutta			X			
"	"	Master H. B. Christian	2nd	school boy					11				"	/	X				
"	"	Mr H. Cooke	2nd	civil broker			38						Rangoon	/	X				

Jessie Reid Calcutta - London 1913

She definitely came back to Europe some time before 1918 because she was eligible for the Victory and British War medals for her service as an Orderly with the French Red Cross. The medal roll indicates that she served as an orderly from May to October 1918.



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~~BRITISH COM. TRUS~~ French Red Cross REGIMENT OR CORPS.

ROLL OF INDIVIDUALS entitled to the Victory Medal and/or British War Medal granted under Army Orders of 1919. B 316

On 11/11/18 or on becoming non-effective: Regtl. No.	Rank	NAME	Unit previously served with. Regtl. No. and Rank in same on entry into theatre of war	Theatres of war in which served: 1(a). From	To	2(a). From	To	From	To	From	To	Clasps awarded (to be left blank)	Record of disposal of decorations (a) Presented (b) Despatched by Post (c) Taken into Stock	REMARKS
	Nurse	REID Janet				12-14	4-15							
	Orderly	REID Jessie Grant		5-18	10-18									Gazetted ~~not~~ received Issue and
	Doctor	REIDI Frances E.				8-16	10-17							
						8-16	11-18							

Jessie Grant Reid Victory and British War Medal

I can find no information about what happened to Jessie between 1918 and 1932 when she married Lionel. Presumably she returned to India, possibly to stay or live with another family member. We know for example that her brother, William, remained in India all his life.

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 24th January 1942 but by 17th March of that year he is an Acting Captain.

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Sub-Lt. A. J. Sumption to be Lt. 3rd Jan. 1942.

Tempy. Sub-Lts. (Sp.) to be Tempy. Lts. (Sp.) with seny. as stated:—
W. F. Stratton. 20th Feb. 1942.
R. A. Nichols. 24th Apr. 1942.
H. F. Parkinson. T. A. M. Ionides. 26th Apr. 1942.

Proby. Tempy. Elect. Sub-Lt. W. O. Buchanan to be Tempy. Elect. Sub-Lt. with seny. of 6th Jan. 1942.

Tempy. Elect. Sub-Lts. to be Tempy. Elect. Lts. with seny. as stated:—
E. F. Coward. 15th Jan. 1942.
H. T. Steele. 7th Mar. 1942.

Tempy. Paymr. Sub-Lts. to be Tempy. Paymr. Lts. with seny. as stated:—
R. Blackwell. 22nd Nov. 1941.
W. M. Moncrieff. 27th Feb. 1942.
J. L. Shaw. 1st Apr. 1942.

Tempy. Actg. Sub-Lts. to be Tempy. Sub-Lts. with seny. as stated:—
R. K. Harvey. 25th Feb. 1942.
F. R. Fulcher. 4th Mar. 1942.
H. Naysmith. 3rd Apr. 1942.
N. Hoad. 14th Apr. 1942.

Tempy. Actg. Sub-Lt. (A) T. E. Rogers to be Tempy. Sub-Lt. (A). 13th Apr. 1942.

To be Tempy. Sub-Lts. with seny. as stated:—
A. W. Willee. J. G. Milne. E. J. McAllister. J. W. S. Beswick. H. Sagar. M. W. Young. M. W. Morrison. P. Baxter. W. S. Wilson. 1st May 1942.

To be Tempy. Sub-Lts. (Sp.) with seny. as stated:—
D. G. Hartley. W. W. Mackereth. H. Darbyshire. R. Pashley. A. B. Iline.

India Office,
8th May, 1942.

The KING has approved the following promotions, appointments, retirements, etc.:—

INDIAN ARMY.

Maj. to be Lt.-Col.
L. C. Palk, 4th Jan. 1942.

Capt. to be Maj.
W. H. L. Spurgin, 27th June 1941.

Emergency Commissions.

The undermentioned appts. are made:—

To be 2nd Lts.
Angus Lambre White, 8th Aug. 1940.
Subdr. Jai Singh, 24th Nov. 1941.
Thomas Warren Kinsey, 10th Dec. 1941.
23rd Dec. 1941.
Frederick Proctor Woodward. Alan Henry Ottmann.
Condr. Henry Cyril Truran, 26th Dec. 1941.
William Marriott Smalley, 1st Jan. 1942.
John MacDonald, 6th Jan. 1942.
Levy.
23rd Jan. 1942.
John Richard Goldring. Q.M.S. Leonard George Aston.
24th Jan. 1942.
Lionel Egremont Anscombe. Melville Frederick Gamble.
28th Jan. 1942.
McKean Edward Tatchell. Jack William Richard King. William Thomas Waterlow. Sgt. Thomas James Hamilton. Alfred Ernest Hills. Joseph Thomson. Kenneth Bratley. Sgt. Joseph Reginald Dale. William Henry Napier. L/Cpl. James Wilson Bruce. George Morris McIntosh. Angelo Stavros.

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 8th November 1946.

SHIP'S NAME	OFFICIAL NUMBER	STEAMSHIP LINE	REGISTERED TONNAGE	MASTER'S NAME	VOYAGE
ANDES	167337	ROYAL MAIL LINES	Gross 25,688.5 Nett 14,787.44	R.G.CLAYTON.	From BOMBAY To SOUTHAMPTON

Date of Arrival 8 NOV 1946 *1946*.

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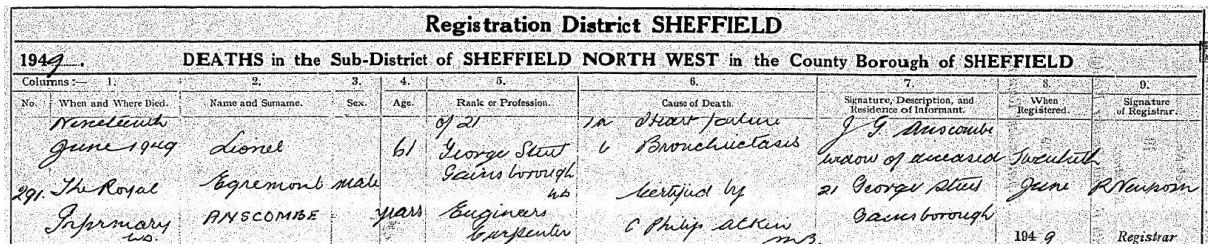
		CIVILIAN PASSENGERS																			
BOMBAY 1	SOUTHAMPTON	ABBOTT, Wm. Henry	A	57								Rosine, Polborn Lane Frinton-on-Sea, Essex	P.O. Official	England	1						
" 2	"	" Edith Maud	"		56							" "	Housewife	"	1						
" 3	"	ABRAHAMS, Hannah	"			51						22 Prospect Terrace North Shields.	Stenog.	India	1						
" 4	"	" , Merria	"			28						c/o Lloyd's Bank Ltd Pall Mall, London.W.1.	Stenog.	India	1						
" 5	"	ABDULLAH, Dr.Sheik M	"	47		47						The Mosque, Woking, Surrey	Missionary	"	1						
" 6	"	ANSCOMBE, Lionel E.	"	57								Bridge St, Belper, nr Derby	Hotel Keeper	"	1						
" 7	"	" , Jessie G.	"		57							" "	Housewife	"	1						
" 8	"	ANDON, Juan Geo.	"	61								c/o Imperial Bank of	Merchant	"	1						

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 19th June 1949 in Doncaster Royal Infirmary of heart failure and bronchiectasis.



Registration District SHEFFIELD

1949. DEATHS in the Sub-District of SHEFFIELD NORTH WEST in the County Borough of SHEFFIELD

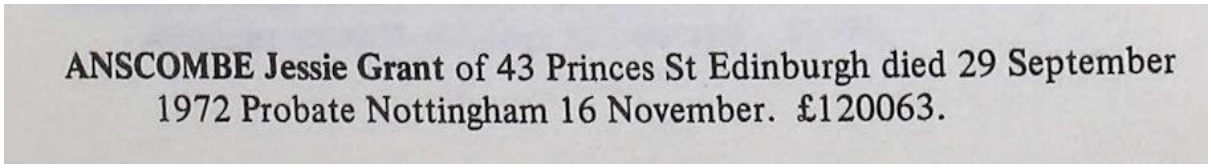
Columns:— 1.		2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.
No.	When and Where Died.	Name and Surname.	Sex.	Age.	Rank or Profession.	Cause of Death.	Signature, Description, and Residence of Informant.	When Registered.	Signature of Registrar.
291.	Nineteenth June 1949 The Royal Infirmary	Lionel Egremont ANSCOMBE	male	61 years	of 21 George Street Gainsborough Engineers Carpenter	1a Heart failure b Bronchiectasis certified by C Philip Atkin M.B.	J. G. Anscombe widow of deceased 21 George Street Gainsborough	Twelfth June 1949	R Newson Registrar

At the time he was living at 21 George Street in Gainsborough, Lincolnshire and was buried in Gainsborough on 23rd 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 29th 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.