

## Lionel Egremont Anscombe – Jessie Reid

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 Jabulpore (Jabalpur) at the time and he is recorded as being a Hotel Keeper. Presumably this means he now owns a hotel in Jabalpur.

Return of MARRIAGES solemnized at St. Joseph's Cathedral, Allahabad. (Being an extract from the Register of Marriages.)																
When Married.			Name of Parties.		Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	By Name or Locome.	Signatures of the Parties.	Witnesses present (two or more).		Person by whom the ceremony was performed.		
Year.	Month.	Day.	Christian.	Surname.								Full name.	Signature.	Full name.	Designation.	Signature.
1932	October	13 <sup>th</sup>	Lionel Anscombe	Jessie Reid	42 41	Widower Spinster	Hotel-keeper Allahabad	Jabalpur Allahabad	Eleazar Anscombe William Reid	Eleazar James Reid	Eleazar Anscombe James Reid	Father Francis Pelley Father Leo Parvise	Father Hyacinthos O. P. Catholic Chaplain			
1932	Decem.	15	Charles Grant Willes Mary Thelma Brendish	Dickson Brendish	25 21	Bachelor Spinster	Believing and Master E. T. B.	Lucknow Allahabad	William Joseph Benjamin Brendish	Dickson Benjamin Brendish	C. Dickson M. P. Brendish	Leonard Helen Brendish	E. Brendish H. Brendish	Father Richard O. P. R. C. Chaplain		

I, Fr. Richard, do hereby certify that the above are true and faithful copies of all entries in the Register of Marriages kept at St. Joseph's Cathedral, Allahabad as therein entered and made between the first day of October and the thirty first day of December in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and thirty two (1932).

The entire return contains two entries.

Place Allahabad Signature Fr. Richard

Dated the first day of January 1933 Designation R. C. Chaplain

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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 Surene 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		Record Collection:	
Scotland Births and Baptisms, 1564-1950		Scotland Births and Baptisms, 1564-1950	
Name:	Jessie Grant Reid	<b>Document Information:</b>	
Event Type:	Birth	Reference ID	v 685-1 p 702
Event Date:	26 Sep 1891	GS Film Number	255152
Event Place:	Saint George, Edinburgh, Midlothian, Scotland, United Kingdom	Digital Folder Number	008135882
Event Place (Original):	St. George, Midlothian, Scotland	Image Number	00400
Gender:	Female	Indexing Project (Batch) Number	C01954-7
Father's Name:	William Topping Reid		
Mother's Name:	Elizabeth Lurenne Reid		

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.

MARRIAGES solemnized at St. Andrew's Church, Calcutta.											
When married. Day, Month, Year.	NAMES OF PARTIES.		Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	By Banns or Licence.	Signatures of the Parties.	Signatures of two or more Witnesses present.	Signature by whom married.
	Christian.	Surname.									
1881	William Topping	Reid	35	Bachelor	Superintendent of Freight India General Steam Navigation Company.	Calcutta	David Reid	By Banns.	W. J. Reid Elizabeth Surenne.	G. Bell. Witness H. J. Bell. Witness L. Brynmor. Witness	George G. Gyllan, M. A., Senior Chaplain of St. Andrew's Church.
4 <sup>th</sup> July	Elizabeth	Surenne	29	Spinster		Calcutta	John Thomas Surenne.				

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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**SCHEDULE B.**

**FORM OF PASSENGER LIST.**

Ship's Name.	Master's Name.	Tons per Register.	Where bound.
S.S. "CLAN Buchanan" 85924	Alexander	1913	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.				Children between 1 and 12 years.		Infants.	
			Married.		Single.		Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
			Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.				
Birkenhead	Madras									
	J. H. M. Inkster				1					
	Calcutta									
	Mrs. W. J. Reid			1						
	Lizzie "							1		
	Maggie "							1		
	Jessie "					1				1
	Mrs. S. H. S. Lane				1					
	R. G. Ferguson				1					
	Total 8 Passengers									

CAYZER, IRVINE & CO.  
per [Signature]

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

SHIP'S NAME.	OFFICIAL NUMBER.	STEAMSHIP LINE.	REGISTERED TONNAGE.	MASTER'S NAME.	VOYAGE.		
Matiana	102588	B.T.O.N. Co. Ltd	3274	E.H. Garland	From Calcutta To London		
Date of Arrival 26 <sup>th</sup> April 1913.							
NAMES AND DESCRIPTIONS OF BRITISH PASSENGERS.							
(1) Port of Embarkation.	(2) Port at which Passengers have been landed.	(3) NAMES OF PASSENGERS.	(4) CLASS (Whether 1st, 2nd or 3rd.)	(5) Profession, Occupation or Calling of Passengers.  In the case of First Class Passengers this column need not be filled up.	(6) AGES OF PASSENGERS. Exempt for First Class Passengers, state the age last birthday.  Adults of 12 years and upwards.  Children between 1 and 12.  Infants.  Accompanied by husband or wife.  Males. Females. Males. Females. Males. Females.	(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	1 <sup>st</sup>	Lady	36	Calcutta	1
"	"	W. R. Evans	1 <sup>st</sup>	Leg. Attache	46	Assam	1
"	"	W. P. Kippers	1 <sup>st</sup>	Household	42	Calcutta	1
"	"	daughters	1 <sup>st</sup>	Lady	11	"	1
"	"	daughters	1 <sup>st</sup>	"	6	"	1
"	"	Rev. W. Mason	1 <sup>st</sup>	Minister	3	"	1
"	"	W. Mason	1 <sup>st</sup>	"	51	"	1
Plymouth	"	W. Mackinder	1 <sup>st</sup>	Lady	31	"	1
"	"	W. Mackinder's wife	1 <sup>st</sup>	"	1 1/2	"	1
"	"	W. C. Y. Hooper	1 <sup>st</sup>	Sea planter	31	Assam	1
Aden	London	W. Robinson	1 <sup>st</sup>	Lady	28	Aden	1
"	"	W. Robinson's wife	1 <sup>st</sup>	"	3	"	1
Port Said	"	W. Peile	1 <sup>st</sup>	Eastern Co.	30	Port Said	1
"	"	W. Peile	1 <sup>st</sup>	graph. Co.	41	"	1
Calcutta	London	Miss Reid	2 <sup>nd</sup>	nurse	29	Calcutta	1
"	"	Master H. D. Christie	2 <sup>nd</sup>	school boy	11	"	1
"	"	W. H. Cooke	2 <sup>nd</sup>	girl service	28	"	1

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.

Record Transcription:	
Military Nurses 1856-1994	
Learn about this record set	
First name(s)	Jessie Grant
Last name	Reid
Title	Miss
Birth year	-
Service	Scottish Women's Hospital
Position	Orderly
Served from	Fri Apr 26 1918
Served to	Tue Oct 01 1918
Place	Royaumont, France
Country	Great Britain
Category	Military, armed forces & conflict
Subcategory	Regimental & Service Records
Collections from	Great Britain, UK None

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

Army Form W. 5102

(To be rendered in duplicate.)

BRITISH WAR AND VICTORY MEDALS REGIMENT OR CORPS.

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

On 11/11/18 or becoming non-effective	NAME	Unit previously served with. Regt. No. and Rank in same on entry into theatre of war	Theatre of war in which served								Clasps awarded (to be left blank)	Record of disposal of decorations (a) Presented (b) Despatched by Post (c) Taken into Stock	REMARKS
			1(a).		2(a).		3(a).		4(a).				
Regt. No.	Rank		From	To	From	To	From	To	From	To			
18	Surgeon	REID, Janet.			12-14	4-15							
	Orderly	REID, Jessie Grant.	8-10-18										
	Doctor	REID, FRANKLIN M.	8-10-18		8-10-17								

Jessie Grant Reid Victory and British War Medal

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.

(7459) (80124) Wt. 2463/160 50000 5-12 W B & L

Name of Ship *City of Cairo* Date of Departure *2nd February 1919* P.M. 21.

Steamship Line *Hall & Co.* Where bound *Bombay & Australia*

NAMES AND DESCRIPTIONS OF **BRITISH** PASSENGERS EMBARKED AT THE PORT OF *Liverpool*.

(1) Contract Ticket Number.	(2) NAMES OF PASSENGERS.	(3) CLASS. (Whether 1st, 2nd or 3rd).	(4) Port at which Passengers have contracted to land.	(5) Profession, Occupation or Calling of Passengers. In the case of First Class Passengers this column need not be filled up.	(6) AGES OF PASSENGERS. Except for First Class Passengers state the age last birthday.						(7) Country of last Permanent Residence.†						(8) Country of Intended Future Permanent Residence.†
					Adults of 12 years and upwards.		Children between 1 and 12.		Infants.		England, Wales, Scotland, Ireland, British Possessions, Foreign Countries.						
					Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.			
	<i>Sister Helen Kathleen</i>		<i>Bombay</i>	<i>Sister of Mercy</i>											<i>India</i>		
	<i>Mrs Campbell Lloyd</i>																
	<i>Miss Campbell Lloyd</i>																
	<i>Miss Campbell Lloyd</i>																
	<i>Mrs Wm. Leith</i>																
	<i>Mrs John Burnett Lane</i>			<i>Clerk</i>													
	<i>Miss Agnes Longmuir</i>			<i>Engineer</i>													
	<i>Miss Ethel Longmuir</i>																
	<i>Miss Jessie Reid</i>			<i>Governess</i>													
	<i>Miss Jessie Reid</i>																
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Jessie Reid Liverpool - Bombay 1919

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.

2032 THE LONDON GAZETTE, 8 MAY, 1942

Sub-Lt. A. J. Sumption to be Lt. 3rd Jan. 1942.  
Temp. Sub-Lts. (Sp.) to be Temp. Lts. (Sp.)  
with seny. as stated:—  
W. F. Stratton. 20th Feb. 1942.  
R. A. Nicholas. 24th Apr. 1942.  
H. F. Parkinson. T. A. M. Ionides.  
26th Apr. 1942.

Proby. Temp. Elect. Sub-Lt. W. O. Buchanan to  
be Temp. Elect. Sub-Lt. with seny. of 6th Jan.  
1942.  
Temp. Elect. Sub-Lts. to be Temp. Elect. Lts.  
with seny. as stated:—  
E. F. Coward. 15th Jan. 1942.  
H. T. Steele. 7th Mar. 1942.

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

Temp. Actg. Sub-Lts. to be Temp. Sub-Lts.  
with seny. as stated:—  
R. W. Henson. 24th Feb. 1942.

E. R. Fulcher. 4th Mar. 1942.  
H. Naysmith. 3rd Apr. 1942.  
N. Hoad. 14th Apr. 1942.

Temp. Actg. Sub-Lt. (A) T. E. Rogers to be  
Temp. Sub-Lt. (A). 13th Apr. 1942.  
To be Temp. Sub-Lts. with seny. as stated:—  
A. W. Wilce. J. G. Milne. E. J. McAllister.  
J. W. S. Berwick. H. Sagar. M. W. Young.  
M. W. Morrison. P. Baxter. W. S. Wilson.  
1st May 1942.

To be Temp. Sub-Lts. (Sp.) with seny. as  
stated:—  
D. G. Hartley. W. W. Mackereth. H.  
Darbshire. R. Pashlev. A. B. Tinn.

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 Lambie 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  
Camble.

28th Jan. 1942.  
McKean Edward Tatchell. Jack William Richard  
King. William Thomas Waterlow. Sgt. Thomas  
James Hamilton. Alfred Ernest Hilla. Joseph  
Thomson. Kenneth Bratley. Sgt. Joseph  
Reginald Dale. William Henry Napier. Lt.-Col.  
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 8<sup>th</sup> 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

NAMES AND DESCRIPTIONS OF BRITISH PASSENGERS

(1) Port of embarkation	(2) Port at which passengers have been landed	(3) NAMES OF PASSENGERS	(4) CLASS <small>(Whether 1st, 2nd, 3rd or 4th)</small>	(5) AGES OF PASSENGERS						(6) Proposed Address in the United Kingdom	(7) Profession Occupation or Calling of Passengers	(8) Country of last Permanent Residence*	(9) Country of Intended Future Permanent Residence*					
				Adults of 12 years and upwards		Not Accompanied by husband or wife		Children between 1 and 11					Infants					
				Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females				Males	Females				
CIVILIAN PASSENGERS																		
BOMBAY	1	SOUTHAMPTON	ABBOTT, Wm. Henry	A	57						Rosine, Polbarn Lane Frinton-on-Sea, Essex	P.O. Official England	1					
"	2	"	" Edith Maud	"	56						" " "	Housewife	"	1				
"	3	"	ABRAHAM, Hannah	"			51				22 Prospect Terrace North Shields	Stenog.	India	1				
"	4	"	" , Merria	"			28				6/o Lloyd's Bank Ltd Pall Mall, London, W.1.	Stenog.	India	1				
"	5	"	ABDULLAH, Dr. Sheikh M	"	47						The Mosque, Woking, Surrey	Missionary	"	1				
"	6	"	ANSCOMBE, Lionel E.	"	57						Bridge St, Belper, Derby	Hotel Keeper	"	1				
"	7	"	" , Jessie G.	"	57						" " "	Housewife	"	1				
"	8	"	ANDON, Juan Geo.	"	61						c/o Imperial Bank of Merchant	Merchant	"	1				

Lionel & Jessie Ancombe Bombay - Southampton 1946

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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.

Registration District SHEFFIELD									
DEATHS in the Sub-District of SHEFFIELD NORTH WEST in the County Borough of SHEFFIELD									
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.
1949	June 1949	Lionel	male	61	George Street Gainsborough	Heart failure Bronchiectasis	J. J. Anscombe Widow of deceased	June 1949	R. Thompson
	29. The Royal Infirmary	EGREMONT	male	57	Engineer's Carpenter	Certified by C. Philip Alkin	21 George Street Gainsborough	194-9	Registrar

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.