

= James Crumley (footballer) =

James Brymer Crumley (17 July 1890 ? 1981) , also known as Jamie , Jim or Jimmy Crumley , was a Scottish footballer who played as a goalkeeper .

A native of Dundee , Crumley began his football career with Junior club Harp , from where he moved into the senior ranks , spending the 1911 ? 12 Scottish League season with Dundee Hibernian . He played in America for two seasons , then returned to Scotland where he kept goal for Central League team Arbroath before serving with the Royal Engineers during the First World War . He resumed his football career with a brief return to Dundee Hibs , then moved south of the border to play for Swansea Town , initially in the Southern League and then for three seasons in the English Football League . This was followed by a year with Bristol City , two seasons with Darlington , whom he helped gain promotion to the Second Division , and three years with Bournemouth & Boscombe Athletic where he finished his career .

= = Personal life = =

Crumley was born in Dundee in 1890 , the son of William Ferguson Crumley , a tinsmith . His older brother , Bob Crumley , also played professionally as a goalkeeper , and was in the Dundee team that won the 1910 Scottish Cup Final , defeating Clyde after two replays . The passenger list when he sailed for America in 1912 listed his occupation as that of blacksmith . During the First World War , Crumley joined the Royal Engineers . By mid @-@ 1915 , he was a section corporal stationed near Dundee , and he went to reach the rank of sergeant and served in France . He was twice mentioned in despatches , and was wounded and affected by shell shock .

He married Eva Caroline Camamile at All Saints ' Church , Winthorpe , Nottinghamshire , in 1921 . In 1932 , while working as traffic manager for a lorry firm , Crumley suffered head injuries when the lorry he was travelling in struck a stationary vehicle ; his two colleagues were killed . At the time , he was living in the Kensington district of London . His death at the age of 90 was registered in the second quarter of 1981 in the Merton registration district , which covers the London Borough of Merton .

= = Football career = =

= = = Early career = = =

Crumley joined Dundee Hibernian from Junior club Harp in September 1911 . The Courier thought the club had " done a good stroke of business " in recruiting " without doubt one of the finest goalkeepers in the district " . He went straight into the team for the Second Division visit to Albion Rovers on 16 September , and missed only one match between then and the end of the season . He did not re @-@ sign for the new season , because he intended to go to America to play football , but before he left in October , he appeared for Vale of Atholl in the Qualifying Cup .

While in America he was reported to have played for a variety of clubs , including Paterson Rangers , IRT Strollers , for whom he appeared on the losing side in the (New York) Metropolitan League Cup , and New York Celtic . He was selected in goal for the New York State Amateur League representative eleven to face the National Association Football League on New Year 's Day 1914 ; his team lost 3 ? 1 . In June of that year , he returned to Scotland on the SS California . The liner ran aground off the coast of Ireland with more than a thousand passengers aboard , all of whom had to be transferred to other vessels to complete their crossing .

Bob Crumley had captained Central League club Arbroath in the 1913 ? 14 season , but when his work restricted his availability , he recommended the club try his brother instead . Crumley " worthily upheld his reputation " , appearing in 31 of the 32 matches played in all competitions . During the First World War , Crumley played for his regimental team , and for English clubs Nottingham Forest and Swindon Town , when his military duties allowed .

== = Post @-@ war career = = =

Dundee Hibs had retained his registration ever since he left the club in 1912 , and he resumed playing for them in March 1919 . He signed on again for the 1919 ? 20 Eastern League season , and his performances attracted attention from clubs outside Scotland . On 20 December 1919 , he signed for Swansea Town , then a Southern League club , for a fee reported to be over £ 200 . Crumley himself received a share of the fee as well as wages of £ 6 a week , and the Dundee People 's Journal wished him well : " A cheery personality in the pavilion and out of it , James Crumley deserves the best , for he 's a tip @-@ top player , and a ' sport ' in victory and defeat alike . "

He went straight into the first team for the Christmas fixtures against Bristol Rovers ; although Swansea conceded three goals in the away match , the Cambrian Daily Leader stated that " one could not improve on Crumley as a goalie . " The following March , he was selected to keep goal for a Southern League Welsh XI against their English counterparts . Swansea were elected to the Football League in 1920 , when a new Third Division was formed from the majority of the previous season 's Southern League First Division clubs . Crumley played early in the season , but did not keep his place . A year later , the Sunday Post suggested he had " improved wonderfully since the opening of last season " , but although he remained with Swansea until 1923 , he played mainly for the reserve team .

Crumley joined Bristol City , newly promoted to the Second Division for 1923 ? 24 , as a backup to Frank Vallis . By 13 October , with Bristol City already bottom of the table and both Vallis and Robert Goddard already tried in goal , Crumley made his debut in a 1 ? 1 draw with Southampton . According to the Western Daily Press , he had nothing to do , so " we [had] yet to learn ... how good he is when asked to meet League requirements " . He kept his place for the next match , a 1 ? 0 defeat to Fulham , in which he exhibited a tendency to rush off his line when he should not , but that was his last appearance in the League side .

== = Later career = = =

When Andy Greig was released by Third Division North club Darlington in June 1924 for financial reasons , Crumley signed as his replacement ; his brother had kept goal for the club when they played in the North @-@ Eastern League before the war . Crumley was ever @-@ present as Darlington won the division and consequent promotion to the Second Division . Although the record @-@ breaking goalscoring of Davie Brown attracted most attention , Crumley 's contribution to his club 's success was generally appreciated . A profile in the Derby Daily Telegraph at the start of the new season described him as " not as tall as some goalkeepers , but his sense of anticipation is highly developed , while his judgment is good , hands safe , and his clearances pronounced . " Performances such as that in a draw with Chelsea in October 1925 , when " practically every report of the match , in which two goals were divided , declared Crumley as one of the best on the field " , led to speculation about his possible selection for the Scotland national team , yet two weeks after the Chelsea match , after 55 consecutive first @-@ team appearances , he was dropped to the reserves in favour of John Maughan . The two shared goalkeeping duties for the remainder of the season , Crumley making 24 league appearances . He was not included on Darlington 's retained list , and signed for Third Division South club Bournemouth & Boscombe Athletic .

Crumley began his Bournemouth career as reserve , but was in the first team by mid @-@ September . According to the Daily Express , it was due to Crumley 's " heroic efforts " that Coventry City 's score was restricted to six , but in October , he scored an own goal in a draw with Merthyr Town and then fumbled a cross to gift Exeter City a goal . He and Jock Robson each made 42 appearances in league matches over their first two seasons , after which Crumley was retained for 1928 ? 29 but used mainly as backup for Peter McSevich . Crumley retired at the end of that season , having made 147 appearances over a nine @-@ year career in the English Football League .