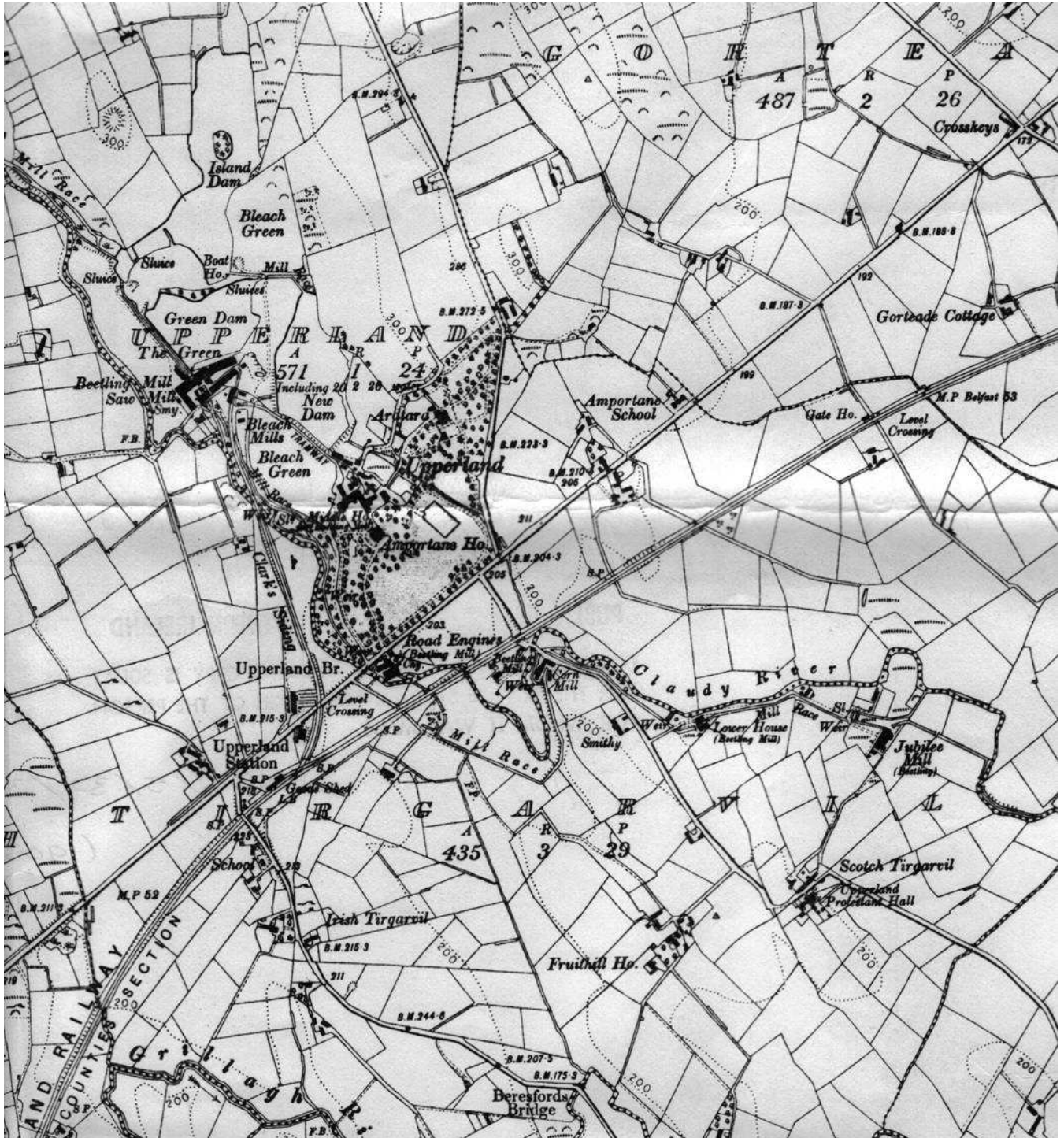


The Family of William Campbell living in Upperland in 1901

William Campbell and his family were listed in both the 1901 and the 1911 Census Returns for the townland of Upperland. The townland of Upperland contained part of the village of Upperlands. The remainder of the village lay within the adjoining townland of Tigarvil. In fact the map below, dated 1905, shows that the railway station of the Derry Central Railway was located in Tigarvil.

I have not been able to locate, precisely, the house where the family were living. I think it was near Ampertaine School which was located beside the main road to Kilrea. My reason for thinking this is the fact that in both the 1901 and 1911 Census Form B1, House and Building Return, the house appeared in the list next to Ampertaine School.



PRONI: OS/6/5/32/3 [1905]

1901 Census [Swatragh DED] [PRONI: MIC354/5/37]

Below are details of the persons resident in the house of William Campbell of Upperland on the night of the 31st March 1901 when the Census was taken. There were seven persons, including his wife and five children. The house the family lived in had 2 front windows and 4 rooms.

House No.	Forename	Surname	Relationship	Religion	Education	Age	Sex	Profession	Marriage	Where Born
52	William	Campbell	Head of Family	Church of Ireland	Read & write	37	M	National School Teacher	Married	Co. Londonderry
52	Edith Rosetta	Campbell	Wife	Church of Ireland	Read & write	32	F	National School Teacher	Married	Co. Down
52	Ralph Valentine	Campbell	Son	Church of Ireland	Read & write	6	M	Scholar	Not married	Co. Londonderry
52	Kenneth	Campbell	Son	Church of Ireland	Read & write	5	M	Scholar	Not married	Co. Antrim
52	Royston D.	Campbell	Son	Church of Ireland	Cannot read	3	M	Scholar	Not married	Co. Wicklow
52	Geoffrey William	Campbell	Son	Church of Ireland	Cannot read	2	M		Not married	Co. Wicklow
52	Hazel	Campbell	Daughter	Church of Ireland	Cannot read	10 months	F		Not married	Co. Londonderry

The family was also listed in the 1911 Census [NAI: 1911 Online Census] still living in the townland of Upperland, probably in the same house with 2 front windows and 4 rooms. Their son Ralph was not present in the house on the night of the census. There were two additions to the family – James and John who must have born c. 1903 and 1906.

House No.	Forename	Surname	Relationship	Religion	Education	Age	Sex	Profession	Marriage	Where Born
12	William	Campbell	Head of Family	Church of Ireland	Read & write	47	M	National School Teacher	Married	Co. Derry
12	Edith Rosetta	Campbell	Wife	Church of Ireland	Read & write	42	F	National School Teacher	Married	Co. Down
12	Kenneth	Campbell	Son	Church of Ireland	Read & write	15	M	Scholar	Single	Co. Antrim
12	Royston D.	Campbell	Son	Church of Ireland	Read & write	13	M	Scholar	Single	Co. Wicklow
12	Geoffrey William	Campbell	Son	Church of Ireland	Read & write	12	M	Scholar	Single	Co. Wicklow
12	Hazel	Campbell	Daughter	Church of Ireland	Read & write	10	F	Scholar	Single	Co. Derry
12	James	Campbell	Son	Church of Ireland	Read & write	8	M	Scholar	Single	Co. Derry
12	John	Campbell	Son	Church of Ireland	Read & write	5	M	Scholar	Single	Co. Derry

Married 18 years – 7 children born alive – 7 still alive in 1911.

Clearly, as the information above shows, this was a family headed by schoolteachers who had moved around in the nine years or so since the mother and father were married. William, the head of the family was born in Co. Londonderry c.1864. His wife Edith Rosetta Valentine was born c.1869 in Co. Down. Assuming that Ralph Valentine was their eldest child, they must have been married c.1894. The birthplaces of their children suggest that their married life began in Co. Londonderry. They then moved to Co. Antrim, then to Co. Wicklow and must have arrived in Upperlands c.1900 to teach in Ampertaine School. The name of the school, Ampertaine, is the old name for the townland of Upperland and Ampertaine School I still there today.

To try to reconstruct their journey I have used the civil birth and marriage registers and the Ulster Historical Foundation Online Databases. I began with the *UHF Births and Marriages Online Databases* which cover the counties of Antrim and Down. This produced information on their marriage in Belfast, Edith's birth in Gilford, Co. Down and the marriage of her parents in Gilford, Co. Down. This gave me sufficient information to begin the process.

I then used *Ireland, Civil Registration Indexes* which is part of the *Church of Latter Day Saints* [LDS] website to search for details on William Campbell who was born in Co. Londonderry. I also used these indexes to search for the births of their four children. Note that the order in which the information is presented below does not reflect the order of the process of finding it. The latter was much more haphazard than the presentation of the results would suggest.

The search of the *UHF Births and Marriages Online Databases* produced the following information. Edith Rosetta Valentine was born on 23rd May 1868 [baptised 12 July 1868] in Gilford, Co. Down. Her parents were William Valentine and Ann Eliza McKee. William was a cashier in a mill. William Valentine and Ann Eliza McKee had married on 6th August 1867. William gave his occupation at that time as a clerk in a mill. His father was George Valentine who was a thread lapper. Anna Eliza's father, George McKee, was a farmer.

Unfortunately I was unable to find the birth of a William Campbell that would fit the profile of this William Campbell.

Their wedding took place on 27th September 1892 in Newington Presbyterian Church, Belfast and was conducted by the Rev. J. Waddell. The witnesses were John Speirs and Bertha Valentine. William Campbell gave his place of residence as Garvagh and Edith gave her place of residence at the time of her marriage as Belfast and both gave their occupations as schoolteachers. William's father was James Campbell, a farmer and Edith's father was William Valentine an accountant. Unfortunately marriage certificates do not include the father's place of residence.

The question is - how did these two people meet? Edith gave her residence as Belfast at the time of her marriage. Her father William Valentine was listed on the marriage certificate as an accountant. Was he also living in Belfast at this time? William was born in Co. Londonderry and appears to have been living in Garvagh at the time of his marriage. So, how did the couple meet? Could they have met when training to become teachers in Dublin? Harry Hume of Clough recalls a teacher in Clough, Co. Antrim whose wife came from Co. Cork and they had met at training college in Dublin. My thanks to Harry for this information.

As mentioned above, the birthplaces of their children given in the 1901 Census Returns suggest that the couple's married life began in Co. Londonderry. They then moved to Co. Antrim, then to Co. Wicklow and must have arrived in Upperlands c.1900. I was only able to find one birth in the UHF database - the one relating to Co. Antrim - and as you will see below, this was in Belfast.

At this point I decided to search the *Ireland, Civil Registration Indexes* on the LDS website. My reason for going down this route was influenced by the fact that their children had distinctive first names and two were born in Co. Wicklow. Below, are the results that search.

Name	Superintendent's Registration District	Registration Date - Quarter & Year	Volume No. Page No.
Ralph Valentine Campbell	Coleraine	Apr - Jun 1894	1 491
Kenneth Campbell	Belfast	Jul - Sep 1895	1 340
Royston Dunbar Campbell	Shillelagh	Apr - Jun 1897	2 867
Geoffrey William Campbell	Shillelagh	Oct - Dec 1898	2 823
Hazel Campbell	Magherafelt	Apr - Jun 1900	1 751

Because two of the births took place in Co. Wicklow I decided to go to the GRO, Lower Abbey Street, Dublin to get verifications of the first three births because these would give me an idea of where the family was living between 1894 and c.1900. These copies are shown on the next page.

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Superintendent Registrar's District Coleraine Registrar's District Garvagh

BIRTHS Registered in the District of Garvagh in the Union of Coleraine
in the County of Londonderry

No. (1.)	Date and Place of Birth. (2.)	Name (if any). (3.)	Sex. (4.)	Name and Surname and Dwelling-place of Father. (5.)	Name and Surname and Maiden Surname of Mother. (6.)	Rank or Profession of Father. (7.)	Signature, Qualification, and Residence of Informant. (8.)	When Registered. (9.)	Signature of Registrar. (10.)	Signature of Registrar if different from Registrar of Birth and Date. (11.)
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<u>199</u>	<u>Garvagh</u> <u>Co. Lond.</u>	<u>Ralph</u> <u>Valentine</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>William</u> <u>Campbell</u> <u>Garvagh</u>	<u>Edith</u> <u>Campbell</u> <u>Valentine</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>William</u> <u>Campbell</u> <u>School Teacher</u> <u>Garvagh</u>	<u>18 94</u>	<u>A. M. Gray</u> <u>Registrar</u>	

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Superintendent Registrar's District Belmont Registrar's District Belmont

BIRTHS Registered in the District of Belmont in the Union of Belmont
in the County of Cartrim

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19 BIRTHS Registered in the District of Co. Wicklow in the Union of Shillelagh in the Counties of Wicklow Wexford Down

No. (1.)	Date and Place of Birth. (2.)	Name (if any). (3.)	Sex. (4.)	Name and Surname and Dwelling-place of Father. (5.)	Name and Surname and Maiden Surname of Mother. (6.)	Rank or Profession of Father. (7.)	Signature, Qualification, and Residence of Informant. (8.)	When Registered. (9.)	Signature of Registrar. (10.)	Signature of Registrar if different from Registrar of Birth and Date. (11.)
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In no. 384, col. 6 for "Emily" read "Edith Rosetta" corrected on 12th May 1909 by me John McKeown Esq. Registrar on production of a Statutory Declaration made by Mrs. Campbell.

J. J. Brady Registrar of Births and Deaths in the District of Co. Wicklow in the Union of Shillelagh

Clearly the couple were living in Garvagh when their first child was born in 1894. By 1895 they had moved to 69 Farnham Street in Belfast which is off the Ormeau Road. I have not attempted, as yet, to investigate the school that they might have been teaching in at that time. By 1897 they had moved to Carnew in Co. Wicklow where their next two children were born. Shortly after Geoffrey William's birth they must have moved to Upperalands where we find them in the 1901 Census Returns.

Both Kenneth and Ralph signed the Ulster Covenant of 1912.

<p>(MEN) 2579 SHEET No. 5</p> <p>PARLIAMENTARY DIVISION SOUTH DERRY</p> <p>DISTRICT Upperlands-Culnady & Swateragh</p> <p>PLACE OF SIGNING Upperlands Protestant Hall</p> <p>Covenant:—</p> <p>BEING CONVINCED in our consciences that Home Rule would be disastrous to the material well-being of Ulster as well as of the whole of Ireland, subversive of our civil and religious freedom, destructive of our citizenship, and perilous to the unity of the Empire, we, whose names are underwritten, men of Ulster, loyal subjects of His Gracious Majesty King George V., humbly relying on the God whom our fathers in days of stress and trial confidently trusted, do hereby pledge ourselves in solemn Covenant, throughout this our time of threatened calamity, to stand by one another in defending, for ourselves and our children, our cherished position of equal citizenship in the United Kingdom, and in using all means which may be found necessary to defeat the present conspiracy to set up a Home Rule Parliament in Ireland. And in the event of such a Parliament being forced upon us, we further solemnly and mutually pledge ourselves to refuse to recognise its authority. In sure confidence that God will defend the right, we herein subscribe our names.</p> <p>And further, we individually declare that we have not already signed this Covenant.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>NAME</th> <th>ADDRESS</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Rice Inghite</td> <td>submlaw</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Joseph Somerville</td> <td>Culnady</td> </tr> <tr> <td>William Montgomery</td> <td>Culnady</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Robert Porter</td> <td>Culnady</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Kenneth Campbell</td> <td>Upperlands</td> </tr> <tr> <td>David X Mc Ginnis</td> <td>Culnady</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	NAME	ADDRESS	Rice Inghite	submlaw	Joseph Somerville	Culnady	William Montgomery	Culnady	Robert Porter	Culnady	Kenneth Campbell	Upperlands	David X Mc Ginnis	Culnady	<p>PARLIAMENTARY DIVISION SOUTH DERRY</p> <p>DISTRICT Upperlands-Culnady & Swateragh</p> <p>PLACE OF SIGNING Upperlands Protestant Hall</p> <p>Covenant:—</p> <p>BEING CONVINCED in our consciences that Home Rule would be disastrous to the material well-being of Ulster as well as of the whole of Ireland, subversive of our civil and religious freedom, destructive of our citizenship, and perilous to the unity of the Empire, we, whose names are underwritten, men of Ulster, loyal subjects of His Gracious Majesty King George V., humbly relying on the God whom our fathers in days of stress and trial confidently trusted, do hereby pledge ourselves in solemn Covenant, throughout this our time of threatened calamity, to stand by one another in defending, for ourselves and our children, our cherished position of equal citizenship in the United Kingdom, and in using all means which may be found necessary to defeat the present conspiracy to set up a Home Rule Parliament in Ireland. And in the event of such a Parliament being forced upon us, we further solemnly and mutually pledge ourselves to refuse to recognise its authority. In sure confidence that God will defend the right, we herein subscribe our names.</p> <p>And further, we individually declare that we have not already signed this Covenant.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>NAME</th> <th>ADDRESS</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>William James Campbell</td> <td>Longwood, Paddy</td> </tr> <tr> <td>John Keisick</td> <td>Upperland</td> </tr> <tr> <td>John Mc Kay</td> <td>Upperland</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Robert Mc Kay</td> <td>Gortade Upperlands</td> </tr> <tr> <td>John Dr. Minin</td> <td>Upperland S.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>John Robert</td> <td>Gortade Upperlands</td> </tr> <tr> <td>John Campbell</td> <td>Upperland</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	NAME	ADDRESS	William James Campbell	Longwood, Paddy	John Keisick	Upperland	John Mc Kay	Upperland	Robert Mc Kay	Gortade Upperlands	John Dr. Minin	Upperland S.	John Robert	Gortade Upperlands	John Campbell	Upperland
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Geoffrey William, the youngest son joined the army during World War I. Wallace Clark in his book *Linen on the Green*, page 95, recounts how Geoff and his chum Jim Pink, who was an office boy in the mill, joined the Black Watch in 1916. Apparently, Jim and Geoff had gone to Dublin in 1914 to join the Inniskillen Fusiliers when the war broke out but doctors discovered that Pink was only 14 years of age and Geoff 16 years of age and they were both discharged and sent home. [My thanks to Ian Montgomery of PRONI for this information.]

Despite being only 16 in 1916 Jim Pink and Geoff Campbell now 18, appear to have been successful in their second attempt to join up. This time they joined the Black Watch. According to Wallace Clark they are reputed to have said "We wanted to see what it felt like in a kilt". Sadly, Geoff was killed by a shell in a communications trench at Beaumont Hammelin, a month after he had arrived at the front. His name is remembered with honour on the Thiepval Memorial in France.

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Private W G CAMPBELL**

**6224, 4th Bn., Black Watch (Royal Highlanders)
who died
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Jim Pink survived the war. He returned to work in Clark's mill as a lorry driver. Joe Doherty, when he was at school in Ampertaine, remembers Jim Pink driving a lorry between Clark's mill at Upperlands and Clark's mill near Aghadowey.

I do not know what happened to the Campbell family after the early 1900s. No direct descendants of the family live in Upperlands today. Apparently there is a house in the area that is still known as Campbell's bungalow. I suspect there may be descendants living somewhere in the world.

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