

Trades House of Glasgow

The Story of

Deacon Convener James Graham 1863 to 1864
Deacon of the Incorporation of Wrights 1857 to 1858



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Birth

The record of James Graham's birth records that James Graham, Wright and Janet Robertson, a son born on 9th September 1804 and the witnesses were John Baird and William Robertson

Burgess Ticket

On 10th April 1810, James Graham wright, became a Burgess and Guild Brother of Glasgow, by purchase. This would have been the father of the James Graham who later became Deacon Convener. Unfortunately, our James Graham's Burgess ticket date cannot be determined but we do know that his son James Alston Graham received his Burgess ticket on 9th September 1863 as the eldest son of James Graham, Wright Burgess Wright

Marriage

James Graham junior married Margaret Alston, eldest daughter of John Alston of Rosemont on 9th September 1834. The minister was John Forbes, one of the ministers of Glasgow.

Post Office Directory 1849/50

The 1849/50 Directory lists James Graham's, place of work as 184 George street, with his home at 86 North Frederick street. This tallies with his entry as a Deacon where his address was listed as: 184 George Street, Glasgow.

1851 Census

At the time of the 1851 census, James Graham was 45 years old, married and living at 49 Montrose Street, Glasgow and was working as a builder. His wife was listed as Margaret Laston Graham, a 49 year of wife of James. Living with them was:

Janet Graham, born 16th October 1836, aged 14, Daughter

James Alston, born 26th December 1840 aged 10, Son

Isabella McCaul Graham, born 25th September 1842, aged 8, Daughter

Elizebeth Graham, born, 19th October 1844, aged 6, Daughter

Cathrine Mcalister	29	Servant
Margaret Johnstone	24	Servant

James and Margaret had lost James Graham, born 15th January 1839, died 22nd November 1839 and they named the next male child James Graham, a not uncommon event in this period.

1861 Census

At the time of the 1861 census James Graham was listed as 56 years of age and living at 6 Richmond Street and working as a joiner. His wife Margaret was 53 years of age and had the following children and servants living in the family home:

Janet Graham, 24 year old Daughter

James Graham, 20 year old joiner, Son

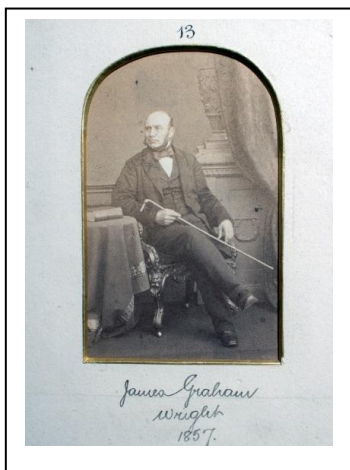
Isabella Graham, 18 year old Daughter

Elizabeth Graham, 16 year old Daughter

Euphemia Mcdonald, 24 year old Servant

Janet Farrier, 35 year old Servant

Deacon of the Incorporation of Wrights



In September 1857, James Graham was elected to become Deacon of the Incorporation of Wrights. Two years earlier he had been elected as Collector and then he had a fallow year as the late Collector before becoming Deacon.

In October 1863, James Graham was elected to become Deacon Convener and third citizen of Glasgow.

James must have carried out his duties exceptionally well as he was made an Honorary member of the Master Court of the Incorporation of Wrights in 1865, a distinction that few people received around this time.

Post Office Directory 1866/67

The 1866/67 Post Office Directory lists James Graham's business as, wright and builder, 184 George Street. House, and his home was at 1 Lynedoch Place.

1871 Census

In the 1871 census James Graham had moved to 1 Lyndoch Street, Barony, Glasgow where he is listed as a 66 year old Builder (joiner), strangely, his wife is listed as Margaret, and her age was down as 63 years of age. It is possible that one of the servants completed the census form and mistakenly entered Margaret in error. Margaret, 32 years of age.

Janet, 30 years of age and Isabella, 20 years of age both daughters.

Isabella Hutcheson, domestic servant from Denny, Stirlingshire.

Elizabeth Lowe, servant from Peterhead, Aberdeenshire.

The house was a large one with 14 rooms with windows.

Post Office Directory 1874/75

The 1874 Directory lists James Graham, Builders twice as below:

Graham, James, builder and valuator, 184 George house, 1 Lynedoch Place.

Graham, James, & Co., wrights and timber merchants, 184 George Street.

1881 Census

The 1881 census shows James Graham as a 77 year old retired builder and he was living with his family at 1 Lynedoch Place, Barony in Glasgow. His 74 year old wife Jane was living with him along with his daughter, sister and 4 servants. He must have been wealthy to reside at such a nice location and to have four servant.

Janet R Graham was 44 years of age and listed as his daughter.

Annie M Kinnear, James's sister was 43 years of age

Catherine Drumond was 26 years of age and domestic servant

Marion Allen was 32 years of age and listed as a servant

Grace Hogg was 68 years of age and listed as a domestic servant

Catherine McKillar was 31 years of age and listed as a domestic servant

Death

James Graham passed away on the 27th of June 1882 at 1.12 p.m. in the Hydropathic Establishment, Peebles. He died of Cystitis after a period of 17 days and uraemic coma.

James Graham Deacon of Wrights 1857

Deacon Convener James Graham 1863-64

Wright

2nd October 1882

At a meeting of the Trades House on 2nd October 1882 the following was recorded:

"Mr. R. A. Bogue stated that, before the meeting proceeded further with the business, he desired to make reference to the lamented death of late Convener GRAHAM, who for many years had been a Member of the House, and move in connection therewith, "That this House put on record its deep regret at the death of late Deacon-Convener GRAHAM, and its deep sympathy with his bereaved widow and family; and also, that a copy of the Minute be sent them;" which motion was seconded by Collector Kennedy, and unanimously agreed to."

Burial

James Graham was buried in Glasgow Necropolis and his monument is as large as he was in life. His large marble stone lists the following:



James Graham

Born 9th September 1804 Died 29th June 1882

Margaret Scott Graham

Born 16th July 1835 Died 9th September 1876

James Alston Graham

Born 26th December 1840 Died 28th December 1867

James Graham

Born 15th January 1839 Died 22nd November 1839

Margaret Alston wife of James Graham

Born 23rd July 1807 Died 14th January 1890

Janet Robertson Graham or Robertson

Born 18th October 1836 Died 2nd July 1926

Elizabeth Graham or Miller

Born 9th October 1844 Died 1st November 1926