

CECIL GERALDINE COCHRAN

The CORRESPONDENCE SERIES is an investigation into the background of recipients of British pre-stamped postal stationery. The "collection" was purchased in South Africa in 1999 as a job lot, the which took me six months to sort and mount, creating a collection spanning 140 years. I have no idea of the provenance.

The Reference work is British Postal Stationery, A K Huggins.1970. The first date with catalogue number refers to the year when the pre-stamped envelope was first issued; the second, the year when the envelope was actually used.

Philatelic Description of the item of Postal Stationery:

- 1888-1889 (CP21a)_Miss Cochran, Ashkirk, Hawick (actually used NO 25 90)
- 1891-1892 (RP16F)_Mifs Cochran, Holbrook Granges, Rugby, Warwickshire (actually used AU 1 92)
- 1892 (EP34)_Miss Cochran, Thunerhof, Thun (actually used AU28 93)
- 1902 (EP44)_Alexander Cochran Esqre., Ashkirk, Hawick, N.B (actually used JY 21 02)

Col. Alexander Cochran * 1814 Ashkirk, Roxburgh, Scotland † Bath 1903 m. (first) Bath June QRT 1847 Fanny BATSFORD of Cheltenham. Cochran lived at Ashkirk House; and owned property at Inveresk.

Known offspring:

1. Alexander * 1848 † Dec QRT 1911 Rochford m. Marylebone Mar QRT 1878 Flora CURLING

The following is known from 1881 Census of England and Wales

Alexander and Flora Cochran(e) Household address: High Park Featherhead, St Helens, Hampshire

Name	Relation	Marital Status	Gender	Age	Birthplace	Occupation
Alexander COCKRANE	Head	M	Male	32	Dresden B S, Saxony	Retired Lieut R Navy
Flora C [sic] COCKRANE	Wife	M	Female	27	Carshalton, Surrey, England	
Alexander Charles Purves COCKRANE	Son		Male	1	Stewkley, Winslow, Buckingham, England	
Bertha Gabriella COCKRANE	Daughter		Female	6 m	Stewkley, Winslow, Buckingham, England	
Fanny F. ROBERTS	Servant	U	Female	22	Oxford, Oxford, England	Nurse (Domestic)
Annie R. WILLIAMS	Servant	U	Female	19	Bampton, Oxford, England	General Servant

Known offspring of Alexander Cochran(e) and Flora Curling included:

- 1.1 Alexander Charles Purves (Capt. 40th Pathans, Indian Army: 1909 ; Lieut-Colonel County of Selkirk : 1939) * Dec QRT 1879 Winslow m. NN. Dec QRT 1908 Long Ashton d. 1910

Armorial of COCHRAN of Ashkirk (L.O. 1813). Argent, on a chevron gules between two boars' heads erased in chief and a mullet between two cross crosslets fitchê in base azure, a boar's head coupé of the first within a bordure engrailed of the third, charged with three mascles of the field. Mantling gules and argent. Crest — Upon a wreath of the colours, a horse passant argent. Motto — " Armis et industria."

- 1.2 Bertha Gabriella * Dec QRT 1880 Winslow m. Portsmouth June QRT 1911

- 1.3 Flora Cecil Cochran(e) b. * 28 Jan 1883 Saint John, Ryde, Isle of Wight

- 1.4 Rosamund / Rosamond * 14 Sep 1884 Ryde, Isle of Wight

- 1.5 Margaret Lucia * 23 Oct 1892 St. Johns, Ryde, Isle of Wight m. NN

2. Charles Home * Sept QRT 1850 † Bath March QRT 1930 (age 79) m. declared as married in 1881
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 Mary ALLINGTON
 2. Charles Home * Bath Sept QRT 1850 † Bath March QRT 1930 (age 79) m. Kensington
 December QRT 1925 Dorothea B W Purdon-Clarke

The following is known from 1881 Census of England and Wales
 Address: aboard "Monarch" HM Royal Navy

Name	Relation	Marital Status	Gender	Age	Birthplace	Occupation
Angelo BONICI	Other	U	Male	21	Valetta, Malta	Warrant Off Cook
Charles Home COCHRAN	Other	M	Male	30	Bath Weston, Somerset, England	Lieutenant
Richard HAMMETT	Other	M	Male	31	Barnstaple, Devon, England	Shipwright

3. Archibald * Bath June QRT 1852 d. 1885
 4. Bertha Susan * Bath ~ 24 Aug 1854 Weston(-super-Mare) m. Bath December QRT 1892 Hayes
 ROBINSON

Col. Alexander Cochran * 1814 Ashkirk, Roxburgh, Scotland † Bath 1903 m. (second) Rugby
 September QRT 1859 Margaret Elizabeth CALDECOTT of Holbrook Grange.

The following is known from the 1881 Census of England and Wales
 Household address: 43 Shaftesbury Rd, Portsea, Hampshire, England

Name	Relation	Marital Status	Gender	Age	Birthplace	Occupation
Alexr. COCKRAN	Head	M	Male	67	Edinburgh, Scotland	Landed Proprietor J.P.
Margaret [Elizabeth] COCKRAN	Wife	M	Female	50	East Indies	Wife
Frances Margaret COCKRAN	Daughter		Female	19	Leamington, Warwick, England	
Cecil Geraldine COCKRAN	Daughter		Female	15	St Leonards, Sussex, England	
Ernest Frederick COCKRAN	Son	O	Male	14	Roxburgh, Scotland	
Herman Randolph Purves COCKRAN	Son		Male	4	London, London, Middlesex, England	
May SHOEBRICK	Visitor	U	Female	20	St Leonards, Sussex, England	
Eleanor ARTHUR	Servant	U	Female	24	Merioneth, Wales	Domestic Servant

Known family members in this line included:

1. Everard ~ 29 May 1860 Ashkirk, Roxburgh, Scotland m.
2. Francis Margaret
3. Hermine / Hermione Louisa d. 1875 (? 1873 – 1875: influenza epidemic)
4. **Cecil Geraldine * Sept QRT 1865 Hastings † Capri**
5. Ernest Frederick ~ 12 Aug 1866 Ashkirk, Roxburgh, Scotland
6. Paul John ~ 02 May 1868 Leamington Priors, Warwick

From the 1881 Census of England and Wales, PJC was boarding with George E. SPICKERNELL (School master) en fam. together with many others at 28 South Parade Burgoyne House Academy Portsea, Hampshire, England

7. Randolph Alexander Grey * Richmond June QRT 1871 ~ 11 MAY 1871 Petersham, Surrey d. 1875 (? 1873 – 1875: influenza epidemic)
8. Herman Rudolph Purves ~ 25 Apr 1877 Saint James, Westminster, London

Ashkirk Mill formerly was a corn mill in Ashkirk, a small village in the Scottish Borders. The owner-miller in the early 18th century was Sir Walter Scott. It was part of the property of Alexander Cochrane in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. In the Transactions of the Highland and Agricultural Society of Scotland 1866-1867, the List of Members includes Alexander Cochran (1861)

Holbrook Grange : Sir Edward Boughton, pulled down Lawford Hall and sold the manor to John Caldecott in 1793, (fn. 90) who built Holbrook Grange and was lord of the manor until 1835. From him it passed to Charles Marriott Caldecott, whose daughter Merriel, widow of Charles Godfrey Bolam, held the estate in 1937. Holbrook Grange is a listed building with the following address: Holbrook Grange, Chapel Street, Long Lawford, Rugby, Warwickshire



Holbrook Grange, Little Lawford. Circa 1900-1909

The Thunerhof was built in 1875 as a Grand Hotel by the Baugesellschaft Thun to a design by Adolphe Tièreche of Bern. An imposing, meticulously laid out building, its design incorporates French Neo-Renaissance forms including a prominent tower, grand stairway with open galleries. It ceased to be a hotel 1934; and since 1942 has served as the Thun City administrative seat of government. Since 1948, the art museum of the City of Thun has been located on the ground floor.



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From correspondence received from descendents, it would appear that the Miss Cochran recipient of this mail is likely to have been Cecil Geraldine Cochran born Sept QRT 1865 district Hastings (Reg. Vol. 2b Page 27).

I quote:

“(I) have visited Ashkirk, and have special paintings of Switzerland painted by Cecil Geraldene [sic] Cochran (my grandfather’s sister) - she never married

Saturday, 23 July 2011 Further note:

The daughter of an Alexander Cochran († c. 1963) who lived at Ashkirk, Selkirkshire, Scotland was a Flora Cecil (* circa 1865 † Bournemouth Mar QRT 1929) married 19 October 1926 in Kensington, London Ninian Lewis/Lewis ELLIOT (* 4 April 1861 Saint Ninians, Stirling, Scotland † 1935, son of Augustus John Elliot & Helen Lewis/Lewis and member of the Elliots family of Minto). She was his second wife, his first, married March QRT 1896 in St George Hanover Square, having been Emilia Margaret GUTHRIE (b. 1858 d. 5 July 1924).

It seems likely that the Alexander Cochran referred to above was Alexander Charles Purves Cochran

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