

# *This is A Few Forgotten Women Story*



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## **Christina Kellock's Story**

Christina Kellock was born on 17 July 1860 at Govan, her parents were William and Janet (nee Ferguson).<sup>1</sup>

Her father worked at the sawmill in Partick. On the 1861 census Christina was living with her parents on Dumbarton Road, not far from the sawmill where he worked.<sup>2</sup>

On the 1871 census Christina was living with her parents William and Janet and her four siblings on Sawmill Road in Partick and attending school.<sup>3</sup>

On 14 January 1872, Christina's mother died of consumption.<sup>4</sup> As the eldest daughter, now almost 12, she must have taken on some responsibility for looking after her younger siblings: Andrew aged 9, James aged 7, Isabella aged 5 and little William who was 3.

On the 1881 census Christina was living with her father William on Sawmill Road in Partick and working as a domestic servant.<sup>5</sup> She was 20 years old on the census. This is the only census where Christina gave her real age, in all subsequent census she aged roughly 5 years between census, this made her a challenge to track down.

On 2 January 1883, her father William died in Partick.<sup>6</sup> Christina was an orphan at 22, her youngest brother William was 14.

I couldn't find Christina at all on the 1891 census. She was not working at Fleming nor was she living with her siblings in Partick.

On the 1901 census, Christina was a hospital sister working at the Fleming Hospital in Jesmond.<sup>7</sup> She said she was 34 when she was actually 41.

On 28 September 1903 Christina arrived in Montreal onboard SS Corinthian. She had travelled second class from Glasgow.<sup>8</sup> In April that year, her brother Andrew had taken his whole family to Canada to settle.

In 1911 Christina was living in Toronto with the Gundy family and working as a nurse.<sup>9</sup> She gave her age as 39 when she was really 51.

In 1921 she was living in Huntsville in Ontario which is where her brother Andrew had settled. She was working as a private nurse and had earned \$850 in the previous year. She said that she was 45 years old (she was 61).<sup>10</sup> In 1931 Christina was still in Huntsville working as a private nurse. She earned \$1196 in 1930. She was 71 but said she was 50 on this census.<sup>11</sup>

Christina died on 13 May 1943 at Fairy Avenue, Huntsville, Ontario. She was 82 years old. Her death was registered by her brother Andrew.<sup>12</sup> She was buried at Saint Andrew's Presbyterian Cemetery in Huntsville.<sup>13</sup>

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