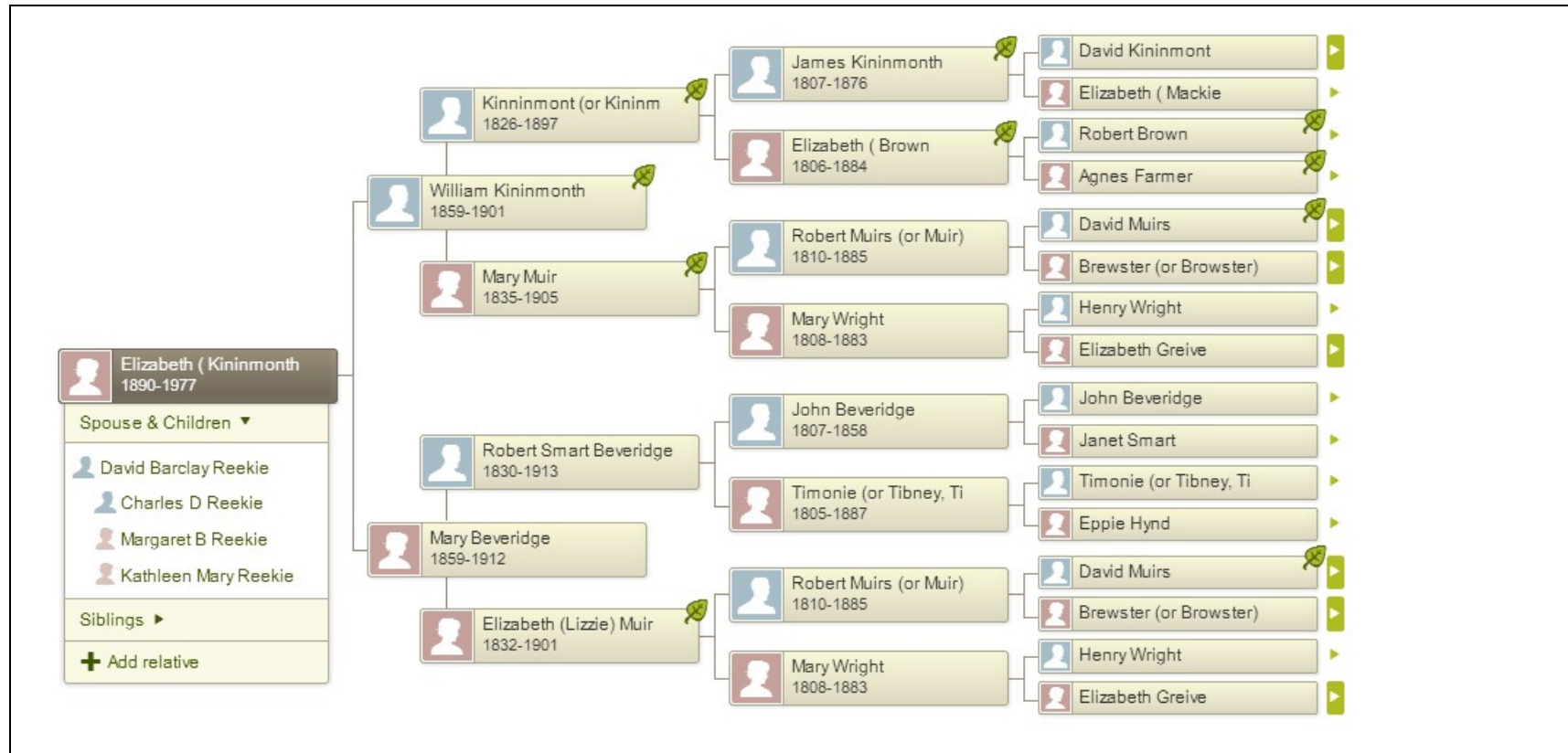


**MARY BEVERIDGE (1859-1912) AND WILLIAM KININMONTH (1859-1901), OUR  
GREAT GRANDPARENTS → ELIZABETH REEKIE, NÉE KININMONTH (OUR  
GRANDMOTHER) – PT 1**



## William Kininmonth (or Kinninmont)

William Kinninmont (sic) was born on 27 Apr 1859 in Raith<sup>1</sup> in the parish of Abbotshall, Landward (sic), Fife. His parents were William Kinninmont (described as a ploughman in the 1861 Census) and Mary née Muir. In 1871 William, aged 11, was working as a 'herd boy' – a humble beginning. By the time of the 1881 Census, and 3 years before his marriage to Mary Douglas, née Beveridge, William (aged 21) was working as a ploughman. At that time his father was a farm grieve at the same place (Kinglassie, Fife), responsible for 288 arable acres, 9 men, 7 women and 3 boys. For more information on William's ancestry, see *C:\Users\User\Keith C-drive folders\Personal -- genealogy\Genealogy -- main documents\David Kininmount to William Kinninmont and Mary Muir.doc*.

	Kinninmont William?	1859 April	M.	William Kinninmont	Mary Kinninmont	William Kinninmont	1859 May 14th
		Twenty-fourth		Agricultural	Muir	Father	at Abbotshall
9		th. 30th. A.M.		Labourer		(Present)	James Turner Registrar
		Raith					

## Mary Kininmonth née Beveridge, our great grandmother

Mary Beveridge was born on 27 Dec 1859 at Port Street, Inverkeithing, Fife. Her parents were Robert (a 'coal heaver' sic; in the 1861 Census he was described as a coal porter) and Elizabeth née Muir. Elizabeth's mark appears on the birth certificate; thus she was illiterate. Elizabeth Muir and Mary Muir were sisters; thus Mary Beveridge and William Kininmonth (her second husband) were first cousins. For information on Mary's ancestry, see *C:\Personal -- genealogy\Genealogy -- main documents\John Beveridge and Janet Timonie to Mary Beveridge.doc*.

Beveridge, Mary	1859 December	F.	Robert Beveridge	Elizabeth Beveridge	Elizabeth Beveridge	1860 January 12th
	Twenty-fourth		Coal Heaver	Maiden Name Muir	Mar. J. Mack	at Inverkeithing
	th. 50th. P.M.				Mother	
	Port Street, Inverkeithing				R. N. Wardrop Registrar, Witness	R. N. Wardrop Registrar

<sup>1</sup> Raith is immediately to the west of Kirkcaldy.



Port Street, Inverkeithing

Mary married twice, to Robert Douglas, with whom she had three children, and to William Kininmonth, with whom she had ten children. A summary of genealogical information concerning these 13 children is contained in *C:\Personal -- genealogy\Genealogy -- main documents\Children of Mary Kininmonth nee Beveridge.doc*.

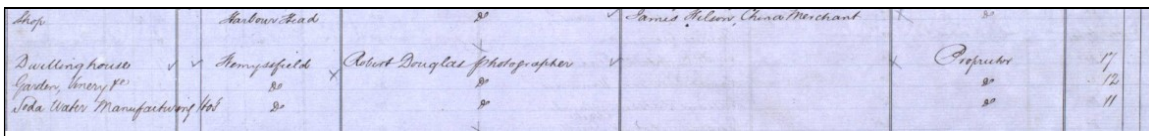
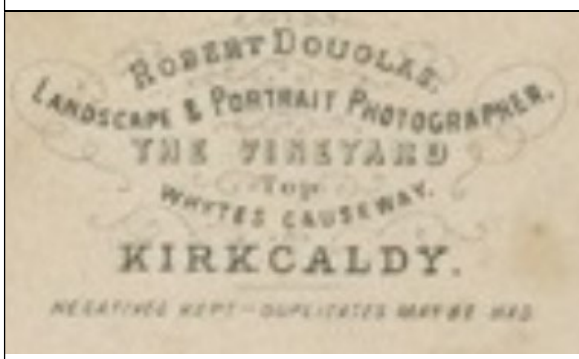

Mary married Robert Douglas Jr., an 'aerated water manufacturer' (sic), in Newington, Edinburgh on 25 Mar 1878. Robert was aged 32, and his parents were Robert (a photographer)<sup>2</sup> and Barbara Douglas. Robert (junior) was born in Kirkcaldy on 12 Feb 1847. His parents were Robert (a 'seedsman' – i.e., a sower of seeds) and Barbara, née Reid. Robert senior was born in Inverkeithing in abt 1821. Mary, our ancestor, was aged 18 and was a domestic servant; her parents were Robert (a journeyman) and Elizabeth Beveridge née Muir. The usual place of residence of both Robert Jr. and Mary was Kirkcaldy.

When, Where, and How Married.	Signatures of Parties. Rank or Profession, whether Single or Widowed, and Relationship (if any).	Age.	Usual Residence.	Name, Surname, and Rank or Profession of Father. — Name, and Maiden Surname of Mother.	If a regular Marriage, Signature of officiating Minister and Witnesses. If irregular, Date of Conviction, Decree of Declarator, or Sheriff's Warrant.	When & Where Registered, and Signature of Registrar.
1878. on the twenty fifth day of March at Scotland, New Edinburgh After Banns according to the form of the Church of Scotland.	Signed Robert Douglas, Junr. Manufacture of Aerated Water. Bachelor. Signed Mary Beveridge Domestic Servant. Spinster.	32	Newington Kirkcaldy Kirkcaldy	Robert Douglas Photographer Barbara Douglas Née Reid. Robert Beveridge Journeyman Elizabeth Beveridge Née Muir.	Signed John Young, M.A. Minister of Presbyterian Church Signed At Newington Nipcees R. R. Brown Minister.	1878. March 26 at Kirkcaldy O.P. Brown Registrar. M.
12 <sup>th</sup> Feb <sup>y</sup> 1847 was born Robert son of Robert Dou- Douglas glass, seedsman and Barbara Reid his spouse not baptised in infancy.						

<sup>2</sup> Note that Robert senior's occupation in 1861 was a photographer. This was very early in the development of photography; thus he was certainly a pioneer in this field. See <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Photography>

An unusual feature of the marriage is that it took place in Edinburgh, not their home city of Kirkcaldy. Marrying in another city, then returning to their home city, tended to occur when there was some scandal involved, and the parties to the marriage did not wish to draw public attention to it. This is likely explained by the fact that Mary was about 4 months pregnant when she married (see below). She would have been aged 17 when she fell pregnant.

A Robert Douglas – presumably Robert Jr's father – owned a number of properties in 1865 and 1875.<sup>3</sup> The 1875 Valuation Rolls show that Robert was wealthy; he owned several properties in Wemyssfield, Kirkcaldy.<sup>4</sup> <sup>5</sup> These included a 'soda water manufacturing' plant, a dwelling house and a garden/vinery. The yearly rental value of these properties was £40. Note that the Valuation Rolls describe this Robert as a photographer – this indicates that the records relate to Robert senior.<sup>6</sup> Thus our ancestor Mary married into a wealthy family.

	 <p>An inscription/logo from an online photograph shows the photographic business of Robert senior<sup>7</sup></p>
	<p>An 1872 newspaper advertisement reveals that Robert (senior) had a conservatory in his house The Vineyard, from which he grew and sold grapes. Perhaps this</p>

<sup>3</sup> The 1851 Census describes him as a 'mill tenter flax' (a tenter is someone who stretches flax on a machine while it is drying. So presumably he became prosperous some time after then. By 1855 he was renting a house and shop. By 1861 he was working as a photographer – a fairly new technology that presumably made him wealthy (see <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Photography>). And by 1865 he was described as a china merchant. When he died in 1887 he was described as a hairdresser and a tobacconist.

<sup>4</sup> It is possible that he owned more property elsewhere, but there are several persons with his name who owned or rented properties in Fife, and it is not possible to tell which records relate to Mary's husband.

<sup>5</sup> Note that Wemyssfield is a street, not a suburb of Kirkcaldy.

<sup>6</sup> Robert senior's occupation was a 'feedsman' when his son Robert was born in 1847, a photographer in 1861, and a china merchant in 1865. When his son Robert married in 1878 he was a photographer, and by 1882 (when his son Robert died) he was an 'aerated water manufacturer'. When he died in 1887 he was described as a tobacconist.

<sup>7</sup> <https://st6.ning.com/topology/rest/1.0/file/get/2999829599?profile=original>

<sup>8</sup> *The Fifehire Advertiser*, Sat 28 Sep 1872, p.1.

	influenced his daughter-in-law, our great grandmother Mary née Beveridge, to build a conservatory at Lothriebank (see below)
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Robert junior and Mary had at least 3 children. The first was also named Robert Douglas. He was born in Kirkcaldy at 67 Victoria Road on 5 Aug 1878, less than 5 months after his parents' marriage. He died when he was 12 weeks old, on 27 Oct 1878. The cause of death was tubercular meningitis (sic?), which he had had for 'about 18 days'.

Robert Douglas	1878	Robert Douglas Junr Mary Douglas	1878
August Fifth		Robert Walter Manufacturer Father	August 22
4 H 15th St		Mary Douglas	At Kirkcaldy
67 Victoria Road		M S Beveridge	M M Mackintosh
Kirkcaldy	1878 March 25	Edinburgh	

Robert and Mary's 2<sup>nd</sup> child was Ann Douglas, born at Mt Pleasant in Kirkcaldy on 8 Dec 1879. Note that Robert signed his name Robert Douglas Jnr.

Ann Douglas	1879	Robert Douglas Junr Robert Douglas Jr	1879
December Eighth		Robert Walter Manufacturer Father	December 27
6 H 15th St		Mary Douglas	At Kirkcaldy
Mt Pleasant		M S Beveridge	By Mr Waggell
Kirkcaldy	1879 March 25	Edinburgh	Registrar

Their 3<sup>rd</sup> child, Robert Beveridge Douglas, was also born at Mt Pleasant, on 11 Jun 1881.

Robert Beveridge Douglas	1881	Robert Douglas Junr Robert Douglas Jr	1881
June Seventh		Robert Walter Manufacturer Father	June 29
6 H 15th St		Mary Douglas	At Kirkcaldy
Mt Pleasant		M S Beveridge	M M Mackintosh
Kirkcaldy	1881 May 25	Edinburgh	

They were still living there at the time of the 1881 Census, at Flat 2, 24 Victoria Road, Mt Pleasant. Elizabeth Beveridge (age 17, and presumably Mary's sister) was also living with them and is listed as a servant. Their flat had 3 rooms with windows.

of	ROAD, STREET, &c., and No. or NAME of HOUSE.	HOUSE No.	NAME and Surname of each Person.	RELATION to Head of Family.	CONNECTION as to Marriage.	AGE Last Birthday Date.	Rank, Profession, or OCCUPATION.	WHERE BORN.	Whether 1. Deaf and dumb. 2. Blind. 3. Lame or Mute. 4. Insane.	Scots with 20 or more Windows
1	24 Victoria Rd	1	Robert Tait	Head	Mar	22	Coach Man	Glasgow		3
2	do do	1	Elizabeth Beveridge	Wife	Mar	17		Glasgow		
3	do do	1	Robert Douglas	Son	Mar	2	Robert Douglas Manufacturer	Kirkcaldy		3
4	do do	1	Mary Douglas	Wife	Mar	21		Kirkcaldy		
5	do do	1	Elizabeth Beveridge	Serv	Mar	17		Kirkcaldy		



Victoria Road,  
Kirkcaldy

Robert junior died on 12 May 1882 at his home at Mt Pleasant, Victoria Road, Kirkcaldy. He was 35 years old. Robert and Mary had been married for only 4 years.

No.	Name and Surname, Rank or Profession, and whether Single, Married, or Widowed.	When and Where Died.	Sex.	Age.	Name, Surname, & Rank or Profession of Father. Name, and Maiden Surname of Mother.	Cause of Death, Duration of Disease, and Medical Attendant by whom certified.	Signature & Qualification of Informant, and Residence, if out of the House in which the Death occurred.	When and where Registered, and Signature of Registrar.
103	Robert Douglas, Junr. Soda Manufacturer 84 Hill Mount Pleasant Kirkcaldy	1882 May 12 Kirkcaldy	M	35	Robert Douglas Soda Manufacturer Kirkcaldy Mary Kennedy Kirkcaldy	Slept away Sudden death Cause Unknown Certified	Robert Douglas Senr. Father Hug & Son Kirkcaldy	1882 May 12 At Kirkcaldy M. Kennedy Registrar.

Register of Corrected Entries  
for the District of Kirkcaldy and Abbotshall  
in the County of Fife

The following report of Health Officer, Registrar,  
has been received, touching the Death of  
Robert Douglas Junr. Registered under No. 103,  
in the Register Book of Deaths for the Year 1882.

Name	Age	Sex	When and Where Died	Cause of Death
Robert Douglas Junr.	35	M	May 12 1882 Kirkcaldy	Overdose of Sedative. Slept away. Certified by Dr. Armstrong Kirkcaldy.

Examiner of Births & Deaths Office  
1st June 1882.  
1882 June 6th At Kirkcaldy.  
John Francis Registrar.

The original death certificate stated the cause of death as being unknown – described as ‘sudden death’. However, the Register of Corrected Entries (dated 6 Jun 1882) has a doctor’s statement that the cause of death was: ‘Overdose of sedative. Slept away’. The occupation of he and his father was stated in the original certificate as ‘aerated water manufacturer’; in the RCE it was ‘soda manufacturer’.

He had a simple death notice in the local newspaper:

**Deaths.**  
At Mount Pleasant, on the 12th inst., Robert Douglas, jun., aerated water manufacturer.

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**SUDDEN DEATHS.**—Several painful illustrations of the uncertainty of life have taken place this week. On Sunday last Mr Charles Campbell, manager in the works of Peter Greig & Co., Sinclairtown, expired after a very short illness. Mr Campbell was well and favourably known in this district, where he has filled several important positions. He has left a family of three daughters. On Thursday last, John Ferguson, an old man, aged 63 years, suddenly expired in his lodgings at Russell Place. He had been ailing for some time, and had been treated by the doctor for heart disease. On Thursday he was about to go out, when he suddenly fell on the floor and expired. Dr Gordon was called, but his services were of no avail. Still another very sudden death took place yesterday morning. Robert Douglas, aerated water manufacturer, a young man in the prime of life, expired at his residence, Mount Pleasant, leaving a wife and young family.

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A copy of Robert's will & testament is at Annex A.<sup>11</sup> His personal estate was worth £951 4s 4d, while his debts and funeral expenses totalled £159 9s 1d; thus his net worth was £791 15s 3d; the equivalent amount expressed in purchasing power in 2018 is about £78,300.<sup>12</sup> The bulk of his assets comprised a deposit with the British Linen Company Bank, in the amount of £613 2s 5d, and 'stock in trade' (presumably relating to his aerated water factory), in the amount of £153 16s 11d. His wife Mary was his executor.

#### DOUGLAS, Robert.

Value of Estate, £951, 4s. 4d.

12 July.—Confirmation of Robert Douglas jun., Aerated Water Manufacturer, Kirkcaldy, who died 12 May 1882, at Kirkcaldy, testate, granted at Cupar, to Mary Beveridge or Douglas, Kirkcaldy, his widow, Executrix nominated in Will or Deed, dated 29 November 1879, and recorded in Court Books of Commissariat of Fife, 5 July 1882.

**ROBERT DOUGLAS, JR.,**  
**LOTHRIE AERATED WATERWORKS,**  
**MOUNT PLEASANT, KIRKCALDY.**  
**M**R DOUGLAS intends carrying on the above Business, and hopes by maintaining the Superior Quality of the Celebrated **LOTHRIE AERATED WATERS,** to secure the continuance of the Public patronage and support so freely accorded to her late Husband.  
Orders by Post, addressed as above, will be punctually attended to, and Vans will regularly make the usual journeys.

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Mary was evidently keen to continue the family business, and to reassure customers (and suppliers) that it would continue. Other similar notices were placed in local newspapers; it would appear there was some fall-off in demand after her husband's death

<sup>9</sup> *The Fife Advertiser*, Sat May 13, 1882, p.5.

<sup>10</sup> *Ibid*, p.4.

<sup>11</sup> See C:\Personal -- genealogy\Genealogy -- main documents\Annex to doc -- Mary Beveridge and William Kininmonth to Elizabeth Kininmonth.doc.

<sup>12</sup> <http://www.measuringworth.com/ukcompare/relativevalue.php>

<sup>13</sup> *The Fife Advertiser*, Sat May 27 1882, p.1. There were other newspaper notices to this effect, on Sat May 20<sup>th</sup>, in *The Fife Free Press*, and again on Sat 3 June in both *The Fife Free Press* and *The Fife Advertiser*.

The 1884 Valuation Rolls show that Mary was then a tenant of a house, workshop and yard in Mount Pleasant, Kirkcaldy.<sup>14</sup> The annual rental was £25. She was described as a lemonade manufacturer – the first reference to her having this occupation. But she did not appear to own any property at that time. The properties in Wemyssfield that in 1875 were owned by Robert Douglas (senior) were, in 1884 owned by a William Sang (see below).

DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION OF QUARTERS.		PROPRIETOR.	TENANT.	OCCUPIED.	TAXES PAID OR VALUE.	
Description.	Location.				As estimated by Assessors.	As of Appraisers.
House	Mount Pleasant	Robert Morris				
House	" "	Boltonmakers				
House	" "		Michael Swindge			10
bookshop yard	" "		the Robert Douglas Leonard Mungt	the Buchanan		15
House	" "			the tenant		10

Mary married William Kinninmonth (sic<sup>15</sup>) on 13 Nov 1884 in Kirkcaldy; William was our great grandfather. Mary was described as a lemonade manufacturer; her father was a stone dresser. Intriguingly, the marriage certificate states that Mary and William were cousins. Mary's mother was born Elizabeth Muir, the sister of Mary Muir, who was William's mother. Another interesting piece of information from the marriage certificate is that William's residence was in Victoria Road; at that time Mary was living at Mount Pleasant, which is also in Victoria Road, although that is not stated in the marriage certificate. William was aged 25, while Mary, already a mother of three, was aged 24. William's stated occupation is illegible in the marriage certificate – possibly 'victualler', i.e. a purveyor of provisions, or grocer; in 1881 he had been a ploughman. His parents were William (an agricultural labourer) and Mary née Muir.

When, Where, and How Married.	Signatures of Parties. Rank or Profession, whether Single or Widowed, and Relationship (if any).	Age.	Usual Residence.	Name, Surname, and Rank or Profession of Father. Name, and Maiden Surname of Mother.	If a regular Marriage, Signatures of officiating Minister and Witnesses. If irregular, Date of Confection, Decree of Declarator, or Sheriff's Warrant.	When & Where Registered, and Signature of Registrar.
1884, on the Thirteenth day of November at Perth & Kinross Kirkcaldy Perth	(Signed) William Kinnear Minister	23	Perth	William Kinnear Apenthaugh & Leith	(Signed) James Dalziel Minister	1884, Perth
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<sup>14</sup> A Michael Beveridge was a neighbor; presumably he was a relative of Mary's.

<sup>15</sup> There are multiple spellings – at least 85 – of this surname: Cinnamond, Cinninmond, Cynninmond, Cynninmonth, Cynnmonth, Guinemont, Keimiment, Keninment, Keninmonth, Kennemuthe, Kenninmunthe, Keyinmonth, Kinamonth, Kinemunth, Kinenmont, Kinenmund, Kinimot, Kinindmund, Kininment, Kininmond, Kininmont, Kininmonth, Kininmount, Kinmond, Kinmont, Kinmonth, Kinmouth, Kinnamont, Kinnemond, Kinnenment, Kinnenmonth, Kinnimont, Kinnimonth, Kinningmont, Kinninman, Kinninment, Kinninmint, Kinninmond, Kinninmont, Kinninmonth, Kinninmonthe, Kinninmot, Kinninmound, Kinninmount, Kinninmouth, Kinnmonth, Kinnot, Kinnymot, Kinonmont, Kinnonmont, Kinnynmond, Kinnynmont, Kinnynmonth, Kinnynmonthe, Kinumonth, Kunnynmonth, Kynindmonth, Kyninmond, Kyninmont, Kyninmonth, Kyninmounthe, Kynmonth, Kymund, Kynnimonth, Kynnimount, Kynninmonth, Kynninmontht, Kynninmowthe, Kynninyounthe, Kynnemunth, Kynninmonthe, Kynnynmonth,, Kynnynmontht, Kynnymounthe, Kynnynmonth, Kynnynmonthe, Kynnynmonthe, Kynnynmonth, Kynnynmounthe, Kynymothe, Quinemont.

First found in Fife, where they were a Clan seated from ancient times at two seats in that county, one at Kinnimonth in Monimail, and the other at Pittscottie. The clan also branched to what is now Kinnmouth in Banff, and to Kinmont in Annandale, whence they became associated with the Armstrongs of the Debateable Land. In 1189, King William the Lion of Scotland confirmed the grant of lands on Odo the great Marshall, a descendant of Bishop Odo, the great Norman noble who attended Duke William of Normandy at the Battle of Hastings. Odo became known as Odo of Kinnimonth, hence the first bearer of the surname. His brother Matthew, was Bishop of Aberdeen from 1172 to 1199.

Source: <https://www.houseofnames.com/kininmonth-family-crest?a=54323-224>



Mary had done well for herself. When she married Robert Douglas she was a domestic servant and the daughter of a coal carter, while Robert was a (presumably wealthy) aerated water manufacturer whose father was prosperous. When she married her second husband, William Kininmonth, her first cousin, she was 3 months pregnant with their daughter Mary.

William and Mary Kininmonth had at least ten children together;<sup>16</sup> with the exception of Mary, their firstborn (who was born at Mt Pleasant, Kirkcaldy), all were born at St Brycedale Avenue, Kirkcaldy:

1. Mary Kininmonth, born 15 May 1885

Mary	1885	F	William Kininmonth	Mrs Kininmonth	1885
Kininmonth	May		Coached (Water Manufacturer)	Father	June 3 <sup>rd</sup>
	Pittscottie			(Present)	At Kirkcaldy
	St Brycedale Ave		Mary Kininmonth		James Stark
	Mount Pleasant		Previously Douglas Pittscottie		Assistant Registrar
	Kirkcaldy		1885 November 19 <sup>th</sup> Kirkcaldy		ADT

2. William (Wullie or Willie) Kininmonth, born 1 Apr 1888

William	1888	M	William Kininmonth	Mrs Kininmonth	1888
Kininmonth	April 1 <sup>st</sup>		Coached (Water Manufacturer)	Father	June 3 <sup>rd</sup>
	St Brycedale Ave			(Present)	At Kirkcaldy
	St Brycedale Ave		William Kininmonth		James Stark
	St Brycedale Ave		Douglas Pittscottie		Assistant Registrar
	Kirkcaldy		1888 November 19 <sup>th</sup> Kirkcaldy		ADT

3. Elizabeth (Lizzie) Kininmonth, our grandmother, born 3 Apr 1890

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1890. BIRTHS in the District of Kirkcaldy in the County of Fife						
No.	Name and Surname.	When and Where Born.	Sex.	Name, Surname, & Rank or Profession of Father. Name, and Maiden Surname of Mother. Date and Place of Marriage.	Signature and Qualification of Informant, and Residence, if one of the House in which the Birth occurred.	When and Where Registered, and Signature of Registrar.
154	Elizabeth Kininmonth	1890 April 3 <sup>rd</sup> St Brycedale Ave	F	William Kininmonth Coached (Water Manufacturer) Mary Kininmonth Previously Douglas St Brycedale Ave 1885 November 19 <sup>th</sup> Kirkcaldy	Mrs Kininmonth Father (Present) James Stark Assistant Registrar	1890 April 25 <sup>th</sup> At Kirkcaldy ADT

<sup>16</sup> The surname is not uncommon, and this makes it difficult to identify all of their children.

4. Douglas (Dougie) Kininmonth, born 6 Feb 1894

<u>Douglas</u> <u>Kininmonth</u>	1894. February sixth 9h. 30m. am St Brycedale Avenue Kirkcaldy	M	William Kininmonth Aerated water manufacturer Mary Kininmonth Previously Douglas M. S. Beveridge 1884 November 19 <sup>th</sup> Kirkcaldy	William Kininmonth Father Present	1894 February 24 <sup>th</sup> At Kirkcaldy Andas Smith Assistant Registrar. S.D.C.
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5. Ronal (sic, aka Ronnie) Kininmonth, born 21 Mar 1892

<u>Ronal</u> <u>Kininmonth</u>	1892. March twenty first 10h. 30m. P.M. St Brycedale Avenue Kirkcaldy	M	William Kininmonth Aerated water manufacturer Mary Kininmonth Previously Douglas M. S. Beveridge 1884 November 19 <sup>th</sup> Kirkcaldy	William Kininmonth Father Present	1892. March 7 <sup>th</sup> At Kirkcaldy Andas Smith Assistant Registrar. S.D.C.
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6. Edith (Edie) Kininmonth, born 22 May 1895

<u>Edith</u> <u>Kininmonth</u>	1895. May twenty second 0h. 30m. P.M. St Brycedale Avenue Kirkcaldy	F	William Kininmonth Aerated water manufacturer Mary Kininmonth Previously Douglas M. S. Beveridge 1884 November 19 <sup>th</sup> Kirkcaldy	William Kininmonth Father (Present)	1895 May 20 <sup>th</sup> At Kirkcaldy Andas Smith Assistant Registrar. S.D.C.
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7. Daisy Kininmonth, born on 16 Apr 1897

<u>Daisy</u> <u>Kininmonth</u>	1897. April sixteenth 7h. 30m. am St Brycedale Avenue Kirkcaldy	F	William Kininmonth Aerated Water Manufacturer Mary Kininmonth Previously Douglas M. S. Beveridge 1884 November 19 <sup>th</sup> Kirkcaldy	William Kininmonth Father Present	1897. May 5 <sup>th</sup> At Kirkcaldy Andas Smith Assistant Registrar. S.D.C.
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8. Winifred (Winnie) Kininmonth, born 9 May 1898

<u>Winifred</u> <u>Kininmonth</u>	1898. May Ninth 0h. 30m. am St Brycedale Avenue Kirkcaldy	F	William Kininmonth Aerated Water Manufacturer Mary Kininmonth Previously Douglas M. S. Beveridge 1884 November 19 <sup>th</sup> Kirkcaldy	William Kininmonth Father	1898. May 28 <sup>th</sup> At Kirkcaldy Andas Smith Assistant Registrar. S.D.C.
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9. Mabel Kininmonth, born 7 Mar 1900

Mabel Kininmonth	1800. March Seventh 11 h. 4 m. St Brycedale Avenue Kirkcaldy	F William Kininmonth Aerated Water Manufacturer Mary Kininmonth M. S. Beveridge 1884 November 19 <sup>th</sup> Kirkcaldy	Mrs Kininmonth Father (present)	1800. March 27 <sup>th</sup> Kirkcaldy Mudas Husb Assistant Registrar. S.D.A.
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10. Wilhelmina (Mina) Kininmonth, born 12 May 1901

Wilhelmina Kininmonth	1801. May Twenty-fifth 6 h. 30 m. P.M. St Brycedale Avenue Kirkcaldy	F William Kininmonth Aerated Water Manufacturer (deceased) Mary Kininmonth M. S. Beveridge 1884 November 19 <sup>th</sup> Kirkcaldy	Mrs Kininmonth Mother	1801. July 12 <sup>th</sup> Kirkcaldy Mudas Husb Assistant Registrar. S.D.A.
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With one exception – the second born, Ann Douglas – Mary and her two husbands adhered to the traditional naming pattern for their children.<sup>17</sup> This was complicated by Mary's first husband, Robert, having the same name as his father and Mary's father. It was further complicated by Mary having the same name as her mother.

In 1885, William was the 'tenant occupier' of a house and workshop/yard at Mt Pleasant, Kirkcaldy (presumably where their first daughter, Mary, was born in that year).<sup>18</sup> The annual rent for these two properties was £10 and £15, respectively. William was described as a lemonade manufacturer. The properties were owned by Robert Howie, a boilermaker.

Page 64 VALUATION ROLL for the Burgh of Kirkcaldy for the Year 1885-1886. Kirkcaldy									
Description and Extent of Premises		PROPRIETOR		TENANT		OCCUPIER		TENANT OCCUPIER	
Description	Area	Residence						Value of Premises	Value of Premises
House		Robert Howie		William Galloway	Boilermaker	And Robert Howie		£10	£10
House				George Dickson	Boilermaker	Tenant		£10	£10
House				Robert Howie		William Galloway		£10	£10
Workshop/yard				William Kininmonth	Lemonade Manufacturer	Tenant		£15	£15
House								£10	£10

The Valuation Rolls show that in 1884 there was a vinery/garden, nursery, house and cellar at 6 Wemyssfield, Kirkcaldy, all owned by a William Sang (see below) – the same

<sup>17</sup> 1st son named after father's father; 2nd son named after mother's father; 3rd son named after father; 1st daughter named after mother's mother; 2nd daughter named after father's mother; 3rd daughter named after mother. The naming pattern could not be applied to Mary's 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> children because the traditional names had already been used for their 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> children.

<sup>18</sup> It is interesting that the social conventions in those days appear to involve tenancies being in the name of the 'head of family', rather than the original spouse tenant (i.e., Mary).

properties formerly owned by Robert Douglas (senior).<sup>19</sup> Robert Douglas (junior)'s will & testament included a modest amount owed to a 'Sang and Barker, Edinburgh'; they were 'wholesale druggists, manufacturing chemists, drysalters, and oil merchants'.<sup>20</sup>

Description and Situation of Premises		Proprietor		Tenant		Occupier		Tenant's Rent
Description	Situation	Proprietor	Tenant	Occupier	As estimated by Assessor			
Shop	111 High St	William Sang, Sefton House	John Davidson, Sen, Bockhall	Lenant	12 10			
Shop, Saloon &c	"	Stennoway	Edward Sang, Sons	"	4 8			
House	113 "	near Vineyard & Kirkcaldy	William L. Ireland, Summer	"	2 6			
House	"	"	Andrew Innes, Miller	"	3 5			
Shop	115 "	"	William L. Ireland, Summer	"	2 10			
Stables &c	Sands Road	"	Edward Sang & Drysdale Sang	"	5			
Nursery	Wemyssfield	"	"	"	16 14 6			
House & Garden	6 Wemyssfield	William Sang, Vineyard	"	said Wm Sang	12			
Market Garden & Vineyard	"	Kirkcaldy	"	"	11			
Cellar	"	"	"	"	4			

1885	Owner		SANG	WILLIAM	NURSERY WEMYSSFIELD	/	KIRKCALDY	KIRKCALDY BURGH	VR50 / 13 / 442
1885	Owner Occupier		SANG	WILLIAM	CELLAR NO 6 WEMYSSFIELD	/	KIRKCALDY	KIRKCALDY BURGH	VR50 / 13 / 442
1885	Owner Occupier		SANG	WILLIAM	MARKET GARDEN AND VINERY NO 6 WEMYSSFIELD	/	KIRKCALDY	KIRKCALDY BURGH	VR50 / 13 / 442
1885	Owner Occupier		SANG	WILLIAM	HOUSE AND GARDEN NO 6 WEMYSSFIELD	/	KIRKCALDY	KIRKCALDY BURGH	VR50 / 13 / 442

A Post Office directory for 1886 still shows Robert junior's name, listing him as a 'soda water manufacturer'. His father, also named Robert, is shown in the same record as a tobacconist and hairdresser. When Robert senior died in 1887 he bequeathed his entire estate to his wife, Barbara Douglas née Reid.

Douglas & Grant, engineers, millwrights, & ironfounders, Dunnikier Foundry	
— Miss Janet, 48 Townsend pl	
— Robert, tobacconist & hairdresser, 177 High st	
— Robert, Esq. J.P. engineer, &c. (Douglas & Grant), Frankfield	
— Robert, junr. soda water manufacturer, Mount Pleasant, Victoria rd	21

A Fife Council website states that the Lothrie Aerated Water Works moved to Wemyssfield circa Nov 1886.<sup>22</sup>

At the time of the 1891 Census, Mary was living with her second husband William, who was listed as an 'aerated water manufacturer'; evidently, he and Mary had continued the

<sup>19</sup> Interestingly, William Sang (described as a nurseryman) owned the house and shop in Kirk Wynd that Robert Douglas Sr rented in 1855.

<sup>20</sup> <http://digital.nls.uk/directories/browse/pageturner.cfm?id=85128490> Robert Douglas senior's obituary (1887) noted that he was a friend and co-worker with a John Sang.

<sup>21</sup> <http://digital.nls.uk/directories/browse/pageturner.cfm?id=90658208>

<sup>22</sup> <http://www.onfife.com/lothrie-aerated-water-works>

management of the lemonade factory after Robert's demise.<sup>23</sup> They had 5 children living with them: Ann and Robert Douglas (Mary's surviving children from her first marriage); and Mary, William, and Elizabeth Kininmonth. They had one servant and a visitor on Census night. Their house, at 8 St Brycedale Avenue, Kirkcaldy, had windows in 8 rooms – a substantial house. Also in 1891, William's brother David Kininmonth, aged 22, was working as a lemonade salesman – presumably in the family business. By 1906 he was a manager there.

ROAD, STREET, Ave., and No. or NAME of HOUSE.	HOUSE No. of Inhabitants	NAME and Surname of each Person.	RELATION to Head of Family.	CONJUGIAL Status	AGE (last birthday)	PROFESSION or OCCUPATION.	Employer.	Employed.	Whether the person has been working in any business.	WHERE BORN.	Go to G. & S.	Whether blind and deaf, lame, or idiot.	Remarks with the above entries.
8 St Brycedale Ave.	1	William Kininmonth	Head	Mar	31	Unemployed Manfr	X			Scotchman, Aberdeen			8
		Mary Do	Wife	Mar	27					Scotchman, Aberdeen			
		Robert Douglas	Son	Unm	9	Scholar				Do Kirkcaldy			
		Robert Do	Son	Unm	5	Do				Do Do			
		Mary Kininmonth	Daughter	Unm	5	Do				Do Do			
		William Do	Son	Unm	3	Do				Do Do			
		Elizabeth Do	Daughter	Unm	1	Do				Do Do			
		Elizabeth Douglas	Daughter	Unm	21	Do				Do Glasgow			
		William Murray	Servant	Unm	33	General Serv				Scotchman, Glasgow			



The property at the centre left is 8 St Brycedale Avenue, currently occupied by the Kirkcaldy United Services Institute. (The property on the right is #6, which Mary owned later – see below.)



Note that the houses (in shadow) on the right-hand side of the street are #8 and #6 St Brycedale Avenue<sup>24</sup>

<sup>23</sup> Mary's occupation, however, was unstated. This probably reflected a conservative approach to the recording of information by the Census takers.

<sup>24</sup> The building on the left is the Adam Smith Halls, built in 1899. It is now known as the Adam Smith Theatre: <https://onfife.com/venues/adam-smith-theatre/history>

An 1894 map from before the building of Mary's mansion, Lothrie Bank, shows the location of Lothrie Works – immediately behind both 8 St Brycedale Avenue and (the future location of) Lothrie Bank at 6 Wemyssfield.<sup>25 26</sup>



<sup>25</sup> <https://maps.nls.uk/geo/explore/side-by-side/#zoom=15&lat=56.11752&lon=-3.17498&layers=168&right=BingHyb>

<sup>26</sup> A 1941 newspaper article states that in 1868, 'Lothrie water supply' was provided for Kirkcaldy and Dysart (*The Fife Free Press*, Sat 5 Apr 1941, p.4). Presumably this water came from the Lothrie Burn, which runs west to east, at a point a few miles north of Kirkcaldy. This supply system appears to have been known as the Lothrie Water Works (*The Fife Free Press*, Sat 14 Sep 1901, p.2). Thus the name of our ancestors' company, the Lothrie Aerated Water Works, can be viewed as drawing on the status and well-known name of the municipal water supply – a useful advertising ploy.

1950 Aerial view of Lothrie Bank, Lothrie aerated water works (centre of photo), St Brycedale Avenue:<sup>27</sup>



The 1895 Valuation Rolls show that William and Mary had succeeded in accumulating considerable property assets over the preceding decade. There had been an apparent transfer of ownership of the house (named ‘The Vineyard’<sup>28</sup> – where William’s brother David was living when he married Agnes Russell in 1896), the garden/vinery and the nursery at St Brycedale from William Sang<sup>29</sup> to William Kininmonth (junior); these latter two properties were rented by Edward Sang & Sons.<sup>30</sup> ‘The Vineyard’ was where William’s father, William senior, was living – as the tenant – when he died in 1897. The transfer of ownership from William Sang to Mary and William Kininmonth is consistent with the family lore that Mary borrowed a large sum of money – £500 – against her house at Lothrie Bank for a lemonade factory after the death of her husband.

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<sup>27</sup> [https://britainfromabove.org.uk/en/image/saw032188?keyword=4975&quicktabs\\_image=0&ref=66](https://britainfromabove.org.uk/en/image/saw032188?keyword=4975&quicktabs_image=0&ref=66)

<sup>28</sup> A website states that The Vinery was located in Whyte’s Causeway, which is 100 yards southeast of Wemyssfield: <https://lists.rootsweb.com/hyperkitty/search?mlist=sct-fife%40rootsweb.com&q=kininmonth>

<sup>29</sup> Note that in 1875, William Sang’s only property in Wemyssfield was the nursery.

<sup>30</sup> A company of this name was a nurseryman and seed merchant.

By 1895 William junior also owned 'Works' at Wemyssfield. Note that there was a separate house, at St Brycedale Avenue, in Mary's name. There were 6 properties in all, with a total rental value of £125 per annum – a sizable amount.<sup>31</sup>

Description and Extent of Premises		PROPRIETOR	TENANT	OCCUPYER	RENTAL VALUE NOT RATED		RENTAL VALUE	RENTAL VALUE
Description	Extent				(18 Val. reg. & ann. 2 & 3)			Yearly Rent on Value
Works	Wemyssfield	William Kinninmonth	William Kinninmonth	Proprietor				45
House	The Vineyard	acrated water manufacturer	Edward Douglass	same				15
Acres of Wemyss	St Brycedale		Edward Douglass	same				5
Acres of Wemyss				Proprietor				5
House	St Brycedale Avenue	Mrs Mary Bannister or Kinninmonth wife of William Kinninmonth		Proprietor				40
		acrated water manufacturer						

Mary's husband – our great grandfather – William Kinninmonth died on 28 Mar 1901, age 41, of heart disease, which he had had 'for years' (sic). In the death certificate, his father William is described as a farm griever, deceased. His mother Mary née Muir was still living.

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1901. DEATHS in the District of Kirkcaldy in the County of Fife

No.	Name and Surname	Rank or Profession, and whether Single, Married, or Widowed.	When and Where Died.	Sex.	Age.	Name, Surname, & Rank or Profession of Father.	Name, and Maiden Surname of Mother.	Cause of Death, Duration of Disease, and Medical Attendant by whom certified.	Signature & Qualification of Informant, and Signature of Registrar, if not of the House in which the Death occurred.	When and where Registered, and Signature of Registrar.
70	William Kinninmonth		1901, March twenty eighth	M	41	William Kinninmonth	Mary Kinninmonth	Heart disease for years (deceased)	R. B. Douglas	1901, March 28 <sup>th</sup> at Kirkcaldy
	Acrated Water Manufacturer		St Brycedale Avenue			Mary Kinninmonth		At Cert. by H. D. G. G. G.		At Kirkcaldy
	married to Mary Bannister		Kirkcaldy							

**DEATHS.**

At 8 St Brycedale Avenue, Kirkcaldy, on the 28<sup>th</sup> inst., William Kinninmonth, acrated water manufacturer, aged 41 years. All friends please accept of this (the only) intimation. Funeral private.

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<sup>31</sup> Note that in those days, the 'value' of a property was estimated not by its potential sale price, but its rental value. See <https://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/guides/property-ownership-renting-and-occupancy>

<sup>32</sup> The Fife Free Press, Sat 20 Mar 1901, p.5.

## THE LATE MR WILLIAM KININMONTH.

It is also with deep regret that we record to-day the death of Mr William Kininmonth, aerated water manufacturer, which took place at his residence, 8 St Brycedale Avenue, on Thursday morning. Mr Kininmonth, who was proprietor of the celebrated brand of Lothrie aerated waters, was well-known throughout the county, and considerably beyond it. In business he was courteous and considerate—the very soul of honour—and ever anxious to do the best for his customers. Thus, by his native talent, and energetic, though quiet, disposition, he so developed his business that it is now one of the best in the county. In private life he was a pleasant and agreeable companion, ever catching the silver lining in the darkest cloud. His cheery presence and ready smile will long be missed by the wide circle of friends to whom he endeared himself by his sterling qualities no less than his kindly, obliging disposition. But now:

“He’s gaun! he’s gaun! he’s frae us a’ aye,  
The a’e best fellow ere was born.”

Much sympathy is felt for and extended to his widow and family in their irremediable loss.

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In their joint Will (dated 1893), they left the estate to each other ‘for the love favour (sic) and affection which we bear to each other’; if neither of them survived the other, the estate was to be divided equally among Mary’s children from their marriage and her previous marriage (see Annex B<sup>34</sup>). The inventory of the estate, prepared in 1901 after William’s death, indicates assets, investments and monies owed to the aerated water business totalling some £14,430. The assets included loans to 12 individuals and the Burgh of Kirkcaldy, in the amount of £7,474; most of these individuals were business people, as well as some relatives. There were debts of £7,451. There was also ‘heritage’ (i.e., land and buildings, presumably including the house named ‘The Vineyard’ and the business’s properties in Kirkcaldy and Ladybank) to the value of £2,685. This indicates the total net value of the estate – which would have been jointly owned by William and Mary – was about £9,664; this is equivalent to £1,031,400 (in 2018 purchasing power), a very considerable sum in those days. The probate record notes that Mary’s home was 8 St

<sup>33</sup> Ibid.

<sup>34</sup> See C:\Personal -- genealogy\Genealogy -- main documents\Annex to doc -- Mary Beveridge and William Kininmonth to Elizabeth Kininmonth.doc.

Brycedale Avenue, Kirkcaldy. This is just around the corner from Wemyssfield, where Mary built her mansion in 1904.

**KININMONTH, William**, Manufacturer of Aerated Waters, Kirkcaldy, died 28 March 1901, at Kirkcaldy, testate. Confirmation granted at Cupar, 13 September, to Mary Beveridge or Douglas or Kininmonth, 8 St Brucedale Avenue, Kirkcaldy, his widow, Executrix nominated in Will or Deed, dated 1 March 1893, and recorded in Court Books of Commissariat of Fife, 6 September 1901. Value of Estate, £14,430, 14s.

At the time of the 1901 Census, on 31 March, three days after William's death, Mary was recorded as a widow who was living with 11 of her children and two servants at the family home in St Brycedale Avenue, Kirkcaldy. Note that Mary and William had a daughter, Wilhelmina, who was born on 25 May 1901, a month and a half after William's death. Mary signed the birth certificate.

Wilhelm Mininmonth 1801. May twenty-fifth 6 h. from Bur St Brycedale Avenue Kirkcaldy	1801. May twenty-fifth 6 h. from Bur St Brycedale Avenue Kirkcaldy	7 William Mininmonth Aerated Water Manufacturer (deceased) Mary Mininmonth H. & S. Beveridge 1884 November 19 <sup>th</sup> Kirkcaldy	1801. July 12 <sup>th</sup> the Kirkcaldy Midas Trust Assistant Registrar A.D.
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Mary's house in 1901 had windows in 11 rooms. Mary (as well as her son Robert Douglas) was listed as an 'aerated water manufacturer'. Note also that a David Kininmonth (William's brother) and his wife Agnes also had a daughter named Wilhelmina, in 1902. David was also listed as an 'aerated water manufacturer'.<sup>35</sup>

Civil Parish of	Parish Ward of	Ecclesiastical Parish of	Quond Name Parish of	School Board District of	Parliamentary Burgh of	Parliamentary Division of						
<i>Thurso</i>	<i>Thurso</i>	<i>Thurso</i>		<i>Thurso</i>	<i>Thurso</i>							
Royal Burgh of	Municipal Burgh of	Police Burgh of	Murgh Ward of	Town of	Village or Hamlet of	Island of						
<i>Thurso</i>	<i>Thurso</i>	<i>Thurso</i>	<i>Thurso</i>									
ROAD, STREET, &c., and No. or NAME of HOUSE.	HOUSE No. (a) (b)	NAME and Surname of each Person.	RELATION to Head of Family.	CERTIFICATE as to Marriage.	AGE (last Birthday)	PROFESSION or OCCUPATION.	Employer, Worker, or on Own Account.	If Working at Home.	WHERE BORN.	Gender, or G. & E.	Whether 1. Dead and Death Date. 2. Married. 3. Canada. 4. America. 5. Other.	Persons with one or more Windows.
<i>St. Andrew's Green</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Mrs. James Smith</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>41</i>	<i>Quond Name Parish</i>	<i>Employer</i>		<i>St. Andrew's Green</i>			<i>11</i>
		<i>James Smith</i>	<i>Son</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>Quond Name Parish</i>			<i>St. Andrew's Green</i>			
		<i>Robert B. Douglas</i>	<i>Son</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>Quond Name Parish</i>	<i>Employer</i>		<i>St. Andrew's Green</i>			
		<i>Mrs. James Smith</i>	<i>Son</i>		<i>18</i>	<i>Quond Name Parish</i>			<i>St. Andrew's Green</i>			
		<i>John James Smith</i>	<i>Son</i>		<i>12</i>	<i>Quond Name Parish</i>			<i>St. Andrew's Green</i>			
		<i>Edith James Smith</i>	<i>Son</i>		<i>10</i>	<i>Quond Name Parish</i>			<i>St. Andrew's Green</i>			
		<i>Frank James Smith</i>	<i>Son</i>		<i>7</i>	<i>Quond Name Parish</i>			<i>St. Andrew's Green</i>			
		<i>Douglas James Smith</i>	<i>Son</i>		<i>5</i>	<i>Quond Name Parish</i>			<i>St. Andrew's Green</i>			
		<i>Edith James Smith</i>	<i>Son</i>		<i>4</i>	<i>Quond Name Parish</i>			<i>St. Andrew's Green</i>			
		<i>Miss James Smith</i>	<i>Son</i>		<i>3</i>	<i>Quond Name Parish</i>			<i>St. Andrew's Green</i>			
		<i>Winfred James Smith</i>	<i>Son</i>		<i>2</i>	<i>Quond Name Parish</i>			<i>St. Andrew's Green</i>			
		<i>Walter James Smith</i>	<i>Son</i>		<i>1</i>	<i>Quond Name Parish</i>			<i>St. Andrew's Green</i>			
		<i>William J. Phillips</i>	<i>Son</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>Quond Name Parish</i>			<i>St. Andrew's Green</i>			
		<i>James Smith</i>	<i>Son</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>Quond Name Parish</i>			<i>St. Andrew's Green</i>			

Mary's mother Lizzie Muir died on 24 May 1901, less than 2 months after her husband. Lizzie was aged 68.

A Post Office directory for 1903 shows William's name for the aerated water manufacturing business. Mary is also shown, as Mrs Kininmonth, as the householder at 4 Vineyard, Wemyssfield, Kirkcaldy.

<sup>35</sup> When David died in 1923 he was described as a 'colliery agent'.

Kinninmonth C. & E. (The Mases), Berlin  
 wool & fancy repository, 151 High street  
 Kinninmonth David, baker & confectioner,  
 143 High street  
 Kinninmonth William, aerated water manu-  
 facturer (R. Douglas), 8 St. Brycedale's av  
 Kinninmonth Mrs. householder, 4 Vine-  
 yard, Wemyssfield

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In 1904, Mary commissioned the building of Lothrie Bank, at 6 Wemyssfield, Kirkcaldy.



Lothrie Bank soon after it was built. Note conservatory and tramlines<sup>37</sup>

This house is heritage listed (Category B), and the interior is constructed in 'ornate Art-Nouveau style'. A to-rent notice in 2012 stated the house is 380m<sup>2</sup> (or 4,085 sq ft) in size, with front and rear staircases. The house was at that time named *Wemyssfield House*, and the annual rent sought in 2012 was £30,000 p.a.<sup>38</sup> The heritage description includes the following:

'The Dean of Guild court approved plans in January 1904, for a villa at Wemyssfield, 'Lothrie Bank', for a Mrs Kinninmonth, hence the vestibule floor design incorporating the letter 'K'. In 1914<sup>39</sup> the building was converted to a temperance hotel, known as the Crown, by Thomas Menzies. Dean of Guild Records show a connection between the

<sup>36</sup> digital.nls.uk/directories/browse/pageturner.cfm?id=90678493

<sup>37</sup> Photograph from: <http://www.britishlistedbuildings.co.uk/sc-44105-6-wemyssfield-wemyssfield-house-with-boun> Text source: <http://data.historic-scotland.gov.uk/pls/htmldb/f?p=2200:15:0:::BUILDING:44105>

<sup>38</sup> Or 144m<sup>2</sup> on the ground floor; 15 m<sup>2</sup> on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor; and 85m<sup>2</sup> on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor (the attic).

<sup>39</sup> This date is incorrect. The family lived in the house until it was sold, circa May 1920 (see below).

Kinninmonth family and 'Lothrie Aerated Water Works'. The architects William Hogg and Mitchell practiced from 26 Frederick Street, Edinburgh. Formerly used by (and still the property of) British Telecom (BT), Wemyssfield House was taken over in 1996 by Kirkcaldy Chamber of Commerce on a 15-year lease.' A full description of the house is at Annex C.



As at 2017



Art Deco side windows

Art Deco ornate plaster ceiling



'K' for Kininmonth



Family lore (from our mother) is that:

- Lothrie Bank had a huge conservatory next to it (on the right-hand side), which included a large plumbago capensis plant – Mary was a keen gardener, and ‘adored’ it
- The house had between 8 and 10 bedrooms
- The lemonade factory was built next to the house. Mary borrowed £500 from her lawyer to build the factory, which started around 1905, and was still a going concern in 1921 (when my mother was born)
- Her father, our grandfather David Reekie, was brought in after WWII to manage the business, after it had been somewhat run down
- Barr’s (who make Irn Bru) eventually took over the factory, reportedly in 1963.<sup>40</sup>

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<sup>40</sup> [http://www.douglashistory.co.uk/history/Businesses/robert\\_douglas\\_kirkcaldy.htm#.WX1MTiGNhE](http://www.douglashistory.co.uk/history/Businesses/robert_douglas_kirkcaldy.htm#.WX1MTiGNhE)  
Barr’s is reputedly now the largest soft drink manufacturer in Scotland.

Bottles produced by the Lothrie Aerated Water Works:<sup>41</sup>



**DOUGLAS'S**  
GOLD MEDAL  
**TABLE WATERS**

DOUGLAS'S AERATED WATERS don't just "happen" to be better than other aerated waters—they are **made** better. Infinite pains are taken in every detail of their production.

In the selection of the ingredients; in the cleanliness and efficiency of the machinery; in the many stages of manufacture; in every process right up to the finish, the greatest care is exercised.

*That is why Douglas's Gold Medal Table Waters are Second to None, and absolute value for the money.*

They are of proven quality that will hold trade in face of the keenest competition.

R. DOUGLAS, Ltd., Lothrie Works, Kirkcaldy. —Phone 2313 Kirkcaldy.  
Townhill Road, Dunfermline—Phone 249 Dunfermline.  
Kinloch Street, Ladybank—Phone 21 Ladybank.

Lothrie works – circa 1967:<sup>43</sup>



**THE FAVOURITE THIRST QUENCHERS**

**DOUGLAS'S**  
Gold Medal  
**LEMONADE**  
**KOLA CHAMPAGNE**  
**LIME JUICE & SODA**  
**STONE GINGER BEER**  
**ORANGE CHAMPAGNE**

**YOU MAY DRINK THEM TO YOUR HEART'S CONTENT, KNOWING THEY ARE WHOLESOME, PURE, AND DELICIOUS.**

Don't take any other kind that may be offered you as "just as good." THERE'S NONE SO GOOD AS DOUGLAS'S.

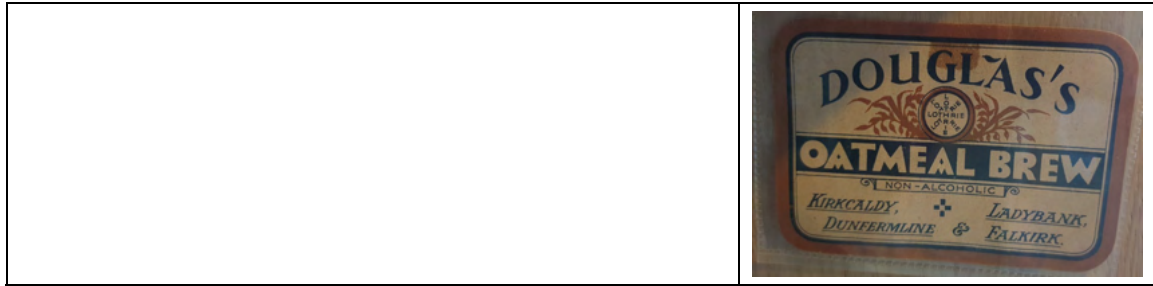
**DOUGLAS, LOTHRIE WORKS, KIRKCALDY.**  
And at Ladybank. Phone 313 Kirkcaldy.

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<sup>41</sup>This Douglas family website reports that 'A correspondent reported in May 2015 that he had found a hard rubber bottle stopper, inscribed, "R. Douglas 1939 Kirkcaldy Dunfermline," on a beach in Norway. And in June 2015, another correspondent informed she had found a bottle stopper beside a railway line at Forgandenny in Perthshire.'

<sup>42</sup> *The Fife Free Press*, Sat 11 Sep 1909, p.7.

<sup>43</sup> Then owned by Barr's of Irn Bru fame.



By 1905, Mary had become very prosperous. The Valuation Rolls reveal a number of properties in her name:

- The house at Lothrie Bank, at 6 Wemyssfield – her home – and also an aerated water works next door
- A house, office and garden at 4/6 St Brycedale Avenue, Kirkcaldy, and a house and land at 8 St Brycedale Avenue (see above)
- Two houses, a garden, stable and aerated water factory<sup>44</sup> at Kinloch Street, Ladybank – about 10 miles north of Kirkcaldy; a large warehouse or factory building exists in that street to this day
- The total yearly rent or equivalent value was £358.

#### Kirkcaldy:

DESCRIPTION AND SITUATION OF SUBJECT	PROPRIETOR	TENANT	OCCUPIER	IMPERSONAL OCCUPIER Not Rated, 48 Vict. c. 5 ss. 9 and 10	Annual Value of Dwelling- house of Inhabitant Occupier (Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1905) or Fee-Value of Ground Annuity of other Subjects	YEARLY RENT OR VALUE
House, "Lothrie Bank," 4 Wemyssfield	Mrs Mary Kininmonth, aerated water manufacturer	John W. Harper, grocer	Same			7 0
Aerated Water Works, &c.			Proprietor			30 0
House, 10 Wemyssfield	John Hislop Heriot, merchant, 6 West Fergus Place	Andrew Stewart, tobacco manuf.	Proprietor			12 0
do 12 do		Miss Dora J. Atkinson	Same			28 0
do 14 do	James Hogarth	James Maxwell, corn merchant	Same			28 0
do 2 St Brycedale Avenue	Mrs Mary Douglas or Kininmonth	George Grieve, mill manager	Proprietor			29 0
do and Office and Garden, 4/6 St Brycedale Avenue	do		Same			40 0
do 8 St Brycedale Avenue			Empty			47 0
Land			Proprietor			7 0

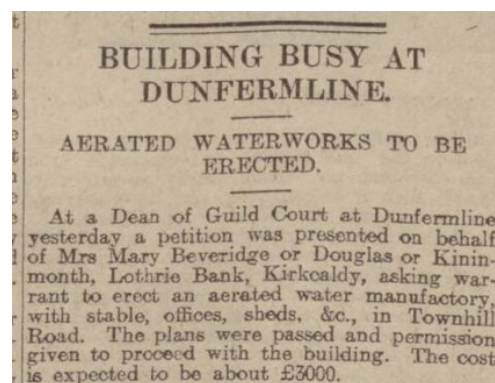
#### Ladybank, Collessie parish, Fife

DESCRIPTION AND SITUATION OF SUBJECT	PROPRIETOR	TENANT	OCCUPIER	IMPERSONAL OCCUPIER Not Rated (48 Vict. c. 5, ss. 9 and 10)	Annual Value of Dwelling- house of Inhabitant Occupier (Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1905) or Fee-Value of Ground Annuity of other Subjects	YEARLY RENT OR VALUE
<b>LADYBANK POLICE BURGH—Contd.</b>						
House and Garden, do.	Fife County Council, per W. D. Patrick Esq., county clerk		Proprietors		1 4 0	25 5 0
do, do.	Mrs Mary Kininmonth, 8 St Brycedale Avenue, Kirkcaldy	James Pearson, lorryman	Same	David Gatherum, constable	0 0 0	6 0 0
Aerated Water Factory, do.			Proprietor		0 4 6	30 0 0
Stable, do.			Proprietor			12 0 0
House and Garden, do.		Thomas Hutchison, manager	Same			6 0 0

<sup>44</sup> The aerated water factory at Ladybank had an annual rental value of £30, whereas the one in Kirkcaldy had one of £120 – this could indicate the high relatively cost of land in Kirkcaldy.

No	Year	Status	Title	Surname	Forename	Place	Parish	County/ Burgh	Reference
1	1905	Owner	MRS	DOUGLAS OR KININMONTH	MARY	HOUSE AND OFFICE AND GARDEN NO 4/6 ST BRYCEDALE AVENUE	KIRKCALDY AND DYSART	KIRKCALDY BURGH	VR50 / 27 / 256
2	1905	Owner	MRS	DOUGLAS OR KININMONTH	MARY	HOUSE NO 8 ST BRYCEDALE AVENUE	KIRKCALDY AND DYSART	KIRKCALDY BURGH	VR50 / 27 / 256
3	1905	Owner Occupier	MRS	DOUGLAS OR KININMONTH	MARY	LAND NO 8 ST BRYCEDALE AVENUE	KIRKCALDY AND DYSART	KIRKCALDY BURGH	VR50 / 27 / 256
5	1905	Owner Occupier	MRS	KININMONTH	MARY	HOUSE LOTHRIEBANK NO 4 WEMYSSFIELD	KIRKCALDY AND DYSART	KIRKCALDY BURGH	VR50 / 27 / 256
6	1905	Owner Occupier	MRS	KININMONTH	MARY	AERATED WATER WORKS AND ETC NO 4 WEMYSSFIELD	KIRKCALDY AND DYSART	KIRKCALDY BURGH	VR50 / 27 / 256
7	1905	Owner	MRS	KINNINMONTH	MARY	HOUSE AND GARDEN KINLOCH STREET	COLLESSIE	FIFE COUNTY	VR101 / 51 / 57
8	1905	Owner Occupier	MRS	KINNINMONTH	MARY	AERATED WATER FACTORY KINLOCH STREET	COLLESSIE	FIFE COUNTY	VR101 / 51 / 57
9	1905	Owner Occupier	MRS	KINNINMONTH	MARY	STABLE KINLOCH STREET	COLLESSIE	FIFE COUNTY	VR101 / 51 / 57
10	1905	Owner	MRS	KINNINMONTH	MARY	HOUSE AND GARDEN KINLOCH STREET	COLLESSIE	FIFE COUNTY	VR101 / 51 / 57

In Nov 1910, Mary received approval from Dunfermline town authorities to build an 'aerated water manufactory' with stables, offices, etc, in Townhill road.<sup>45</sup> The cost was expected to be about £3,000.



The advertisements for Douglas lemonade (see above) indicate the Townhill factory was completed.

At the time of the 1911 Census, Mary was living with 9 of her children and one grandchild at Lothrie Bank in Kirkcaldy. Two of Mary's children (William and Ronald Kinninmonth) worked with her in the lemonade factory; all her other children were students. Mary was listed as an employee of the business – her son Robert Douglas was

<sup>45</sup> *The Evening Telegraph and Post* (Dundee), 1 Nov 1910.

[illegible]

Mary Kinimonth widow of W Robert Douglas Arched Water Main Manufacturer @ William Kinimonth, Arched Water Main Contractor	1912, December 6th 1st Mon AM. Up Great King Street Edinburgh usual residence Leith Bank Kirkcaldy	3 52 Apr	Robert Kerridge Quarryman retired Elizabeth Beveridge n. S. Hill accused	Laminera Keele 1 yr as cart by James M Graham n. S.	RTS Douglas Sen Presnt St Remydale Avenue Kirkcaldy	1912, December 6 at Edinburgh Joseph Anderson residing JPM
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**KININMONTH.**—At 19 Great King Street, Edinburgh, on the 6th inst., Mrs Mary Beveridge or Douglas or Kininmonth, of Lothrie Bank, Kirkcaldy, in her 53rd year. Funeral private.

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**THE LATE MRS KINNINMONTH, LOTHRIEBANK, KIRKCALDY.**—At the comparatively early age of 53, Mrs Kinninmonth, Lothriebank, Kirkcaldy, died on Friday morning last in an Edinburgh nursing home after a surgical operation. The deceased lady was the principal of the firm of R. Douglas, Lothrie aerated water works, Kirkcaldy, with branches at Ladybank and Kirkcaldy. All who were acquainted with her, or had business dealings with her, recognised in Mrs Kinninmonth a woman of exceptional powers. Her qualities of head and heart were best known by those who knew her best. In private life she dispensed a bountiful charity to those she found deserving, but few there were who were aware of the extent of her good deeds. Thrown on her own resources on the early death of her first husband, Mr Robert Douglas, who had just started an aerated water factory in Kirkcaldy, the widow of only 22 years with two young children bravely set herself to do her husband's part in the works. Machinery had no puzzle for her. Soon she had her reward; for the business grew steadily, and now it is the largest of the kind in Fife. On the death of her second husband, Mr William Kinninmonth in 1901, her eldest son, Mr Robert Douglas, was taken into the business, and in time was joined by his step-brothers Messrs William and Ronald Kinninmonth. The fourth son, Mr Douglas Kinninmonth, is at present student in the Heriot Watt Technical College, Edinburgh. Up to less than a week before her death, Mrs Kinninmonth, though often suffering and confined to bed, continued to be the guiding spirit in the conduct of the firm, and was consulted on all matters of detail. Much sympathy is expressed for her sons and daughters, who have lost a much-loved mother and counsellor. The funeral, which was private, took place on Monday afternoon to Kirkcaldy Cemetery.

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Mary's obituary reveals that she died following a surgical operation. She is described as generous to those she found deserving. First widowed at 22, with two young children, she took over the recently-established aerated water factory in Kirkcaldy (in 1882); by the time of her death in 1912 it was the largest of its kind in Fife.

Three of her sons – Robert Douglas, William and Ronald Kinninmonth – entered the business.

Her funeral was private, and she was buried in Kirkcaldy Cemetery.<sup>49</sup>

<sup>48</sup> *The Fife Free Press*, Sat 14 Dec 1912, p.4., reproduced in *The Fife Free Press*, Sat 14 Dec 1912, p.6.

<sup>49</sup> It is not clear which cemetery in Kirkcaldy was referred to. There are various websites with gravestone photos, some of which were taken recently, but as at Mar 2020 there was no photo available of her gravestone. The largest cemetery in the area is Dysart Cemetery, so it is possible she was buried there.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.**  
**KININMONTH.**—The family of the late Mrs Kininmonth return sincere thanks for the many kind expressions of sympathy which they have received from their friends in their recent bereavement.—Lothriebank, Kirkcaldy.

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Mary's last Will & Testament is at Annex D. Her will is dated 25 Sep 1911, with codicils dated 30 Nov 1912 and 3 Dec 1912 – the last only 3 days before she died, listing various items of jewellery she wanted to leave to her daughters. Her will was a complex affair. It appointed 4 trustees and executors: her sons Robert Beveridge Douglas and William Kininmonth, her son-in-law Frederick Innes (married to her daughter Annie), and James Inglis, a solicitor. Key provisions of her will included:

- The family home at Lothriebank was to be preserved for her family (6 of her 12 children were aged under 21 at the time of Mary's death); the four trustees were appointed as 'tutors and curators' of her under-age children
- The trustees were to continue the 'Aerated Water Manufacture' business for at least 2 years after Mary's death; thereafter, they had the power to continue the business or to sell it. If sold, her 4 sons were to be given first opportunity to buy it, for £25,000 – note that in terms of 2018 purchasing power, this is equivalent to £2,431,000
- The business included buildings, plant & machinery, stock-in-trade, horses, vans, lorries, goodwill, etc. It operated at 3 locations: Wemyssfield, Kirkcaldy; Townhill Road and Lenny Street,<sup>51</sup> Dunfermline; and Ladybank (bought by Mary's second husband, William Kininmonth)
- The value of her 'heritable property' (i.e. land and buildings, including her houses and the business's properties) was given as £10,200 – given the proposed sale price for the business, this figure appears very conservative, perhaps to minimise estate duty, which was levied at 6%) – while the net value of the 'moveable property' (i.e., household and personal effects, her business's machinery, stock, goodwill etc, and her private investments in, for example, the British Linen Bank, the Arizona Copper Co., and a coal merchant) was £15,161 8s 7½d.<sup>52</sup> She had made loans to 11 individuals – mainly business people – and to the Burgh of Kirkcaldy in the amount of £6,982. She also owned a share in a coal merchants' business. The total value of her estate (or 'inventory') was thus about £25,361
- Bequests to several of her siblings, to her own children (essentially in equal shares, although her unmarried daughters were to receive an additional sum of

<sup>50</sup> *Fifehire Advertiser*, Sat 14 Dec 1912, p.12.

<sup>51</sup> Lenny Street appears to no longer exist.

<sup>52</sup> The net value of her 'moveable property' was £15,161 8s 7½d. This included her business's machinery, stock, goodwill etc, worth about £4,400, but excluded the business premises. Her non-business moveable property was thus worth about £10,761.

£250 each), and others. Just before her death, Mary bequeathed her ‘best sable furs’ and specific jewellery to her daughters; our grandmother, Elizabeth, was to be given an opal and diamond brooch

**KININMONTH, Mary Beveridge** or, Lothriebank, Kirkcaldy, died 6 December 1912, at Edinburgh, testate. Confirmation granted at Cupar, 6 January, to Robert Beveridge Douglas, St Brycedale Avenue, Kirkcaldy, and William Kininmonth, Lothriebank aforesaid, her sons, Frederick George Innes, Tarvit Park, Cupar, and James Inglis, Solicitor, Kirkcaldy, Executors nominated in Will or Deed, dated 25 September 1911, and recorded with other Writs in Court Books of Commissariat of Fife, 3 January 1913. Value of Estate, £17,360, 8s. 1d.

The 1915 Valuation Rolls show that Lothriebank was still owned by the family, as part of the trust set up by Mary; indeed, a public notice placed in Jun 1918 by our grandmother, Elizabeth Reekie née Kininmonth, for a general servant gave her contact address as Lothriebank. The aerated water works – which was next door – was owned by the R. Douglas company owned by the family. The rental value of the 2 properties was £90 and £145, respectively. The properties – houses, garden, office and some land – at #4, 6 and 8 St Brycedale Avenue were still owned by the family trust. Robert Beveridge Douglas rented #4 from the trust; he was working in the family business. The total rental value of the St Brycedale properties was £154 10s.

DESCRIPTION AND SITUATION OF SERVICE.	PROPRIETOR.	RENT.	OCCUPY.	IMPROVEMENT OCCUPY. Not Rated (in Val. r. 8, ss. 2 and 3)	Amount of Rating (in Val. r. 8, ss. 2 and 3)	Source of Subsidised Occupancy (Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1908, or Forfeiture or Disposal of land of other authorities)	YEARLY RENT OR VALUE.
House, "Lothriebank," 4 do	Trs. of late Mrs Mary Kininmonth, per Thos. Dow & Son		Proprietors				90 0 0
Aerated Water Works, &c. do	R. Douglas, Ltd., aerated water manu- facturers		Proprietors				145 0 0
do 2 St Brycedale Avenue	James Hogarth, miller		Proprietor				65 0 0
do and Office and Garden, 4 6 do	Trs. of late Mrs Mary Douglas or Kinin- month, Lothriebank, per T. Dow & Son, solicitors		Proprietor				40 0 0
do 8 do			Proprietor				47 0 0
Land			Proprietor				2 10 0

Lothriebank was put up for sale in Oct 1918, shortly before the end of WWI. The description of the house indicates it was a well-appointed mansion. By that time, Mary’s youngest child, Mina, was aged 17. However, the house was still unsold at the time of Edie Kininmonth’s marriage to Tommy Wilson in Apr 1919. Presumably the difficult state of the economy after WWI made the housing market difficult.

**LOTHRIEBANK.**

**FOR SALE, BY PRIVATE BARGAIN.**

**THAT DESIRABLE RESIDENCE, "Lothrie-  
bank," Wemyssfield, Kirkcaldy, contain-  
ing Dining-Room, Drawing Room, Parlour,  
Nursery, Billiard Room, 6 Bedrooms, with 3  
Dressing Rooms, Bathroom, Servants' accom-  
modation, etc., and all modern conveniences;  
also Conservatory, Garage, and large Garden.  
No Fen-Duty. Offers to be lodged with Messrs  
Thos. Dow & Son, Solicitors, Kirkcaldy.**

<sup>53</sup> *The Fife Free Press*, Sat 19 Oct 1918, p.1.

Lothriebank was presumably sold around May 1920, when there was a two-day sale of the house ‘furnishings and plenishings’.<sup>54</sup> <sup>55</sup> The buyer was Dr John Maxwell Dawson; however, he died in Edinburgh on 11 Oct 1921, due to encephalitis (which he had had for 5 days); he was only 50 years old.<sup>56</sup> As a result, Lothriebank was again put up for sale in Feb 1922.

**Local News**

**MANSION HOUSE FURNITURE SALE.**—Considerable public interest was taken in the sale on Tuesday and Wednesday of the furnishings and plenishings of Lothriebank, Wemyssfield, the residence of the late Mrs Kinniamonth. Throughout both days there were large attendance of buyers, and bidding was exceptionally keen, the prices realised being remarkably good. Mr David Simpson was the auctioneer.

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**DESIRABLE RESIDENCE IN KIRKCALDY FOR SALE, WITH EARLY OCCUPATION.**

**FOR SALE** by Private Bargain, Desirable Bell-contained Residence known as **LOTHRIEBANK**, Kirkcaldy, containing Four Public Rooms; Six Bedrooms, 2 Dressingrooms, Bathroom, Billiardroom, Kitchen, Scullery, and ample Cupboard accommodation. Large Conservatory. Electric Light. Detached Garage in the grounds. Moderate-sized walled Garden, nicely laid out. No Feu-duty. Entry and Occupation will be given by Whitsunday 1922.

The House may be seen by previous arrangement with the Subscribers.

Further particulars may be obtained from the Subscribers, who will receive Offers.

**W. & J. OGILVY SHEPHERD,**  
Solicitors.

**Leven, 8th February 1922.**

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The government’s Historic Environment Scotland website notes the following information about Lothrie Bank. It states that the house was converted to a temperance hotel, named The Crown, in 1914 – this date is clearly incorrect, however.<sup>59</sup>

<sup>54</sup> Plenishings are furnishings or equipment.

<sup>55</sup> A Dr Dawson was living there in 1921, so presumably he was the buyer of Lothriebank. He died in 1922, and Lothriebank was put on the market for sale in Feb 1922.

<sup>56</sup> He left an estate valued at £5,745 -- equivalent to £308,000 in 2018. Source: *The Fife Free Press*, Sat 6 May 1922, p.7.

<sup>57</sup> *The Fife Free Press*, Sat 15 May 1920, p.4.

<sup>58</sup> *The Scotsman*, Wed 15 Feb 1922, p.3.

<sup>59</sup> <http://portal.historicenvironment.scot/designation/LB44105>

Formerly used by (and still the property of) BT, Wemyssfield House was taken over in 1996 by Kirkcaldy Chamber of Commerce on a 15 year lease. The Dean of Guild court approved plans in January 1904, for a villa at Wemyssfield, 'Lothrie Bank', for a Mrs Kinninmonth, hence the vestibule floor design incorporating the letter 'K'. In 1914 the building was converted to a temperance hotel, known as the Crown, by Thomas Menzies. Dean of Guild Records show a connection between the Kinninmonth family and 'Lothrie Aerated Water Works'. The architects William Hogg and Mitchell practiced from 26 Frederick Street, Edinburgh.

The company operated under the name Lothrie Aerated Water Manufacture, under the firm of Robert Douglas.<sup>60</sup>

A website comment states that 'R. Douglas's Lemonade Factory was acquired by A.G .Barr, the makers of Irn Bru, in 1963. The site was shut down sometime after 1967 and was acquired by GPO for the STD telephone exchange'.<sup>61</sup>

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<sup>60</sup> There is a large number of newspaper advertisements and news items available (for a subscription fee) online. These could be useful if one wanted to do further research into the company. A useful search term is 'R. Douglas, Ltd'. See [www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk](http://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk), for example.

<sup>61</sup> [https://britainfromabove.org.uk/en/image/saw032188?keyword=4975&quicktabs\\_image=0&ref=66](https://britainfromabove.org.uk/en/image/saw032188?keyword=4975&quicktabs_image=0&ref=66) This website states the site was shut down sometime after 1965; yet a photo (see above) shows it was still being used by Barr's in 1967.