

Orphaned Annandale Family

Charles Edward Annandale was orphaned age thirteen. He lost his mother Louisa Kate Annandale, nee West, in 1880 and his father John Annandale in 1881. His siblings at the time were Kate Blanche (1863), John West (1864-1942) and Ethel Maud (1866). His brother Byatt had died about two weeks old in 1869 and his sister Katherine in 1870, age nine.

At the time of the 1881 census Charles Edward Annandale was a boarder at Giggleswick School in Yorkshire. By 1891 he is a law clerk in lodgings in the village of Ayton, Berwickshire, Scotland, where on 2 December 1891 he married Elizabeth Patterson, the daughter of a local builder.

Initially they lived a few miles south in Foulden with Alice Louisa Kate arriving in 1892, John West, named after Charles' brother, in 1894 and Ethel Maud in 1897.

Perhaps with a growing family, and perhaps not finding law clerk wages sufficient, the family moved as tenants to Peelwalls Farm, Ayton sometime it seems in 1897. Mrs Annandale is shown as a baking judge at the Ayton show in 1897. The farm was 240 acres and suitable for all kinds of cereal and root crops with a farmhouse, cottages and standing.

Charles' brother John West Annandale travelled to Canada in 1898, possibly seeking to reach Klondyke, Alaska and benefit from the gold rush. On his return he moved into Peelwalls farm.

Not long into the tenancy was a near disastrous fire, which caused substantial damage in 1901, however they were appropriately insured so recovered.

The family supported Ayton village life, particularly the annual horticultural show, as patrons, judges and prize-winners for plants and vegetables, and also supported the soup kitchen attached to the village school. The family regularly gave gifts at Christmas to their farm workers and families. In December 1904 they hosted a 'kirn,' being a party to mark a successful harvest for over 120 people.

Also in December 1904 Charles was elected chairman of Ayton parish Council and in April 1909 he was representing Ayton on the East District Committee of Berwickshire County Council.

Unfortunately Charles seems to have run into financial difficulties and in December 1909 the farm was advertised for let. On 26 May 1911, Charles, his wife Elizabeth, son John West and daughter Ethel left for Canada. They arrived in Halifax Nova Scotia on the ship Parisian in June 1911 with the destination of Winnipeg, Manitoba. Charles' immigration form said he intended to farm in Canada.

Whether Charles Edward Annandale reached Winnipeg is unknown.

Daughter Alice Louisa Kate, age about 18 in 1911, does not appear to have travelled with them at the time. However she must have joined them later as she appears with them in the 1921 census of Canada

The 1921 Census Canada shows the family together living at 419, 5th Street New Westminster, British Columbia- a rented, wooden property of six rooms, Charles Edward Annandale, head of household, is married, age 50, employed as a clerk by the provincial government in land registry. Elisabeth Annandale, his wife, age 49, is at home, Alice Louisa Kate Annandale, daughter, 28, is also not employed but at home, John West Annandale, son, 26, is a traveller for a wholesale grocers and Ethel Maude Annandale, daughter age 23, is employed as a stenographer by the Provincial government. All of them are recorded as able to speak both English and French.

On 4 March 1924, Alice Louisa Kate married Edward Arthur Greame in New Westminster, British Columbia, Canada. Her address was 419 5th Street, New Westminster and her sister Ethel Maud was a witness. Alice's husband died on 30th August 1947 in Vancouver.

Ethel Maud married Douglas Henry Chamberlain and died in West Vancouver in 1973.

Charles Edward died 7 April 1937 in New Westminster with Elizabeth living until 1941.

Some 22 years after their arrival in Canada, in 1933, Charles' son John West Annandale returned to Ayton for a holiday

Charles' brother John West Annandale remained in Ayton and moved to Beech Villa. He passed away in 1942

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