

The Registrar-General, General Register Office  
 Somerset House  
 London. W.C.2.

Dear Sir,

For some time now I have been carrying out research on traditional dancing in North-west England, and in the course of this work I have obtained some ~~information~~ information about a certain dancing-teacher, Joseph Robinson, who was largely responsible for the survival of a form of traditional step-dancing in the Lake District. I am anxious to obtain some further information about Joseph Robinson's early days, and, in particular, I would like to know when he began to teach dancing, and whether his father was also a dancing-teacher. It has occurred to me that this information might be available on his marriage certificate, and I would be very grateful if you would send me a copy of this.

I am afraid that the only information I can give you concerning his marriage is that given in the first entry in his family bible, which reads:-

Joseph and Margaret Robinson, married December 25th, 1861.

At this time Joseph Robinson was aged 23-24.

I do not know where the marriage took place (though it was probably somewhere in the Lake District), nor do I know Margaret Robinson's maiden name (though it may have been Stainton). I am afraid also that I cannot tell you for certain where Joseph Robinson was resident at the time of the marriage, though it is very probable that he lived then at Cunsey, on the shores of Lake Windermere and at that time in the parish of Hawkshead (though now in the parish of Sawrey (= Cliffe))

If this information is of any help, I can give you the dates of birth of his children by the marriage—the first few children were:-

Stainton Battersby Robinson, born 26th February 1863

Margaret Jane Robinson, — 16th July, 1865

Matthew George —, — 3rd April, 1868

John Thomas —, — 6th February, 1871.

I am sorry that my information is so slight, but I hope it will be sufficient. I enclose a cheque for 10/- for the necessary search fee and certificate fee.

The Registrar-General, General Register Office.

Somerset House

London W.C.2.

Dear Sir,

On November 13, 1962, I wrote to you enquiring about a Joseph Robinson, a dancing-master who figures largely in some research I am carrying out on traditional dancing in the Lake district. On that occasion you kindly sent me his wedding certificate (Application No P.A.S. 147990/62), and I am writing now to ask if it would be possible for you to find his birth certificate - this would be of considerable help in tracing where he learnt his dancing.

The information I have concerning him is

Name. Joseph Robinson

Date of birth: between 26th Dec. 1837

and 25th July 1838.

Father's name Matthew Robinson

Father's profession Shoemaker (at least, it was in 1861).

I cannot give you any indication of where Joseph Robinson was born except that it was probably somewhere in N. England.

I am sorry that my information is again so slight, but I hope it will be sufficient. I enclose a cheque for 10/- for the necessary search and certificate fees.

Yours sincerely

T. G. F.



N.B. In August 1963 I checked the Marriage & Baptismal Registers  
at Lindale Church

The record of marriage adds nothing to the certificate above.

The baptismal register records only

1. Stainton Battersby R.      to 7. 3. 1863.

2. Margaret Jane R.      27. 8. 1865.

In both cases the address is Newton, and Jos. R.'s profession is given  
as Labourer.

REMITTANCE

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## GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE

SOMERSET HOUSE, LONDON, W.C.2

Telegrams: Genregoff Estrand London

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14 MAR 1963

Please address any reply to  
THE REGISTRAR GENERAL

and quote: P.A.S.

Your reference:

14 7990/63

Dear Sir/Madam,

You wrote on..... 2ND March..... about a

BIRTH

The indexes to ..... BIRTH..... registered in England and  
Wales are compiled for each quarter of each year for the **country as a  
whole** in alphabetical order of the surname and forenames of the person  
to whom the event relates and include also the registration district in  
which the event was registered.

Search in these indexes has been made during the years..... 1837 to  
1838 INCL..... under the given name, viz..... Joseph  
ROBINSON  
for a BIRTH on in 1837 - 38  
at NORTH ENGLAND  
but without success.

(The search was of necessity restricted to those index references  
to..... registered in the district of.....  
AS STATED.....).

Unrestricted searches cannot normally be undertaken by the staff of  
this Office. Information about personal searching facilities will be found in  
the enclosed leaflet P.A.S. 1A.

The sum of..... 6/3....., the fee payable for the search,  
has been deducted from your remittance of..... 10/-..... and  
the balance of..... 3/9..... is returned herewith/being  
~~returned separately/held here at present.~~

P.T.O.



The fee for the search is .....

..... Please send to this  
Office a remittance for that amount/further remittance of.....  
by means of a cheque or postal order or, if from abroad, an international  
money order, or negotiable postal order, which should be made payable to  
the Registrar General and crossed "& Co.".

You may find the following points useful :—

- (a) The Act providing for the registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages in England and Wales came into operation on the 1st July, 1837. Indexes are available to the records up to about nine months ago.
- (b) If the registration of a birth cannot be traced, it may be that the birth was not registered. If the person in question was baptized, a certificate of baptism may be obtainable from the Officiating Minister of the Church where the baptism took place. Some, but not all, certificates of baptism give the date of birth as well as the date of baptism. If one can be obtained which gives both dates, it might serve the purpose for which a birth certificate is wanted.

Yours faithfully,

*Mr T.M. FLETT*

*Wallacey*

*Lock*

## PERSONAL SEARCHES AT THE GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE

The records of this office relate mainly to births, marriages and deaths registered in England and Wales since 1st July, 1837.

Applicants may attend at the General Register Office, Somerset House, Strand, London W.C.2. and personally search the **INDEXES** to these records. The Public Search Rooms are open from 9.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. each week-day (12.30 p.m. Saturdays) except Sundays and Public Holidays.

The Indexes become available about nine months after the end of the quarter in which the event was registered. They are compiled for each quarter of the year for **BIRTHS, MARRIAGES and DEATHS SEPARATELY** in alphabetical order of the surname and forename of the person to whom the particular event relates, followed by the registration district in which it was registered and the volume and page number.

Information as follows is also given in addition to that mentioned above:-

### BIRTHS

The birth indexes for the September Quarter, 1911, and onwards also contain the maiden surname of the mother.

### MARRIAGES

The marriage index for the March Quarter, 1912, and onwards also show the surname of the second party to the marriage alongside the name and surname of the other party.

### DEATHS

The death indexes for the March Quarter, 1866, and onwards also show the age at death.

The fees for a personal search in the indexes are:-

**PARTICULAR SEARCH** - 1s.6d. i.e. a search for one specified entry in the indexes for each period of five years or part of five years searched.

**GENERAL SEARCH** - 30s.0d. i.e. a search in the indexes during any number of successive hours, not exceeding six, without the object of the search being specified.

Payment of a search fee does not entitle the applicant to inspect the records or to obtain information from the entry itself other than in the form of a certificate; for each full certificate an additional fee of 3s.9d. is payable.



Where applicants for certificates are uncertain which of the index references they have found relate to the entries sought they may, on supplying the definite details by which these may be identified, ask for verification by reference to the records. This will be done by the staff of this Office and the charge is 1s.6d. for each reference checked **except that** the first reference checked in the case of a particular search and the first twenty references checked in the case of a general search will be checked free of charge.

General Register Office,  
Somerset House,  
London, W.C.2.



CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY OF BIRTH

The statutory fee for this certificate is 3s. 9d.  
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a search fee is payable in addition.

GIVEN AT THE GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE,  
SOMERSET HOUSE, LONDON.

Application Number 029945



REGISTRATION DISTRICT <u>Wolverton</u>										
<u>1863.</u> BIRTH in the Sub-district of <u>Leatonel</u> in the <u>County of Lancashire</u>										
Columns:—										
No.	1 When and where born	2 Name, if any	3 Sex	4 Name, and surname of father	5 Name, surname, and maiden surname of mother	6 Occupation of father	7 Signature, description, and residence of informant	8 When registered	9 Signature of registrars	10* Name entered after registration
431	Twenty-sixth February 1863 Lower Newton Bakersby Upper Ollichwaite	Skarinton	Boy	Joseph Robinson	Margaret Robinson formerly Skarinton	Dancing Master	Margaret Robinson Mother Lower Newton Upper Ollichwaite	Sixteenth March 1863	John Rushinson Registrar	

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of an entry in the certified copy of a Register of Births in the District above mentioned.

Given at the GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, SOMERSET HOUSE, LONDON, under the Seal of the said Office, the 17<sup>th</sup> day of December 19 62

BC 341120

This certificate is issued in pursuance of the Births and Deaths Registration Act, 1953 (1 & 2 Eliz. 2, c. 20).  
Section 34 provides that any certified copy of an entry purporting to be sealed or stamped with the seal of the General Register Office shall be received as evidence of the birth or death to which it relates without any further or other proof of the entry, and no certified copy purporting to be given in the said Office shall be of any force or effect unless it is sealed or stamped as aforesaid.  
CAUTION.—Any person who (1) falsifies any of the particulars on this certificate, or (2) uses a falsified certificate as true, knowing it to be false, is liable to prosecution.

\*See note overleaf.



14th 12 1962



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Application Number.....29946

REGISTRATION DISTRICT Ulverston

1873. BIRTH in the Sub-district of Hawkshead in the County of Lancaster

Columns:—										
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10*
No.	When and where born	Name, if any	Sex	Name, and surname of father	Name, surname, and maiden surname of mother	Occupation of father	Signature, description, and residence of informant	When registered	Signature of registrar	Name entered after registration

64	<i>Elizabeth May 1873</i>	<i>Catherine</i>	<i>girl</i>	<i>Joseph Robinson</i>	<i>Margaret Robinson formerly Martin</i>	<i>Robert Manufacturer</i>	<i>Joseph Robinson Father</i>	<i>eleventh May 1873</i>	<i>James Robinson</i>	<i>Registrar</i>
	<i>Robert May 1873</i>	<i>Elizabeth</i>	<i>girl</i>	<i>Joseph Robinson</i>	<i>Margaret Robinson formerly Martin</i>	<i>Robert Manufacturer</i>	<i>Joseph Robinson Father</i>	<i>eleventh May 1873</i>	<i>James Robinson</i>	<i>Registrar</i>

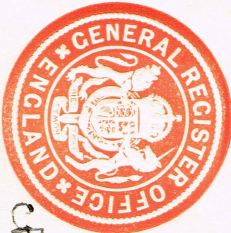
CERTIFIED to be a true copy of an entry in the certified copy of a Register of Births in the District above mentioned.

Given at the GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, SOMERSET HOUSE, LONDON, under the Seal of the said Office, the 17th day of December 1962.

BC 390504

This certificate is issued in pursuance of the Births and Deaths Registration Act, 1953 (1 & 2 Eliz. 2, c. 20).  
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CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY OF MARRIAGE

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Given at the GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE,  
SOMERSET HOUSE, LONDON

Application Number P.A.S. 14.7290/62

Registration District ULVERSTONE

1861. Marriage solemnized at Lindale  
in the Parish of Cartmel in the County of Lancaster

No.	(1) When married	(2) Name and surname	(3) Age	(4) Condition	(5) Rank or profession	(6) Residence at the time of marriage	(7) Father's name and surname	(8) Rank or profession of father
		Joseph Robinson	23	Bachelor	Bobbin Turner	Silverdale	Matthew Robinson	Shoemaker
62	December 25	Margaret Stainton	21	Spinster	---	Lindale	Thomas Stainton	Labourer

Married in the Chapel of Lindale according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church after Banns by me  
This marriage was solemnized between us, { Joseph Robinson's mark x } in the presence of { William Stainton } John Henry Ransome  
Margaret Stainton Thomas Battersby Jane Battersby

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of an entry in the certified copy of a Register of Marriages in the District above mentioned.

Given at the GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, SOMERSET HOUSE, LONDON, under the Seal of the said Office, the 23rd day of November 19 62.

This certificate is issued in pursuance of section 65 of the Marriage Act, 1949. Sub-section (3) of that section provides that any certified copy of an entry purporting to be sealed or stamped with the seal of the General Register Office shall be received as evidence of the marriage to which it relates without any further or other proof of the entry, and no certified copy purporting to have been given in the said Office shall be of any force or effect unless it is sealed or stamped as aforesaid.

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SOMERSET HOUSE, LONDON.

Application Number 029942

REGISTRATION DISTRICT <u>Ulverston</u>										
<u>1882.</u> BIRTH in the Sub-district of <u>Hawthhead</u> in the <u>County of Lancaster</u>										
Columns:—										
No.	1 When and where born	2 Name, if any	3 Sex	4 Name, and surname of father	5 Name, surname, and maiden surname of mother	6 Occupation of father	7 Signature, description, and residence of informant	8 When registered	9 Signature of registrar	10* Name entered after registration
1	<u>Eighteenth August 1882</u> <u>Cunney Satterthwaite</u> <u>R.S.D.</u>	<u>Albert</u> <u>Shirefall</u>	<u>Boy</u>	<u>Joseph</u> <u>Robinson</u>	<u>Margaret</u> <u>Robinson</u> <u>formerly</u> <u>Stanton</u>	<u>Robbin</u> <u>Manufacturer</u>	<u>Margaret</u> <u>Robinson</u> <u>Mother</u> <u>Cunney</u> <u>Satterthwaite</u>	<u>Eighteenth September 1882</u>	<u>John</u> <u>Bell</u> <u>Registrar</u>	

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of an entry in the certified copy of a Register of Births in the District above mentioned.

Given at the GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, SOMERSET HOUSE, LONDON, under the Seal of the said Office, the 17<sup>th</sup> day of December 1882.

\*See note overleaf.

BC 348983



This certificate is issued in pursuance of the Births and Deaths Registration Act, 1953 (1 & 2 Eliz. 2, c. 20).  
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*John Bell*  
*17.12.82*