

## JOSEPH JAMIESON

**Joseph was born in 1859 and entered the Primitive Methodist ministry in 1882**

**Little has been found about his career.**

**He served in Penzance, Stokesley, West Yorkshire, Bristol, Gloucester, Sunderland and Maidenhead**

**At some time before 1889 he married and had two sons:-**

**George Fey born Redruth 1889**

**Hector Wallace born Keynsham Dec 1902**

**However during his tenure in Gloucester his house was burgled:**

### ALLEGED BURGLARY AT MINISTER'S Prisoner committed for trial

At Gloucester Police-court on Wednesday, before Messrs Trevor Powell (in the chair), Alfred Woodward, H G Robinson and Tom Blinkhorn, George \*\*\*\*\* a boilermaker of 2 St John's Court was charged with burglariously entering Regent House, Regent Street, the residence of the Rev Joseph Jamieson on May 3 and stealing therefrom a flower pot, a pair of cuffs, and a pair of gloves valued at 1s 6d the property of the Rev Joseph Jamieson, and a small match box, valued at 1s, the property of George Fey Jamieson.

The Rev Joseph Jamieson, the pastor of the Primitive Methodist chapel Barton street said that at about 12.45 a.m. on May 3 he was disturbed in his sleep by the striking of a match, and, jumping out of bed, he searched in the lavatory and library upstairs, but discovered nothing. A second or so later he heard the striking of another match, and going partly downstairs he saw a light in the sitting room. He called out "Who's downstairs?" and the light was extinguished and he heard a scuffle. He went into the front bedroom and saw a man without a hat leave the front door and run rapidly up Regent street. Witness found the sitting room window had been pushed up. An ornamental flower pot had been removed and some articles misplaced. He subsequently found these outside the window. There were a number of spent matches lying about. On the kitchen table he found a Trilby hat.

George Fey Jamieson, son of the previous witness said the matchbox (produced) was his property. On May 2nd it was in his jacket, hung up in the sitting room. Next day he missed it.

Harry Ballinger, dairyman, of Upton St, Leonards, said on May 3rd or 4th he was in Herbert road, when prisoner asked him to lend him 6d on a matchbox valued at 3s 6d which was a present. Witness lent him 6d on the box.

P.C. Sharrock said at 1.30 a.m. On May 3rd, he and P.C. Edward Smith were on duty at the top of Bull lane, when they saw prisoner going towards his home. He had no hat on, and P.C. Smith asked him what he had done with it. Prisoner replied "I have just lost it". On May 5th witness went to Upton and received the matchbox from Ballinger.

P.C. John Newman said he had known prisoner for about five years and had frequently seen him wearing a hat similar to the one produced.

P.C. Edward Collier said that on May 4th, he and Inspector John Dennis called on prisoner. The Inspector asked him where he was between 12 and 2 the previous night, and he replied "I was in bed here". Witness enquired what he had done with his Trilby hat and he replied "I cut it up to make socks for my boots".

Prisoner pleaded guilty to taking the matchbox, and admitted the hat was his. He was committed for trial at the next Quarter Sessions. Bail being allowed.

**He left Gloucester for Maidenhead in 1906 but was the cause of a startling newspaper headline !**

**NONCONFORMIST MINISTER STRUCK OFF.**

The Conservatives objected to the retention on the list of the name of the Rev. Joseph Jamieson, of Maidenhead, and formerly of Regent street Gloucester.

Mr Arnold stated that Mr. Jamieson is a Primitive Methodist minister. He was aware that Mr. Jamieson had a key of the house in Regent-street after July 16th. and that he had some of his things still there at that time; but Mr. Woolmer told him that the minister who succeeded him stated there were two keys, of which he (the new minister) had one.

The question was whether Mr. Jamieson's successor coming into the occupation of the house when he did, did not deprive the former of his vote.

The Barrister: I think it did. It follows the title. and the name comes off.

(Gloucester citizen 10 September 1906)

**Joseph did not enjoy the best of health:-**

**Seeking Temporary relief**

The application of Rev Joseph Jamieson, Sunderland First staion for a year's rest was granted ....

... The Rev Joseph Jamieson "an able and forceful preacher of the Word".

(Primitive Methodist Leader 23 June 1910)

**Joseph died in Sunderland in September 1912 aged 53.**

### **His younger son, George, married at the outbreak of the Great War:**

A pretty but quiet wedding was solemnised in the Cleveland-road Church, Sunderland, on December 21st.

The contracting parties were Sergeant George Jamieson (3rd Durham Light Infantry), eldest son of Mrs. Jamieson and the late Rev. Joseph Jamieson, and Miss Annie Adamson, A.L.C.M., only child of Mr. and Mrs. William Adamson, of Silksworth.

Rev. Geo. Fawcett performed the ceremony. The bride was given away by her father. Mr. Whitfield acted as groomsman. The party returned to the home of the bride for luncheon. Later in the day the happy couple left for Harrogate. The presents were very choice.

The bridegroom is stationed at South Shields, where for some time he has served as Drill Sergeant

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### **But sadly George died within a year at the Battle of the Somme:-**

Mrs. Jamieson, 12, Chelmsford Street, Silksworth, has received a letter from Pte. R. Witherspoon, D.L.I., informing her that her husband, Sergeant George Fey Jamieson, D.L.I. was killed in action on Sept. 16.

Sergeant Jamieson, who was 28 years of age, was the eldest son of the late Rev. Jamieson, Primitive minister of Tow Law. He enlisted eleven years ago, and when the war broke out he was called up as a reservist. For two years prior to being called up he resided in Sunderland.

(Sunderland Daily Echo 25 September 1916)

### **Sadly Joseph's wife suffered further grief with the death of their elder son:-**

Mr. H. W. Jamieson.

The funeral of the late Mr. Hector W. Jamieson, youngest son of Mrs and the late Rev. Joseph Jamieson, of Sunderland, took place on Friday, the 18th inst. The death occurred on the 15th inst., after a long illness.

Prior to the interment in Bishop Wearmouth Cemetery a service was held in the Cleveland road Chapel, conducted by Revs. A. Parkin and F. W. Beal. A large number of friends were present.

The death of Hector at nineteen years of age has called forth much sympathy for Mrs. Jamieson and family, and has removed a young life full of promise from the church.

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