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1903 – 1919

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“Mr. Wm. Irwin, the leader of the movement, has set sail for America, and is to open a convention in Halifax, on Sunday, 16th last. Altogether he has to attend nine conventions until he returns to Crocknacrieve again next year.” (Impartial Reporter, **August 13, 1908**)

1903 Sept 5 *With:

William Irvine's Trips Abroad 1903 – 1919

Born January 7, 1863 – Died March 9, 1947, aged 84

Departed on	Steamship	From	Destination	Occupation	Age
1903 Sept 5-14 *	Columbia	Glasgow, Scotland	New York, NY	Preacher	40
1904*	stayed home a year				41
1905 Aug 25*	Geelong	London, England	Adelaide, S. Aust.	Missionary	42
1906 Mar 19-Apr4	Moana	Sydney, NSW Australia	Honolulu, Hawaii	Preacher	43
1906 Apr 16 *	City of Topeka	Victoria, B.C. Canada	San Francisco, CA	Preacher	43
1906 June 30	Empress of Britain	Quebec, Canada	Liverpool, Eng	Evangelist	43
1907 Aug 6-15*	Ivernia	Liverpool, England	Boston, Mass.	Evangelist	44
1908 Aug 8*	Carthaginian	Liverpool, England	Halifax, N.S. Can	Laborer	45
1909 May 7	Numidian	St John & PhiladelphiaPA	Glasgow, Scot	Preacher	46
1910 Aug 18*	Royal George	Bristol, England	Quebec, Canada	Evangelist	47
1911 July 12	Geelong	Australia/Capetown	London, Eng	Preacher	48
1912 Aug 23	Empress of Ireland	Liverpool, England	Quebec, Canada	Minister	49
1913 Aug 23	Lusitania	Liverpool, England	New York, NY	Evangelist	50
Excommunicated	August 10, 1914				
1914 Oct 10-17*	Olympic	Glasgow, Scotland	New York, NY	Miner	51
1919 June 28	Vasari	New York, NY	Liverpool, England	Preacher	56
1919 Nov 2-27	Unknown	Liverpool, England	Jerusalem, Israel	Preacher	56

	George Walker	Irish, Preacher, age 26	Passenger # 19
	Irvine Weir	Irish, Preacher, age 25	Passenger # 20
1905 Aug 25*	Irvine travelled with:		
	Disembarked at	Cape Town, S.Africa:	
	Mary Moodie, age 38	Joseph Kerr, age 24	
	Barbara Baxter, age 24	Wilson Reid, age 24	
	Lily Reid, age 26	J. Cavanagh, age 27	
	Martha Skerritt, age 22	A. Pierce, age 29	
	Falkiner, Laura, age 33		
1905 Aug 25*	Irvine travelled with:		
	Disembarked in	New Zealand	
	Fanny Carroll, age 24	John Fraser, age 27	
	Frances Hodgins, age 26	Jim Hodgins, age 29	
	Maggie McDougal, 31	Joe Williamson, age 32	
	Annie Smith, age 28	Adam Hutchison, age 28	
1907 Aug 6*	Irvine travelled with:		
	Jack Carroll	May Carroll	
1908 Aug 8*	Irvine travelled with:		
	George Johnson	Blanche H. Chappell	
	Walter H. Dennison	Janet Dougal	
	Thos. McGivern	Rosetta (Nettie) Miller	
	Wm. Armstrong	Mary K. Wilson	
	Joseph Brown		
	John Baillie		
	Irvine travelled with:		
1910 Aug. 18*	James E. Hawkins	Ida Hawkins	
1912 Aug 23	Frank Dennison	Annie Corcoran, Ellen Clarke	

NOTES: *Twenty years today since I first saw USA (1903) and 9 years ago since I landed in New York for the last time—going.* (1914) (**September 12, 1923** Letter to Dunbars)

1904-05: Irvine wrote that he returned on September 5, 1904, a year to the day he left.

September 1904 to August 1905, Irvine stayed in the UK: *spent a year at home* (Oct 13, 1921 Letter to Dunbars)

The first Crocknacrieve Convention was held for a few weeks in September 1904.

He then left on a 2-year trip for 1905 and 1906 before returning to the UK.

1905: Arrived in Adelaide, South Australia on September 25, 1905, aboard the S.S. Geelong, from London, England via Cape Town, South Africa enroute to Adelaide, SA. Source: Passenger List for S. S. Geelong on ancestry.com

1906–1908: He was in San Francisco on April 18 when the Earthquake took place.

Had my first trip down California Coast after the Earthquake, April 1906.

He returned to UK in August 1907. Irvine wrote: *1907, I got back home in August after having meetings in Canada, in two places. Came back to the States that year and had conventions and went back to Ireland for July again [1908], by*

New Zealand, Australia, and South Africa.

1914: Irvine wrote: *Was rejected by Testimony in September 1914. No ship records found.*

*In 1914, I was rejected by the Testimony and crossed to U.S.A. on September 5th, the same day and from the same port I had left in 1903 on September 5th, eleven years [earlier] (**October 13, 1920** Letter to Dunbars).*

*Nine years ago [today] since I landed in New York for the last time—going (1914) (**Sept. 12, 1923** Letter to Dunbars).*

October 10, 1914, about a month after WWI began, Irvine, age 51, boarded the *SS Olympic* in Gourock/Glasgow for New York, New York, US, to visit Mrs. Abernethy in Mt. Pleasant, Pennsylvania, US (possibly Andrew Abernethy's mother, Martha, George Walker's first convert in the US). He gave his occupation as "miner." **He did not leave emptyhanded/with empty pockets. Ship records reveal he declared \$7,000 USD in his possession, a value of about \$190,000 today.** He remained in the US during WWI, which began in 1914.

Irvine stayed in America during WWI, which ended November 11, 1918. He wrote: *"My last trip up coast in April 1919. Left Los Angeles on June 4 or so, 1919" (**October 13, 1920** Letter to Dunbars).* Possibly visiting his loyal friends living on the West coast, US.

1919: *"I have been looking forward to getting my permit for Sat. 5th April, and cross on the Mauretania on 12th April" (**March 31, 1919** Letter to Wm. & Rose Edwards).* No record found for Irvine on this ship in ancestry.com.

1919, November 2: Departed on S.S. (Unknown) from Glasgow or Liverpool? for Palestine...John Long wrote: *On Wednesday 29th October, I travelled with my former friend William Irvine, from Kilsyth to Widnes, Lancashire, [England] by train. He left on November 2nd to go to Palestine (JL Journal 1919 October 28, 1919).*

LINK to Irvine's letter to Dunbars giving chronological account of his life