

## Jessie Watt

1890 - 1926



This is a lovely photo of Jessie from the Ross collection.



In the photograph above Jessie is behind Edith. Jessie was just two years older than Myra and four years older than Edith. The three girls all went to Fraserburgh Academy and Edinburgh University. In the census of 1911\* Jessie is a student at university but she did not graduate. Edith called her early death in 1926 a tragedy, 'poor Jessie'. Her death certificate\* shows that she died of 1) Pulmonary embolism and 2) Double pneumonia. There was no post-mortem which suggests that her death at 36 (30 on the death certificate) was not surprising. Although her address is given as Lumbs, Lonmay she had been staying for a few days at 1 Sandy Lane, Stretford, Manchester and died at Salford Royal Hospital. The fact that she was away from home suggests this was a sudden complication. I am guessing that she had suffered from poor health for a long time. Edith had TB and perhaps Jessie had as well. Her occupation on her death certificate is teacher in a ladies boarding school, so she was fit enough to work and presumably was qualified to teach. John Watt came down to register his daughter's death.

The census of 2021 in Scotland was recently published\*. Jessie was 30 and living as a boarder with Miss W Ogilvy at Inverisla, 36 Bamff Road, Alyth,

Blairgowrie. It was a large comfortable house and her job is tutor. So presumably not fit enough to be a teacher but able to support herself.

In this photo taken at Lumbs  
Jessie is second from the left.  
She looks sad.



