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## **About Natstand family documents:**

A Natstand family document is intended to provide background information concerning the family of a deceased naturalist. It is hoped that such information will form a framework which will help interpret their surviving correspondence, specimens and records. In some cases it will also give an insight into the influences on their early lives and the family constraints within which they worked and collected. We have found that published family data concerning individuals rarely contain justification for dates and relationships and not infrequently contain errors which are then perpetuated. The emphasis in Natstand family documents will be on providing references to primary sources, whenever possible, which will be backed-up with transcriptions.

Although a Natstand biography page will always carry a link to a family document, in many cases these documents will be presented without any further biographical material. We anticipate that this will occur if the person is particularly well known or is someone we are actively researching or have only a peripheral interest in.

### **The following conventions are used:**

Any persons in the family tree with known natural history associations will be indicated in red type. Any relationships will be to the root naturalist unless otherwise stated.

Dates are presented Year – Month – Day

e.g. **1820 March 9** or **1820.3.9**  
**1820 March** or **1820.3**

Dates will be shown in bold type if a reliable reference is presented in the document. In cases where an exact year cannot be given (e.g. it is derived from an age at death), the date will be presented in normal type and preceded with "c" – e.g. c1798. There are some cases where a date is available from a secondary source only (e.g. a published obituary), in these cases it will be presented in italics – e.g. *1823.7.21*

### **Data sources:**

Census data have been used, whenever possible, to confirm relationships; they are not considered a reliable source of data concerning age. Contemporary newspaper family notices are considered as reliable sources of relationships and dates; reports and obituaries are treated more cautiously. Parish records generally provide a reliable source of data and digitised images have been used whenever possible. Any difficulties with transcription will be made clear. In some cases only transcripts have been available; errors here are usually confined to spelling. The most important source of this material is the International Genealogical Index compiled by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Utah. National Civil Registration Indexes are considered reliable, as are probate records.

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Dr George Atkin M.D. was a Morpeth-born medical practitioner and homeopath who lived in Hull from about 1850 until his death in late 1861. He had qualified at Edinburgh University and was a member and some-time Curator of the Edinburgh Botanical Society. <sup>1</sup>His "valuable and extensive herbarium" was auctioned by Stevens on 1862 July 1 and raised £1 - 0 - 0.

**Rev George Atkin ( - 1828.6.19)** ←←← father

\*\*1 married **Ann Gray ( )** in **1807**

*½sister* **Sarah Elizabeth Atkin (c1810 - 1882.3.24)**

\*\*\* married **Rev. John Brown <sup>2</sup>Patterson (1804.1.29 - 1835.6.29)** on **1833.4.23**

*Infant Patterson (1834)*

*½nephew* **Robert John Brown Patterson (1835.3.3 - 1910.8.18)** *Unmarried*

\*\*2 married **Frances Cotes Patterson née Annett (c1785 - 1872)** of Alwick on **1815.1.3**

**George Atkin (1815.11.23 - 1861.12.13)**

\*\*\* married **Janet Anderson Poole (1815.6.19 - 1887.11.5)** on **1839.4.29**

*daughter* **Janet Atkin (1840 - ?child)**

*daughter* **Frances Coates Atkin (c1842 - 1901)**

\*\*\* married **George Edward Stourton Fullerton (c1836 - )** on **1872.8.24**

*grandson* **George James Fullerton (1873 - 1951.2.18)** b. Newcastle Upon Tyne

*son* **George Atkin (c1844 - ?)**

\*\*1 married **Ellen ? (c1859 - )**

*granddaughter* **Janet Josephine Atkin (1880.8.6 - 1962)** b. Elloughton  
[**1916: Mrs E H Bassingthwaighte**]

\*\*2 married **Alice Packham (c1864 - after 1919)** in **1890**

*[step daughter Ethel P Gilbert (c1885 - )]* b. Hamstead

*grandson* **George Annett Atkin (1891 - 1915.8.15)** b. Hornsey

*grandson* **Noel James Hamilton Atkin (1892 - 1917.6.21)**

*granddaughter* **Alice Rosamond Atkin (1894 - )**

*daughter* **Hannah Eliza Grey Atkin (c1849 - 1907.6.21)** *Unmarried*

*son* **Samuel Poole Atkin (1850 - 1851)** b. Hull

*daughter* **Josephine Grey Atkin (1852 - 1924.1.15)** *Unmarried*

*daughter* **Rosamond Atkin (1853 - 1937.7.8)** *Unmarried*

*son* **James Hamilton Atkin (1855 - 1927)** *Unmarried*

*daughter* **Sarah Elizabeth Janet Atkin (1858 - 1858.11.30)** b. Hull

## Sources:

**1786 February 17:** England, Births and Christenings, 1538-1975. Salt Lake City, Utah  
Baptism of Frances Coates Annett, daughter of Ralph and Mary Annett, Alnwick, Northumberland.

**1788 June 17:** Birth Records, Sion (Presbyterian) Meeting House, Alnwick  
Birth of Robert Patterson, son of Robert Patterson, linen draper of Alnwick.  
[Frances Coates Annett's first husband. Robert Patterson sen. had married Elizabeth Simpson a year earlier. John Brown Patterson's other brother Henry was born in 1793; his mother was called Isabella.]

**1807 January 20:** \*Cumberland Pacquet, and Ware's Whitehaven Advertiser  
MARRIAGES. Tuesday last, at St Andrew's in Newcastle, the Rev George Atkin, to Miss Ann Gray, youngest daughter of Mr Robert Grey, builder, Percy Street.  
[George was the minister of the Morpeth Presbyterian Chapel, a position he held from its first formation in 1804.]

**1810 October 23:** England Marriages, 1538-1973. Salt Lake City, Utah  
Marriage of Robert Patterson and Frances Coates Annett at Alnwick, Northumberland.

**1811 December 31:** Parish Registers, Alnwick, Northumberland  
Burial of Robert Patterson, draper aged 23 years; died on 1811 December 27.  
[The age suggests that he was probably John Brown Patterson's elder half-brother.]

**1815 January 10:** Tyne Mercury; Northumberland and Durham and Cumberland Gazette  
*NEWCASTLE. MARRIED. – On the 3d inst. at Alnwick, the Reg. George Atkin, of Morpeth, to Frances Coates Patterson, eldest daughter of Ralph Annett, esq. of the fence near Alnwick, and relict of the late Mr Robt. Patterson, of Croft House.*

**1815 June 19:** Dr Williams' Library, Register of Births  
Birth of Janet Anderson Poole at Skinner-street, St Sepulchre, City of London; daughter of Samuel Poole and Janet (daughter of James Hamilton M.D.)

**1815 December 2:** \*Durham County Advertiser  
*BIRTHS. On the 23d inst.[sic] the wife of the Rev. George Atkin, of Morpeth, of a son.*

**1817 July 31:** \*Law Chronicle, Commercial and Bankruptcy Register  
*Nicholson v Abnett.*  
*The creditors of **Robert Patterson**, late of Alnwick, Northumberland, linen-draper deceased (**who died on or about the 27<sup>th</sup> of December 1811**), are forthwith before Charles Thomson, Esq. at his chambers, Southampton-buildings, Chancery-lane, London.*

**1828 July 12:** \*Leeds Mercury  
*DIED. On Thursday the 19<sup>th</sup> ult. the Rev. George Atkin, for many years Presbyterian minister at Morpeth.*

**1833 May 10:** \*Durham County Advertiser  
*MARRIED. At Edinburgh, 23d ult., the Rev. J. B. Paterson, Minister of Falkirk, to Sarah Elizabeth, only daughter of the late Rev. George Atkin, of Morpeth.*  
[The Scottish Banns records show that her husband was John Brown Paterson of 45 Montague-street, St Cuthberts, Edinburgh, and confirm her father's name.]

**1835 March 3:** Scotland Births and Baptisms 1564 - 1929  
Baptism of Robert John Brown Paterson, son of Rev. John Brown Patterson and Sarah Elizabeth Atkin, Falkirk.

**1835 July 3:** Scotland, Parish Deaths and Burials 1564 - 2017  
Burial of Rev. John Brown Paterson, minister, at Falkirk.

**1835 July 8:** \*Inverness Courier

*EDINBURGH, Monday, July 6.*

*Death the Rev. J. B. Paterson—We are extremely sorry to announce the death the Rev. J. B. Paterson, which melancholy event took place on Monday morning his mother's house here. The reverend gentleman had been seized a few weeks since with typhus fever, but hopes were entertained of his recovery, until he had relapse last week, which terminated his death. Although this young man has been thus prematurely cut off in the very flower of his age, he had lived long enough to be ranked among the most distinguished ornaments of the Church. He was perhaps one of the best classical scholars in the country, and was scarcely less famed for his theological acquirements, which were extensive and profound. It will be recollected that he was presented to the church of Falkirk through the honourable instrumentality of Sir Robert Peel, then Home Secretary. Paterson's claim to the notice of the right honourable Baronet was the circumstance of being the successful competitor for the prize of 100 guineas, given, in the year 1827, to the student of our University, who would produce the best essay on the character of the Athenians. This last effort crowned the bright academical career of Paterson, he having previously carried off the palm in every field which he contested. – [Edinburgh] Observer.*

**1839 April 29:** Scotland, Marriages, 1561-1910. Salt Lake City, Utah  
Marriage of George Atkin and Janet Anderson Poole, Edinburgh.

**1839 May 16:** \*Perthshire Courier

*MARRIAGES. On the 29<sup>th</sup> ultimo, at Edinburgh, George Atkin, Esq. M.D. Largo, Fife, to Janet Anderson, only daughter of the late Samuel Poole, Esq. of London.*

**1841:** Census – Melville-street, Duddingston, Midlothian [Edinburgh]

George Atkin	25	Physician	England
Janet Atkin	20		England
Janet Atkin	8mo		Midlothian
Elisabeth Bruce	15	Servant	Midlothian

**1850:** Civil Registration Index

Birth of Samuel Poole Atkin registered in West Sculcoates (Hull), second quarter.

**1851:** Census – 56 Prospect-street, Hull

George Atkin	head	mar	35	MD University of Edinburgh Physician and Accouchere	Morpeth
Janet Atkin	wife	mar	35		London
George Atkin	son		6		Duddington, Sco.
Frances Coates Atkin	dau		8		Edinburgh
Hannah Eliza Grey Atkin	dau		2		Duddington
Samuel Poole Atkin	son		1		Hull
Francis Cotes Atkin	moth	wid	65	Annuitant	Alnwick
Elizabeth Weightston	serv	un	22	Domestic Servant	Hull
Betsy Ann Dibb	serv	un	22	Domestic Servant	Hull

**1851:** Civil Registration Index

Death of Samuel Poole Atkin registered in West Sculcoates (Hull), third quarter.

**1853:** Civil Registration Index

Birth of Josephine G Atkin registered in West Sculcoates (Hull), first quarter.

**1853 March 11:** \*Hull Advertiser and Exchange Gazette

*On Wednesday, George Atkin, Esq., M.D., was elected assessor for North Myton ward, in the place of Jno. H. Samuelson, Esq., who having been elected to that office on the 1<sup>st</sup> inst., refused to accept the same, availing himself of the fact of his having been a ward assessor for the borough within the last five years.*

**1853:** Civil Registration Index

Birth of Rosamond Atkin registered in West Sculcoates (Hull), second quarter.

**1855:** Civil Registration Index

Birth of James Hamilton Atkin registered in Hull, first quarter.

**1858 December 4:** \*Hull Daily News

*Deaths. Hull. – November 30<sup>th</sup>, at 56, Prospect-street, Sarah Elizabeth Janet, infant daughter of George Atkin, Esq. M.D.*

[Her birth was recorded in Sculcoates, Hull, in the last quarter of 1858]

**1861:** Census – 34 Prospect-street, Hull

George Atkin	head	mar	45	Physician and Accouchere University of Edinburgh	Morpeth
Janet A Atkin	wife	mar	45		London, Middlesex
Hannah E G Atkin	dau		12	Scholar	Scotland
Josephine G Atkin	dau		9	Scholar	Hull
Rosamond Atkin	dau		7	Scholar	Hull
James H Atkin	son		6	Scholar	Hull
Frances Atkin	moth	wid	75		Alnwick
Ann Wiles	serv	un	25	House Maid	Ashton-under-Line
Julia Teddie	serv	un	23	Cook	Hull

**1861 December 20:** \*Sheffield Independent

*DEATHS. ATKIN. – On the 13<sup>th</sup> instant, at Hull, George Atkin, Esq., M. D., aged 46 years.*

**1862 March 18:** Probate Register, York

Records the death of George Atkin, M.D., at Hull on 1861 December 13. Will proved by his widow Janet Anderson Atkin.

**1871:** Census – 55 Fountain-street, Hull

Janet A Atkin	head	wid	55	House rent & interest of Money	London
Frances C Atkin	m-i-law	wid	85	Annuitant	Alnwick
Frances C Atkin	dau	unm	28	School Mistress	Scotland
Hannah E G atkin	dau	unm	22	School Mistress	Scotland
Elizabeth Watts	serv	unm	21	General Servant, Domestic	Louth

**1872:** Civil Registration Index

Death of Frances Coates Atkin (86) registered in Hull, third quarter.

**1872 August 24:** Parish Registers, St Stephen's, Hull

Marriage of George Edward Stourton Fullerton (bachelor of full age) merchant of Tynemouth, son of John Fullerton, timber merchant, and Frances Coates Atkin (spinster of full age) of Fountain-street, Hull, daughter of George Atkin, doctor of medicine. Witnesses Evan Fraser and G W Stourton.

**1873 October 30:** Genealogical Society of Utah. *British Isles Vital Records Index, 2nd Edition.* Salt Lake City, Utah

Baptism of George James Fullerton, son of George Edward Stourton and Frances Coates Fullerton at Newcastle Upon Tyne.

**1880 October 3:** Parish Registers, Elloughton

Baptism of Janet Josephine Atkin, daughter of George and Ellen Atkin, clerk of Elloughton. [The 1939 Register for England and Wales gives her birth as 1880 August 6.]

**1881:** Census – Addiscombe House, Elloughton, Yorkshire

Hannah Eliza Grey Atkin	head	unm	32	Principal Ladies	Edinburgh
Janet Anderson Atkin	moth	wid	65	Boarding school	London
Josephine Grey Atkin	sist	unm	29	Principal do	Hull
Rosamond Atkin	sist	unm	27	do do	Hull

plus 2 governesses, 4 boarders and 2 servants

**1881:** Census – Elloughton

George Atkin	head	mar	35	Shipowners Clerk	Scotland
Ellen Atkin	wife	mar	21		Brough
Janet Josephine Atkin	dau		8mo		Elloughton

**1882 July 20:** Scotland, Probate Index, Dumbarton

Records the death of Sarah Elizabeth Atkin, otherwise Patterson, of Dalglennan House, Helensburgh, Dumbarton, on 1882 March 24. Confirmation to Robert McClure, Writer, Glasgow.

**1887 November 12:** \*Yorkshire Gazette

*DEATHS. ATKIN. – On the 5<sup>th</sup> inst., at Canonbury, aged 72. Janet Anderson, widow of Geo. Atkin, M.D., late of Hull.*

**1890:** Civil Registration Index

Marriage of George Atkin and Alice Packham registered in Islington, last quarter.

**1891 February 16:** Burials, Gt Yarmouth, Bishops Transcripts

Burial of Frances Coates Fullerton of St Geo, Rd, age 58 years.

**1891:** Civil Registration Index

Birth of George Annette Atkin registered in Islington, second quarter.

[The unusual family name of Annett clearly ties this in to the pedigree.]

**1893:** Civil Registration Index

Birth of Noel James Hamilton Atkin registered in Islington, first quarter.

[The name Noel suggests that he may have been born on Christmas day. He was a casualty of the first world war.]

**1894:** Civil Registration Index

Birth of Alice Rosamond Atkin registered in Edmonton, last quarter.

**1907 November 7:** Probate Register, London

Records the death of Hannah Eliza Grey Atkin, spinster, of High Hall, Norton, Bury St. Edmunds, on 1907 June 21. Probate to Josephine Grey Atkin and Rosamond Atkin, spinsters.

**1910 October 20:** Scotland, Probate Index, Perth

Records the death of Robert John Brown Patterson of Crieff on 1810 August 18. Confirmation granted to Alexander Adam and Alexander Buist Fleming, W.S.

**1911:** Census – High Hall, Norton, Bury-St-Edmunds

Josephine Grey Atkin	sist	59	unm	Private Secretary	Hull
Rosamond Atkin	sist	57	unm		Hull
James Hamilton Atkin	head	56	unm	Pig & Poultry Farmer	Hull
Janet Josephine Atkin	niece	30	unm		Elloughton

**1915 August 15:** Ireland's Memorial Records, 1914 - 1918

*ATKIN, GEORGE ANNETT. Reg. No. 12361. Rank Private, 5<sup>th</sup> Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers; killed in action, Gallipoli, august 15, 1915; born Islington, London.*

[His service record shows that credits were made to his mother Alice in 1919.]

**1916:** Civil Registration Index

Marriage of Edward H Bassingthwaighte and Janet J Atkin registered in Stow, Suffolk, first quarter.

**1924 May 21:** Probate Register, London

Records the death of Josephine Grey Atkin, spinster, of High Hall, Norton, Bury St. Edmunds, on 1924 January 15. Probate to Rosamond Atkin, spinsters.

**1927:** Civil Registration Index

Death of James H Atkin registered in Stow, Suffolk, first quarter.

**1937 July 31:** Probate Register, Ipswich

Records the death of Rosamond Atkin, spinster of Hunston, Bury St Edmunds, on 1937 July 8. Probate to Edward Henry Basingthwaighte, scaffolder.

**1951 August 22:** Probate Register, London

Records the death of George James Fullerton of Huntington, New York, USA, on 1951 February 18. Administraton (limited) to Francis Ivan Carter, solicitor attorney of Gwen Slattery, married woman.

[The American death records show he was 78 years old.]

**1962:** Civil Registration Index

Death of Janet J Basingthwaighte[sic], aged 82, registered in Bury St Edmunds, last quarter.

## Notes:

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<sup>1</sup> An annotated copy of sale catalogue can be viewed on Google Books at

[https://www.google.co.uk/books/edition/Valuable\\_collection\\_of\\_dried\\_plants\\_and/V5BhAAAAcAAJ?hl=en&gbpv=1&dq=stevens+%22george+atkin%22+1862&pg=RA1-PA1&printsec=frontcover](https://www.google.co.uk/books/edition/Valuable_collection_of_dried_plants_and/V5BhAAAAcAAJ?hl=en&gbpv=1&dq=stevens+%22george+atkin%22+1862&pg=RA1-PA1&printsec=frontcover)

[viewed 2022 January 13]

<sup>2</sup> The name is occasionally rendered as Paterson. The more common form has been adopted here but transcriptions will be rendered as originally written.

His birth date is taken from the Memoir of his life which preceded the published volume of his "Discourses" Edinburgh 1837.

He was born in Alnwick, the son of Robert Patterson of Croft House. Robert Patterson, linen draper, died 1811 December 27. His mother was Robert's second wife, Janet Brown (1779 – 1843) daughter of celebrated Rev. John Brown, of Haddington.

**Although there is some confusion, as there were three generations of "Robert Patterson", it appears that John Brown Patterson (1804 – 1835) may have been the brother-in-law of Frances Cotes Annett who was the second wife of George Atkin sen. Consequently, Sarah Elizabeth Atkin (1810 – 1882) married her step-mother's step-brother-in-law.**

**1803 April 9:** \*Carlisle Journal

*MARRIED. Same day [Wednesday se'nnight], at Edinburgh, Mr. Robert Patterson, of Alnwick, linen draper, to Miss Brown, of Edinburgh, only daughter of the late rev. John Brown, of Haddington.*

**1807 April 18:** \*Newcastle Courant

*DIED - Thursday se'nnight, Mr Robert Patterson, of Croft-house, Alnwick, aged 44*

[His will shows that his wife was called Jessy but his eldest son was Robert]