

Name:		2/Lt William Menzies Grant CALDER Hampshire 15th (S) Bn (att from 13th Bn)	
Age			
	Parents:	William Menzies CALDER (born about 1828 in Scotland - died 30th June 1878 in Aldershot, HAM, ENG) and Julia Matilda GRANT (born about 1845 in Elgin, MOR, SCT - died 29 Jun 1936 in Sydenham, London)	
41	Life Range	17 Oct 1874-	15 Sep 1916
~-46	Abt 1828	Birth of Father:	William Menzies CALDER (born about 1828 in Scotland - died 30th June 1878 in Aldershot, HAM, ENG). In Scotland.
~-29	Abt 1845	Birth of Mother:	Julia Matilda GRANT (born about 1845 in Elgin, MOR, SCT - died 29 Jun 1936 in Sydenham, London). In Elgin, MOR, SCT.
0	17 Oct 1874	Birth:	Charlestown, Aberlour, BAN, SCT.
3	30th June 1878	Death of Father:	William Menzies CALDER (born about 1828 in Scotland - died 30th June 1878 in Aldershot, HAM, ENG).
3	7 Sep 1878	Probate:	Father. £2000 <. To his widow.
7	1881	Census:	Aldershot, HAM, ENG. Church Street: CALDER , Julia M., 36, widow, born E ...?, Scotland Julia M. G., 8, Scholar, born India William M. G. , 6, born Scotland (Plus 2 servants) [Class: <i>RG11</i> ; Piece: <i>781</i> ; Folio: <i>9</i> ; Page: <i>12</i> ; GSU roll: <i>1341183</i>]
-10	Abt 1884	Birth of Spouse:	Matilda Sophie BEACH (born about 1884 in Croydon, SRY, ENG - died in 1944 in Isle of Wight, HAM, ENG).
35	1909	Marriage:	Matilda Sophie BEACH (born about 1884 in Croydon, SRY, ENG - died in 1944 in Isle of Wight, HAM, ENG). In Croydon, SRY, ENG. His wife did not remarry.
37	1911	Occupation:	CLERK: Board of Trade. Journalist.
37	1911	Census:	Croydon, SRY, ENG. 80a Arundel Road: CALDER , William, 36, Journalist, born Aberlour, Morayshire, SCT Matilda, 27, born Croydon, Surrey, married 3 years, 1 child (living) Portia, 1, born Croydon, Surrey [RG14PN3337 RG78PN126 RD39 SD3 ED15 SN328]
40	13 Jul 1915	Commission:	
41	22 Jul 1916	Overseas:	
41	7 Aug 1916	Wounded:	Yes. Slight.
41	15 Sep 1916	Death:	France.
		Burial:	Thiepval Memorial.
42	26 Mar 1917	Probate:	Winchester, HAM, ENG. ...of Cromdale, Victoria Grove, East Cowes, Isle of Wight. Administration to Matilda Sophie CALDER, widow. £238.
62	1936	Mother:	Alive, died. His mother had been married previously - her former married name was KETCHER. [<i>India Office Family History Search</i>].
		Personal File:	339/34147.
		Decorations:	South Africa.
		Keywords:	Served South Africa, Sgt, wounded 1900.
		Father's Occupation:	ARMY: Surgeon Major.

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108th Regiment of Foot (Madras Infantry)
 Surgeon - William Menzies CALDER. 19 yrs' serv.
 Asst Surg. : 26 May 1854; Surg. : 21 Nov 1865
 Served in the Crimea with the 49th Regt from 27 July 1855, including
 the seige and fall of Sebastopol and assault of the Redan on 8 Sept
 (Medal with Clasp and Turkish Medal)

At the time of the 1861 Census he was age 33, unmarried, Assistant
 Surgeon with 49th Regiment of Foot at Aldershot Barracks.

From son's birth entry 1874: Surgeon Major Army Medical Department.

Age: 41.

Age Diff Parents: 23.

School: Wellington.

Empire/Overseas: SOUTH AFRICA: Army.

Marriage: Yes. His wife did not re-marry.

Brothers: Only Son.

CWGC Register: 13th Bn. attd., 15th Bn. No family details.

SDGW: Yes.

Medal Index Card: Copied.

Siblings:

A sister **Julia Marjorie Grant CALDER**, born abt 1873, India
 She married Augustine PLOWRIGHT, a clerk with the "London Bottle
 Exchange", on 18 November 1901 Paddington, London. Her mother was
 living with them in Croyden in 1911. They had a daughter Marjorie
 Kathleen born 1907 Norwood, Surrey

Children:

Portia Menzies CALDER, born 1910 Croydon, Surrey, died 1984, Isle of
 Wight.

She married (firstly) Jack A. CHALLIS Dec Qu. 1931, Marylebone
 Registration District.

(Secondly) Kempton D. LEFLEY, 1940, Isle of Wight

A Daughter whose birth was registered Sept Quarter 1914, Isle of Wight.

General Notes:

A witness at his sister's wedding in 1901.

His uncle, **Major James Grant**, was the James Grant of Glen Grant Whisky fame.

From Whisky Magazine

<http://www.whiskymag.com/magazine/issue53/12006001.html>

"The Major had seven (sic) children by his first wife, Robina. She passed away in 1888 and eyebrows were raised when, the following year, the widower married Fanny, his childrens' young governess. Fanny travelled with her husband to India and to Africa, but the marriage was not a happy one. He suspected that she had an affair with a ship's officer on the voyage home from India, while she complained of her husband's "cruel and insulting behaviour" towards her.

In 1900 she ran off with the Major's young nephew, William Menzies Grant Calder, known to his friends as Bunny. The couple moved to the south of England, but the Major sent a private detective to track them down. He gathered evidence for the sensational divorce case the Major brought against Fanny in 1902.

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Domestic servants were called to confirm to the court that Bunny and Fanny had been living in sin, and intimate details of nocturnal goings-on and 'indecent familiarities' were divulged before incredulous court reporters. For her part, Fanny complained that the Major had been cheating on her; telling her he was going off fishing, when he was actually sneaking off to see a local woman known only as 'M'. The Major denied the claim. However, no sooner had he won his divorce action, than he promptly married a local woman called Mary. "

The above article is misleading (to say the least). The real story of the Grant v. Grant divorce case began in early 1903.

(*The Scotsman* 11 March 1903 thru 23 April 1903, Outer Sessions)

He said:

They had been married for a year. She left and a deed of separation was put in place under which he paid her £600pa alimnt. He became aware she was living in Reigate, Surrey with Calder who was his nephew. He didn't recall Calder ever visiting his property, Glengrant, despite the fact that his sister, Calder's mother, had kept house for him for quite some time after his first wife's death. His second wife was his children's governess during that time. After his wife left him he hired a private investigator, who offered various servants money, to observe them. [It was suggested that the investigator also offered the servants bribes of up to for information that would prove impropriety of any kind.]

She said:

She left him in 1900 because of his cruelty and insulting behaviour towards her and alleged adultery. The house in Surrey belonged to her cousin a doctor, who had asked her to take up residence there. She had entered into an arrangement with her sister-in-law, Mrs Calder, to take up joint residency at the house to defray costs. Mrs Calder had since gone to Belgium on an extended holiday and it was Mrs Calder (Calder's mother) who suggested Calder should stay there. In fact Calder's mother and sister also often later stayed there.

Numerous "witnesses" were called for both sides. Calder himself gave evidence. The Court found in favour of Mrs Grant and Calder and awarded costs.

James Grant appealed **unsuccessfully** to the Court of Sessions in 1904 and later to the House of Lords in 1905. Eventually, eight years after his second wife had left him, he successfully petitioned for divorce from her on the basis of her adultery with a man by the name of Smith - she did not defend that action. About three months later he married the local girl with whom his wife had originally accused him of committing adultery.

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Date of Birth

Place of birth

Parents marriage date and place

Father's occupation