

Daniel James Andrew

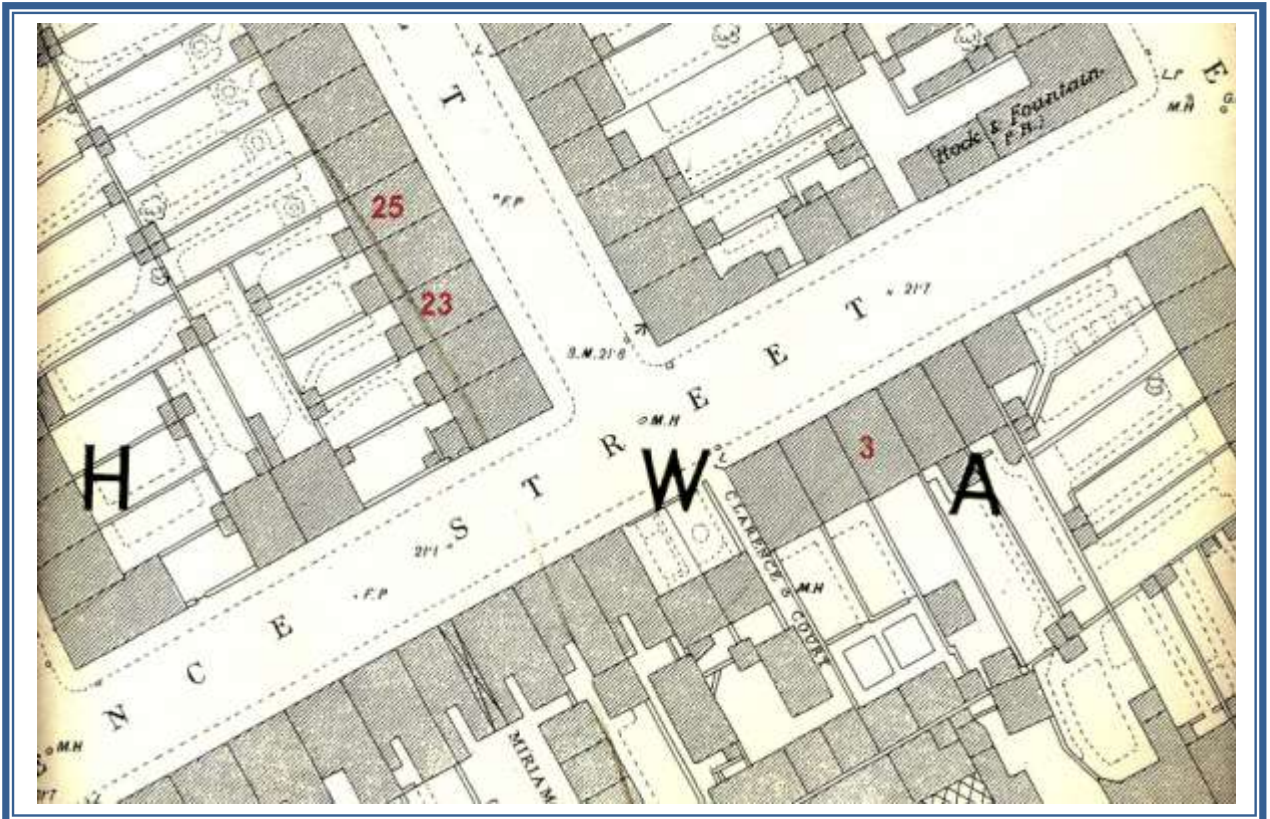
Daniel James Andrew was born on the 12th. November 1885, to Francis and Sophia Andrew nee David. He was their first child and they lived at 21 Grenfell Town, Pentrechwyth, the home of Sophia's mother but by 1891 the family had moved to the centre of Swansea and he was brought up mostly at 16 Burrows Road.



Photo 26: Daniel James Andrew; born 12th. November 1885; died 8th. March 1951. This photograph was taken in mid or late 1908.

His first recorded full time job was in 1900 as a Post Office telegraph messenger, aged fifteen. Telegraphy was the earliest means of near instant, long distance communication using coded electrical signals along "telegraph wires". The signals would be decoded at the receiving centre and the message printed on paper. These messages were then hand delivered by telegraph messengers. He later decided to follow his father Francis and become a painter.

Daniel James Andrew married Beatrice Susannah Short on August 5th. 1907 and lived initially at Susannah's home at 23 Princes Street. They soon moved to 3 Clarence Street however. Later still they moved to 25 Princes Street, but there will be more on that below.



MAP 16: The corner of Princes Street and Clarence Street showing No. 3 Clarence Street and No.'s 23 and 25 Princes Street in about 1876. The layout remained unchanged from this time until the streets were demolished in the 1970's.



There are no early photographs of Beatrice before she married, nor are there any from the early years following her marriage. One of the earliest dates from about 1917 or 1918, see Photo left, by which time Daniel and Beatrice had had five children. They were; Clifford, 16th. May 1908; Beatrice May, 30th. November 1909; Lillian, 23rd. March 1911; Daniel, 5th. October 1913; Doris, 25th November 1915;

Daniel James was called up for service in World War One like millions of other young men at the time. It was a pointless war with ordinary soldiers used as cannon fodder by politicians and generals alike. In Britain almost nine million men fought in the War which resulted in almost one million deaths and two million more injured in some way. Daniel was in the Artillery Regiment and took part in the week long, bombardment of German lines before the battle of the Somme in July 1916. Along with many others he suffered from

German gas attacks, but fortunately came through the war relatively uninjured.

Life settled down again after the war, and a further two children were born. Although times were hard during the depression of the 1930's, Daniel worked for the decorating firm of William Morgan, in Cross Street. Within twenty-one years of the end of the Great War, the rise of Nazi Germany heralded the start of another six years of turmoil as the Second World War began in 1939. Daniel and his family were bombed out of their home at 3, Clarence Street and moved back to Princes Street - only this time to No. 25. where they finally settled. Beatrice's old home at 23 Princes Street was now occupied by Richard and May Marshall. May was her eldest daughter. The decorating firm of William Morgan failed after the Second World War and Daniel then worked for the local council as a painter. He also taught his trade to evening-class students at Swansea's Mount Pleasant College. He died on the 8th. March, 1951 of a brain haemorrhage, aged 65 years. Beatrice Andrew died on the 15th. May 1967, of a coronary thrombosis, aged 82 years.

Daniel James and his family are recorded as living at the following addresses:-

1907	23 Princes Street	Painter
1909	3 Clarence Street	Painter
1941	25 Princes Street	Painter

After Daniel's early death in 1951, Beatrice continued to live at 25 Princes Street until her death in 1967. The house and street have now been demolished and form part of the car park behind the Grand Theatre. Princes Street formed a part of the first housing complex to be built outside of the old town walls and just north of the Sandfields. The houses were typical Victorian dwellings and remained largely unaltered, apart from the supply of mains electricity, until their demolition - See photo 33 below showing the kitchen.

Beatrice's death severed the last family link with that area of town and the street's demolition a few years later marked the end of an era in the family. (Strictly, Princes Street was not a part of the Sandfields, but over the years this area has become known as the Sandfields).

