

Timeline for Sarah Williams

1901 **4 November 1901** **Birth of Sarah**
33 Senhouse Street, Workington, Cumberland, England

1902 **February 1902** **1902 - Handed off for adoption at 3 months of age**
 - June 1909 **Springholm, by Castle Douglas**
At age 3 months, Agnes (a widow with 2 small children and living with her father in Workington, Cumbria) gave Sarah Williams to a Mrs Mounsey for adoption. The location was at Springholm by Castle Douglas, in Scotland, (a distance of close to 80 miles away).

The child (as well as another child) was very cruelly treated by Mrs Mounsey, who was charged and sentenced to prison with hard labour. Custody of Sarah was taken from her and handed to the SPCC, who made the application at the City Orphan House in Glasgow (which later became Quarriers House).

1909 **19 June 1909** **1909 Arrival at Quarriers House in Glasgow**
 - 1 November 1920 Sarah was submitted to care at the City Orphan Home in James Morrison Street, Glasgow where she was medically examined and cleaned up, fed, and clothed before being transferred to Cottage 3 at Bridge of Weir.



In 1912 Sarah was sent to Johnston Children's Hospital with Scarlet Fever, where she was cared for, for a month.

1920

November 1920 **1920 Given a situation as a maid at Elim House**

- May 1922 In November of 1920 Sarah was given a situation as a maid at Quarriers House at Bridge of Weir in the Elim House, where she stayed until May 1922. Elim House was a Quarriers Cottage for disabled boys.



1922

May 1922 **1922 City Orphan Home**

- June 1923 **City Orphan Home, Glasgow, Scotland**

Age 20 In May of 1922 Sarah was transferred back to the City Orphan Home, which also functioned as a hostel for working boys and girls. It is assumed she was functioning as a maid during this time.

1923

June 1923 **1923 - Given "situations" as a maid**

- August 1925 **Scotland, United Kingdom**

Age 21 From June 1923 until August 1925, Sarah was given a number of "circumstances", employment as a maid opportunities to work in people's homes. There is no information about employment satisfaction, nor are there any Quarriers House reports about behavioral issues during her 18 years at

Quarriers.

1926

June 1926 1926 - Birth Certificate

Age 24 In June of 1926, Sarah received her official birth certificate and left Quarriers House.

**11 September 1926 1926 - Arrival in Canada
- September 1927 Montreal, Canada**

Age 24 On September 11, 1926, Sarah arrived in Canada, (apparently) sent by Salvation Army in Scotland as a Domestic.

According to a Childrens Aid Society letter sent to Ruth Patricia Scriver in the 1990s, "After working for a short time in Toronto, she moved to Bancroft with a man named William Shortlander, also known as Collins, and assumed the name of Mrs Collins".

Her first child, Ruth Patricia Collins, was born in Bancroft on September 22, 1927.

1927

January 1927 Marriage of Sarah to William Edward Schottlander

Age 25 Sarah and William were never officially married, in today's environment they would be considered common law partners.

22 December 1927 Birth of Ruth Patricia Collins

Age 26 **Bancroft, Hastings County, Ontario, Canada**

1929 **26 October 1929** **Birth of William Collins, aka Bill Williams**
Age 27 **Bancroft, Faraday Township, Ontario**

1930 **September 1930** **1930 - Burns, hospital, orphanage, & deportation!**
- December 1930 After being deserted by William Collins, Sarah was a
Age 28 housekeeper for a Mr John Kidd, a fireman, and lived for a while
in a house owned by a Mrs Switzer.

Whether accidental or not, Ruth Patricia, aged 3, had boiling water poured on her, severely burning her cheek, neck, shoulder, and chest. On October 17, Rev Stout of Bancroft drove the family to Toronto where Ruth Patricia was treated for severe burns at the Sick Children of Toronto Hospital.

In December, both Ruth Patricia and her brother Bill Williams were taken to the orphanage in Belleville, Ontario.

Sarah Williams was placed in the Immigration Lodge of the Salvation Army in Toronto and was to be deported.

1931 **March 1931** **Birth of Betty Williams**
Age 29 **Toronto, Ontario (Salvation Army)**

June 1931 **1931 Deportation to Scotland**
- 10 July 1931 Sarah and her 4 month old child, Betty Williams, were sent to
Age 29 Glasgow, Scotland via Liverpool on the ship Athenia, arriving

there on July 10, 1931.

That is the last known record regarding Sarah and her infant daughter Betty. It is entirely likely that Betty may have ended up at Quarriers House as well.
