

## **John Robertson**

Birth, 1830 August 08, Corston, Aberlemno, Angus

Marriage, 1855 September 17, Arbroath, Angus to Catherine Cruden (1822-1905)

1871 census, 40-year-old married railway porter, Catherine, wife, 43, James, son, 18, daughters, Mary Ann, 15 (died 1917), Betsy, 10, Ann, 8 (died 1944), & Margaret, 6 (died 1876).

1875, got a telescope of his own for £5.

1877, obtained a 3-inch (76mm) aperture, 43 inch (1.09m) focal length, refractor by Cooke & Sons of York.

1881 census, 51-year-old married railway porter, Catherine, wife, 56, daughters, Isabella, 23, Betsy, 20, & Ann, 18.

1891 census, 61-year-old married railway porter, Catherine, wife, 65, daughter, Ann, 38 (?).

1899, retired from railway service.

1901 census, 70-year-old married retired railway porter, Catherine, wife, 72, daughter, Ann, 38.

Death of wife Catherine, 1905 October 15

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