

Andrews or Andrade?

It is now apparent that James Andrade¹ changed his name to James Andrews when he enlisted with the Royal Marine Artillery in 1861. The reason for the name change is uncertain but one family story is that James was in a knife fight and decided to disappear by changing his name and joining the Marines. He twice married using the Andrews surname and his two children with his second wife, Charlotte², were also registered with the name:

- Mary Ann Florence Andrews³ (b: 1880). She later changed her forenames to Florence Marian.
- James Andrews⁴ (b: 1881). He was known as Jim.

When James died in 1898, the death was registered as Andrews⁵.

When and why did James' family change its name from "Andrews" back to "Andrade" after his death? The following is a chronology of events to try and determine when the name change took place.

1901

In the 1901 Census, Jim identified himself as Andrews⁶ as did Charlotte⁷

1902

Jim and Jennie England⁸ married 19 April 1902⁹ as Andrews and gave his father's name as James Thomas Andrews.

1904

The birth certificate¹⁰ for Marjory Johnson¹¹, 2 January 1904, gives her mother's name as Florence Andrade. This is the first indication of the use of the name Andrade. When Marjory was baptised she was given a second name "Andrade"¹² which suggests the name had some significance to her mother.

¹ James Andrews (319)

² Charlotte Emily Hiscock (358)

³ Florence Marian Andrade (313)

⁴ James Richard Andrade (314)

⁵ A65 - Death certificate

⁶ A77 - 1901 Census

⁷ A78 - 1901 Census

⁸ Jennie Louise England (332)

⁹ A43 - Marriage Certificate, James Richard Andrade and Jennie Louise England

¹⁰ J128 - Birth Certificate, Marjorie Andrade Johnson

¹¹ Marjorie Andrade Johnson (16)

¹² J992 - Parish baptism

1905

Florence's marriage certificate¹³, 2 Jul 1905, gives her name as Florence Marian Andrade and her father's name as James Richard Andrade. The witnesses were her brother, Jim, and his wife, Jennie, who both now identified themselves as Andrade.

1908

Charlotte remarried in 1908¹⁴ and gave her name as Andrade.

1911

In the 1911 census¹⁵ Jim identified himself and family as Andrade. However, the births of his five children, from 1902 to 1918 were registered as Andrews. The three daughters - Leanora¹⁶, Dorrien¹⁷, and Grace¹⁸ - were married as Andrade. One son, Leslie¹⁹, adopted the use of Andrade but Cecil²⁰, retained the name Andrews. It has been suggested that Cecil did not change his name because he was already enlisted in the navy.

1915

Jim is listed as Andrade in Kelly's Directory.²¹

1921

Jim and his family travelled to Canada. The travel and immigration documents listed them as Andrews.²²

1924-1925

Jim was listed as Andrade in the telephone directory.²³

1934

Jim's second marriage he used Andrade.²⁴

1939

Jim was Andrade in the 1939 Register²⁵ and Kelly's Directory²⁶.

¹³ J118- Marriage Certificate, Guy Johnson and Florence Marian Andrade

¹⁴ A101 - Marriage Certificate, Charlotte Emily Andrade and Henry Baker Lees

¹⁵ A110 - 1911 Census

¹⁶ Leanora Florence Andrade (323)

¹⁷ Dorrien Marjorie Andrade (317)

¹⁸ Grace Blanche Andrade (318)

¹⁹ Leslie George Andrade (316)

²⁰ Guy James Andrade (315)

²¹ A39 - Kelly's Directory, 1915.

²² A139 and A147-A152

²³ A232 - Telephone directory entries

²⁴ A136 - Marriage certificate James Richard Andrade and Mary Skinner

1943

In his will²⁷ Jim identified himself as "James Richard Andrade or Andrews".

I now have some idea of when the name was changed from Andrews to Andrade, 1904 or earlier, but I have no idea why. It is apparent that the family knew that the proper family name was Andrade. However there is no evidence as to what prompted them to change their name back after using the name Andrews for so many years.

It appears that Jim was somewhat conflicted as to which name to use. He tended to use Andrade for every-day but used Andrews for situations where there is legal need such as birth certificates, travel and immigration documents.

²⁵ A162 - 1939 Register

²⁶ A40 - Kelly's Directory, 1939

²⁷ A16 - Will of James Richard Andrade