

Letter from Sir James Patten MacDougall, Deputy Clerk Register (and Registrar General for Scotland), to Mrs Thomasina Yule, 16 May 1916

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Dear Mrs. Yule

It was with deepest and most sincere regret that I read the notice of your son's death in this morning's paper. His was a life of much promise in the walk which he had chosen, and, in the years that he has been here, he has not only done much good and useful work, but has found a warm place in the hearts of all his colleagues. He will be much missed, both because we shall lose his talent and ability in his own special line, and because he has made many friends.

As Deputy Clerk Register, and Head of Department in which your son

[page 2] has worked so ably and successfully since he came to us, I beg to offer the sympathy we all feel most truly for you in your great loss and the hope that it may be some consolation to you to know that he has fallen in this terrible struggle in defence of his country and met his end like the true patriot he was. This has been a comfort to many in similar circumstances

Yours most truly

J. Patten MacDougall

Mrs Yule

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