

The Hood Family—Maths Activity

The Hood family timeline	
Date	Information
1791	William Hood is born
1823	William becomes Coxswain of the first lifeboat in Seaton Carew
1823	William's son Robert is born
1826	William's son William is born
1834	William's son Henry is born
1836	William's son Charles is born
1837	Queen Victorian starts her reign
1851	Henry Hood starts work as a Mariners Apprentice
1855	William Hood dies, he had saved more than 188 lives during his time working on the lifeboat.
1855	Robert Hood takes over as Coxswain of the Seaton Lifeboat
1857	Henry gets married to Mary Alison Brownbridge
1861	11 th February a terrible storm causes lots of shipwrecks off the Hartlepool coast
1861	Henry Hood lives at 5 Pilot Street, Stranton, West Hartlepool and his occupation is listed as a (boat) pilot. A pilot's job was to guide the ships into the harbour safely in a small row boat.
1867	Robert retires and Henry takes over as Coxswain of the Seaton Carew lifeboat
1871	Henry Hood lives in Ashburn Street, Seaton Carew with his wife Mary Alison
1883	Norwegian ship 'Atlas' gets in trouble off the coast of Hartlepool. Henry Hood and two of his crew John and Matthew Franklin put on a very daring rescue of all five of the Atlas crew which earns them silver medals. Henry also received the Albert Medal of the second class from Queen Victoria.
1898	Henry retires and is given a silver watch, £30 and a gold chain from his crew, friends and family for all his hard work on the lifeboats. During his time in charge, 89 lives were saved.
1901	Queen Victoria dies and King Edward VII takes over
1913	Henry Hood dies, he leaves his medals and silver watch to his niece in his will.
2010	A family find medals and a silver watch in their attic, they found out they were relatives of Henry Hood and donated the objects to the Museum of Hartlepool so others could learn of the brave family of lifeboat men.

Answer the questions by using the Hood Family Timeline.

1. How old was William Hood when he died?
2. How old was William Hood when his son Robert was born?
3. How long was Robert the Coxswain of Seaton Carew lifeboats?
4. How old was Robert when he retired?
5. How old was Henry when he started work as a Mariners Apprentice?
6. How old was Henry when he married Mary Alison Brownbridge?
7. How long did Henry work on the Seaton Carew lifeboat?
8. How old was Henry when he died?
9. All together how long did William, Robert and Henry Hood work as Coxswain on the Seaton Carew lifeboats?
10. How long was it after Henry died that his medals and silver watch were given to the Museum of Hartlepool?

Answer sheet

1. How old was William Hood when he died?
 $1855-1791=64$ years old
2. How old was William Hood when his son Robert was born?
 $1823-1791=32$ years old
3. How long was Robert the Coxswain of Seaton Carew lifeboats?
 $1867-1855=12$ years
4. How old was Robert when he retired?
 $1867-1823=44$ years old
5. How old was Henry when he started work as a Mariners Apprentice?
 $1851-1834=17$ years old
6. How old was Henry when he married Mary Alison Brownbridge?
 $1857-1834=23$ years old
7. How long did Henry work on the Seaton Carew lifeboat?
 $1898-1867=31$ years
8. How old was Henry when he died?
 $1913-1834=79$ years old
9. All together how long did William, Robert and Henry Hood work as Coxswain on the Seaton Carew lifeboats?
 $1898-1823=75$ years
10. How long was it after Henry died that his medals and silver watch were given to the Museum of Hartlepool?
 $2010-1913=97$ years