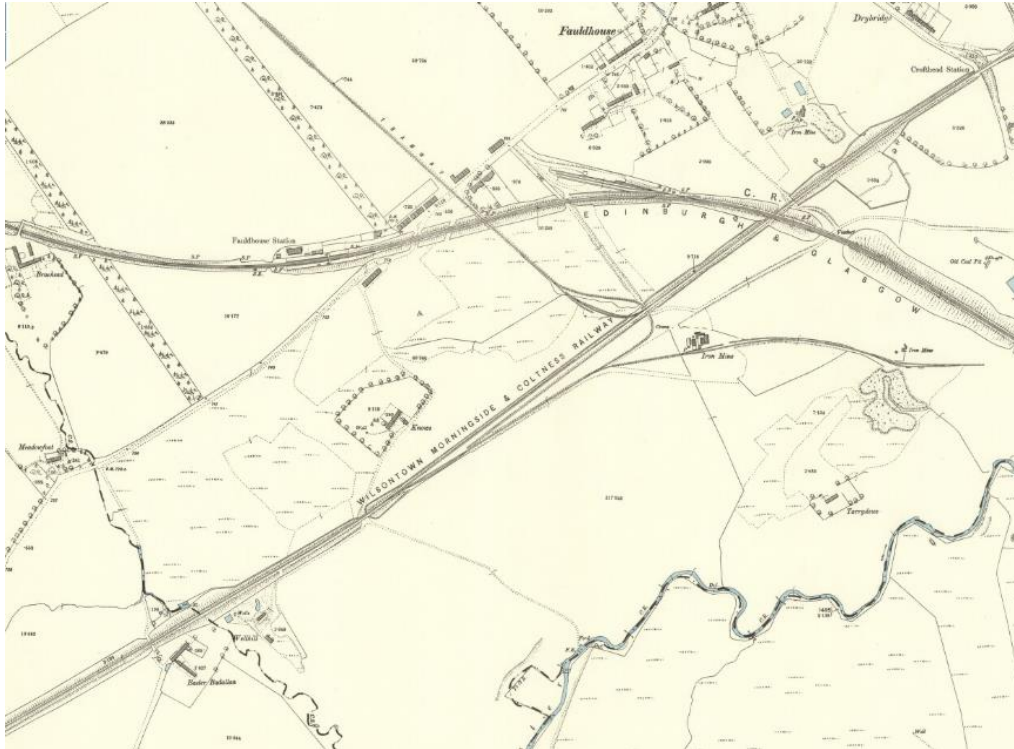


## SON TWO - JOHN BLACK AND HELEN STEEL

### DESCENDANTS OF THEIR FOURTH SON

ROBERT BLACK AND JEAN WALKER  
THEN CATHERINE THOMSON



*Wellhill is identified in the bottom left hand corner.*

## MEMORIES AND MELODIES

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*Reminder: \* as JB didn't mention this individual, their story ends in the table  
whereas ^ tells you there is another generation within this document.*

*The accompanying tree however might show several more generations than is in this narrative.*

## ROBERT BLACK AND JEAN WALKER AND CATHERINE THOMSON

**Residence – Bushdyke West Calder  
Backburn, West Calder  
Wellhill, Whitburn, West Lothian**

**Robert**, fifth Bushdyke son, was born in 1775, died 1843. It would appear that Backburn was his first holding, but it is certain that afterwards he lived at Wallhill, his first wife being **Jean Walker**, and his second **Catherine Thomson**. There were seven sons - John, ... William, ... Robert, ... James, ... Thomas, ... James. Wallhill daughters were Jean, Helen, and Agnes.

## ROBERT BLACK

Robert was the youngest of eleven children born to John Black and Helen Steel and baptised on 20 October 1776.

## JEAN WALKER

Jean's parents are not proved but she may be the daughter of Robert Walker and Isobel Nobel and therefore baptised on 9 March 1777 in Whitburn.

## MARRIAGE AND CHILDREN

Robert married Jean Walker on 6 June 1802, and we find ten children. John Black makes it clear that Robert held the Backburn property in West Calder, but we must point out that all the children were baptised in the neighbouring parish of Whitburn. The transcripts we have, show the children were born at either Leadloch or Wellhill, not Backburn. JB gave few details on this family and tracing them hasn't been straightforward.

CHILDREN	BIRTH/BAP	BIRTHPLACE	PARISH	MARRIED	DEATH/BUR
^John Black	27 Apr 1803	Leadloch	Whitburn	-	bef 1841
^William Black	07 Jan 1805	Leadloch	Whitburn	Agnes Main then Mary Clark	22 Apr 1872
^Robert Black	06 Dec 1806	Leadloch	Whitburn	Barbara Montgomery	13 Dec 1869
^Alexander Black	14 Feb 1809	?	Whitburn	Janet Shanks then Janet Miller	20 May 1869
^Jean Black	12 Apr 1811	?	Whitburn	-	01 Feb 1882
*James Black	10 Jun 1813	?	Whitburn	-	30 Nov 1819
^Helen Black	30 Jul 1815	Wellhill	Whitburn	Alexander Stevenson	19 May 1889
^Agnes Black	30 Jul 1815	Wellhill	Whitburn	James McIntyre	15 Oct 1892
*Thomas Black	03 Nov 1817	Wellhill	Whitburn	unknown	12 Mar 1831
*Catherine	1819	Wellhill	Whitburn	-	10 Jul 1836

## SON-2.4-ROBERT BLACK, JEAN WALKER AND CATHERINE THOMSON

Black <sup>1</sup>					
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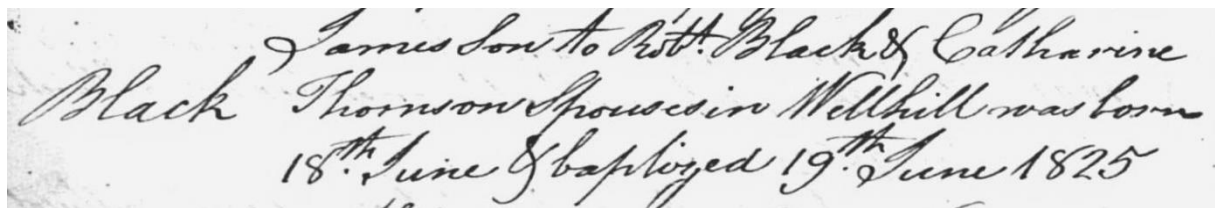
Jean may well have died in childbirth, but the only clue to her death is on a worn headstone which gives the date as 10 July with no year visible.

### CATHERINE THOMSON

There were two 'Katharine' Thompsons born in Whitburn around the right time, and she is likely to be one of these.<sup>2</sup>

### MARRIAGE AND CHILDREN

Robert and Catherine married on 30 November 1822 in Whitburn. They had one child, James born on 18 June 1825.



Parish records – Whitburn, West Lothian.

CHILDREN	BIRTH/BAP	BIRTHPLACE	PARISH	MARRIED	DEATH/BUR
^James Black	18 June 1825	Wellhill	Whitburn	Jane Cooper	28 Oct 1911 Australia

By 1841 Catherine also had died and her death is not located. Robert was still at Wellhill living with his daughter Agnes.

CENSUS RECORD SHEET			
DISTRICT: Whitburn, West Lothian			YEAR 1841
STREET Wellhill			
NAME	AGE	OCCUPATION	BORN AT:
Robt Black	60	farmer	West Lothian
Agnes Black	25		West Lothian
2 servants	10	female servant	West Lothian

### DEATH AND BURIAL

Robert's death on 21 September 1843 is recorded on a worn headstone along with three of his children.

<sup>1</sup> Catherine's death at the age of 17 is recorded on her parent's headstone. The death date is given as 10 July with no year. Her date of birth is therefore estimated.

<sup>2</sup> Daughter of Thomas Thompson and Margaret Calder 26 September 1794 or William Thompson and Jane McClaran born 5 July 1799.

**Jean WALKER died August 15 - - - - .**

**James BLACK 30.11.1819.**

**Thomas BLACK 12.3.1831.**

**Catherine 10 July aged 17.**

**Robert BLACK my father died September 26 1843 aged 67y**

## THIRD GENERATION

### CHILDREN OF ROBERT BLACK AND JEAN WALKER

#### JOHN BLACK

There were seven sons - **John**, unmarried;

The existence of John Black was known by JB over 100 years after his birth (which was recorded on 27 April 1803), but he is not obvious on any census. JB claimed this John never married and it is likely he joined the army on 5 October 1826.

Date.	Names of Recruits.	Designations.	Parish.	County.	Regiment enlisted in
1826 Apr 27	Dan Doman.	Labourer	Parson	Dunigall	91 <sup>st</sup>
"	James Jollie	Weaver	Logie	Kincardine	91 <sup>st</sup>
"	David Henderson	Photographer	Keith	Midlothian	72 <sup>nd</sup>
"	William Brown	Labourer	Stamman	Stirling	91 <sup>st</sup>
"	Alexander Parker	Baker	Gorbals	Lanark	54
"	William Grey	Labourer	Bangor	Dorn	93
"	William Nixon	Do	St. Cuthbert	Edinburgh	13 <sup>th</sup>
"	James Howison	Servant	Pencaitland	Haddington	3
"	John Black	Shoemaker	Whitburn	Linlithgow	26 <sup>th</sup>

What happened to him after that is unknown.

#### WILLIAM BLACK AND AGNES MAIN

**William**, whose son Robert is, or was, a land steward about Inverness

#### WILLIAM BLACK

William was born on 7 January 1815 at Leadloch in the parish of Whitburn.

**William son to Robert Black and Jean Walker spouses in Leadloch was born 7 Jan 1805.**

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### AGNES MAIN

Agnes's birth was not found but she was born about 1815 in Shotts, the daughter of Matthew Main and Marion Pettigrew.

### MARRIAGE AND CHILDREN

The couple were married on 6 January 1833 in Shotts when Agnes was around eighteen. They had four children, including Robert, their youngest child; the only one mentioned by JB.

CHILDREN	BIRTH/BAP	PARISH	MARRIED	DEATH/BUR
*Marion Black	03 Mar 1834	Whitburn	Thomas Gibson	18 Jul 1906
*Jean (Jane) Black	abt 1836	Shotts	John Prentice	1913
*Agnes Black	abt 1838	Shotts	Thomas Nimmo	15 Aug 1908
^Robert Main Black	1841	Shotts	Barbara Forsyth Winchester	05 Feb 1917

William was employed at the Shotts iron works.

CENSUS RECORD SHEET			
DISTRICT: Shotts, Lanarkshire			YEAR 1841
STREET Shotts Iron Works			
NAME	AGE	OCCUPATION	BORN AT:
William Black	35	?	Lanarkshire
Agnes Black	25		Lanarkshire
Marion Black	7		Lanarkshire
Jean Black	5		Lanarkshire
Agnes Black	3		Lanarkshire

The youngest and only son Robert was born after the census and Agnes died the following year and was buried on 25 August 1842 leaving three young children. In 1851 Jean and Robert were found living with their uncle, Matthew Main, in Shotts and despite being fifteen and eleven respectively, both were working; Robert being employed as a herd boy. Their grandmother Marion Pettigrew was also living in the household. Young Agnes on the other hand, in 1851 was living with her father in West Calder.

CENSUS RECORD SHEET				
DISTRICT: West Calder, Midlothian				YEAR 1851
STREET: Kilnrow				
NAME	DESIG	AGE	OCCUPATION	BORN AT:
William Black	head	44	ag serv	Whitburn
Agnes Black	daughter	13	scholar	Shotts, Lanark
1 lodger				

Eighteen years after his first wife died, William at the age of 57 married again at Shotts.



## SON-2.4-ROBERT BLACK, JEAN WALKER AND CATHERINE THOMSON

### MARRIAGE AND CHILDREN

Robert and Barbara married on 10 March 1844 in Gorbals, Glasgow. Robert was 37 and Barbara 40. Only one child was found.

CHILDREN	BIRTH/BAP	PARISH	MARRIED	DEATH/BUR
*Robert Black	Abt 1847	Glasgow	unknown	aft 1851

In 1851 Robert and Barbara were living at 75 Dobbie Loan (still a street today) and Robert was described as a foundry carter.

CENSUS RECORD SHEET				
DISTRICT: Glasgow, St Mungo, Lanarkshire				YEAR 1851
STREET 75 Dobbies Loan				
NAME	DESIG	AGE	OCCUPATION	BORN AT:
Robert Black	head	44	foundry carter	Cambusnethan
Barbara Black	wife	40		Mearn
James Black	son	11	app cabinet maker	Kilbarchan
Robert Black	son	4		Glasgow
James Black	brother	25	sewers porter	Whitburn
plus 2 lodgers				

The first James Black was later described as James Gilmour on the 1861 census and was at that point shown as Robert's stepson. The second James Black was Robert's half-brother. By 1861 fourteen-year-old Robert was absent from the household but Barbara's son James Gilmour was married and living with his stepfather. Had Robert died? It does seem likely as he was only fourteen in 1861, however JB did say that Robert and Barbara were survived by family and we can only find this one child.

### DEATH AND BURIAL

Robert died on 13 December 1869 in Govanhill, Glasgow. Barbara then went to live with her sister's family in Renfrew and died in 1872 at Kilbarchan.

## ALEXANDER BLACK, JANET SHANKS AND JANET MILLAR

<b>Alexander</b> , survived by family
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### ALEXANDER BLACK

Alexander was born on 14 February 1809 at Whitburn.

### JANET SHANKS

## SON-2.4-ROBERT BLACK, JEAN WALKER AND CATHERINE THOMSON

Janet was born or baptised on 2 October 1814 in New Monkland to parents Robert Shanks and Agnes Hay.<sup>3</sup>

### MARRIAGE AND CHILDREN

The marriage, when Alexander was around 30 and Janet 25, took place on 1 August 1839 at New Monkland. Six children were located.

CHILDREN	BIRTH/BAP	PARISH	MARRIED	DEATH/BUR
*Mary Black	10 Jul 1840	New Monkland	-	bef 1850
*Jane Black	05 Sep 1842	New Monkland	James Chapman	1883
^Robert Black	05 Aug 1845	New Monkland	Mary Provan	1899
*Janet Black	01 Jan 1848	New Monkland	-	bef 1851
*William Black	abt 1850	New Monkland	-	bef 1855
*Mary Black	abt 1850	New Monkland	-	bef 1855

In 1841 Alexander was an agricultural labourer with his wife and baby Mary. By 1851, five more children had been born, but three had died.

CENSUS RECORD SHEET				
DISTRICT: New Monkland, Lanark			YEAR 1851	
STREET: Graham Street				
NAME	DESIG	AGE	OCCUPATION	BORN AT:
Alexander Black	head	36	labourer	Whitburn
Janet Black	wife	26		Airdrie
Jane Black	daughter	8		Airdrie
Robert Black	son	5		Airdrie
William Black		1		Airdrie
Mary Black	daughter	1		Airdrie

We dispute the date of the next event as the Janet born in Airdrie on the 1851 census is clearly Janet Shanks. Just a few weeks after the census she must have died as Alexander then married a second but younger Janet. The date for this marriage on the indexes is 1 February 1851 (nine months before the above census in March) so we think the date of his second marriage is more correctly 1852.

### JANET MILLAR

Janet Millar was born on 18 February 1820 St Quivox, Ayr. Her father was Charles and her mother Christian McDonald. She had previously been married to William Cook and on her marriage to Alexander bought her son William to live with her. Three children were found to Alexander and Janet Miller, the first who was named Alexander, was born it appears, the day after their marriage.

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<sup>3</sup> *Scotland's People* gives the parish as 'Airdrie or New Monkland' This applies to all the records for this area.

## SON-2.4-ROBERT BLACK, JEAN WALKER AND CATHERINE THOMSON

CHILDREN	BIRTH/BAP	PARISH	MARRIED	DEATH/BUR
*Alexander Black	02 Feb 1852	New Monkland	Mary Margaret Paterson	9 Jul 1901 USA
*Janet Black	20 Aug 1855	New Monkland	unknown	aft 1871
*Christina Black	04 June 1859	New Monkland	-	1861

The 1861 census shows more children born and the absences highlight more deaths. For some reason, Alexander raised his age from the previous census by 14 years!

CENSUS RECORD SHEET				
DISTRICT: New Monkland, Lanark				YEAR 1861
STREET: Graham Street				
NAME	DESIG	AGE	OCCUPATION	BORN AT:
Alexander Black	head	50	labourer	Whitburn
Janet Black	wife	33		Ayr
Jane Black	daughter	18		Airdrie
William Cook	stepson	16		Airdrie
Robert Black	son	15		Airdrie
Alexander Black	son	9		Airdrie
Janet Black	daughter	5		Airdrie
Christina Black	daughter	1		Airdrie

The baby Christina died aged one, the same year of the census.

### DEATH AND BURIAL

Alexander died at Airdrie on 20 May 1869 at the recorded age of 60. Janet lived until the age of 93. She went to America with her sons William Cook and Alexander Black and died in Rhode Island on 7 June 1913.

### JEAN (JANE) BLACK

Wallhill daughters were **Jean** ...

Jane was born on 12 April 1811. She never married and can be confirmed on only one census.

### DEATH AND BURIAL

Jane died on 1 February 1882 in Edinburgh.

108	Jane Black	1882.	Feb 1	Robert Black	Wheat Street	Hummerfield	1882.
	Domestic servant	4th 30th 1811	4/11	Ploughman	Smiths Decay	Cousin	February 2
	Single	Home Terrace		Jane Black	George Mackay	Edinburgh	at Edinburgh
	Edinburgh Glas			M. G. Walker	M. G. F. S. S.	Fuller's	R. Charlton

Death certificate – Jane Black.

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## SON-2.4-ROBERT BLACK, JEAN WALKER AND CATHERINE THOMSON

The informant was 'James Steel cousin', and this was probably the James born in 1826. He was correctly a first cousin once removed.

## HELEN BLACK AND ALEXANDER STEVENSON

Wallhill daughters were ... <b>Helen</b> ...
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### HELEN BLACK

Helen, a twin, born in 1815 was not found in 1841.

**Helen and Agnes twin sisters, daughters to Robert Black and Jane Walker spouses in Wellhill born 30 Jul 1815.**

She never described her birthplace as Whitburn which made her hard to confirm on census records.

### ALEXANDER STEVENSON

Alexander was born about 1821 in Glasgow. His father was John Stevenson and his mother Janet Fullarton.

### MARRIAGE AND CHILDREN

They married in May 1846 and their first child was born in November of the same year.

CHILDREN	BIRTH/BAP	PARISH	MARRIED	DEATH/BUR
*Jean (Jane) Stevenson	17 Nov 1846	Glasgow	Alexander Wales	18 Nov 1895
*John Stevenson	24 Mar 1849	Glasgow	-	bef 1851
*William Henry Stevenson	20 Jul 1851	Bothwell	Mary Tulloch	15 Feb 1882
*George Stevenson	07 Feb 1852	Edinburgh	-	bef 1855
*Janet Stevenson	05 Jun 1854	Old Monkland	Daniel Martin	28 Dec 1920
*Agnes Stevenson	07 Oct 1857	Old Monkland	Joseph McGibbon	19 Jul 1941
*Barbara Stevenson	31 May 1860	Livingston	-	22 Sep 1863

In 1851 they were living in Glasgow.

CENSUS RECORD SHEET				
DISTRICT Bothwell, Lanarkshire				YEAR 1851
STREET: Onslow Rd To Cairney Head				
NAME	DESIG	AGE	OCCUPATION	BORN AT:
Alexander Stevenson	Head	30	ag lab	Barony
Helen Stevenson	wife	35		Whithorn

## SON-2.4-ROBERT BLACK, JEAN WALKER AND CATHERINE THOMSON

Jane Stevenson	daughter	4		Barony
Janet Stevenson	mother	70	formerly laundress	Argyle

By 1861 they had moved to Livingston.

CENSUS RECORD SHEET				
DISTRICT Livingston, West Lothian				YEAR 1861
STREET: Livingstone Bar				
NAME	DESIG	AGE	OCCUPATION	BORN AT:
Alexander Stevenson	head	40	toll keeper	Glasgow
Helen Stevenson	wife	45		Carnwath
Jane Stevenson	daughter	14		Glasgow, Lanark
William Stevenson	son	9	scholar	Bothwell, Lanark
Janet Stevenson	daughter	6	scholar	Old Monkland, Lanark
Agnes Stevenson	daughter	3		Old Monkland, Lanark
Barbara Stevenson	daughter	10 Mo		Livingstone, Linlithgow

By 1871 they had returned to Old Monkland. Alexander was still a toll keeper.

## DEATH AND BURIAL

Alexander died in 1881 and Helen in 1889 both in Old Monkland. Helen's father Robert was confirmed on her death certificate, but the name of her mother had not survived to the next generation.

Helen Stevenson	1889.	73	Robert Black	Heart disease	James Martin	1889.
Widow of	54 15/11. 1889		Deceased	Dissection of lungs	James Martin	1889.
Alexander Stevenson	Caithness		Unknown	Heart & Lungs	James Martin	1889.
Baron Servant	Caithness		"	Heart & Lungs	James Martin	1889.

Death certificate - Helen Black Stevenson.

## AGNES BLACK AND JAMES MCINTYRE

Wallhill daughters were ... **Agnes.**

## AGNES BLACK

Agnes, the other twin, was born on 30 July 1815, and she was the only one living at home with her father in 1841.

**Helen and Agnes twin sisters, daughters to Robert Black and Jane Walker spouses in Wellhill born 30 Jul 1815.**

## SON-2.4-ROBERT BLACK, JEAN WALKER AND CATHERINE THOMSON

### JAMES MCINTYRE

On the census, James claimed that he had been born around 1814 in Argyll but the actual parish changes with each census. We do think the birth below relates to him. In 1881 he gave Kilbride as his place of birth and naming patterns fits with this family.

MCINTYRE      JAMES      JOHN MCINTYRE/SARAH MCCALLUM      M      04/11/1810      Kilmore and Kilbride

### MARRIAGE AND CHILDREN

Agnes and James McIntyre married when she was 29 on 3 March 1845 at Whitburn; two years after her father's purported death. Five children were found.

CHILDREN	BIRTH/BAP	PARISH	MARRIED	DEATH/BUR
*John McIntyre	12 Nov 1846	Whitburn	Marion Newton	01 Sep 1894
*Robert McIntyre	abt 1847	Whitburn	Betsy Steel	20 Mar 1883
*Sarah McIntyre	abt 1852	Whitburn	-	15 Feb 1916
*Agnes McIntyre	07 Aug 1856	Whitburn	George Robb	07 Dec 1926
*Margaret (Maggie) McIntyre	16 Jun 1860	Whitburn	Andrew Turnbull	1940

The census for 1851 is found under McAntee but the 1861 census shows them as McIntyre and all the children were listed.

CENSUS RECORD SHEET				
DISTRICT Whitburn, West Lothian				YEAR 1861
STREET: Onslow Rd To Cairney Head				
NAME	DESIG	AGE	OCCUPATION	BORN AT:
James McIntyre	head	46	labourer at pits	Hill Bridge
Agnes McIntyre	wife	45		Carnwath
John McIntyre	son	16	ironstone miner	Whitburn
Robert McIntyre	son	14	ironstone miner	Whitburn
Sarah McIntyre	daughter	11	scholar	Whitburn
Agnes McIntyre	daughter	4		Whitburn
Margaret McIntyre	daughter	9 Mo		Whitburn

James died in Fauldhouse in 1888. Agnes (Black) was last found in 1891 aged 75, looking after a nine-month-old grandchild.

CENSUS RECORD SHEET				
DISTRICT Whitburn, West Lothian				YEAR 1891
STREET: Cairney Head				
NAME	DESIG	AGE	OCCUPATION	BORN AT:
Agnes Black	head	75		Whitburn

## SON-2.4-ROBERT BLACK, JEAN WALKER AND CATHERINE THOMSON

Agnes McIntyre	granddau	9mo		Whitburn
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### DEATH AND BURIAL

Agnes died in October 1892 in Fauldhouse aged 77. Both are buried at Fauldhouse.

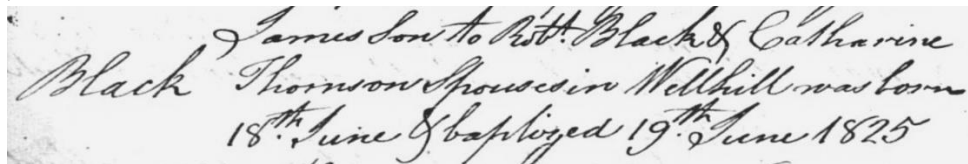
## CHILD OF ROBERT BLACK AND CATHERINE THOMSON

### JAMES BLACK AND JANE COOPER

**James**, seventh Wallhill son, still living in Queensland, aged eighty-three years, being the only known representative of his own generation, and probably the oldest survivor among the Blacks of Breich Water.

### JAMES BLACK

James was the only child of Robert Black and Margaret Thomson and was born in 1825 in Whitburn.



*Parish records – Whitburn, West Lothian.*

In 1841 he was probably the male servant at Braehead, Whitburn but by 1851 he was living with his half-brother Robert in Glasgow and working as a sewer's porter.

### JANE COOPER

Jane was born about 1827 in Whitburn and was listed as being the daughter of Alexander Cooper and Margaret Black. We can't currently say if Margaret, her mother, was a Breich Water Black.

### MARRIAGE AND CHILDREN

The couple married on 11 June 1852 at Carnwath and there were four possible children.

CHILDREN	BIRTH/BAP	PARISH	MARRIED	DEATH/BUR
*John Black	abt 1852	Whitburn	-	bef 1855?
*Robert Black	25 Mar 1854	Glasgow	Margaret McConnell	15 Mar 1910 Australia
*Margaret Black	29 Mar 1856	Old Monkland	-	03 Sep 1936 Australia
*Alexander Cooper Black	31 Jul 1860	Glasgow	-	15 Dec 1913 Australia

## SON-2.4-ROBERT BLACK, JEAN WALKER AND CATHERINE THOMSON

In 1861 they were living in Anderston in Glasgow, James was a grocer's porter but by 1871 he was recorded as unemployed.

CENSUS RECORD SHEET				
DISTRICT Glasgow, Lanarkshire				YEAR 1871
STREET: 79 Grove Street				
NAME	DESIG	AGE	OCCUPATION	BORN AT:
James Black	head	45	grocer unemployed	Whitburn
Jane Black	wife	45		Whitburn
Robert Black	son	17	joiner	Glasgow
Margaret Black	daughter	14	machinist	Old Monkland
Alex Black	son	10	scholar	Glasgow

The family departed from Glasgow for Australia, arriving in Brisbane on 9 March 1875 on the *Corlic*.

### DEATH AND BURIAL

Jane died on 1 June 1889 at Milton, Queensland and James died on 28 October 1911 at Brisbane.

## FOURTH GENERATION

### CHILDREN OF WILLIAM BLACK AND AGNES MAIN

JB only mentioned by name one grandchild of Robert Black so this narrative is shorter than most.

### ROBERT MAIN BLACK AND BARBARA FORSYTH WINCHESTER

William, whose son <b>Robert</b> is, or was, a land steward about Inverness;
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#### ROBERT MAIN BLACK

Robert was born in 1841 in Shotts. By all accounts he had a successful education and became, according to the 1891 census, a civil engineer and architect.

#### BARBARA FORSYTH WINCHESTER

Barbara was born on 8 August 1840 in Elgin, Moray to parents James Winchester and Jane Bowie.

#### MARRIAGE AND CHILDREN

The marriage took place in Elgin on 29 December 1868. The couple had three daughters all born in Inverness.

## SON-2.4-ROBERT BLACK, JEAN WALKER AND CATHERINE THOMSON

CHILDREN	BIRTH/BAP	PARISH	MARRIED	DEATH/BUR
*Jane Winchester Black	04 Jan 1870	Inverness	-	30 Dec 1949
*Agnes Marrion Black	26 Nov 1871	Croy	-	11 Feb 1958
*Elizabeth Barbara Black	13 May 1875	Inverness	-	09 Jan 1907

In 1891 they were living in Inverness. JB's story of a land steward may have been a few years later.

CENSUS RECORD SHEET				
DISTRICT Inverness, Inverness				YEAR 1891
STREET: Oakwood House				
NAME	DESIG	AGE	OCCUPATION	BORN AT:
Robert Black	head	61	civil engineer and architect	Shotts
Barbara F Black	wife	60		Elgin
Agnes M Black	daughter	29		Croy
Elizabeth B Black	daughter	25		Inverness

### DEATH AND BURIAL

Barbara died on 18 February 1908.

**D**IED, on the 18th inst., at Oakwood, Inverness, Barbara Forsyth Winchester, beloved wife of Robert Black, C.E., etc., and daughter of the late James Winchester, merchant, Elgin. Funeral to New Cemetery To-day (Saturday), the 22nd, at One o'clock p.m. All Friends respectfully invited. (South African and New Zealand papers please copy).

Robert died on 5 February 1917.

**THE LATE MR ROBERT BLACK.**—Many will regret to learn that Mr Robert Black, civil engineer and architect, Inverness, passed away yesterday. Mr Black was factor on the estate of Ross-haugh before going to Inverness. For about 40 years he had an office in the town, and was associated professionally with public works and with the erection of buildings of all kinds.

Both were buried in Inverness.

## CHILDREN OF ALEXANDER BLACK, JANET SHANKS AND JANET MILLAR

### ROBERT BLACK AND MARY PROVAN

Alexander, survived by family [**Robert**]

#### ROBERT BLACK

Robert the eldest son was born on 5 August 1845 in New Monkland to Alexander's first wife Janet Shanks.

#### MARY PROVEN

Mary was born on 8 August 1847 in Blackfaulds, Whitburn to James Proven and Elizabeth Wilson. Spellings vary.

*Proven Mary, daughter of James Proven and Elizabeth Wilson spouses at Blackfaulds, was born 8<sup>th</sup> August 1847 and baptized*

Parish records – Whitburn, West Lothian.

#### MARRIAGE AND CHILDREN

The marriage took place on 12 March 1869 in Whitburn.

1869	(Signed)		Whitburn	Alexander Black	(Signed)	1869
on the Twelfth	Robert Black	23	Whitburn	Carter and	Thomas Bell	March 12 <sup>th</sup>
day of March				James Black	Minister	at Whitburn
at Whitburn	Iron miner			M. J. Shanks		
	(Residence)			(Deceased)	(Signed)	
After having according	(Signed)		Whitburn	James Proven	Elizabeth Wilson	
to the forms of the	Mary Proven	21	Whitburn	Carter and	Minister	
Church of Scotland				Elizabeth Proven	Mary Black	at Whitburn
	Domesday Book			M. J. Wilson	Whitburn	Register
	(Minister)					

Marriage certificate – Robert Black and Mary Proven.

Nine children were found.

CHILDREN	BIRTH/BAP	PARISH	MARRIED	DEATH/BUR
*Elizabeth Black	28 Apr 1869	Whitburn	-	02 Jul 1869
*James Provan Black	15 Jun 1870	Whitburn	-	1870
*Alexander (Old Sanny) Black	20 Sep 1871	Whitburn	unknown	Jan 1939
*John Provan Black	28 Jun 1874	Old Monkland	Catherine Dickson	1930
*Janet Shanks Black	1876	Fauldhouse	David Cockburn	1911
*James Chapman	29 Jul 1879	Holytown	Elizabeth More Law	06 Jul 1952

## SON-2.4-ROBERT BLACK, JEAN WALKER AND CATHERINE THOMSON

Provan Black				
*William Gardner Black	12 Jun 1884	New Monkland	Janet Kennedy Jelly	1948
*Jane Provan (Jeanie) Black	1888	New Monkland	William McBride	1966
*Agnes Provan Black	27 Feb 1891	Hamilton	John Cunningham	1972

### DEATH AND BURIAL

Robert and Mary died in 1899 and 1900 respectively. In 1901, most of the children were living with their sister Janet Shanks Black and her husband David Cockburn.

## ALEXANDER BLACK AND MARY MARGARET PATERSON

Alexander, survived by family [ <b>Alexander</b> ]
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### ALEXANDER BLACK

Alexander, born to the second wife Janet Millar, was born on 2 February 1852 in New Monkland. Possibly soon after his father died, he went to America, his half-brother William Cook and his mother went also, but they may not have all gone together.

### MARY MARGARET PATERSON

Mary was the illegitimate daughter of Margaret Paterson. A tree records her birth in Paisley, Scotland on 10 October 1853, but she and her mother were in Massachusetts by 1857, her mother married then in America.

### MARRIAGE AND CHILDREN

Alexander and Mary married in, Massachusetts on 3 April 1875. Only three children were found.

CHILDREN	BIRTH/BAP	PARISH	MARRIED	DEATH/BUR
*Jeanette Black	16 Apr 1879	Massachusetts	Samuel Adams	29 Jun 1969 USA
*Alexander Black	25 Jul 1880	Massachusetts	Gertrude Ellen Leishman	bef 1930 USA
*Margaret Black	13 Feb 1889	Massachusetts	Edward Lincoln Ellgner	04 Apr 1962 USA

### DEATH AND BURIAL

Alexander died on 9 July 1901 and Mary on 4 September 1917.