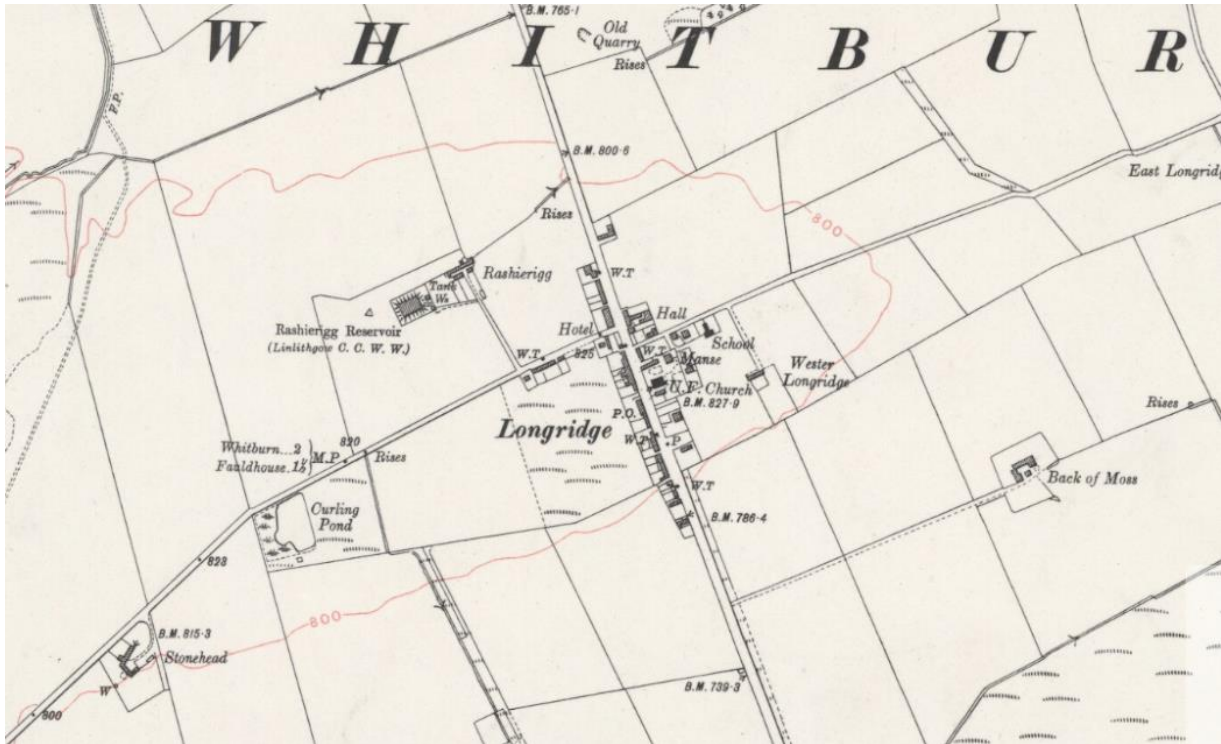


SON TWO - JOHN BLACK AND HELEN STEEL

DESCENDANTS OF THEIR THIRD SON

JAMES BLACK AND MARGARET NISBIT



Turnhigh Road is today south of Whitburn and north of Longridge. Burnside is not located. This map show: Back of Moss, Stonehead (Stanehead) and Rashierigg, another Black farm. The village of Longridge contained the church where many of the Blacks worshipped and whose records have been lost.

MEMORIES AND MELODIES

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James, third Bushdyke son, had as his wife, Margaret Nesbit, and was tenant of Burnside, near Turnhigh Whitburn. There were three sons and five daughters.

John, married to Mary Grey, entered Back o' Moss in 1840. There were three sons, James, George, and John, and four daughters, Margaret, Agnes, Isabella, and Mary.

James and his wife, both deceased, left two sons, John and James, and two daughters, Mary and Janet.

George, second Back o' Moss son, is farmer at Penston, East Lothian, his wife being Elizabeth Shanks, formerly of Turnhigh. They have four sons and one daughter.

John, the eldest son, is a clergyman in Kaffraria, while the other three are devoted to agricultural pursuits in East Lothian.

John, third Back o' Moss son, is still farmer there, he and his wife, Marion Mungall, having a family of sons and daughters.

It may be noted, in passing, that Mr James Walker, merchant, Bathgate, is a grandson of John Black, formerly of Back o' Moss, his mother being Agnes, wife of James Walker, Grahamston.

Thomas, second Burnside son, was married to Ann, daughter of John Russell, farmer, Foulshiels. Soon after the birth of their one daughter, the mother died, and a few years later the father was killed by the upsetting of his cart. The orphan girl was brought to Burnside, where she assisted her grandfather, and in course of years became Mrs John Sommerville. She is now in her widowhood, living with a son in Greenock. Another son is in Edinburgh, and there are also two daughters. It ought, in strict justice, to be told that much of the information in this history was gleaned by her during a lengthy lifetime, she being now over eighty years of age.

Alexander, third son of James, of Burnside, is highly entitled to very honourable mention, because, at the cost of his own, he saved the life of another man from drowning in the Forth near Stirling. His wife's name was Mary Galbraith. They had four sons and one daughter.

James, eldest, a baker in Glasgow, went with his family to Melbourne. He and his wife died in Dunedin several years ago. Alexander, second son, was formerly a tannery manager in London, afterwards going to Belgium. Peter, the third son, was a baker, and became a successful colonist. John, the youngest son, who had hard times in his youth, being orphaned when only four years of age, knew life as a herd-boy at Liltie-co-kee and at Craighead. He became a cooper, a musician, and, in manners and morals, a man worth knowing. With his family of sons and daughters he now lives in Glasgow. Janet, the hero's only daughter, with husband and family, went abroad, and worked themselves into comfortable circumstances.

Of the Burnside daughters, Agnes became Mrs Wm. Mungall, Helen became Mrs Peter Thornton, Rashiehill, and, in both cases, these families emigrated to America many years ago.

Margaret Thornton, Rashiehill, was married to Robert Thomson, Stonemains, near Knowton, and had several children. One son, Peter, lives in Whitburn, and another, James, lives in Bathgate. There are also several female descendants at various other places. Isabella Thornton was married to William Stark, Cambusnethan. Mary, of Burnside, was married to Robert Stewart, West Forth. A grand-daughter, Mrs Thomas Smith, resides in Rowantree Cottage, Cambuslang. Janet became Mrs Wm. Macgregor, and Jane Mrs David Roberts, Burnbrae.

*Reminder: * as JB didn't mention this individual; their story ends in the table.*

SON-2.3-JAMES BLACK AND MARGARET NISBIT

whereas ^ tells you there is another generation within this document.

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

SECOND GENERATION

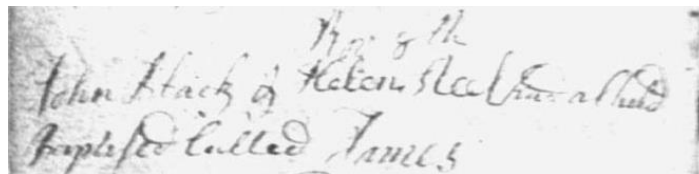
JAMES BLACK AND MARGARET NISBIT

Residence - Burnside, Whitburn, West Lothian

James, third Bushdyke son, had as his wife, **Margaret Nesbit**, and was tenant of Burnside, near Turnhigh Whitburn. There were three sons [John, Thomas, Alexander] and five daughters [Agnes, Helen, Janet, Mary, Jane].

JAMES BLACK

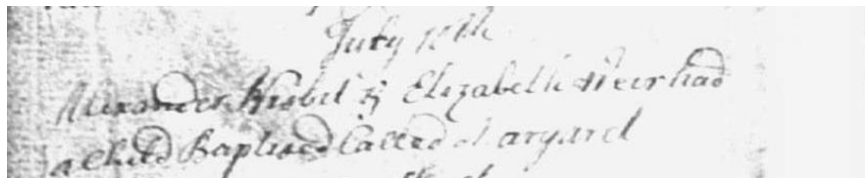
James was baptised on 8 November 1761 in West Calder.



Parish baptism records – West Calder, Midlothian.

MARGARET NISBIT

Margaret's birth at West Calder on 10 July 1763 showed the spelling Nisbit. Her father was Alexander and her mother Elizabeth Weir.



Parish baptism records – West Calder, Midlothian.

JB referred to her as Nesbit and her descendants used both variations when naming their children.

MARRIAGE AND CHILDREN

James and Margaret married on 31 May 1789 in Whitburn.

A handwritten entry from a parish marriage record. The text is written in cursive and reads: "1789 January 4th James Steel of Cambusnethan parish & Mary Black of this parish --- 26 May 31st James Black & Margaret Nisbit both of this parish --- 26".

1789	January 4th James Steel of Cambusnethan parish & Mary Black of this parish	---	26
	May 31st James Black & Margaret Nisbit both of this parish	---	26

Parish marriage records – Whitburn, West Lothian.

We have located baptisms for only three of their eight children named by JB and have assumed the births all took place at Burnside.

SON-2.3-JAMES BLACK AND MARGARET NISBIT

CHILDREN	BIRTH/BAP	BIRTHPLACE	PARISH	MARRIED	DEATH/BUR
^Agnes Black	abt 1791	Burnside	Whitburn	William Mungle	01 Nov 1868 USA
^Helen Black	abt 1795	Burnside	Whitburn	Peter Thornton	08 Sep 1871 USA
^John Black	19 Aug 1797	Burnside	Whitburn	Mary Grey	05 May 1871
^Janet Black	abt 1799	Burnside	Whitburn	William McGregor	bef 1839 Canada
^Mary Black	abt 1801	Burnside	Whitburn	Robert Stewart	1856 at sea
^Thomas Black	06 Sep 1802	Burnside	Whitburn	Ann Russell	abt 1832
^Alexander Black	26 Dec 1805	Burnside	Whitburn	Mary Galbraith	abt 1850
^Jane (Jean) Black	26 Dec 1805	Burnside	Whitburn	David Roberts	7 Oct 1893 USA

The last two were twins. Although only Alexander's birth is recorded on *Scotland's People*, Jean's date of birth was recorded on her headstone.

We are unaware when James and Margaret went to Burnside, as indicated by JB, but James's tenancy was confirmed in the Whitburn parish records of 1834, where he was recorded as the head of household, and also on the 1841 census.¹ If you read JB's extract, you will have seen their granddaughter Ann Black went to live with her grandfather and confirmation is found below. Also living in the house that night was Janet Stewart, another granddaughter. As can be seen, James's wife Margaret had died by 1841 but we have no further information about her death.

CENSUS RECORD SHEET			
DISTRICT: Whitburn, West Lothian			YEAR 1841
STREET Burnside			
NAME	AGE	OCCUPATION	BORN AT:
James Black	79	farmer	Scotland
Ann Black	15	female servant	West Lothian
Janet Stewart	12	female servant	West Lothian

James was still alive in 1851, aged 89 and living with his daughter Agnes and son-in-law William Mungle at Blackburn.

DEATH AND BURIAL

We are not sure when James died but it was before registration in 1855.

¹ Male heads of families 1834 (NRS Reference: CH2/370/2 pp. 8-10)

THIRD GENERATION

CHILDREN OF JAMES BLACK AND MARGARET NISBIT

AGNES BLACK AND WILLIAM MUNGLE

Of the Burnside daughters, **Agnes** became Mrs **Wm. Mungall** and... these families emigrated to America many years ago.

AGNES BLACK

Agnes was born about 1791 in Whitburn, a date established from the census.

WILLIAM MUNGLE

Mungle has various spellings. William was baptised on 12 November 1797 at Bathgate to parents Joseph Mungle and Janet Graham.

MARRIAGE AND CHILDREN

The couple married on 7 May 1815 at Livingston; William was seven years younger than Agnes. There were eight possible children.

CHILDREN	BIRTH/BAP	PARISH	MARRIED	DEATH/BUR
*Joseph Mungle	25 Mar 1816	Livingston	Margaret Gray	08 Jan 1845
*James Mungle	02 Mar 1818	Livingston	Henrietta Lightbody	02 Apr 1896 USA
*William Mungle	15 Feb 1820	Livingston	-	bef 1827
*Margaret Mungle	10 Mar 1821	Livingston	Colin Robertson	11 Sep 1910 USA
*Janet Mungle	abt 1824	Livingston	Frederick (Fritz) Mussmann	abt 1859 USA
*William Mungle	30 Jan 1827	Livingston	Ann Gray ²	12 Sep 1906 USA
*Agnes Black Mungle	19 Feb 1830	Livingston	John Lennox Robertson	15 Nov 1905 USA
*Mary Mungle	Feb 1834	Livingston	-	08 Jun 1905 USA

² Margaret and Ann Gray are sisters.

SON-2.3-JAMES BLACK AND MARGARET NISBIT

CENSUS RECORD SHEET			
PARISH: Livingston			
COUNTY: West Lothian			YEAR: 1841
ADDRESS: Blackburn			
NAME	AGE	OCCUPATION	BORN AT:
William Mungal	40	cotton spinner	West Lothian
Mungal	45	cotton wife	West Lothian
James Mungal	20	cotton spinner	West Lothian
Margaret Mungal	15	cotton spinner	West Lothian
Janet Mungal	15	cotton spinner	West Lothian
William Mungal	10	taylor	West Lothian
Agnes Mungal	10		West Lothian
Mary Mungal	5		West Lothian

By 1851 Agnes was caring for her elderly father and two grandchildren.

CENSUS RECORD SHEET				
PARISH: Livingston				
COUNTY: West Lothian				YEAR: 1851
ADDRESS: Blackburn				
NAME	DESIG	AGE	OCCUPATION	BORN AT:
William Mungle	head	53	cotton carder	Bathgate
Agnes Mungle	wife	60	cotton wife	Whitburn
Mary Mungle	daughter	18	house servant	Whitburn
William Mungle	grandson	9	scholar	Whitburn
William Mungle	grandson	13		Whitburn
James Black	f in law	89	farmer formerly	West Calder

Two years later they sailed for America and arrived in New York on 30 May 1853. All of their children eventually immigrated except for Joseph who died in 1845 however his daughter Marion later married into the Black family.

DEATH AND BURIAL

Both William and Mary died in New York State in 1868.

HELEN BLACK AND PETER THORNTON

Of the Burnside daughters, ..., **Helen** became Mrs **Peter Thornton**, Rashiehill, and ...these families emigrated to America many years ago. Margaret Thornton, Rashiehill, was married to Robert Thomson, Stonemains, near Knowton, and had several children. ...Isabella Thornton was married to William Stark, Cambusnethan.

HELEN BLACK

SON-2.3-JAMES BLACK AND MARGARET NISBIT

Helen was born about 1795 at Burnside in Whitburn. She was recorded as Helen on her marriage and Hellen on her death.

PETER THORNTON



An *Ancestry* tree shows Peter was born on 10 October 1786 in Whitburn to Patrick Thornton and Ann Agnes Smith, however the census record shows he was born in West Calder. No birth was found on *Scotland's People* for either location.

*Peter Thornton.
Geoffrey Haynes collection.*

MARRIAGE AND CHILDREN

The marriage was on 4 June 1815 at Shotts. Their children's baptisms were not found on *Scotland's People*, so we assume these dates come from family knowledge. It appears from the census records that the children were all born in Cambusnethan except Margaret the eldest.³

CHILDREN	BIRTH/BAP	PARISH	MARRIED	DEATH/BUR
^Margaret Thornton	abt 1817	Whitburn	Robert Thomson	11 Aug 1861
^Isabella Thornton	17 Oct 1819	Cambusnethan	William Stark	01 Sep 1881
*James Thornton	abt 1820	Cambusnethan	-	24 May 1844
*John Thornton	31 Aug 1823	Cambusnethan	Ann McDonald	19 Oct 1914 USA
*Thomas Thornton	29 Jun 1825	Cambusnethan	Mary Thomson	31 Mar 1889 NZ
*Peter Nisbit Thornton	05 Sep 1828	Cambusnethan	Cecelia Batie	12 Mar 1893 USA
*Agnes Thornton	10 Mar 1830	Cambusnethan	James Robb	17 Oct 1882 USA
*William Miller Thornton	29 Oct 1831	Cambusnethan	Elizabeth Johnstone	29 Oct 1923 USA
*Helen Thornton	23 Jun 1834	Cambusnethan	John Leighton then John Morrow	21 Mar 1885 USA

By 1841 the family was living at Rashiehill, West Calder as stated by JB and were still there in 1851.

CENSUS RECORD SHEET	
PARISH: West Calder	
COUNTY: Midlothian	YEAR: 1851
ADDRESS: Rashiehill	

³ Some trees show an Ann born in 1833 but she does not appear on any census records.

SON-2.3-JAMES BLACK AND MARGARET NISBIT

NAME	DESIG	AGE	OCCUPATION	BORN AT:
Peter Thornton	head	65	cotton carder	West Calder
Helen Thornton	wife	59	cotton wife	Whitburn
William Thornton	son	19	house servant	Cambusnethan
Helen Thornton	daughter	15	scholar	Cambusnethan
Jean Thompson	grandau	4		West Calder
Mary Thompson	grandau	4		West Calder

Most of the Thornton family then slowly immigrated to America. Their son Peter went first in 1849, then William in 1853 followed by Peter and Helen themselves in 1856 and they were accompanied on the voyage by their son John and his wife Ann.

DEATH AND BURIAL



Both Helen and Peter died in 1871 in Wisconsin, USA.

*Helen Black and Peter Thornton.
Blakes Prairie Cemetery,
Bloomington, Grant Co. Wisconsin.
LesleKouba collection – Ancestry.*

Interestingly we found another son James from the Whitburn burial records and the headstone reads: *Erected by Peter THORNTON & wife Helen BLACK in memory of son James 25.5.1844 24, and to mark a burying place for Thomas*

THORNTON joiner Longridge. Thomas died in Christchurch, New Zealand in 1889, years after his parents had died.

JOHN BLACK AND MARY GRAY

Residence - Back-o-Moss, Whitburn

... **John**, married to **Mary Grey**, entered Back o' Moss in 1840. There were three sons, James, George, and John, and four daughters, Margaret, Agnes, Isabella, and Mary.

JOHN BLACK

John was born on 19 August 1797 at Burnside, Whitburn.

John Black son to James Black and Margaret Nisbit spouses in Burnside was born 19 August 1797.

MARY GRAY

SON-2.3-JAMES BLACK AND MARGARET NISBIT

Mary was the daughter of George Grey and Margaret Tenant and was born around 1800 in Dalserf, Lanarkshire.

MARRIAGE AND CHILDREN

The pair married on 5 June 1824 in Whitburn. Their daughter Agnes's marriage in 1855 gave us a clue as to where the family first lived in Whitburn and that was a farm called Cult near Back of Moss. They assumed the lease on Back of Moss in 1840 and as both properties were close to Longridge, all the baptisms would have been entered into these registers which are lost.

CHILDREN	BIRTH/BAP	BIRTHPLACE	PARISH	MARRIED	DEATH/BUR
^James Black	abt 1827	Cult	Whitburn	Margaret Meek	21 Feb 1884
^Margaret Black	abt 1829	Cult	Whitburn	William Hamilton	04 Jun 1921
^Agnes Nisbet Black	21 Aug 1831	Cult	Whitburn	James Walker	25 Jun 1887
^Isabella Black	abt 1835	Cult	Whitburn	-	05 Aug 1905
^Mary Black	abt 1838	Cult	Whitburn	Archibald McIntyre	19 Jan 1883
^George Black	abt 1841	Back of Moss	Whitburn	Elizabeth (Lizzie) Shanks	29 Mar 1920
^John Black	abt 1845	Back of Moss	Whitburn	Marion Mungle ⁴	26 May 1927

CENSUS RECORD SHEET				
PARISH: Whitburn				
COUNTY: Linlithgow			YEAR: 1851	
ADDRESS: Back o Moss				
NAME	DESIG	AGE	OCCUPATION	BORN AT:
John Black	head	53	farmer	Whitburn
Mary Black	wife	51	farmers wife	Dalserf
James Black	son	24	farmers son	Whitburn
Isabella Black	daughter	16	farmers daughter	Whitburn
George Black	son	10	scholar	Whitburn
John Black	son	5	scholar	Whitburn

DEATH AND BURIAL

John died a month after the 1871 census. His youngest son John took over the farm after his death.

⁴ Marion's grandmother was Agnes Black married to William Mungle.

SON-2.3-JAMES BLACK AND MARGARET NISBIT

A handwritten document, likely a death certificate, with several lines of cursive text. It includes names like 'James Black', 'Margaret Nisbit', and 'John Black'. There are also dates and locations mentioned, such as '1871' and 'Whitburn'.

Death certificate – John Black.

Mary lived for another twenty years and died on 10 March 1893 aged 93. John was buried in Whitburn and we assume Mary was also.

JANET BLACK AND WILLIAM MCGREGOR

Janet became Mrs **Wm. Macgregor**

JANET BLACK

Janet's birth has been estimated as 1799 at Burnside.

WILLIAM MCGREGOR

A tree gives Williams' birth as 14 June 1807.

MARRIAGE

Janet and William married at Whitburn on 1 March 1828. A family tree has them going to Quebec, in 1834 and William remarrying there in 1839. It appears they had no surviving children and Janet; therefore we assume, died in Quebec around 1838.

MARY BLACK AND ROBERT STEWART

Mary, of Burnside, was married to **Robert Stewart**, West Forth.

MARY BLACK

Mary was born about 1801 at Whitburn.

ROBERT STEWART

Robert, a cattle dealer from West Forth was born on 13 October 1779 in Stonehouse Lanarkshire to parents John Stewart and Agnes Ferguson.

MARRIAGE AND CHILDREN

Robert was 45 and Mary 22 when they married at Whitburn on 6 December 1823.

SON-2.3-JAMES BLACK AND MARGARET NISBIT

CHILDREN	BIRTH/BAP	PARISH	MARRIED	DEATH/BUR
*Margaret Stuart	09 May 1824	Whitburn	William Ramage	27 Dec 1884 USA
*Hugh Stewart	06 Feb 1827	Carnwath	Margaret Barr	21 Aug 1893 Canada
*John Stewart	Born 1828 Bap 13 Apr 1829	Carnwath	-	bef 1833
*Janet Stewart	25 Jan 1829	Carnwath	John Wilson	21 Mar 1892
*John Stewart	abt 1833	Carnwath	Ellen Mahoney	27 Sep 1891 Canada
*Jean (Jane) Stewart	22 Apr 1836	Carnwath	Robert Barrie	15 Dec 1914
*Mary Stewart	15 Oct 1838	Carnwath	David Slimmon ⁵	19 Jan 1919 Canada
*Agnes Stewart	05 Aug 1841	Carnwath	Mungo Chapman	8 Jan 1900 Canada

By 1841 there were three children living at home; John aged eight (and based on that, the first John must have died), Jean aged five and Mary aged two. The eldest daughter Janet was living with her grandfather James Black. Agnes the youngest child told her family that her father had enlisted with the army and the family often didn't know where the next meal was coming from while he was away but as he was present in 1841 we are not sure what period this relates to.

The 1851 census shows Robert had died and we can see a further child Agnes, aged nine, had been born to the couple. The only other child at home, besides Agnes, was Mary, who was now twelve.

DEATH AND BURIAL

Robert was buried at Carnwath on 12 March 1851, just before the census. He was 73. The inscription reads: *Erected by Hugh Stewart in memory of his father Robert Stewart, died at Forth 10 March 1851 aged 72 years.*

A tree on *Ancestry* tells us that Mary decided to leave for Canada and travelled in 1856 accompanied by four of her children. Margaret (now Mrs William Ramage) Hugh, John and Agnes. Mary never saw the shores of Canada as she died on the voyage and was buried at sea. Only two daughters remained in Scotland.

THOMAS BLACK AND ANN RUSSELL

Thomas, second Burnside son, was married to **Ann**, daughter of John **Russell**, farmer, Foulshiels. Soon after the birth of their one daughter, the mother died, and a few years later the father was killed by the upsetting of his cart. The orphan girl was brought to Burnside, where she assisted her grandfather, and in course of years became Mrs John Sommerville...

⁵ It is thought that Mary's second to youngest daughter (also Mary) was on the ship as well. She certainly married in Canada in 1863. It is possible she was listed as a married woman on the passenger list, and travelling under a different name, but we have no evidence about this.

SON-2.3-JAMES BLACK AND MARGARET NISBIT

THOMAS BLACK

Thomas was born at Burnside on 6 September 1802.

Thomas Black son to James Black and Margaret Nisbit spouses in Burnside was born 6 Sept 1802.

ANN RUSSELL

Annie as she was sometimes recorded was born on around 1802; her father John Russell was from Foulshiels. Various properties named Foulshiels can be seen on the map between Whitburn and Stoneyburn.

MARRIAGE AND CHILDREN

We find the marriage on 1 January 1825 at Whitburn. Their daughter Ann's birth is not found but it is estimated as late 1825, as in January 1826, we find her mother's burial at Whitburn.

CHILDREN	BIRTH/BAP	PARISH	MARRIED	DEATH/BUR
^Annie Black	abt 1825	Whitburn	John Sommerville	12 Jan 1915

DEATH AND BURIAL

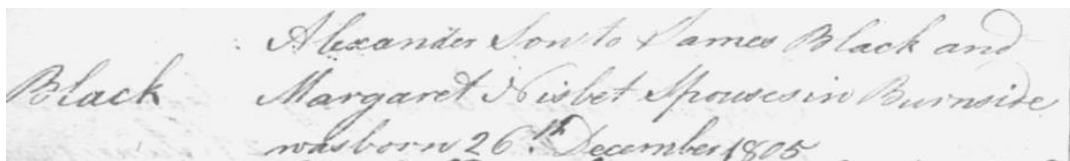
As just noted, Ann was buried at Whitburn on 17 January 1826 but Thomas's death, around 1832 is not located.

ALEXANDER BLACK AND MARY GALBRAITH

Alexander, third son of James, of Burnside, is highly entitled to very honourable mention, because, at the cost of his own, he saved the life of another man from drowning in the Forth near Stirling. His wife's name was **Mary Galbraith**. They had four sons and one daughter. James ... Alexander ... Peter ... John. Janet, the hero's only daughter....

ALEXANDER BLACK

Alexander was born on 26 December 1805 at Whitburn, a twin to Jane.



Parish baptism records - Whitburn, West Lothian.

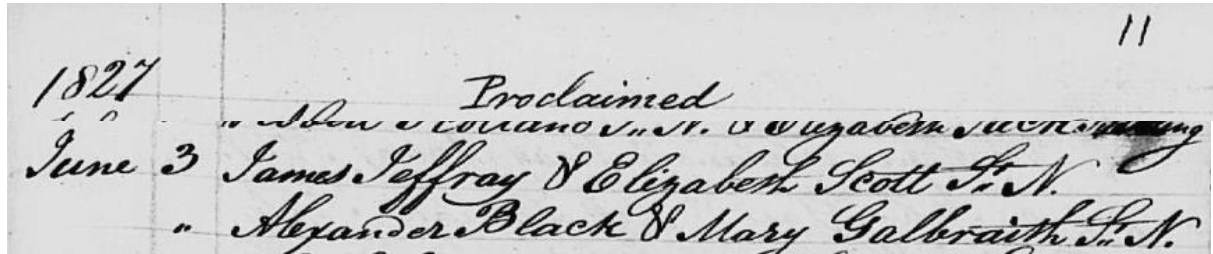
MARY GALBRAITH

SON-2.3-JAMES BLACK AND MARGARET NISBIT

Mary was born about 1806 in Stirlingshire.

MARRIAGE AND CHILDREN

The marriage took place on 3 June 1827 at St Ninians, Stirling.



Parish marriage records – St Ninians, Stirling.

CHILDREN	BIRTH/BAP	PARISH	MARRIED	DEATH/BUR
^James Black	abt 1828	Stirling	Mary Little	12 Aug 1891 New Zealand
^Margaret Black	abt 1831	Stirling	Arthur Liddell	03 Feb 1899
^Alexander Black	abt 1833	Stirling	Sarah Wood	bef 1911 England?
^Peter Black	abt 1836	Stirling	unknown	aft 1851 abroad
^Janet Cameron Black	13 Nov 1839?	Stirling	John Wright Gilmour	07 Aug 1920 New Zealand
^John Black	abt 1846	Stirling	Mary Sloan then Margaret McIndewar	17 Feb 1928

Initially we thought Mary had died around 1834 and Alexander had remarried around 1838 to a Janet, instead the gap between the children's birth years and the naming of Alexander's wife as Janet on the 1841 census, must have another explanation. In 1841 Alexander was a carter and they were living at Mill Lane Cowane Street.

1	Alexander Black	55	Carter	2
	Janet Do	35		2
	James Do	13		2
	Margaret Do	10		2
	Alexander Do	8		2
	Peter Do	5		2
	Janet Do	1		2

1841 census – Stirling, Stirlingshire.

DEATH AND BURIAL

SON-2.3-JAMES BLACK AND MARGARET NISBIT

JB claimed that Alexander drowned in the Forth when his son John was four. Although a newspaper account was not found, Alexander was described on one daughter's marriage certificate as a 'ship owner's carter,' so we can picture him at the waterfront loading and unloading ships. If John was four, Alexander drowned around 1850, purportedly 'because, at the cost of his own, he saved the life of another man from drowning in the Forth near Stirling'. We know from a second daughter's marriage that the event had occurred before 7 September 1850, as he was described as deceased when the banns were recorded.

As the only burial on *Scotland's People* in 1850 is for a seven-year-old, we have no exact date for his death and if his body was washed out to sea, no burial record would exist.

Alexander's wife Mary must have died around the same time as by 1851 the children were living apart. As JB mentions them individually, their story continues later.

JEAN (JANE) BLACK AND DAVID ROBERTS

... and **Jane** Mrs **David Roberts**, Burnbrae.

JEAN (JANE) BLACK

Jane, Alexander's twin was born at Burnside on 26 December 1805.

DAVID ROBERTS

David was the son of David Roberts and Elizabeth Thomson and born on 31 July 1803 in Bathgate.

MARRIAGE AND CHILDREN

Their marriage was not found but it took place before 1841 as they are on the census together that year.

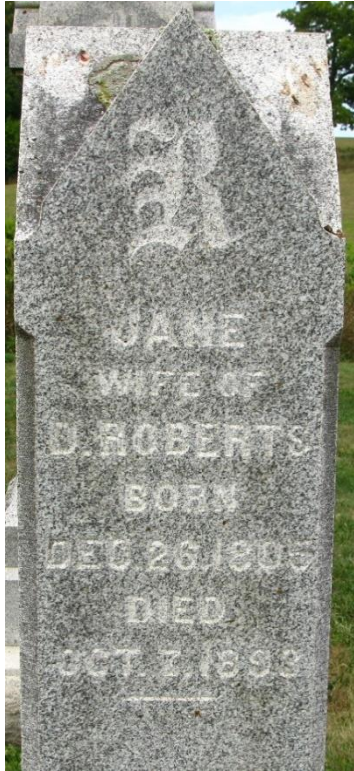
CHILDREN	BIRTH/BAP	BIRTHPLACE	PARISH	MARRIED	DEATH/BUR
*Margaret Nisbit Roberts	02 Dec 1842	Badweather	Shotts	Charles McLeish	06 Apr 1917 USA

Only one child was found and in 1851 they were living on a farm of twelve acres called Badweather. By the time of the 1861 census the family had emigrated to Wisconsin.

DEATH AND BURIAL

Jane died in 1893 in Wisconsin; David had died there in 1876.

SON-2.3-JAMES BLACK AND MARGARET NISBIT



Both Jane and David are buried in the Indian Farm Cemetery Durwards Glen, Columbia County, Wisconsin.

FOURTH GENERATION

CHILDREN OF HELEN BLACK AND PETER THORNTON

MARGARET THORNTON AND ROBERT THOMSON

Margaret Thornton, Rashiehill, was married to **Robert Thomson**, Stonemains, [Stanemains] near Knowton, and had several children. One son, Peter, lives in Whitburn, and another, James, lives in Bathgate. There are also several female descendants at various other places.

MARGARET THORNTON

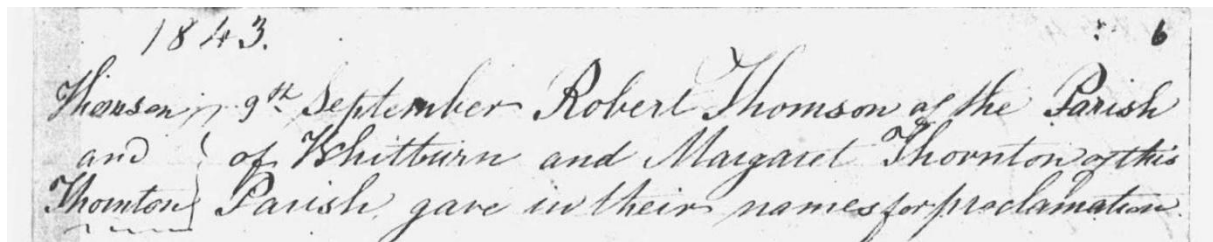
Margaret was born around 1817 at Whitburn. Her parents immigrated to America after she married.

ROBERT THOMSON

Robert, whose parents were likely to be James Thomson and Jane Johnstone, was born around 1822 at Hillhead, Lanarkshire. He varied his place of birth on each census so we cannot be certain of these details.

MARRIAGE AND CHILDREN

The nuptials were held on 9 September 1843 in West Calder.



Parish marriage records – West Calder, Midlothian.

Seven children were found.

CHILDREN	BIRTH/BAP	BIRTHPLACE	MARRIED	DEATH/BUR
^James (Jimmy) Thomson	abt 1844	West Calder	Elizabeth Jarvie then Jessie Forrest	27 Apr 1921
^Helen (Ellen) Thomson	abt 1845	West Calder	unknown relationship then Robert Chalmers	1922
*Jane (Jeanie) Thomson	abt 1847	Cambusnethan	Robert Gray	21 May 1921
*Mary Thomson	abt 1849	Cambusnethan	John Russell	28 Nov 1888
^Peter Nesbit Thomson	abt 1853	Cambusnethan	Elizabeth Russell	30 Apr 1936
*Margaret (Maggie) Thornton Thomson	abt 1856	Cambusnethan	John Linton then Andrew Balloch	12 Apr 1924
*Robert Thomson	26 Oct 1857	Cambusnethan	Catherine Simpson	5 Mar 1915

Helen died on 11 August 1861 leaving several small children. In 1871 five children were at home and two grandchildren. Margaret Gray was the illegitimate daughter of Jane, and Robert Nicol Thomson was likely Helen's child.

CENSUS RECORD SHEET				
PARISH: Cambusnethan				
COUNTY: Lanarkshire				YEAR: 1871
ADDRESS: Stane Mains				
NAME	DESIG	AGE	OCCUPATION	BORN AT:
Robert Thomson	head	49	farmer 10 acres 8 arable	West Calder
Hellen Thomson	daughter	25		West Calder
Jane Thomson	daughter	23		West Calder
Peter Thomson	son	17	ironstone miner	Cambusnethan
Margaret Thomson	daughter	15		Cambusnethan
Robert Thomson	son	13		Cambusnethan
Margaret Gray	granddau	1		Cambusnethan
Robert N Thomson	grandson	7mo		Cambusnethan

DEATH AND BURIAL

SON-2.3-JAMES BLACK AND MARGARET NISBIT

Margaret died in 1861.

Margaret Thornton	1861 August	37. 44 years	Peter Thornton Farmer	Latally, Landice dying for some time	James Thomson Son	1861 August 14 th Cambusnethan
Marrried to Robert Thomson, Cambusnethan	ph. 20m. A. M. Stannan		Robert Thornton M. L. Black.	Dr Medical Attendant.		James Giffen Registrar

Death certificate - Margaret Thornton Thomson.

Robert died twenty years later on 7 April 1882.

THOMSON, Robert.

Value of Estate, £28, 8s. 6d.

9 April.—Inventory of Robert Thomson, Labourer, Cambusnethan, who died 7 April 1882, at Cambusnethan, intestate, given up at Glasgow, by James Thomson, Locomotive Engine Driver, Bathgate, Executor *qua* next of kin.

Probate - Robert Thomson.

ISABELLA THORNTON AND WILLIAM STARK

Isabella Thornton was married to William Stark, Cambusnethan.

ISABELLA THORNTON

Isabella was born on 17 October 1819 at Whitburn. Her parents emigrated to America after she married.

WILLIAM STARK

William, a shoemaker, (son of John Stark and Mary Davidson) was born about 1807 in Cambusnethan. William had been married before and had a number of children to his first wife. Birth places differ on the census records as to the registration districts, so locations are difficult to define.

MARRIAGE AND CHILDREN

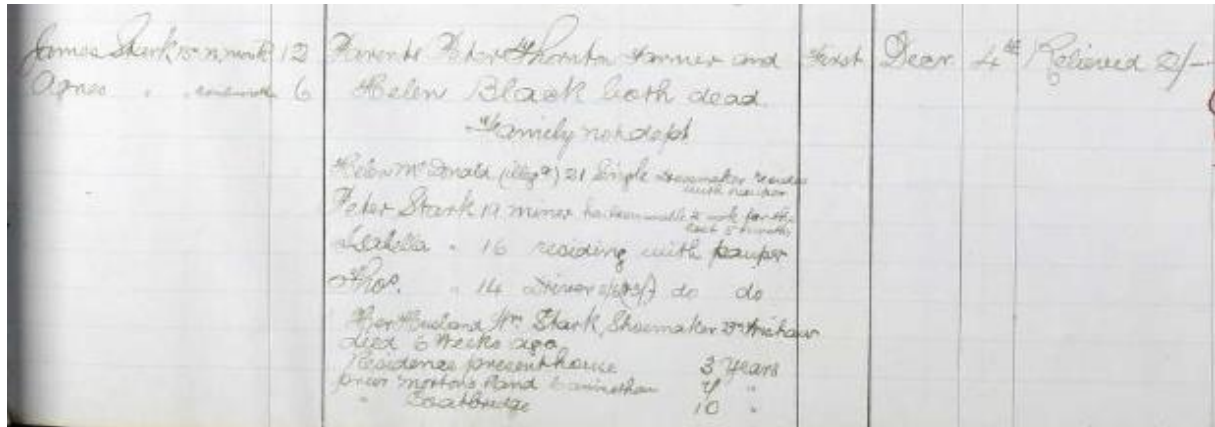
Isabella and William married on 24 January 1856 in West Calder.

CHILDREN	BIRTH/BAP	BIRTHPLACE	MARRIED	DEATH/BUR
*Peter Thornton Stark	11 Oct 1856	Old Monkland	-	23 Nov 1893
*Isabella Thornton Stark	30 Dec 1858	Old Monkland	unknown relationship	1919
*Thomas Stark	25 Aug 1861	New Monkland	Elizabeth Brownlie Taylor	03 Apr 1939
*James Stark	04 Apr 1864	Old Monkland	Mary McKechnie then	aft 1901

SON-2.3-JAMES BLACK AND MARGARET NISBIT

			Isabella Mann Joyce	
*Agnes Stark	23 Aug 1869	Cambusnethan	James Baxter	15 Aug 1928

By 1871 there were twelve people in the house including children and grandchildren from William's first marriage. In 1875 Isabella was widowed and six weeks later she was forced to apply for relief from the Cambusnethan parochial board. Her address was recorded as Kirklands Land. She correctly stated that both her parents had died, but they had died in America. She received two shillings in relief.



Cambusnethan Parochial Board.

DEATH AND BURIAL

Isabella died on 1 September 1881 at Wishaw.

CHILDREN OF JOHN BLACK AND MARY GREY

JAMES BLACK AND MARGARET MEEK

James and his wife, both deceased, left two sons, John and James, and two daughters, Mary and Janet.

JAMES BLACK

James was born about 1827 in Whitburn. Initially we could not make sense of JB's account as he appeared on all the census records living with his parents until he was 44 and was shown as single. Eventually we uncovered his story.

MARGARET MEEK

Margaret was born about 1842 in Whitburn. Her mother was Janet Meek, and her father was unnamed.

SON-2.3-JAMES BLACK AND MARGARET NISBIT

MARRIAGE AND CHILDREN

Margaret was fifteen years younger than James. The couple married on 29 November 1872. Exactly as JB said, we found the four children he had named.

CHILDREN	BIRTH/BAP	PARISH	MARRIED	DEATH/BUR
^John Black	18 Oct 1873	Whitburn	Mary Alice Chambers	14 Aug 1944
^Janet Meek (Jeanie) Black	27 Apr 1875	Whitburn	James Cameron Allan	11 Jan 1956 England
^Mary Gray Black	20 Sep 1877	Whitburn	-	24 Dec 1965
^James Meek Black	1880	Bathgate	unknown	aft 1901

In 1881 they were living in the village of Longridge; a transcription error shows James as 34 when he was 54.

CENSUS RECORD SHEET				
PARISH: Whitburn				
COUNTY: West Lothian			YEAR: 1881	
ADDRESS: Longridge				
NAME	DESIG	AGE	OCCUPATION	BORN AT:
James Black	Head	54	labourer	Whitburn
Margaret Black	wife	38		Whitburn
John Black	son	7	scholar	Whitburn
Janet Black	daughter	5	scholar	Whitburn
Mary Black	daughter	3		Whitburn
James Black	son	1		Whitburn

DEATH AND BURIAL

Margaret died two weeks after the census and James we believe died on 21 February 1884 at Longridge and was buried at Whitburn. He appears in the cemetery records but no death was formally registered. Their children were all raised by different families and their stories follow.

MARGARET BLACK AND WILLIAM HAMILTON

... John, married to Mary Grey ... There were four daughters, **Margaret** ...

MARGARET BLACK

Margaret was the eldest Black of Moss daughter and was born around 1829. For some reason, in 1851, she was the farmer of 24 acres living at Burnside, Whitburn with her sister Mary aged 13. She and Mary were back home for the 1861 census. (Burnside was the home of her grandparents James Black and Margaret Nisbet – the couple that this chapter is about, and they had moved to Blackburn, Livingston by 1861.)

SON-2.3-JAMES BLACK AND MARGARET NISBIT

WILLIAM HAMILTON

William was born in Antrim, Ireland around 1838.

MARRIAGE AND CHILDREN

The marriage took place in Whitburn soon after the 1871 census when Margaret was 42 and William 33. Unsurprisingly there were only two children.

CHILDREN	BIRTH/BAP	PARISH	MARRIED	DEATH/BUR
*Mary Hamilton	01 Aug 1871	Whitburn	unknown	aft 1901
*Margaret Hamilton	13 May 1873	Whitburn	John Paton	25 Sep 1937

In 1891 they were living in Wishaw. James Black aged eleven was not a brother-in-law but a nephew, the son of Margaret's brother James.

CENSUS RECORD SHEET				
PARISH: Wishaw, Cambusnethan				
COUNTY: Lanarkshire				YEAR: 1891
ADDRESS: Dunsdale House Lower Main Street				
NAME	DESIG	AGE	OCCUPATION	BORN AT:
William Hamilton	head	53	cow feeder and contractor	Antrim
Margaret Black	wife	62		Whitburn
Mary Hamilton	daughter	19		Whitburn
Margaret Hamilton	daughter	17		Whitburn
James Black	brother-in-law	11		Whitburn

In 1901 we found Margaret visiting with her married daughter Margaret. She was recorded as Mrs Hamilton aged 72. Her nephew James Meek Black was still living with the family.

DEATH AND BURIAL

Margaret died in 1921; William, although younger had died in 1903. They both died at Bellshill.

AGNES NISBIT BLACK AND JAMES WALKER

... Agnes , wife of James Walker , Grahamston.
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AGNES NISBIT BLACK

Agnes was born on 21 August 1831 at Whitburn.

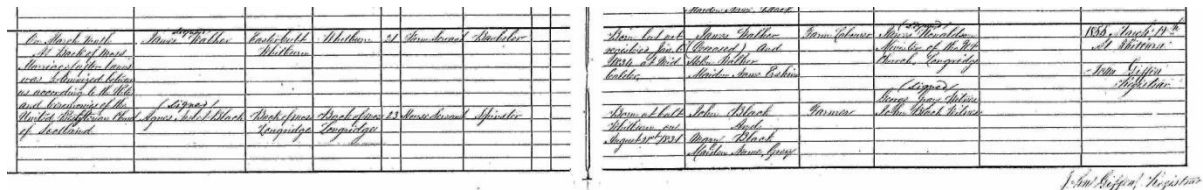
SON-2.3-JAMES BLACK AND MARGARET NISBIT

JAMES WALKER

James, a butcher, was born on 6 January 1834 in Mid Calder. On his marriage he gave his parents as James Walker and Helen Combe Erskine, but it is understood this couple never married.

MARRIAGE AND CHILDREN

James and Agnes's marriage was found on 9 March 1855 at her parent's home, Back of Moss, Whitburn.



Marriage certificate - James Walker and Agnes Nisbet Black.

Seven children were located.

CHILDREN	BIRTH/BAP	BIRTHPLACE	PARISH	MARRIED	DEATH/BUR
^James Walker	21 May 1855	Longridge	Whitburn	Lillas Morrison Jaffrey	09 May 1932
*Mary Gray Walker	07 May 1857	Longridge	Whitburn	Robert Wilson then George Jeffrie	21 Jan 1929
*John Walker	04 Apr 1860	Longridge	Whitburn	Jane Dawson Rennie	10 May 1942
*George Walker	13 Jan 1864	Longridge	Whitburn	Mary Crawford Miller	01 May 1940
*Helen Erskine Walker	01 Jul 1866	Longridge	Whitburn	-	19 May 1894
*William Walker	01 Jul 1869	Longridge	Whitburn	Isabella Stewart Harley	26 Feb 1913
*Agnes Nisbet Walker	06 Jul 1871	Longridge	Whitburn	-	12 Jan 1933

By 1881 the family had moved to Falkirk. We assume it is here JB gets the location of the family as Grahamston as the address was Grahams Road.

CENSUS RECORD SHEET				
PARISH: Falkirk				
COUNTY: Stirling			YEAR: 1881	
ADDRESS: Grahams Road				
NAME	DESIG	AGE	OCCUPATION	BORN AT:
James Walker	head	47	flesher	Edinburgh
Agnes Walker	wife	48		Whitburn

John Walker	son	20	flesher	Whitburn
George Walker	son	17	flesher	Whitburn
William Walker	son	11	scholar	Whitburn
Helen Walker	daughter	14	scholar	Whitburn
Agnes Walker	daughter	9	scholar	Whitburn

<i>Agnes Walker</i>	1887.	31	54	<i>John Black</i> <i>Wm</i>	<i>Ann</i> <i>1</i>	<i>James & W. R. R.</i>	1887.
	<i>June</i>			<i>Advised</i>	<i>as per by</i>	<i>W. R. R.</i>	<i>June 28th</i>
	<i>June 28th</i>			<i>Wm Black</i>	<i>Grand</i>	<i>Present</i>	<i>W. R. R.</i>
<i>M. R. R.</i>				<i>Gray</i>	<i>N. R. R.</i>		<i>W. R. R.</i>
<i>W. R. R.</i>	<i>1st</i>						<i>Registrar.</i>

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DEATHS in the District of Falchuk in the County of Sholing.

(1.)	(2.)	(3.)	(4.)	(5.)	(6.)	(7.)	(8.)
Name and Surname.	When and Where Died.	Sex.	Age.	Name, Surname, & Rank or Profession of Father. Name, and Maiden Surname of Mother.	Cause of Death, Duration of Disease, and Medical Attendant by whom certified.	Signature & Qualification of Informant, and Residence, if out of the House in which the Death occurred.	When and where Registered, and Signature of Registrar.
James Walker	1916, January Brighton	m	81 years	James Walker Farm Servant (Cheeswell)	Pericarditis Smell decay	Agnes Walker daughter	1916, January 14 at Falchuk
Dutcher (Master)	3h 15m P.M.			John Walker mo. broken (deceased)	as cert. by Alex. Watt M.B.	present	M. D. Gwynne Registrar.
widow of Agnes Black.	12 Camfield Street Brighton						

LONGRIDGE.
Sudden Death.—On Saturday night, between nine and ten o'clock, Miss Isabella Black, residing at Skepscaith, died rather suddenly after two or three day's illness. Deceased who was 71 years of age was a daughter of the late Mr John Black, farmer, Back o' Moss.

West Lothian Courier.

MARY BLACK AND ARCHIBALD MCINTYRE

John, married to Mary Grey... There were ... four daughters,, **Mary**

MARY BLACK

Mary was born around 1838 and lived at home until 1883.

ARCHIBALD MCINTYRE

Nothing currently is known of Archibald.

MARRIAGE

The couple married in Whitburn on 16 June 1882.

DEATH AND BURIAL

Mary died in Dennistoun, Glasgow the following year.

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1883. DEATHS in the District of Dennistoun in the County of Lothian

No.	Name and Surname. Rank or Profession, and whether Single, Married, or Widowed.	When and Where Died.	Sex.	Age.	Name, Surname, & Rank or Profession of Father. Name, and Maiden Surname of Mother.	Cause of Death, Duration of Disease, and Medical Attendant by whom certified.	Signature & Qualification of Informant, and Residence, if out of the House in which the Death occurred.	When and where Registered, and Signature of Registrar.
157	Mary McIntyre	1883 January Dennistoun	F.	45	John Black Farmer.	Perinephritis	Robert M. Lodge Whiston	1883 January 26 at Glasgow.
	Married to Archibald McIntyre	1882.5 or 16. W.			deceased	caused by jaundice	Robert M. D.	at Glasgow.
	Daughter of James Black	1838 Glasgow			M. B. Gray			Registrar.

Death certificate Mary Black McIntyre.

GEORGE BLACK AND ELIZABETH (LIZZIE) SHANKS

George, second Back o' Moss son, is farmer at Penston, East Lothian, his wife being **Elizabeth Shanks**, formerly of Turnhigh. They have four sons and one daughter. John the eldest son ..., while the other three ...

GEORGE BLACK

George's birth around 1841 at Back of Moss was not located.

ELIZABETH (LIZZIE) SHANKS

Lizzie, as she was known, was born on 4 June 1848 in Shotts to William Shanks and Catherine Thomson.

SON-2.3-JAMES BLACK AND MARGARET NISBIT

MARRIAGE AND CHILDREN

Eight children were found but only five lived to adulthood.

CHILDREN	BIRTH/BAP	PARISH	MARRIED	DEATH/BUR
^John Black	30 Jul 1869	Bathgate	Agnes Mary Chapman	1956 Australia
*Catherine Black	22 May 1871	Bathgate	-	21 Jun 1871
*William Black	11 Jul 1872	Bathgate	-	23 Feb 1873
^William Shanks Black	22 Feb 1874	Bathgate	Florence Walker	30 Jul 1950
^Mary Gray Black	10 Sep 1876	Bathgate	Charles Thomas Spence	24 Feb 1969
^George Black	01 June 1878	Bathgate	Margaret Kerr and Ann Cassidy	05 Jun 1957
*Catherine Black	28 Apr 1880	Bathgate	-	29 Mar 1885
^James Black	29 Jul 1884	Bathgate	unknown	aft 1927

On their marriage, they moved to Bathgate where George was initially a dairyman and then a grocer. George was also in partnership with his nephew James Walker for a period. After all their children were born, they moved to Penston Farm in Gladsmuir, East Lothian and here they were found on the 1891 and 1901 census.

CENSUS RECORD SHEET				
PARISH: Gladsmuir				
COUNTY: East Lothian				YEAR: 1891
ADDRESS: Penston Farmhouse				
NAME	DESIG	AGE	OCCUPATION	BORN AT:
George Black	head	51	farmer	Whitburn
Lizzie Black	wife	42	farmer's wife	Shotts
William Black	son	17	farmer's son	Bathgate
Mary Black	daughter	15	farmer's daughter	Bathgate
George Black	son	12	scholar	Bathgate
James Black	son	7	scholar	Bathgate
1 servant				

DEATH AND BURIAL

George died on 29 March 1920,

George Black	1920.	M.	49	John Black	Old Age	George Black	1920.
Farmer (deceased)	5 March	Wife	49	James		Grassburn	March 29 th
Married to	Twenty ninth			(deceased)	As certified by	(present)	at Portobello
Elizabeth Shanks	3m. 22m. a.m.			Mary Black	R. Patton Burdison		K.A. Bannister
	The Lanes			M.S. Gray	M.D.		Chap. Registrar.
	Portobello			(deceased)			1920.

Death certificate – George Black.

SON-2.3-JAMES BLACK AND MARGARET NISBIT

Lizzie died in 1927.

BLACK, Elizabeth Shanks or, 9 Mayville Park, Dunbar, died 23 April 1927 at Dunbar, testate. Confirmation Haddington, 23 August, to William Shanks Black, Farmer, Coates, Longniddry, Mary Gray Black or Spence, wife of Charles Thomas Spence, Wholesale Potato Merchant, Dunbar, George Black, Farmer, Penston, Macmerry, and James Black, Farmer, East Saltoun, Pencaitland, Executors. Will dated 14 May 1920 recorded Haddington 9 August 1927. Value of Estate, £11,014: 9: 6.

Probate - Elizabeth Shanks Black.

JOHN BLACK AND MARION MUNGLE

John, third Back o' Moss son, is still a farmer there, he and his wife, **Marion Mungall**, having a family of sons and daughters.

JOHN BLACK

John was born about 1845 at Back of Moss.

MARION MUNGLE



Marion was born about 1843 in Livingston. Her parents were Joseph Mungle and Margaret Gray, Joseph's mother was Agnes Black, also from this branch of the family. Her parents died when she was a small baby so she was raised by her maternal grandmother.

Marion Mungle Black.

Donald Black collection.

MARRIAGE AND CHILDREN

They married on 11 November 1874 in Glasgow.

1874	Signed	Witness	John Black, signed	1874
on the 11th day of November	John Black	24	James Black, signed	November 12
at 150 Port Glasgow Road, Glasgow	Farmer	Whitburn	and Anne Black, Minister of the Free Church, Glasgow	At Glasgow
afterwards	Bachelor	Single	M. H. Gray	Married
according to the forms of the United Free Presbyterian Church	Signed	5	Joseph Mungle, Alexander Thomson, Whitburn	in the presence of the Registrar
	Marion Mungle	31	South Street, Leith	
	Farmer	Pathgate	and Margaret Mungle, Elizabeth P. Thorne, Whitburn	
	Spirator, Leith		M. J. Hay, Leith	

Marriage certificate - John Black and Marion Mungle.

We found six children.

SON-2.3-JAMES BLACK AND MARGARET NISBIT

CHILDREN	BIRTH/BAP	BIRTHPLACE	PARISH	MARRIED	DEATH/BUR
^Margaret Gray Black	1875		Bathgate	James Murray	14 Mar 1957
^John Black	21 Jul 1877	Back of Moss	Whitburn	Mary Jane Davidson then Edith Frances Haverson	13 May 1955 Canada
^Joseph Mungle Black	1879	Back of Moss	Whitburn	Janet Forrest Sangster	25 May 1957 Canada
^Mary Gray Black	28 May 1881	Back of Moss	Whitburn	William Watson	09 May 1946
^William Black	28 Mar 1883	Back of Moss	Whitburn	Isabella Donald	12 Jul 1960 England
*James Black	20 Aug 1885	Back of Moss	Whitburn	Anna Firth	1961 USA

John took over Back of Moss and the family were still there in 1901.

CENSUS RECORD SHEET				
PARISH: Whitburn				
COUNTY: West Lothian				YEAR: 1901
ADDRESS: Back o' Moss				
NAME	DESIG	AGE	OCCUPATION	BORN AT:
John Black	head	55	farmer	Whitburn
Marion Black	wife	57		Livingstone
John Black	son	23	farmers son ploughman	Whitburn
Mary Black	daughter	19	flesher	Whitburn
William Black	son	18	farmers son labourer	Whitburn
James Black	son	15	farmers son labourer	Whitburn
Isabella Black	sister	66	dairymaid	Whitburn
Jane Black	niece	25	housemaid	Whitburn

The niece Jane was Jane Meek Black, the orphaned child of James and Margaret Meek.

DEATH AND BURIAL

John and Marion had a long life. John died in 1927.

18	John Black	1927	m 82	John Black	1927	James Murray	1927
	Marion Black	1927	yo	Marion Black	1927	Isabella Donald	1927
	William Black	1927		William Black	1927	William Watson	1927
	Jane Black	1927		Jane Black	1927	Jane Black	1927

Death certificate - John Black.

SON-2.3-JAMES BLACK AND MARGARET NISBIT

Marion died in 1931.

BLACK, Marion Mungle or, Myrtle Cottage, Longridge, West Lothian, died 25 August 1931 at Longridge, testate. Confirmation Linlithgow, 9 October, to Margaret Black or Murray, Bellona Terrace, Fauldhouse, Executrix. Will dated 19 May 1925 recorded Linlithgow 9 October 1931. Value of Estate, £407:10: -.

Probate – Marion Mungle Black.

CHILD OF THOMAS BLACK AND ANN RUSSELL

ANN BLACK AND JOHN SOMMERVILLE

The orphan girl was brought to Burnside, where she assisted her grandfather, and in course of years became **Mrs John Sommerville**. She is now in her widowhood, living with a son in Greenock. Another son is in Edinburgh, and there are also two daughters. It ought, in strict justice, to be told that much of the information in this history was gleaned by her during a lengthy lifetime, she being now over eighty years of age.

ANN BLACK

Ann Black was orphaned soon after she was born (around 1825); her mother probably died as a result of childbirth and her father died soon after. We now realise that she remained in contact with her maternal grandfather John Russell, and Ann's son Ebenezer was probably named after John Russell's son from a second marriage. Ann's daughter Mary was living with John Russell (her great-grandfather) in 1871 in Bathgate.

JOHN SOMMERVILLE

John was born or baptised on 6 January 1812 in Cambusnethan, William Sommerville and Mary Lowden being his parents.

MARRIAGE AND CHILDREN

The marriage was around 1849 when John was 37 and Annie 23.

CHILDREN	BIRTH/BAP	PARISH	MARRIED	DEATH/BUR
^Ann Sommerville	abt 1850	Shotts	unknown	aft 1909?
^Thomas Sommerville	Mar 1851	Shotts	Agnes Wilson	14 Sep 1910
^Mary Sommerville	abt 1853	Shotts	John Aitchison then John Belcher	06 Sep 1931
^Andrew Sommerville	12 Aug 1855	Shotts	-	23 May 1932
^Ebenezer Sommerville	11 Feb 1860	Shotts	Mary Chambers	26 Mar 1946 USA

SON-2.3-JAMES BLACK AND MARGARET NISBIT

The children were all born in Shotts and John died there in 1877. Ann and the children then moved to Greenock in Renfrew.

CENSUS RECORD SHEET				
PARISH: Greenock West				
COUNTY: Renfrewshire				YEAR: 1901
ADDRESS: 113 Dempster Street				
NAME	DESIG	AGE	OCCUPATION	BORN AT:
Ann Sommerville	head	75		Whitburn
Andrew Sommerville	son	45	medical herbalist	Shotts
Ebenezer Sommerville	son	41	house joiner	Shotts

DEATH AND BURIAL

JB gave much of the glory for his work to Ann Sommerville and she died on 12 January 1915 in Kilsyth.

WHITBURN.

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THE LATE MRS SOMMERVILLE.

—

A MEMORIAL TRIBUTE.

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Early last week Mrs John Sommerville, aged 89 years, passed away in the home of her daughter, Mrs Belcher, near Kilsyth. Having lived latterly for many years with her son, Andrew, an herbalist in Greenock, she was probably less known in this part of the country than she had been during most of her previous existence. Still, now and again, even when well advanced in years, she occasionally made lengthy summer visits to the parishes of Whitburn, Bathgate, Shotts, and latterly to West Calder, near which place, at Little Harwood, she stayed in the house of her cousin, John Black, formerly of Back o' Moss, Longridge. Mr Walker, grocer, Bathgate, being a cousin's son, also received frequent visits from Mrs Sommerville, when on her pilgrimages throughout her native district. Her father, Thomas Black, was married to Ann Russell, of Foulshields Farm, and either there, or quite near, their only child, Ann, was born. Being early orphaned she was taken to the home of her grandfather, Robert Black, at Burnside Farm. The homestead has completely disappeared, but the place where it stood is only a short distance from the farm house of Turnhigh. When advanced to womanhood Ann Black became Mrs Sommerville, and by either of these names has been known and esteemed by those who knew her during the intervening time. There were several sons and daughters of the marriage, most of whom survive their parents, for Mr Sommerville predeceased his wife many years ago. Her health was always remarkable, and her equanimity of spirits was doubtless favourable to longevity.

Mrs Sommerville was an outstanding type of the good old Scottish peasantry; plain, thrifty, and intelligent. She was fond of reading, a good observer, and one who pondered well over what she saw and learned. Further she was a woman sincerely devout, and until the close of her long life-time was sustained and comforted by her Christian faith.

She was homely, genial, and withal possessed of a quiet dignity, which added a comeliness to her serenity of countenance. Like not a few of the old-time Scotswomen, she was skilled in the uses of herbs and "simples" as aids to health, and as remedial agents, and with these she accomplished much good work.

For a considerable time she has been the oldest representative of the "Blacks of Breich Water district," and as was told in the outline history of these Blacks, to her careful effort and remarkable memory was largely due the information given by her kinsman, John Black, author of "Melodies and Memories."

The funeral of Mrs Sommerville took place at Kilsyth on Friday of last week, and it may be added that those who knew her well will still remember kindly the calm, sensible old friend, and her simple, wholesome life. If not among the so-called "great," she was certainly one of the worthy "little ones."

West Lothian Courier, Friday 23 January 1915.

Ann's grandfather was of course James not Robert.

CHILDREN OF ALEXANDER BLACK AND MARY GALBRAITH

JAMES BLACK AND MARY LITTLE

James, eldest, a baker in Glasgow, went with his family to Melbourne. He and his wife died in Dunedin several years ago.

JAMES BLACK

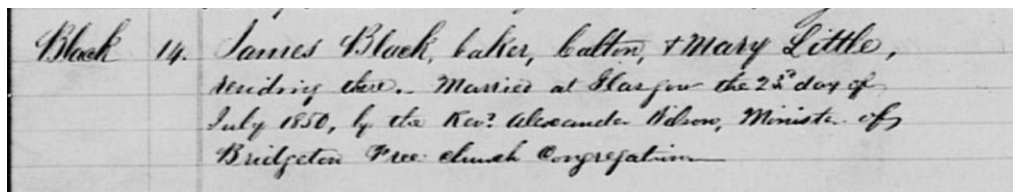
James was born about 1828 in Stirling. As stated by JB, James was a baker and by 1850 he had moved to Glasgow.

MARY LITTLE

Mary was born about 1830 in Renfrew her mother was Elizabeth Wright and her father John Little.

MARRIAGE AND CHILDREN

The marriage took place in Barony, Glasgow on 23 July 1850.



Parish marriage records - Barony, Glasgow, Lanark.

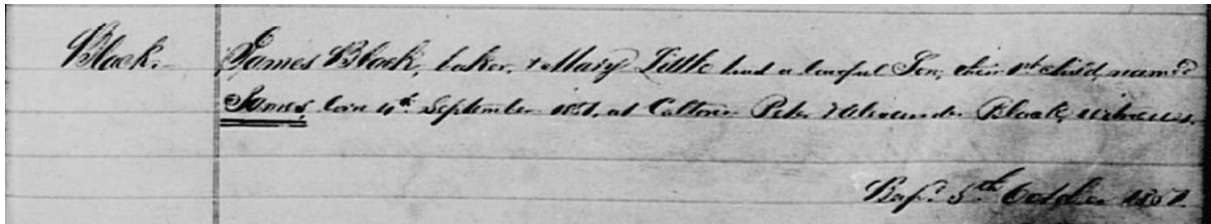
A year later, the census records show that James and Mary were caring for James's two younger brothers, Peter and John as both their parents had died before September 1850.

CENSUS RECORD SHEET				
PARISH: Calton				
COUNTY: Glasgow Lanarkshire				YEAR: 1851
ADDRESS: 55 Green Street				
NAME	DESIG	AGE	OCCUPATION	BORN AT:
James Black	Head	23	baker	Stirling
Mary Black	wife	21		Renfrew
Peter Black	brother	12	apprentice baker	Stirling
John Black	brother	5	scholar	Stirling
Mrs Gilmour	mother-in-law	49		Glasgow
John Gilmour	brother-in-law	11	message boy	Glasgow
Andrew Alexander	visitor	22	iron turner	Blantyre

Mrs Gilmour was Mary's mother Elizabeth Wright who had remarried on the death of Mary's father John Little.

SON-2.3-JAMES BLACK AND MARGARET NISBIT

A few months later, James and Mary had their first child, a son James, and the baptism in October 1851 was witnessed by two of James's brothers, Alexander and Peter.



Parish baptism records - Barony, Glasgow, Lanark.

Perhaps in early 1852, James and Mary sailed for Australia, (Melbourne according to JB) where only one further child was found, but of course there may have been more.

CHILDREN	BIRTH/BAP	BIRTHPLACE	MARRIED	DEATH/BUR
*James Black	11 Sep 1851	Glasgow	unknown	unknown
*Alexander Black	1858	Australia	Margaret Elizabeth Brown	07 Feb 1934 New Zealand

Death records indicate the family then moved from Australia to New Zealand in 1863.

DEATH AND BURIAL

James died in Dunedin on 12 August 1891; Mary died on 13 July 1894. They are buried in the Northern Cemetery.

MARGARET BLACK AND ARTHUR LIDDELL

Janet, [wasn't] the hero's only daughter

It seems unfair to omit Margaret from this story because JB was unaware of her existence so we are righting this wrong so that the other hero's other daughter is not forgotten.

MARGARET BLACK

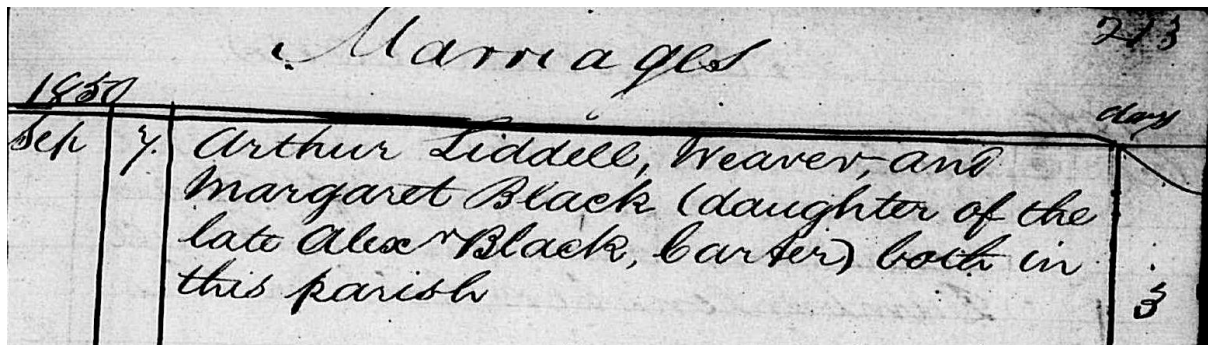
Margaret, born around 1831, appeared on the 1841 census aged ten along with the rest of her family.

ARTHUR LIDDELL

Arthur was around ten years older than Margaret. He was born, he claims, in Glasgow about 1823 to parents Arthur Liddell and Kate but no record exists. Arthur was recorded on the 1841 census as a tartan hand loom weaver apprentice in Stirling.

MARRIAGE AND CHILDREN

The banns in the Stirling parish registers dated 7 September 1850 show:



Parish marriage records – Stirling, Stirlingshire.

‘Arthur Liddell, weaver and Margaret Black (daughter of the late Alexr Black, Carter) both in this parish.’

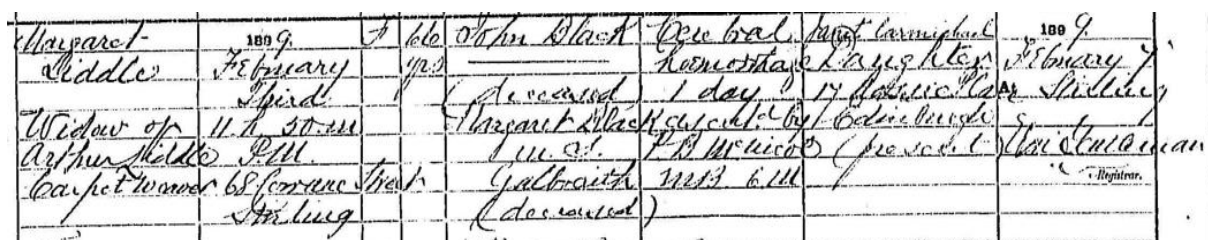
The actual marriage appears to have occurred on 23 September; a date given by Arthur on five separate occasions but what is more significant, is that from this record we know Alexander had died by 7 September 1850.

Twelve children were located and sadly many died before they were one. The spelling varies from Liddell, Liddel and Liddle.

CHILDREN	BIRTH/BAP	BIRTHPLACE	MARRIED	DEATH/BUR
*Alexander Liddell	abt 1854	Stirling	-	02 Mar 1861
*Peter Liddell	24 Sep 1856	Stirling	-	27 Sep 1857
*Margaret (Maggie) Liddell	24 Sep 1856	Stirling	Charles Provan	13 Oct 1853
*Peter Liddell	04 Feb 1861	Stirling	-	16 Feb 1861
*Arthur Liddell	04 Feb 1861	Stirling	-	28 Feb 1861
*Arthur Liddell	21 May 1862	Stirling	-	10 Jun 1862
*John Liddell	23 Aug 1863	Stirling	-	26 Aug 1863
*Catherine Liddell	27 Apr 1865	Stirling	John Brown	19 Feb 1901
*Annie Liddel	01 Jul 1867	Stirling	-	16 Jul 1867
*Janet Liddell	15 Sep 1868	Stirling	John Carmichael	19 Feb 1927
*Arthur Liddell	12 Apr 1872	Stirling	-	16 Dec 1872
*Peter Liddell	11 Nov 1873	Stirling	Caroline Watson	02 Apr 1909

DEATH AND BURIAL

Arthur died on 14 February 1889 and Margaret died on 9 February 1899.



Death certificate – Margaret Black Liddell.

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Margaret's daughter was unable to give the name of her grandparents and instead gave the name of her paternal uncle, John Black and his wife Margaret.

ALEXANDER BLACK AND SARAH WOODS

Alexander, second son, was formerly a tannery manager in London, afterwards going to Belgium.

ALEXANDER BLACK

Alexander was born about 1833 in Stirling. By 1851, he was living with the Hardie family in Stirling; his occupation was currier's apprentice. His choice of career gave him a lifelong employment in the leather industry, leading him to employment in London and later Belgium. All the English census records confirm that Alexander was a tannery manager, and by all accounts a highly successful one.

SARAH WOODS

Sarah, daughter of James Woods and Jane Elson was baptised on 26 June 1838 in Surrey, England.

MARRIAGE AND CHILDREN

The marriage was found on 8 February 1859 in Francombe, Surrey.

No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the Time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
76	February - 8 1859	Alexander Black Sarah Woods	24 20	Bachelor Spinster	Labourer -	Francombe Francombe	Alfred George Black James Woods	Carter Labourer

Married in the St. Andrew's Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by Rev. Henry Ruggles or after Banns by me, S. Edm. Lyons

This Marriage was solemnized between us, Alexander Black in the Presence of us, Henry Ruggles and Sarah Woods

Eleven children were found, the last one John was born in Ghent, Belgium, where Alexander had gone to work.

CHILDREN	BIRTH/BAP	BIRTHPLACE	MARRIED	DEATH/BUR
*Alexander George Black	20 Sep 1860	Francombe	unknown	aft 1871 England
*Florence Jane Black	26 Oct 1862	Francombe	-	12 Dec 1862 England
*Gertrude Ellen Blanche Black	29 May 1864	Francombe	-	29 May 1864 England
*Helen McGregor	12 Jul 1867	Bermondsey	-	26 Aug 1867

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				England
*Flora McDonald	12 Jul 1867	Bermondsey	-	08 Sep 1867 England
*Gordon Sidney Black	Dec Q 1868	Bermondsey	unknown	aft 1871 England
*Archibald Douglas Black	21 Apr 1872	Southwark	unknown	unknown
*Jessie Edith Black	1874	Southwark	Oscar Jacobs	aft 1912 England
*Stanley Malcolm Black	1875	Southwark	Edith M Hunt	13 Feb 1960 England
*Ronald Roderick Black	03 Feb 1876	Southwark	Rebecca Ankers	20 Jun 1944 England
*John Black	23 Nov 1883	Belgium	Henrietta Enyon	Jan 1971 England

The family are missing from the British census records in 1881 and 1891 and in 1901, Sarah and Alexander were both absent from the household. Were they visiting abroad (assuming Alexander was even alive)? The 1901 census shows the three youngest boys living together in a house in Battersea; Stanley was identified as the head of the house. In 1911, Sarah was a widow living in Fulham with Jessie, Stanley, Ronald and John.

1	Sarah Black	Head	73	Widow							Surrey	Todmington
2	Jessie Black	Daughter	32	37	Single						London	Pennenden
3	Estley Black	Serv	36		Single						London	Pennenden
4	Henrietta Black	Serv	35		Single						London	Pennenden
5	John Black	Serv	34		Single						Belgium	Brussels

1911 census – Fulham, London.

DEATH AND BURIAL

Alexander's death, before 1911 cannot be identified as his name is too common and we are not even sure if he died in England. Sarah may have died in 1917.

PETER BLACK

Peter, the third son, was a baker, and became a successful colonist.

Nothing can be found of Peter after 1851 when he was twelve and an apprentice baker living with his brother in Glasgow. Which colony he emigrated to is not yet known. He probably left Scotland before 1861.

JANET CAMERON BLACK AND JOHN WRIGHT GILMOUR

Janet, the hero's only daughter, with husband and family, went abroad, and worked themselves into comfortable circumstances.

SON-2.3-JAMES BLACK AND MARGARET NISBIT

A tree on Ancestry tells us that Janet was born on 13 November 1841 in Stirling but as she appeared on the 1841 census aged one, perhaps this should read 13 November 1839. By September 1850, her father had died and the following year she was living with John Aitken's family, working as a servant. John was a shipowner and we surmise he was her father's employer before he died. She is recorded as fourteen but would have been eleven.

John Aitken	Shipowner	do	Stirling
Elizabeth do	do	do	do
James do	do	do	do
Christian do	do	do	do
Christian Agnes do	do	do	do
James do	do	do	do
John do	do	do	do
John do	do	do	do

1851 census – Stirling, Stirlingshire.

By 1861 Janet had moved to Glasgow where she was working as a servant for the Russell family.

JOHN WRIGHT GILMOUR

John, who later added his mother's surname as his middle name was born on 8 December 1840 in Glasgow. His mother was Elizabeth Wright and his father John Gilmour. We met John earlier in our story; he was the John Gilmour living with James Black in 1841. His mother Elizabeth Wright had married John Little and their daughter Mary married Janet's brother James Black. On the death of John Little, Elizabeth married John Gilmour and their son (also John) was living with three of Janet Black's siblings in 1841. John was an iron turner.

MARRIAGE AND CHILDREN

In a case of siblings marrying (half) siblings, Janet Black married John Gilmour on 18 November 1864 at Tradeston, Glasgow.

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1864 MARRIAGES in the District of Tradeston in the Parish of Glasgow

No.	When, Where, and How Married.	Signatures of Parties. Rank or Profession, whether Single or Widowed, and Relationship (if any).	Age.	Usual Residence.	Name, Surname, and Rank or Profession of Father. Name, and Maiden Surname of Mother.	If a regular Marriage, Signature of officiating Minister and Witnesses, If irregular, Date of Convalidation, Name of Declarator, or Sheriff's Warrant.	When & Where Registered, and Signature of Registrar.
423	18th Nov 1864 On the 18th Nov 1864 at the Parish Church of Tradeston Glasgow	John Gilmour Engine Turner Bachelor	24	1 South Stirling Glasgow	John Gilmour Coal Miner (deceased) and Elizabeth Gilmour Mrs J Wright	James K. J. Henderson Minister of Tradeston Parish Church	18th November 1864 at Glasgow James Dick Registrar
	After Banns, according to the form of the established Church of Scotland	Janet Black Domestic Servant Spinster	23	1 South Stirling Glasgow	Alexander Black Ship Joiner (deceased) and Mary Black Mrs J Black (deceased)	William Gray Minister Mary G. Gray Minister	

Marriage certificate – John Gilmour and Janet Black.

We found seven children.

SON-2.3-JAMES BLACK AND MARGARET NISBIT

CHILDREN	BIRTH/BAP	BIRTHPLACE	MARRIED	DEATH/BUR
*Elizabeth Wright Gilmour	26 Nov 1867	Glasgow	-	03 Nov 1873
*Mary Galbraith Gilmour	23 Apr 1870	Glasgow	-	23 May 1892 NZ
*Janet Black Gilmour	9 Oct 1873	Glasgow	James Douglas	25 Sep 1928 NZ
*John Wright Gilmour	22 Sep 1875	Glasgow	-	27 Aug 1877
*Alexander Black Gilmour	09 Aug 1878	Glasgow	Margaret Wilson Davidson	18 Jul 1954 NZ
*John Gilmour	13 Jan 1881	Glasgow	Jane Eliza (Jean) Mutch	06 Jan 1945 NZ
*James Galbraith Gilmour	25 Nov 1884	NZ	-	7 Dec 1884 NZ

In 1882 the family sailed for Dunedin. The passenger list isn't found but several pieces of evidence all point to that date. Their last child was born in New Zealand, but he lived for only a few days.

DEATH AND BURIAL

John died on 15 July 1908 and Janet on 7 August 1920. They were buried in the Northern Cemetery with their baby son who died in 1884, and other family members.

JOHN BLACK, MARY SLOAN AND MARGARET MCINDEWAR

John, the youngest son, who had hard times in his youth, being orphaned when only four years of age, knew life as a herd-boy at Liltie-co-kee and at Craighead. He became a cooper, a musician, and, in manners and morals, a man worth knowing. With his family of sons and daughters he now lives in Glasgow.



JOHN BLACK

John was born about 1846 in Stirling. Both his parents had died before he was five. Initially he was raised by his oldest brother James but when James emigrated to Australia, John went to 'The Breich' perhaps initially to family, but in 1861 he was living on a large farm looking after cows. He later trained as a cooper just as JB stated.

*John Black.
Neville family collection.*

MARY SLOAN

Mary was born on 28 July 1851 in Ayrshire.

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*Maggie McIndewar Black	27 Aug 1889	Dunbarton	Donald McIntyre	29 Mar 1964
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DEATH AND BURIAL

John died in 1928. His mother was confirmed as Mary Galbraith and indeed he named four of his children after her. His second wife Mary had died in 1906.

159	John Black	1928	M. 83 Alexander Black	Serility	1928
	Black	February	years	Enlarged prostate	February 20
	Formerly Cooper	114 55m P.M.	deceased	& Cystitis	at Glasgow
	Widower of 1 st	114	Mary (Black)	Chronic Myp.	(present)
	Mary Sloan	Berkeley	Mrs. Galbraith	as Cert. by	James Stirling
	2 nd Margaret	St. Glasgow	(deceased)	Hector R. Calder	Registrar
	McIndewar		M. 8		

Death certificate – John Black.

BLACK, John, Cooper, retired, 114 Berkeley Street, Glasgow, died 17 February 1928 at Glasgow, testate. Confirmation Glasgow, 25 April, to Mary McIndewar Black or Ogilvie, 114 Berkeley Street aforesaid, his daughter, Executrix. Will dated 23 December 1921 recorded Glasgow 14 April 1928. Value of Estate, £703:13: 9.

Probate – John Black.

John Black (1846) shares four 2 x great grandchildren with King George V and Queen Mary through his son Peter Galbraith Black (1886) and granddaughter Margaret Rosalind Messenger who married the 8th Earl of Harewood.

FIFTH GENERATION

CHILDREN OF MARGARET THORNTON AND ROBERT THOMSON

JAMES (JIMMY) THOMSON, ELIZABETH JARVIE AND JESSIE FOREST

Margaret Thornton ... was married to Robert Thomson ... and another [son] **James**, lives in Bathgate.

JAMES (JIMMY) THOMSON

Jimmy was born about 1844 in Cambusnethan.

ELIZABETH JARVIE

Elizabeth. born in Dunbartonshire. was the daughter of James Jarvie and Janet Dickson Russell. Her birth around 1846 was not found.

SON-2.3-JAMES BLACK AND MARGARET NISBIT

MARRIAGE AND CHILDREN

They married on 21 February 1868 in Cambusnethan. Two children were located.

CHILDREN	BIRTH/BAP	BIRTHPLACE	MARRIED	DEATH/BUR
*Robert Thomson	15 Jan 1869	Cambusnethan	-	17 Oct 1924 Chile
*Janet Russell Thomson	16 Feb 1872	Cambusnethan	-	1872

Elizabeth died on 14 August 1873.

JESSIE FORREST

Jessie was Jimmy's second wife. The census says she was born about 1853 in Bathgate and her death certificate says she was the daughter of Margaret Forrest who subsequently married James McQueen.

MARRIAGE AND CHILDREN

James and Jessie married on 26 November 1875 in East Calder.

CHILDREN	BIRTH/BAP	BIRTHPLACE	MARRIED	DEATH/BUR
*James Thomson	1876	Cambusnethan	Helen Davidson (Nellie) Heigh	02 Aug 1933
*John Young Thomson	17 Nov 1878	Cambusnethan	unknown	17 Apr 1959
*Margaret Forrest Thomson	21 Jan 1882	Cambusnethan	Peter Fisher	19 Oct 1968
*Helen Thomson	14 May 1886	Bathgate	-	24 Jan 1895
*Jessie Thomson	02 Jul 1887	Bathgate	unknown	aft 1901
*Peter Nisbet Thomson	06 Jul 1890	Bathgate	-	16 Sep 1900
*Thomasina McQueen Thomson	31 Aug 1893	Bathgate	William Ferguson Davidson	13 Nov 1967

In 1881 Robert the only surviving child from the first marriage was living with James and his new family. By 1891 they had moved to Bathgate where James was employed as a railway engine driver.

CENSUS RECORD SHEET				
PARISH: Bathgate				
COUNTY: Lanarkshire				YEAR: 1891
ADDRESS: Bridgend				
NAME	DESIG	AGE	OCCUPATION	BORN AT:
James Thomson	head	47	railway engine driver	West Calder
Jessie Thomson	wife	37	railway engine driver wife	Bathgate
James Thomson	son	14	apprentice moulder	Cambusnethan

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John Y Thomson	son	12	ironstone miner	Cambusnethan
Margaret F Thomson	daughter	9	scholar	Cambusnethan
Helen Thomson	daughter	6	scholar	Bathgate
Jessie Thomson	daughter	3		Bathgate
Peter N Thomson	son	9 mo		Bathgate

In 1901 James was 57 and a railway engine driving living at Bloomington Cottage, Bridgend. Two children had died between the two censuses.

DEATH AND BURIAL

James died at Bloomington Cottage in 1921 and Jessie died in 1933.

Jessie Thomson	1933 April Third	79 years	Margaret Hollett Dissinwicks subsequently married Ag. cart. by to James W. Zuercher Blowing Locomotive Engine Driver M. S. L. A. (deceased)	Serility Afterno. Sclerosis	James Thomson Son	1933 April 14 th	at Bathgate	D. Smith Registrar.
Widow of James Thomson Locomotive Engine Driver	b. 30 m. & m. 56 Glasgow Road, Bathgate				is High Street Bathgate			

Death certificate – Jessie Forrest Thomson.

Both were buried at Bathgate Cemetery.

HELEN (ELLEN) THOMSON AND ROBERT CHALMERS

Margaret Thornton, Rashiehill, was married to Robert Thomson There are also several female descendants **[Helen]**.

HELEN (ELLEN) THOMSON

Ellen's birth around 1846 was not found. It is likely she had a child Robert Nicol Thomson in 1870 and his middle name might indicate the father.

CHILDREN	BIRTH/BAP	BIRTHPLACE	MARRIED	DEATH/BUR
*Robert Nicol Thomson	5 Aug 1870	Cambusnethan	Annie Lawson	19 Jan 1949

ROBERT CHALMERS

Robert was born to parents Thomas Chalmers and Elizabeth Cameron about 1844 in Cambusnethan.

MARRIAGE AND CHILDREN

The couple had a child named Thomas Chalmers in 1877 about five years before they married on 9 December 1881 at Stanemains; two of Ellen's siblings were witnesses when they finally married.

SON-2.3-JAMES BLACK AND MARGARET NISBIT

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38. / MARRIAGES in the District of Calderhead in the County of Lunark

No.	When, Where, and How Married.	Signatures of Parties. Rank or Profession, whether Single or Widowed, and Relationship (if any).	Age.	Usual Residence.	Name, Surname, and Rank or Profession of Father. Name, and Maiden Surname of Mother.	If a regular Marriage, Signatures of officiating Minister and Witnesses. If irregular, Date of Conviction, Decree of Declarator, or Sheriff's Warrant.	When & Where Registered and Signature of Registrar.
30	188 / . on the Ninth day of December at Stanemaids Cambusnethan	(Signed) Robert Chalmers Engineer Bachelor	35	Holyton Bridge Bethwell	Thomas Chalmers Gatekeeper Elizabeth Chalmers M. L. Cameron	(Signed) Alex. Gossar E. M. Munster Stone	188 / . December 12 at Stone
	After Banns According to the Forms of the Evangelical Union Church.	(Signed) Ellen Thomson Spinster	34	Stanemaids Cambusnethan	Robert Thomson Farmer Margaret Thomson M. L. Thomson (Deceased)	(Signed) Peter Thomson Witness Janie Thomson Witness	Rashiehill Inn As Registrar LP

Marriage certificate – Ellen Thomson and Robert Chalmers.

CHILDREN	BIRTH/BAP	BIRTHPLACE	MARRIED	DEATH/BUR
*Thomas Chalmers	1877	Cambusnethan	unknown	aft 1891
*Margaret Thornton (Maggie) Chalmers	04 Sep 1882	Holytown	John Hill Goodlet	1956
*Elizabeth Cameron (Lizzie) Chalmers	18 Aug 1885	Coatbridge	James Stevenson	10 May 1960

Robert died in 1887 in Coatbridge and Ellen with two small children took in boarders according to all the census records. In 1891 fifteen-year-old Thomas was also with the family.

DEATH AND BURIAL

Helen never remarried and she died in Coatbridge in 1922 aged 76.

JANE (JEANIE) THOMSON AND ROBERT GRAY

Margaret Thornton, Rashiehill, was married to Robert Thomson There are also several female descendants **[Jane or Jeanie]**.

JANE (JEANIE) THOMSON

Jeanie was born around 1847. She gave birth to her daughter Margaret Gray on 15 January 1870 at Calderhead.

ROBERT GRAY

Robert the son of William Gray and Elizabeth Gibb was born on 27 January 1847 at Cambusnethan.

MARRIAGE AND CHILDREN

The marriage took place when their daughter Maggie was seventeen, on 26 April 1887.

SON-2.3-JAMES BLACK AND MARGARET NISBIT

1884.	(Signed)	39	Will. Gray	(Signed)	1884.
on the Twentieth	Robert Gray		Quarman	John Foster	April 24 th
day of April			(Deceased)	R. H. Minister	
at Stannemore	Robert		Elizabeth Gray	Thos	
Cambridge	(Bachelor)		M. L. Gibb		At Home
8					
After Banns	(Signed)	39	Stannemore	Robert Thomson	(Signed)
According to the	Jane Thomson		Cambridge	James	Robert Thomson
Form of the			(Deceased)	Christie	Stannemore
Evangelical Union			Margaret Thomson	Maggie Thomson	Registrar
Church	(Minister)		M. L. Thomson	M. H. Thomson	
			(Deceased)		

Marriage certificate – Jane Thomson and Robert Gray.

There were no further children.

CHILDREN	BIRTH/BAP	BIRTHPLACE	MARRIED	DEATH/BUR
*Margaret (Maggie) Gray	15 Jan 1870	Calderhead	Andrew Hamilton	18 Feb 1932

DEATH AND BURIAL

Robert died in 1909 and Jeanie died on 21 May 1921.

PETER NESBIT THOMSON AND ELIZABETH RUSSELL

Margaret Thornton, was married to Robert Thomson ... One son **Peter**, lives in Whitburn ...

PETER NESBIT THOMSON

Peter was born about 1853 and the death indexes confirm the spelling of Nesbit as opposed to Nisbit.

ELIZABETH RUSSELL

Elizabeth, the daughter of John Russell and Ann Wilson, was born about 1854 in Whitburn. She may have had a child out of wedlock called John Russell about 1880 but the child's fate is unknown.

MARRIAGE AND CHILDREN

Peter and Elizabeth Russell married in 1885 in Whitburn and three children were found.

CHILDREN	BIRTH/BAP	BIRTHPLACE	MARRIED	DEATH/BUR
*Robert Thomson	27 Aug 1887	Whitburn	-	31 Oct 1891
*Ann Wilson Thomson	1889	Whitburn	James Duncan	1959
*Margaret Thornton Thomson	12 Mar 1893	Whitburn	Hugh Clarkson	27 Feb 1986

The 1901 census shows Peter was a plasterer in Whitburn.

SON-2.3-JAMES BLACK AND MARGARET NISBIT

DEATH AND BURIAL

Peter died in 1936, long after *Melodies and Memories* was published, at the age of 82. Elizabeth had died in 1933.

THOMSON, Peter Nesbit, Plasterer, retired, 35 East Main Street, Whitburn, died 30 April 1936 at Whitburn, testate. Confirmation Linlithgow, 11 December, to Peter Alison Simpson, Bank Agent, Whitburn, Executor. Will dated 31 March 1936 recorded with another Writ Linlithgow 11 December 1936. Value of Estate, £83: 3: 5.

Probate - Peter Nesbit Thomson.

CHILDREN OF JAMES BLACK AND MARGARET MEEK

JOHN BLACK AND MARY CHAMBERS

James and his wife, both deceased, left two sons, **John** and James ...

JOHN BLACK

John was born on 18 October 1873 in Whitburn. In 1881 his parents were both alive and he was living with his family at Longridge. By 1891 he was living with Catherine Shanks aged 67 in Bathgate and was described as her nephew. He was an apprentice cabinetmaker. We cannot currently establish how these two were related.

MARY ALICE CHAMBERS

Mary was born in 1873 in England, the daughter of George Chambers and Alice Rutherford. She was found in Tynemouth until 1891.

MARRIAGE AND CHILDREN

Mary and John married on 31 December 1900 in Edinburgh. Two of John's siblings were witnesses. His occupation was now joiner.

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MARRIAGES in the *District* of *Newington* in the *City* of *Edinburgh*

When, Where, and How Married.	Signature of Parties. Rank or Profession, Whether Single or Widowed, and Relationship (if any).	Age.	Usual Residence.	Name, Surname, and Rank or Profession of Father. Name, and Maiden Surname of Mother.	If a regular Marriage, Signature of officiating Minister and Witnesses. If irregular, Date of Conviction, Decree of Declarator, or Sheriff's Warrant.	When & Where Registered, and Signature of Registrar.
1900. on the <i>thirty-first</i> day of <i>December</i> at <i>18 West Maryfield</i> <i>Edinburgh</i>	<i>(Signed)</i> <i>John Black</i> <i>(Bachelor)</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>Brighton</i> <i>Street</i> <i>Edinburgh</i>	<i>James Black</i> <i>Shipyard</i> <i>(deceased)</i> <i>Margaret Black</i> <i>M.S. Meek</i> <i>(deceased)</i>	<i>(Signed)</i> <i>Lewis Davidson</i> <i>Mayfield</i> <i>Edinburgh</i>	1900. <i>December 31</i> <i>Edinburgh</i>
<i>after Banns</i> <i>According to the</i> <i>Forms of the</i> <i>United Free</i> <i>Church</i>	<i>(Signed)</i> <i>Mary Chambers</i> <i>(Spinster)</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>George Square</i> <i>Edinburgh</i>	<i>George Chambers</i> <i>Blacksmith</i> <i>Alice Chambers</i> <i>M.S. Rutherford</i> <i>(deceased)</i>	<i>(Signed)</i> <i>James Black</i> <i>Witness</i> <i>James Black</i> <i>Witness</i>	<i>James Black</i> <i>Registrar</i>

Marriage certificate – John Black and Mary Chambers.

We found two children.

DEATH AND BURIAL

JANET MEEK (JEANIE) BLACK AND JAMES CAMERON ALLEN

JANET MEEK (JEANIE) BLACK

JAMES CAMERON ALLAN

MARRIAGE AND CHILDREN

In 1911 they were living in Bournemouth.

1911 census - Bournemouth, Hampshire.

James died in 1936 and Jeanie died on 11 January 1956.

SON-2.3-JAMES BLACK AND MARGARET NISBIT

MARY GRAY BLACK AND THOMAS KERR

James and his wife, both deceased, left ... two daughters, ... **Mary**.

MARY GRAY BLACK

There were three girls named Mary Gray Black born within a few years of each other which complicates matters. This Mary, born in 1877 in Whitburn, was only four when her mother died. In 1881 she was living with her widowed aunt's family in Falkirk. James and Agnes Walker, (nee Black) must have taken her in but then Agnes died in 1887. A death certificate for a Mary Gray Black in Longridge finally gave us the information we needed.

THOMAS KERR

Thomas was born on 25 July 1881 in Whitburn to William Kerr and Cathrine Clelland.

MARRIAGE AND CHILDREN

The only marriage that seems probable was in 1917 but we are not sure if it is correct. Below are three possible children from this family.

CHILDREN	BIRTH/BAP	BIRTHPLACE	MARRIED	DEATH/BUR
*Margaret Janette Kerr	1909	Whitburn	-	26 Jan 1991
*William Clelland Kerr	1912	Whitburn	unknown	10 Jan 1995
*James John Black Kerr	01 Jun 1916	Fauldhouse	Elizabeth Somerville Brown	1990

DEATH AND BURIAL

Mary died at Longridge on 24 December 1965.

See Regr of Coroner's Entries Vol. 44 Page 194 30th December 1965 - 36	Mary Gray Kerr	1877	7	James Black	(a) Maternal cause	William Kerr	1881
		December	years	Railway Labourer	Probably cardiac		December 20th
		Twenty Fourth		(Deceased)	unassisted observation	Son	at Whitburn
		24 11 a.m.			Hypertension		
	Widow of Thomas Kerr	31		Margaret Black	unassisted death by		John P. Shawler
		Northfield Crescent		M. & M. Kerr	1965		Registrar.
	Callery, Jackson, Norton, Longridge	Longridge		(Deceased)	1965		
					M. B. Ch. B.		

Death certificate - Mary Gray Black Kerr.

JAMES MECK BLACK

James and his wife, both deceased, left two sons, John and **James** ...

SON-2.3-JAMES BLACK AND MARGARET NISBIT

James was born in 1880 and the birth was recorded in Bathgate. His mother died soon after. In 1891 he was eleven and living with his aunt Margaret Black and her husband William Hamilton. In 1901 he was living with one of Margaret's married daughters, Maggie Paton, and was a joiner. He was described as a boarder and after that he is not found.

CHILDREN OF AGNES NISBIT BLACK AND JAMES WALKER

JAMES WALKER AND LILLAS MORRISON (LILY) JAFFRAY

It may be noted, in passing, that Mr **James Walker**, merchant, Bathgate, is a grandson of John Black,

JAMES WALKER



James was born on 21 May 1855 at Longridge. He was initially registered as William by his father, but this was changed to James several months later.

James Walker.
circa 1920.

Margaret and Raymond Brown collection.

<i>Walker, William</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>1855 May 21</i>	<i>Bathgate, Midlothian</i>	<i>James Walker</i>	<i>1855 June 9</i>
<i>21 years</i>				<i>Father</i>	<i>at Bathgate</i>
<i>1876</i>				<i>1876</i>	<i>1876</i>

Birth certificate - James Walker.

LILLAS (LILY) MORRISON JAFFRAY

Lillas (registered with two 'l's') but known as Lily was the daughter of Andrew Jaffray and Janet Morrison. She was born in Perthshire on 21 January 1855.

MARRIAGE AND CHILDREN

Lily and James married in Perthshire in 1885.

When, Where, and How Married.	Signatures of Parties. Rank or Profession, whether Single or Widowed, and Relationship (if any).	Age.	Usual Residence.	Name, Surname, and Rank or Profession of Father. Name, and Maiden Surname of Mother.	If a regular Marriage, Signature of officiating Minister and Witnesses. If irregular, Date of Conviction, Decree of Declarator, or Sheriff's Warrant.	When & Where Registered, and signature of Registrar.
<i>1885.</i>	<i>(Signed)</i>			<i>James Walker</i>	<i>(Signed)</i>	<i>1885.</i>
<i>on the twenty-fourth</i>	<i>James Walker</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>Bathgate</i>	<i>Butcher</i>	<i>Robert Mackenzie</i>	<i>June 27</i>
<i>day of June.</i>	<i>Merchant</i>			<i>Agnes Walker</i>	<i>Minister</i>	
<i>at Bathgate</i>	<i>Bachelor</i>			<i>Ed. A. Nisbit</i>	<i>A. Nisbit</i>	
<i>at Farmhouse</i>					<i>Church.</i>	<i>at The Church</i>
<i>at Bathgate</i>					<i>(Signed)</i>	<i>Madam</i>
<i>According to the</i>	<i>(Signed)</i>			<i>Andrew Jaffray</i>	<i>John Walker</i>	
<i>Form of the</i>	<i>Lily M. Jaffray</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>Perthshire</i>	<i>Farmer</i>	<i>Witness</i>	<i>William Jaffray</i>
<i>Pres. Church of</i>	<i>Spinster</i>			<i>Janet Jaffray</i>	<i>(Signed)</i>	
<i>Scotland.</i>				<i>M. Morrison</i>	<i>Rev. J. Gillies</i>	<i>Registrar.</i>
				<i>(Deceased)</i>	<i>Witness</i>	

Marriage - James Walker and Lily Morrison Jaffrey.

SON-2.3-JAMES BLACK AND MARGARET NISBIT

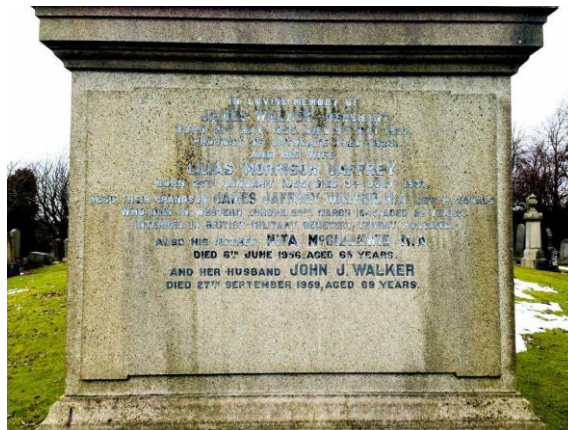
Seven children were found and four were given Lily's maiden name but with the spelling Jeffery, the same variation she used on her marriage.

CHILDREN	BIRTH/BAP	BIRTHPLACE	MARRIED	DEATH/BUR
*James Walker	30 Apr 1886	Bathgate	Nora May Inglis	01 Jul 1966
*Andrew Jeffery Walker	06 Oct 1887	Bathgate	Jeanie Fleming Broom	11 Aug 1970
*John Jeffery Walker	15 Dec 1889	Bathgate	Dunita (Nita) McGillewie	27 Sep 1959
*Janet Ann Morrison Walker	01 Mar 1892	Bathgate	-	08 Mar 1893
*Agnes Black Walker	01 Mar 1892	Bathgate	-	13 Oct 1967
*Thomas Jeffery Walker	16 Jun 1894	Bathgate	Florence Burns	20 Dec 1968
*Lilas Jeffery Walker	13 Apr 1897	Bathgate	Joseph Smart Smith	29 Jul 1992

As alluded to by JB, James was a merchant in Bathgate and for a time was in partnership with George Black, his uncle. In 1920 James was elected provost of Bathgate and the photo earlier shows him in his ceremonial gown.

DEATH AND BURIAL

James died on 9 May 1932 and Lily in 1937. They are buried at Bathgate cemetery.



*Headstone - James Walker and Lily Walker nee Black and son John Walker.
Bathgate Cemetery.*

WALKER, James, Dunard, Bathgate, died 9 May 1932 at Bathgate, testate. Confirmation Linlithgow, 13 July, to Lily Jaffrey or Walker, Dunard, Bathgate, his widow, James Walker, Andrew Jaffrey Walker, John Jaffrey Walker, and Thomas Jaffrey Walker, Merchants there, his sons, and Agnes Black Walker, Dunard aforesaid, and Lily Jaffrey Walker or Smith, Dunira Home Farm, Comrie, his daughters, Executors. Will dated 29 July 1927 recorded with another Writ Linlithgow 13 July 1932. Value of Estate, £8652:18: -.

Probate - James Walker.

CHILDREN OF GEORGE BLACK AND ELIZABETH (LIZZIE) SHANKS

JOHN BLACK AND AGNES MARY CHAPMAN

... **John** the eldest son is a clergyman in Kaffraria...

JOHN BLACK

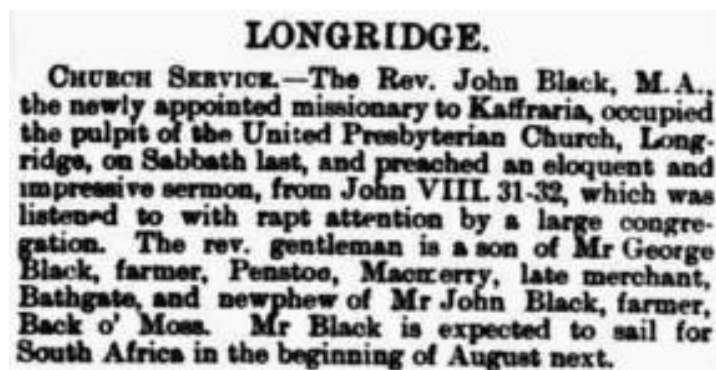
John the clergyman in Kaffraria, was born on 30 July 1869 at Bathgate. In 1891 he was boarding with his first cousin once removed, Janet Stewart Wilson, in Edinburgh and gave his occupation as a student of theology.

AGNES MARY CHAPMAN

Agnes, we believe was born on 29 December 1870 at Abercorn, her parents being John Chapman and Mary Smith.

MARRIAGE AND CHILDREN

They married on 25 July 1894 at Abercorn and at the end of June, John preached to the Longridge congregation.



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We can see that a month after their marriage they left for Africa, so we assume all their children were born there.

CHILDREN	BIRTH/BAP	BIRTHPLACE	MARRIED	DEATH/BUR
*Agnes Black	24 May 1895	South Africa	unknown	1956 Australia
*Elizabeth Black	24 May 1895	South Africa	Jacobus Coetzer	1976 unknown
* George Black	1898	South Africa	Janet Eleanor Chenoweth	18 Feb 1952 South Africa
*John Chapman Black	09 May 1900	South Africa	Maisie Scrimgeour	09 Jul 1951 South Africa
*Margaret Black	1909	South Africa	unknown	19 Jul 1992 unknown

SON-2.3-JAMES BLACK AND MARGARET NISBIT

At some stage, the couple moved to Australia, but some of their children remained In South Africa.

DEATH AND BURIAL

We understand both John and Agnes died in Australia; Agnes in 1945 and John in 1956.

WILLIAM SHANKS BLACK AND FLORENCE WALKER

George, second Back o' Moss son, ... while the other three sons [William] are devoted to agricultural pursuits in East Lothian.

WILLIAM SHANKS BLACK

William was born on 22 February 1874 in Bathgate.

FLORENCE WALKER

Florence, we assume was born in England around 1880.

MARRIAGE AND CHILDREN

The marriage was found on *FreeBDM* in Norwich, England in the June quarter 1906. The couple returned to Scotland and William farmed at Coates Farm, Longniddry. Two children came from the probate and a third from the indexes.

CHILDREN	BIRTH/BAP	BIRTHPLACE	MARRIED	DEATH/BUR
*John Walker (Jack) Black	1908	Aberlady	Mary Joan Brake	11 Mar 2000
*George Black	1909	Aberlady	unknown	27 Sep 1961
Marie Rona Black	7 Aug 1917	Aberlady	Zdislaw Roman Antonio Langhamer	2006 England

DEATH AND BURIAL

Florence died on 24 February 1945 and William on 30 July 1950 at East Lothian.

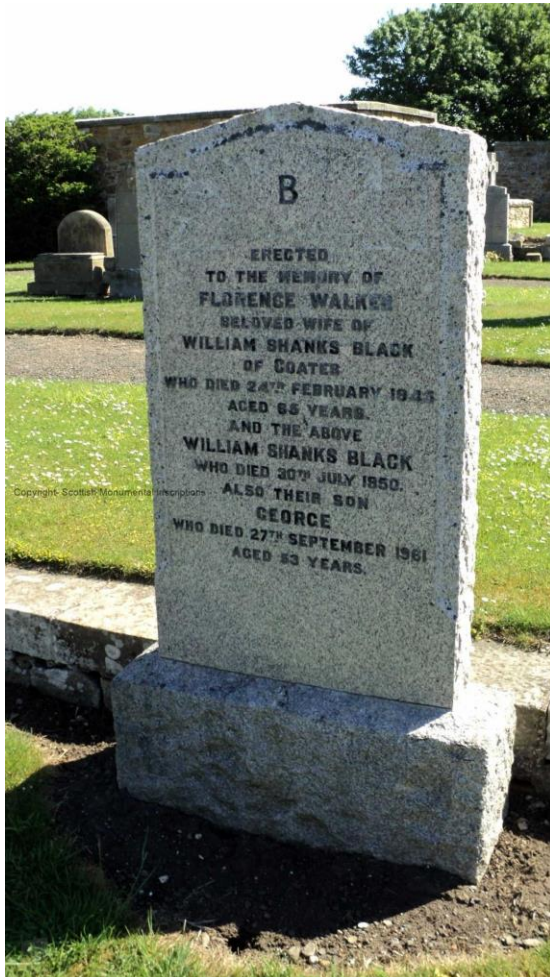
Name and Surname. Rank or Profession, and whether Single, Married, or Widowed.	When and Where Died.	Sex.	Age.	Name, Surname, and Rank or Profession of Father. Name, and Maiden Surname of Mother.	Cause of Death, Duration of Disease, and Medical Attendant by whom certified.	Signature and Qualification of Informant, and Residence, if out of the House in which the Death occurred.	When and where Registered, and Signature of Registrar.
William Shanks Black.	1950. July Shirkech St. 55 m. m.	m.	76	George Black. Farmer. (Account)	General Shirkech.	(George Black) Son	1950. July 31st. At Edinburgh
James (Union of Florence Walker)	Coates. Longniddry			Edinburgh Black. m. S. Shanks (Account)	as-cert. by Dr. Burns m. S. G. H.	Spring House. Rothley, York. (Personal)	G. S. Brown Dist. Registrar. R. P. G. Re 94

Death certificate - William Shanks Black.

SON-2.3-JAMES BLACK AND MARGARET NISBIT

BLACK William Shanks of Coates Longniddry **East Lothian** died
30 July 1950 Confirmation of John Walker Black George Black
Hugh Craig and Charles Thomas Spence.
Sealed **London** 15 November.

Probate - William Shanks Black.



William, Florence and George are buried in
Aberlady Churchyard, East Lothian.

MARY GRAY BLACK AND CHARLES THOMAS SPENCE

George, second Back o' Moss son, ... They have ... one daughter **[Mary]**

MARY GRAY BLACK

Mary was born on 10 February 1876 in Bathgate.

CHARLES THOMAS SPENCE

Charles was born on 26 April 1877 at Lerwick, Shetland but he was a chemist assistant in Dunbar in 1901, living with his family. His father was a photographer, also named Charles Spence and his mother was Mary Ann Goudie.

SON-2.3-JAMES BLACK AND MARGARET NISBIT

MARRIAGE AND CHILDREN

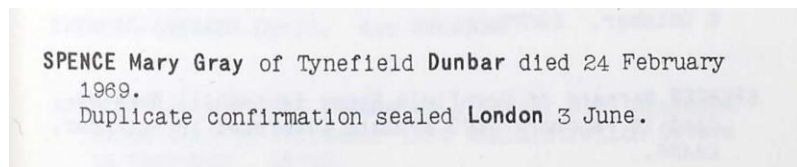
Mary and Charles married at St Giles, Edinburgh in 1912. We found one child.

CHILDREN	BIRTH/BAP	BIRTHPLACE	MARRIED	DEATH/BUR
*Charles George Spence	28 Jun 1917	Dunbar	Jean York Tait Warnock	02 Jul 2012

Charles later became a potato farmer, and the internet tells us he bred the Dunbar Rover and Dunbar Standard potato varieties in 1936. He was listed on the probate for his brother-in-law, William Shanks Black.

DEATH AND BURIAL

Mary died in 1969 at Dunbar. Charles had died in 1965.



Probate - Mary Gray Black Spence.



*Stanton Churchyard.
East Lothian.*

SON-2.3-JAMES BLACK AND MARGARET NISBIT

GEORGE BLACK AND MARGARET SMITH KERR

George, second Back o' Moss son, ... while the other three sons [**George**] are devoted to agricultural pursuits in East Lothian.

GEORGE BLACK

George was born on 1 June 1878 in Bathgate.

MARGARET SMITH KERR

Margaret was born on 2 December 1886 in Linlithgow, her parents were Andrew Kerr and Mary Brownlee.

MARRIAGE

George and Margaret married in Edinburgh on 29 October 1912 but there were no apparent children.

1912 MARRIAGES in the DISTRICT of SAINT GILES in the CITY of EDINBURGH

No.	When, Where, and How Married.	Signatures of Parties. Rank or Profession, Whether Single or Widowed, and Relationship (if any).	Age.	Usual Residence.	Name, Surname, and Rank or Profession of Father. Name, and Maiden Surname of Mother.	If a regular Marriage, Signatures of officiating Minister and Witnesses. If irregular, Date of Conviction, Decree of Declaration, or Sheriff's Warrant.	When & Where Registered, and Signature of Registrar.
	1912, on the Twenty Ninth day of October at Galadonian Station Hotel, Edinburgh	(Signed) George Black Minister (Pastor)	34	Penston Gladsmuir	George Black Farmer Elizabeth Black M.S. Burns	(Signed) John Ferguson Minister of Linlithgow	1912, October 31 Edinburgh
870	After Banns According to the form of the Church of Scotland	(Signed) Margaret Smith Kerr (Spinster)	25	Flemishurst Linlithgow	Andrew Kerr Gallie MacLennan Mary Kerr M.S. Brownlee	(Signed) James Black Minister Margaret Smith Buchanan Witness	1912, November 1 Edinburgh Pastor James Black

Marriage certificate – George Black and Margaret Smith Kerr.

Because of his mother's will we know they were living on the family farm at Penston in 1927.

Margaret died in 1947 and George remarried Annie Cassidy (possibly nee Evans) in 1953 in Haddington.

DEATH AND BURIAL

George died on 5 June 1957 in Haddington, both he and his first wife are buried in Gladsmuir. Annie may have died in 1963 in Bathgate.

JAMES BLACK

George, second Back o' Moss son, ... while the other three sons [**James**] are devoted to agricultural pursuits in East Lothian.

SON-2.3-JAMES BLACK AND MARGARET NISBIT

James was born on 29 July 1884 and again its only his mother's will that tells us that he was alive after 1927 and a farmer at West Saltoun, Pencaitland. Nothing else is yet established.

CHILDREN OF JOHN BLACK AND MARION MUNGLE

MARGARET GRAY BLACK AND JAMES MURRAY

John, third Back o' Moss son ..., he and his wife, Marion Mungall, having a family of sons and daughters. **[Margaret]**

MARGARET GRAY BLACK

Margaret was born in 1875 and her birth was registered at Bathgate.

JAMES MURRAY

James was born 10 July 1874 in Whitburn to Allan Murray and Elizabeth Whiteford.

MARRIAGE AND CHILDREN

The couple married on 1 March 1901 at Back of Moss. Four children were found.

CHILDREN	BIRTH/BAP	PARISH	MARRIED	DEATH/BUR
*Allan Murray	31 Aug 1901	Whitburn	unknown	08 Aug 1974
*John Black Murray	18 Jul 1903	West Calder	Janet Johnstone	1989
*James Murray	26 Feb 1905	Fauldhouse	unknown	1993
*Marion Mungle Murray	1907	Fauldhouse	James Chapman Crawford	27 Apr 1990

James died 25 April 1942 in Whitburn. Margaret died on 14 March 1957 at Longridge.

BLACK or MURRAY Margaret of Myrtle Cottage South Main-street Longridge **West Lothian** widow died 14 March 1957 Confirmation of John Black Murray and Allan Murray. Sealed **London** 12 June.

Probate - Margaret Black Murray.

James and Margaret are buried in the Fauldhouse Cemetery in a Murray grave.

JOHN BLACK AND MARY JANE DAVIDSON AND EDITH FRANCES HAVERSON

John, third Back o' Moss son ..., he and his wife, Marion Mungall, having a family of sons and daughters. **[John]**

SON-2.3-JAMES BLACK AND MARGARET NISBIT

JOHN BLACK

John was born at Back of Moss on 21 July 1877.

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BIRTHS in the District of *Whithorn* in the County of *Lindithgow*

No.	Name and Surname.	When and Where Born.	Sex.	Name, Surname, & Rank or Profession of Father. Name, & Maternal Surname of Mother. Date and Place of Marriage.	Signature and Qualification of Informant, and Residence, if out of the House in which the Birth occurred.	When and Where Registered, and Signature of Registrar.
58	<i>John Black</i>	<i>1877. July Twenty-first 9th, 30th, 6th, 11th</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>John Black Farmer</i>		<i>1877. August 10th At Whithorn</i>
				<i>Margaret Black</i>	<i>John Black</i>	<i>James Galloway</i>
				<i>Mr. S. McAngus</i>	<i>Father</i>	<i>Registrar.</i>
		<i>Back-of-moss Whithorn</i>		<i>1874 November 11th Glasgow</i>	<i>(Present)</i>	

Birth certificate - John Black.

He left for Canada in 1904 according to the information he recorded on the census.

MARY JANE DAVIDSON

Mary was born in Canada in 1885.

MARRIAGE AND CHILDREN

They married in Ontario on 20 March 1909.

CHILDREN	BIRTH/BAP	BIRTHPLACE	MARRIED	DEATH/BUR
*John Davidson (Jay) Black	22 May 1911	Ontario	unknown	unknown

Mary died in 1914 and John soon remarried.

EDITH FRANCIS HAVERSON

Edith was born on 11 December 1882. They had two further children.

CHILDREN	BIRTH/BAP	BIRTHPLACE	MARRIED	DEATH/BUR
*Joseph Wilfred Black	9 Nov 1916	Ontario	unknown	1995 Canada
*Norman Alvin Black	1920	Ontario	Margaret Edith Wilson	2007 Canada

DEATH AND BURIAL

John died on 13 May 1955 in Ontario. Edith died in 1953.

JOSEPH MUNGLE BLACK AND JANET FORREST SANGSTER

John, third Back o' Moss son ..., he and his wife, Marion Mungall, having a family of sons and daughters. **[Joseph]**

JOSEPH MUNGLE BLACK

Joseph's birth was found in the registers in 1879. He was born at Back of Moss.

JANET FORREST SANGSTER

Janet was born on 1 April 1889 in Whitburn to William Sangster and Isabella White.

MARRIAGE AND CHILDREN

The marriage took place in Whitburn on 6 November 1908. Their first child was born in Whitburn on 22 August 1910 and the following year they sailed to Canada. Joseph and Janet went to the same county in Ontario as John, Joseph's older brother. Four children were found.

CHILDREN	BIRTH/BAP	BIRTHPLACE	MARRIED	DEATH/BUR
*John Black	22 Aug 1910	Whitburn	-	15 May 2004
*Margaret Sangster Black	20 Jun 1914	Ontario	Robert Harold Carr	05 Mar 2015 Canada
*George Black	21 Apr 1916	Ontario	Lois Edna Carscadden then Mary Lenore Millsap	11 Jan 1970 Canada
*Marion Mungle Black	01 Jan 1919	Ontario	Harry Norman Coulter	22 Sep 1984 Canada

DEATH AND BURIAL

Joseph died on 25 May 1957 and Janet in 1969.



*Headstone - John Black and Janet Forrest Sangster.
Creemore, Simcoe County, Ontario, Canada.*

SON-2.3-JAMES BLACK AND MARGARET NISBIT

MARY GRAY BLACK AND WILLIAM WATSON

John, third Back o' Moss son ..., he and his wife, Marion Mungall, having a family of sons and daughters. **[Mary]**

MARY GRAY BLACK

Mary was born on 28 May 1881 at Back of Moss.

WILLIAM WATSON

William was born on 16 June 1878 in Wishaw to Walter Watson and Agnes Leitch.

MARRIAGE AND CHILDREN

They married in Whitburn on 13 May 1904 and possibly had eight children.

CHILDREN	BIRTH/BAP	BIRTHPLACE	MARRIED	DEATH/BUR
*Walter Murray Watson	25 Aug 1904	Fauldhouse	Janet Stevenson Jack	16 Jun 1992
*John Black Watson	16 Dec 1908	Fauldhouse	Helen Gilroy Watt	27 Sep 1963
*George Watson	02 Aug 1910	Fauldhouse	Margaret Brownlee Ramage	08 Mar 1983
*Mary Black Watson	01 May 1912	Fauldhouse	James McLellan	16 Dec 1987
*Archibald Leitch Watson	03 Feb 1914	Fauldhouse	Sarah Mitchell Linn	19 Jun 1952
*Margaret Watson	20 Nov 1915	Fauldhouse	Thomas Walker	14 Nov 1951
*William Watson	20 Nov 1915	Fauldhouse	-	01 Dec 1915
*James Watson	15 May 1918	Fauldhouse	Jean Knox Moore	02 Oct 1995

DEATH AND BURIAL

Mary died on 9 May 1946 in Fauldhouse and William died the following year.

WILLIAM BLACK AND ISABELLA DONALD

John, third Back o' Moss son ..., he and his wife, Marion Mungall, having a family of sons and daughters. **[William]**

WILLIAM BLACK

William was born at Back of Moss on 28 March 1883.

ISABELLA (ISOBEL) DONALD

SON-2.3-JAMES BLACK AND MARGARET NISBIT

Isobel was born in Lanarkshire on 28 November 1892. Her father was John Donald and her mother Catherine Hay.

MARRIAGE AND CHILDREN



The two married in Glasgow on 29 November 1909 and seven children were born in Whitburn, before they moved to England in 1929. Family stories say they put livestock and farm equipment on the train and then transferred them at Leith and sailed for Sussex. The attraction was a warmer climate and better farming conditions. Three more children were born in England.

*William Black and Isobel Donald.
Anne Baraniecki collection.*

CHILDREN	BIRTH/BAP	BIRTHPLACE	MARRIED	DEATH/BUR
*John Black	26 Apr 1910	Whitburn	Margaret Elsie (Madge) Theadom	28 Jan 2005 England
*Catherine (Kitty) Black	26 Dec 1911	Whitburn	Leonard Alfred Charles Reddick	1947 England
*William (Wullie) Black	12 Jul 1915	Whitburn	Ethel Gladys Long	12 Jul 2005 England
*Marion Mungle Black	14 Mar 1918	Fauldhouse	Herbert Atkinson	27 Aug 2001 USA
*Isabella Donald (Bella) Black	1920	Whitburn	Arthur John Nash	24 Apr 2019 Australia
*Ann Donald Black	25 Oct 1922	Whitburn	John Fisher Dingwall	05 Sep 1978
*James (Jim) Black	05 Apr 1924	Whitburn	Norah Costello	01 Feb 1992 England
*Janet M Black	16 Mar 1931	Essex	Walter George (Wally) Long	18 May 2019 England
*Shelia Donald Black	01 Sep 1934	Essex	unknown relationship	08 May 2022
*Donald Black	1937	Essex	Errin	

In 1937 the family moved to Great Bentley, Essex.

SON-2.3-JAMES BLACK AND MARGARET NISBIT

E.D. Letter Code DDYB Borough, U.D. or R.D. <i>Sending</i>			Registration District and Sub-district <i>Sending No. 4</i>						
ADDRESS.	SCHEDULE.		SURNAME AND OTHER NAMES.	O, V, S, P. or I.	M. or F.	BIRTH-		S, M, W. or D.	PERSONAL OCCUPATION.
	No.	Sub. No.				Day.	Year.		
1 <i>The Grange, Thirnington Rd.</i>	2 <i>9</i>	3 <i>1</i>	4 <i>Mildred E.</i>	5 <i>F</i>	6 <i>M</i>	7 <i>9-SEPT.</i>	8 <i>09</i>	9 <i>M</i>	10 <i>Assistant Surveyor. T.R.D.C.</i>
This record is officially closed.									
1 <i>The Hall, Gr. Bentley</i>	2 <i>10</i>	3 <i>1</i>	4 <i>Black, William</i>	5 <i>-</i>	6 <i>M</i>	7 <i>28-MAR</i>	8 <i>83</i>	9 <i>M</i>	10 <i>Farmer (heavy worker).</i>
		3 <i>2</i>	4 <i>Black, Isobel</i>	5 <i>-</i>	6 <i>F</i>	7 <i>28-NOV</i>	8 <i>93</i>	9 <i>M</i>	10 <i>Unpaid domestic duties</i>
This record is officially closed.									
		3 <i>4</i>	4 <i>Black, James</i>	5 <i>-</i>	6 <i>M</i>	7 <i>5-APRIL</i>	8 <i>26</i>	9 <i>S</i>	10 <i>At school</i>

1939 Register.

DEATH AND BURIAL

William died 1960 in Colchester, Essex. He was buried at Great Bentley. Isobel died in 1964.



BLACK William of Annandale Lower Kirby Frinton-on-Sea
Essex died 12 July 1960 at St. Mary's Hospital
Colchester Probate Ipswich 3 November to John Black
farmer and Philip Thomas Jackson solicitor.
Effects £7240 6s. 7d.

Probate - William Black.

JAMES BLACK AND ANNA FIRTH

John, third Back o' Moss son ..., he and his wife, Marion Mungall, having a family of sons and daughters. [James]

JAMES BLACK

The youngest child of John and Marion was born on 20 August 1885 at Back of Moss.

SON-2.3-JAMES BLACK AND MARGARET NISBIT

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RTHS in the District of Whitburn in the County of Linlithgow

No.	Name and Surname.	When and Where Born.	Sex.	Name, Surname, & Rank or Profession of Father. Name, and Maiden Surname of Mother. Date and Place of Marriage.	Signature and Qualification of Informant, and Residence, if out of the House in which the Birth occurred.	When and Where Registered, and Signature of Registrar.
49	James Black	1885, August Twentieth	16	John Black Farmer		1885, September 10 th
		8 a.m. a.m.		Marion Black	John Black	At Whitburn
				16. L. Morrison	Father	James Galloway
					(Present)	Registrar.
		Back of Moss Whitburn		1874 November 20 th Glasgow		

Birth certificate – James Black.

We last found James in Scotland in 1901 when he was fifteen, and he later claimed on the American census, to have immigrated in 1902 where he settled in Philadelphia.

ANNA FIRTH

Annie (as she was known) was ten years older having been born in the States in 1876 to Richard Firth and his wife Amanda Blythe.

MARRIAGE

James and Annie married around 1905 when they were 20 and 30, respectively. James, a carpenter, naturalised in 1907. They had no apparent children.

DEATH AND BURIAL

Annie died in 1959 and James in 1961.

CHILDREN OF ANN BLACK AND JOHN SOMMERVILLE

ANN SOMMERVILLE

The orphan girl ... became Mrs John Sommerville... there are also two daughters [Ann].

JB stated that Ann Black had two daughters alive in 1909 so Ann, born in 1850, who cannot be traced after 1851, must have been alive and married but we cannot find her.

THOMAS SOMMERVILLE AND AGNES WILSON

The orphan girl ... became Mrs John Sommerville. ... Another son [Thomas] is in Edinburgh.

THOMAS SOMERVILLE

SON-2.3-JAMES BLACK AND MARGARET NISBIT

Thomas was one month old in the 1851 census, so we have recorded his birthdate as March 1851. He worked as a mason and lived in Edinburgh all his adult life.

AGNES WILSON

Agnes, the daughter of John Wilson and Janet Stewart, was born in Dalmeny on 10 February 1854.

MARRIAGE AND CHILDREN

Thomas and Agnes married in Edinburgh in 1879. Four children survived but with a five-year gap there was likely another.

CHILDREN	BIRTH/BAP	PARISH	MARRIED	DEATH/BUR
*Janet Sommerville	1880	Edinburgh	John Robertson Lyle	1966
*John Sommerville	23 Aug 1881	Edinburgh	unknown	aft 1922
*Andrew Sommerville	10 Nov 1883	Edinburgh	Elizabeth Robina Hamilton	17 Mar 1969
*Annie Sommerville	1888	Edinburgh	-	09 May 1907

DEATH AND BURIAL

Thomas died on 14 September 1910 aged 59 and Agnes died in 1922.

SOMMERVILLE, Thomas, Mason, 11 Montpelier, Edinburgh, died 14 September 1910, at Edinburgh, testate. Confirmation granted at Edinburgh, 7 October, to Agnes Wilson or Sommerville, 11 Montpelier aforesaid, his widow, Executrix nominated in Will of Decd, dated 16 May 1880, and recorded in Court Books of Commissariat of Edinburgh, 6 October 1910. Value of Estate, 2551, 11s. 4d.

Probate – Thomas Sommerville.

MARY SOMMERVILLE, JOHN AITCHISON AND JOHN BELCHER

The orphan girl ... became Mrs John Sommerville... and there are also two daughters.
[Mary]

MARY SOMMERVILLE

Mary's birth around 1853 in Shotts, is not located but in 1871 she was a dressmaker and boarding with her great grandfather, John Russell in Bathgate.

JOHN AITCHISON

We only know the name of John's mother, Janet Beveridge and have guessed his birth around 1847.

MARRIAGE AND CHILDREN

SON-2.3-JAMES BLACK AND MARGARET NISBIT

John and Mary married in 1875 in Calderhead, Shotts and John died soon after. Their daughter was born after his death.

CHILDREN	BIRTH/BAP	PARISH	MARRIED	DEATH/BUR
*Annie Black Aitchison	23 Feb 1876	Carluke	David Murray	1946

It is not surprising therefore to find Mary marrying again.

JOHN BELCHER

John was born about 1843 in Shotts to James Belcher and Janet Storrie. He had married Margaret Scott in 1869 and had several children before she died in 1879.

MARRIAGE AND CHILDREN

A year after he was widowed, John married Mary Sommerville, and the following year, Mary gave birth to twins. We found seven children altogether.

CHILDREN	BIRTH/BAP	PARISH	MARRIED	DEATH/BUR
*James Belcher	1880	Bathgate	-	1882
*Janet Belcher	1880	Bathgate	-	24 Dec 1961
*James Belcher	1882	Dundee	Florence Horwood or Catherine Cotter	1958
*John Sommerville Belcher	1884	Motherwell	unknown	1947
*Mary Sommerville Belcher	1885	Hamilton	-	06 Oct 1885
*Mary Belcher	28 Feb 1887	Hamilton	Robert Homes ⁶ then Peter Clelland	1958
*Thomas Belcher	1889	Hamilton	Annie Sinclair Mckerron	1963

In 1891 the family was living in Hamilton and John was a medical herbalist like Mary's brother Andrew Sommerville. In 1898, Thomas and Mary were admitted to the Shotts parish for relief.

⁶ Robert was killed in WW1 and is buried in Flanders.

SON-2.3-JAMES BLACK AND MARGARET NISBIT

GENERAL REGISTER OF POOR BELONGING TO THE PARISH OF SHOTTS.				
Name	AGE	AGE	PLACE OF BIRTH	DATE
Name, <i>James Belcher.</i>				
Residence, —	<i>100 Sempair Street, Glasgow.</i>			
Age, —	<i>9 years</i>			
Date of Birth, —	<i>15 December 1891</i>			
Particulars of Cause of Relief	<i>In-door relief</i>			
Place of Birth, —	<i>Hamilton</i>			
Religion, —	<i>Protestant</i>			
Condition of Health, —	<i>Deceased</i>			
Trade or Occupation, —	<i>None</i>			
Marital or Family Status, —	<i>Orphan</i>			
Character of Household, —	<i>Orphan</i>			
Marital or Family Details, —	<i>Orphan</i>			
Particulars of Cause of Relief, —	<i>Orphan</i>			
Notes of Remarks, —	<i>Birth of father</i>			
<i>Father John Belcher and mother Mary Somerville left him at birth, giving him money to pay his way to Greenock to his maternal grandmother.</i>				
DATE	CHARACTER OF CIRCUMSTANCES AND SUBSEQUENT PROCEEDINGS	DATE	CHARACTER OF CIRCUMSTANCES AND SUBSEQUENT PROCEEDINGS	
<i>1898 Dec.</i>	<i>Mother took charge of him, and chargeability ceased.</i>			

Parish relief – Shotts, Lanark.

By 1901 the family had returned to Shotts and John was now a coal miner.

DEATH AND BURIAL

John died in Shotts in 1917 and Mary lived until 1931 when she was 78.

ANDREW SOMERVILLE

The orphan girl ... became Mrs John Sommerville. She is now in her widowhood, living with a son **[Andrew]** in Greenock.

Andrew was born on 12 August 1855 in Shotts. He consistently lived with his mother as did his brother Ebenezer and in 1901 they were living in Greenock West. Andrew was a medical herbalist and Ebenezer a house joiner. Ebenezer went to America in 1901 and married there. Andrew remained single.

DEATH AND BURIAL

Andrew died on 23 May 1932 in Dunoon, Argyll. The informant was David Murray. His older sister Mary had a daughter Annie Black Aitchison and she had married David Murray. David was therefore a nephew-in-law.

SON-2.3-JAMES BLACK AND MARGARET NISBIT

Andrew Sommerville	1932. May Twenty third Oh. Son. P. M.	M. 4/5 Jan.	John Sommerville Warchousman of Bertha deceased	Thomas of Bertha deceased	David Murray Nephew Present.	1932. May 23 rd At Dundee
Herbalist (Retired)	Boardwell Sandbank		Ann Sommerville M. S. Black deceased	As cert by G. S. Henderson L.R.C.P.S.E.		R. M. M. M. Registrar

Death certificate - Andrew Sommerville.

DESCENDANTS UNABLE TO BE TRACED FROM MELODIES AND MEMORIES

MRS THOMAS SMITH

Mary, of Burnside, was married to Robert Stewart, West Forth. A grand-daughter, **Mrs Thomas Smith**, resides in Rowantree Cottage, Cambuslang.

'Mrs Thomas Smith' living in Rowantree Cottage was Janet Hastie born in 1847 to parents Alexander Hastie and Jane Struthers in Carluke, but his hasn't helped our quest.