

SON TWO - JOHN BLACK AND HELEN STEEL

DESCENDANTS OF THEIR FIRST SON

WILLIAM BLACK AND JEAN CLELAND



John Black (JB) is who we have to thank for Melodies and Memories, so it was a surprise to find this man with occupations such as engineer's labourer, joiner and then an outfitter and jeweller.

Writing poetry was obviously a hobby.

MELODIES AND MEMORIES

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William, eldest Bushdyke son, farmed first at Westburn, and next at Blackburn, whither he moved about 1800. His wife, Jane Cleland, became the mother of three sons and five daughters, viz., John, William, and James, Margaret, Helen, Janet, Agnes, and Elizabeth, who went to Canada, and died there a few years ago. Mrs James Forbes, a daughter of Helen, is now living in Carluke.

William having died, through being thrown from one of his carts, his son John, a quaint, typical Scot, succeeded him at Blackburn, and was married to his cousin, Agnes Black, Starryshaw. To this couple were born, at Blackburn - four daughters - Janet, Agnes, Margaret, and Elizabeth, the two latter still living; while at Craighead, where they removed to, two sons - William and Richard, were born.

John, one winter evening, had been enjoying a warm drink, that delighted and greatly benefitted him. After he was done stining, sipping, and slowly swallowing, he signified his high approval by saying, "Tat's gude, uncommon gude, it's amazin' some folk's sae keen o' whisky."

William, married to Janet Robb, Haywood Mains, was afterwards farmer at Fauldhouse, and now at Leadloch They have three sons - John, James, and William, also seven daughters - Mary, Agnes, Margaret, Janet, Elizabeth, Annie, and Dinah, the latter being the only one in the family unmarried.

This so-called history being mainly to trace the male line of descent and branches, the female line will be indicated very briefly.

John, eldest Leadloch son, is farmer of Robertson Mains, Dolphinton, and his eldest son, William, now twenty years of age, is senior member of the seventh generation of the Blacks of Breich Water.

James, second Leadloch son, with wife and family occupy the farm of Fauldhouse, formerly tenanted by his father.

William, third son, has been several years at Boksburg, South Africa.

Richard, second son of John of Craighead, lives with wife and family at East Whitburn. John, the eldest son, is about twenty years of age, the other sons being Walter Annan, and Richard. There are two daughters one married and one unmarried.

William, second son of William of Westburn, was born there in 1797. About 1830 he became tenant of East Handaxwood, which he retained with credit for full fifty years. He was married in 1833 to Elizabeth, daughter of Alexander Smith, and died in 1884.

William used to rehearse now and again that in ancient lawless times bands of wandering reivers went hither and thither over the countryside, living by the way on the sometimes scanty food supplies of industrious crofters or small farmers. Coming to a lonely dwelling one day, not far from Drumley Water, the usual demand for something to eat and drink was made. The gudewife set out a goodly pile of oaten faris, the heel of a kebbuck, and plenty of clear spring water, telling her unwelcome visitors that she could do no more for them. "Ye hae some kye," said the leader, "Whaur's the milk, is't in the kirn here?" and forthwith the appetising lapped milk, nearly ready for churning, was soon disappearing, much to the regret of the thrifty

gudewife. The gudeman, being at home, joined in the feast with the marauders, though the glum looks of his wife .were often turned his way. When oatcakes, cheese, and milk were exhausted, husband and wife were left alone. "Sic a vexation," said the woman, "an' what made it waur was your takin' pairt wi' them, an' helpin' to tim my kirn." "Wheesht, wheesht, my wifie, I'll no be hungry the day again, I thocht it best to hae a share, for I saw it was gaun gear onywey."

At Handaxwood, four sons, William, Alexander, John, and James were born, also eight daughters.

William was farmer at Falla Hill, and next at Couch, until his death in 1894. To him and his wife, Isabella Fleming, were born four sons, William, John, Alexander, and James, also four daughters, of whom only the eldest, Mrs J. S. Waddell, is now alive, having one son and two daughters.

William, eldest son, having died in youth, John, second son, became his father's successor, and, with his wife, daughter, and son, live on the banks of Almond Water, near Polkemmet.

James, his wife, and daughters, live in Denver, USA.

Alexander, second East Handaxwood son, at thirty-three years of age, and unmarried, met his death in 1873 on the C.R. railway at Holytown (old station) while acting as Relief Inspector.

John, third son of William, of East Handaxwood, with one daughter and one surviving son, reside in Glasgow. By means of his verses in local newspapers, he has directed not a little attention to his native district, to which he is ardently attached.

James, fourth East Handaxwood son, with his wife and two daughters, live at Woodfords, near Portland, Maine, U.S.A., and he too still cherishes a warm regard for the friends and scenes of life's earlier years.

The East Handaxwood daughters were Agnes, Jane, Elizabeth, Mary, Margaret, Janet Helen, Catherine Jemima Ronaldson, and Christina. With the exception of Mary, all were married, and their descendants count up to a goodly total, there being, besides several grandchildren, at least one great-grandchild.

Only the youngest of those daughters continues to live near Breich Water side. Truly, time works changes!

James, third Westburn, or Blackburn, son, married Margaret Prentice. After being some time at Blackburn and at Addiewell, he spent the remainder of his years at Turniemoon, near West Calder.

The author remembers hearing of James, his uncle, having been talking of the new cemetery at West Calder as his probable burying place, although he considered he had a claim to a lair in the older burying ground beside the old Church. Waxing warm regarding his rights, he declared emphatically that he could force himself into the auld Kirkyard in spite o' a' wha would seek to hinder." This way of putting the statement caused some merriment in those who were listening, though, of course, they dare not laugh outright.

William and John were the sons of the family, the six daughters being Janet, Jane, Margaret, Agnes, Elizabeth, Helen, all of whom were married. Two of the number are still wonderfully hale, the others being now deceased.

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William died some years ago, survived by four sons James, William, David, John. John, second son of James, of Turniemoon, lives in Broxburn; also his three sons, James, John, and David.

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

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

SECOND GENERATION

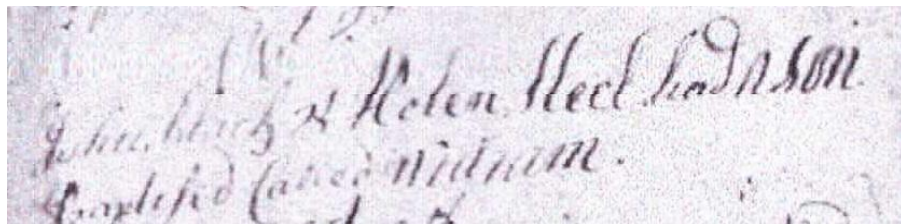
WILLIAM BLACK AND JEAN CLELAND

**Residence - Westburn, West Calder, Midlothian
Backburn, West Calder, Midlothian**

William, eldest Bushdyke son, farmed first at Westburn, and next at Blackburn, [Backburn] whither he moved about 1800. His wife, **Jane Cleland**, became the mother of three sons and five daughters, viz., John, William, and James, Margaret, Helen, Janet, Agnes, and Elizabeth, who went to Canada, and died there a few years ago. William having died, through being thrown from one of his carts

WILLIAM BLACK

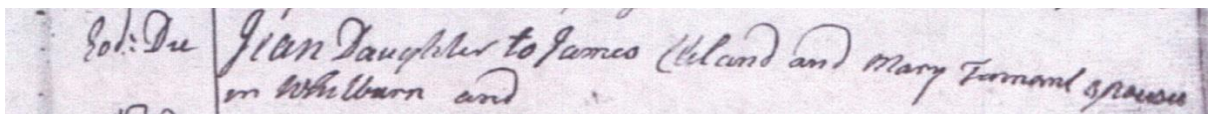
William was baptised on 2 October 1757 at West Calder; we assume at Bushdyke.



Parish baptism records - West Calder, Midlothian.

JEAN CLELAND

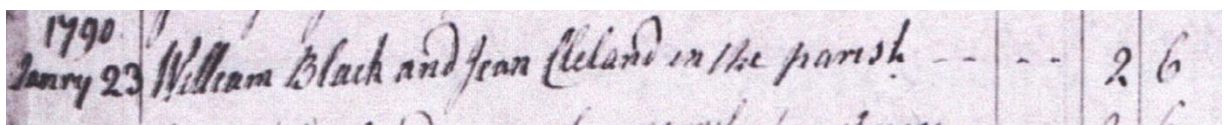
Jean, on the 1841 census, said she was born in Midlothian but a baptism on 24 March 1771 in Whitburn is likely to be her. Her parents therefore were James Cleland and Mary Tennant. The only reference to her as Jane was by JB.



Parish baptism records - Whitburn, West Lothian.

MARRIAGE AND CHILDREN

William married Jean Cleland in Whitburn on 23 January 1790. If we are correct, he was 32 and she was only 18.



Parish marriage records – Whitburn, West Lothian.

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Their first child's birth, Elizabeth was not located, and their second John was baptised in Whitburn, but born at Westburn in West Calder.

CHILDREN	BIRTH/BAP	BIRTHPLACE	PARISH	MARRIED	DEATH/BUR
^Elizabeth Black	abt 1790	unknown	Whitburn?	unknown	abt 1880 Canada
^John Black	20 Aug 1791	Westburn	West Calder	Agnes Black	10 Dec 1874
^Margaret Black	28 Apr 1793	Westburn	West Calder	unknown	unknown
^Helen Black	abt 1795	Westburn	West Calder	John Thomson	bef 1841
^William Black	13 May 1798	Westburn	West Calder	Elizabeth Smith	08 Apr 1884
^James Black	07 May 1800	Westburn?	West Calder	Margaret Prentice	24 Feb 1883
^Agnes Black	abt 1802	Backburn	West Calder	-	03 Mar 1865
^Janet Black	abt 1803	Backburn	West Calder	-	25 Oct 1887

Westburn is no longer an obvious property, but indications are it was near Addiewell. JB claimed William and Jean then moved to Blackburn around 1811 but this was a typo and should read Backburn, a 'small farm consisting of about 70 acres of arable land with outhouses & dwelling house in tolerable repair it is occupied by Mr Black and the property of Mr Haer.'¹ On William's death, the farm was taken over by his eldest son John who had married Agnes Black. When John later acquired his own holding, his mother remained behind, and the third son James took over Backburn.

In 1841, Jean and her two daughters were living in one household and son James and his family were shown as a separate household. James is the Mr Black referred to above.

CENSUS RECORD SHEET			
DISTRICT: West Calder, Midlothian			YEAR 1841
STREET Backburn			
NAME	AGE	OCCUPATION	BORN AT:
Jean Cleland	75	Widow Spinner	Midlothian
Agnes Black	32	Tambourer	Midlothian
Janet Black	30	Ag Lab	Midlothian

DEATH AND BURIAL

William death before 1841, which we learn was from having 'being thrown from one of his carts', was not located and that year Jean was found living with her two youngest daughters. Her death is recorded on an *Ancestry* tree in 1842 but we have no evidence of this. We assume she and William were buried in West Calder.

¹ Midlothian OS Name Books, 1852-1853

THIRD GENERATION

CHILDREN OF WILLIAM BLACK AND JEAN CLELAND

ELIZABETH BLACK AND UNKNOWN

... and **Elizabeth**, who went to Canada and died there a few years ago.

JB tells us that Elizabeth (we assume as a married woman) went to Canada but nothing is located about her or a family.

JOHN BLACK AND **AGNES BLACK**

**Residence - Blackburn, West Calder, Midlothian
Craighead, Whitburn, West Lothian**

... **John**, a quaint, typical Scot, succeeded [his father William] at Blackburn, and was married to his cousin, **Agnes Black**, Starryshaw. To this couple were born, at Blackburn - four daughters Janet, Agnes, Margaret, and Elizabeth, the two latter still living; while at Craighead, where they removed to, two sons -William and Richard were born.

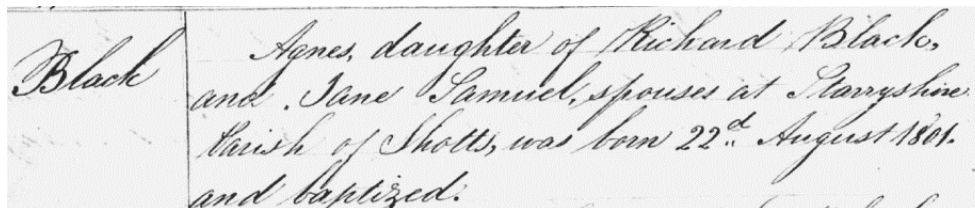
JOHN BLACK

John was born to William and Jean Cleland in 1791 and baptised at Whitburn.

John son of William Black and Jane Cleland spouses of Westburn, Parish of West Calder was born 1791 and baptised 20 August same year.²

AGNES BLACK

Agnes was the daughter of Richard Black and Jane Samuels and born on 18 August 1801 and baptised on 22 August at Starryshaw, Shotts.

A handwritten baptism record on a piece of paper. The text is written in cursive and reads: "Black Agnes, daughter of Richard Black, and Jane Samuel, spouses at Starryshaw. Parish of Shotts, was born 22^d August 1801. and baptized." The name "Black" is written in a larger, bolder script at the beginning of the first line.

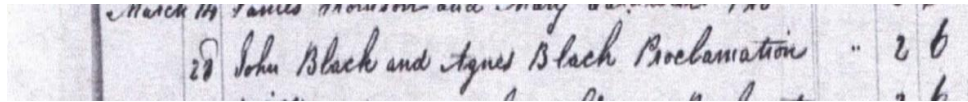
Parish baptism records – Whitburn, West Lothian.

² There is a little confusion about the date. On *Ancestry* the baptism shows as 24 August, but *Scotland's People* shows 20 August.

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MARRIAGE AND CHILDREN

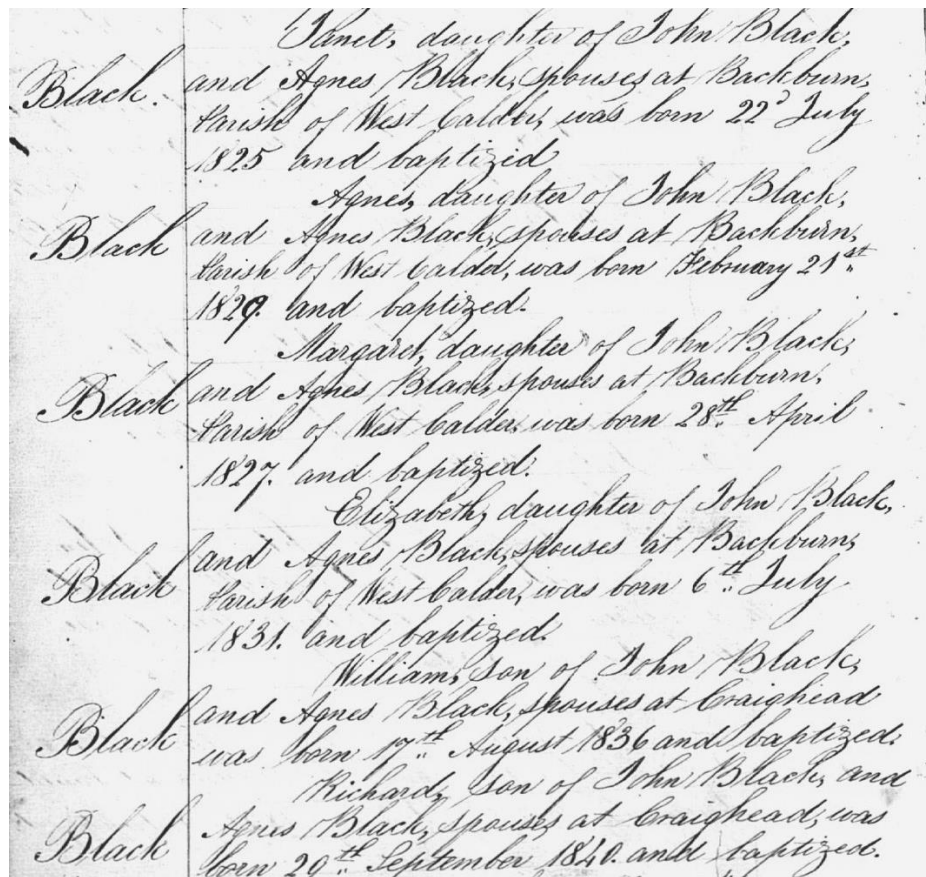
John and Agnes were more correctly second cousins and their proclamation of marriage was recorded on 28 March 1824 at Shotts. Agnes was ten years younger.



Parish marriage records - Shotts, Lanark.

The six children mentioned by JB were all recorded in the Whitburn parish in 1852 appearing that they were all 'baptised' on the same day. The eldest children were by then in their twenties. The record correctly denotes the change in residence between the birth of Elizabeth in 1831 and William in 1836.

CHILDREN	BIRTH/BAP	BIRTHPLACE	PARISH	MARRIED	DEATH/BUR
*Mary Black	14 Jul 1824	Backburn	West Calder	-	bef 1841
^Janet Black	22 Jul 1825	Backburn	West Calder	James Steel	05 May 1899
^Margaret Black	28 Apr 1827	Backburn	West Calder	George Mackie	11 Apr 1915
^Agnes Black	21 Feb 1829	Backburn	West Calder	Richard Black	20 May 1857
^Elizabeth Black	06 Jul 1831	Backburn	West Calder	William Calder	23 Nov 1916
^William Black	17 Aug 1836	Craighead	Whitburn	Janet Donald Robb	01 Nov 1935
^Richard Black	29 Sep 1840	Craighead	Whitburn	Catherine Moffat	30 Jan 1923



Parish baptism records – 1852 - Whitburn, West Lothian.

The 1851 census gives us more information about Craighead and confirms the birthplaces of the children.

CENSUS RECORD SHEET				
DISTRICT: Whitburn, West Lothian				YEAR 1851
STREET Craighead				
NAME	DESIG	AGE	OCCUPATION	BORN AT:
John Black	head	59	farmer of 75 acres	West Calder
Agnes Black	wife	49		Shotts
Margaret Black	daughter	23		West Calder
Agnes Black	daughter	22		West Calder
Elizabeth Black	daughter	19		West Calder
William Black	son	14		Whitburn
Richard Black	son	10		Whitburn

In the West Lothian OS Name Books, 1855-1859 we learn that Craighead was owned by the Earl of Hopetoun.

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topography, recommended used in the new Plans	Other modes of Spelling the same Name	Authority for these other modes of Spelling when known	Situation	Descriptive Remarks, or other General Observations which may be considered of Interest
Craighead	Craighead - 89 - - 89 - - 89 -	John Black Occupier Mr James Steph Fauldhouse Mill Honesty 69 map val: Roll of 69	About 30 miles S.W. by S of	A commodious farm house, one 20 high and slated, with suitable offices and thrashing machine, all in very good repair; there is a garden, and arable farm of 80 acres attached; the property of Mr Hare, of Philpston House, near to the Earl of Hylton, and is present occupied by John Black.

CENSUS RECORD SHEET				
DISTRICT: Whitburn, West Lothian				YEAR 1861
STREET Craighead Farm				
NAME	DESIG	AGE	OCCUPATION	BORN AT:
John Black	head	59	farmer of 70 acres	West Calder
Agnes Black	wife	49		West Calder
Walter Annan	grandson	8	scholar	Whitburn
Margaret Inglis	servant	27	dom servant	Edinburgh
Grace Rae	servant	15	dom servant	Glasgow
John Sommerville	servant	13	dom servant	Whitburn

Between 1861 and 1871 John acquired another 26 acres of land.

CENSUS RECORD SHEET				
DISTRICT: Whitburn, West Lothian				YEAR 1871
STREET Craighead Farm				
NAME	DESIG	AGE	OCCUPATION	BORN AT:
John Black	Head	80	farmer of 96 acres	West Calder
Agnes Black	wife	70		West Calder
Richard Black	son	30	farmers son	Whitburn
Walter Annan	grandson	18	farm servant	Whitburn
Marion Newton	servant	17	gen servant	Betheron
Elizabeth Wardlaw	servant	16	gen servant	New Kimston
Janet Black	servant	64	gen servant	West Calder

The general servant, Janet Black, living with the family in 1871, was John's unmarried sister.

DEATH AND BURIAL

Agnes died on 1 April 1872 in Craighead, Fauldhouse, West Lothian aged 70.

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DEATHS in the

Parrish

of

Whitburn

in the

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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 Illness, & Medical Attendant by whom certified.	Signature & Qualification of Informant, and Residence, if not of the House in which the Death occurred.	When and Where Registered, and Signature of Registrar.
48	Agnes Black	1872. Craighead Thirteenth St. James St.	F.	71	Richard Black Farmer (Dorchester?)	Chronic Bronchitis Long family Thompson's	John Black 1872. Craighead As Whitburn	1872. April 1st As Whitburn
	John Black	1874. Craighead Fauldhouse	M.	83	William Black Farmer (Dorchester?)	Long family Thompson's	Richard Black 1874. Craighead As Whitburn	1874. April 1st As Whitburn

Death certificate - Agnes Black nee Black.

John died on 10 December 1874. They were both buried at Whitburn.

John Black	1874.	M.	83	William Black	Farmer	Long family	Thompson's	Richard Black	1874.	December 11th
Agnes Black	1872.	F.	71	Richard Black	Farmer	Chronic Bronchitis	Long family	John Black	1872.	Craighead
William Black	1872.	M.	71	John Black	Farmer	Chronic Bronchitis	Long family	John Black	1872.	Craighead
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Death certificate - John Black.



In loving Memory of Agnes Black who died at Craighead
31/2/1872 aged 71 also her husband John Black, Farmer
Craighead who died 10/12/1874 aged 83 also Janet Donald Robb
beloved wife of William Black died at Janetta Cottage,
Fauldhouse 26/9/1927 aged 88, the above William Black died at
Shirrel Farm, Bellshill 1/11/1935 aged 99 years.

Whitburn Cemetery.

MARGARET BLACK AND JAMES COWPER?

William... His wife, Jane Cleland, became the mother of ... five daughters, viz., ...
Margaret.

Margaret, baptised on 28 April 1793, is also a mystery, John clearly knew about her but failed to name who she married. A proclamation on 15 December 1822 in West Calder is a possibility but we can find no children to the couple.

HELEN BLACK AND JOHN THOMSON

William... His wife, Jane Cleland, became the mother of .. five daughters, viz., ...
Helen. Mrs James Forbes, a daughter of Helen, is now living in Carluke.

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With only her daughter's married name, tracking down Helen's own marriage was a case of good detective work.

HELEN BLACK

Helen was born abt 1795 in West Calder.

JOHN THOMSON

John was born around 1794 but not in Midlothian.

MARRIAGE AND CHILDREN

We now realise that two Helen Blacks of a similar age married a John Thomson both in West Calder, but only this marriage was found (25 May 1823) and possibly none of their children were baptised. We only know of one child to this family.

CHILDREN	BIRTH/BAP	BIRTHPLACE	PARISH	MARRIED	DEATH/BUR
^Jane Thomson	abt 1828	East Handaxwood?	West Calder	James Forbes	13 Mar 1911

By 1841, John was living at East Handaxwood with only his thirteen year old daughter Jane, also in the home. East Handaxwood was the home of his brother-in-law, William Black.

DEATH AND BURIAL

Helen's death before 1841 was not found and John Thomson's burial after 1841 is not located either.

WILLIAM BLACK AND ELIZABETH MCCONACHIE SMITH

Residence - East Handaxwood, West Calder

William, second son of William of Westburn, was born there in 1797. About 1830 he became tenant of East Handaxwood, which he retained with credit for full fifty years. He was married in 1833 to **Elizabeth**, daughter of Alexander **Smith**, and died in 1884. ...At Handaxwood, four sons, William, Alexander, John, and James were born, also eight daughters.

...The East Handaxwood daughters were Agnes, Jane, Elizabeth, Mary, Margaret, Janet Helen, Catherine, Jemima, Ronaldson, and Christina. With the exception of Mary, all were married, and their descendants count up to a goodly total, there being, besides several grandchildren, at least one great-grandchild.

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WILLIAM BLACK

William was the father of John Black, the writer of *Melodies and Memories*. JB claimed his father was born in 1797 so we assume 13 May 1798 was his baptism date. Before he married, William became a tenant farmer at East Handaxwood, a short distance from his great grandfather's farm at Lilti-co-kee and his grandfather's farm at Bushdyke. The property's previous name was Easter Handaxwood.

ELIZABETH SMITH



Scotland's People shows Elizabeth, with no middle name, but it is sometimes given as McConachie. She was baptised on 1 January 1812 at Whitburn the daughter of Alexander Smith and Agnes Muir.

Elizabeth Black nee Smith
Meg Stenhouse collection.

MARRIAGE AND CHILDREN

The couple married on 8 December 1833 when William was 36 and Elizabeth 21. A later document records the location as Breich Inns, West Calder. They had twelve children.

CHILDREN	BIRTH/BAP	BIRTHPLACE	PARISH	MARRIED	DEATH/BUR
^Agnes Black	abt 1834	East Handaxwood	West Calder	Daniel Rodger	30 Jun 1912
^William Black	20 Sep 1836	East Handaxwood	West Calder	Isabella Fleming	26 Dec 1894
^Jean/Jane Black	26 Sep 1838	East Handaxwood	West Calder	John Allen	25 Dec 1884
^Alexander Black	1840	East Handaxwood	West Calder	-	16 Dec 1873
^Elizabeth Black	02 Feb 1843	East Handaxwood	West Calder	James Davidson	05 Feb 1929 Canada
^Mary Ann McConachie Black	abt 1845	East Handaxwood	West Calder	-	22 Feb 1882
^Margaret Smith Black	03 Nov 1846	East Handaxwood	West Calder	James Smith	03 Nov 1826
^John Black	Dec 1849	East Handaxwood	West Calder	Agnes Johnston	29 Nov 1926
^Janet Helen ('Jessie') Black	03 Jun 1852	East Handaxwood	West Calder	John Gentles	16 Aug 1924

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^Jemima Ronaldson Black	22 Jul 1854	East Handaxwood	West Calder	Thomas Forrest	13 Mar 1931
^Christina Black	19 Mar 1858	East Handaxwood	West Calder	unknown	29 Oct 1934
^James Smith Black	10 Jul 1861	East Handaxwood	West Calder	Mary Jane Griffen	4 May 1929 USA

As William held East Handaxwood for 50 years he is easily found on all census records.

CENSUS RECORD SHEET			
DISTRICT: West Calder, Midlothian			YEAR 1841
STREET East Handaxwood			
NAME	AGE	OCCUPATION	BORN AT:
William Black	45	farmer	Mid Lothian
Elizabeth Black	25		Scotland
Agnes Black	6		Mid Lothian
William Black	4		Mid Lothian
Jane Black	2		Mid Lothian
Alexander Black	6 mo		Mid Lothian
Catherine Thomas	20	female servant	Mid Lothian
Mary Walker	12	female servant	Scotland

The ordinance survey books tell us the property was occupied by William Black and was around 50 acres, the property of Mr Haer (who may have been the factor). By 1861 we can see William was leasing 100 acres.

CENSUS RECORD SHEET				
DISTRICT: West Calder Edinburgh				YEAR 1861
STREET: East Handaxwood				
NAME	DESIG	Age	OCCUPATION	BORN AT:
William Black	Head	62	farmer 100 acres arable	West Calder
Elisabeth Black	wife	49	wife	Whitburn
Agnes Black	daughter	26		West Calder
Alexander Black	son	20		West Calder
Mary Ann Black	daughter	16		West Calder
Margaret Black	daughter	14		West Calder
John Black	son	11		West Calder
Janet Black	daughter	8	scholar	West Calder
Jemima Black	daughter	6	scholar	West Calder
Christina Black	daughter	3		West Calder
Alexander Steel	grandson	5	scholar	West Calder

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CENSUS RECORD SHEET				
DISTRICT: West Calder Edinburgh				YEAR 1871
STREET: East Handaxwood				
NAME	DESIG	Age	OCCUPATION	BORN AT:
William Black	Head	72	farmer 100 acres Arable	West Calder
Elizabeth Smith Black	wife	59	wife	Whitburn
Alexander Black	son	30	prentsman	West Calder
Mary Ann M Black	daughter	26		West Calder
Margaret S Black	daughter	26	domestic at home	West Calder
John Black	son	21	domestic at home	West Calder
Janet Ellen Black	daughter	18	scholar dressmaker	West Calder
Jemima B Black	daughter	16	domestic at home	West Calder
Christina Black	daughter	13	scholar dressmaker	West Calder
James Black	daughter	9	shop hand	West Calder

Despite showing his occupation as retired farmer, William was still living at East Handaxwood in 1881. He was the farmer who was accused of watering his milk and a report was found in the *Edinburgh Evening News*, 25 August 1880 confirming this.

William Black, dairyman, Handaxwood, West Calder, was fined 5s and costs, with the alternative of one week's imprisonment, for having in his possession a beam and scales 2½ ounces off the balance against the purchaser, and also three small milk measures which were unstamped.—James Wiseman, dairyman, Rashie-

CENSUS RECORD SHEET				
DISTRICT: West Calder Edinburgh				YEAR 1881
STREET: East Handaxwood				
NAME	DESIG	Age	OCCUPATION	BORN AT:
William Black	Head	83	retired farmer	West Calder
Elizabeth S Black	wife	69	wife	Whitburn
Mary A M Black	daughter	36	dressmaker	West Calder
Jemima R Black	daughter	24	dressmaker	West Calder
James Black	son	19	joiner	West Calder
Marian Russell	lodger	59	tramp	Cambusnethan

William and Elizabeth finally left the farm and moved to Rashierigg Cottage, Longridge. East Handaxwood was taken over by William's second cousin, once removed, Richard Black.

DEATH AND BURIAL

William died on 8 April 1884,

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BLACK.—At Rashierig Cottage, Longridge, on the 8th inst., William Black, aged 86 years (late of East Handaxwood).—Friends omitted kindly accept of this intimation.

Hamilton Advertiser.

William Black	1884	Mr 86	William Black			1884
Black	April		Farmer	Old Age	William B. Black	April 8 th
Birth		years (Deceased)			Nephew	at Whitburn
Farmer	8 th 12.00. A.M.		Jane Black	As certified by	(Present)	James Ballantyne
Married to	Rashierig Cottage		Mr L. Cleland	James F. McGill		Registrar
Elizabeth Smith	Whitburn		(Deceased)	Surgeon		

Death certificate – William Black.

BLACK, William,

Value of Estate, £358, 2s. 8d.

2 October. — Confirmation of William Black, sometime Farmer, East Handaxwood, Parish of West Calder, thereafter residing at Longridge, Parish of Whitburn, County of Linlithgow, who died 8 April 1884, at Longridge, testate, granted at Linlithgow, to Catherine Jemima Ronaldson Black, Rashierigg Cottage, Longridge, his daughter, Executrix nominated in Will or Deed, dated 12 May 1883, and recorded in Court Books of Commissariat of Linlithgow, 30 September 1884.

Probate – William Black.

Elizabeth died on 1 November 1887. Both were buried at West Calder.

BLACK.—At Rashierig Cottage, Longridge, on November 1st, 1887, Elizabeth Smith Black, aged 75 years, relict of William Black (formerly of East Handaxwood).—Friends omitted accept of this intimation.

Hamilton Advertiser.

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
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.
Elizabeth Black	1887. November First	F	75	Alexander Smith Farmer	Old Age. Chronic Bronchitis 8 days	William Black	1887. November 2 nd at Whitburn
	2 nd 4.50. A.M.		years (Deceased)			Son	James Ballantyne Registrar
Widow of William Black	Longridge			James Smith	As certified by		
Farmer	Whitburn			Mr L. Senior	James F. McGill		
				(Deceased)	Surgeon		

Death certificate – Elizabeth Black – nee Smith.

SON-2.1-WILLIAM BLACK AND JEAN CLELAND



William Black & Elizabeth Smith
Erected by
William Black and Elizabeth Smith
East Handaxwood
in memory of their son
Alexander
Robbed of Life by a passing train
December 13th 1873 aged 33 years
and of their daughter
Mary
who died Feb 22 1882
and the above
William Black
died April 3 1884 aged 86 years
Elizabeth Smith
died November 1st 1887 aged 75 years
Agnes Black
eldest daughter to William Black and wife
of Daniel Rodger
died Jun 30 1912 in her 78th year
their son John
(Breich Water Poet)
died November 29th 1926 aged 77 years

West Calder cemetery. Note William died 8 April not the 3 April.

JAMES BLACK AND MARGARET PRENTICE

**Residence - Blackburn, West Calder
Turniemoon, West Calder
Brucefield, West Calder**

James, third Westburn, or Blackburn, son, married **Margaret Prentice**. After being some time at Blackburn and at Addiewell, he spent the remainder of his years at Turniemoon, near West Calder. ...

William and John were the sons of the family, the six daughters being Janet, Jane, Margaret, Agnes, Elizabeth, Helen, all of whom were married. Two of the number are still wonderfully hale, the others being now deceased.

JAMES BLACK

James was born on 7 May 1800 at Westburn.

MARGARET PRENTICE

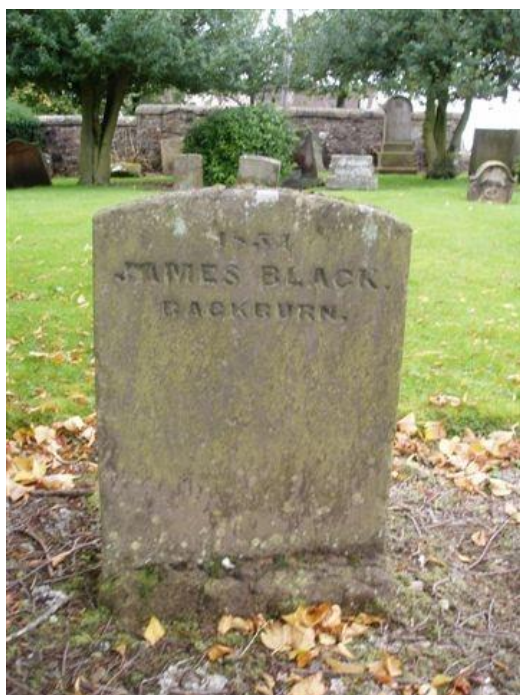
Margaret, the daughter of John Prentice and Janet Rennie, was baptised in Whitburn on 2 May 1802.

MARRIAGE AND CHILDREN

James and Margaret married on 16 November 1823 in West Calder. The first of their children were born in Whitburn and the remainder in West Calder.

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CHILDREN	BIRTH/BAP	BIRTHPLACE	PARISH	MARRIED	DEATH/BUR
*James Black	abt 1824		Whitburn	-	abt 1838
^Janet Black	02 Jun 1825		Whitburn	Edward Hunter	26 Nov 1905
^Jean (Jane' Black	28 Apr 1828		Whitburn	unknown then James Lockerbie	04 Nov 1887
^Margaret Black	abt 1831	Kirkhill	West Calder	John McFarlane	08 Apr 1878
^William Black	abt 1833	Kirkhill	West Calder	Helen Dickson	08 Aug 1901
^Agnes Black	21 May 1835	Kirkhill	West Calder	unknown then Patrick Grant	01 May 1908
^Elizabeth Black	25 Mar 1838	Backburn	West Calder	Thomas Dick	30 Aug 1922
^Helen (Ellen) Black	abt 1841	Backburn	West Calder	Alexander Smith	09 Aug 1910
^John Black	abt 1843	Backburn	West Calder	Janet Calder then Alison Anthony	08 Oct 1924



The West Calder Parish Records have a list of 'Male heads of families 1834' and James was listed as dwelling in Kirkhill, still located today in Addiewell. The document was then updated to show the address change to Backburn. A lonely grave at Whitburn Church says only '183? James Black Backburn'. With no sons in JB's list by the name of James for this family, we believe this could be James and Margaret's eldest child born around 1824 and therefore unknown to JB.

Whitburn Church burial ground.

The 1841 census confirms the move to Backburn.

CENSUS RECORD SHEET			
DISTRICT: West Calder, Midlothian			YEAR 1841
STREET Backburn			
NAME	AGE	OCCUPATION	BORN AT:
James Black	40	farmer	Midlothian
Margaret Black	39		Scotland
William Black	8		Scotland

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Janet Black	16		Scotland
Jean Black	13		Scotland
Margaret Black	10		Midlothian
Agnes Black	6		Midlothian
Elisabeth Black	3		Midlothian

In 1851 there were three grandchildren; Daniel, we know belonged to Margaret, but she wasn't in the house that night and James was probably her child as well. Five month old Margaret was however 22 year old Jane's child to an unknown father.

CENSUS RECORD SHEET			
DISTRICT: West Calder, Midlothian			YEAR 1851
STREET Blackburn			
NAME	AGE	OCCUPATION	BORN AT:
James Black	51	farmer of 40 acres	West Calder
Margaret Black	49	farmers wife	Whitburn
Jane Black	22	farmers daughter	Whitburn
William Black	18	farmers son	West Calder
Elizabeth Black	13	farmers daughter	West Calder
Helen Black	11	farmers daughter	West Calder
John Black	7	farmers son	West Calder
James Black	2	grandson	West Calder
Daniel Black	1	grandson	West Calder
Margaret Black	5 Mo	granddaughter	West Calder

It wasn't until 1861 we found the family at Turniemoon, but Margaret was absent from the house as she was staying with her daughter Jane Lockerbie in Edinburgh. James and Margaret were still at Turniemoon in 1871. Daniel Black, the boarder, was actually their grandson found ten years earlier.

CENSUS RECORD SHEET				
DISTRICT West Calder, Midlothian				YEAR 1871
STREET: Turniemoon				
NAME	DESIG	AGE	OCCUPATION	BORN AT:
James Black		70	farmer of 60 acres	West Calder
Margaret Black	wife	68	employing 1 man 1 boy two woman	Whitburn
John Smith	servant	18	ag lab	West Calder
Mary Taylor	servant	23	dairymaid	West Calder
Margaret Taylor		9 Mo		West Calder
Margaret Crighton	servant	19	ag lab	Slateford
Daniel Black	boarder	21	railway lab	West Calder
James French	visitor	55	hostler	Whitburn

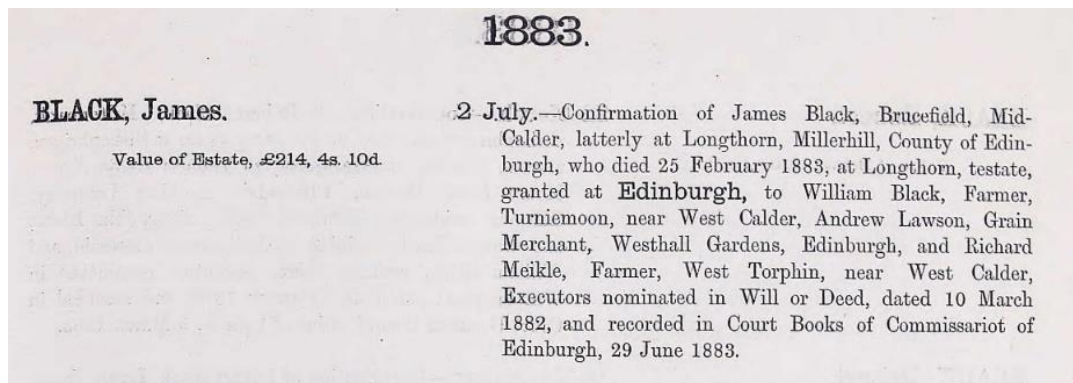
SON-2.1-WILLIAM BLACK AND JEAN CLELAND

James and Margaret moved to Brucefield near Livingstone when they retired.

CENSUS RECORD SHEET				
DISTRICT: Mid Calder, Midlothian				YEAR 1881
STREET: Brucefield				
NAME	DESIG	AGE	OCCUPATION	BORN AT:
James Black	Head	80	retired farmer	West Calder
Margaret Black	wife	78	retired farmers wife	Whitburn
Margaret Dick	granddaughter	19	visitor	Mid Calder
Janet Millar	servant	53	housekeeper	Whitburn

DEATH AND BURIAL

Margaret died on 31 December 1882 and James died on 24 February 1883. Both are buried at West Calder.



Probate - James Black.

West Calder cemetery.



**Erected By
William And John Black
In Memory Of Their Mother
Margaret Prentice
Who Died 21 December 1882
Aged 80 Years
Also Their Father
James Black
Who Died 24 February 1883
The Above William Black
Died At Broxburn
8th August 1901 Aged 68 Years
And His Wife Helen Dickson
Died At Turniemoon
3 April 1887 Aged 52 Years**

SON-2.1-WILLIAM BLACK AND JEAN CLELAND

AGNES BLACK

William... His wife, Jane Cleland, became the mother of ... five daughters, viz., ...
Agnes....

Agnes, born around 1802, had no known marriage and died on 3 March 1865 in West Calder.

JANET BLACK

William... His wife, Jane Cleland, became the mother of ... five daughters, viz., ...
Janet

According to her death certificate, Janet was born around 1803 and she never married. In 1841 she was living with her mother and in 1871, her brother John provided her with a home.

DEATH AND BURIAL

Janet lived to the age of 84 and died at Longridge in 1887. Her sister Helen's son-in-law, James Forbes was the informant.

Janet	1887,	F	84	John Black	Senile Decay		1887,
Black	October			Farmer	Parious		October 26 th
Out-door Worker	Twenty-fifth			(Deceased)	Foster	James Forbes	at Whitburn.
	Th. 50 th C. 9 th .					Nephew-in-law	
Single	Longridge			Janet Black	As certified by	Present	James Galloway
	Whitburn			M. S. Cleland	W. B. Petre		Regist.
				(Deceased)	9 th B. C. 9 th .		

Death certificate – Janet Black.

FOURTH GENERATION

CHILDREN OF JOHN BLACK AND AGNES BLACK

JANET BLACK AND JAMES STEEL

Residence - Falla Mill, Fauldhouse, Whitburn, West Lothian

His kindly regard for James Steel, of Falla Mill, a sister's son, was subject of common remark for years afterwards. It was equally evident that the kindness of the uncle was not lost on the nephew, for, from being a modest carrier, he became a successful miller and victual dealer.

JANET BLACK

Janet was born on 22 July 1825 at Blackburn, West Calder.

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JAMES STEEL

The above extract from *Melodies and Memories* actually applies to this James Steel's father, who had married Barbara Black (but was no apparent relation). The son we are discussing was born on 24 March 1826 at West Calder.

MARRIAGE AND CHILDREN

The couple were second cousins and had married on 11 June 1849. Of the seven children there were only two daughters; each named after a grandmother.

CHILDREN	BIRTH/BAP	PARISH	MARRIED	DEATH/BUR
*James Steel	1850	Whitburn	Janet Wyper	06 Aug 1901
*John Steel	abt 1852	Whitburn	Jane Storry	1924
*Agnes Black Steel	abt 1854	Whitburn	-	15 Nov 1874
*Andrew Steel	28 Sep 1856	Whitburn	-	30 May 1928
*William Steel	25 Oct 1859	Whitburn	-	21 Apr 1898
*Alexander Steel	05 May 1863	Whitburn	-	15 Sep 1865
*Barbara Black Steel	18 Mar 1866	Whitburn	William Stevenson	12 Jun 1941

It was this James that was the victual dealer on the 1851 census and a grain dealer in 1861 (occupations also identified by JB).

CENSUS RECORD SHEET				
DISTRICT Whitburn, West Lothian				YEAR 1851
STREET: Craighead				
NAME	DESIG	AGE	OCCUPATION	BORN AT:
James Steel	Head	23	victual dealer	West Calder
Janet Black	wife	25		West Calder
James Steel	son	1	scholar	Whitburn

CENSUS RECORD SHEET				
DISTRICT Whitburn, West Lothian				YEAR 1861
Street: Cairneyhead Cottage				
NAME	Desig	AGE	OCCUPATION	BORN AT:
George [James] Steel	Head	35	grain dealer	West Calder
Janet Steel	wife	35		West Calder
James Steel	son	11	scholar	Whitburn
John Steel	son	9	scholar	Whitburn
Agnes Steel	daughter	6	scholar	Whitburn
Andrew Steel	son	4		Whitburn
William Steel	son	1		Whitburn

Falla Mill fell out of the Steel family due to financial problems and so we don't find this family living here for long. By 1871 they were living at Craighead, Fauldhouse and in 1891 sons Andrew

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and William were still living at home. A death notice for 'Agnes, eldest daughter of James Steel Falla Mill' appeared in the *Falkirk Herald* and stated that she had died on 14 November (not 15th) at Craighead Cottage, Whitburn,

DEATH AND BURIAL



James and Janet were buried at Whitburn.

To the memory of James Steel, Falla mill, Fauldhouse, died 3rd Dec 1903 aged 77 years. His wife Janet Black died 5th May 1899, aged 72 years. Their family Alexander died 15th Sep 1866, Agnes died 15th Nov 1874, William died 21st April 1898 Andrew died 30th May 1928.

MARGARET BLACK AND GEORGE MACKIE

... John ... married to his cousin, Agnes Black, Starryshaw. To this couple were born, at Blackburn, four daughters **Margaret**

MARGARET BLACK

Margaret was born or baptised on 28 April 1827 at Blackburn, West Calder.

GEORGE MACKIE

The census indicates George was born around 1829 at Whitburn and his death certificate states his parents were William Mackie and Janet Davidson.

MARRIAGE AND CHILDREN

They married on 31 December 1852 at Whitburn and we found six children.

CHILDREN	BIRTH/BAP	PARISH	MARRIED	DEATH/BUR
*Agnes Mackie	abt 1854	Kirkliston	William Grant	21 Apr 1883
*William Mackie	14 Nov 1855	Kirkliston	Mary Downie	21 May 1930
*Janet Mackie	22 May 1859	Kirkliston	-	18 Jun 1881
*Margaret Mackie	30 Mar 1862	Kirkliston	-	03 May 1869
*John Mackie	09 Oct 1864	Kirkliston	Janet Rae	aft 1943

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				England?
*Mary Mackie	11 Aug 1868	Bo'ness	David Wallace	1938

DEATH AND BURIAL

George died in 1906 at Fauldhouse and Margaret on 11 April 1915 at West Calder.

George Mackie	1906, March 26 th	Age 78	William Mackie	Exhaustion	1906, March 26 th
Place of Birth	Starryshaw	Place	Starryshaw	Place	Starryshaw
Plakelayer	10th Ave. A.M.		Decend	Exhaustion	John Mackie, Son
Married to	Groffthead		Janet Mackie	as held by	Registrar
Margaret Black	District of		M. S. Davidson	L. Grant Ogilvy	
	Fauldhouse		Decend	M. S.	

Death certificate – George Mackie.



Erected by the family in loving Memory of their Father
 George Mackie,
 Beloved Husband of
 Margaret Black,
 Died 26 March 1906 aged 78 years.
 Also their Children
 Margaret Mackie Died 3 May 1869 aged 7 years,
 Janet Mackie Died 18 June 1881 aged 22 years,
 Agnes M Grant, Died 21 April 1883 aged 28 years,
 The above Margaret Black Died 11 April 1915 in her 88th year.
 Fauldhouse Cemetery.

AGNES BLACK AND RICHARD BLACK

... John ... married to his cousin, Agnes Black, Starryshaw. To this couple were born,
 at Blackburn, four daughters ... **Agnes** ...

See Son-3 William Black and Janet Wallace, but the descendants for this family show on both trees.

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ELIZABETH BLACK AND WILLIAM CALDER

... John ... married to his cousin, Agnes Black, Starryshaw. To this couple were born,
 at Blackburn, four daughters ... and **Elizabeth**

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ELIZABETH BLACK

Elizabeth was born on 6 July 1831 at Blackburn, West Calder.

WILLIAM CALDER

William was the second member of his family to marry a Black. He was born in Whitburn on 24 January 1832 to James Calder and Margaret Robb.

MARRIAGE AND CHILDREN

The marriage took place on 2 January 1853 at Whitburn. Seven children were found.

CHILDREN	BIRTH/BAP	PARISH	MARRIED	DEATH/BUR
*James Calder	1854	Uphall	Ann Grace Erskine Mathieson	aft 1891
*John Calder	23 May 1857	Uphall	-	17 Jan 1863
*William Calder	12 Apr 1859	Uphall	Elizabeth Jane Kiel	10 Apr 1914
*Agnes Black Calder	11 Sep 1861	Uphall	George Black	18 Jan 1947
*John Calder	09 Jan 1864	Whitburn	Jemima Buchanan Reekie	aft 1937
*Richard Calder	08 May 1867	Whitburn	-	24 Dec 1869
*Alexander Calder	19 Nov 1870	Whitburn	Isabella Penman	1909

The family moved to Auchterderran where he was a land steward but by 1901 William was a colliery wright.

DEATH AND BURIAL

William died in Fife in 1915 aged 83.

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1915. DEATHS in the District of Auchterderran in the County of Fife.

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.
58	William Calder. Retired Colliery Worker. (Married to Elizabeth Black)	1915. June. Fife. about 10.0 am. Johnston's Buildings Cardenden	M.	83 years	James Calder. Farmer. (Deceased) Margaret Calder. Mrs. Robb. (Deceased)	General. Haemorrhage. as certified by A. Walker M.B. Ch.B.	John Calder. Son. 1 West Cottages Bewhill	1915. July 1. at Bewhill. Jacob Henderson. Registrar.

Death certificate – William Calder.

Elizabeth died at the age of 84 on 23 November 1916 in Fife.

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Elizabeth Calder.	1916.	7	81 years	William Black.	Influenza 6 days.	Jeanean Calder	1916.	14
	November			Janet.	Bronchitis.	Grandson.	November 24.	
	Thursday			(Deceased)	Cardiac Failure.	(Deceased)	at Bonhill.	
(Widow of William Calder.)	Johnston's Buildings			Agnes Black.	as certified by	30 Nineteenth Street	Johnston's	
Callings Grove	Leadloch.			at Bonhill.	A. Walker.	Bonhill.	Registrar.	
				(Deceased)	M.B.			

Death certificate – Elizabeth Calder nee Black.

WILLIAM BLACK AND JANET DONALD ROBB

**Residence - Fauldhouse, Whitburn
Leadloch, Cambusnethan**

William, married to **Janet Robb**, Haywood Mains, was afterwards farmer at Fauldhouse, and now at Leadloch. They have three sons John, James, and William, also seven daughters Mary, Agnes, Margaret, Janet, Elizabeth, Annie, and Dinah, the latter being the only one in the family unmarried.

WILLIAM BLACK

William was born on 17 August 1836 at Craighead and baptised at Whitburn.

William, Son of John Black,
and Agnes Black, spouses at Craighead
Black was born 17th August 1836 and baptised.

Parish baptism records - Whitburn, West Lothian.

JANET DONALD ROBB

Janet was born on 3 May 1839 at Carnwath, the daughter of James Robb and Mary Donald.

MARRIAGE AND CHILDREN

William and Janet married on 28 December 1860 in Carnwath.

On the 28 th Day	William Black	24	Craighead	Parish of	John Black	Alexander Rank
of December 1860			Parish of	Blackburn	Presbytery	at P. Minister
at Upper Haywood			Whitburn		Agnes Black	Blackburn-terrace
Edinburgh					Marion Anne Black	at P. Minister
Marriage of Mr. Black	Janet Robb	21	Upper Haywood	Parish of	James Robb	James Robb
on 28 th Dec 1860			Parish of	Edinburgh	Presbytery	at P. Minister
in a rooming house					Mary Robb	Marion Rank
of the W. P. of Carnwath					Anne Rank	at P. Minister
Church of Scotland						

above Marriage was Registered by me at Carnwath, on the thirty first day of December, 1860.

Marriage certificate – William Black and Janet Robb.

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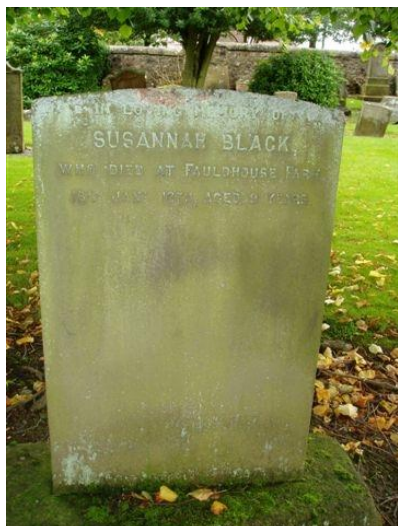
The 1861 census finds them at Craighead where William was a ploughman. Their eleven children were all born after this census.

CHILDREN	BIRTH/BAP	PARISH	MARRIED	DEATH/BUR
^John Black	07 Oct 1861	Whitburn	Jessie Sommerville then Grace Russell	28 Apr 1914
^Mary Donald Black	23 Feb 1863	Whitburn	Richard Cruickshanks Russell	09 Aug 1946
^Agnes Black	01 Sept 1864	Whitburn	William Mackie	18 Jul 1961
^Margaret Robb (Maggie) Black	21 May 1866	Whitburn	John Neilson	21 Feb 1952
^Janet Black	11 Oct 1867	Whitburn	John Scobbie	14 Jun 1952
*Susannah Black	02 May 1869	Whitburn	-	15 Jan 1879
^James Robb Black	24 Dec 1871	Whitburn	Marion C. Russell	21 Jan 1962
^Elizabeth Black	28 May 1873	Whitburn	John Buchanan	29 Aug 1961
^William Black	06 Jun 1875	Whitburn	Barbara Wiseman	1965 South Africa
^Susanna (Annie) Black	08 May 1880	Whitburn	John Robb	24 Dec 1956
^Richardina Jane (Dinah) Black	05 Jul 1882	Whitburn	William Hunter	22 Feb 1954

By 1871 William had his own farm at Fauldhouse.

CENSUS RECORD SHEET				
DISTRICT Whitburn, West Lothian				YEAR 1871
STREET: Fauldhouse				
NAME	DESIG	AGE	OCCUPATION	BORN AT:
William Black	Head	34	farmer of 80 acres of pasture	Whitburn
Janet Black	wife	31		Carnwath
John Black	son	9	scholar	Whitburn
Mary Black	daughter	8	scholar	Whitburn
Agnes Black	daughter	6	scholar	Whitburn
Mary R Black	daughter	4		Whitburn
Janet Black	daughter	3		Whitburn
Susan Black	daughter	1		Whitburn
2 servants				

SON-2.1-WILLIAM BLACK AND JEAN CLELAND



Little Susannah, aged one in 1871, had died by the time of the next census.

In Memory of Sussanah Black who died at Fauldhouse Farm 15/1/1879 aged 9y

By 1881 there was no requirement to have farm servants as four of their children were old enough to fulfil this role.

CENSUS RECORD SHEET				
DISTRICT Whitburn, West Lothian				YEAR 1881
STREET: Fauldhouse Farm				
NAME	DESIG	AGE	OCCUPATION	BORN AT:
William Black	Head	44	farmer of 80 acres	Whitburn
Janet R Black	wife	41		Carnwath
John Black	son	19	farm servant	Whitburn
Mary Black	daughter	18	farm servant	Whitburn
Agnes Black	daughter	16	farm servant	Whitburn
Margaret R Black	daughter	14	farm servant	Whitburn
Janet Black	daughter	13	scholar	Whitburn
James Black	daughter	9	scholar	Whitburn
Elizabeth Black	daughter	7	scholar	Whitburn
William Black	son	5	scholar	Whitburn
Susanna Black	daughter	10 m		Whitburn

By 1891, William and Janet had moved to Leadloch as stated in *Melodies and Memories* and their last child had been born.

CENSUS RECORD SHEET				
DISTRICT Cambusnethan Lanarkshire				YEAR 1891
STREET: Leadloch				
NAME	DESIG	AGE	OCCUPATION	BORN AT:
William Black	Head	54	farmer of 80 acres	Whitburn
Janet K Black	wife	51		Carnwath
Margaret R Black	son	24	dairymaid	Whitburn
Janet Black	daughter	23	general serv dom	Whitburn
James Black	daughter	19	farmer's son	Whitburn
Elizabeth Black	daughter	17	general serv dom	Whitburn
William Black	daughter	15	farmer's son	Whitburn
Susannah Black	daughter	10	scholar	Whitburn

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Richardina J Black	daughter	8	scholar	Whitburn
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By 1901 most had left home and Dinah (who was correctly Richardina) was shown as a male.

CENSUS RECORD SHEET				
DISTRICT Cambusnethan Lanarkshire				YEAR 1901
STREET: Leadloch Farm				
NAME	DESIG	AGE	OCCUPATION	BORN AT:
William Black	Head	64	farmer	Whitburn
Janet K Black	wife	62		Carnwath
Janet Black	daughter	33	dairymaid	Whitburn
Susannah Black	daughter	30	farm worker	Whitburn
Richard D Black	son	18	farm worker	Whitburn

The couple were married for over 50 years and JB wrote in the West Lothian Courier dated 31 December 1920 of the event – an extract of the article follows.

An event of this kind being altogether unusual, even in more populous communities, to have one here may be counted a feather in the cap of our outlying district in the moors. Moreover, Mr and Mrs Black having numerous descendants and friends in various countrysides, the matter is one of almost public interest. Their united ages count to 165.

As was told ten years ago, when the golden wedding was fittingly observed, Mr and Mrs Black were wed in the home of her aged father, Mr James Robb, Upper Haywood Farm, by Rev. Mr Banks, Braehead (now deceased), on December 28th, 1860. Mr Black's father was John of Craighead, a great-grandson of John of Busdyke, one of the first of the Blacks of Breich Water district, over 200 years ago. At Robertson Mains, where John, eldest son, now deceased, resided, are male and female representatives of the family; also at Fauldhouse Farm, James, with wife and family; and presently the youngest son of the elderly couple, William, is with his wife home on a visit from South Africa, and so affording much pleasure to all. The daughters—all married—are Mrs Russell, Mossie Farm; Mrs Mackie, Smithston; Mrs Neilson, Legbrannock; Mrs Scobie, Waterlands; Mrs Buchanan, Craigdonald, Coatbridge; Mrs Robb, Mosshall; and Mrs Hunter, Shirrel.

Excepting Mr Buchanan, the husbands are all farmers, and in all of the homes represented Mr and Mrs Black have grandchildren, a few of whom, also a few great-grand-children, have arrived since the golden wedding celebration, so that now the combined number is 43.

The aged friends were cordially congratulated on the noteworthy occasion, and a profusion of kind wishes expressed on their behalf by all.

The Chairman was cordially thanked, and the company duly dispersed towards their widely-spread homes with a plethora of pleasant memories. Mrs Gibson, Longridge; Miss Ogilvie and Mrs. Ogilvie and Gilchrist, Fauldhouse were among those who were present at the large and delightful family function.

SON-2.1-WILLIAM BLACK AND JEAN CLELAND

DEATH AND BURIAL

Janet died on 26 September 1927 in Janetta Cottage, Fauldhouse, West Lothian aged 88.

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1927. DEATHS in the District of Fauldhouse in the County of West 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 Attendance by whom certified.	Signature & Qualification of Informant, and Residence of out of the House in which the Death occurred.	When and where Registered, and Signature of Registrar.
88	Janet Donald Black	1927, September, 26. Janetta Cottage, Fauldhouse.	F.	88 years	James Robb (Deceased)	Janetta Robb (Deceased)	Ascertained by Robert Ritchie, M.D.	James Robb, Son, Fauldhouse.	1927, September 26th, at Fauldhouse.
	Married to William Black, Farmer (Deceased)	Janetta Cottage, Fauldhouse.			Harry Robb, (Deceased)	Janetta Robb (Deceased)	Ascertained by Robert Ritchie, M.D.	Robert Ritchie, M.D., Fauldhouse.	James Robb, Son, Fauldhouse.

Death certificate - Janet Donald Black, nee Robb.

BLACK, Janet Donald Robb or, Janetta Cottage, Crofthead, Fauldhouse, died 26 September 1927 at Fauldhouse, intestate. Confirmation Linlithgow, 5 December, to William Black, Janetta Cottage aforesaid, the husband. Value of Estate, £114: 1: 7.

Probate - Janet Donald Black, nee Robb.

William died on 1 November 1935 on Shirrell Farm in Bellshill, Lanarkshire.

180	William Black	1935, November 1st. 76. one ann. Shirrell Farm, Bellshill.	M.	99 years	John Black (Deceased)	Janetta Black (Deceased)	James Black, Son, Fauldhouse.	1935, November 1st, at Bellshill.
	Farmer				Robert Black (Deceased)	Janetta Black (Deceased)	Robert Black, Son, Fauldhouse.	
	Widower of Janet Donald Robb				James Black (Deceased)	Janetta Black (Deceased)	James Black, Son, Fauldhouse.	

Death certificate William Black.

A photo of their headstone at Whitburn was shown earlier.

RICHARD BLACK AND CATHERINE MOFFAT

**Residence - Cambusnethan
Craighead, East Whitburn**

Richard, second son of John of Craighead, lives with wife and family at East Whitburn. John, the eldest son, is about twenty years of age, the other sons being Walter Annan, and Richard. There are two daughters one married and one unmarried.

RICHARD BLACK

Richard was born at Craighead on 29 September 1840. He appears on each census living with his parents at Craighead, however in 1861, he was living with his sister Elizabeth Calder and her

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family. In 1881 the lease of Craighead must have passed to his brother-in-law James Steele, and he went to live with his sister Janet's family on his old family farm.

CATHERINE MOFFAT

Catherine was considerably younger than Richard having been born on 29 July 1863 to Richard Moffat and Ann McLean.

MARRIAGE AND CHILDREN

The couple married on 31 December 1885 at Carluke when Richard was 45 and Catherine 22. Seven children were found.

CHILDREN	BIRTH/BAP	BIRTHPLACE	PARISH	MARRIED	DEATH/BUR
^Agnes Black	14 Jul 1886	East Handaxwood	West Calder	Peter Taylor Reid	06 Jul 1961
^John Black	05 Oct 1888	East Handaxwood	West Calder	Mary Currie Robertson	13 May 1935 USA
^Annie McLean Black	31 Jul 1890	East Handaxwood	West Calder	Philip Dick	12 Feb 1971 Australia
^Walter Annan Black	07 Dec 1893		Fauldhouse	Helen Bannon	25 Dec 1952
^James David Black	10 Jul 1897		West Calder	-	23 May 1900
^Richard Black	01 Apr 1901		Cambusnethan	Janet McDonald Hardie	08 Dec 1955
^William David Black	02 Oct 1903		Whitburn	Elizabeth Dougan	28 Dec 1952

Richard took over the lease of East Handaxwood from an uncle and he was there in 1891.

CENSUS RECORD SHEET				
DISTRICT: West Calder, Midlothian				YEAR 1891
STREET: East Handaxwood				
NAME	DESIG	AGE	OCCUPATION	BORN AT:
Richard Black	Head	50	farmer	Whitburn
Catherine Black	wife	27	wife	Cambusnethan
Agnes Black	daughter	4		West Calder
John Black	son	2		West Calder
Annie Black	daughter	8 mth		West Calder
2 servants				

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In the next three years Richard must have fallen on bad times. Two further child were born; Walter and James; the later died in 1900. Richard left the farm and they were living in Cambusnethan at 33 Springhill Buildings. Richard was now an engine keeper at the coal pit.

CENSUS RECORD SHEET				
DISTRICT: Cambusnethan, Lanarkshire				YEAR 1901
STREET: 33 Springhill Buildings				
NAME	DESIG	AGE	OCCUPATION	BORN AT:
Richard Black	Head	60	engine keeper at pit	Whitburn,
Catherine M Black	wife	37	wife	Cambusnethan
Agnes Black	daughter	14		West Calder
John Black	son	12	scholar	West Calder
Annie Black	daughter	10	scholar	West Calder
Walter Black	son	7	scholar	Whitburn

DEATH AND BURIAL

The family then went to live in East Whitburn and Richard died in 1922.

DEATHS in the <u>District</u> of <u>Whitburn</u> in the <u>County</u> of <u>West Lothian</u>							
(1.)	(2.)	(3.)	(4.)	(5.)	(6.)	(7.)	(8.)
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.
<u>Richard Black</u>	<u>1922</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>John Black</u>	<u>Pneumonia (Venial)</u>	<u>Walter James Black</u>	<u>1922</u>
<u>Retired Engine Keeper</u>	<u>January</u>	<u>Widow</u>		<u>James</u>	<u>Idiosyncrasy</u>	<u>Son</u>	<u>January 31st</u>
	<u>Whitburn</u>			<u>(Deceased)</u>	<u>degeneration</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>at Whitburn</u>
	<u>8th to 9th PM</u>						
<u>Murdoch</u>	<u>2 Dalrymple Terrace</u>			<u>James Black</u>	<u>Infected by</u>		<u>William Black</u>
<u>Catherine Moffat</u>	<u>Whitburn</u>			<u>W. J. Black</u>	<u>Molt & Burns</u>		<u>Registrar</u>
	<u>Whitburn</u>			<u>(Deceased)</u>	<u>in p. ch. to</u>		
					<u>West Lothian</u>		

Death certificate - Richard Black.

STONEYBURN.

THE LATE MR RICHARD BLACK.—As was told of in last week's "Courier" there has passed from this life one who it is seemly to commemorate. Born at his father's farm, Craighead, on the extreme southern verge of West Lothian, while still comparatively young he succeeded his Uncle William as farmer at East Handaxwood, just across Breich Water from Craighead, and near to Breich Station. After some time, being an adaptable man, he became a capable winding engineman near Shotts, afterwards continuing that occupation. Many years ago he removed to East Whitburn, and only about two years past went to live near to the Breich Water of his boyhood. Mrs Black and part of the family are there. One son is in America, and the second daughter is in Queensland busy and happy at farm life. Mr Black was a man of genial friendliness, quiet and diligent, consequently was respected and admired by those who knew him best.

West Lothian Courier - 10 February 1923.

Catherine died in 1939.

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Catherine Black	1939.	F	76	Richard Moffat	Arterio sclerosis	William Black.	1939.
	September		years	Coal Miner	Pulmonary	Don.	September 16 th
	fifteenth			(deceased)	Hypertasis		at Blackburn
Widow of Richard Black	11h. 50m P.M.			Ann Moffat	Ascert. by	20 Old Row	
single				Mrs. McLean	Alch. H. Murray	Stonyburn.	David M. G. H.
Colony, Englewood	27			(deceased)	M. B. Ch. B.		Registrar.
	Duthgate Road						
	Blackburn						

Death certificate – Catherine Black nee Moffatt.

CHILDREN OF HELEN BLACK AND JOHN THOMSON

... Mrs James Forbes, a daughter of Helen, is now living in Carluke.

JANE THOMSON AND JAMES FORBES

JANE THOMSON

Jane's birth around 1828 in West Calder was not found.

JAMES FORBES

According to the death index, James's mother was a Miss Elliot and all census records show he was born in England.

MARRIAGE

Jane and John married on 4 July 1854 in Barony, Glasgow. They had no children. Between 1861 and 1881 they lived in Blythswood where James was a postman. By 1887 they were in Fauldhouse as James was the informant on Jane's aunt's death certificate (Agnes Black).

James died in 1895 in Fauldhouse and Jane went to live with John and Margaret Muir. The clue to finding this family lay with JB telling us that Mrs James Forbes was now living in Carluke and we found her death there in 1911. She was buried in Whitburn.

1911. DEATHS in the Parish of Carluke in the County of Lanark.								
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.
19	Jane Forbes	1911. March Thirteenth	F.	83	John Thomson Farmer (deceased)	Cerebral Haemorrhage 14 Days	John Muir Occupier	1911. March 14 th at Carluke
	Widow of	7h. 30m. P.M.			Helen Thomson	ascert. by	Present	Jas. Graham
	James Forbes	Ardlee			Mrs. Black	Robert B. Barr		Registrar.
	(Postman)	Carlukie			(deceased)	M. B.		

Death certificate – Jane Forbes, nee Thomson.

CHILDREN OF WILLIAM BLACK AND ELIZABETH MCCONACHIE SMITH

AGNES BLACK AND DANIEL RODGER

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...The East Handaxwood daughters were **Agnes**....

AGNES BLACK

Agnes was born about 1834 at East Handaxwood.

ALEXANDER STEEL

Nothing is known of Alexander, the purported father of Agnes's first child.

CHILD

Living in Agnes's parent's household in 1861 was a grandchild Alexander Steel. His registration in West Calder in 1856 shows him as Alexander Steel Black but he didn't use Black after this.

CHILDREN	BIRTH/BAP	BIRTHPLACE	PARISH	MARRIED	DEATH/BUR
*Alexander Steel(e) (Black)	25 Dec 1855	East Handaxwood	West Calder	Jane Thomson Rodger	1918



DANIEL RODGER

Daniel was born on 8 October 1825. He firstly married Elizabeth Wallace and they had a number of children before Elizabeth died in 1862. His occupation was stone mason.

Agnes Black and Daniel Rodger – Meg Stenhouse collection.

MARRIAGE

Daniel and Agnes Black married at West Calder on 17 July 1863. Daniel was shown as a widower aged 37. Agnes was recorded as a spinster but her age of 29 was not listed. They had no apparent children. Agnes held the licence for the Black Bull in Carnwath for a period while they were married.

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MARRIAGES in the *Parish of West Calder* in the *County of Edinburgh*

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
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.
1863 On the seventeenth day of July at East Handaxwood Parish of West Calder After Banns according to the Form of the Minded Presbyterian Church	Signed Daniel Rodger Journeyman Mason Widower	37	Blackburn Parish of Livingstone	Thomas Rodger Provision Merchant deceased Agnes Rodger M. Forrest	Signed James Ronaldson Minister Livingstone Signed Alexander Black Widow William Black Widow	1863 August 17 at West Calder Registrar
	Signed Agnes Black Farm Servant Single		Widow Breich Parish of Livingstone	William Black Farmer Elizabeth Black M. Forrest		

Marriage certificate – Agnes Black and Daniel Rodger.

DEATH AND BURIAL

Daniel died on 23 June 1881 and Agnes died of senility on 30 June 1912 at Whitehill Farm, Bathgate. The informant was her son Alexander Steel.

1912. DEATHS in the *District of Bathgate* in the *County of Edinburgh*

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 Illness, 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.
85	Agnes Rodger Widow of Daniel Rodger Stone Mason	1912. June thirtieth 3h. on! P.M. Whitehill Farm Bathgate	F	77 years	William Black Farmer deceased Elizabeth Black M. Forrest deceased	Senility As cert. by M. Forrest M. Forrest M. Forrest	Alex Steel Son Farm post Bathgate Registrar	1912, July 1st at Bathgate Registrar

Death certificate- Agnes Black Rodger.

Agnes is commemorated on her parent's headstone. 'Agnes Black, oldest daughter of William Black and widow of Daniel Rodger died June 30, 1912 in her 76 year.'

WILLIAM BLACK AND ISABELLA FLEMING

William was farmer at Falla Hill, and next at Couch, until his death in 1894. To him and his wife, **Isabella Fleming**, were born four sons, William, John, Alexander, and James, also four daughters, of whom only the eldest, Mrs J. S. Waddell, is now alive

WILLIAM BLACK

William was born on 20 September 1836 at East Handaxwood, West Calder.

ISABELLA FLEMING

Isabella was born about 1835 in Avondale, Lanarkshire to John Fleming and Jane Steel.

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MARRIAGE AND CHILDREN

They married on 29 January 1858 at Whitburn. Nine children have been found.

CHILDREN	BIRTH/BAP	BIRTHPLACE	PARISH	MARRIED	DEATH/BUR
^William Black	11 May 1858	Breich Water Inns	West Calder	-	23 May 1875
^Jane Steele Black	24 Dec 1859	Breich Water Inns	West Calder	Alexander Anderson then James Waddell	27 Oct 1947
^John Fleming Black	20 Aug 1863	Fallahill	Whitburn	Grace Watt Russell	10 Apr 1934
^Elizabeth Smith Black	06 Oct 1866	Fallahill	Whitburn	Adam Bertram	23 Feb 1899
^Alexander Black	01 Jul 1868	Fallahill	Whitburn	-	28 Sep 1894 USA
^James Smith Black	27 Jul 1870	Fallahill	Whitburn	Bertha unknown then Annie Jane Hingley	1943 USA
^Isabella (Bella) Black	14 Sep 1873	Fallahill	Whitburn	-	01 Mar 1902 USA
^Agnes Fleming Black	06 Feb 1875	Fallahill	Whitburn	-	16 Jul 1887
Unnamed Black	8 Mar 1878	Couch	Whitburn	-	8 Mar 1878

In 1861 their address was Breich Water Inns in West Calder and William was described as a labourer and a grocer. By 1871 William was a farmer at Fallahill in Whitburn.

CENSUS RECORD SHEET				
DISTRICT: Whitburn, West Lothian				YEAR 1871
STREET: Fallahill				
NAME	DESIG	AGE	OCCUPATION	BORN AT:
William Black	head	34	farmer of 70 acres arable	West Calder
Isabella Black	wife	35	wife	Ainsdale
William Black	son	12	scholar	West Calder
Jane Steel Black	daughter	11		West Calder
John Black	son	7	scholar	Whitburn
Elizabeth Black	daughter	4		Whitburn
Alexander Black	son	2		Whitburn
James S Black	son	8mth		Whitburn
Plus 2 servants				

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By 1878 the family had moved to Couch Farm with an increased acreage of 92 acres but still in Whitburn.

DEATH AND BURIAL

William died in 1894 at his home.

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1894. DEATHS in the District of Whitburn in the County of Linlithgow

No.	Name and Surname (1.) Rank or Profession, and whether Single, Married, or Widowed.	When and Where Died. (2.)	Sex. (3.)	Age. (4.)	Name, Surname, & Rank or Profession of Father. (5.) Name, and Maiden Surname of Mother.	Cause of Death, Duration of Disease, and Medical Attendance by whom certified. (6.)	Signature & Qualification of Informant, and Residence, if out of the House in which the Death occurred. (7.)	When and where Registered, and Signature of Registrar. (8.)
46	<u>William Black</u> <u>Farmer</u>	<u>1894</u> <u>December</u> <u>Twenty-seventh</u> <u>Whitburn</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>58</u> <u>years</u>	<u>William Black</u> <u>Farmer</u> <u>(Deceased)</u> <u>Elizabeth Black</u> <u>Ms. L. Smith</u> <u>(Deceased)</u>	<u>Apoplexy</u> <u>of Brain.</u> <u>15 days</u> <u>certified by</u> <u>James F. McEld</u> <u>Surgeon</u>	<u>John F. Black</u> <u>Son</u> <u>(Present)</u>	<u>1894</u> <u>December 27</u> <u>At Whitburn</u> <u>James Galloway</u> <u>Registrar</u>

Death certificate- William Black.



Isabella remained at Couch Farm; her son John Fleming Black was living with her and identified as the farmer in 1901. Isabella died in 1904.

**Erected To The Memory Of William Black Farmer
Couch Who Died 27th Dec 1894 Aged 58
Also His Children**

William Who Died 23rd May 1875 Aged 17

Agnes Who Died 16th July 1887 Aged 12

**Alexander Who Died At Denver USA 28th Sep 1894
Aged 26**

Elizabeth Who Died 23rd Feb 1899 Aged 32

**Bella Who Died At Denver USA 1st March 1902 Aged
28**

**Also His Wife Isabella Fleming Who Died 26th Dec 1904
Aged 68**

John Fleming Black Who Died 10th April 1934 Aged 70

And His Wife Grace Watt Russell Died 25th Feb 1953 Aged 81

JEAN (JANE) BLACK AND JOHN ALLAN

Residence - East Handaxwood, West Calder

...The East Handaxwood daughters were ... **Jane**....

JEAN BLACK

JB referred to his aunt as Jane and she was born 26 September 1838.

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JOHN ALLAN

John was born 4 July 1842 in Cadder.

MARRIAGE AND CHILDREN

The couple married on 7 July 1865 at East Handaxwood.

CHILDREN	BIRTH/BAP	PARISH	MARRIED	DEATH/BUR
*Thomas Allan	22 Oct 1866	Glasgow	Betsy Fraser	09 Nov 1922
*William Allan	24 Mar 1868	Glasgow	Harriet Maud Gallant	06 Jan 1946 Australia
*Elizabeth Smith Allan	04 Jul 1871	Glasgow	-	09 Aug 1950
*Agnes Black Allan	08 Dec 1872	Whitburn	unknown	aft 1901
*Alexander Black Allan	04 Jun 1874	West Calder	unknown ³	unknown

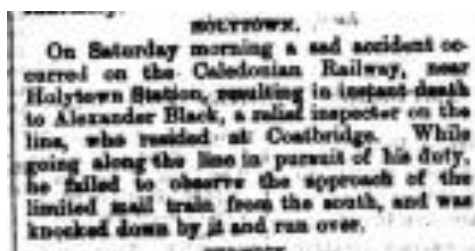
DEATH AND BURIAL

Jane died on Christmas Day 1884 at West Calder and John died on 09 December 1910. Both are buried at West Calder.

ALEXANDER BLACK

Alexander, second East Handaxwood son, at thirty-three years of age, and unmarried, met his death in 1873 on the C.R. railway at Holytown (old station) while acting as Relief Inspector.

Alexander, born 1840, is summarised well by JB and we can only add he was buried at West Calder and is commemorated on his parents headstone.



Greenock Telegraph - 15 December 1873.

ELIZABETH BLACK AND JAMES DAVIDSON

Residence - East Handaxwood, West Calder

...The East Handaxwood daughters were **Elizabeth**...

³ Two Alexander Allans born in Dalziel have caused confusion. We need further proof this one married Mary Scott and died in Canada.

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ELIZABETH BLACK

We find Elizabeth's birth on 2 February 1843.

*Elizabeth Davidson, nee Black.
Meg Stenhouse collection.*

JAMES DAVIDSON

James was born on 6 August 1841 in Whitburn.

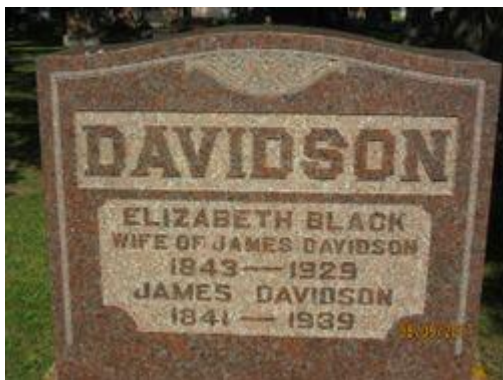
MARRIAGE AND CHILDREN

The couple married on 20 September 1880 in Grey, Ontario, Canada. James was 39 and Elizabeth 37 Did they elope? Two daughters were found.

CHILDREN	BIRTH/BAP	BIRTHPLACE	MARRIED	DEATH/BUR
*Mary Elizabeth Davidson	17 Mar 1882	Canada	Herbert Stanley Snider	23 Jan 1966 Canada
*Catherine M. Davidson	03 Nov 1885	Canada	-	28 Nov 1957 Canada

DEATH AND BURIAL

Elizabeth died on 5 February 1929 and James on 19 April 1938, both in Canada.



*Lakeview Cemetery
Meaford, Grey County, Ontario.*

MARY ANN MCCONACHIE BLACK

...The East Handaxwood daughters were ...**Mary**...

Mary, born around 1845 was a dressmaker. She never married and died 22 February 1882 at Rashierigg Cottage, Whitburn. Cause of death was joint consumption of the knee. Her brother John was the informant .

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Mary Ann McConchie Black	1882	4	37	William Black	Diarrhoea of the bowels		1882
	February			Harmer	in situ Consumption	John Black	February 23rd
Dressmaker	Twentieth Street		years	4 years		Brother	as Whithorn
Single	Rankin's Cottage			Elizabeth Black	As certified by		James Halliday
	Whithorn			W. S. Smith	James H. Whithorn		Register
				Surgeon	Admission		West Calder

Death certificate – Mary Ann McConchie Black.

MARGARET SMITH BLACK AND JAMES SMITH

...The East Handaxwood daughters were ... **Margaret**...

MARGARET SMITH BLACK

Margaret's birth was recorded as 3 November 1846.

JAMES SMITH

James was born on 2 April 1849 in Leith, His parents never married, and the case appeared in the paternity courts. His mother was named as Agnes McCall and his father as 'John Smith Junior, son of John Smith (Farmer), Skivo nr Mid Calder.' In 1851 James was a visitor in an Edinburgh home and was not found in 1861. By 1871 he was living with his father and stepmother Janet Rankin (Son-6) and hence was in the position to meet the extended Black family.

MARRIAGE AND CHILDREN

Margaret and James married on 28 June 1872 in Mid Calder.

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No.	(a) When, Where, and How Married.	(b) Signatures of Parties Rank or Profession, whether Single or Widowed, and Relationship (if any).	(c) Age.	(d) Usual Residence.	(e) Name, Surname, and Trade or Profession of Father. Name, and Maiden Surname of Mother.	(f) If a regular Marriage, Signatures of officiating Minister and Witnesses. If Irregular, Date of Contract, Deed of Declaration, or Sheriff's Warrant.	(g) When & Where Registered, and Signature of Registrar.
25	1872, on the Twentieth day of June at Handaxwood Mid Calder After Banns according to the Form of the Minister, Presbyterian Church	Signed James Smith Labourer Bachelor Signed Margaret Black House Servant Spinster	22	Leith Leith Mid Calder Handaxwood Mid Calder	John Smith Labourer Spinster William Black Farmer Elizabeth Black Wife of Smith	Signed James Rankin Minister Longridge Signed John Smith Witness Elizabeth Black Witness	1872, July 1 at Mid Calder James Register

Marriage certificate – John Smith and Margaret Black.

Eight children were identified.

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CHILDREN	BIRTH/BAP	PARISH	MARRIED	DEATH/BUR
*John Smith	23 Sep 1872	West Calder	-	29 May 1883
*William Alexander Smith	23 Mar 1874	West Calder	-	12 Jul 1883
*James Smith	04 Dec 1875	West Calder	Sarah Jamieson	05 May 1929
*Alexander Black Smith	02 May 1878	West Calder	Isobel Robb	21 Nov 1949
*Elizabeth Smith	12 Jul 1880	West Calder	-	10 Aug 1883
*John Smith	08 Oct 1884	Torpichen	Margaret Wylie	15 Jun 1950
*Jemima Black Smith	23 Dec 1886	Torpichen	-	8 Mar 1909
*William Black Smith	18 May 1889	Torpichen	Mary Leiper	04 Oct 1966

DEATH AND BURIAL

Margaret died on 3 November 1926 in Bathgate and James on 22 March 1928. Margaret is buried at West Calder.

SMITH James of North Couston **Bathgate** died 22 March 1928
at Leslie Fifeshire Confirmation of William Black Smith farmer
and James Wright writer. Sealed **London** 30 May.

Probate - James Smith.

JOHN BLACK AND AGNES JOHNSTON

**Residence - West Calder, Midlothian
Edinburgh, Midlothian
Shotts, ??**

John, third son of William, of East Handaxwood, with one daughter and one surviving son, reside in Glasgow. By means of his verses in local newspapers, he has directed not a little attention to his native district, to which he is ardently attached

JOHN BLACK

It is this John Black who we have to thank for *Melodies and Memories* so it was a surprise to find this man with occupations such as farm labourer, engineer's labourer, joiner and then an outfitter and jeweller. Writing poetry was obviously a hobby. He didn't make it obvious that he was writing about himself and didn't name his wife or children in his writings. He was born in December 1849. And we have found also the following extract detailing his life.

JOHN BLACK, author of many poems and prose sketches, came upon the stage of life just as the year of grace 1849 was drawing to a close. He is the eighth of a family of four sons and eight daughters, who were brought up at the farm of East Handaxwood, in Calder Parish, and near Fauldhouse, Linlithgowshire, the district which, as *Bentybrae*, he has sung and depicted with tenderness and fidelity.

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Mr Black comes of a rhyming family, one of his brothers and two of his sisters being capable of expressing their thoughts in verse.

When about twenty-three years of age, Mr Black commenced to contribute to the poet's corner of various newspapers and magazines. A large number of his pieces have appeared in *The Hamilton Advertiser*. After residing twelve years at Addiewell, Mr Black, with his wife and family, moved westward, exchanging a home on the banks of the Breich for one on the banks of the Kelvin.

Stalwart in physique, and upright in character, with a warm underglow of genial sentiment, Mr Black is indeed a typical Scot, and worthy the esteem in which he is held by a wide circle of acquaintances and friends.

AGNES JOHNSTON

Agnes the daughter of Clement Johnston and Mary Wilson was born on 21 September 1848 in Stirling.

MARRIAGE AND CHILDREN

They married on 27 July 1877 in West Calder and had five children but JB wrote that only two were alive when he published *Melodies and Memories*.

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.
1877, on the Twenty-seventh day of July at Breichside Kirk Bachelors	Signed John Black	27	East Hamilton	William Black Farmer	Signed James Johnston	1877, July 30 West Calder
After having according to the terms of the United Presbyterian Church	James Johnston Bachelor Signed Agnes Johnston Disputant Shewler	28	Breishide Kirkcaldy West Calder	Elizabeth Black M. L. Sawdle Thomas Johnston Farmer Mary Johnston M. L. Wilson	Signed James Black Witness Mary Johnston Witness	Thomas Johnston Registrar.

Marriage certificate – John Black and Agnes Johnston.

CHILDREN	BIRTH/BAP	PARISH	MARRIED	DEATH/BUR
*William Black	1878	West Calder	-	bef 1909
^Mary Wilson Black	1880	West Calder	Dugald Nichol	June 1928
*John Clement Black	1882	Addiewell	-	09 Nov 1885
*Alexander Black	1884	Addiewell	-	14 May 1891
^Clement Johnson Black	1888	Addiewell	Mildred Beryl Buckman	04 Sep 1963 England
^James Black	1890	Addiewell	-	20 Sep 1893

In 1881 and 1891 the family were living at 22 Stevenson Street, West Calder.

SON-2.1-WILLIAM BLACK AND JEAN CLELAND

CENSUS RECORD SHEET				
DISTRICT: Govan Lanarkshire				YEAR 1901
STREET: 44 Gibson St				
NAME	DESIG	AGE	OCCUPATION	BORN AT:
John Black	Head	57	outfitter & jeweller	West Calder
Agnes Black	wife	52	wife	West Calder
William Black	son	22	drapery traveller	West Calder
Mary W Black	daughter	20	teacher of English	West Calder
Clement J Black	daughter	12	scholar	West Calder

DEATH AND BURIAL

Agnes was the first to die in 1906. The family seemed to be living in an affluent part of Glasgow.

BLACK, Agnes Johnston or, 44 Gibson Street, Hillhead, Glasgow, died 16 January 1906, at Glasgow, intestate. Confirmation granted at Glasgow, 18 April, to John Black, 44 Gibson Street aforesaid, Executor dative *qua* husband. Value of Estate, £122, 15s. 7d.

Probate – Agnes Black, nee Johnston.

John later returned West Lothian and sadly developed dementia, dying at his daughter's house in Shotts on 29 November 1926 and was buried in his beloved West Calder and commemorated on his parent's headstone.

John Black	1926,	16	76	William Black.	Scouting.	D. Nichol.	1926,
	November		years	Farmer.	Resident		November 29 th
	Twenty Ninth			(deceased)	J. R. Moore Hall.	Son in law	at Shotts
Chapman (Retired)	8.1.30 m. A.M.			Elizabeth Black.	M. B. G. B.		
	10.			Mrs. Smith.		16.	off Calder.
(Widower of Agnes Johnston)	Hunter Place.			(deceased)		Don Record Crescent.	Registrar.
	Shotts.					Shotts.	

Death certificate – John Black.

Sir,

My Father, John Black, passed away here this morning at 8.30 o'clock. Aged 76 years.

The favour of your company to attend the funeral from here to the place of interment in West Calder Cemetery on Wednesday, 1st Dec., at 2 o'clock, p.m., will oblige,

Your most obedient servant,

Mary W. B. Nichol.

14 Hunter Place,
Shotts, 29th Nov., 1926.

*Funeral invitation – John Black.
James Gamble collection.*

JANET HELEN (JESSIE) BLACK AND JOHN GENTLES

...The East Handaxwood daughters were ...**Janet**...



JANET HELEN (JESSIE) BLACK

Jessie was born on 3 June 1852 at East Handaxwood.

*Janet Helen Gentles – nee Black.
Meg Stenhouse collection.*

JOHN GENTLES

John was born on 16 November 1852 at Shotts; he was a farmer. His father was James Gentles and his mother Margaret Liddell.

MARRIAGE AND CHILDREN

The marriage took place at West Calder on 20 August 1872. Seven possible children were found.

CHILDREN	BIRTH/BAP	PARISH	MARRIED	DEATH/BUR
*James Gentles	25 Nov 1872	West Calder	Margaret Prentice Gowans	23 Oct 1942
*William Alexander Black Gentles	06 Mar 1874	West Calder	Jane Smith Allardice	19 Dec 1958
*Elizabeth Smith Gentles	17 Jun 1877	Motherwell	Francis Harper	13 Sep 1920
*John Gentles	01 Aug 1879	Stonehouse	-	03 Feb 1883
*Margaret Liddle (Maggie) Gentles	11 Sep 1881	Stonehouse	Alexander Thomson	11 Dec 1964
*Janet Helen Black (Jessie) Gentles	30 May 1885	Stonehouse	Thomas Grant Dey	12 Nov 1960
*Duncan Campbell Gentles	07 Apr 1888	Stonehouse	-	01 Mar 1891
*John Gentles	04 Sep 1890	Stonehouse	-	30 Nov 1890
*Duncan Campbell Gentles	05 Jun 1893	Stonehouse	Jean Keith	2 Nov 1960

DEATH AND BURIAL

John died on 21 March 1915 at the Edinburgh Infirmary.

GENTLES, John, Farmer, Townhead Farm, West Calder, died 21 March 1915, at Edinburgh, testate. Confirmation granted at **Edinburgh**, 24 April, to Janet Helen Black or Gentles, Townhead Farm aforesaid, his widow, Residuary Legatee, and as such Executrix nominate under Will or Deed, dated 16 February 1915, and recorded in Court Books of Commissariat of Edinburgh, 23 April 1915. Value of Estate, £385, 8s. 6d.

Probate – John Gentles.

Janet lived until 16 August 1924. Both are buried at Whitburn.

JEMIMA RONALDSON BLACK AND THOMAS FORREST

...The East Handaxwood daughters were ... **Jemima Ronaldson** ...

JEMIMA RONALDSON BLACK

LONGRIDGE.

SOIREE AND PRESENTATION. — The Longridge United Presbyterian Church Sabbath School, held their annual soiree in the school-room on Friday evening under the presidency of the Rev. John Gibson, M.A. There was a large attendance of parents and friends. After partaking of tea, the chairman addressed the meeting on topics pertaining to the occasion. Miss Jemima Ronaldson Black, who had been for many years a teacher in the Sabbath School, was presented with a handsome work box on the occasion of her approaching marriage, and as a token of their appreciation of her services to the Sabbath School. The Rev. Mr Gibson made the presentation, and Mr Stevenson, Sabbath School superintendent, acknowledged the gift for Miss Black. The work box bore the following inscription:—"Presented to Miss J. R. Black, by Longridge U.P. Church Sabbath School, 1891." Addresses were delivered by Mr R. A. Stewart, Edinburgh, and Mr A. M. Gentles, M.A., Edinburgh. Recitations were given by Mr Stevenson, Longridge; Mr R. A. Stewart, Edinburgh; and Mr A. M. Gentles M.A., Edinburgh, and was greatly enjoyed by all present. Sacred solos were rendered by the Misses Geddes and Murray, in excellent style, and were warmly applauded. The church choir, under the leadership of Mr Wm. Sangster, gave a selection of anthems, at intervals, with great acceptance. Miss Giffen ably presided at the organ. The children also sang some beautiful hymns, conducted by Mr Stevenson. Prizes were distributed for good attendance at the Sabbath School. The usual votes of thanks were accorded, and a delightful evening's entertainment was brought to a close by a service of fruit to the children.

Jemima was born on 22 July 1854.


West Lothian Courier.

THOMAS FORREST

Thomas was born on 25 July 1847 at Whitburn. Thomas had been married before and had at least three children to his first wife.

MARRIAGE AND CHILDREN

This couple married on 20 March 1891 at Whitburn⁴.

CHILDREN	BIRTH/BAP	PARISH	MARRIED	DEATH/BUR
*Elizabeth Smith Forrest	01 Apr 1892	Calderhead	-	02 Mar 1956
*Thomas Forrest	07 Jun 1894	Calderhead	-	28 May 1918 Iraq 
*Helen Leckie Carrick Forrest	25 Feb 1897	Shotts	-	09 Jan 1980

In 1901, the two oldest were visiting their aunt Margaret Smith Black in Torphichen with their half sister Mary Forrest.

Special mention must be made of Thomas. A doctor and a Lieutenant in the Royal Army Medical Corps, he is buried (or commemorated) in the Baghdad North Gate War Cemetery. The 'Son of Thomas and Jemima Ronaldson Forrest, of "St. Aidan's," 59, Station Rd., Shotts, Lanarkshire. M.B., Ch.B. (Glasgow).'

⁴ The date is from their silver wedding anniversary in 1916.

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FORREST, Thomas, Jun., St. Aidan's, Shotts, Lieut., R.A.M.C., died 28 May 1918, in Mesopotamia, testate. Confirmation granted at **Airdrie**, 18 October, to Thomas Forrest and Jemima Ronaldson Forrest, St. Aidan's aforesaid, Executors nominated in Will or Deed, dated 29 August 1917, and recorded in Court Books of Commissariat of Lanark, 11 October 1919. Value of Estate, £275. 15s. 8d.

Probate - Dr Thomas Forrest.

DEATH AND BURIAL

Jemima and Thomas lived to learn the fate of their son as they died on 13 March 1931 and 1920 respectively.

FORREST, Thomas, Joiner, St. Aidans, Shotts, died 2 March 1920 at Glasgow, testate. Confirmation **Airdrie**, 16 July, to Elizabeth Smith Forrest, and Helen Leckie Carrick Forrest, St. Aidans aforesaid, Executrices. Will dated 16 September 1919 recorded **Airdrie** 7 July 1931. Value of Estate, £313:8:-.

Probate - Dr Thomas Forrest.



None of their children married and they are all buried (except for Thomas) at Shotts.

Shotts Kirk Cemetery

In loving Memory of Thomas Forrest

Beloved husband of

Jemima Ronaldson Black

Died 2 March 1920 aged 75 years

Their son Thomas Forrest M.B. Ch.B. Lieut. R.A.M.C

Died at Hillah Mesopotamia

28 May 1918 aged 23 years.

The above Jemima Ronaldson Black

Died 13 March 1931 aged 73 years

Their daughter Elizabeth Smith Forrest

Died 2 March 1956 aged 63 years

Also their daughter Helen Leckie Carrick Forrest

Died 9 Jan 1980 aged 82 years.

CHRISTINA BLACK AND ANDREW DAVIDSON

...The East Handaxwood daughters were **Christina**. Only the youngest of those daughters continues to live near Breich Water side.

CHRISTINA BLACK

Christina was born on 19 March 1858; she was the youngest of the eight daughters.

SON-2.1-WILLIAM BLACK AND JEAN CLELAND

ANDREW DAVIDSON

Andrew was born around 1850 at Whitburn. His father was Robert Davidson and his mother Catherine Russell

MARRIAGE AND CHILDREN

They married in 1885 and we found nine children.

CHILDREN	BIRTH/BAP	PARISH	MARRIED	DEATH/BUR
*Elizabeth Jemima Davidson	23 Mar 1886	Whitburn	William Neilson	16 Mar 1948 England
*Robert Davidson	08 May 1888	Whitburn	Janet Alison Ford Russell	18 May 1976 England
*Catherine Russell Davidson	05 Dec 1889	Whitburn	unknown	aft 1901
*Mary Davidson	01 May 1891	Whitburn	unknown	aft 1901
*Christina Black Davidson	Feb 1893	Whitburn	-	Sep 1893
*Williamina Black Davidson	1894	Whitburn	William Heugh Strang	12 Sep 1936
*Margaret Agnes Davidson	1896	Whitburn	-	13 Jul 1896
*Agnes Davidson	1897	Whitburn	-	31 Mar 1898
*Andrew Davidson	04 Feb 1899	Whitburn	Jenny Clark Robertson	22 Apr 1979

DEATH AND BURIAL

Andrew died in 1932 and Christina in 1934 in Bathgate. Both are buried at Whitburn.

DAVIDSON, Christina Black or, Gowanlea, 40 Muir Road, Bathgate, widow, died 29 October 1934 at Bathgate, testate. Confirmation Linlithgow, 30 January, to Wilhelmina Black Davidson or Strang, wife of William Heugh Strang, Painter, 52 Hopetoun Street, Bathgate, Elizabeth Davidson or Neilson, Overhill, Gilston, Harlow, Essex, Robert Davidson, Mozehall, Beaumont, Clacton-on-Sea, and the said William Heugh Strang, Executors. Will dated 1 July 1932 recorded Linlithgow 30 January 1935. Value of Estate, £1491: 1: 4.

Probate - Christina Davidson, nee Black.

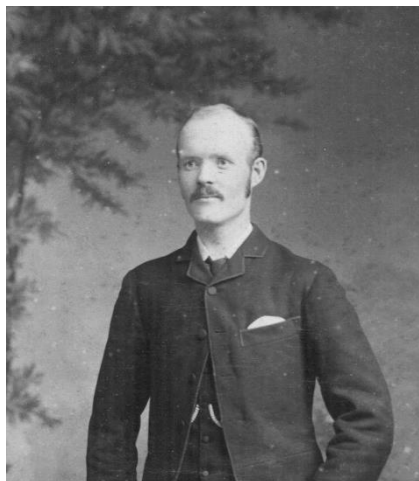
JAMES SMITH BLACK AND MARY JANE GRIFFEN

... **James**, fourth East Handaxwood son, with his wife and two daughters, live at Woodfords, near Portland, Maine, ...

JAMES SMITH BLACK

James the twelfth and last child was born on 10 July 1861. He immigrated to the United States around 1885.

James Smith Black	1861 July 20 th at Grand Gulch	William Black Farmer Elisabeth Black M S Smith	William Black Farmer Elisabeth Black M S Smith	1861 July 20 th at Grand Gulch
	Easter Hondanwood	1833 December 19 Breich Innes Hondanwood		Thomas Thomson Registrar



Birth certificate – James Smith Black.

James Smith Black.

Meg Stenhouse collection.

MARY JANE GRIFFEN

Mary Jane was born in England in 1863.

MARRIAGE AND CHILDREN

James and Mary Jane married in America on 24 December 1888. JB claims they had two daughters, but did they have different mothers? Dorinda was born in London and Louisa in America. It is likely James went to America and returned to take back Mary and Dorinda with him.

CHILDREN	BIRTH/BAP	BIRTHPLACE	MARRIED	DEATH/BUR
*Dorinda Mary Black	23 Aug 1893	London	James Arrington	14 Feb 1978 USA
*Louisa Hope Black	13 Feb 1905	USA	Ralph Coleman	20 Dec 1958 USA

DEATH AND BURIAL

Mary Jane died in 1928 and James on 4 May 1929, both in Massachusetts.

CHILDREN OF JAMES BLACK AND MARGARET PRENTICE

JANET BLACK AND EDWARD HUNTER

... James, third Westburn, or Blackburn, son, married Margaret Prentice... the six daughters being **Janet**...

JANET BLACK

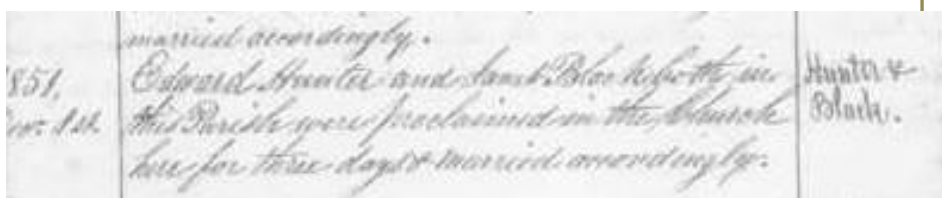
Janet was born on 2 June 1825 in Whitburn.

EDWARD (NED) HUNTER



Edward was from Kirknewton and born on 20 July 1823.
MARRIAGE AND CHILDREN

Janet and Edward married on 1 December 1851 in Livingston. Edward had a farm of around 190 acres known as Brucefield and employed a number of servants.



Parish marriage records – Livingston, West Lothian.

Seven children were found.

CHILDREN	BIRTH/BAP	BIRTHPLACE	PARISH	MARRIED ⁵	DEATH/BUR
*Margaret Hunter	04 Apr 1852	Brucefield	Mid Calder	Alexander Hamilton	14 Apr 1916
*Elizabeth Fleming Hunter	14 Aug 1853	Brucefield	Mid Calder	Robert Waugh Morton	18 Oct 1909
*William Hunter	13 Jun 1855	Brucefield	Mid Calder	Elizabeth (Eliza) Graham	aft 1901
*Alexander Hunter	14 Nov 1857	Brucefield	Mid Calder	unknown ⁶	29 Oct 1907
*John Hunter	14 Sep 1859	Brucefield	Mid Calder	Margaret Forgan Bisset	13 Dec 1921
*Edward Hunter	10 Nov 1861	Brucefield	Mid Calder	Joanna Wilson	02 Apr 1915
*Janet Black Hunter	01 Jul 1866	Brucefield	Mid Calder	-	15 Dec 1866

DEATH AND BURIAL

Janet died on 26 November 1905 and Edward on 3 April 1911, both at Kirknewton, where they were buried.

⁵ A grandchild named John Sorry/Storrie appears on several census records living with Edward and Janet. He was born in Mid Calder around 1872. It is not known how this relationship came about.

⁶ Not Jane Fleming, as in this household in 1901 'Mary Hunter, mother' was staying and Janet Black was alive and well elsewhere.

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HUNTER, Edward, retired Farmer, Raw Farm, Kirknewton, Midlothian, died 9 April 1911, at Raw Farm aforesaid, intestate. Confirmation granted at **Edinburgh**, 16 June, to Margaret Hunter or Hamilton, Raw Farm aforesaid, widow, his daughter, Executrix dative *qua* next of kin. Value of Estate, £25, 7s. 4d.

Probate - Edward Hunter.

JANE BLACK AND DAVID LOCKERBIE

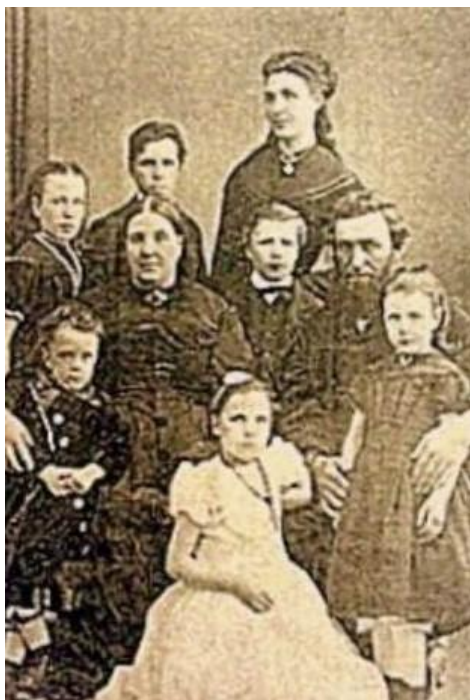
James, third Westburn, or Blackburn, son, married Margaret Prentice... the six daughters being ... **Jane** ...

JANE BLACK

Jane was born on 28 April 1828 and when she was 22, she had a child named Margaret Prentice Black to an unknown father. Margaret was raised by her grandparents.

CHILDREN	BIRTH/BAP	BIRTHPLACE	PARISH	MARRIED	DEATH/BUR
*Margaret Prentice Black	abt 1851	Turniemoon	West Calder	William Jackson then William Blair	25 Nov 1926

DAVID LOCKERBIE



David a master builder was born 5 May 1822 in Dumfries.

MARRIAGE AND CHILDREN

Jane and David married on 20 November 1855 in Glasgow.

*The Lockerbie family circa 1872 – at best guess.
Back row: Jemima Black Lockerbie, Robert Lockerbie,
Margaret Prentice Black.*

*Middle row: John Prentice Lockerbie, Jane Black,
Francis Lockerbie, David Lockerbie, Janet Rennie Black
(aka Jessie Grant),*

*Front: Jane Bell Lockerbie.
Brenna Concannon collection.*

CHILDREN	BIRTH/BAP	BIRTHPLACE	MARRIED	DEATH/BUR
*Robert Lockerbie	11 Apr 1856	Glasgow	Catherine Ruthven	17 Sep 1892 USA
*Jemima Black Lockerbie	30 Dec 1857	Edinburgh	George Slater	01 Nov 1900

SON-2.1-WILLIAM BLACK AND JEAN CLELAND

*Francis Lockerbie	13 Oct 1859	Edinburgh	-	12 Jun 1860
*Francis Lockerbie	02 Apr 1861	Edinburgh	Helen Reynolds	23 May 1939 USA
*Jane Bell Lockerbie	30 Jun 1863	Edinburgh	John Simpson Wilson	15 Mar 1834 USA
*John Prentice Lockerbie	23 Apr 1865	Edinburgh	Margaret Tait Houston	10 Apr 1914 Canada
*William Lockerbie	17 Oct 1867	Edinburgh	-	04 Feb 1869
*Janet Black Lockerbie	16 Sep 1868	Edinburgh	-	15 Mar 1869
*Janet Black Lockerbie	02 Apr 1870	Edinburgh	-	09 Jan 1871

In 1871 David was a master builder employing 30 men and ten boys but three years later he died. In 1881 the family was living at 10 Windmill Street, Jane is the head of the house and a greengrocer.

CENSUS RECORD SHEET				
DISTRICT: Edinburgh St Cuthbert's				YEAR 1881
STREET: 10 Windmill Street				
NAME	DESIG	AGE	OCCUPATION	BORN AT:
Jane Lockerbie	Head	52	green grocer	Whitburn
Robert Lockerbie	son	24	mason	Glasgow
Francis Lockerbie	son	20	joiner	Edinburgh
John Lockerbie	son	15	ship brokers clerk	Edinburgh
Margaret Lockerbie Jackson	daughter	30	housekeeper	Edinburgh
Jane Jackson	grd dau	5		Edinburgh
Mary Jackson	grd dau	4		Edinburgh
Jessie Grant	niece	18		West Calder
William Blair	boarder	28		Kirkintollock
Janet Gordon	servant	15		Bathgate

Margaret was Jane's daughter, born Margaret Prentice Black, Jessie was Janet Rennie Black (Agnes's daughter) and William Blair eventually married Margaret.

DEATH AND BURIAL

As already mentioned, David had died on 6 May 1874 in Dumfries.

David Lockerbie	1874	M 52	Robert Lockerbie	Pulmonary	Francis Lockerbie	1874
Mason	May 6	year	Farm	tuberculosis	Brother	May 6
	12 h 30 m P.M.		(Decoiled)	Two Years	(Present)	at Johnston
Margaret Black	Archwood		Jan. Lockerbie	cert. by		John Clark
Jan. Black	Mar. 1874		M. S. Bell	James Harbour		Registrar
	Barrheadland			M. B. C. M.		

Death certificate – David Lockerbie.

SON-2.1-WILLIAM BLACK AND JEAN CLELAND

Jane died on 4 November 1887.

LOCKERBIE, Jane Black or. Value of Estate, £634, 12s. 10d.	22 March. — Confirmation of Jane Black or Lockerbie, 24 Buccleuch Street, Edinburgh, who died 4 November 1887, at Edinburgh, testate, granted at Edinburgh , to Margaret Jackson, 24 Buccleuch Street aforesaid, widow, her daughter, John P. Lockerbie, residing there, her son, and Samuel Kelly Orr, Accountant, Edinburgh, Executors nominated in Will or Deed, dated 3 November 1887, and recorded in Court Books of Commissariat of Edinburgh, 21 March 1888.
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Probate – Jane Lockerbie, nee Black.

MARGARET BLACK AND JOHN MCFARLANE

James, third Westburn, or Blackburn, son, married Margaret Prentice... the six daughters being ... Margaret ...
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MARGARET BLACK

Margaret was born around 1831 at Kirkhill, West Calder.

JOHN MCFARLANE

John was born on 22 July 1831 in Lesmahagow to parents John McFarlane and Margaret Templeton.

MARRIAGE AND CHILDREN

In Margaret's case the children seem to have come before the marriage. To be fair James might not be her child, but it is likely, though he may have died before 1861.

CHILDREN	BIRTH/BAP	BIRTHPLACE	PARISH	MARRIED	DEATH/BUR
*James Black	abt 1849	Turniemoon	West Calder	-	bef 1861?
*Daniel McFarlane Black	1850	Turniemoon	West Calder	Helen Anthony	14 Nov 1934
*Thomas McFarlane	abt 1853	Turniemoon	West Calder	Helen Graham	16 Feb 1922

In 1851 James and Daniel were living with their grandparents but Margaret was not in the household. John and Margaret finally married on 11 December 1855 in West Calder. They both stated they were unmarried.

[illegible]

By 1861 there was no sign of John and Margaret living together and Daniel and Thomas were still living with James Black their grandfather. By 1871 the couple were together at Mid Calder but their children were not in the house; instead, we find Margaret caring for her niece Jessie Rennie Black.

Margaret died on 8 April 1878 at Dunbar.

On the 8th inst., at Bickside East Lodge, Dunbar, MARGARET BLACK, wife of JOHN M'FARLANE, and third daughter of James Black, Coxydoan, late of Turniemoon, West Calder. Friends omitted please accept this intimation.

The two sons, both born out of wedlock, chose to use different surnames; Daniel Black and Thomas McFarlane were, it seems full brothers. In 1881 they and their families were all living at 62 Grassmarket, Edinburgh, so despite choosing differing names the brothers were close.

James, third Westburn, or Backburn, son, married Margaret Prentice... **William** ... were the sons of the family...**William** died some years ago, survived by four sons James, William, David, John.

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SON-2.1-WILLIAM BLACK AND JEAN CLELAND

William was born around 1833 in West Calder.

HELEN (ELLEN) DICKSON

Helen was born on 7 December 1834. Her father was likely Alexander Dickson and her mother Margaret Lauriston.

MARRIAGE AND CHILDREN

We find their marriage on 27 November 1860 in West Calder, after the birth of their first child.

CHILDREN	BIRTH/BAP	PARISH	MARRIED	DEATH/BUR
^James Black	11 Sep 1860	Mid Calder	unknown	aft 1881
*Marion White Black	24 Jun 1862	West Calder	John Clarkson	12 Sep 1919
*Margaret Prentice Black	23 Dec 1863	Mid Calder	unknown relationship then James Haig	10 June 1933
^William Black	06 Dec 1865	Mid Calder	Agnes Anthony	10 May 1926
^David Black	17 Jul 1867	Mid Calder	Mary Fyfe Henderson?	aft 1909 Canada?
*Janet Black	12 Oct 1869	Mid Calder	William Clarkson	02 Aug 1953
^John Black	07 Oct 1871	West Calder	Janet Roy	aft 1906 Canada?
*Helen Dickson Black	21 Nov 1876	West Calder	Robert Atchison	03 Jan 1962

CENSUS RECORD SHEET				
DISTRICT: Mid Calder, Midlothian				YEAR 1871
STREET: Bellsquarry				
NAME	DESIG	AGE	OCCUPATION	BORN AT:
William Black	head	38	farm servant	West Calder
Helen Black	wife	37	wife	Linlithgow
James Black	son	10	scholar	West Calder
Marion White Black	daughter	8	scholar	West Calder
Margaret Black	daughter	7	scholar	West Calder
William Black	son	5	scholar	West Calder
David Black	son	3		West Calder
Janet Black	son	1		West Calder

DEATH AND BURIAL

Helen died at Turniemoon in 1887 and William was found living with his son William for a while. William died on 8 August 1901.

SON-2.1-WILLIAM BLACK AND JEAN CLELAND

William Black	1901	Oct 68	James Black	Thomas Black	James Black	1901
August	August	year	Harriet	Cardiac failure	son	August 9th
length	length		(deceased)	1 month	(? parent)	At
Parus	Rth. Bon. pair					Westburn
(Widow of)	Old woman		Margaret Rieck	Ascertained by	Westburn Rth. pair	R. M. Rieck
Robertson)	Westburn		Ed. D. Prentice	Alas. Kelso	brother-in-law	Registrar
upheld	upheld		(deceased)	Chas. R. Gell		

Death certificate – William Black.

William and Ellen are buried with William's parents in West Calder. A photo of the headstone was shown earlier.

AGNES BLACK AND PATRICK GRANT

James, third Westburn, or Blackburn, son, married Margaret Prentice... the six daughters being ... **Agnes** ...

AGNES BLACK

Agnes was baptised on 21 May 1835 at West Calder. She had a child registered as Janet Rennie Black in 1862. Agnes named the child after her grandmother Janet Rennie and we find the father named on *Ancestry* in Scotlands Select Births and Baptisms as Joseph Murray. The couple never married.

CHILDREN	BIRTH/BAP	PARISH	MARRIED	DEATH/BUR
Janet Rennie (Jessie) Murray	22 Jul 1862	West Calder	Eugene Charles Albert Scharrer	30 Jun 1950 England

In 1871, young Janet was recorded by the enumerator as Janet Rennie rather than Janet Black and she was living with her Aunt Margaret McFarlane. By 1881 Jane, now known as Jessie Grant, was living with her Aunt Jane Lockerbie and she remained with this family until 1891 when she was recorded as a 28-year-old dressmaker.

PATRICK GRANT

Patrick consistently gave his birthplace as Aberlour, Banffshire, but not his birthdate. One tree identifies his birth on 7 November 1807 in Aberlour and it is likely he had been married previously.

MARRIAGE

Agnes and Patrick married on 8 April 1869 at West Calder when Patrick was around the age of 61 and Agnes 34.

SON-2.1-WILLIAM BLACK AND JEAN CLELAND

At Turniemoon, on the 8th inst., by the Rev. Wm. Learmonth, Patrick Grant, gardener, Westwood, to Agnes Black, fourth and last unmarried daughter of James Black, farmer, Turniemoon, by West-Calder.

Falkirk Herald and Linlithgow Journal.

They don't appear to have had any children.

DEATH AND BURIAL

Agnes died on 1 May 1908 and Patrick in 1894. They were buried at West Calder. It is noticeable that the headstone states 'In ever loving memory of my mother' but the daughter's name isn't mentioned. Janet Rennie Black never appeared to have lived with her mother Agnes Grant, and by the time of Agnes's death she was married and living in England.



Patrick Grant/Agnes Black
Sacred to
the memory of
my loving husband
Patrick Grant
who died 31st October 1894
aged 85
"I shall be satisfied when I awake"
In ever loving memory
of my mother
Agnes Black
the wife of above
died 1st May 1908

"peace perfect peace"

GRANT, Agnes Black or, Station Road, Biggar, died 1 May 1908, at Park Place, Biggar, testate. Confirmation granted at Lanark, 23 October, to Janet Rannie Grant or Sharrer, Little Combe Bank, Sundridge, Sevenoaks, Kent, Executrix nominated in Will or Deed, dated 21 December 1897, and recorded in Court Books of Commissariat of Lanark, 21 October 1908. Value of Estate, £474, 11s. 10d.

Probate - Agnes Grant nee Black.

ELIZABETH BLACK AND THOMAS DICK

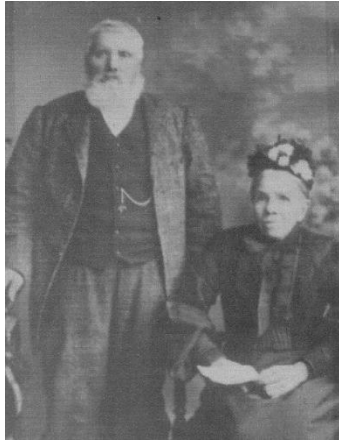
James, third Westburn, or Blackburn, son, married Margaret Prentice... the six daughters being ... **Elizabeth** ...

SON-2.1-WILLIAM BLACK AND JEAN CLELAND

ELIZABETH BLACK

Elizabeth was baptised on 25 March 1838 at West Calder.

THOMAS DICK



Thomas, a lot older, was born in Whitburn around 1805. His birth was not located but he had been previously married to Isabella Meek and had a number of children with her.

*Thomas Dick and Elizabeth Black.
Meg Stenhouse collection.*

MARRIAGE AND CHILDREN

Elizabeth and Thomas married on 28 November 1861 at West Calder. Thomas was 56 and Elizabeth 23. Three children were found.

CHILDREN	BIRTH/BAP	PARISH	MARRIED	DEATH/BUR
*Margaret Prentice Dick	17 Sep 1862	Mid Calder	-	13 Apr 1887
*James Black Dick	13 Apr 1866	Uphall	Annie Gray Mudie	13 May 1957
*William Dick	11 Nov 1873	Uphall	Ann Swanson Doig	02 Nov 1944

In 1871 they were at Winks Farm House (or Milk Farm) in Uphall and Elizabeth's niece Margaret Prentice Black (Lockerbie) was visiting.

DEATH AND BURIAL

Thomas died on 19 November 1891 in Carnoustie and he was given as 86. Elizabeth died on 30 August 1922. Both are buried at Edinburgh.

DICK, Elizabeth Black or, Wellbank Place, Monifieth, died 30 August 1922 at Carnoustie, testate. Confirmation Dundee, 26 February, to James Black Dick, Grocer, Houstonlea, Maule Street, Carnoustie, William Dick, Grocer, Monifieth, and David Ogilvy Young, Solicitor, Carnoustie, Executors. Will dated 29 May 1917 recorded Dundee 22 February 1929. Value of Estate, £694: 1: 8.

Probate – Elizabeth Dick, nee Black.

HELEN (ELLEN) BLACK AND ALEXANDER SMITH

James, third Westburn, or Blackburn, son, married Margaret Prentice... the six daughters being ... **Helen...**

SON-2.1-WILLIAM BLACK AND JEAN CLELAND

HELEN (ELLEN) BLACK

Ellen's birth around 1841 at West Calder was not found.

ALEXANDER SMITH

Alexander was born 9 October 1828 in Forglen, Banffshire. His father was also Alexander, and his mother was recorded as Christian Tenunion.

MARRIAGE AND CHILDREN

This couple married on 15 June 1860 at West Calder. Nine children were identified but researching their spouses and death dates was often difficult.

CHILDREN	BIRTH/BAP	BIRTHPLACE	PARISH	MARRIED	DEATH/BUR
*Mary Christina Smith	14 Nov 1860	Muirhouse	Mid Calder	unknown	aft 1881
*Alexander Smith	02 Dec 1861	Muirhouse	Mid Calder	unknown	aft 1881
*Margaret Prentice Smith	05 Jan 1863	Muirhouse	Mid Calder	unknown relationship	10 Mar 1913
*Janet Thomson Smith	09 Jul 1865	Muirhouse	Mid Calder	-	26 Dec 1935
*Georgina Smith	30 Oct 1867	Muirhouse	Mid Calder	Thomas Weir	04 Nov 1956
*James Smith	05 Feb 1869	Muirhouse	Mid Calder	Elizabeth (Eliza) Hill	aft 1935
*Robert Smith	25 Nov 1870	Muirhouse	Mid Calder	unknown	aft 1881
*Agnes Smith	30 Jun 1873	Muirhouse	Mid Calder	John Jaffary	aft 1896
*William Duncan Smith	27 Apr 1875	Muirhouse	Mid Calder	-	1884

Alexander was the farmer proprietor at Muirhouse in Mid Calder.

CENSUS RECORD SHEET				
DISTRICT: Mid Calder, Midlothian				YEAR 1881
STREET: Muirhouse Farm House				
NAME	DESIG	AGE	OCCUPATION	BORN AT:
Alexander Smith	head	50	proprietor & farming 115 Acre 100 arable employing 2 men & 3 girls 1 boy	Forglen
Helen Smith	wife	40		West Calder
Mary C Smith		20		Mid Calder
Alexander Smith	son	19		Mid Calder
Margaret P Smith	daughter	18		Mid Calder

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Janet T Smith	daughter	015		Mid Calder
Georgina Smith	daughter	5	scholar	Mid Calder
James Smith	son	13	scholar	Mid Calder
Robert Smith	son	12	scholar	Mid Calder
Agnes Smith	daughter	7	scholar	Mid Calder
William D Smith	son	5		Mid Calder
Smith	grandson	1 mo		Mid Calder
Plus 2 workers				

DEATH AND BURIAL

Alexander died 7 February 1905 and Helen died on 9 August 1910 in West Calder. Their graves are not located.

JOHN BLACK, JANET CALDER AND ALISON ANTHONY

James, third Westburn, or Blackburn, son, married Margaret Prentice... **John** ...were the sons of the family...

JOHN BLACK

John, initially a miner, was born around 1843 in West Calder.

JANET CALDER

Janet was born around 1841 to James Calder and Margaret Russell.

MARRIAGE AND CHILDREN

The marriage took place on 26 December 1865 at West Calder.

CHILDREN	BIRTH/BAP	PARISH	MARRIED	DEATH/BUR
*David Black	1867	Mid Calder	-	bef 1871
*Margaret Russell Prentice Black	06 Sep 1868	Mid Calder	Alexander Walker	05 Jan 1935
*James Black	08 Apr 1872	Mid Calder	Mary Borrowman	28 Sept 1917
*Janet Black	27 Apr 1874	Mid Calder	Archibald Cooper Barclay	09 Nov 1949
*William Black	05 Sep 1875	Kirknewton	-	1875
*John Black	07 Aug 1878	Kirknewton	Margaret Aitken	02 June 1954

Janet died a week after giving birth in 1878 leaving three young children. In 1881 we found John working on a farm known as Coxeydean at Kirknewton as a dairyman. Nineteen-year-old Alison Anthony was the housekeeper in the home that night and with her was her illegitimate child William Anthony and her sister Agnes who later married John's nephew.

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ALISON SPOWART ANTHONY

Alison had an unusual middle name which she also gave to her daughter. She was born on 19 July 1846 at Linlithgow. Her parents were William Anthony and Helen Spowart.

MARRIAGE AND CHILDREN

John and Alison married on 20 June 1882 at Ratho. They had four more children.

CHILDREN	BIRTH/BAP	PARISH	MARRIED	DEATH/BUR
*Alison Spowart Black	29 Nov 1883	Ratho	Samuel Waddel	19 May 1954
*David Black	Jul 1885	Ratho	-	23 Aug 1886
*David Anthony Black	21 Jul 1887	Ratho	Harriet Mephin Barret	04 Nov 1979
*Agnes Brown Black	25 Mar 1889	Ratho	Alexander Cleland	aft 1929 Canada?

By 1901 John and Alison were living at Uphall.

DEATH AND BURIAL

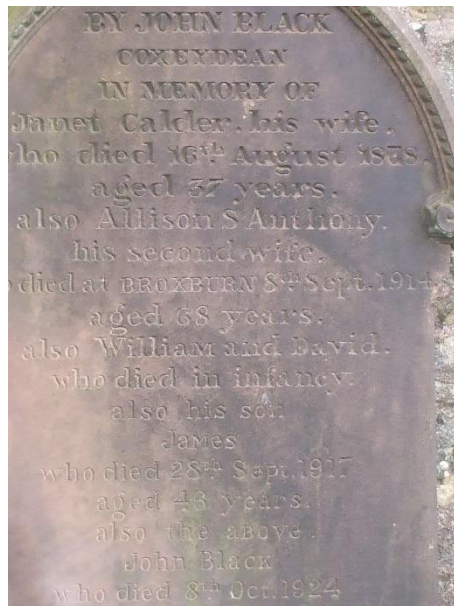
Alison died in 1914. John died at Broxburn on 8 October 1924. He was living at Cooper Cottage in Buchan Lane. A year before his death his youngest daughter gave this address for her father on her emigration to Canada.

John Black	1924	ill.	8/	James Black	Captain	John Black	1924
Black	October		1924	Farmer	Hammerhead	John	October 8th
—	Eighty			(deceased)	John	(deceased)	At Home 1924
Dairymen	36.40m. G. ill.			—	—	—	—
(Andrew of 11)	Cooper Cottage			Marjorie Black	As assisted by	Gold Crown	R.P. 1924
Post Office (2)	Broxburn			W. S. Prentice	of W. S. Prentice	Broxburn	Registrar
Alison Spowart	—			(deceased)	W. S. Prentice	—	—

Death certificate - John Black.

BLACK, John, retired Dairymen, Cooper Cottage, Buchan Lane, Broxburn, died 8 October 1924 at Broxburn, intestate. Confirmation Linlithgow, 8 December, to John Black, Oil Worker, Cotton's Buildings, Old Town, Broxburn, next of kin. Value of Estate, £131: -: -.

Probate - John Black.



By John Black Coxeydean In Memory of Janet Calder, his wife who died 16 August 1878 aged 37 years also Alison S. Anthony his second wife died at Broxburn 8th Sept 1914 aged 68 years also William and David who died in infancy. Also his son James who died 28th Sept 1917 aged 46 years also the above John Black who died 8 Oct 1924

West Calder Cemetery.

FIFTH GENERATION

As this was JB's branch, he was quite effusive about the generations and initially we felt obliged to enter another generation to fulfil our aims of following all those mentioned in *Melodies and Memories*. However, for the time being we have broken our self-imposed rule as some people mentioned might still be alive. Therefore, for the moment, our story stops here but the tree may contain some of this generation.