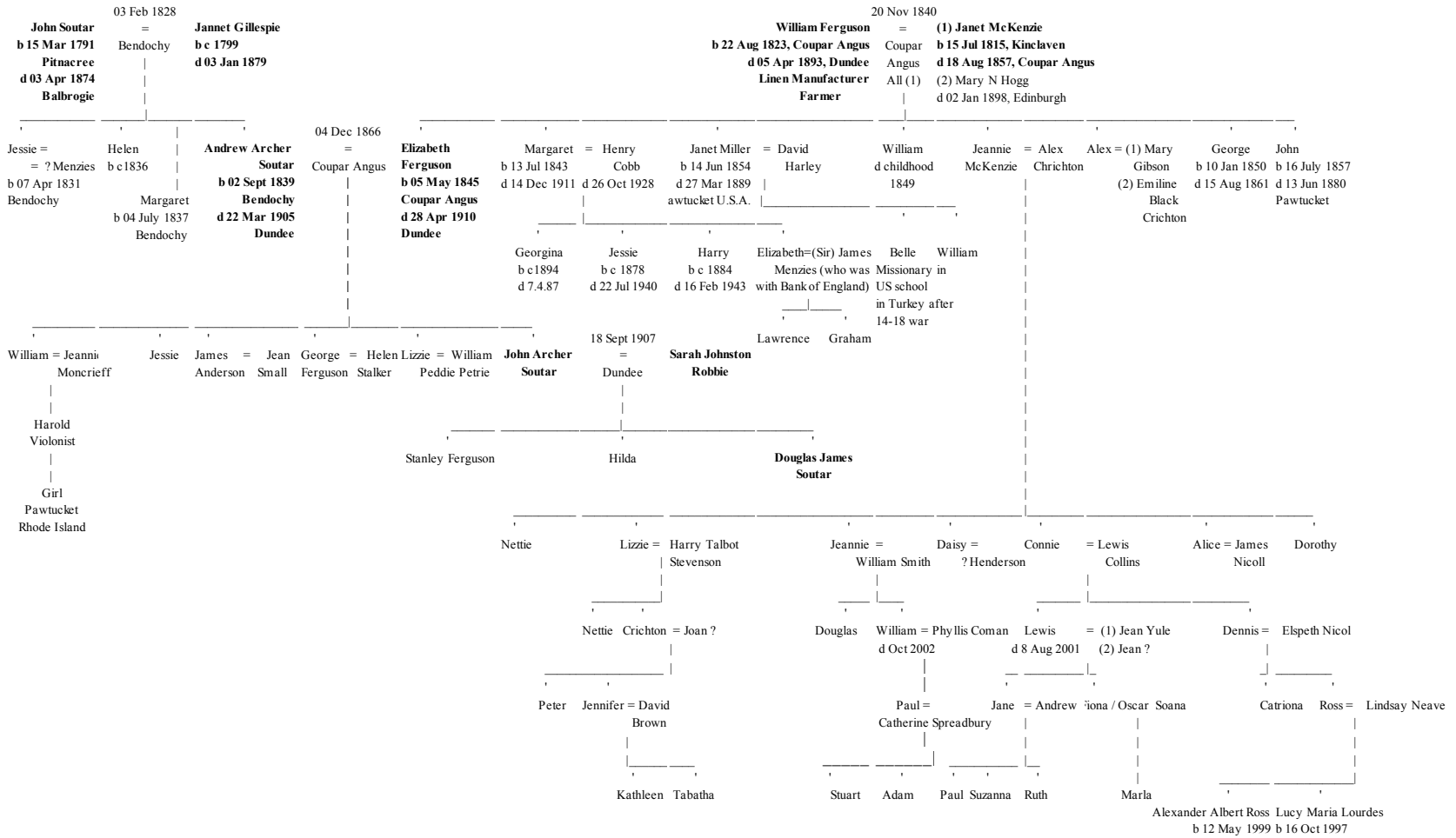


Andrew Archer Soutar and Elizabeth Ferguson



Andrew Archer Soutar Elizabeth Ferguson

Andrew (27) and Elizabeth (21) were married on 4th December 1866. He had been born on 2nd February 1839 at Bendochy, the son of John Soutar, farm overseer and Janet Gillespie. Elizabeth had been born on 5th May 1845, the daughter of William Ferguson, linen manufacturer and Janet McKenzie. Andrew was a grocer at the time of the wedding and Elizabeth is described as "housekeeper" which probably meant that she ran or assisted in the running of the home.

Family tradition had it that Andrew became a master grocer with a business at the cross in Coupar Angus (on the corner of Athole Street and George Street). No evidence can be found to confirm this location for his shop.

According to Valuation Rolls, Andrew had from 1860-61 occupied a house at 14 Commercial Street, Coupar Angus. By 1874-75 he was occupying both this house and one of the shops under it which he ran as a grocer. When the owner of the properties, Miss Euphemia McLeish, died around 1878, Andrew bought the properties along with the shop at no.16, from her heirs. No.16 he let to John Saddler, a shoemaker and he continued in business as a grocer at no.12 until 1893-94 when family tradition says he "went bankrupt". He then moved to Rustic Place, Dundee. An entry in the 1893 Slaters Directory lists: Andrew A Soutar, Grocer, Commercial Street.



Back L-R: Jessie, John, Lizzie, George. Front: Jim, Andrew, Elizabeth, William c1893.

Information from the censuses is that by 1871 three children, William, Jessie and James had been born and the family were living in Blairgowrie Road, with servant, Susan Robertson. (dist. 279,book 2 page 10.)

Between the 1871 and 1881 censuses, Andrew and Elizabeth moved house several times being listed in Valuation Rolls as living at New Road (now Union Street) and George

Street. At George Street in 1874 on 23 July a son named Andrew Archer was born. He died the following day at 5a.m., having lived only thirty hours. The cause of death is not given on the death certificate.

The 1881 census sees the family complete and living at Commercial Street: (dist. 279, bk. 6, page 1)

The headings for the columns in the census are: Name, Relationship to head of house (h = head, w = wife, s = son, d = daughter etc.), male/female, age, trade or profession and Place of birth. The 1891 census has the additional column "Employed?" Which is marked with a cross if the person is employed.

Andrew Archer Soutar	h m	41	grocer (emp. 2 boys)	Perth, Bendochy
Elizabeth Soutar	w m	34		Perth, Coupar Angus
William Soutar	s u	13	scholar	Perth Coupar Angus
Jessie Soutar	d	12	scholar	Perth, Coupar Angus
James A Soutar	s	11	scholar	Perth, Coupar Angus
George F Soutar	s	9	scholar	Perth, Coupar Angus
John A Soutar	s	7	scholar	Perth, Coupar Angus
Lizzie H M Soutar	d	3		Perth, Coupar Angus
Catherine G Reid	serv.	17	general serv.	Perth, Bankfoot

By 1891, the address is given as 12-14 Commercial Street, William is no longer in the family home, James is a clerk, John a grocer's assistant, and George is described as an "art student". This seems peculiar as he later became a maths teacher. Perhaps the enumerator was told George was studying "arts" and misunderstood.



12-16 Commercial Street Coupar Angus in 1999

What happened to their family? William married Jeannie Moncrieff and emigrated to United States where they had a son, Harold. Contact was lost but when Harold hit hard times he wrote to the family in Scotland and received some help from John. He may also have asked for further help later through his sister, Lizzie but after discussions with her nephews, Douglas, Stanley and Kenneth no help was given on this occasion.

Jessie never married and made a living by taking boarders, first at the foot of Shepherds Loan and later in Airlie Place.

In 1922, James (with a partner) purchased a bag factory from his uncle A.B.Crichton (Bailie Crichton). This enterprise eventually ran into financial difficulties, James and his wife both turned to drink and shortly after her death he was found, in an alleyway, dead and robbed. The police suspected murder and asked John if they should pursue investigations. He however, thinking of the effect on James's son, Hamish who was still in his 'teens asked them not to proceed.

George studied mathematics at University, married Helen Stalker and later became a teacher of maths in London.

In the 1890's, when the grocer's business wasn't doing well the family moved to 1 Rustic Place, Dundee. Here, John was apprenticed to Willie Miller, Grocer, High Street. Although his experience in his father's grocers in Coupar Angus must have been of help in gaining this apprenticeship, Bailie Alex Crichton, his mother's brother-in-law, was also influential in getting him started there. Later he became commercial traveller for Van den Berg, margarine manufacturers. He was very successful in this, not by being the stereotype high-pressure salesman but just by being likeable and getting on well with people. He eventually was to rise to district manager in the Unilever organisation. John married Sarah Robbie on 18 July 1807.

Lizzie became a milliner with D.M. Brown where she remained until her marriage to Willie Peddie-Petrie on 9 August 1908. She died on 9th January 1975 at the age of 97.



Back L-R: John Soutar, Willie Peddie-Petrie, ?, ?, George Soutar, ?.
Middle: ?, Lizzie Peddie-Petrie, Nellie Soutar,?, Elizabeth Soutar, Sarah Soutar , Jessie Soutar.
Front: ? Kenneth Soutar, ? Baby: Douglas Soutar.



Rustic Place 1985

Andrew Died 22 March 1905 at 1 Rustic Place interred 25 March and Elizabeth died 28 Apr 1910 interred 30 April 1910 both Western Cemetery, Dundee. Jessie was also buried there on 20 Dec 1930.

Ground sold register: Compartment sold 4207 145c Elizabeth Ferguson or Soutar acquired 1905 Mar 25.

The origin of the name **Andrew Archer** Soutar has been lost in time but it appears to have been bestowed in honour of Andrew Archer, of Jordanstone, who owned and ran Balbrogie farm where John Soutar worked for many years. The Archer part was passed down to Andrew's son John who later bestowed it posthumously on his grandfather as can be seen in his father's death certificate below!

1871 Census Perth, Coupar Angus. Dist 279 Book 6 page 19

Blairgowrie Road.

Andrew Soutar	h m 30	grocer		Perth, Bendochy
Elizabeth Soutar	w m 25			Perth, Coupar Angus
William Soutar	s 3			Perth Coupar Angus
Jessie Soutar	d 2			Perth, Coupar Angus
James Soutar	s 1	scholar		Perth, Coupar Angus
Susan Robertson	servant u 18	Domestic servant		Forfar, Tullimet.

1891 census Perth, Coupar Angus Dist. 292 Dist. 6 page 10.

12-14 Commercial Street.

Andrew A. Soutar	h m 50	grocer	employer	Perth, Bendochy
Lizzie Soutar	w m 43			Perth, Coupar Angus
Jessie Soutar	d u 22			Perth, Coupar Angus
James A Soutar	s u 21	clerk	employed	Perth, Coupar Angus
George F Soutar	s u 19	art student		Perth, Coupar Angus
John A Soutar	s u 17	grocers assistant	employed	Perth, Coupar Angus
Lizzie H M Soutar	d 13	scholar		Perth, Coupar Angus

Since the above was written, the 1901 census has been released:

282/3 book 11 page 8 sch 40

1 Rustic Place

Andrew A Soutar	h m	61	waterproofing machine (attend)	worker	PER Coupar Angus
Elizabeth Soutar	w m	54			PER Coupar Angus
Jessie Soutar	d u	30			PER Coupar Angus
James A Soutar	s u	24	manufacturers bookkeeper	worker	PER Coupar Angus
John A Soutar	s u	2?	margarine traveller	worker	PER Coupar Angus
Lizzie H.M. Soutar	d u	23	drapers assistant	worker	PER Coupar Angus
Robert Mackenzie	boarder u	28	mathematical teacher	worker	Sutherland Bonar Bridge
Peter Henderson	boarder u	28	natural science teacher	worker	England

Birth records:

O.P.R. Perth, Bendochy.

02 Sept 1839. Andrew, lawful son to John Soutar and Janet Gillespie at Coupar Grange was born 8th August and baptized 2nd September 1839

O.P.R. Angus, Coupar Angus.

14 June 1854 (Fr 885). William Ferguson manufacturer and Janet McKenzie had a lawful child born 05 May 1845 named Elizabeth.

Marriage certificate:

1866 Coupar Angus (279) No. 16

Date	Names	Ages	Address	Parents
4 th Dec at at Causewayend Coupar Angus	Andrew A Soutar grocer single	26	Coupar Angus	John Soutar farm overseer Janet Soutar M.S. Gillespie
U.P.Church	Elizabeth Ferguson Housekeeper single	21	Coupar Angus	William Ferguson linen manufacturer Janet Ferguson M.S. McKenzie (deceased)

Witnesses: William Ireland and Margaret Ferguson.

Death certificates:

1904 St Clement Dundee (282) No.113

Name	Date	sex	age	Parents	Cause	Informant
Andrew Archer Soutar grocer (master) Married to Elizabeth Ferguson	1905 March 22 1 Rustic Pl.	M	60	John Archer Soutar crofter (deceased) Janet Soutar M.S. Gillespie (deceased)	Malignant Disease (hepatic region)	J.A. Soutar

1910 282/3 No. 144

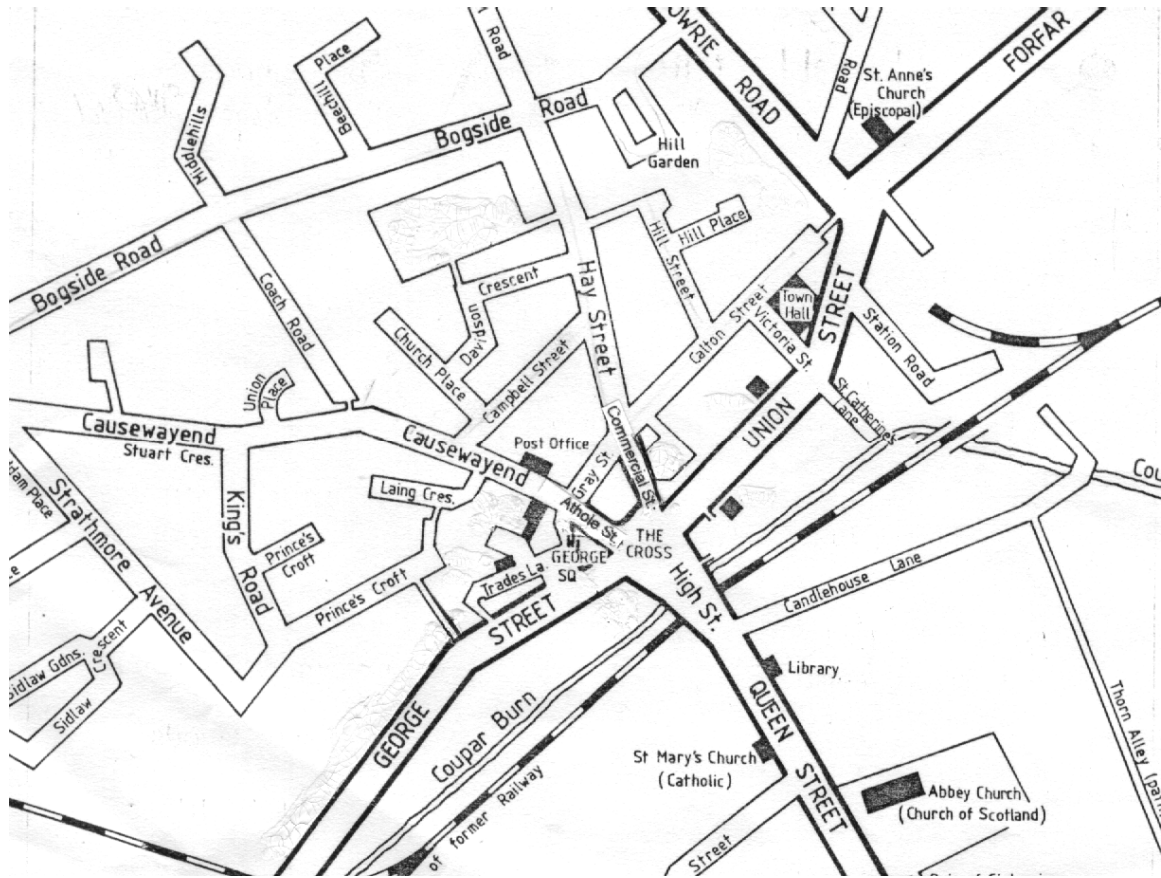
Elizabeth Soutar Widow of Andrew Archer Soutar Grocer (Master)	1910 April 26 9.30am 1 Rustic Place	F	61yr	William Ferguson Linen Manufacturer Deceased Janet Ferguson M.S. Mackenzie Deceased	Cardiac Disease	John Archer Soutar Son 85 Magdalen Yard Rd. Present.
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Back L-R: Jim, Andrew, John. Front: William, George.



Elizabeth Ferguson or Soutar



Street Plan of Coupar Angus c 1980