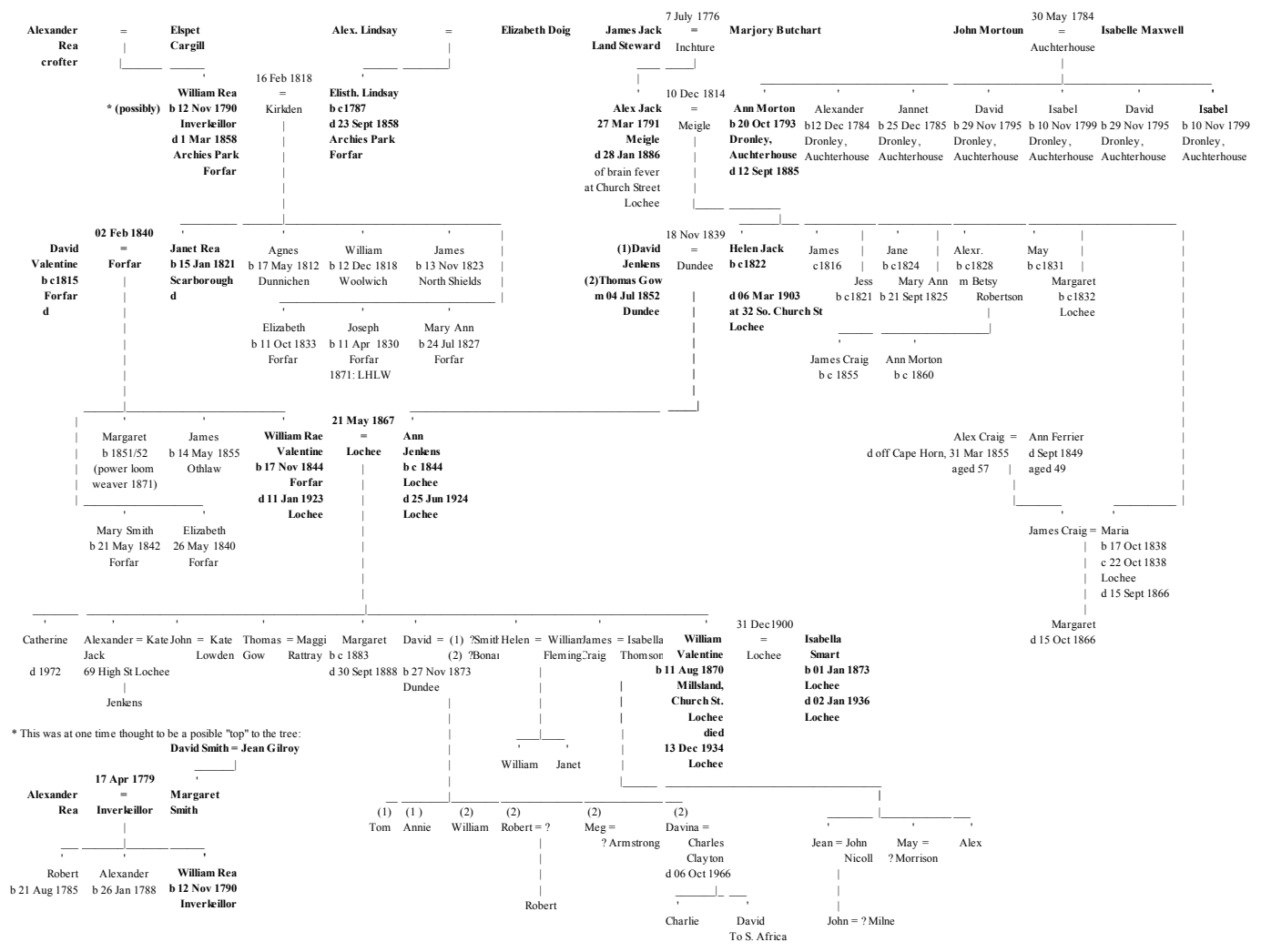


**William Rea Elizabeth Lindsay**



## William Rea Elizabeth Lindsay

The first mention of William and Elizabeth is in Dunnichen Old Parish Register:

17 May 1812 Dunnichen (283), Angus

William Rea in Forfar and Elizabeth Lindsay sometime in this parish unmarried persons had a child baptized Agnes.

After this there is nothing until 1818 when the Register at Kirkden records the following:

16 February 1818, Kirkden (298), Angus.

William Rea gunner 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion Royal Regiment of Artillery and Elizabeth Lindsay gave in their names for proclamation in order to Marriage. They were proclaimed accordingly and afterwards married.

There is then a nine-year gap until 1827 when the following appears in the Forfar Register:

29 July 1827 Forfar (288), Angus.

William Rea weaver and Elizabeth Lindsay his spouse had their fifth child born 24<sup>th</sup> and baptized 29<sup>th</sup> July named Mary Ann.

Then, nearly two years later:

11<sup>th</sup> April 1830 Forfar (288), Angus. FR 1460.

Rea: William Rea pensioner and Elizabeth Lindsay his spouse had their 6<sup>th</sup> child born 6<sup>th</sup> and baptized 11<sup>th</sup> April named Joseph.

On the same page, and three entries below, appears the following, which fills in some of the gaps.

William Rea, Royal Artillery and Elizabeth Lindsay, his spouse, had their daughter born at Scarborough 29<sup>th</sup> December 1820 baptized 15<sup>th</sup> January 1821, Janet.

(The baptism of Janet is also recorded in Scarborough at the Old Meeting House – Presbyterian or Independent, Scarborough, Yorkshire, England.)

The above party had their son born at Woolwich 2<sup>nd</sup> and baptized 12<sup>th</sup> December 1818 named William.

The above party had their son born at North Shields 13<sup>th</sup> November and baptized 7<sup>th</sup> December 1823 named James.

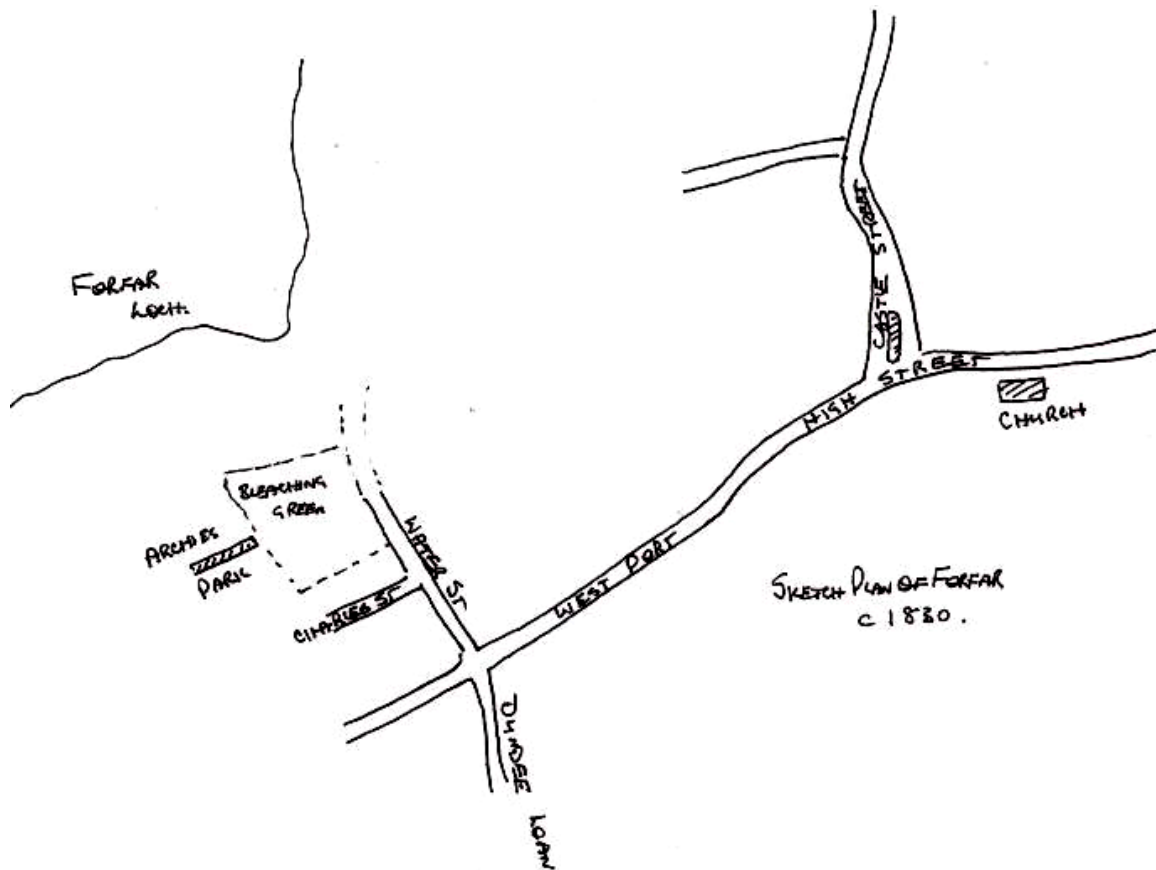
The final child was Elizabeth:

11 Oct 1833 Forfar, Angus

William Rea pensioner and Elizabeth Lindsay had their seventh child born the 10<sup>th</sup> and baptized 11 October named Elizabeth.

It would appear that, after the birth of their first child, Agnes, William must have joined the Royal Artillery, returning six years later to marry Elizabeth. They then travelled on

army postings among which were Scarborough, North Shields and Woolwich before William was discharged and they returned to Forfar sometime between 1823 and 1827.



The 1841 census for Forfar (288) book 10 page 8. Finds the family at Archies Park. (Note that “y” means yes, born in the county, “n” means no, not born in the county. “E” indicates born in England).

Archie's Park				
William Rae	54	H.L.W. Army P	y	
Mrs Rae	53		y	
William Rae jr.	22	tailor j.	n	E
James Rae	17		n	E
Mary Rae	13		y	
Joseph Rae	11		y	
Elizabeth Rae	7		y	

The index of the Minutes of the Forfar Weaver's Incorporation has been checked but no one named Rea is therein.

The houses in Archies Park still exist in 2001 and are shown below.



Houses in Archies park 2001

Only two children remain in the family home by the time of the 1851 census.  
Forfar (288) book 13, page 12.

Archie's Park

William Rea	h m	64	pensioner R.A.	Forfar, Forfar
Elizabeth Rea	w m	62	yarn winder	Forfar, Othlaw
Joseph Rea	s u	20	HLW linen	Forfar, Forfar
Elizabeth Rea	d u	17	scholar	Forfar, Forfar

William and Elizabeth died within six months of each other in 1858:

Death, Forfar Dist 288 no. 45.

William Rea	1858	M 71	Alexander Rea	Disease of	New cemy	Joseph Rea
Linen hand	March 1		crofter	heart and	Forfar	son
loom weaver	11h30m p.m.		(deceased)	general dropsy	as cert by	
(married)	Archies Park		Elspet Rea	several years	Joseph Rea	
	Forfar		maiden name	as cert by Alex		
			Cargill	Smith MD who		
			(deceased)	saw the deceased		
				25 Feb 1858		

Death, Forfar District 288 No. 148

Elizabeth Rea	1858	F 71	Alex. Lindsay	Disease of	New Cemy.	Joseph Rea
Widow of a	23 September		linen weaver	heart and	Forfar as	son present.
linen weaver	Archies Park		(deceased)	lungs.	Cert. by	
	Forfar		Elizabeth Lindsay		Joseph Rea	
			M.S. Doig		son.	
			(deceased)			

No tombstone is recorded in the available books of tombstone inscriptions.

Details of Williams service are at:

First name(s):	<b>William</b>
Last name:	<b>REA</b>
Calculated year of birth:	<b>1788</b>
Parish of birth:	<b>Forfar</b>
Town of birth:	<b>Forfar</b>
County of birth:	<b>Forfarshire (Angus)</b>
Age at attestation:	<b>24 years</b>
Attestation date:	<b>19 February 1812</b>
Attestation corps:	
Attestation soldier number:	
Discharge rank:	
Discharge corps:	<b>Royal Artillery</b>
Discharge soldier number:	
The National Archives reference:	<b>WO97 / 1257 / 145</b>

The wrong records have been attached on the “ Find My Past” site and reporting the error several times has met with no response.