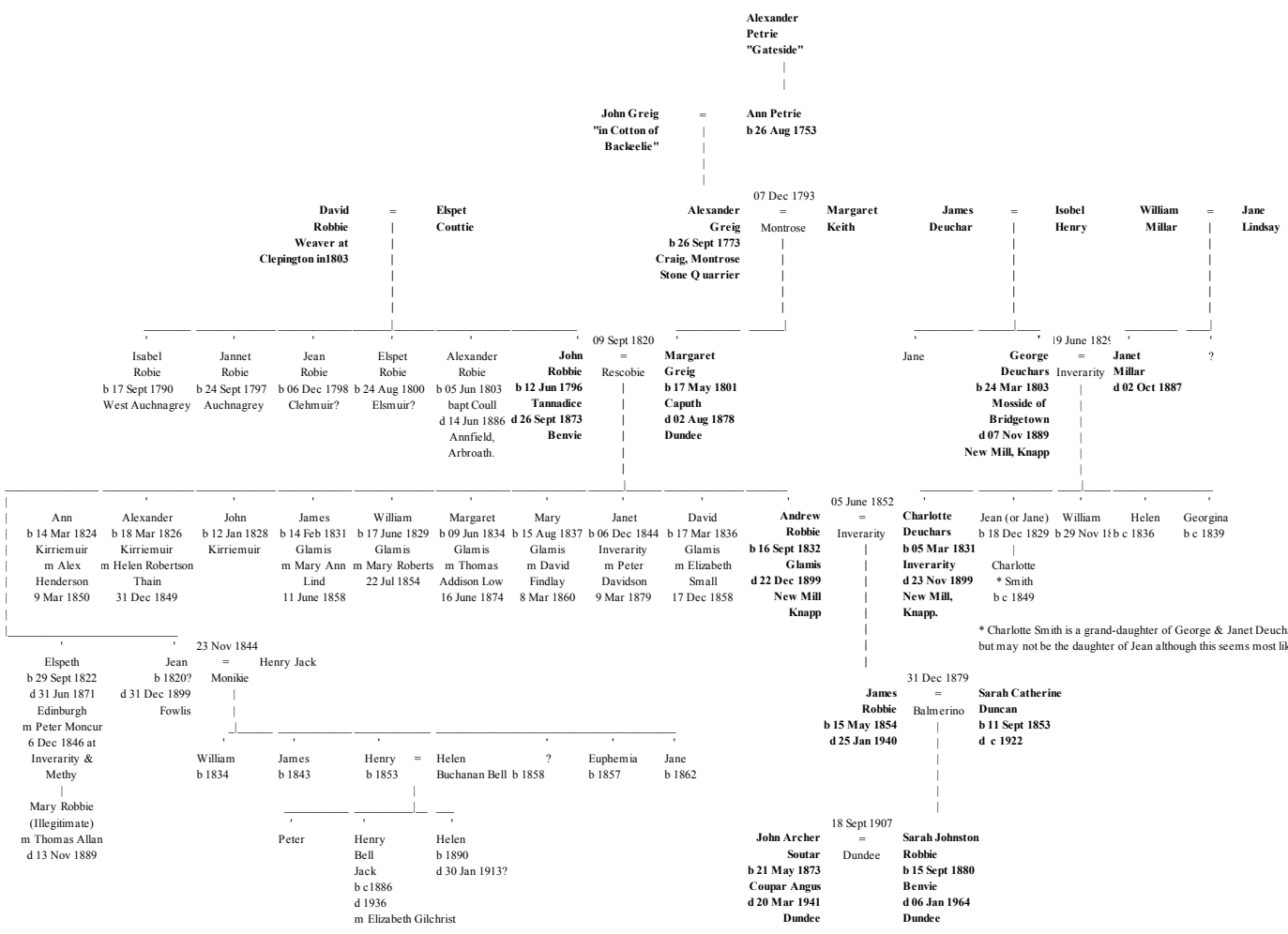


**John Robbie and Margaret Greig**



\* Charlotte Smith is a grand-daughter of George & Janet Deuchars but may not be the daughter of Jean although this seems most likely

John Robbie Margaret Greig

John Robbie and Margaret Greig were married in September 1820. The event is recorded in the Parish of Rescobie on 09<sup>th</sup> September “Margaret Greig, parish of Murroes and John Robbie this parish” and also, as proclamation of banns, in the parish of Murroes on 17 Sept 1820.

Shortly after the wedding, John and Margaret settled in Maryton (or Balmuckety feus) south east of Kirriemuir. Sandra Affleck in “A Little Red Town” explains that “Gilbert Meason was one of those responsible and helpful landowners who offered some of his land for the creation of houses-cum-workshops for weavers.....In the early 1820’s, therefore, the little communities, or ‘colonies’, of Maryton and Ellenorton appeared, named after the two Meason daughters.” Maryton still exists in 2000 but Ellernorton was at sometime re-named after the Biblical Padanaram. Prior to 1820, the Kirriemuir district had, from 1817, been affected by a period of great poverty and in 1819 was badly affected by typhus fever, which was said to have “spread like the plague”. (In 1819 the church paid for 38 coffins). By the time the Robbies arrived, however, things must have been improving as a Provident Bank opened in the town in May 1824 and gained sixty customers who deposited a total of £118-5-7. The bottom left corner of this map shows the area in the 1860’s:

<http://maps.nls.uk/os/6inch/view/?sid=74426910>

The birth, in the early 1820’s, of John and Margaret’s children, Jean and Euphemia are not recorded anywhere but Elspeth (1822), Ann (1824), Alexander (1826), and John (1828) are all recorded as born in Kirriemuir or more precisely at Balmuckety. Andrew (1832) was born at Millton of Ogilvie, pictured below in 1988.



From a distance.



Part of the mill buildings



The mill wheel

James (1831), William 1829), Margaret (1834), David, (1836) and Mary (1837) were born at Holemill, parish of Glamis.

Holemill was a large mill, built into the side of a small valley below the mill dam. It had three floors, the nature of the site allowing easy access by ramp to each floor.



Holemill



Overgrown mill pond at Holemill 1988



Decaying interior at Holemill 1988

Milton and Holemill are both towards the top right of this map:

<http://maps.nls.uk/os/6inch/view/?sid=74426921>

By the 1841 census the family have returned to Milton again. Perhaps when they were there before, John had been an apprentice and now he was the miller.

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Milton

Robbie John	40	millar	y
Robbie Margaret	40		n
Robbie Andrew	9		y
Robbie Margaret	7		y
Robbie David	5		y
Robbie Mary	3		y

Also in the same district, of Glamis 289 dist 4 page 2 is what appears to be a daughter of the family:

West Denon

Robbie Ann	17	y	(no occupation given)
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Three years later, by 1844, at the birth of Janet, the family is at Kincreish mill in the Parish of Inverarity and Methy. Some of the information given about this parish in the First or "Old" Statistical Account in January 1835 was:

"The nearest market-town to Inverarity is Forfar, four miles distant. A turnpike-road from Forfar to Dundee passes through the parish, for four miles. Two public coaches travel on the road daily, one from Aberdeen to Edinburgh, the other from Brechin to Dundee".

The population was estimated to consist of:

Under 15 years	500
15-30 years	140
30-50 years	120
50-70 years	46
upwards of 70 years	20

The number of families in the parish was 176. Of these, 81 were chiefly employed in agriculture and 52 in trade, manufactures or handicrafts.

The first census after the Robbies arrived in the parish was in 1851 and the relevant entries are:

!851 Inverarity and Methy 292 book 1

Cuttiehaugh				
Robbie John	h m	55	oatmeal millar employing 1 journeyman and 1 apr.	Forfar, Tannadice
Robbie Margaret	w m	50		Perth, Clunie
Robbie Andrew	s u	17	millar (journeyman)	Forfar, Glammiss
Robbie Margaret	d u	15	millers daughter	Forfar, Glammiss
Robbie David	s	13	millar (ap)	Forfar Inverarity
Robbie Janet	d	6	scholar	Forfar, Inverarity
Smart Margaret	g-dau	8	scholar	Forfar, Glammiss

By 1861, John and Margaret had moved to Benvie and census records for 1861 and 1871 for them are recorded under Andrew Robbie & Charlotte Deuchars. After John's death in 1873, Margaret moved into Dundee where she died nearly five years later.

Births:

O.P.R. Angus, Tannadice.

12 June 1796. David Robbie and his spouse Elspet Couttie in Auchnagrey had a son baptised named John.

O.P.R. Perth, Caputh.

17 May 1801 Alexander Greig in Craigie and his wife Margaret Keith had a child baptised called Margaret.

Marriage:

O.P.R. Angus, Rescobie.

09<sup>th</sup> September Margaret Greig, parish of Murroes and John Robbie this parish. (and also in the parish of Murroes on 17 Sept 1820).

Deaths:

1873 Liff 301 no. 15

John Robbie	M	79	1873	old age	David Robbie	Andrew Robbie
Meal miller			Sept 26 <sup>th</sup>		(deceased)	son.
Married to			Benvie Mill		Elspeth Couttie	
(illegible)					(deceased)	

1878 St Andrews, Dundee 282/4 no.696

Margaret Robbie F	79	1878	Alexander Greig	David Robbie
Widow of John		Aug 2 <sup>nd</sup>	stone quarrier	son
Robbie meal miller		31 Dura Street	Margaret Greig	
		Dundee.	M.S. Keith	
			(deceased)	

(31 Dura Street was the home of her son, David.)

### **Eastern Necropolis, Dundee:**

1873 Sept 28

996 John Robbie Res. Benvie Mill, born Tannadice, male age 78. Died 26th paralysis.  
Married: Margaret Greig, Parents: David Robbie & Elspet Couttie.  
Proprietor Margaret Greig.  
Interred in 60 3F. 8'

The following contain some information gathered about the children of John Robbie  
and Margaret Greig.

#### Jean Robbie and Henry Jack

Jean married Henry Jack, an event which is recorded at Monikie 06 Dec 1844 and at  
Liff & Benvie 23 Nov 1844.

1881 census Fowlis Easter 356 dist. 1 page 1.

Jacks	Henry	h m	58	millers and farmer of 60 acres	Forfar, Liff & Benvie
				Arable employs 3 men, 1 boy & 2 girls	
Jacks	Jane	w m	60		Forfar, Murroes
Jacks	Henry	s u	27	farmers son	Forfar, Liff
Jacks	Jane	d u	19	farmers daughter	Perth, Fowlis Easter
Jacks	George	s u	16	farmers son	Perth, Fowlis Easter
Murray	Jeannie	gr dau	4		Forfar, Dundee
Kay	Mary	serv u	17	general servant domestic	Forfar, Muroes

A stone against the east wall of Fowlis Easter Churchyard reads:

Front  
Sacred to the memory of  
Henry Jack  
Tenant for 41 years of



The Mill of Fowlis  
 And elder for 36 years of the  
 United parishes of Lundie and Fowlis  
 Who died at Mill of Fowlis  
 On 25 Dec 1897 aged 75 years  
 A man greatly beloved  
 Also of  
 Jean Robbie wife of Henry Jack  
 Who died 31 Dec 1899 aged 79 years  
 Also their daughter  
 Jane Jack  
 Who died 22 July 1904 aged 42 years  
 Also of Elizabeth Gilchrist  
 Wife of Henry Bell Jack  
 Who died 30 Nov 1973 aged 85 years

North of stone  
 Died at Menziesshill and interred here  
 Peter Bell Jack aged 15 years and 5 months  
 son of Henry Jack and  
 Helen Buchannan Bell  
 The above Helen Buchannan Bell  
 Died 8 Feb 1916 aged 54 years  
 And the above Hendry Jack  
 Died 16 June 1924 aged 71 years  
 Also their son  
 Hendry Bell Jack  
 Died 8 June 1931 aged 45 years  
 And their daughter Ellen Buchannan Jack  
 Died 28 Feb 1936 aged 46 years.

An adjacent stone is that of the Bell family.  
Alexander Robbie and Helen Robertson Thain

Alexander married Helen Robertson Thain on 31 Dec 1849 in Dundee. They had the following family:

Helen (place and date of birth not known). m John E. Mann (b c 1850) 15 Nov 1875 , Dundee  
 Joan b 25 Dec 1856 Dundee (mother Helen Anderson Thain),  
 John McLean b 19 Dec 1860 Dundee (mother Helen Robertson Thain). d 23 Mar 1862 Dundee  
 John McLean b 04 Sept 1863 Dundee (mother Helen Anderson Thain). d 23 Sept 1867, Dundee.  
 Jean Greig b 10 Apr 1867 Dundee (mother Helen Anderson Thain).m Robert Lindsay Kerr 24  
 Dec 1889. Jean died 1908 as did her daughter Margaret  
 Margaret Greig m Robert Keillor Butchart (b c 1852) 4 Dec 1878, Dundee. Margaret died 12 July  
 1908 in Dundee.  
 Mary Ann b c 1854 d 8 Nov 1859.

In the 1851 census for Dundee Bk 37 page 38 they are at:

128 Mid Street				
Robbie Alex	h m	25	bootmaker	Forfar, Kirrymuir
Robbie Robertson	w m	27		Forfar, Dundee
Robbie Helen	d	6mo.		Forfar, Dundee

In the Lockit Book of the Cordiner Craft of Dundee held (in Oct 1997) by J M Hardie of Edward Parker & Co. Unit 4 Coldside Road Dundee DD3 8DF is recorded:

“At Dundee 29th day September 1859.

Alexander Langlands being Deacon -

Alexander Robbie, son of John Robbie Miller, Benvie presented himself before a meeting of the incorporation and after a specimen of his work was inspected he was admitted a Free Master of The Cordiners Incorporation of Dundee”.

Alexander & Helen’s daughter, Helen A. Robbie, married John E. Mann (who was born c 1850) on 15 Nov 1875 . Their son Alexander Robbie Mann is also mentioned in the records of the Cordiners: 16 May 1904 “Alexander Robbie Mann son of John E Mann admitted”.

1881 census Dundee 282/1 dist. 1 pg. 35

13 Park Entry

Robbie Helen	h wid	58	partner of Robbie & Mann bootmakers	Forfar, Dundee
Robbie Joan	d u	24	saleswoman	Forfar, Dundee
Robbie Jane	d	13	scholar	Forfar, Dundee

### John Robbie

The O.P.R for Kirriemuir has:

1828 January then in the middle of January,

12<sup>th</sup> February | Robbie, John Balmuckety by Marg<sup>t</sup> Greig | John.

Nothing further has been found about John & an infant death is suspected.

### William Robbie and Mary Roberts

William & Mary married in Kirkden on 2 July 1854. He died 25 March 1909 in Forfar.

### David Robbie and Elizabeth Small

David married Elizabeth Small 17 Dec 1858 at Inverarity. They had the following family:

Margaret, b 21 Mar 1860, Inverarity mother Elizabeth Small m John Carmichael 20 Jul 1894

Ann, b 06 Dec 1861, Inverarity mother Elizabeth Small. Ann married William Roberts Farquharson on 5 April 1899 in Dundee.

James, b 08 Jan 1864, Inverarity mother Elizabeth Small

George, b 02 Mar 1866, Inverarity & Methy mother Betsy Small. George married Jemima Duncan on 26 Dec 1890 in Montrose and died 5 May 1905 in Dundee.

Jemima, b 28 May 1868, Mains & Strathmartine mother Elisabeth Small d 30 Nov 1868, Mains

Catherine Morgan, b 23 Jun 1870, Mains & Strathmartine mother Betsy Small d 24 May 1892

Alexander, b 18 Jun 1872 Mains & Strathmartine mother Betsy Small. Alexander married Jane Ann Kennedy Farquharson on 8 Feb 1905 in Dundee

David, b 23 Aug 1874, Dundee, mother Betsy Small. d 10 Oct 1874

Mary Abernethy, b 5 Jan 1876, Dundee.

Charlotte Deuchars, b Dec 1878, Dundee d 13 Aug 1898, Dundee

William Small, b 25 Feb 1881, Dundee. Died 3 Jan 1908.

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Robbie David	h m	24	meal miller	Forfar, Glamis
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Robbie Betty	w m	22	wife	Forfar, Inverarity
Robbie Margaret	d	1		Forfar, Inverarity

1871 Mains book 2 page 40  
New Mill of Mains

Robbie David	h m	34	meal miller	Forfar, Glamis
Robbie Betsy	w m	32		Forfar, Inverarity
Robbie Margaret	d	10	scholar	Forfar, Inverarity
Robbie Ann	d	8	scholar	Forfar, Inverarity
Robbie James	s	7	scholar	Forfar, Inverarity
Robbie George	s	5	scholar	Forfar, Inverarity
Robbie Catherine	d	9mo		Forfar, Inverarity
Black Eliza	serv.	14	general servant domestic	Fife, Ferryport on Craig

4 children at school, 3 rooms with windows.

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31 Dura St.

Robbie David	h m	45	sugar grinder	Forfar, Glamis
Robbie Betsy	w m	43		Forfar, Inverarity
Robbie Margaret	d u	21	flax weaver	Forfar, Inverarity
Robbie Ann	d u	19	jute weaver	Forfar, Inverarity
Robbie George	s u	15	message boy	Forfar, Inverarity
Robbie Catherine	d u	10		Forfar, Mains
Robbie Alexander	s u	8		Forfar, Mains
Robbie Mary	d u	5		Forfar, Dundee
Robbie Charlotte	d u	2		Forfar, Dundee
Robbie William	s 1m			Forfar, Dundee

James Robbie and Mary Ann Lind

Married 11 June 1858 in Auchterhouse. He died 14 Jan 1889 in Forfar.

Margaret Robbie and Thomas Addison Low

Married 3 Nov 1854, Inverarity, she died 16 June 1874 in Dundee.

Mary Robbie and David Findlay

Married 8 March 1860 Liff.

Janet Robbie and Peter Davidson

Married 28 October 1864, Liff she Died 9 March 1879, Lochee

Euphemia or Elspet Robbie and Peter Moncur

Elspet Robbie, who was also known as Euphemia married Peter Moncur on 5<sup>th</sup> December 1846 at Inverarity & Methy. Elspet, who was a domestic servant at the time of her marriage, already had an illegitimate daughter, Mary Smart, who married a Thomas Allan. Mary died 13 Nov 1889 in Dundee. Elspet died 31 June 1871 Cannongate.

The 1851 census finds Elspet at St Meddins in the parish of Airlie (270) book 2 sch 4:

Moncur Peter	h	m	28	Contractor for cutting drains	Airlie
Moncur Elspet	w	m	28		Kirrymuir
Moncur Peter	s		3		Airlie
Moncur William	s		2		Airlie
Moncur Margaret	d		1mo		Airlie
Moncur Eliza	moth	wid	53		Kirkmichael
Robbie Mary	sis-in l	u	13	General servant	Glamis

### Ann Robbie and Alexander Henderson

Ann & Alex married in Kirriemuir on 9 Mar 1850 in Inverarity. She died 23 Jan 1894 in Monikie.

### The ancestors of John Robbie and Margaret Greig

John's Parents were David Robbie and Elspet Couttie. Nothing definite is known about the ancestors of David and Elspet. The birth of a David is recorded in Tannadice, Angus in 1768:

Frame number 229. Sept 4th David Robbie son to James Robbie in Inshewan and Isabel Straton his spouse. Baptised.

Records exist of other children named David Robbie being born in various parts of Angus around the same time so there is no certainty that James Robbie and Isabel Straton are the correct parents.

For Elspet, there is, if anything a bigger choice of possible births. In the absence of other evidence, such as land ownership records, wills or Estate papers it is not possible to trace the family back further. Several descendants around the world have researched the family, but all have failed to confirm a link to earlier generations.

There are records of seven births to David and Elspet, all in the parish of Tannadice in Angus:

06 Dec 1789

David Robbie & his Spouse Elspet Couttie in Elchmuir had a child Bapt. and named Jean.

17 Sept 1790

David Robie & Elspet Couttie at West Auchluchrie had a child bapt. named Isabel  
02 Feb 1794. (West Auchluchrie was near Shielhill Bridge.)  
David Robie and his spouse Elspet Couttie in ground of Auchnagrey had a child bapt.  
named John.  
12 Jun 1796  
David Robie and Elspet Couttie in Auchnagrey had a child bapt. named John.  
24 Sept 1797  
David Robie & Elspet Couttie at Auchnagrey, Janet.  
24 May 1800  
David Robie and his spouse Elspet Couttie in Elchmuir had a child Bapt. and named  
Elspet.(Elchmuir was just west of Burnside of Coull and just north of Strut.)  
05 Jun 1803  
David Robbie weaver at Clepington & Elspet Couttie his spouse had a son bapt. at  
Coull & named Alexander.

By 1855 when statutory registration of births, marriages and deaths was introduced,  
David and Elspet would probably have been in their eighties had they survived. (This  
in an age when life expectancy was about forty.) The registers have, nevertheless,  
been searched and re-searched for their deaths but without success.

According to Margaret's 1878 death certificate, her parents were Alexander Greig  
and Margaret Keith. The 1851 census says that Margaret (aged 50) was born in  
Clunie, Perthshire. The following extract from the OPR for Clunie appears to record  
Margaret's birth:

17 May 1801, Perth, Caputh  
Alexander Greig in Craigie & his wife Margaret Keith had a child baptized called  
Margaret.  
In the search for a marriage between an Alexander Greig and Margaret Keith we find  
in the parish of Craig (by Montrose), Angus:  
07 Dec 1793  
Alexander Greig & Margaret Keith both this parish were married.

If this is the correct marriage, we have no information about how or why the couple  
moved to Clunie in Perthshire and we do not know if they had other children in the  
intervening years.

No further information has come to light about Margaret's ancestry. For Alexander,  
however, there are two entries, presumably recording the same event, which might fit.  
Both were recorded in the parish of Craig by Montrose. The first:

16 Sept 1773  
John Greig & Anne Petrie in Cotton of Backeellie Born 22nd & publickly Bapt  
named Alexander.

The second:

26 Sept 1773

John Greig & Anne Petrie in Cotton of Bakeillie had a child born 22 publickly bapt. this day named Alexander.

An Anne Petrie was baptized in the same parish in 1753:

26 Aug 1753

Alexr Petrie in Gateside had a child Baptised Named Ann Petrie 26 Aug 1753.

Rev James Paton, the minister of Craig Parish, drew up a List of Parishioners in 1788. Several names occur in it, which could be connected with this family, but insufficient information was recorded to allow a positive identification of anyone of the name Greig, Petrie or Keith. The drop line chart has been drawn up from the information above.