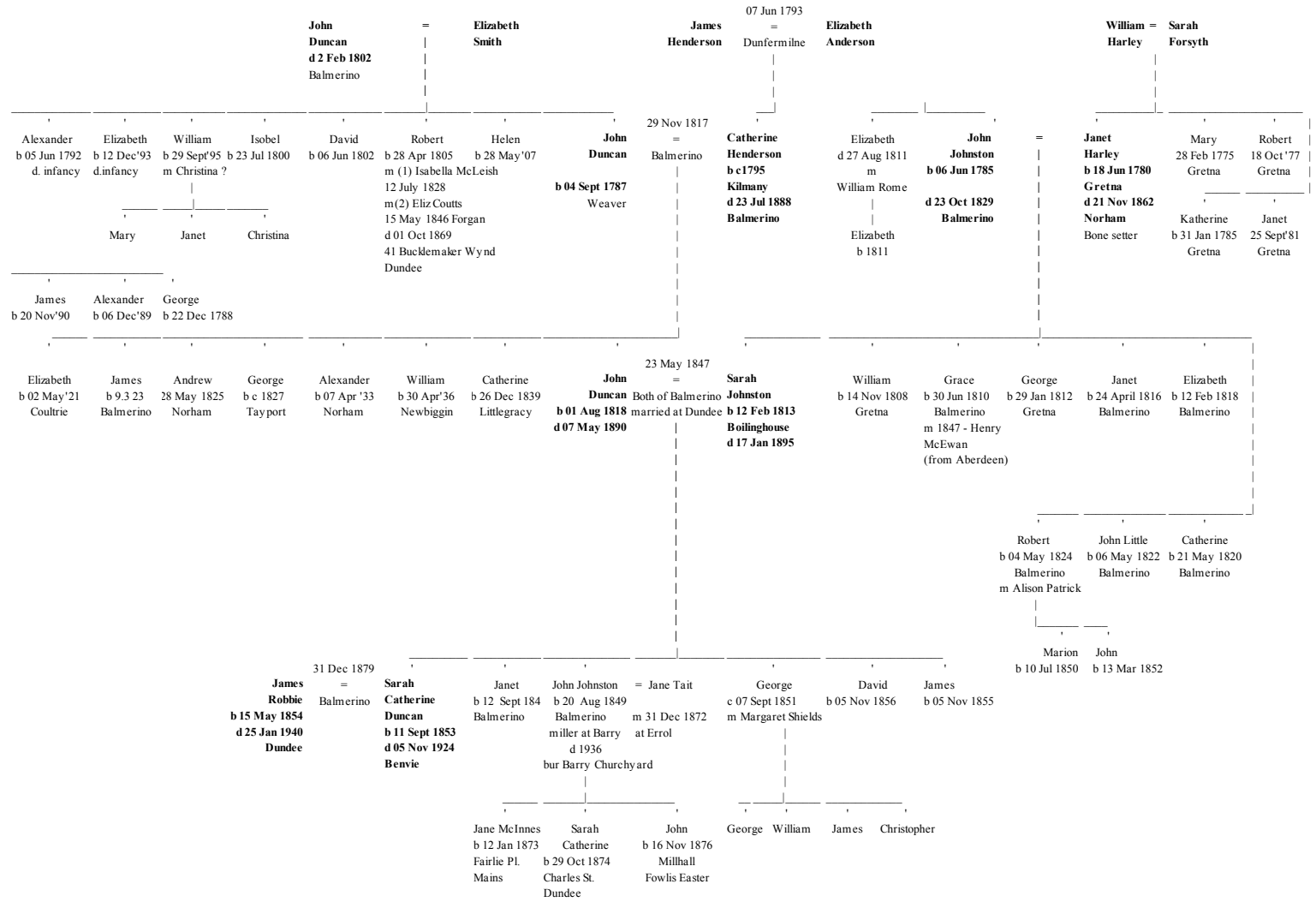


John Duncan and Catherine Henderson



John Duncan Catherine Henderson

The first five of the following events were recorded in Fife, Balmerino (409).

1818

Novr. 29th Duncan & Henderson John Duncan & Catherine Henderson
Henderson both of this parish.

1818 FR 470

Birth Bapt.

Augt. 1 John, son to John Duncan and Catherine Henderson, Coutrie

(There is no date given for baptism as there is in most of the later births. Perhaps because the parents weren't married?)

02 May 1821

Elizabeth, daughter of John Duncan & Catherine Henderson Coultra. born 2 May, bapt 13 May.

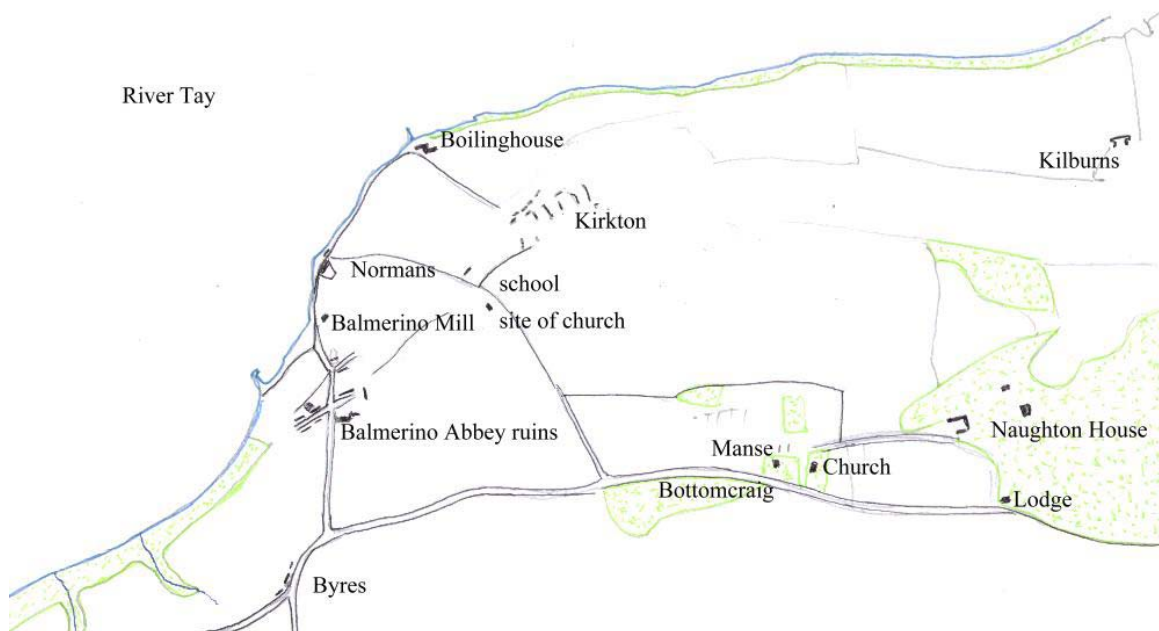
23 Mar 1823

James, son of John Duncan & Catherine Henderson, Balmerino. born 9th, bapt Mar 23

12 Jun 1825 FR518

Andrew, son of John Duncan and Catherine Henderson, Norham born May 28 bapt June 12

Sketch of Balmerino area from 1854 O.S. map



The next two births took place in Ferry-Port-on-Craig (now Newport) in Fife

18 Dec 1826

Born 18th: George son of John Duncan & Catherine Henderson and bapt Dec 31st.

28 Sept 1828

Sept 17th: born David son of John Duncan & Catherine Henderson and baptized Sept 28th

By the time of the next recorded birth, the family are back in Balmerino

07 Apr 1833

Alexander, son of John Duncan weaver, Newbiggin & Catherine Henderson his wife born Mar 24th bapt Apr 7th.

30 Apr 1836

William son of John Duncan weaver, Newbiggin & Catherine Henderson his wife. born Apr 13th bapt Apr 30th.

26 Dec 1839

Catherine, daughter of John Duncan, weaver, Littlegracy and Catherine Henderson his wife. born Dec 26 bapt Jan 12.

Normally the next piece of information about the family would be found in the 1841 Census. Unfortunately, this census has been lost so that we have to wait until 1851 to see them at Feus of Kirkton, Balmerino.

The Enumerator in 1851 obviously did not approve of people falsifying their ages as he appended the following note: "some of the schedules contained errors in the ages of the persons named which I have corrected from the parish records". The same enumerator also recorded some interesting occupations for example, "Superintendent of cows" and quite simply, "Idiot".

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Feus of Kirkton

Duncan John	h	m	63	HLW linen	Fife, Balmerino
Duncan Catherine	w	m	56	Weavers wife	Fife, Kilmany
Duncan William	s		14	HLW linen	Fife, Balmerino
Duncan Catherine	d		11	scholar	Fife, Balmerino

By 1861 little has changed:

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sch 37 Kirkton

Duncan John	h	m	74	weaver (linen)	Fife, Balmerino
Duncan Catherine	w	m	65		Fife, Kilmany
Duncan Catherine	d	u	21	weaver (linen)	Fife, Balmerino
Fowler George	g-son		9	scholar	Fife, Balmerino

1 room with a window, 1scholar.

John died in 1867, the cause being given as Apoplexy. This had lasted a few days.

Catherine continued to live on her own.

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sch 53

Duncan Catherine h wid 75 Fife, Kilmany 3 rooms

In the final census in which Catherine appears she living at Norham, on the shore at Balmerino with George Duncan aged 29, who is presumably a grandson.

1881 Norham, Balmerino

Duncan George h m 29 Salmon fisher Fife, Balmerino
Duncan(m.s Henderson) Catherine mo widr 86 Fife, Kilmany

Death 1869 409 Balmerino No.1

John Duncan	1869	M 81	John Duncan	Apoplexy	John Duncan
H.L.weaver	June 24 th		farmer	a few days	son
married to	10h 45m. p.m.		(deceased)	cert by John	present
Catherine	Kirkton		Elizabeth	Stuart Physician	
Henderson	Balmerino		Duncan	and surgeon	
			M.S. Smith	Newburgh	
			(deceased)		

Death 1888 Balmerino (409) No. 5

Catherine Duncan	F 94	1888	Unknown.	James Henderson	George Duncan
Widow of John		July 23 rd .	No medical	agricultural labourer	son.
Duncan, linen weaver		Kirkton	attendant	(deceased)	
		Balmerino		Elizabeth Henderson	
				M.S. Anderson	
				(deceased).	

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