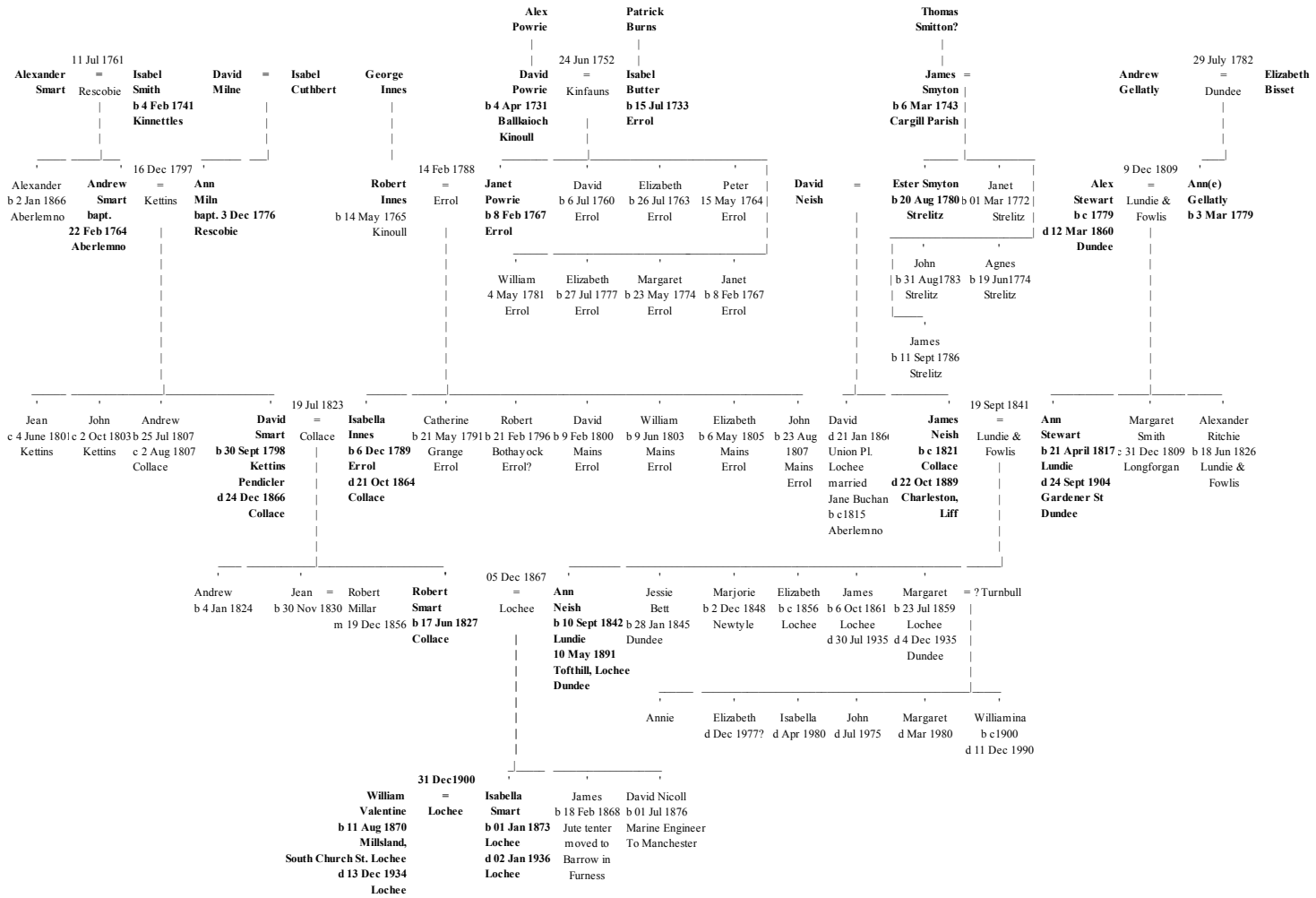


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The parents of James Neish were David Neish and Ester Smieton. No record of the marriage of David and Ester has been found. They had at least two children but their births are not recorded either and David and Ester have been traced only through the death certificates of these sons.

The death of James's brother, David, gives their mother's maiden surname that is missing from James's death certificate:

1866 Lochee (district 282/3) No 20

|               |      |             |              |              |             |
|---------------|------|-------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| David Neish   | M 47 | Jan 21 1866 | David Neish  | Typhus fever | David Neish |
| Mill overseer |      | Union Place | ploughman    | 11 days      | son         |
| Married to    |      | Lochee      | (deceased)   |              |             |
| Jane Buchan   |      |             | Ester Neish  |              |             |
|               |      |             | M.S. Smeiton |              |             |
|               |      |             | (deceased)   |              |             |

1889 Liff & Benvie (district 340)

|                |      |                 |              |               |            |
|----------------|------|-----------------|--------------|---------------|------------|
| James Neish    | M 66 | 22 Oct 1889     | David Neish  | Heart disease | Ann Smart  |
| Farm labourer  |      | Charleston      | farm servant | instananeous  | daughter   |
| Married to Ann |      | Liff.           | (deceased)   |               | 3 Toffhill |
| Stewart        |      | Usual residence | Ester Neish  |               | Lochee     |
|                |      | 3 Toffhill      | (deceased)   |               |            |
|                |      | Lochee.         |              |               |            |

### Children of David and Ester

**James** was a farm labourer all his life. The 1841 census finds James living in a bothy on the farm of Ardgarth, North-west of the village of Lundie in West Forfarshire. Despite the discrepancy in the age (James would have been twenty at the time) this seems to be the correct entry.

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Ardgarth Bothie

|                  |    |          |   |
|------------------|----|----------|---|
| James Neish      | 28 | Ag. Lab. | y |
| Alex Craighead   | 20 | Ag. Lab. | y |
| George Robertson | 14 | Ag.Lab.  | y |

Later the same year James, in Ardgarth, was to marry Ann Stewart in neighbouring Nether Smiston. The rest of his story is in "James Neish and Ann Stewart".

**David** married Jane Buchan and became a mill overseer in Lochee. The relevant entry from the 1861 census is given below.

Lochee 282/5

Ryehill Park Lowes Land

|                 |   |   |      |                   |                |
|-----------------|---|---|------|-------------------|----------------|
| Neish David     | h | m | 34   | flaxmill overseer | PER, Cargill   |
| Neish Jane      | w | m | 36   |                   | ANS, Aberlemno |
| Neish Elizabeth | d | u | 10   | scholar           | ANS, Mains     |
| Neish David     | s | u | 8    | scholar           | ANS, Liff      |
| Neish John      | s | u | 7    | scholar           | ANS, Liff      |
| Neish Jane      | d | u | 4    | scholar           | ANS, Liff      |
| Neish Margaret  | d | u | 2    |                   | ANS, Liff      |
| Neish William   | s | u | 10mo |                   | ANS, Liff      |