

John Frazer Margaret Black

The earliest known Frazers in the family are John Frazer and his wife Margaret Black. They are recorded as the parents of David, born 16 Sept 1810 at Little Dunkeld and of John born 9 Sept 1812 at Lethendy as well as being recorded as the parents of David on his death certificate. No records of their birth, marriage or death have been found. The only other clue is the inscription in a psalm book:



That is:

John Frazer
his book. St John
New Brunswick North
America May 3
1824

The inscription is written in a clear bold hand. Is it written in his own hand? If so why had he been in North America? How long was he there for? Was his family with him or was he alone? Did they return to Scotland? The questions are many but investigations both in New Brunswick and in Scotland have so far revealed nothing. New Brunswick sources searched are:

1851 Census for the City of Saint John (the earliest census).
Some burial Records of the Loyalist Burial Ground (a book).
Vital Statistics from New Brunswick Newspapers, 1784 to 1893 (a series of books)
Early New Brunswick Probate Records 1785-1835 (a book)
History of St. Andrews Society of Saint John (a book).
Vital Statistics from the Presbyterian Witness (a weekly newspaper)
Vital Statistics from the Wesleyan (a Methodist weekly newspaper).

(When John Frazer and Margaret Black's son was born the birth was recorded in Little Dunkeld as well as Lethendy. The following note from the Little Dunkeld O.P.R. explains why!

N.B. This birth and another on the 82nd page of this book were registered at the request of the parents as there have been some defects in the registers of Lethendy.)



Ruins of Lethendy Church in 1999



Telford's 1809 bridge at Dunkeld which must have been a familiar sight to the Frasers.



The Church of Little Dunkeld 1999