

Adam Ferguson Janet Shepherd

Adam and Janet married in Alyth parish in 1815. The entry in the register is:

Old Parish Register Perthshire, Alyth (328)

1815 Adam Ferguson servant to Mr Crammond of Wester Leiffie and Janet Shepherd daughter of the deceased David Shepherd late in Leiffie proclaimed 3 times 28 May.

(Leiffie is pronounced Leet-fi, the i sounding as it does in fish).

Two years later their first child, Alan, was born in the Dundee suburb of Lochee which at that time fell within the parish of Liff, Benvie and Invergowrie.

O.P.R. Liff, Benvie & Invergowrie (301) FR591

<u>1817</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Wit.</u>
Dec <sup>r</sup> . 31 <sup>st</sup> .	Adam Ferguson in Lochee	Alan McLaren	Con.

Two years later again, their second child, Ann, was born in Alyth although Adam was at the time working a dozen miles away in Glamis. It would probably be fair to guess that Janet had returned to her mother's for the birth.

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Ann Ferguson lawful daughter to Adam Ferguson servant at Glamis and Janet Shepherd his spouse born 18<sup>th</sup> and bapt. 24<sup>th</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup>.

The family returned to Lochee again before the birth of the last child, Jean.

O.P.R. Liff, Benvie & Invergowrie (301/4) FR 916

<u>1821</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Wit.</u>
Nov <sup>r</sup> . 17 <sup>th</sup>	Adam Ferguson in Lochee	Jean.	Con.

Nothing more is known of them until the 1841 census when the family is still in Lochee.

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Ferguson	Janet	45		no
Ferguson	Allan	20	Mason	y
Ferguson	Jessie	15		y

Adam who was later recorded as a sheeting weaver on Jessie's death certificate in 1861 and as a "private soldier" in Allan's death certificate in 1895 is missing from above census so is presumably dead. Life expectancy at that time was not much over forty.

By the time of the 1851 census both Janet and Adam are missing. Janet is recorded as dead on Jessie's death certificate in 1861 and goes missing from census between '41 and '51 so presumably she died in that period. No death certificate has been found for her.

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Scotts Angle

Ferguson Allan	h	u	30	mason	Forfar, Lochee
Ferguson Ann	sister	u	28	weaver	Perth, Alyth
Ferguson Jess	sister	u	25	weaver	Forfar, Lochee
Easson Alexr	lodger	u	12	corkcutter	Forfar, Dundee
Frater Ann	niece	u	4		Forfar, Lochee