

John Duncan Elizabeth Smith

The marriage of John and Elizabeth does not seem to have been recorded. The earliest information about them is in 1787 with the birth of their first child, John. All of their family were born at “Coultrie” (or Coultra) in the parish of Balmerino. This name means the place of the colls or hazels. The records do not record John’s occupation although, since Coultra is a little inland it seems likely that he would be a smallholder and/or weaver rather than a fisherman. The following is a complete list of the births registered to John and Elizabeth:

Balmerino (409/2)

Year	Born	Bapt	Name
1787		Sept 4	Duncan, John, son of Jn ^o Duncan and Elizabeth Smith Coultrie.
1788		Dec 22	Duncan, George, son of Jn ^o Duncan and Elizabeth Smith Coultrie.
1790		Nov 20	Duncan, James, son of Jn ^o Duncan and Elizabeth Smith Coultrie.
1792		June 5	Duncan, Alexander son of Jn ^o Duncan and Elizabeth Smith Coultrie.
1793		Dec 12	Duncan, Elizabeth, dau ^r . of Jn ^o Duncan and Elizabeth Smith Coultrie.
1795		Sept 29	Duncan, William, son of Jn ^o Duncan and Elizabeth Smith Coultrie.
1798		Dec 6	Duncan, Alexander, son of Jn ^o Duncan and Elizabeth Smith Coultrie.
1800		July 23	Duncan, Isobel, dau ^r . of Jn ^o Duncan and Elizabeth Smith Coultrie.
1802		June 6	Duncan, David, son of Jn ^o Duncan and Elizabeth Smith Coultrie.
1805		Apr 28	Duncan, Robert, son of Jn ^o Duncan and Elizabeth Smith Coultrie.
1807	May 28	June 11	Duncan, Helen Watson, dau ^r . of Jn ^o Duncan and Elizabeth Smith Coultrie.

No other information about this couple exists until John’s death is recorded on the stone in Balmerino churchyard, the inscription being:

no. 69 John Duncan late tennant Coultrie 2.2.1808 w Elizabeth Smith, chn Alex, Eliz inf.

Stone 69 an its position:

