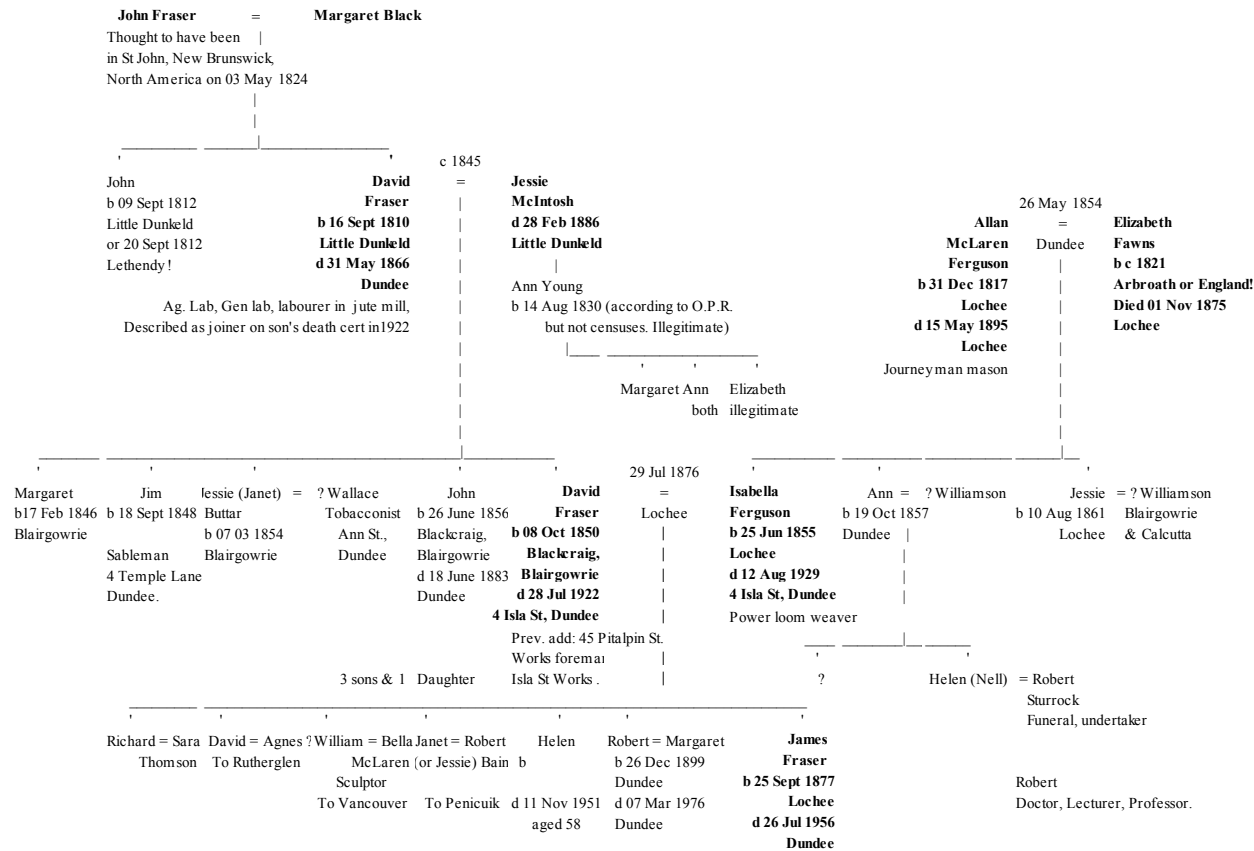


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David Fraser was born 8th Oct 1850 his parents being David Fraser and Janet (or Jessie) McIntosh.

Isabella Ferguson was the eldest of the three daughters of Alan Ferguson and Elizabeth Fawns. She had been born on 25th June 1855. Before she was sixteen, Isabella was a powerloom weaver.

David and Isabella were married on 29 December 1876 at 14 Rose Street, Lochee he, aged 24 and living at 45 Pitalpin Street was a jute mill overseer and she, aged 21 living at 14 Rose Street was a power loom weaver. It seems likely that they met when they both worked in the same Lochee factory. They had a family of seven, the oldest being James born 25 Sept 1877 at Flemings Land, Pitalpin Street, and the youngest Robert born 26 Dec 1899. It is said that by the time the last child was born, the oldest, James, was reprimanding his parents for having more children!

In 1881 they were living in Archibalds Lane, Lairds Land:

1881 census Dundee, Lochee 252/5 dist. 2 page 18.

Fraser	David	h	m	28	Overseer, Jute mill	Perth, Blairgowrie
Fraser	Isabella	w	m	25		Forfar, Liff
Fraser	James	s	u	3		Forfar Lochee
Fraser	William	s	u	1		Forfar Lochee

Around 1890 the growing family moved to 4 Isla Street a house which had been specially enlarged to three rooms for David who was now a jute mill overseer in Isla Street Works. The 1891 census finds them there:

1891 Dundee fourth district (282/4) dist.46 page 11. 4 Isla St.

Fraser	David	h	m	38	Jute spinning overseer	Perth, Blairgowrie	employed
Fraser	Isabella	w	m	35		Forfar, Lochee	
Fraser	James	s	u	13	Jute spinning worker	Forfar, Lochee	employed
Fraser	William	s	u	11	scholar	Forfar, Lochee	
Fraser	Jessie	d	u	3		Forfar, Lochee	
Fraser	David	s	u	11mo		Forfar, Lochee	

1901 Dundee fourth district (282/4) dist.57 4 Isla St.

Fraser	David	h	m	48	Jute mill overseer	Perth, Blairgowrie	employed
Fraser	Isabella	w	m	45		Forfar, Lochee	
Fraser	James	s	u	13	Jute spinning worker	Forfar, Lochee	employed
Fraser	William	s	u	21	stonecutter	Forfar, Lochee	
Fraser	Jessie	d	u	13	scholar	Forfar, Lochee	
Fraser	David	s	u	10	scholar	Forfar, Lochee	
Fraser	Nellie	d	u	7	scholar	Dundee, Forfarshire	
Fraser	Richard	s	u	4		Dundee, Forfarshire	
Fraser	Robert	s	u	1		Dundee, Forfarshire	

Isabella was said to have been a very nice natured person who had a difficult time with her husband who eventually became alcoholic. As a result James and some others in the family were teetotal.

David died aged 69 on 28 July 1922 in Dundee District Asylum, Liff of heart disease. Isabella died aged 74 on 12 August 1929 at 4 Isla Street. Nan, their granddaughter, remembered seeing the hearse passing up Moncur Crescent, pulled by horses with purple plumes on their heads.

Note: In many cases the ages on documents do not correspond with the couple's correct ages.



David Fraser and Isabella Ferguson with Back: Janet, William, James and David
Front: Helen, Richard and Robert.

At the time this picture was taken, William was in Canada and was “added” to the picture.

The oldest son, James worked in a jute-spinning mill before being apprenticed to Rough & Fraser, bakers, at the top of Hilltown where he served his time. Before marriage Jim attended the Bog Mission in Lochee and the family church of St Luke's Lochee but following the first world war never attended church again. By about 1904 he had already met Maggie Dobson but went off to Cape Colony serving there as a Police Constable in Port Elizabeth until 1908. When she wouldn't join him in South Africa, he returned to marry her. On his return he applied to join the local police but was only 5ft.10in. and they wouldn't accept anyone under 6ft. tall. He worked for a time as a conductor on the trams until the Lord Provost came on his tram ostentatiously paying his penny fare with a £1 note (remember 240 pennies in a pound in those days). Jim's comment was "I wipe my backside with these" and that job came to an end.

At age 5 or 6 Janet is reported to have said to her brother William, who was charged with taking her to school "We'll no go to that shitty scale the day eh no Willie!" When she left school, Janet worked in a jute mill. In later life Jim disagreed with Janet claiming that when she visited them on holiday she just sat about and didn't help Maggie enough. Janet was very much a rough diamond and, when they were young, amused her great-niece and nephew, (Sheila and Bill Valentine) with her stories. She and her husband always enjoyed weddings and always attended if they could. After Jim died, Janet stayed with Maggie whenever Nan and Willie (Maggie's daughter and son-in-law) went on holiday.

Helen (always known as Nellie) worked in various jute mills, latterly in the Boase Spinning Company (Boasies, as it was known) in Lorimer Street. Her journey home from there to her house in Clepington Road took her up Caird Avenue, a climb that she found increasingly difficult. This turned out to be the result of heart problems of which she died at age 58.

The youngest, Robert, in later life known to some as Uncle Rob and some as Uncle Bob, remained in the family home at 4 North Isla St. for the rest of his life. A docker, he married late (at which time Auntie Nellie moved out) and latterly lived on own for many years after his wife died. A thoroughly disorganised person he never got round to canceling "Womans Own" magazine. Rob was talented in many ways. He made violins and played them, painted landscapes and built quality furniture but rarely finished anything he started. No one was allowed into his house except when he was ill five years before his death when Bella & Nan changed his bed sheets. When he died he still had the same sheets on the bed! The house was full of tools, equipment for making violins, wood, varnishes, mixed in with things like bags of sugar, the whole lot being well cemented down with copious layers of dust. Behind one door, and full of moth holes, hung his Black Watch kilt from 1918. Despite the chaotic surroundings he himself always emerged from them beautifully dressed in white shirt, dark suit and with his white hair shining. He thought nothing of going to visit relatives at 11pm or later!



North Isla Street 1993 (Fraser house is on corner two up).

Willie became a sculptor before emigrating to Canada. (It seems likely that he was a monumental sculptor as there would not be much demand for sculptors in Dundee)

and the family could not in any case afford an artistic training). He was killed in France on 7 March 1917 when he fighting with the 47th Bn., Canadian Infantry (Western Ontario Regt.). He is buried in Barlin Community Cemetery Extension near Arras. His wife, Belle McLaren, visited some of the family when she was brought over to see his name on the Menin Gate after the war.

David was reputedly a very good plumber but he began to drink heavily and was put out of the family home by James because of the worry this was giving their mother. He later married and lived in Rutherglen.

On leaving school, Richard worked in Dundee docks for a short time. Being a member of the Territorial Army, he was sent to France with the Royal Field Artillery at the start of the war in 1914. His first leave came in 1917! After his discharge in 1918 he returned to work with Dundee Harbour Trust before marrying in 1921. Their son, Dick was born the following year. A short time later Richard emigrated to Australia but didn't settle and returned shortly thereafter, taking up his former work as foreman dockworker.

Births:

O.P.R. Perth, Blairgowrie (335/4 Frame 1154)

David Fraser labourer in Blackcraig and his wife Janet McIntosh had a child Baptised on Oct 8th 1850: David.

1855 Birth Dundee 3rd dist. (282/3), Lochee. No.88

Isabella Ferguson	1855 25 th June Burnside Lochee	F	Alan Ferguson mason 35 years born Lochee Married 1854 Dundee 1 girl living Elizabeth Fawns Her second child 3 years born Arbroath.	Alan Ferguson father
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1877 Marriage Dundee 5th dist (282/5), Lochee. No. 8

29 th Dec. 1876 At 14 Rose St. Lochee C of S	David Fraser jute mill overseer bachelor	24	45 Pitalpin Street Lochee	David Fraser labourer jute mill (deceased) Janet Fraser M.S. McIntosh Alan Ferguson mason (jour.) Elizabeth Ferguson M.S. Fawns (deceased)
	Isabella Ferguson power loom weaver	21	14 Rose Street Lochee	

Witnesses: James Fraser and Jessie (scored out) Janet Macleod.

1922 Death: Dundee, Liff & Benvie dist. (301). No. 54

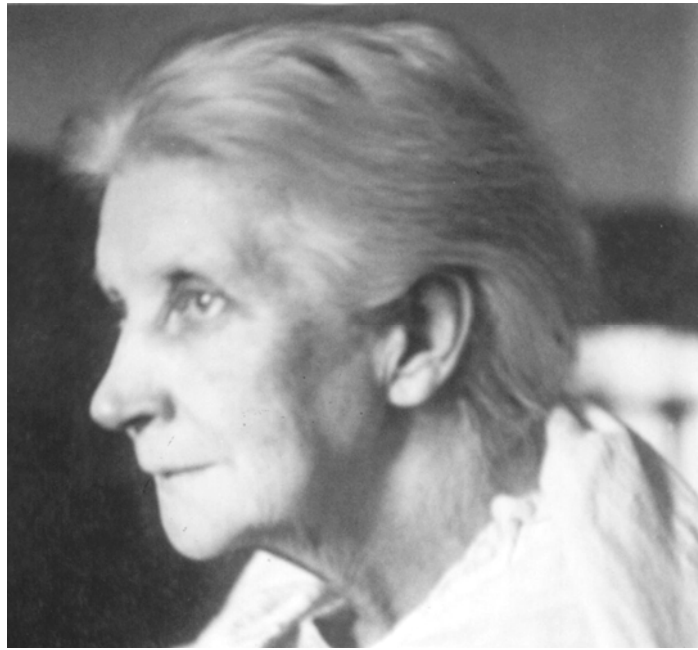
David Fraser	M	69	28 July 1922	Heart disease	David Fraser	James Fraser
jute mill overseer			Dundee District	3 years	Joiner	son
Married to Isabella			Asylum, Liff		(deceased)	52 Provost Rd.
Ferguson			Usual residence		Jessie Fraser	Dundee
			4 Isla St. Dundee.		M.S. McIntosh	

1929 Death: Dundee St. Andrews dist. (282/3) No. 572

Isabella Fraser	F	74	1929	Senile vascular	Alan Ferguson	Robert Fraser
nee Ferguson			12 Aug	changes.	mason	son
widow of David			4 Isla St.	abdominal	(deceased)	
Fraser jute mill			Dundee.	tumour	Elizabeth Ferguson	
overseer				causing	M.S. Fawns	
				intestinal		
				obstruction.		



David and Isabella Fraser



Isabella Fraser or Ferguson



Copied from pencil drawings of Sarah Thomson Richard Fraser



BALDOVAN VILLAGE

Post card sent to Helen Fraser (Auntie Nellie) in 1915. Message is:

Many thanks for nice PC you sent me. I am staying at Baldovan with Aggie and baby
and having lovely weather. Lizzie Smith
(Baldovan is now within the boundaries of Dundee.)

Anne, Sleuwenhoek or Soutar in 2005, at the grave of William Fraser, her
gt gt uncle.



Some more detain of the stone.

