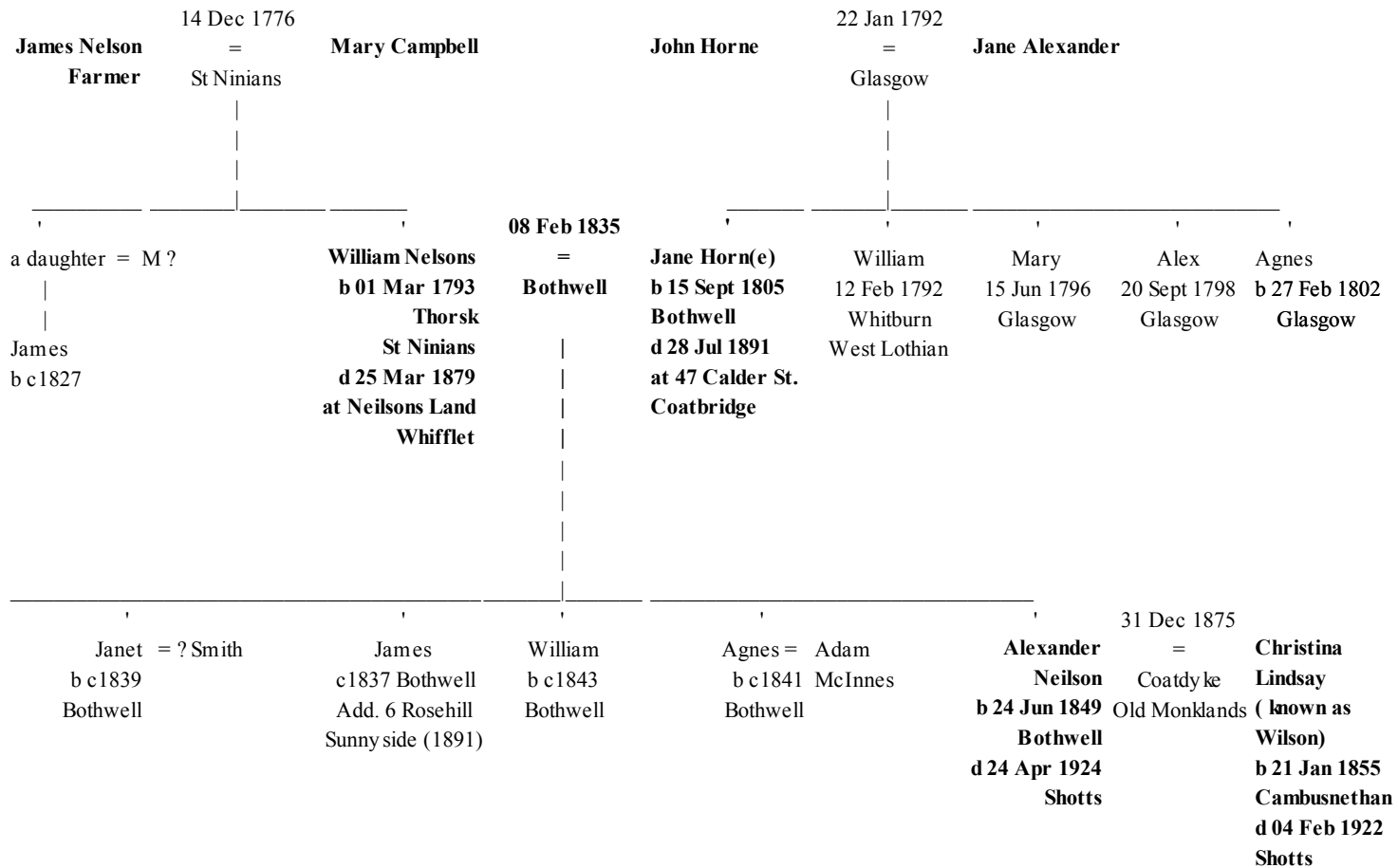


William Nelson and Jean Horn



William Nelson Jean Horn

The marriage of William and Jean is recorded in the Old Parish Register for Bothwell, Lanarkshire. The record is cryptic:

08 Feb 1835. William Nelsons and Jean Horn paid 4s. This is presumably a record of the payment for making the proclamation. Four shillings is equivalent to about £12 nowadays.

By the 1841 census they and their family are in Holytoun, part of the parish of Bothwell.

625/1 book 11 page 9.

Holytoun

Nelson William	40	labourer	y
Nelson Jean	30		y
Nelson John	10		y
Nelson James	7		y
Nelson Mary	5		y
Nelson Janet	3		y
Nelson Agnes	1		y

What kind of labouring William did is not recorded. Later he was a railway labourer and railways, including mineral lines were certainly being constructed around Holytown around this time so he may have been employed on this construction work. On the other hand, most of his neighbours were miners so it may be that he worked in or at a mine.

By the 1851 census the family had moved to Bridge Row, Old Monklands:

1851 census Dist. 652 Book 21 Page 4

17 Bridge Row

Neilson William	h m	52	railway labourer	STI St Ninians
Neilson Jean	w m	47	wife of do.	LKS Bothwell
Neilson James	s u	14	railway lab	LKS Bothwell
Neilson Janet	d u	12	scholar	LKS Bothwell
Neilson Agnes	d u	12	scholar	LKS Bothwell
Neilson William	s	8	scholar	LKS Bothwell
Neilson Alexander	s	6	scholar	LKS Bothwell

1861 census 652 (Old Monkland East) Village of Calder. Book 5 page 20.

9 Bridge Row

Neilson William	h m	63	platelayer	STI, St Ninians
Neilson Jean	w m	56		LKS, Holytoun
Neilson James	s u	25	hammerman	LKS, Old Monklands
Neilson Janet	d u	23	domestic servant	LKS, Old Monklands
Neilson William	s u	19	waggon driver	LKS, Old Monklands
Neilson Alexander	s u	17	waggon driver	LKS, Old Monklands
Smith James	gr-son u	3		LKS, Old Monklands

It is not clear who the mother of James Smith is. All likely births from 1855 to 1858 have been checked. Mary became Mary Spalding, and lived in Hamilton. Agnes became Agnes Innes, lived in Coatbridge and had, according to family lore and

censuses, no family. Marriages for both Janet and Agnes have also been sought without success.

By 1871 they have moved to Locks Road in New Monklands. The end portion of Locks Road is seen at the top right of the map below where it approaches Sheepford Locks. Comparing their occupations with ten years previously, they seem to have hit hard times although William was now the owner of land further south at Greenend.

1871 census 651 Book.4 page 1.

Locks Road:

Neilson William	h m	75	platelayer unemployed	Stirling, St. Ninians
Neilson Jean	w m	65		Lks. Bothwell
Neilson James	s u	34	labourer	Lks. Bothwell
Neilson Alexander	s u	24	labourer	Lks. Bothwell
Neilson Agnes	d u	30		Lks. Bothwell
Smith James	g-son u	15	labourer	Lks. Whifflet

1 room with window

A platelayer would now be called a surfaceman i.e. the person who lays and maintains the track on the railway.

Some eight years later, in 1879, William Nelson was described in his death certificate as a "rail plate layer and portioner". After his death, however, he is described in the Register of Sasines as a "labourer at Carron Iron works". It seems that the unemployed platelayer had taken other employment after the age of 75. No pensions it those days!

The Sasine abridgement reads as follows:

Lanark 1880 9512 2 Dec 1880.

Not. instrument Trustees of the deceased William Nelson, labourer at Carron Iron Works near Coatbridge sometimes named and designed William Neilson, portioner,

Whifflet - of 1 rood $5\frac{3}{10}$ poles of ground, with houses etc. thereon, bounded on the South by the road leading from Hamilton to Airdrie by Greenend and Sheepford Locks and on the left by the centre of an intended road or street 30 ft. wide being part of the lands of Coats and Whifflet, Parish of Old Monkland, on Extract Registered Trust Disposition and Settlement dated 30th September 1865 and recorded in books of council and session 22nd April 1879 (containing a general convey) by the said William Nelson to trustees; Deed of assumpt. and convey dated 18th June 1879, and minute of acceptance thereto, both recorded in books of council and session 1st August 1879 and another writ, with warrant of registration thereon, on behalf of said first mentioned.

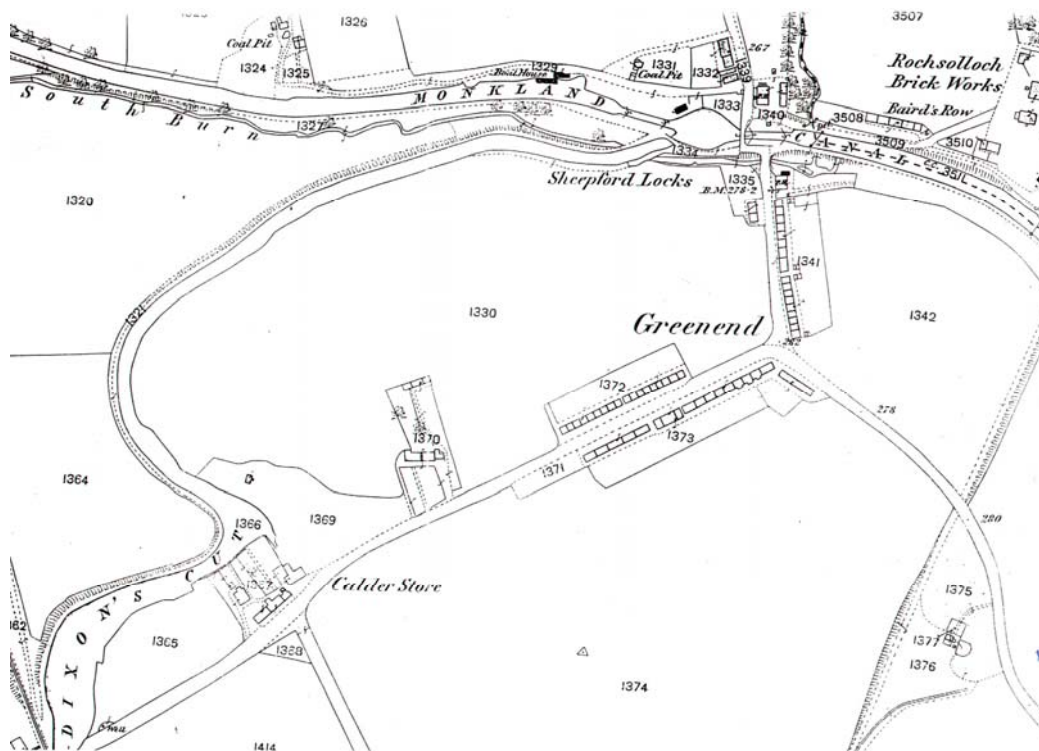
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(1 rood = $\frac{1}{4}$ acre)

The area numbered 1372 on the 1881 map below would seem to be the area referred to in the above document. The 1881 Census lists twelve houses at Neilsons Land and the 1891 census lists nine houses, each with one room, with the addresses 1-9 Neilsons Land.

From index of deeds and sasine writs:

Granters name and designation	Grantees name	sort of deed	date of deed	date of reg'n	Vol	Fol	Mb
William Neilson portioner Whifflet	Trustees	Disp & Sett.	Sept 30 1865	Apr 22 1879	1715	595	144



An abstract from the confirmation & inventory of his will is:

NEILSON, William 9 May, - Inventory of William Neilson, Portioner, Whifflet, who died 25 March 1879, at Whifflet, testate, given up at **Glasgow**, by George Shanks, Grocer, Whifflet, Executor nominated in Will or Deed, dated 30 September 1865, and recorded in Court Books of Commissariat of Lanark, 9 May 1879.

Value of estate, £50, 7s 6d.

The full will & inventory are included at the end of this history.

Confirmations at that time did not normally Include the value of heritable property as this passed automatically to the eldest son. £50.7s 6d in 1879 would now be worth £2500.

In the 1881 census Jane is still in Neilsons Land:

1881 census 652/3 bk 7 page 32

Neilsons Land

M (Mrs) Neilson	h w	77		LKS, Holytown.
James Neilson	s u	44	iron works labourer	LKS, Holytown.

The 1891 census finds Jane living with her son Alexander and recorded under her maiden name:

1891 census 652/2 bk.036. p41

47 Calder Street.

Neilson Jane Home	h w	80		LKS, Bothwell
Neilson Alexander	s m	45	general labourer employed	LKS. Old Monkland
Neilson William	gr-son	14	general labourer employed	LKS. Old Monkland
Neilson John	gr-son	12	scholar	LKS. Old Monkland

A few months after the census Jane died at the same address aged 85 years.

James's birth:

O.P.R. Stirling, St. Ninians Fr1375.

1st March 1793 Parents: James Nielson Mary Campbell. Children: William.

Witnesses: Relief . Residence: Throsk

Jane's birth

O.P.R. Bothwell, Lanarkshire (625/1 FR 346)

Horn: Jane lawful daughter of John Horn (Two words illegible here. Second looks a bit like Wallacetoun) and his spouse Jane Alexander born 16 Aug and baptised 15 Sept 1805.

Marriage:

Bothwell, Lanarkshire 08 Feb 1835. William Nelsons and Jean Horn paid 4s.

1879 East Dist. Old Monklands No. 56

William Neilson M	85	1879	James Neilson	Bronchitis	Alexander
Rail plate layer		March 25 th	farmer	7 or 8 days	Neilson
& portioner		11h 30m a.m.	(deceased)	as cert by	son
married to		Neilsons Land	Mary Neilson	R Wilson	Present
Jane Horn		Whifflet	M.S. Campbell	surgeon	
			(deceased)		

1891 No. 610

Jane Nelson	F 85	1891	---- Horne	General	James Nelson
Widow of		July 28 th	Gardener	Debility	son, 6 Rosehill
William Nelson		7h 0m a.m.	(Deceased)	Diarrhea	Sunnyside
Railway Plate		47 Calder St	Jane Alexander	4 days	Coatbridge
Layer		Coatbridge	Horne	as cert by	
			M.S. Elshinder	D MacPhail	
			(deceased)	M.D.	

Neilson

9th May 1849

I William Neilson Portner Whiffat with the view of settling my affairs and providing for the disposal of my means and estate after my decease and for other good causes and considerations do therefore give grant assign dispose convey and make over to and in favor of Robert Stevenson Minister of the Gospel at Fabry John Scott Manager at Calder Iron Works and George Shanks Grocer Whiffat and to their legal successors in office and to the heirs of the longest liver of them as Trustees for the ends uses and purposes aftermentioned all my estate heritable and moveable real and personal living and belonging to me or which shall belong to me at the time of my decease with the rents interest profits and produce and unto titles and vouchers thereof and in particular and without prejudice to the foregoing generality all and whole that piece of ground containing one rood five poles and three tenths of a pole or thereby imperial measure included one half of the road or street aftermentioned as lately measured and marked off by Thomas Hyle Land Surveyor in Glasgow bounded the said piece of ground on the south by the road leading from Hamilton to Airdrie by Greenhead and Sheepfordlocks along which the said eighty one feet thereby to the centre of an intended road or street of thirty feet wide formed or to be formed northward through part of the lands belonging to James Hozier Esquire of Keelands and Barrowfield on the west by the ground feued by the said James Hozier to James Keble & Co.

See

at the flat along which it extends one hundred and fifty one feet six inches of thereby on the north by other ground belonging to the said James Cozier along which it extends eighty one feet of thereby and on the east by the centre of the said intended road or street along which it extends one hundred and fifty three feet of thereby and which piece of ground part and portion of the said James Cozier's lands of flats and the flat lying within the Parish of Old Kentland and Shire of Somerset all as more particularly described in the fee contract between the said James Cozier and me dated the eighth and fifteenth days of April and recorded in the Particular Registry Volume for Somersetshire kept at Hamilton the twelfth day of May all in the year Eighteen hundred and fifty four and further I nominate and appoint the said Trustees and their forebears to be my sole Executors and Executor but these presents are granted and are to be accepted by my said Trustees and their forebears in trust with the power and privileges and for the ends uses and purposes following videlicet that they may as they are hereby authorised and empowered to do call in for upbassment and discharge the whole debts and sums of money which shall then be due to me declaring that the debts to my estate or other parties with whom my Trustees shall transact shall have no concern or right to interfere with the application of the sums paid to my said Trustees whose receipts shall be sufficient exoneration for the same and my said Trustees shall apply as they are hereby authorised directed and empowered to apply my said estate and produce therefrom as follows vizt In the first place in payment of all my just and lawful debts sickbed and funeral charges

and also the expenses of this Trust in the second place my said Trustees shall pay over to Jane Horne or Neilson my wife in case she shall survive me the whole annual produce and rent of the residue of my means and estate heritable and moveable during all the days and years of her life payable half yearly at the usual terms of Whitsunday and Martinmas by equal portions which provisions above conceived in favor of my said spouse shall be held and applied as an alimentary provision alienably shall not be affectable by her debtors debts or attachable by the Diligence of her Creditors. In the third place I direct my said Trustees or their fore-saids on the death of the said Jane Horne or Neilson to sell and dispose of my heritable and moveable estate And I also direct my said Trustees and their fore-saids to offer my whole property heritable and moveable to my eldest son James Neilson at a fair price to be fixed by the said Trustees and failing his acceptance I appoint my said Trustees to offer the same at such price to each of the other members of my family in rotation and in case none of my family shall accept of the said property at the price to be fixed as aforesaid then and in that case I direct my said Trustees to sell the same by Public Auction at such time and in the manner and upon the conditions which my said Trustees shall think proper In the fourth place I direct my said Trustees and their fore-saids on their realising my estate as aforesaid to hold and apply the same in payment of the following legacies (first) To my daughter James Neilson the sum of fifty pounds Sterling (second) To my daughter Agnes Neilson the sum of fifty pounds Sterling (third) To my grandson

James Smith at present residing with me the like sum of Fifty pounds Sterling and I direct my said Trustees to apply pay and divide the whole, net residue and remainder of my estate then remaining to and among each of my said daughters James Nelson and Agnes Nelson and the Mary Nelson of Spalding residing in Campton also my daughter and James Nelson William Nelson and Alexander Nelson my sons share and share alike But declaring that in the event of the decease of any of my said sons or daughters leaving issue then and in that case the share falling to said son or daughter shall be divided among his or her children share and share alike And I declare that each of the said Trustees shall be liable to account only for the funds actually received by himself and not for any funds which he may have authorized a Co. Trustee factor or Agent to receive and that any Trustee who shall pay over to a Co. Trustee factor or Agent or shall do or concur in any act enabling such Co. Trustee factor or agent to receive any monies for the general purposes of the Trust or for any definite purpose authorized by this Settlement shall not be responsible for any loss resulting from his failure to see to the due application of the funds entrusted to such Co. Trustee factor or agent and none of my Trustees shall be responsible for the failure to recover any debt or fund the realization of which has been by him entrusted to and undertaken by a Co. Trustee factor or agent to the Trust and in order to prevent the failure of the discretion any powers hereby conferred in consequence of the office of Trustee lapsing I request my Trustees as soon as their number is by resignation or otherwise reduced below three to assume other trustees with the same powers as are hereby conferred on themselves And I reserve my own life interest and enjoyment of the whole premises and full

power and liberty at any time during my life and even on deathbed to revoke the burden hereby explained or in any way to alter these presents or to deliver or dispose of the delivery hereof and declaring that the same so far as unaltered though found lying by me or in the custody of any person undelivered at my decease shall have the full effect of a delivered without any law or custom to the contrary notwithstanding and I consent to the Registration hereof for preservation. In Witness whereof these presents written by James Benning Clerk to Henry M^c Lachlan Accountant in Coatbridge are subscribed by me at Coat Bridge upon the thirtieth day of September Eighteen hundred and sixty five years in presence of these witnesses the said Henry M^c Lachlan and Patrick Liddell also his Clerk (Signed) William Neilson Henry M^c Lachlan Witness P. Liddell Witness. Extracted from the Register of Feods & in the Books of Council and Session on this and the eleven preceding pages by me Principal Keeper of said Register holding Commission to that effect from the Lord Clerk Register of Scotland (Signed) Robt. M^cIndoch Coatbridge 9th May 1849 This is the Extract registered & duly deposited and Sealed as referred to in my Oath of this date to the Inventory of the Personal & Estate of William Neilson (Witness) (Signed) Geo. Shanks J. Stewart J.P.

of the deceased personal Estate or Effects
in any part thereof other than the said
Settlement. That the foregoing Inventory
signed by the deponent and the said
Justice of the Peace or relative hereto is
a full and complete Inventory of the
personal Estate and Effects of the said
deceased. Jane Wilson, Barclay where
soever situated and belonging in due
to her Beneficially at the time of her
death in so far as the same has come
to the deponent's knowledge. That the
deponent does not know of any money
or property belonging to the deceased
liable to the duty imposed by the Acts
23 Geo. 2 c. 15 & 23 Geo. 4 c. 80. That the
value at this date of the said personal
Estate and Effects situated in the United
Kingdom including the present annual
income down to this date is four hun-
dred and forty six pounds nine shil-
lings and three pence sterling and
under four hundred and fifty pounds
sterling. That Confirmation of the said
personal Estate is required in favor of
the deponent. All which is true as the
deponent shall answer to God (signed)
M. Barclay Jas Campbell J.P.

Conf'd 21 May 1879

Neilson
187.
H.C.

At Glasgow 9th May 1879 Compared
Robert Nutt Writer Coathridge and
gave in the Inventory to be recorded
whereof the tenor follows
Inventory of the personal Estate whereso-
ever situated of William Neilson Coathridge

Whifflet-collected there on the twenty fifth
day of March Eighteen hundred and seventy
nine

Scotland

Personal Property

- 1 Household furniture and other effects in de-
ceased house conform to Appraisalment
by John Chrichton deceased Valuator
Glasgow 23. 16. "
- 2 Rents of heritable due by following tenants
falling under Decree of Court
1 John Morrison from 11th November 1888
to date of death at £8 per annum 2. 18. 9
2 Mr. Nichol do do 2. 18. 9
3 Adam McBurness do do 2. 18. 9
4 Mr. Neilson do do 2. 18. 9
5 Alexander Neilson from 11th Novem-
ber 1888 till date of death at
£5 per annum 1. 16. 8
6 David Stevenson do do 1. 16. 8
7 William Wallace do do 1. 16. 8
8 Michael Scott do do 1. 16. 8
9 Thomas Baird do do 1. 16. 8
10 David Robertson do do 1. 16. 8
11 William Stevenson do do 1. 16. 8
12 John Watt do do 1. 16. 8
26. 8. 4

Interest thereon to date of death to

Inventories

Total amount of Personal Estate £ 2. 26. 11. 6

wherever situated

Signed/As Charles D. Stewart J. 6

at Glasgow the tenth day of May Eight-
een hundred and seventy nine years

In presence of Robert Stewart Esquire one
of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for
the County of Somerset appeared George
Shanks Esq. Whifflet Esquire of the
deceased William Neilson Testator's
flat-vice being solemnly sworn and
examined deposes that the said Wil-
liam Neilson died at Whifflet afore-
said upon the twenty fifth day of
March Eighteen hundred and twenty
nine and the deponent has entered
upon the possession and manage-
ment of the deceased's Estate in virtue
nominated by him along with Robert
Stevenson Minister of the Gospel at Garry
(who has declined to accept) and also
along with James Scott Manager at Sal-
der from which Beathridge was deceased
in a Trust Disposition and Settlement
executed by him upon the thirtieth day
of September Eighteen hundred and
twenty five and registered in the Books
of Council and Session on the twenty
second day of April Eighteen hundred
and seventy nine in Robert's name
is now exhibited and signed by the de-
ponent and the said Justice of the Peace
of this date in relative words that the
deponent does not know of any Settlement
Settlement or Writing relative to the dis-
posal of the deceased's personal Estate
or Effects or any part thereof other than
the said Trust Disposition and Settlement
that the foregoing answers signed by
the deponent and the said Justice of the

Peace & relative hereto is a full and complete inventory of the personal Estate and Effects of the said deceased William Neilson whereever situated and belonging as due to him & consequently at the time of his death in so far as the same have come to the deponent's knowledge. That the value at this date of the said personal Estate and Effects situated in Scotland including the interest accrued thereon down to this date is Fifty pounds sterling and under one hundred pounds sterling. That Confirmation is not at present required and which is truth as the deponent shall answer to God (signed) Geo. Charles H. Stewart Esq.

Anderson
Hardie
£8

at Glasgow 9th May 1849 Compaired in Public
Gordon & Alexander Writers Glasgow and
gave in the inventory to be recorded among
the tenor follows
Inventory of the personal Estate whereever
situated of Mr. Robert Anderson or Hardie
wife of Robert Hardie residing at number
seven Margaret Street South side Glasgow who
died at Glasgow on the fifteenth day of
February Eighteen hundred and twenty nine

Scotland

Personal Effects

- 1 Sum Deposited with British Linen Company
Bank Glasgow conform to Deposit
Receipt in deceased's name dated
14th January 1849 200 " "
Interest thereon to date of death " 9 " "
to date of date to Inventory 17 5 201 6 6
- 2 Balance of Hardie due to deceased by the