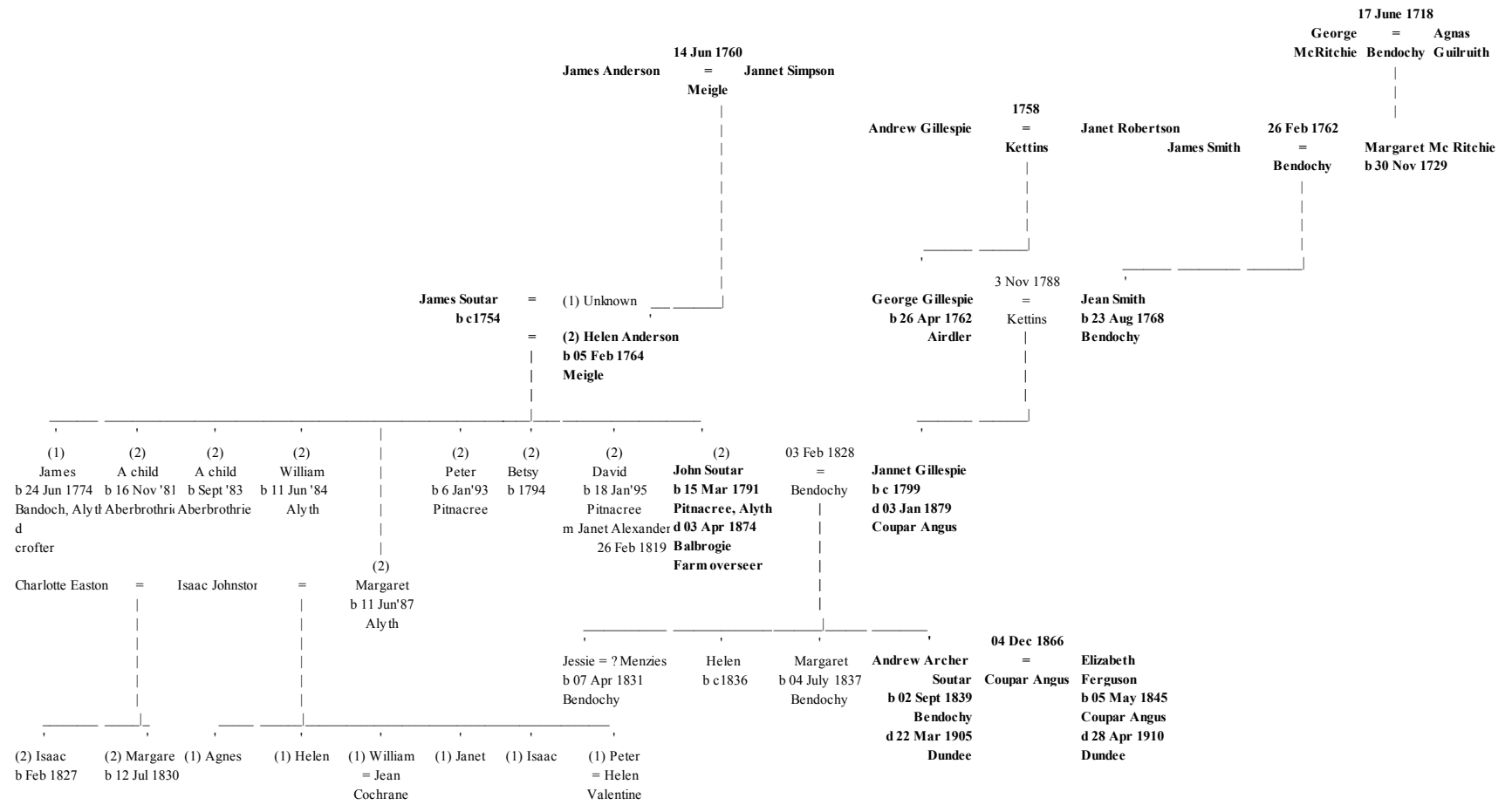


**James Soutar and Helen Anderson**



## James Soutar Helen Anderson

John was the son of James Soutar and Helen Anderson but there were at least two persons with each of these names in the district. The extracts from O.P.R. and Session Records give the relevant entries:

Perth, Meigle 1764 Helen daughter to James Anderson in Logie was baptised 5<sup>th</sup> February.

Perth, Alyth 1772 Heln daughter to James Anderson in Derby was baptised E.D. (19<sup>th</sup> April).

Perth, Alyth 1774 James son to James Soutar in Bandoch was baptised 24<sup>th</sup> May.

Perth, Alyth 1781 16<sup>th</sup> November Mr Hay preached and baptised a child to James Soutar in Aberbrothrie in the parish of Alyth.

Perth, Alyth 1783 September Mr Young preached and baptised a child to James Soutar in Aberbrothrie in the parish of Alyth.

Perth, Alyth 1784 11<sup>th</sup> June Mr Hay preached and baptised a child to James Soutar in Alyth called William.

Perth, Alyth 1787 Marrion Soutar lawful daughter to James Soutar, weaver and Helen Anderson his wife in Pitnacree, born 30<sup>th</sup> Aug baptised 2<sup>nd</sup> September.

### **Also**

Perth, Alyth 1787 2<sup>nd</sup> September Mr Hay preached and baptised a child to James Soutar in Alyth, called Mar----

Perth, Alyth 1791 John Soutar lawful son to James Soutar in Pitnacree and Helen Anderson his spouse, born 7<sup>th</sup> bapt. 15<sup>th</sup> March.

### **Also**

Perth, Alyth 1791 13<sup>th</sup> March Mr Hay preached and baptised a child to James Soutar in Alyth, called John.

Perth, Alyth 1793 6<sup>th</sup> January Mr Hay preached and baptised a child to James Soutar and Helen Anderson in Pitnacree, born 1<sup>st</sup> January called Peter.

Perth, Alyth 1794 or 95 (Fr 779) David Soutar lawful son to Jas. Soutar in Pitnacree and Helen Anderson his spouse, born & baptised 18<sup>th</sup> January last by Mr Hay.

### **Also**

(Fr966) David Soutar lawful son to Jas. Soutar in Pitnacree and Helen Anderson his spouse, born 18th & bapt? January last by Mr Hay

Note: In his "Reminiscences" dated December 1912, the Rev. John Cochrane Johnston a grandson of Margaret recalls his grand-uncles "David, John and Peter, all of them saintly men whose memory is dear". This ties together some of the births "to James and Helen" and some recorded as simply "to James".

Several versions of the family tree have been suggested but in the absence of further information we cannot be certain which is correct. In the absence of corroborative evidence the accompanying chart has been adopted.

On Helen's side, one further generation can be added from information in O.P.R's:

Perth, Meigle 1760 June 14<sup>th</sup> James Anderson and Jannet Simpson both this parish

Many of these people were likely to be closely involved with the land in one way or another. The main crops in the area were oats, barley, peas and flax, (in a good year a lippie\* of lint-seed could give a yield of a stone of dressed flax). Turnips and hay were also grown as winter-feed for cattle. Young cattle were raised and either sold to drovers or fed up then taken to Falkirk to "meet the English merchants". Potatoes, although introduced only within the last 20 years, were grown in large quantities.

\*Note:

4 lippies = 1 peck

4 pecks = 1 bushel

As 1 bushel = 8 gallons and 1 gallon = 4.5 litres,

1 peck = 9 litres and 1 lippie = 2.5 litres.

1 stone = 14 lbs or 6.36 kg