

**John Ferguson and Margaret Mitchell**



## John Ferguson Margaret Mitchell

William's parents were John Ferguson and Margaret Mitchell. They were married on 06<sup>th</sup> April 1819 at Coupar Angus. "Proclaimed and married March 6<sup>th</sup> John Ferguson, molecatcher and Margaret Mitchell. Both this parish".

She was nineteen and he twenty-seven. Over the next fifteen years nine births are recorded to the couple, only four of these children survived into adulthood. Margaret died in 1839 when the youngest child, Robert, was only six and John re-married three years later, his new bride being Janet Inches. Only the names are recorded in the OPR with no further information. The 1841 census shows that John has changed his occupation, becoming a grocer in Coupar Angus.

1841 Census Dist. 279 Book 3 Page 5

Barlatch or George Street

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|--------------------|----|----------------|---|
| Ferguson John      | 45 | grocer         | Y |
| Ferguson William   | 15 | molecatcher    | Y |
| Ferguson Alexander | 15 | LHLW           | Y |
| Ferguson Helen     | 14 | female servant | N |
| Ferguson John      | 10 |                | Y |
| Ferguson Robert    | 8  |                | Y |

The ages for adults in the 1841 census were rounded down to the nearest five years and a "Y" indicates Yes, born in the Scotland. An "N" indicates, No born furth of Scotland.

Who is the female servant, Helen Ferguson? Is she a relation? She was born outwith Scotland so that seems unlikely. Was she mistakenly listed as a Ferguson by the enumerator? No answers are likely to be found to these questions.

The 1851 census at Dist. 279 book 3 gives:

Barlatch Street

|                 |     |    |                            |                     |
|-----------------|-----|----|----------------------------|---------------------|
| Ferguson John   | h m | 58 | General grocer             | Perth, Perth        |
| Ferguson Janet  | w m | 48 |                            | Perth, Coupar Angus |
| Ferguson John   | s u | 20 | Miller Wright (apprentice) | Perth, Coupar Angus |
| Ferguson Robert | s u | 18 | HLW                        | Perth Coupar Angus  |

The 1860 edition of Slaters Directory shows us that John's shop was in George Street but no other information is given. The Valuation Rolls show that both house and shop were in Barlatch Street (the old name for George Street)

In the 1861 census at Dist. 272 Book 5 Page 9 living in a house which has three rooms with windows and is situated in George Street are:

|                |     |    |                   |                     |
|----------------|-----|----|-------------------|---------------------|
| Ferguson John  | h m | 58 | Merchant (grocer) | Perth, Perth        |
| Ferguson Janet | w m | 59 |                   | Perth, Coupar Angus |

John died on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 1862 and the death was recorded in the Dundee Advertiser. In those days intimations were not listed alphabetically, as they are now. They began with the address of the deceased or at least in indication of the address, followed by the date of death then the name of the deceased. They were inserted, presumably, in the order they were submitted to the paper. The notices in the edition of 4<sup>th</sup> July 1862 are shown below.

### D E A T H S .

At 10 South Union Street, on the 1st inst., Jessie, aged nine months, youngest daughter of D. W. Irving. Friends will please accept of this intimation.

At Belmont Place, Hawkhill, on the 1st inst., Jessie, youngest daughter of Mr D. L. Thompson.

At 1 Dallfield Terrace, on the 30th ult., Mary, youngest daughter of Mr Thomas Leith, ironmonger.

At West Ferry, on the 30th ult., Jane Meffan. Friends will please to accept of this intimation.

At Malt House Close, Nethergate, Dundee, on the 1st inst., Mrs Hendry, aged 72—much and deeply regretted.

At Coupar Angus, on the 2d inst., Mr John Ferguson, grocer—deeply regretted.

At Blackmuir of Gilston, on the 20th ult., Mr Robert Black, portioner.

At Buccleuch Place, Burntisland, on the 30th ult., Arthur, son of Mr Wm. Webster, Grange Distillery.

At Stowe, Buckinghamshire, on the 28th ult., the Dowager Duchess of Buckingham, daughter of the late Marquis of Breadalbane.

At 61 George Street, Perth, on the 25th ult., Mr Thomas Dow, merchant, aged 72.

At 163 High Street, Perth, on the 24th ult., Catherine Taylor.

At 81 Leonard Street, Perth, on the 26th ult., Catherine, second daughter of Thomas Kinnoch, moulder, aged 12 years.

At Largo, on the 26th ult., Mr Henry Kirk, cork manufacturer, aged 28—deeply regretted.

At Kirkton of Kingoldrum, on the 27th ult., Charles M'Nab, tenant there—aged 37 years. Friends will please accept of this intimation.

The same intimation appears in the Blairgowrie Advertiser for July 12<sup>th</sup> 1862

Confirmation and Inventory is to be found at: Sc 49/31/74 02.07.1862 folio 260

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| 1 Cash   | £3-3-1           |
| 2 Household furniture, shop goods & fittings and his Apparel as per appraisement by James Anderson, Licensed Appraisers at Berryhillock dated 11 July 1862 |                  |
| Vis: 1 Household furniture   | £19-15-6         |
| 2 Shop fittings  | £ 1-10-0         |
| 3 Shop goods   | £74 - 3-3        |
|  | £95-8-9          |
| 3 Deposit Account at Coupar Angus branch of Union Bank of Scotland.  | £383-00-8        |
| 4 Interest receipt at ditto dated 17 Feb 1862 with interest .  | <u>£ 161-6-6</u> |
|  | £642-18-6        |
| 5 Debts due to the deceased by the parties aftermentioned. Vis:  |                  |

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|---|--------------|
| David Luke Tullybackart                 | 3-11 - 1/2   |
| John Somerville Hallyburton             | 1- 8 - 9     |
| John Bruce Mason, Presinct              | 4- 13 - 1/2  |
| John Hume Barlatch                      | 1- 18-11 1/2 |
| Peter Myles Baldowrie                   | 3 - 6- 4 1/2 |
| R Brodie Halliburton                    | 10-11- 0     |
| Mr Irons Station Agent, Coupar Angus    | - 8- 4       |
| Hugh Lawson Ledcrieff                   | 7- 8- 1 1/2  |
| James Myles Denhead                     | 5- 9- 6      |
| Charles Burns Ashley Cottage            | 1- 4- 4 1/2  |
| Mrs Fawns Barlatch                      | -14- 6 1/2   |
| John Adams Barlatch                     | - 5- 3       |
| James Whilson of Islapark               | - 2- 0       |
| John Mitchell Hay Street                | -10- 5       |
| Andrew Robertson Ley                    | - 2-11 1/2   |
| Andrew Dargie Washington                | 1- 0- 0      |
| James McNabb Washington                 | 1- 2- 4      |
| Peter Duncan Barlatch                   | - 3- 5 1/2   |
| David Cramond Couttie                   | - 1- 7 1/2   |
| David Cochrane blacksmith, Coupar Angus | - 6- 0       |
| John McLeish Athole Street              | - 2- 9       |
| James Cameron Arthurstone               | - 2- 6       |
| George Fleming Balbrogie                | -6-10        |
| Mrs McKay Keithock                      | -3- 8        |
| Mrs Maudsley Keithock                   | -3- 8        |
| Helen Dysart Barlatch                   | -4- 7        |
| William Donaldson Commonsby             | <u>-3- 0</u> |

£45-15-1

Total

£688-14-0

No estate in England of Ireland

The executors were "Peter Ferguson, manufacturer, Coupar Angus William Ferguson manufacturer there and Thomas Inches Gas Manager Coupar Angus"

John's bequests were: Margaret Ferguson, eldest daughter of his son Peter £5. Elizabeth Ferguson second daughter of his son William £5. To his brother William Ferguson, resident in Forfar, he left £10 and his body clothes.

Furniture and effects, still in existence which were brought by Janet Inches or Ferguson when they married were to be delivered to her and John expressed his desire that his wife should continue in business and left her one third of his estate (this to include the shop fittings and stock). The remainder he left to the children of his first marriage.

Finally after John's death on 2<sup>nd</sup> August 1862, Janet is left alone in the family home at George Street: 1871 Census Dist 279 Book 4 Page 7

Ferguson Janet

h widr 67

Merchant (grocer)

Perth , Coupar Angus.

OPR Extracts:

OPR Perthshire, Perth. 13 May 1792. Was born John Ferguson, lawful son to Finlay Ferguson, quarrier, Perth and Betty Baxter his spouse and bapt. 13<sup>th</sup> May by the Rev. Mr Thomas Murray minister of the gospel in Perth.

OPR Angus, Coupar Angus. 06 Mar 1819. Proclaimed and married March 6<sup>th</sup> John Ferguson, molecatcher and Margaret Mitchell. Both this Parish.

OPR Angus, Coupar Angus. 08 Feb 1820 (Fr 828) John Ferguson, molecatcher, Barloch and Margaret Mitchel had a law. child bapt. called Peter.

OPR Angus, Coupar Angus. 09 Oct 1821 (Fr 841) John Ferguson, molecatcher, Barloch and Margaret Mitchell had a law. child bapt. called Margaret.

OPR Angus, Coupar Angus. 22 Aug 1823 John Ferguson, molecatcher, Barloch and Margaret Mitchell had a law. child bapt. called William.

OPR Angus, Coupar Angus. 24 May 1828 (Fr 841) John Ferguson, molecatcher, Barloch and Margaret Mitchell had a law. child bapt. called Margaret

OPR Angus, Coupar Angus. 16 Sept 1830 John Ferguson, molecatcher, Barloch and Margaret Mitchell had a law. child bapt. called John.

OPR Angus, Coupar Angus. 20 Oct 1832 John Ferguson, molecatcher, Perth Road and Margit Mitchell had a law. child bapt. called Robert.

OPR Angus, Coupar Angus. 25 Aug 1835 John Ferguson molecatcher, Perth Road and Margaret Mitchell had a lawful child bapt. called Ann Morris.

OPR Angus, Coupar Angus. 17 July 1842 Janet Inches and John Ferguson both this parish.

1862 Death Coupar Angus 279/26

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|---|---|----|---|-------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| John Ferguson<br>grocer<br>married to<br>Janet Inches | M | 70 | 1862<br>July 2 <sup>nd</sup><br>George Street | No medical<br>attendant | Finlay<br>Ferguson<br>quarryman<br>(deceased)<br>-----Ferguson<br>M.S. Baxter<br>(deceased) | Peter<br>Ferguson<br>son |
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1879 Death Coupar Angus 279/19

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|---|--|------|---|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Janet Ferguson<br>Widow of John<br>Ferguson, grocer | 1879<br>01 May<br>5h 30m p.m.<br>Causewayend<br>Coupar Angus<br>Perthshire | F 80 | James Inches<br>yarn weaver<br>deceased<br>Ann Inches<br>M.S. Jeffrey<br>deceased | Paralysis<br>2 months | Thomas Inches<br>brother<br>present |
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