

**Alexander Jack Ann Morton**



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Alex and Ann were married at Meigle on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December 1814. She was twenty-one while he was twenty-three. Their first recorded child was James, born in Meigle in Oct 1816:

O.P.R. Meigle (379) James son to Alexander Jack and Ann Morton Dyketon 20 Oct 1816

Then came Jess sometime between 1821 and 1826, Helen c1822, Jean c1824, Mary Ann, Sept 1825:

O.P.R. Eassie (284). Alexander Jack and Ann Morton Paddockhall had a child born 21 Sept 1825 Mary Ann.

To date the location of Paddockhall and Dyketon have not been discovered. Alexander, the next child, was born in 1828 then May around 1831. After this birth and before Margaret was born c1832, the family appears to have moved from Eassie to the Lochee suburb of Dundee. The final child was Maria, born Oct 1838:

O.P.R. Dundee (282) 17 Oct 1838 Maria Margaritta Jack to Alex Jack weaver and Ann Morton. Baptised 22 Oct. (The column "Named After" which is probably unique to Dundee is blank).

By the time of the 1841 census, Helen was married and so, possibly was James although nothing is actually known about him. Those in the house on census night were:

1841 Census Liff, Benvie & Invergowrie (Lochee) Dist. 301 book 125, page 1  
Doigs Land. Pattersons Feus.

Alexander Jack	50	linen H L W	n
Ann Morton Jack	45	linen H L W	y
Jess Jack	20	linen H L W	y
Jane Jack	17	linen H L W	y
Ann Jack	15	linen H L W	y
Alexander Jack	13		y
May Jack	10		y
Margaret Jack	8		y
Mariah Jack	2		y

Ten years later only four of the family remain in the family home:

1851 Dundee, Lochee 282/3 Book 99 page 29

Bible Row, South Church Street.

Alexander Jack	h m	60	house thatcher	Meigle
Ann Morton	w m	58		Eassie
Alexander Jack	s u	21	blacksmith	Eassie
May Jack	d u	20	weaver	Eassie
Margaret Jack	d u	18	weaver	Liff
Mariah Jack	d	12	scholar	Liff

(Note: Bible Row was a row of cottages off South Church Street or South Kirk Street as it later became).

By 1861 the name Doigs Land re-appears in the address. This makes it look as if the family had perhaps been in the same house since 1841.

1861 Lochee 282/3 book 3 page 17

Doigs Land, South Church Street

Alexander Jack	h m	70	linen weaver	Meigle
Ann Jack	w m	68	wife	Forfar
Margaret Jack	d u	28	factory worker	Liff
Maria Jack	d u	22	factory worker	Liff
Alex Murray	g-son u	17	carpet weaver	Liff

(Three rooms with windows).

Alex died on 28<sup>th</sup> January 1866 of what is described as brain fever. The informant was his son-in-law, James Craig.

Some years later we see Ann maintaining an income by keeping boarders:

1871 282/5 book 4 page 33

9 South Church Street, Lochee

Ann Martin	h wid	77		ANS, Auchterhouse
Margaret Jack	d u	38	dressmaker	ANS, Lochee
Ann Newbone	boarder u	21	factory minder	ABD, Strichen
Helen Denny	boarder u	16	factory reeler	ANS, Arbroath
Mary Heagins	boarder u	19	factory spinner	RFW, Glasgow
Elizabeth Smith	boarder u	19	factory weaver	PER, Perth

(three rooms with windows)

Ten years later there has been a move to a different house:

1881 282/5 book 4 page 26

16 Sharps Lane

Ann Jack	h wid	87		Forfar, Auchterhouse
Margaret Jack	d u	45	housekeeper	Forfar, Lochee.

### **The family of Alex and Ann.**

Information has been found about only Helen, Alex and Maria.

**Helen** is the direct line and is detailed elsewhere.

**Alexander** married Betsy Robertson and had at least two children who appear in the 1891 census:

Kingoldrum District 295 book 2 page 9

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Jack, James Craig	h u	31	Minister of Kingoldrum Parish	Liff
Jack, Ann Morton	sis u	35	Living on private means	Liff
Gray, Mary	serv u	20	general servant domestic	Kirriemuir
Jack, Alexander	vis m	62	retd. blacksmith	Eassie

James Craig Jack had been born in Lochee on 30 December 1858. Educated at Liff Road School and St Andrews University. Licensed Dundee 10 June 1855. Assistant at Townhead, Glasgow. Called to Kingoldrum 1887.

Daughter, **Maria** married James Craig, a mariner. She died of purpural fever on 15 Oct 1866 aged 26 and is buried in Liff Church yard, a stone there has the inscription: Alex Craig died off Cape Horn 31.5.1855, 57, wife Ann Ferrier 9.1849, 49 by son Jas. Mariner (wife Maria Jack 15.9.1866, 26 daughter Margaret 26.10. 1866 infant.)

James Craig must have been highly regarded by the family if the number of children named after him is taken as an indicator.

O.P.R. Auchterhouse (237)

1793 20 October which day Ann Morton lawful daughter to John Morton and Isabel Maxwell in Dronley was baptised before the congregation.

O.P.R Meigle (379/1)

1791 Mar 27<sup>th</sup>. Alex<sup>f</sup>. Son to James Jack at Drumkilbo.

Marriage: Meigle, Dec 10<sup>th</sup> 1814 That Alexr Jack and Anne Morton both this parish were regularly proclaimed.

Death Dundee 282/3 1866 no 24

Alexander Jack Thatcher Married to Ann Morton	M 75	28 Jan 1866 Church Street Lochee	James Jack Land Steward deceased Marjory Jack M.S. Butchart deceased	Brain fever 6 days	James Craig son-in-law
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No record of a will or of ownership of any property.

Death 1885 282/1 no. 429 (St Peters Dundee)

Ann Jack Widr. Of Alexander Jack thatcher	1885 Sept 12 9h 0m p.m. 41 Hawkhill Dundee	F 91	John Morton farmer (deceased) Isabella Morton M.S. Maxwell (deceased)	Diarrhoea 6 days	Alex Jack son present St Marys Tce., Dundee.
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