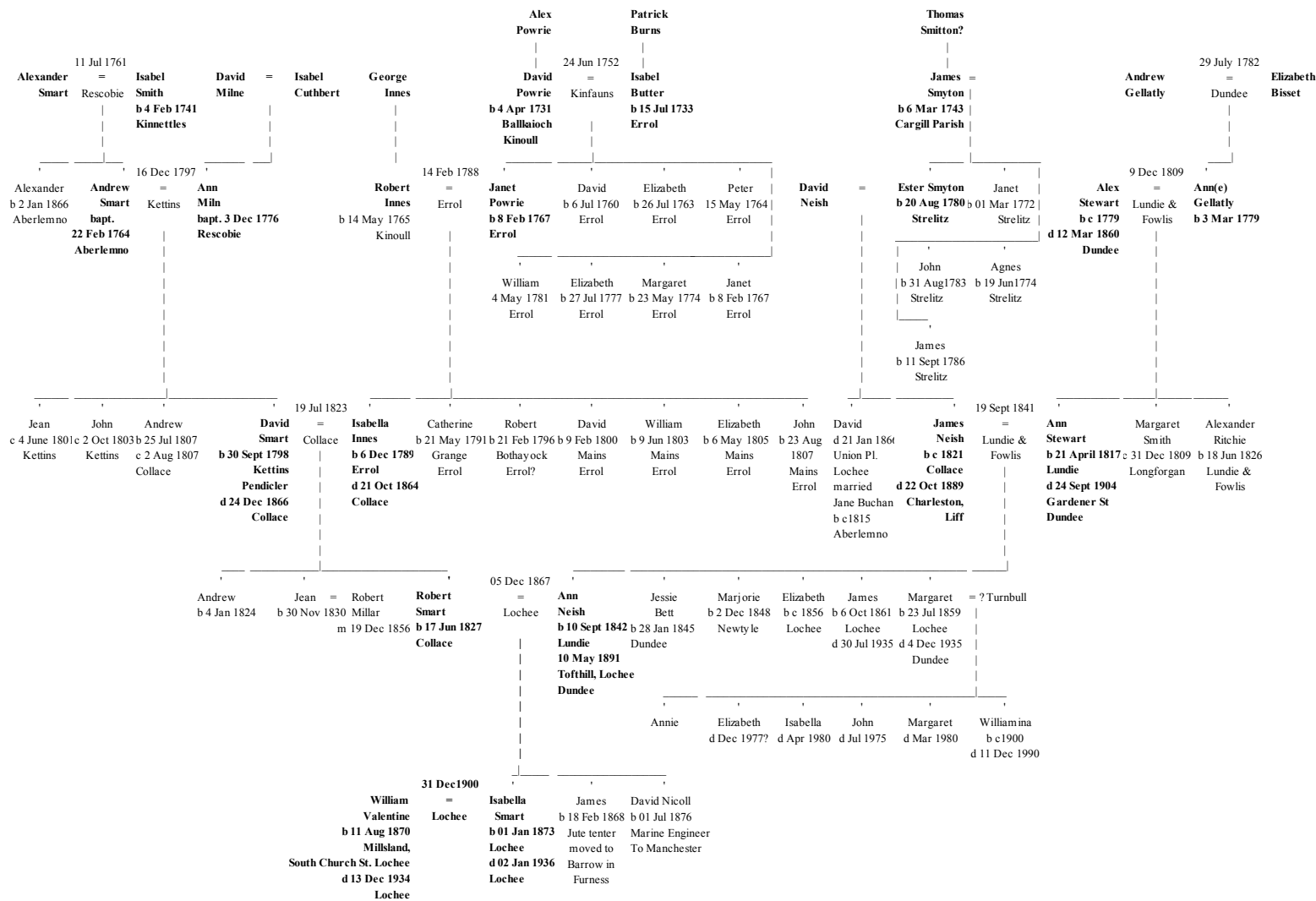


Andrew Smart Ann Miln(e)



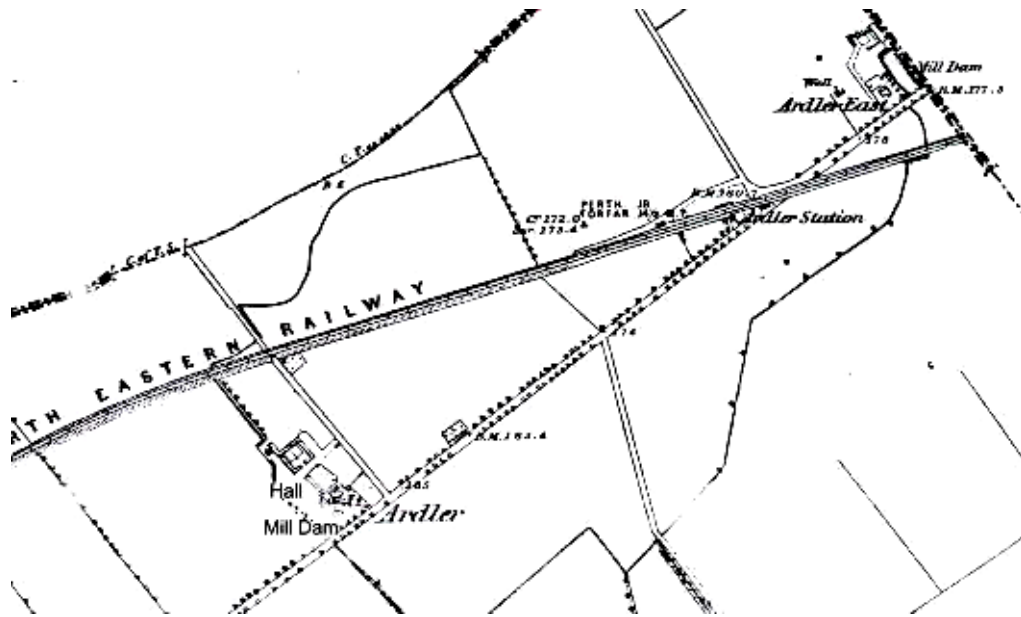
Andrew Smart Ann Miln(e)

Andrew Smart was about thirty-three when he married Ann Milne in the parish of Kettins in Angus or Forfarshire. The entry in the Old Parish Register (O.P.R.) is:

16 Dec 1797 Angus, Kettins 294/2.
Andrew Smart and Ann Miln both this parish.

The map below is adapted from the 6 inch-to-the-mile map of 1865 and shows the Mill Dam and Hall. Grid reference for Ardler is NO 254 414. It now known as West Ardler and what was Ardler East is now Ardler.

The distance between Ardler and Ardler East is just over half a mile.



While the couple lived in Kettins parish, they had a family of three, two boys and a girl. The records for these births are:

O.P.R.30 Sept 1798 Angus,Kettins 294/2.
Andrew Smart & Ann Miln at Millhall of Ardler had a son baptised & called David.

O.P.R. 12 June 1801 Angus, Kettins 294/2.
Andrew Smart and Agnes Miln in Ardler had a daughter baptized called Jean June 4th.

O.P.R. 2 Oct. 1803 Angus, Kettins 294/2
Andrew Smart in Ardler and his wife Ann Miln had a son baptised the 2nd Oct. called John.

Sometime between 1803 and 1807 Andrew and Ann moved from Ardler to Collace where Andrew was the blacksmith. When the Old Statistical Account was written in 1797, the author said that there were two blacksmiths in the parish but failed to say



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whether they both worked in the same shop. One shop certainly existed in the village of Kinrossie and still exists in 2001 as a Blacksmith and Agricultural Engineer. Although the original buildings are still there, they are dwarfed by modern premises.

In 1807 a third son, Andrew was born:

O.P.R. 02 Aug 1807 Perth, Collace.

Andrew, son of Andrew Smart and spouse Ann Miln in Collace was born 25th July & bapt. 2nd Aug. following in the face of the congregation at Coupar Angus by Mr Macfarlane. Mr Smart minr. of the congregation being recently dead.

As the distance from Collace village to Coupar Angus is about 6 miles can we assume that the family would have had the resources to travel by horse and cart? (Even a few years prior to this time there would have been virtually no such mode of travel but a few years later, the Session accounts record the expenditure of five shillings, £10 in present day terms, to transport a poor man to Coupar Angus).

Session records have been searched for any mention of the family but nothing has been found except the following:

March 16 1817 An iron clasp and steeples to the Kirkstyle 4d. Could this have been a job carried out by Andrew, the blacksmith?

Later in 1817 the clerk gives us some indication of the conditions in the parish at that time when he writes:

“The pressure of the times on the poor – the scarcity of work – the little given for it – the loss of thin peat fuel last season – and the high price of meal have made the demands on the funds of late more urgent and numerous than formerly”.

We really have no other information about the family until the 1841 census:

1841 census Collace (340) book 1 page 9.

(Ages were rounded down to the nearest five years in 1841. n indicates not born in the county).

Collace			
Andr ^o Smart	75	blacksmith	n
Ann Smith	65		n

By 1851, Ann has presumably died and Andrew is living on his own with the help of a serving girl.

1851 census Collace (340) book 1 page 6

Village Collace

Andrew Smart

h widr 90

crofter & smith

Forfar, Aberlemno

Ann Fletcher

serv u 16

servant

Perth, Kinnaird

No record has been found of death for either Ann or Andrew.

A series of interesting entries found when searching were:

1815 July 3

Cr

By the Church Officer ordinary at the sacrament.

7s.6d

By the schoolmaster, ordinary at the sacrament.

5s.

Do. As a compensation for cockfighting which is now banned.

9s.6d.

(Previously, cock fighting took place at the school and the schoolmaster was given the losing birds, hence the “compensation” when the sport was banned.).

Possible parents for Andrew & Ann

(1) Andrew

The following are taken from Old Parish Registers. They seem likely to refer to Andrew's parents and to his birth and that of his brother:

Rescobie, Angus. District 317. July 11th 1761

Alex^r. Smart in the parish of Aberlemno and Isabel Smith in this parish having contracted in order to marriage gave to the poor 12s.

(This seems to have been the recognized amount, given by all couples and is equivalent to £60 in 2001).



Rescobie Church 2001



View over Rescobie Loch from the church 2001

Two sons were recorded to Alex and Isabella:

22 Feb 1764 Angus, Aberlemno (269/1)

Alexander Smart & Isabel Smith had a son bapt. named Andrew.

Aberlemno parish (269/1) Jany. 2nd 1766 Alexander Smart and Isabella Smith had a son baptized named Alexander.



Interior of Aberlemno Church 2001



The Pictish Aberlemno Stone

A possible birth for Isabella is O.P.R. Kinnettles (297) FR75 4th February 1741

John Smith in Coldside had a child baptized called Isabel James Nicol and Robert Greenhill witnesses.

(2) Ann

Bearing in mind her age and the name of her elder son and the parish, the following seems a possible record of Ann's birth.

O.P.R. Rescobie 1776

Dec^r. 3rd. baptized Ann lawful daughter to David Milne in Heather Stackis And his wife name Isabel Cuthbert.