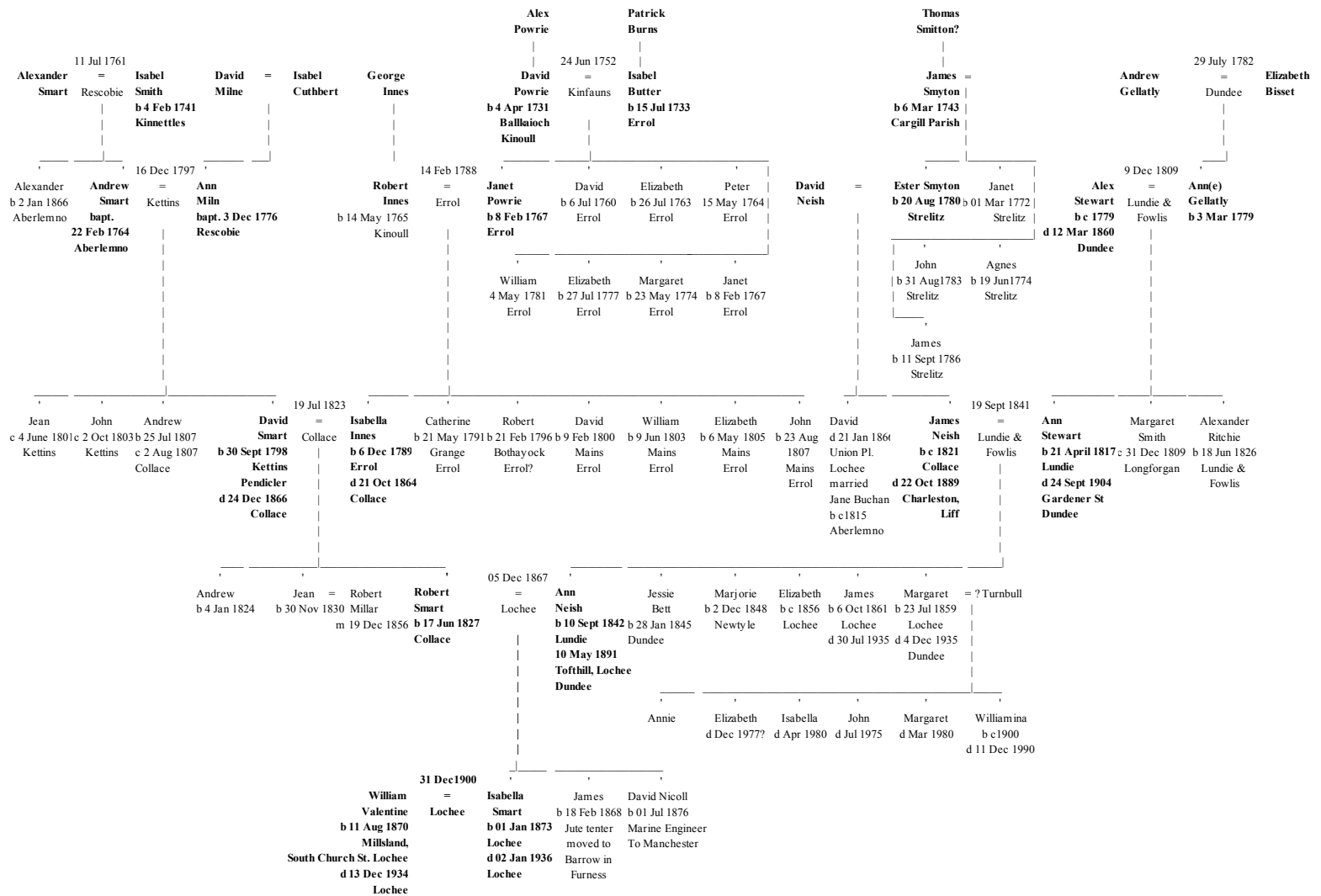


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Robert and Janet were married in the parish of Errol on St Valentine's day 1788, an event recorded in the parish register:

Perth, Errol (351) 14 Feb 1788
Robert Innes and Janet Pourie both this parish.

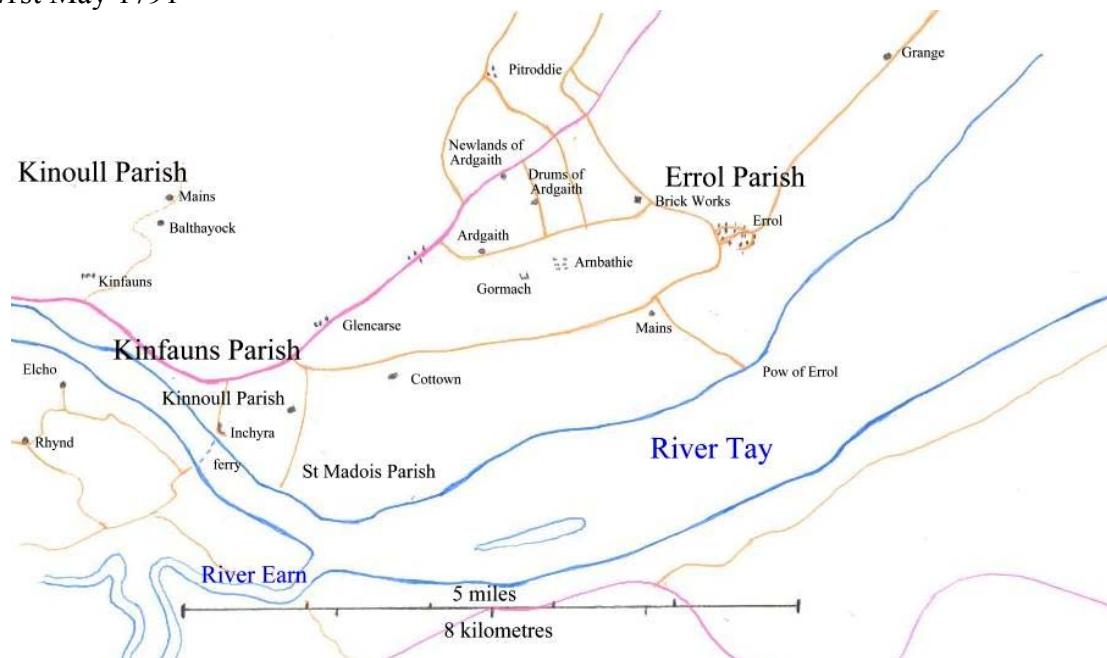
When their first children were born, Robert was a workman at Grange, a few miles east of the village of Errol.

The Old Statistical Account of 1791 gives the following information about earnings in the parish. An ordinary ploughman was paid £7-07s to £9-09s a year. If married he would have to pay £1 for his house and garden and £1-10s for the maintenance of a cow throughout the year. The wages of a female servant were between £2-10s and £3 for working wholly within the house except in seed-time and harvest. A labourer hired by the day would have 10d. in winter and 1s. in summer.

The births registered at Grange were:

Perth, Errol 06 Dec 1789
Isabel dau of Robert Innes workman at Grange & Janet Powrie his spouse was Bapt 6th Dec 1789

Perth, Errol 21 May 1791
Catherine dau. to Robert Innes, Workman at Grange and Janet Powrie his sp. bapt. the 21st May 1791



Map of Errol area incorporating names from over two centuries.

Sometime between 1791 and the birth of the next child in 1796 the family moved a few miles west to Balthayock. Balthayock does not appear to be in Errol parish but nevertheless the birth is recorded there.

Perth, Errol 21 Feb 1796

Robert son to Robert Innes, workman in Bothayock & Janet Powrie his wife was baptised Feb 21st 1796.

In the Statistical Account, prices are said to have doubled in the previous twenty years and some are given below:

A chicken now costs 4d. or even 6d., hens 1s or 1s.3d., eggs 6d to 7d a dozen, beef 5d a pound, a goose 2s.6d. to 3s.



Present day Balthayock nestles among the trees.

The rest of the children, four in number, were all born at Mains of Errol, overlooking the Tay. The fields, of course, would be much smaller than those in the picture below.



Perth, Errol 09 Feb 1800

David son to Robert Innes workman at Mains of Errol & Janet Powrie his sp. was Bapt the 9 Feb 1800

Perth, Errol 09 Jun 1803

William son to Robert Innes, labourer at Mains of Errol & Janet Powrie his sp was bapt.
9th June 1803

Perth, Errol 06 May 1805

Elizabeth Dau. to Robert Innes, labourer at Mains of Errol & Janet Powrie his sp was
bapt. 6th May 1805

Perth, Errol 23 Aug 1807

John son to Robert Innes, labourer at Mains of Errol & Janet Powrie his sp was bapt.the
23rd Aug 1807



Modern cottages at Mains.