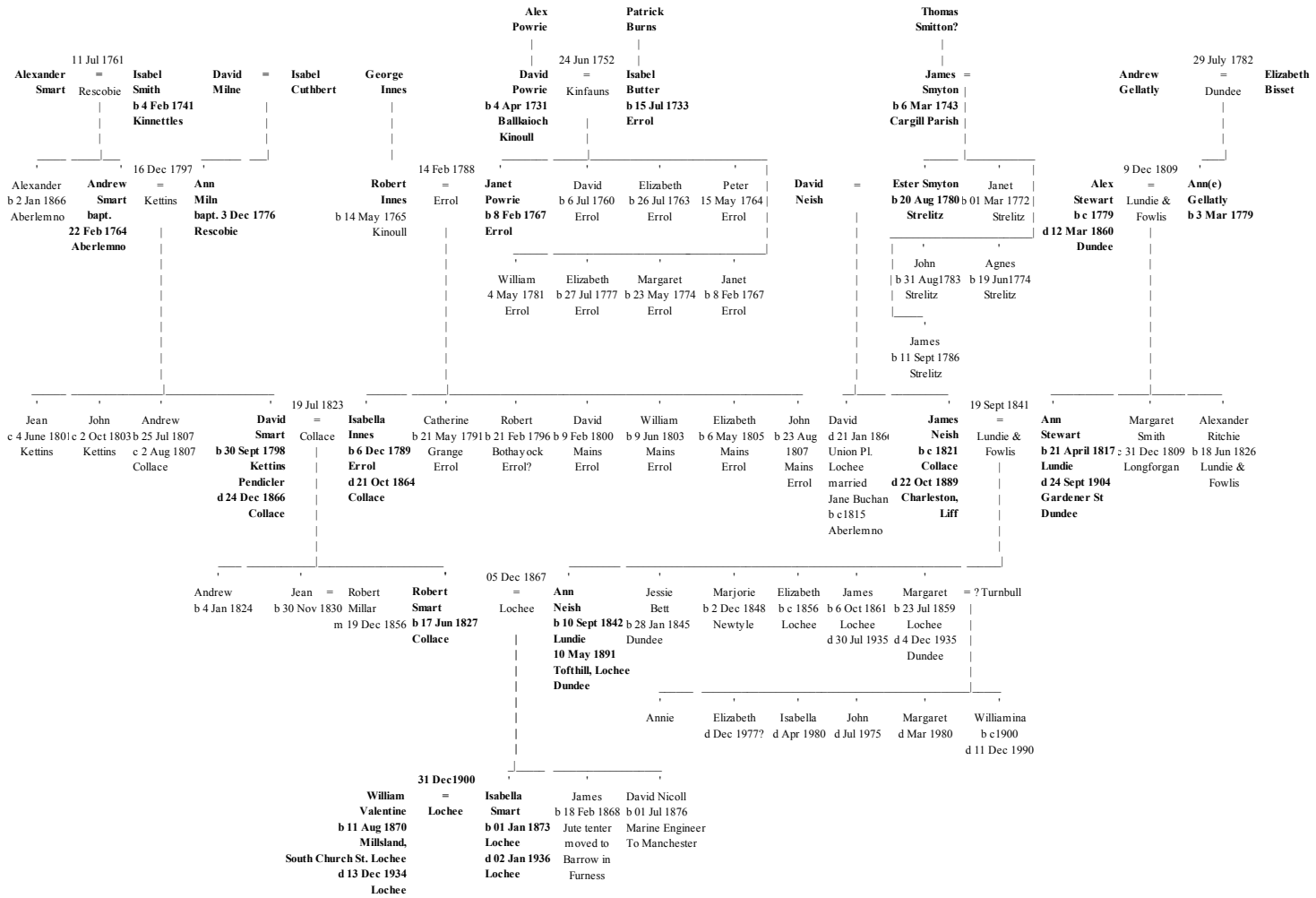


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The first mention of Alex and Ann found is of their marriage.

09 Dec 1809 Lundie & Fowlis (306).

Alex Stewart and Anne Gellatly both this parish were contr. 25 Nov. and after proc. married 9<sup>th</sup> Dec

Shortly after, a first child was born:

31 Dec 1809 Longforgan (377/3)

Alexander Stuart, plowman in Drum, and his spouse Ann Gellatly, had a child born on the 25<sup>th</sup> baptized on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December and named Margaret Smith.

The next recorded birth is in Lundie in 1817 and is quoted here from an extract dated 14<sup>th</sup> June 1842.

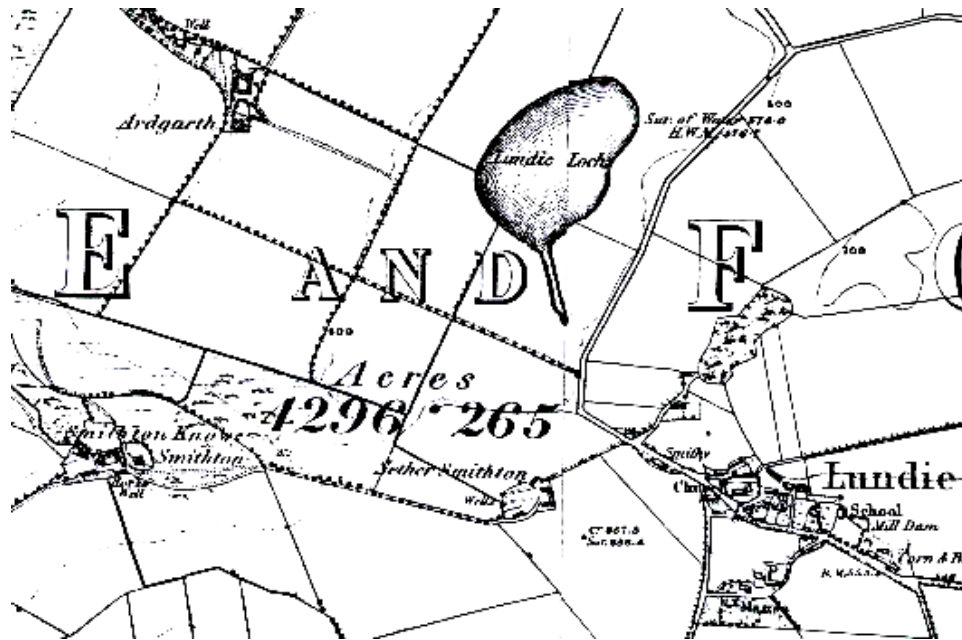
Ann Stewart daughter to Alexander Stewart and Ann Gellatly his wife was born on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of April 1817 and baptized the 4<sup>th</sup> May.

A third child is recorded nine years later.

18 Jun 1826 Lundie & Fowlis (306).

Alexander Ritchie son to Alex. Stewart and Ann Gellatly sub tenants in Nether Smiston was born on the 6<sup>th</sup> and bapt. 18<sup>th</sup> June.

It is interesting to note that the clerk describes them both as 'sub tenants' rather than, as was usual at the time, describing him alone as 'sub tenant'.



The 1865 6" to the mile map shows Nether Smiston or Smithston as it became, some 200 yards west of the village of Lundie.

The Stewarts apparently remained in Nether Smiston for the rest of their lives. In 1841 and 1851 Smiston and Nether Smiston were treated as one in the censuses: Lundie book 1 page 7.

Smiston, cottage 6

Stewart Alexander	58	Ag. Lab.	y
Stewart Ann	52		y
Stewart Ann	22		y

The farmtown of Smiston consisted at this time of a farmhouse and 8 cottages. The whole estate at one time belonged to the Duke of Argyll. It was later gifted to Admiral Duncan in gratitude for his success at the battle of Camperdown. Lundie was once a thriving community with Church, smithy, corn and barley mill, flour and barley mill, sawmill and school. According to the Statistical Account there was also "a small bleachfield with washing mill, beetles etc. and a thread mill giving employment to 14-15 people". Later came the Post Office. In 2002 of these institutions, only the Church remains. In the Church there is a memorial tablet to commemorate two men from Nether Smithston who were killed in WW1. The hamlet probably died with them.

The present tenant of Nether Smiston (which is now part of Ardgath) has been associated with the farm since the 1940's. Today sheep and cattle are bred but he says that there is evidence of much more arable farming in former times. It must have been very hard for the Stewarts and their neighbours to carry on anything more than subsistence farming, the land being at a height of about 900 ft. The Old Statistical Account for Lundie names the main crops of the parish as: barley, oats, potatoes and flax. Wheat had been tried but was not a success. The same source says that there were 16 farmers in the district, each keeping two ploughs as well as 2 smaller ones who had a horse and some cows. There were also 14 weavers and 2 wrights who had a cow and an acre of ground apiece, 2 taylors, 2 ale sellers and a smith.

The dyke to the south of the site remains to this day and alongside the track from Lundie to the site only the footings of the walls of a few houses remain. In the remaining area the stones from the houses have been bulldozed into piles.

In the 1851 census for Lundie (306) at book 1 page 8 we have:

Smiston

Stewart Alexander	h m	71	Ag. Labourer	ANS, Liff
Stewart Ann	w m	65	Outdoor labourer	ANS, Dundee
Stewart Alexander	s u	24	journeyman shoemaker	ANS, Lundie
Jamieson Jean	g-dau u	14	scholar	ANS, Auchterhouse

This is the last record found of Ann. As no death is recorded after Statutory Registration started in January 1855 it is likely that she died between 1851 and 1855. Alex survived until 1860 when his age was recorded as eighty one. 1866 Lundie (district 306/2)

Alexander	M 81	Mar 1 1860	Father	No medical attendant	William
Stewart		Nether Smiston	not known		Guild
Married		Lundie	(deceased)		ploughman
Outdoor labourer			Mother		Nether
			not known		Smiston
			(deceased)		Lundie