

William Forrester = Margaret Henderson

William Forrester and Margaret Henderson were married on 13th August 1784, the OPR in the parish of Cumbernauld reading:

Forrester_ Henderson.

August 13th. Forrester W^m & Margaret Henderson both of this parish were married.

Little more could be found about William. The facts are:

He is described in the death certificate of his son James as 'William Forrester, farmer'.

In the Farm Horse Tax 1797-1798 is the information:

23 October 1797 William Forrester, Parkhead, Cumbernauld 2 horses 2 horses liable in duty
Duty £0.4s.6d, 20% £0.0.10.8.d (Source Scotland Places. <http://www.scotlandplaces.gov.uk/>)

The paper trail is thin after this but after searching the Old Parish Records for the whole of Scotland around 1750 the only Forrester family in Scotland with an Adam and a William (Mentioned in Sasines.) was one in Dunipace, Stirling. (There could, of course, have been others who were never recorded or where records have been destroyed so research continued on the Dunipace family with the researchers (all descendants of William) well aware that this could be wrong.) This line indicated that William was the son of Alexander Forrester and Helen Crawford, William being born in the parish of Denny on 04 March 1744 and that he was one of 13 children born to this couple. From OPR's/Family Search Alexander's parents proved to be James Forrest and Marion Ure and this James's parents James Forrester and Anna Forrester thence back to the Forresters of Torwood. Lack of clearer proof of William's birth however continued. Eventually, as DNA testing advanced, five male direct descendants of William collaborated in having multiple DNA tests. An independent DNA consultant was able, by means of DNA Triangulation, to prove a connection to the Forresters of Torwood in Stirling, exactly the family our researches had led us to so we are now satisfied that the connection is proved. Many of the Forresters of Torwood held high office from the 13th through to the 17th centuries and the family has been well and reliably documented.

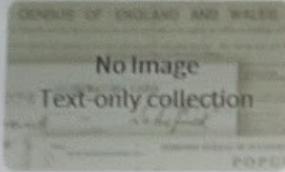
Birth/Baptism for Margaret Henderson and her twin, Agnes is recorded in the Old Parish Register for Denny, Stirlingshire. It reads:

16th January 1756

John Henderson, Marg Scot: Agnes & Margaret. witnesses John Neal Wm. Neal.

Thomas Forrester

in the Scotland, Select Births and Baptisms, 1564-195



Name: Thomas Forrester
Gender: Male
Baptism Date: 7 Sep 1740
Baptism Place: , Denny, Stirling, Scotland
Father: Alexander Forrester
Mother: Helen Crawford
FHL Film Number: 1041975
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