

William Baxter Janet Naismith

Censuses were taken in Perth as a result of riots in the town on occasions such as the King's birthday. It was hoped that the census information might make it easier to identify and apprehend culprits in any future riots. The census is fully indexed:

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The census is contained in one volume and is tabulated in a clear hand.

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William Baxter, heelmaker: No. of heads of household - 2
No children or servants, Cession Church.

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Andrew Neismith, merchant: No. of heads of household - 2
No children or servants, Established Church.

3/73

Mrs Neismith: No. of head of household - 1
No children or servants, Cession Church.

P E R T H, 11th January, 1773.

THE Magistrates and Town-Council hereby command and require, all the Landlords of houses within this Burgh, and liberties thereof, betwixt and Candlemas next, to give in at the Town Clerk's Office, a signed account, or list of their Tenants, and Sub-tenants and their Families, and their occupations, and from what county and parish they came, under the penalty of Ten shillings sterling for each person neglecting; and Twenty shillings sterling for giving in a false list; and recommend to the Tenants whose Landlords are in the Country, to transmit a Copy hereof to their said Landlords. As also, that all Merchants, Craftsmen, and others, residing in Town, or liberties thereof, shall, under the like penalties, give in to the said office, a list signed by them, of the names of their journeymen, apprentices, and men Servants, betwixt and the said term of Candlemas.

And appoint this act to be Published by tuck of Drum round the town, and to be printed, and copies thereof dispersed through the town.

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(This census consists of numerous documents (slips of paper) written by many different people).

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These do certify that Mrs Robertson has at present as tennants Lawrence Andrew, brewer. Baillie Rintoull, glover. Charles Auchinlect, ale seller. Samuel Wallace, brewer. David Mathewson, touns serjant. John Halls widow Helen Wooderspoon. John Paton, glover. William Baxter, heelmaker. As man servant George Sewster.

Hellen Robertson.

Document No. 95

A list of the tennantry belonging to Jn^o Shepherd.

Thomas White, sailor from America.

William Scott, merchant and wife.

David Hutcheson, fisher from Scone.

Beatrix Stewart, from Balthayock.

William Neasmith, merchant from Kinclaven Parish.

John Shepherd

Document No. 109

A list of tenants in the Wrights Lane

Richard Davidson cowper

Alexander Forbes mercht.

James Ross, witter.

Elizabeth Brewhouse, indweller.

Andrew Nesmith, shoemaker.

Isobel Hardie, relicit of Dav: Couper, shoemaker.

Doc^r Wood.

James McLaren subtenant to Jas. Ross in a shop.

Andrew Mitchell

Feb^r 1st 1773.

The database of 'Perth People' at Perth Museum was searched for Andrew Nesmith, William Neasmith and William Baxter in June 2005, but without success.