

Alexander Spiers Jean Grindlay

Once again we are indebted to the anonymous author of the family history of the Spiers family of Loch Green. He gives the following information:

Alex Spiers married Jean Grindlay on 15th August 1729 in Seabegs parish of Falkirk, married again Elizabeth Ronald. He staid for a time in the parish of Slamannan, and afterwards returned to the parish of Falkirk. He may have been a farmer.

His family:

Mary Spiers, baptized 28th June 1730, died about 1820 at The Linn, near Slamannan; married John Russell, probably baptized 4th June 1732, died 1772; farmer near Slamannan; probably son of Alexander Russell, par. of Falkirk, and Jean Hart, who were married 29th July 1726. After his death she had to leave the farm. Latterly, after her family were all grown up, she kept a school about Falkirk until she became nearly blind. In her old age she staid with her son-in-law, William Dickson at The Linn.

William Spiers, (named after his father's father), baptized 24th Sept. 1732, would die a child.

Janet Spiers, died about 1780-90; married about 1763 John Hamilton, died before 1815, farmer, Righead, parish of Falkirk, (lying between Cumbernauld and Loch Green). He also farmed the neighbouring farm of Thrashbush, and kept sheep on East Forrest, Mid Forrest, and West Forrest, a stretch of moorish land nearer Cumbernauld, lying west of Fannyside Moor. He was of a family known to have been on Castlecary Estate for two hundred years.

William Spiers, (ff), baptized 2nd March 1738, died at Springwells an old man. He was a chapman and went about selling books etc. When at home he staid with his half brother John Spiers at Springwells. He had a small property at Camelon, which he left to his nephew William Russell, Kilsyth.

Robert Spiers, born 19th Feb. and baptized 17th March 1745, grew up but probably died a young man.

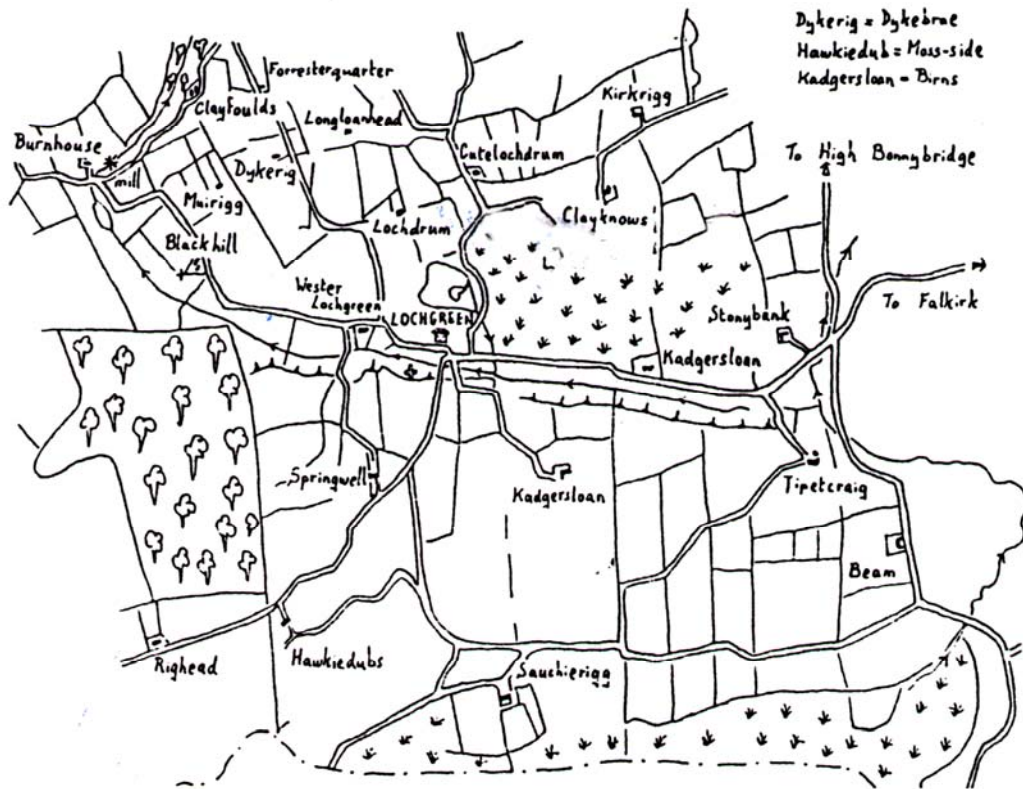
Alexander Spiers, (f), born 11 March 1747, died about 1836; married 21 Nov 1770 Agnes Morrison, died at Dykebrae; daughter of a farmer at . Borland near Denny. In the earlier years of their married life they staid in Denny parish, afterwards they had the small farm of Dykebrae, on Lochgreen Estate. After his wife's death he left Dykebrae for another place in the country. Latterly he staid with his son James at Underwood, on the canal side near Dennyloanhead.

John Spiers, baptized 6th March 1749; died at Stirling before 1830; married Janet Lamond, died at Stirling before him; He was a small farmer at Springwells on the Loch Green Estate. They removed to Stirling about 1816. (They had no family).

David Spiers, (f.b.)baptized 15 May 1754, perhaps he died a child.

Ann Spiers,baptized 28th Jan. 1759, died at Laightoun in 1848; married James Danskin, died about 1836; small farmer at Hawkies Dubs on Loch Green Estate, son of George Danskin, farmer Roughrigg, parish of Slamannan. She left Hawkies Dubs with her family in 1841, and came to Laightoun, Banknock, near Dennyloanhead.

An article by Geoff B Bailey in Calataria Magazine in August 1993 says that Alex and Jean's sons continued to farm on the Lochgreen estate after their grandfather's death, Alex at Dykebrae (also known as Dykerig) and John at Springwells.



Sketch map of the Lochgreen area.

10 July 1729 FR2272
 Alex^r. Speirs & Jean Grinlay
 In Seabegs gave up y^r. names
 To be proclaimed: married
 15 August 1729.

28 June 1730 (1 of 6)
 C Mary Speirs lawll.
 P Alex^r. Speirs Jean Grinlay
 W William Speirs
 Alexander Grinlay

March 2nd 1738 (3 of 3)
 C William Speirs Law^{ll}.
 P Alex^r. Speirs
 W And^r. John Michael Muirhead