

William Spiers (1) Janet Ker (2) Anne Mc Vey (3) Isabella Thomson

William Spiers died about 1764; married in 1718 Janet Ker, daughter of John Ker, dr. of a farmer and shipowner, par. of Borrowstounness, m^d. A third time in 1761 Isabella Thomson. Born about 1726, died 4th May 1806; servant to the minister of the Secession Church at Dennyloanhead; (she afterwards married successively (but without family) James Russell, of Sauchie Rig, a widower, John Marshall, farmer East Borland, west of Denny, and John Denovan, farmer, Knowehead, - all elders of the Church at Dennyloanhead); he was a farmer on Castle Cary Estate, he dealt in Linseed, and traded along with others at Boness. He bought Loch Green Estate, par. of Falkirk, about 1730. He was an elder in Falkirk parish church, and afterwards in the Secession Church at Dennyloanhead from its formation in 1738.

William's family were:

Margaret Spiers, baptized 3rd May 1719; probably married James Brown, parish of Falkirk. They left the district and were lost sight of. They had one child called William Brown, baptized 26th November 1741.

William Spiers, named after father's father), bapt. 24th Feb 1723, would die a child.

Ann Spiers; married in 1734 William Roughhead, farmer and laird in the parish of Denny. (prob. no family). She was a woman of superior qualifications having staid a good while with her uncle, the Revd. Robert Spiers, Linlithgow parish.

William Spiers, bapt. 3rd Aug 1750; unmarried. He used to study at a favourite spot near Loch Green House, and according to his desire was buried there. It is surrounded by a stone wall, and is known as The Tomb.

Robert Spiers, (m.f.?) bap. 16 Nov 1731, died Sept 1818; m^d. 1759 Agnes Russell, d^f. of William Russell, laird of the Arns, m^d. again (but no family) Jean Muirhead, but died 10th January 1812; he succeeded his father in the possession of the major part of Loch Green estate. He was ordained an elder in Dennyloanhead Secession Church 1778.

Janet Spiers, (f.m.?) bapt 24th Oct 1734; married William Hay, laird of Arnbog, son of Robert Hay, farmer, Netherwood, par. of Cumbernauld, and Helen Russell.

Jean Spiers, twin sister of Janet; married Thomas Rennie, probably a labouring man. (There was probably no family that survived herself.)

Ebenezer Spiers, bapt 23 Feb 1739, died a young man. He studied for the ministry, but was unlicensed.

Elizabeth Spiers, bapt. 7th Oct 1747, died about five years old.

David Spiers, bapt. 6th Sept 1762, died 28th Dec 1752; married Janet Morrison, born about 1766, died 23rd Dec. 1857; d^f. of William Morrison, blacksmith, Holmbush, west from Dennyloanhead, and Janet Lamond. Burnhouse was left to him by his father as his share of Loch Green Estate, and he went there when he was seventeen. He was ordained an elder in Dennyloanhead Secession Church 25 Feb. 1795.

O.P.R. Falkirk 479/3. FR 1092
7 Oct 1747

Oct^r 7

C Elizabeth Speirs Law^{ll}
P William Speirs
Anna McVey
W Walter Logan
John Frew

FR 1185

Sept^r 6

C David Speirs Law^{ll}
P William Speirs
Isobell Thomson
W Alex^r & Robert Speirs

479/7 Falkirk

Nove^r.17 1687 FR2092
Compeared William Speirs and
Jonet Ker both this parish
and gave up y^r.names. Married
The 30th of Nov^r.1687

31 May 1718 FR2211
Wm. Spiers in Castle-
cary & Janet Ker daugh-
ter to John Ker in Hardhill
gave up y^r. names to be
proclaimed.

2 July 1725

William Spiers in Castlecarrie in this parish and Ann McVey in the parish of Bo:Ness gave up their nams to be proclaimed, a sufficient (see below) was produced for the woman.

Copies of various versions of the above missing word:

Testificatio *Testificatio*
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from: Scottish Dictionary Association, 'Concise Scottish Dictionary' (Polygon, Edinburgh, 1999)

testificate (noun)

1. a solemn declaration of fact or belief put in writing, a certificate, testimonial, (esp.) a character reference, issued by a Minister or Kirk Session to a person applying for membership of another church. (17th –early 19th century)

Falkirk (479)

June 15 1701 (3rd of 4)

C Anna Spires laull.

P W^m. Spires Janet Ker

W W^m. Grinley John Grinley

3 May 1719 (1 of 7)

C Margaret Speirs laull.

P W^m. Speirs Janet Ker

W John Grahame

Walter Scott

24 Feb 1723 (6 of 6)

C W^m. Speirs laull.

P W^m. Speirs Janet Ker

W Ro^t. Speirs John Ker

3 Aug 1729 (6 of 7)

C William Speirs law^{ll}.

P William Speirs Anne McBay

W Walter Scott John Ker

16 Nov 1731

C Robert Spiers

P Wm. Speirs Anne Mcvey

W Alexandre Grinlay Walter Scott

24 Oct 1734 (1 of 1)

C Janet & Jean Speirs twins lawll.

P William Speirs Anna Mc Vey

W Walter Scott James Russel

Not found: David Speirs 16 Nov 1731 to Wm Speirs and Isabella Thomson.

1761 March 14th FR2353

William Spiers in this parish and Isabell Thomson in the parish of Denny.

Denny (476)

1761

Wm. Spears in the parish of (illegible) and Isobel Thomson in this parish noted for proclamation upon the
4th day of March. Proclaimed the 29th day