

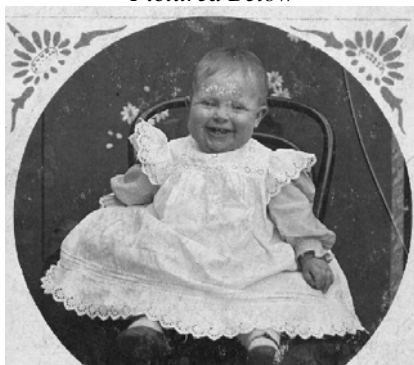
## Our Kerr Families' Roots and Shoots

by

John Henderson born in Causewayhead, Stirling in 1939.

Grandson of Jessie Kerr (1886-1965)

Pictured Below



Over the last two years, while I have been gradually uncovering details of my families' histories, I have been especially intrigued by the fact that, from the beginning of the 19th Century, many descendants of my fifth great grand-father, James Kerr, were employed as Domestic Coachmen in country mansions, or town houses, in Central, South-West and West Scotland. The last record that I have been able to obtain of this succession of coachmen, chauffeurs and delivery-men suggests that this form of service by our Kerr men-folk probably ended with the death, 'in harness', so to speak, of my Second Great-Grand Uncle Walter Kerr (1846-1924) at Woodside Stables, Paisley on the 18<sup>th</sup> of March, 1924.

1924. DEATHS in the DISTRICT of PAISLEY in the COUNTY of RENFREW.

No.	Name and Surname. Rank or Profession, and whether Single, Married, or Widowed.	When and Where Died.	Sex.	Age.	Name, Surname, & Rank or Profession of Father. Name, and Maiden Surname of Mother.	Cause of Death, Duration of Disease, and Medical Attendant by whom certified.	Signature & Qualification of Informant, and Residence, if out of the House in which the Death occurred.	When and where Registered, and Signature of Registrar.
499	Walter Kerr, Coachman,	1924, March Eighteenth, 11 1/2. 30m. P.M.,	M.	78 years	James Kerr, Coachman (deceased) Barbara Kerr, Mrs. A. Henderson (deceased)	Influenza, Pneumonia  As Cert. by Thomas P. Pitken M.B. Ed. 53	Barbara Kerr Daughter, Present.	1924, March 18 <sup>th</sup> , at Paisley  W.P. Campbell, Registrar.
	Janet McKelvey, Widower of	Woodside Stables, Paisley.						
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500	Harrie Gillies	1924, March Nineteenth, 10 1/2. 53 m. P.M. 31 Thread Street Paisley.	F.	1 1/2 years	Neil Gillies, Railway Surgeon  Helen Sellers or Dorans Wife of James Dorans, Butcher (Spursington)	Convulsions   As Cert. by J. Adams M.B. G.M.	Neil Gillies Father Present	1924, March 20 <sup>th</sup> at Paisley  Wm. Campbell Assist. Registrar. W.P.C.
	Thomas Cunningham Magee, Chauffeur, Married to Emily McNaught	1924, March Nineteenth, 11 30m. A.M., 22 Hamilton Street Paisley	M.	29 years	John Cunningham, Chauffeur  Mary Jane Cunningham, Mrs. Magee.	Acute Pneumonia (Acute)  As Cert. by William Murray M.B. G.M.	Mary J. Cunningham Mother, Present.	1924, March 20 <sup>th</sup> , at Paisley  M. Macdonald, Assist. Registrar. W.P.C.
	Thomas Cunningham Magee, Chauffeur, Married to Emily McNaught	1924, March Nineteenth, 11 30m. A.M., 22 Hamilton Street Paisley						

W.P. Campbell, Registrar.

The pivotal Kerr family of my own pedigree line from which I have been most successful in tracing both deceased and living blood relatives comprises the ten children of my Great Grandfather James Kerr (Coachman) (1855, Cramond-1932, Stirling) and my Great Grandmother Janet [Richardson] Kerr (Domestic Servant) (1855, Lochmaben – 1925, Stirling):-

No.	When, Where, and How Married.	Signature of Parties. Rank or Profession, whether Single or Widowed, and Relationship (if any).	Age.	Usual Residence.	Name, Surname, and Rank or Profession of Father Name, and Maiden Surname of Mother.	If regular Marriage, Signature of celebrating Minister and Witnesses. If irregular, Date of Quotation, Decree of Declarator, or Sheriff's Warrant.	When & Where Registered, and Signature of Registrar.
L 3	1880. on the 25 <sup>th</sup> day of May at Lochmaben	(Signed) James Kerr Coachman (Single)	24	Lochmaben	Robert Kerr Coachman Jane Brown	(Signed) Archib. Hart	1880. May 25 <sup>th</sup>
	After Banns according to the Forme of the Church of Scotland	(Signed) John Richardson Domestic servant (Spinster)	25	Lochmaben	John Richardson Joiner Margaret Richardson M. S. M. Mear	(Signed) James Anderson Minister Edinburgh Minister	Lochmaben Hugh Blair Registrar.
	1880. on the 27 <sup>th</sup> day of June at Greenhill Lochmaben	(Signed) William Boyes Farm servant (Bachelor)	27	Lochmaben	William Boyes Musician (deceased) Janet Boyes M. S. Gibson (deceased)	(Signed) Archib. Hart	1880. June 27 <sup>th</sup>
After Banns according to the Forme of the Church of Scotland	(Signed) Colin A. C. Henderson Farm servant (Spinster)	27	Greenhill	George Henderson Farmer Marion Pearson Farm servant	(Signed) Matthew Richardson Minister James Boyes Minister	Lochmaben Hugh Blair Registrar.	

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 Hugh Blair Registrar.  
 Kerr 1880 Marriage

**The Ten Kerr Children from 1880 to 1895**

**Jane KERR** [Domestic Servant] (b.28.06.1880- Old Polmaise, Bannockburn) d.09.05.1953-Annan,Dumfries)  
 sp: David Meiklejohn **LESLIE** [Insurance Agent] (b.24.04.1857-Halfmorton,Dumfries;m.02.11.1906;d.07.03.1926)

**Robert KERR** [Postman] (b.19.08.1882-Old Polmaise, Bannockburn: d...1957-Denny)  
 sp: Margaret Woods **JOHNSTONE** (b.12.05.1888-Denny ; m.11.08.1915; d...1936-Falkirk)

**Margaret KERR** [Table Maid] (b.04.07.1884- Old Polmaise, Bannockburn; d.18.05.1951- Stirling)  
 sp: Hugh Russell **STRUTHERS** [Chauffeur] (b.20.09.1886-Wiston & Robertson ; m.05.06.1914;d.29.05.1950)

**Janet KERR** [Domestic Servant] (b.31.01.1886- Old Polmaise, Bannockburn ;d. 21.08.1965-Stirling)  
 sp: John **HENDERSON** [Railwayman] (b.19.05.1885-Newtyle; m.06.12.1907; d. 09.11.1944- Stirling)

**John Richardson KERR** [Joiner] (b.18.09.1887- Old Polmaise, Bannockburn; d: 1957 - USA)  
 sp: Jean (**KERR**) (b...1887-Scotland; m...1910 – Illinois, USA)

**Barbara KERR** [Domestic Servant] (b.19.10.1889-Old Polmaise, Bannockburn d: ?, Hamilton)  
 sp1: John Currie **LOUDEN** [Coal Miner] (b...1889-Larkhall ; m.07.02.1913)  
 sp2: Thomas **NOLAN**

(i) **Ann KERR (Twin)** (b.05.10.1891-Old Polmaise,Bannockburn) **d.04.12.1891-Old Polmaise, Bannockburn)**

**Marion Janet KERR** (b.05.10.1891-Old Polmaise, Bannockburn ;d.04.07.1968-Winnipeg,Manitoba,Canada)  
 sp: Alexander Paterson **RENNIE** (b.25.01.1889-Stirling ;m...1913;d..04.1958-Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada)

(ii) **Ann KERR** [Tailoress] (b.20.11.1893-Old Polmaise, Bannockburn); d: ?  
 sp: David Thomson **DENOVAN** [Railwayman] (b. 1887-Ireland;m.21.08.1914;d.15.08.1960-Stirling)

**James Anderson KERR** (b.24.09.1895-Old Polmaise, Bannockburn ;d.30.11.1917- Died at Battle of Cambrai)

However, before this book deals with these folks whereabouts in the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> centuries, it firstly goes back to our known Kerr origins, meantime fixed at around 1785.