

Chapter 4 Our Kerr Families' Roots and Shoots

Before recounting the lives of their other children in Kirknewton and further afield, it may be interesting for readers to follow what I managed to uncover about the paths trod by my Great x 3 Grandparents James and Barbara (Henderson) Kerr until their deaths in 1891 and 1892.

The gap between the 1855 birth of daughter Barbara and the 1871 Census for Scotland has not yet been filled, apart from the death of their fourteen year old son George from Scarlet Fever in 1856.

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56. DEATHS in the Parish of Kirknewton East Calder in the County of Edinburgh

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)
Burials and Name, Rank or Profession, and Condition, (whether Married or Single, Widower or Widow.)	When and where Died, with Hour of Death.	Sex.	Age.	Parents' Names, and Rank, Profession, or Occupation.	Cause of Death, and how long illness continued — Medical Attendants, by whom certified, and when he last saw deceased.	Trial Place, Under/Over, or other Person, by whom certified.	Signature, Qualification, and Resi- dence of Informant, if out of the House in which the Death occurred.	When and where Registered, and Signature of Registrar.
Graham William (Married)	1856 December first 3h P.M.	M	79	John Graham Cowan (Deceased)	Aspiration of the lungs four days	Ratho Church- yard as certified by Hugh Campbell Undertaker	Halter Hay Hector Brown (Prot. Present)	1856 December 2 nd at Kirknewton
	Village of Kirknewton			Mary Graham Maiden name Chapman (Deceased)	No Medical Attendant			Andrew McDonald Registrar
Kerr George (Single)	1856 December eighth 3h 30m A.M.	M	14	James Kerr Coachman	The result of scarlet fever ten or twelve days as certified by John Dick, M.D.	Midcalder Church Yard as certified by James Wallace Undertaker	James Fern Hector Brown (Present)	1856 December 8 th at Kirknewton
	Kirknewton Village			Barbara Kerr Maiden name Henderson (Deceased)	John Dick, M.D. who saw deceased 5 th December			Andrew McDonald Registrar
Calden Margaret (Married)	1856 December fourteenth 11. am. A.M.	F	32	William Brown Carpenter Kilnwick	Pneumonia about a year as certified by John Dick, M.D.	Midcalder Church Yard as certified by John Dick, M.D. Undertaker	Thomas Cooper Hector Brown (Present)	1856 December 14 th at Kirknewton
	Village of East Calder			Margaret Brown Maiden name Roberts (Deceased)	who saw deceased 22 nd December			Andrew McDonald Registrar

Andrew McDonald Registrar

and the marriage of their second oldest son, my Great x 2 Grandfather Robert, to Jane Proven in 1854.

The 1871 Census shows James and Barbara residing in Mine House, Bridge of Allan, Stirling and nearby in Logie Parish, three unmarried daughters of their former employer Alexander Maconochie-Wellwood [Lord Meadowbank the Second] at Meadowbank House, Kirknewton, namely Isabella (64yrs), Elizabeth (61 years) and Anne (48 yrs)!

It is impossible to decide whether James was employed as Coachman to Mr Baldie and his large family at the Mine Road address or was continuing to serve the ladies as he had in their former home at Meadowbank. However, it seems reasonable to assume that

the ladies had moved out of Meadowbank after the death of their father in 1861 to allow his heirs, either Alan Alexander or Robert Blair Maconochie-Wellwood families occupy the big house.

An item (i) in the 'Scottish Field' of January, 2005, states that it was Alan's family, but evidence from this article, and from genealogical records (ii) points to Robert's descendants inheriting the re-built house (Kirknewton House) by 1981.

(i)

'The present incumbents, Charles and Tinkie Welwood, who were born and brought up in Kenya where they lived until after their marriage, moved to Kirknewton 24 years ago when Charles inherited the house from his father Laurence Maconochie Welwood.

Charles explains. 'Most of the garden originated under Alan Maconochie the son of 2nd Lord Meadowbank in the mid-1800's. His son John married Emma Welwood and they continued to develop the garden.'

(ii)

Transcription from Old Parish Records:

JOHN ALLAN MACONOCHIE

Event(s):

Birth:

Christening: 14 APR 1848 Edinburgh Parish, Edinburgh, Midlothian, Scotland

Parents:

Father: ROBERT BLAIR MACONOCHIE

Mother: CHARLOTTE JOANNA TOD

And,

General Registry Office Record:

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1902 BIRTHS in the District of *Shelton* in the City of *Edinburgh*

No.	Name and Surname.	When and Where Born.	Sex.	Name, Birth, Rank or Profession of Father, Name, and Maiden Surname of Mother. Date and Place of Marriage.	Signature and Qualification of Informant, and Residence, if out of the House in which the Birth occurred.	When and Where Registered, and Signature of Registrar.
1765	<i>Laurence Robert Maconochie-Wellwood</i>	<i>1902, August, Westcote, 105, Adam, St. Eble.</i>	<i>M.</i>	<i>John Allan Maconochie-Wellwood, Laurence Maconochie-Wellwood, Winifred Louisa Drummond, London.</i>	<i>John Allan Maconochie-Wellwood, Father, Edinburgh.</i>	<i>1902, September 14, Edinburgh, John Davidson, Registrar.</i>

i.e. Laurence Robert Maconochie-Wellwood, born on 13.08.1902 in Edinburgh to John Allan Maconochie-Wellwood and Winifred Louisa Drummond who married in London in 1892.

Back to Stirling in 1771, the following Censuses tell at least part of the story!

1771 Census for Logie Parish, Bridge of Allan for the Maconochie-Wellwood spinsters:

Page 22] The undermentioned Houses are situate within the Boundaries of the

* Civil Parish of		Quoad sacra Parish of	Parliamentary Burgh of	Royal Burgh of	Police Burgh of	Town of			
Logie		Bridge of Allan			Bridge of Allan				
No. of Schedule	ROAD, STREET, &c., and No. or NAME of HOUSE.	HOUSES. Inhabited (U), or building (B.)	NAME and Surname of each Person.	RELATION to Head of Family.	CON-DITION.	AGE of		Rank, Profession, or OCCUPATION.	WHERE BORN.
						Male	Female		
96	1/2 Millers Walk		Elizabeth A. Turnbull	Wife	W				England
77	2/2 1/2 Millers Walk		Jane Cairns	Head	W		55	Housekeeper	Stirlingshire (Paisley)
			Richard M. Dyer	Serv	W		74	General Serv (Domestic)	D ^o - F. Merion
78	2/2 1/2 25	1	Margaret Baugh	Head	W		60	Lodging House Keeper	D ^o - Airth
			Elizabeth M. Fairlane	Serv	W		74	General Serv (Domestic)	D ^o - F. Merion
			Jane M. Kenzie	Serv	W		74	D ^o - F. Merion	D ^o - F. Merion
79			Isabella Dick	Serv	W		60	Assistant	Hackmanburgh (Aberdeen)
			Margaret Walker	Wife	W		74	General Serv (Domestic)	Midlothian (Edinburgh)
100			John G. Marshall	Head	W		60		England
			Nancy A. D.	Wife	W		60		Perthshire (Perth)
101			L. E. McKenzie	Serv	W		60	Income tax collector	Perthshire (Perth)
102	2/2 1/2 25	1	Isabella (Maconochie) Wellwood	Head	W		60		Perthshire (Perth)
			Elizabeth D.	Sister	W		64		Midlothian (Edinburgh)
			Jane B. D.	Sister	W		70		D ^o - D ^o
			Elizabeth Middleton	Servant	W		40	Sick Nurse	Midlothian (Edinburgh)
			Anna Stewart	Servant	W		30	Table Maid (Domestic Serv)	Perthshire (Perth)
			Jane Branch	Serv	W		35	Laundry Maid (F ^o)	Midlothian (Kirkcubright)
			Jane Gilbert	Serv	W		26	Housemaid (F ^o)	D ^o - D ^o
			Isabella Cochran	Serv	W		18	Widow (F ^o)	D ^o - Edinburgh
			Mary J. Kane	Misc	W			Scholar	England
			Mary G. C.		W				

1771 Census Data (foot of sheet) for James and Barbara Kerr

The undermentioned Houses are situate within the Boundaries of the											[Page 3	
* Civil Parish of	Quoad sacra Parish of	Parliamentary Burgh of	Royal Burgh of	Police Burgh of	Town of	Village or Hamlet of						
<i>Lochee</i>	<i>Bridge of Allan</i>			<i>Bridge of Allan</i>								
No. of Houses	ROAD, STREET, &c., and No. or NAME of HOUSE.	HOUSES Inhabited (M.) or Building (B.)	NAME and Surname of each Person.	RELATION to Head of Family.	CON- DITION.	AGE of		Rank, Profession, or OCCUPATION.	WHERE BORN.	Whether 1. Dead and Dumb. 2. Blind. 3. Imbecile or Idiot. 4. Lunatic.	Number of Children from 5 to 15 attend- ing School or being educated at Home.	Rooms with One or more Win- dows.
						Male	Female					
13	<i>Sumptuous Rd. Inverhall</i>		<i>Charles Morrison</i>	<i>Widow</i>	<i>Widow</i>	<i>65</i>		<i>Merchant, retired</i>	<i>Midlothian, Leith</i>			<i>2</i>
14			<i>Mary James</i>	<i>Lodger</i>	<i>Unm</i>	<i>38</i>		<i>Annuitant</i>	<i>Lanarkshire, Glasgow</i>			<i>1</i>
			<i>Eliza O'Shan</i>	<i>Do</i>	<i>Unm</i>	<i>38</i>		<i>Annuitant</i>	<i>Aburkashie, Aberdeen</i>	<i>Dead & Dumb</i>		
15	<i>Widdie Main House</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Mary Wright</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>Unm</i>	<i>30</i>		<i>Lodging House Keeper</i>	<i>Perthshire, Lochee</i>			<i>3</i>
			<i>Elizabeth</i>	<i>Sister</i>	<i>Unm</i>	<i>28</i>		<i>Do</i>	<i>Do</i>			
			<i>Alison</i>	<i>Sister</i>	<i>Unm</i>	<i>25</i>		<i>Do</i>	<i>Do</i>			
			<i>Margaret Lockhart</i>	<i>Sister</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>25</i>		<i>Do</i>	<i>Do</i>			<i>1</i>
			<i>Robert W.</i>	<i>Nephew</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>23</i>		<i>Scholar</i>	<i>American, New York</i>			
			<i>Lizzie S.</i>	<i>Niece</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>14</i>		<i>Scholar</i>	<i>American</i>			
16			<i>Robert Baldie</i>	<i>(Widow) Head</i>	<i>Mar</i>	<i>46</i>		<i>Architect, engraving, printing</i>	<i>Perthshire, Perth</i>			<i>2</i>
			<i>Annie</i>	<i>Wife</i>	<i>Mar</i>	<i>44</i>		<i>Do</i>	<i>Do</i>			
			<i>Janie S.</i>	<i>Daughter</i>	<i>Unm</i>	<i>18</i>		<i>Do</i>	<i>Lanarkshire, Glasgow</i>			
			<i>Antonie's</i>	<i>Daughter</i>	<i>Unm</i>	<i>16</i>		<i>Do</i>	<i>Do</i>			
			<i>Annie S.</i>	<i>Daughter</i>	<i>Unm</i>	<i>14</i>		<i>Scholar</i>	<i>Perthshire, Newmore</i>			
			<i>Elizabeth</i>	<i>Daughter</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>12</i>		<i>Do</i>	<i>Do</i>			
			<i>Henry</i>	<i>Son</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>10</i>		<i>Do</i>	<i>Lanarkshire, Glasgow</i>			
			<i>Mary Ann</i>	<i>Daughter</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>2</i>		<i>Do</i>	<i>Perthshire, Midlothian</i>			
			<i>Janet G.</i>	<i>Daughter</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>1</i>		<i>Do</i>	<i>Lanarkshire, Glasgow</i>			
			<i>Elizabeth Gordon</i>	<i>Sister</i>	<i>Unm</i>	<i>43</i>		<i>Teacher</i>	<i>Perthshire, Perth</i>			
			<i>Ellen Cameron</i>	<i>Serv</i>	<i>Unm</i>	<i>40</i>		<i>Housemaid, domestic</i>	<i>Perthshire, Perth</i>			
			<i>Agnes Ewing</i>	<i>Serv</i>	<i>Unm</i>	<i>46</i>		<i>Nurse</i>	<i>Do</i>			
17			<i>James Kerr</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>Mar</i>	<i>62</i>		<i>Speechman</i>	<i>Perthshire, Midlothian</i>			<i>2</i>
			<i>Barbara Kerr</i>	<i>Wife</i>	<i>Mar</i>	<i>60</i>		<i>Do</i>	<i>Do</i>			
18	<i>Spa St. Widdie</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>John Reid</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>Mar</i>	<i>34</i>		<i>Minister of Bridge of Allan</i>	<i>Perthshire, Perth</i>			<i>10</i>
16	Total of Houses	2	Total of Males and Females			6	18	Total of Children receiving Instruction, and Windowed Rooms			3	25

* Draw the pen through such of the words as are inappropriate.

Chapter 5 continues the story of James and Barbara serving the spinsters at Pitliver House, near Crossford, Dunfermline, the town where the first Wellwood in the family, Elizabeth, was born in 1752 to Robert Wellwood and Mary Preston, before she married Alan Maconochie (1748-1816) the first Lord Meadowbank in Edinburgh in 1774.