

REPORT

on

The Ancestry of James Gibson who died in Kilbarchan in
1858

The 1851 Census Schedules for Kilbarchan were first consulted, and the following entries were found:-

1) "Address: Barholm.
James Gibson, head of house, aged 75, handloom weaver cotton,
born in Kilmarnock, Ayrshire
Janet, his wife, aged 52, born in Sanquhar, Dumfriesshire
Janet, his daughter, aged 26, born in Ayr
Robert, " son " 24, " " "
Jane, " daughter, " 20, " " "
Violet " " " 18, " " "
Josiah, " son " 15, " " "
Magdalen, " daughter, " 13, " " Kilbarchan
Martha, " " " 10, " " "
Lathew, " son " 8, " " "
John, " " " 6, " " " ."

"Address: Barholm
George Gibson, head of house, aged 29, handloom weaver cotton
born in Kirkcubright, Wigtownshire
Jane, his wife, aged 25, born in Johnstone
James, " son " 5, " " Kilbarchan
William, " " " 3, " " "
George " " " 1, " " " "

- 3) "Address: Barholm
Alexander Gibson, head of house, aged 22, handloom weaver,
born in Ayr
Isabella, his wife, aged 21, born in Kilbarchan
Agnes, his daughter, " 1, " " " " ."
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Prior to 1855 registrations of Births, Deaths and Marriages in Scotland were voluntarily recorded in the old parochial registers (unindexed) of each parish. The old parochial registers of Ayr, Kirkcolum, and Kilbarchan were accordingly searched for the births of children to James Gibson and Janet - - - , but no relevant entries were found in any of these parishes.

The old parochial registers of Kilmarnock, Sanguhar, Ayr and Kirkcolum were next searched from 1817 to 1820 for the second marriage of James Gibson to Janet - - - , and the following entry was found in Kilmarnock:-

"25th December 1818 James Gibson and Janet Jamieson both in this parish after proclanation were married."

The old parochial registers of Kilmarnock were then searched for the births of children to James Gibson and his first wife, and the following entry was noted there:-

"John lawful son of James Gibson and Mary Curry born 11th baptised 13th October 1810."

It was not known whether this entry might be relevant and, as the name of his first wife was not known, it was not possible to identify the relevant entry for James Gibson's first marriage.

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James Gibson was next found to have died on 24th September 1858 at Low Barholm, Kilbarchan. He was described, in his death entry, as a weaver, aged 82, married, and the son of James Gibson and Martha Vallance, both deceased. He was buried in the United Presbyterian Churchyard and the information for this entry was given by his son, George Gibson.

The old parochial registers of Kilmarnock and of its coterminous parish, which is Riccarton, were then searched from 1770 to 1780 for the births of James Gibson (junior) or any other children to James Gibson (senior) and Martha Vallance, but no relevant entries were found in either parish.

The old parochial registers of Kilmarnock (no extant marriage records April 1770 - 80) were next searched from 1765 to 1770 for the marriage of James Gibson and Martha Vallance, but this was not found to have been recorded there during that period. As there are no extant marriage records for Riccarton from 1738 to 1787, no search could be made there for this marriage.

The old parochial registers of Kilmarnock and of Riccarton were then then searched from 1740 to 1758 for the birth of James Gibson (senior), and the following entry was found in Kilmarnock:-

"Hugh Gibson, glover in Kilmarnock and Jean Hillhouse, both their 1st marriages had their 7th child born on Wednesday July 1st 1752 and baptised James on sabbath July 5th by Mr. Hill."

Other children found to have been recorded to the above couple in the old parochial registers of Kilmarnock were:-

Jean

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Jean	born	26th	baptised	27:	1:1737
Mary	"	and	"	21:12:	1738
Robert	"	29th Oct.	"	1:11:	1741
John	"	2nd	"	18. 3:	1744
Hugh	"	20th	"	22: 6:	1746
Margaret	"	14th	"	15:12:	1748

The marriage of Hugh Gibson and Jean Hillhouse was next found to have been recorded in the old parochial registers of Kilmarnock as follows:-

"Hugh Gibson, glover in Kilmarnock, and Jean Hillhouse, daughter to Robert Hillhouse, glover there, both their 1st marriages, were booked on Saturday March 20th 1736 and consigned eight marks of penalty, and after orderly proclamation three several Sabbaths were married at Kilmarnock on Tuesday April 13th 1736 by Mr. Lawrence Hill, and got up their penalty November 13th 1736."

The old parochial registers of Kilmarnock and of Riccarton (birth records defective 1704 - 6), were then searched from 1700 to 1718 for the birth of Hugh Gibson, and the following entries were found in Kilmarnock:-

- 1) "John Gibson, bonnetmaker in Kilmarnock, and Mary Goudie, both their 1st marriages, had their 2nd son born on Sabbath December 20th 1713 and baptised Hugh by Mr. Pedin on January 8th 1714, witnesses aforesaid."

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- 2) "James Gibson, coalier in Carnskeigh and Marion Lymburner, both their 1st marriages, had their 4th child born on Monday June 3rd 1717 and baptised Hugh on Sabbath June 23rd by Mr. Peñin."

The marriage was noted, in passing of a Hugh Gibson (the son of James Gibson) who married Mary Ferguson on 19th November 1736 in Kilnarnock, and it was assumed that he was the Hugh born 1717 (entry 2 above) and research was, therefore, continued on the assumption that entry (1) above was relevant to this line.

The only other children found to have been recorded to John Gibson and Mary Goudie in the old parochial registers of Kilnarnock were:-

John born 7th baptised 13: 7:1707 1st child
Robert " 15th " 25: 7:1717 5th child.

The marriage of John Gibson and Mary Goudie was next found to have been recorded in the old parochial registers of Kilnarnock thus:-

"John Gibson, bonnetmaker in Kilnarnock, and Mary Gaudie (sic) daughter to unguill John Gaudie sometime distiller, Schaws Miln, both their first marriages, were booked and consigned (besides two merks of Kirk dues) eight merks of penalty at Kilnarnock on Saturday May 18th 1706, witness John Paterson, baker and Daniel Brown, coal-grieve, both in Kilnarnock, and after orderly proclamation three several sabbaths were married in the Kirk of Kilnarnock on Monday June 3rd by Mr. Francis Finlayson minister, witnesses aforesaid

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aforesaid, and got up their penalty by appointment of the session, November 22nd 1706. John Adan cautioner for the remanent tyme."

The old parochial registers of Kilmarnock (birth records defective 1681 - 87) (Riccarton birth records commence in 1695) were then searched, where possible, from 1671 to 1689 for the birth of John Gibson, and the following entry was found among the extant records:-

"7th May 1674 John Gibsone (sic) procreat betwixt Hew Gibsone and Agnes Bickett."

Other children found to have been recorded to the above couple among the extant records for Kilmarnock were:-

Marion	baptised	10:11:1667	
Bessie	"	4: 7:1672	(presumably died young)
Jean	"	20:11:1676	
Bessie	"	25: 4:1678	
Heugh	"	8:11:1682	

As there are no extant marriage records for Kilmarnock prior to 1687 or for Riccarton prior to 1695, no search could be made in either parish for the marriage of Hew Gibson and Agnes Bickett.

The old parochial registers of Kilmarnock (only two birth entries 1640 - 43, and birth records defective 1643 - 44) were next searched from their commencement in 1640 to 1650 for the birth of Hew Gibson, and the following entry was found among the extant records:-

"Baptised /

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"Baptised the 16th December 1647 Hew Gibsone (sic)
betwixt Hew Gibsone and Margaret Cruiks his wyffe."

The only other child found to have been
recorded to the above couple among the extant records for Kilmarnock
was:-

Margret baptised 6: 4:1650.

As there are no extant marriage records
prior to 1687 and no extant birth records prior to 1640 for
Kilmarnock, no search could be made there for the marriage or birth
of Hew Gibson, and the investigation was accordingly here concluded.

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