

John LESSELS and Elizabeth Hamilton MURRAY

Chart 32-33

(Weblink LS Lessels Murray 1804 Scotland)

(Weblink John's parents LS Lessels Cairnie 1783 Scotland chart 64-65)

(Weblink to Elizabeth's parents LS Murray Sutherland 1782 Scotland chart 66-67)

John LESSELS

B 22 March 1784 Kinghorn Fife Scotland

D 03 February 1865 Kirkcaldy Fife Scotland

M 30 August 1804 Edinburgh Midlothian Scotland

Elizabeth Hamilton MURRAY

B about 1786 St Andrews Parish Scotland

D 17 March 1866 Kirkcaldy Fife Scotland

Children

1. Margaret Gourly LESSELS born 30 December 1806 Abbotshall Fife Scotland
2. **John LESSELS** born 07 January 1809 Abbotshall Fife Scotland
3. Elizabeth LESSELS born 24 January 1811 Abbotshall Fife Scotland
4. Christian LESSELS born 04 October 1812 Abbotshall Fife Scotland
5. Fergusa Murray LESSELS born 21 December 1814 Kinghorn Fife Scotland
6. Robert LESSELS born 15 December 1816 Kinghorn Fife Scotland
7. James LESSELS born 21 December 1818 Kinghorn Fife Scotland
8. Marjory LESSELS born 11 July 1821 Kinghorn Fife Scotland
9. Ann LESSELS born 12 April 1824 Kinghorn Fife Scotland
10. William LESSELS born 23 August 1826 Kinghorn Fife Scotland

The family history of John LESSELS and Elizabeth Hamilton MURRAY

LASSALS 28th March 1784 John LASSALS and Mary CAIRNIE had a son born 22nd baptised on 28 (sic) by the named of John [Kinghorn Fife Scotland]

(Reference FHC microfilm 1040168 Kinghorn Fife Scotland [1784] Old Parish Registers 1577-1855)

Register of Baptisms LESSELS John lawful son of John LESSELS and Mary CAIRNIE was born 22nd March 1784. Note: There were also 8 other baptisms noted on the same page for the children of John and Mary LESSELS.

(Reference FHC microfilm 1040142 item 4 page Abbotshall Fife Scotland Old Parish Registers 1650-1860)

“John LESSELS the eldest son of the above was born at RAITH in 1784, and received the most of his education from his grandmother who was highly educated and intelligent. In 1800 he was apprenticed to an agricultural implement maker in Kirkcaldy. Towards the end of his apprenticeship Mr Wm. Ferguson of Raith begged him to come to Raith and accept the position of Master Wright, in place of his grandfather who had latterly become very feeble, but as he purposed at the end of his apprenticeship commencing business on his own account he declined Mr Ferguson's kind offer. But Mr Ferguson was anxious to secure his services, and offered to build him as new and comfortable house on the Raith Estate and gave him an annuity on his retirement which inducement led him to reverse his decision and accept the offer. In 1804 he having married Elizabeth Hamilton MURRAY went to reside with his father-in-law Mr MURRAY in Kirkcaldy until his new home at Raith was ready for his Occupation, afterwards called the Heather Lodge.”

(Reference RCAHMS Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland 'Architects' File for John LESSELS "A Brief Account of the Ancient Family of LESSELS in Fifeshire)

SEARCH for information about the 'Heather Lodge' Kirkcaldy Fife Scotland

Elizabeth Hamilton MURRAY a daughter was born 30 April 1786 Canogate Edinburgh Scotland parents Mary SUTHERLAND and Robert MURRAY.

SEARCH (Reference FHC LDS microfilm 1067742 Canogate Edinburgh Scotland OPR baptism records)

A researcher stated that Elizabeth's mother was Margaret GOURLEY and if Elizabeth had followed the Scottish naming pattern by naming her first daughter after her mother then you might start to believe this statement.

This information is not correct as Elizabeth's death registration records her parents as Mary and Robert MURRAY the same as the above baptism and Elizabeth's marriage registration also gives her father as Robert MURRAY. I believe Margaret GOURLEY could have been Elizabeth's grandmother and with further research we will be able to locate the connection.

Marriage Edinburgh October 1804, 20th

John LESSELS Wright Tolbooth [sic] Church Parish and Elizabeth Hamilton MURRAY same parish daughter of Robert MURRAY Merch [sic] Links Kirkcaldy

(Reference FHC microfilm 1066690 Edinburgh Parish Midlothian Scotland Marriages Old Parish Registers 1595-1860 also FHC Film 103048 & Index 6900815)

LESSELS-MURRAY

John LESSELS residing in the parish of Tolbooth Church Edinburgh a native of the parish of Abbotshall and Elizabeth Hamilton MURRAY of St Andrews Parish Edinburgh were lawfully married at Edinburgh by Principal BAIRD 30 August 1804.

(Reference FHC microfilm 1040143 item 1-5 Abbotshall Fife Scotland Old Parish Registers page 170-171 Marriages 1764-1819 Burials 1750-1843, 1818-1832, 1843-1860 and Index 6900684)

1806-1807 LESSELLS

John LESSELLS and Betty MURRAY had a child born 30th December [1806] and baptised the 04th January 1807 called **Margaret Gourly**. (Abbotshall)

(Reference FHC microfilm 1040142 item 2-4 Abbotshall Fife Scotland Old Parish Registers 1650-1860)

John LESLIE and Betty MURRAY had a child who was baptised Links Scotland.

SEARCH (Reference source researcher but they did not record the source)

1809 LESSELS Register of Baptisms

John lawful Son of John LESSELS and Elizabeth Hamilton MURRAY his spouse was born 07 January 1809 and baptised 15th same month. (Abbotshall)

(Reference FHC microfilm 1040142 item 2-4 Abbotshall Fife Scotland Old Parish Registers 1650-1860 Index Fiche 6900188)

"About the end of November 1810 Mr Wm. Ferguson died and was succeeded by his son and heir Robert Ferguson who lived for several years and on his death Sir Ronald Ferguson succeeded him but only lived 4 month afterwards, and was succeeded by his son Robert Ferguson."

(Reference RCAHMS Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland 'Architects' File for John LESSELS "A Brief Account of the Ancient Family of LESSELS in Fifeshire)

1811 LESSELS Register of Baptisms

Elizabeth lawful daughter to John LESSELS and Elizabeth Hamilton MURRAY was born the 24th January 1811 and baptised the 16th February. (Abbotshall)

(Reference FHC microfilm 1040142 item 2-4 Abbotshall Fife Scotland Old Parish Registers 1650-1860 page 82)

Christian LESSELS lawful daughter of John LESSELS and Elizabeth Hamilton MURRAY both residing in the Parish of Kinghorn was born 4th October 1812 and baptised 24th same month. (Abbotshall)
(Reference FHC microfilm 1040142 page 92 Abbotshall Fife Scotland [1812] Old Parish Registers 1650-1860)

1812 LESSELS

John LESSELS and his wife Elizabeth Hamilton MURRAY had a daughter born the 4th October [1812] and baptised the 25th named **Christian**. (Kinghorn)
(Reference FHC microfilm 1040168 Kinghorn Fife Scotland [1812] Old Parish Registers 1577-1855 page 63)

1814 LESSELS

John LESSELS and his wife Elizabeth Hamilton MURRAY had a daughter born on the 21st December 1814 and baptised on the 15th January 1815 named **Fergus Murray**. (Kinghorn)
(Reference FHC microfilm 1040168 Kinghorn Fife Scotland [1815] Old Parish Registers 1577-1855)

John LESSELS and his wife Elizabeth H MURRAY had a son born the 15th December 1816 and baptised the 24th of January 1817 named **Robert**. (Kinghorn)
(Reference FHC microfilm 1040168 Kinghorn Fife Scotland [1817] Old Parish Registers 1577-1855)

1819 LESSELS

John LESSELS and his wife Elizabeth H MURRAY had a son born the 21st December 1818 and baptised on the 24th of February 1819 named **James**. (Kinghorn)
(Reference FHC microfilm 1040168 Kinghorn Fife Scotland [1819] Old Parish Registers 1577-1855)

1827 LESSELS

John LESSELS and his wife Hamilton MURRAY had a daughter born on the 11th of July 1821 and baptised 11th August named **Marjory**
To the above = **Ann** born on the 12th of April 1824 and baptised on the 20th
To the above = **William** born on the 23rd August 1826 and baptised on the 28th of September (Kinghorn)
(Reference FHC microfilm 1040168 Kinghorn Fife Scotland [1827] Old Parish Registers 1577-1855)

Census 1841

Searched National Library of NZ Ancestry.com Scottish Census 1841 and Ancestry.com RD 399/00 ED011/000 Raith Estate Abbotshall area = results no trace
Searched and found no trace of an 1841 census for Kirkcaldy, Kinghorn or Abbotshall Fife on LDS FHC microfilm 1042699 and 101842 census 1841 = **SEARCH AGAIN**

Sasines

LESSELLS John and Spouse = 8 - 72 - 1841
(Reference FHC LDS microfilm 298516 Index of sasines Kirkcaldy 1770-1895)

Jno LESSELLS Subject 343 North Side Street

Sasines dated and recorded the 23rd March 1841 a favour of John LESSELS Raith & Spouse over that subject in the North of the Street _ The Sasines present of Abbotshall (sic) _ (hard to read). Signed by Alex GIBSON and John DRYSDALE.

Sasines Page 341 350 at top 3rd item down
(Reference FHC LDS microfilm 298517 1825-1865 Sasines & Minute Book Kirkcaldy Fife Scotland item 343 page 118)

During the night of the 1851 census John was visiting Raith House in Abbotshall but his wife and family had stayed at home in their Portobello home.

1851 Census Abbotshall Scotland – Raith House

- **John** LESSELS visitor married age 67 born Fife Kirkcaldy
(Reference RGO Scotland 1851 Census Portobello Scotland RD399/00 ED 011/000)

1851 Census Portobello Scotland –No 13 Regent Street

- **Elizabeth** LESSELS head married age 65 own house rent born Edinburgh
- Elizabeth LESSELS daughter unmarried age 30 born Fifeshire Kirkcaldy
- Janet LESSELS daughter unmarried age 21 born Fifeshire Kirkcaldy
- Michael HUTTON lodger unmarried age 24 Paper maker manager born England
(Reference RGO Scotland 1851 Census Portobello Scotland RD 684/00 ED 008/00)

Bond LESSELS & Spouse

Bond and Disposition in Security recorded the third day of December Eighteen Hundred and Fifty Two by John LESSELS sometime Wright at Raith and residing in Portobello & Spouse for Fifty Pounds in favour of Jane G MACDONALD residing in Kirkcaldy secured over two Subjects on the North side of the High Street of Kirkcaldy adjoining a common Vennel (sic) of the property of John MALCOLM and Michael BARKERS heirs presented by Alexander GIBSON writer in Kirkcaldy between 6 & 7 p.m. Signed by Alex GIBSON and John DRYSDALE

Sasines Item marked 535 middle of page

(Reference FHC microfilm 298517 1825-1865 Sasines & Minute Book Kirkcaldy Fife Scotland item 526)

Bond Dis & Security LESSELS & Spouse to Jane G MACDONALD

Bond and Disposition on Security recorded the Sixteenth day of June Eighteen hundred and Fifty two by John LESSELS sometime Wright at Raith now residing at Portobello with consent of Elizabeth Hamilton MURRAY or LESSELS his spouse in favour of Miss Jane Grant MACDONALD residing in Kirkcaldy for one Hundred Pounds. Over All and Hail that Tenement on the North side of the High Street of Kirkcaldy. The Tenement after described on the North, John MALCOLMS heirs and Michael BARKERS heirs on the East the Common Vennel (sic) on the West, and the high Street on the South And Also All and Hail that Tenement lying immediately north of the Subjects above described The Tenement of Jns MALCOLMS heirs on the North, the Tenement above described on the South John MALCOLM heirs and Michael BARKERS heirs on the East and the Said Vennell _ (Note; continued on next page but missed getting information copied)

Sasines Item 526 bottom of page and next page

(Reference FHC microfilm 298517 1825-1865 Sasines & Minute Book Kirkcaldy Fife Scotland item 535)

“John LESSELS after diligently and honestly serving four lairds of Raith for 37 years he retired with a pension granted to him by Robert Ferguson. During the lives of 3 generations of the LESSELS family, a great friendship existed between them and the Fergusons of Raith, and when the above John LESSELS had retired he was often welcome guest at **Raith** and Archerfield. In 1854 whilst the writer was employed at Windsor Castle as an architect he was invited with the above (his grandfather) to visit Archerfield House where he spent some days sketching in the grounds along with his grandfather. He was highly respected both by the Fergusons, and a large number of friends, owing to his kindly and genial disposition being induced with a fund of wit and humour and fond of singing old Scotch songs and dancing Highland reels up to the age of 75. Both he and his wife enjoyed good health during their life times and were upright and possessed of their faculties. After his retirement he settled down in the Links of Kirkcaldy, but had resided for a few years previously in Regent Street Portobello, when his old friend Thomas Ronald, Wine merchant, returned to Kirkcaldy, John LESSELS also returned there where he died 3rd February 1865 aged 82, his wife dying two years afterwards aged 81.”

(Reference RCAHMS Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland 'Architects' File for John LESSELS "A Brief Account of the Ancient Family of LESSELS in Fifeshire)

SEARCH for information about Raith House and Archerfield House Kirkcaldy Fife Scotland.

Abbotshall Fifeshire Scotland

Abbotshall a parish and village on the south coast of the county is in its utmost extent not more than two miles each way. Its general appearance is pleasant rising gradually from the coast northward into pretty high grounds. **Raith-house**, the seat of Robert Ferguson esq. Is in this parish. The village is populous and does considerable business in ticks checks & c.

Kirkcaldy Fifeshire Scotland

Kirkcaldy a royal burgh and sea-port situated on the northern shore of the Firth of Forth, in 3 miles E. of Kinghorn, 31 from Dundee, and 13 from Edinburgh. It stretches along the feet of a bank, and is property but one street, about a mile in length, with a few narrow lanes on each side. – The town-house is a plain building with a tower and spire situated nearly in the middle of the town and the church, which is in the Gothic style, stands on an eminence at the back of the town. The harbour of Kirkcaldy is both safe and commodious. The trade has greatly increased of late; and several considerable manufactures are carried on among which are extensive ones of striped Hollands ticks, checks ^ c. with a considerable manufacture of stockings; there are likewise large tanneries with several breweries on an extensive scale. The harbour of Kirkcaldy had been greatly improved of late so much so that vessels of very considerable burden of which class many belong to the port may easily enter. The beautiful mansion of Dunikier with its surrounding pleasure grounds the scat of Sir John Oswald is well worthy of notice. The prospect from the high ground is magnificent and enlivened by the constant succession of vessels sailing up and down the Forth. The market is held on Saturday and there are fairs on the first Saturday in February, March, April, May, June and July and on the last Wednesday in September.

Gentry = **Ferguson Robt. Esq. of Raith**

1855 March 24 John LESSELS daughter Elizabeth was buried in the centre grave of his property 6 feet deep aged 44 years. (Abbotshall)

(Reference FHC Film 1040143 Abbotshall Fife Scotland OPR Burials Item 5 1851/60)

1861 Census – No 27 Tolbooth Street Kirkcaldy Scotland

- John LESSELS head married age 77 Retired builder born Fifeshire Kinghorn
- Elizabeth LESSELS wife married age 75 born Edinburgh Conongate
- Ann LESSELS daughter unmarried age 36 Dressmaker born Fifeshire Kinghorn
- Janet LESSELS granddaughter age 6 Scholar born Edinburgh St Cuthberts

(Reference RGO Scotland 1861 Census Kirkcaldy Scotland RD 442/00 ED 009/000)

John LESSELS occupation retired Raith Joiner married to Elizabeth MURRAY died on 3rd February 1865 at 10 hours 15 minutes am High Street Kirkcaldy Fife Scotland aged 81 years. His parents were recorded as Mary formerly CAIRNIE deceased and John LESSELS Overseer deceased. Cause of death Old age as certified by James YOUNG MD. The informant was Robert LESSELS brother who was present at death. The death was registered 4 February 1865 Galaway (sic) St Kirkcaldy and was signed by the registrar.

(Reference General Register Office Scotland death registration 1865 Kirkcaldy Fife Entry number 29 RD 442/00)

Elizabeth Hamilton LESSELS widow of John LESSELS Raith Joiner died on 17 March 1866 at 0 Hour 21 minutes am West End High Street Kirkcaldy aged 79 years. Her parents were recorded as Robert MURRAY Inn Keeper deceased and Mary MURRAY maiden name not known deceased. Cause of death was Paralysis three weeks as Certified by James Young MD. The informant was Robert LESSELS brother in law from Cowan Street Kirkcaldy who was not present at the death. The death was registered 1866 March 19 at St Kirkcaldy and was signed by the registrar.

(Reference General Register Office Scotland death registration 1866 Kirkcaldy Fife Entry number 57 RD 442/00)

LESSELS Jns Fr of John LESSELS - Bonds Dis = 13 - 114 - 1866

(Reference FHC microfilm 298516 Index of sasines Kirkcaldy 1770-1895 details in chart 16-17 John Lessels & Mary Henderson)

John & Elizabeth LESSELS their children and descendants

1- **Margaret Gourly LESSELS** born 30 December 1806 Abbotshall Fife Scotland

1806-1807 LESSELS

John LESSELS and Betty MURRAY had a child born 30th December [1806] and baptised the 04th January 1807 called **Margaret Gourly**. (Abbotshall)

(Reference FHC microfilm 1040142 item 2-4 Abbotshall Fife Scotland Old Parish Registers 1650-1860)

SEARCH marriage & death registration and 1851 census for Margaret Gourly LESSELS

2- John LESSELS born 07 January 1809 Abbotshall Fife Scotland died 03 February 1865 Kirkcaldy Fife Scotland married 24 May 1829 Edinburgh Midlothian Scotland **Mary HENDERSON** refer chart 16-17

3- **Elizabeth LESSELS** born 24 January 1811 Abbotshall Fife Scotland died 24 March 1855 Abbotshall Fife Scotland never married

1811 LESSELS

Elizabeth lawful daughter to John LESSELS and Elizabeth Hamilton MURRAY was born the 24th January 1811 and baptised the 16th February. (Abbotshall)

(Reference FHC microfilm 1040142 item 2-4 Abbotshall Fife Scotland Old Parish Registers 1650-1860)

1855 March 24 John LESSLES daughter Elizabeth was buried in the centre grave of his property 6 feet deep aged 44 years.

(Reference FHC Film 1040143 Abbotshall Fife Scotland OPR Burials Item 5 1851/60)

4-**Christian LESSELS** born 04 October 1812 Abbotshall Fife Scotland died

Christian LESSELS lawful daughter of John LESSELS and Elizabeth Hamilton MURRAY both residing in the Parish of Kinghorn was born 4th October 1812 and baptised 24th same month. (Abbotshall)

(Reference FHC microfilm 1040142 page 92 Abbotshall Fife Scotland [1812] Old Parish Registers 1650-1860)

1812 LESSELS

John LESSELS and his wife Elizabeth Hamilton MURRAY had a daughter born the 4th October [1812] and baptised the 25th named **Christian**. (Kinghorn)

(Reference FHC microfilm 1040168 Kinghorn Fife Scotland [1812] Old Parish Registers 1577-1855)

SEARCH marriage & death registration and 1851 census for Christian LESSELS

5-**Fergusa Murray LESSELS** born 21 December 1814 Kinghorn Fife Scotland

1814 LESSELS\

John LESSELS and his wife Elizabeth Hamilton MURRAY had a daughter born on the 21st December 1814 and baptised on the 15th January 1815 named **Fergusa Murray**. (Kinghorn)

(Reference FHC microfilm 1040168 Kinghorn Fife Scotland [1815] Old Parish Registers 1577-1855)

SEARCH marriage & death registration and 1851 census for Fergusa Murray LESSELS

6-Robert LESSELS born 15 December 1816 Kinghorn Fife Scotland died

John LESSELS and his wife Elizabeth H MURRAY had a son born the 15th December 1816 and baptised the 24th of January 1817 named **Robert**. (Kinghorn)

(Reference FHC microfilm 1040168 Kinghorn Fife Scotland [1817] Old Parish Registers 1577-1855)

SEARCH marriage & death registration and 1851 census for Robert LESSELS

7- James LESSELS born 21 December 1818 Kinghorn Fife Scotland (Cabinet Maker) died 1876 married 1st 13 February 1841 Dunfermline Fife Scotland Margaret COUSTON born 08 May 1815 Dunfermline died 17 October 1857 Milnathort Kinross Scotland (Issue 6) 2nd married 04 November 1859 Edinburgh Midlothian Scotland Catherine MUIRHEAD (No Issue)

7-1- John LESSELS born 11 April 1842 Liberton Edinburgh Midlothian Scotland married 12 October 1867 Kingston Upon Hull Yorkshire England Fanny CRAWFORD Born 19 June 1842 Kingston Upon Hull England

#LESSELS John Lawful son of James and Margaret COUSTON was born at Gilmiston 11 April and baptised the 22 May 1842 before the congregation Gilmiston.

7-1-1- William LESSELS born 06 October 1868 North Leeds Yorkshire England died 04 December 1942 Birmingham England 1st married Elizabeth Malvina CUNNINGHAM Lower Broughton Salford England (5 issue) 2nd married 20 December 1929 Liverpool England Mabel Mary WEINBERG born 14 March 1883/93 died 25 May 1963 Clevedon Somerset England (3 issue)

7-1-1-1- Leonie Margaret Isabel LESSELS born 13 May 1893 Salford England

7-1-1-2- Irene Valerie LESSELS born 13 July 1897 Liverpool England died 23 June 1906 Wallasey Cheshire England

7-1-1-3- Vera Sybil LESSELS born 18 March 1903 Wallasey Cheshire England

7-1-1-4- Felicia Madge LESSELS born 19 July 1904 Wallasey Cheshire England

7-1-1-5- John Douglas LESSELS born 12 September 1906 Wallasey Cheshire England died 25 July 1908 Isle of Man England

7-1-1-6- William Duncan LASCELLES (LESSELS) born 26 October 1911 Waterloo Liverpool England died 29 December 1940 Crewe Cheshire England married 12 October 1939 Birkenhead England Gertie HAUGHTON

7-1-1-7- Joyce Valerie LASCELLES (LESSELS) born 27 August 1914 Waterloo Liverpool England died 13 July 1988 Birmingham England married David Raymond CROFT born 13 April 1909 Padiham Lancashire England died 07 December 1968 Birmingham England

7-1-1-7-1- Living CROFT

7-1-1-7-1-1- Living MAURO

7-1-1-7-1-2- Living MAURO

7-1-1-7-1-3- Living MAURO

7-1-1-7-2- Living CROFT

7-1-1-7-2-1- Matthew WATTS died June 1969 Germany

7-1-1-7-2-2- Living WATTS

7-1-1-7-2-3- Living WATTS

- 7-1-1-7-2-4- Living WATTS
7-1-1-7-2-5- Living WATTS
7-1-1-7-3- Living CROFT
7-1-1-8- Living LASCELLES (LESSELS)
7-1-2-James LESSELS born 23 May 1870 North Leeds Yorkshire England
7-1-3- Susan LESSELS born 13 March 1872 North Leeds Yorkshire England
7-1-4- Margaret LESSELS born 02 March 1874 North Leeds Yorkshire England
7-1-5- John LESSELS born 22 January 1876 North Leeds Yorkshire England
7-1-6- Catherine LESSELS born 24 September 1883 Burnley Lancashire England
7-2- Margaret Josephine LESSELS born 20 December 1843 Edinburgh Midlothian Scotland died 21 September 1897 Leith Edinburgh Scotland married 11 September 1866 Edinburgh William Stuart [Stewart] DUNCAN born about 1836 died 5 February 1905 Leith Edinburgh Scotland
LESSELS James LESSELS Joiner residing at No 36 Danube Street and Margaret COUSTON his spouse, had a daughter born on 20 December [1844] Named Margaret Josephine
Margaret Josephine [M J] LESSELS aged 22 spinster married Wm s DUNCAN aged 28 Bachelor Seaman on 11 September 1866 at NO 9 Queen Place Greensides Row Edinburgh. Margaret's parents were Margaret formerly COUSTON deceased and James LESSELS Cabinet maker Journeyman. William's parents were Mary formerly HOGG deceased and John DUNCAN M D deceased. The Witnesses were John SINTON and James LESSELS.
7-2-1- Margaret DUNCAN born 31 March 1868 13 Glocke Street South Leith Scotland died 1915 married 25 July 1894 Leith Scotland Robert BRYDEN 1870 -1944
7-2-1-1- Margaret Josephine BRYDEN born 8 July 1898 Leith
7-2-1-2- Mary Victoria BRYDEN born 15 July 1900 died 1979 married John Aitken WRIGHT born 1899 died 1974
7-2-1-2-1- John WRIGHT born died married
7-2-1-3- William Stewart BRYDEN born 4 February 1902
7-2-2- William DUNCAN born 28 March 1870 at 45 Tolbooth Wynd Leith Scotland
7-2-3- James DUNCAN born 9 June 1872 at 1 Wilkie Place North Leith Scotland
7-2-4- George Henderson DUNCAN born 9 January 1874 at 1 Wilkie Place North Leith Scotland
7-3- James LESSELS born 1846 Edinburgh Scotland died 1919 St Machar Aberdeen Scotland married 12 September 1874 Aberdeen Scotland Margaret FRASER born about 1848 died 1905
#James LESSELS aged 28 Sergeant 93rd Highlanders bachelor residing at Military Barracks Aberdeen married Margaret FRASER age 26 Dress maker spinster residing at 37 Mareachal [sic] Street Aberdeen on 12 September 1874 Catholic Church Huntly Street Aberdeen after Banns and according to the Banns of the Roman Catholic church. James's parents were Margaret formerly COUSTON deceased and James LESSELS Cabinet maker. Margaret's parents were Margaret formerly NICOL and Thomas FRASER Tailor deceased. The witnesses were John FRASER, John LECKIE and Janet Murray LESSELS and the Catholic Clergyman John SUTHERLAND
7-3-1- John Fraser LESSELS born 01 December 1878 Aberdeen Scotland (Professional Photographer in Dublin) died Belfast believe to have married Faith DUNCAN (8 issue)
John Fraser LESSELS was born 01 December 1878 0 Hr 15 M PM at 72 John Street Aberdeen. His parents details were Margaret formerly FRASER and James LESSELS occupation Paymaster Sergeant 56 Brigade Depot who were married 12 September 1874 at Old Machar. The birth was registered on 13 December at Aberdeen by father J LESSELS = Copy on file reference RGO Birth 1878 St Nicholas Aberdeen Scotland RD 168/01
John had a photographic studios Aberdeen 1902-1911 and in Leith Walk Edinburgh 1906-1908, Angus 1909-1911

7-3-1-1- Maurice LESSELS also photographer and ran studio in Lisburn Co Antrim
7-3-1-2- LESSELS
7-3-1-3- LESSELS
7-3-1-4- LESSELS
7-3-1-5- LESSELS
7-3-1-6- LESSELS
7-3-1-7- LESSELS
7-3-1-8- LESSELS
7-3-1-0-0- Male KINDNESS
7-3-2- Margaret Josephine LESSELS born about 1883 Aberdeen Scotland died 1909
Aberdeen Scotland (occupation Photographer)
7-4- **Elizabeth LESSELS** born 1846 Scotland
7-5- **Child LESSELS** born Scotland
7-6- **Mary LESSELS** born 17 October 1857 Milnathort Kinross Scotland died 07
December 1857 Portobello Edinburgh

1819 LESSELS

John LESSELS and his wife Elizabeth H MURRAY had a son born the 21st December
1818 and baptised on the 24th of February 1819 named **James**. (Kinghorn)
(Reference FHC microfilm 1040168 Kinghorn Fife Scotland [1819] Old Parish Registers 1577-1855)

Margaret COUSTON born 08 May 1815 Dunfermline Fife Scotland. Margaret formerly
MCCLALLUM and John COUSTON a military Sergeant at Arms
SEARCH (Reference LDS FHC microfilm Dunfermline Fife Scotland OPR baptisms)

James LESSELS married Margaret COUSTON 13 February 1841 Dunfermline Fife
Scotland

SEARCH (Reference LDS FHC microfilm Dunfermline Fife Scotland OPR marriage
banns)

John LESSELS Lawful son of James and Margaret COUSTON was born at Gilmiston 11
April and baptised the 22 May 1842 before the congregation Gilmiston.

LESSELS

James LESSELS Joiner residing at No 36 Danube Street and Margaret COUSTON his
spouse, had a daughter born on 20 December [1844] Named **Margaret Josephine**

James and Margaret had a son **James** LESSELS born 1847 Scotland
SEARCH (Reference FHC LDS microfilm Edinburgh Scotland birth registration)

James and Margaret had a daughter **Elizabeth** LESSELS born 1849 Scotland
SEARCH (Reference FHC LDS microfilm Edinburgh Scotland birth registration)

1851 Census Edinburgh Scotland The New Town 1 Hermitage Place

- James LESSELS age 32 Cabinet maker born Fife Kinghorn
- Margaret LESSELS age 35 born Fife Dunfermline
- John LESSELS age 8 Scholar born Midlothian Liberton
- Josephine LESSELS age 7 Scholar born Midlothian Edinburgh
- James LESSELS age 4 born Midlothian Edinburgh
- Elizabeth LESSELS age 2 born Midlothian Edinburgh

*(Reference: National Library Family History section on Shelf for Scotland 1851 Census Edinburgh Scotland The New
Town Volume 3 Part 1 RD684/02 ED022/000)*

James and Margaret had a **child** LESSELS who was born between 1851 and 1857

Mary LESSELS born 17 October 1857 Milnathort Kinross Scotland died 07 December 1857 Portobello Edinburgh

Margaret LESSSELS aged 41 years married died on 17 October 1857 7 H 0 M AM at Milnathow. Her parents were Margaret formerly McCLALLUM and John COUSTON A military Sergeant at Arms. Cause of death was Uterine Haemorrhage nearly 2 hours as certified by Wm MARSHALL Surgeon who saw deceased October 17. Burial was Orwell Church yard as certified by Duncan THOMSON undertaker. James LESSELS who was not present at the death registered the death on 21 October 1857.

(Reference RGO Scotland Death registration 1857 copy sent to me by descendant)

Mary LESSELS age 7 weeks 2 days single died on 17 December 1857 5h 30m AM at No 34 Regent Street Portobello parish of Duddingstone. Her parents were Margaret formerly COUSTON deceased and James LESSELS Cabinet Maker foreman. Cause of death was general debility from her birth as certified by Wm Hill Surgeon who saw deceased December 6th. Mary was buried at Warriston Cemetery Edinburgh as certified by James Lessels father. James LESSELS father of 12 Allan Street Edinburgh was present at the death. The deaths were registered on 8 December 1857 at Portobello.

(Reference RGO Scotland death 1857 Portobello Edinburgh copy sent to me by descendant)

James LESSELS aged 40 Cabinet Maker widower of 5 Belford Street married Catherine MUIRHEAD aged 38 spinster domestic servant of 11 Roxburgh Street on 04 November 1859 at 11 Roxburgh Street Edinburgh. John's parents were Elizabeth formerly MURRAY and John LESSELS Under Tailor [sic]. Catherine's parents were Janet formerly MYLES deceased and Andrew MUIRHEAD farm servant deceased. The witnesses were Robert CAIRNIE and David MUIRHEAD and signed by Wm REID Minister of Lothian Road United Presbyterian Church.

(Reference RGO Marriage 1859 Newington Edinburgh Scotland RD 685/05)

James LESSELS and Catherine MUIRHEAD did not have any children

SEARCH 1861 Census for James and Catherine LESSELS and the children of James and the late Margaret family

Common ancestor

Researcher Living CROFT from England is a descendant of (7) James & Margaret and their son (7-1) John LESSELS

Researcher the late John WRIGHT from England was a descendant of above (7) James & Margaret and their daughter (7-2) Margaret Josephine LESSELS.

James LESSELS died

Catherine LESSELS formerly MUIRHEAD died

8-Marjory LESSELS born 11 July 1821 Kinghorn Fife Scotland died married 20 April 1846 Edinburgh Midlothian Scotland William MCCULLOCH born died

1827 LESSELS

John LESSELS and his wife Hamilton MURRAY had a daughter born on the 11th of July 1821 and baptised 11th August named **Marjory** (Kinghorn)

(Reference FHC microfilm 1040168 Kinghorn Fife Scotland [1827] Old Parish Registers 1577-1855)

Marjory LESSELS married 20 April 1846 Edinburgh Midlothian Scotland

SEARCH death registration and 1851 census for Marjory LESSELS

9-Ann LESSELS 12 April 1824 Kinghorn Fife Scotland

1827 LESSELS

John LESSELS and his wife Hamilton MURRAY had a daughter born on the 11th of July 1821 and baptised 11th August named **Marjory**

To the above = **Ann** born on the 12th of April 1824 and baptised on the 20th

To the above = **William** born on the 23rd August 1826 and baptised on the 28th of September (Kinghorn)

(Reference FHC microfilm 1040168 Kinghorn Fife Scotland [1827] Old Parish Registers 1577-1855)

There is a marriage between Ann LESSELS and Findlay DUFF on 24 August 1848 Dunfermline Fife Scotland. A family researcher though this could belong in this tree. More research will have to be done.

1861 Census – No 27 Tolbooth Street Kirkcaldy Scotland

- John LESSELS head married age 77 Retired builder born Fifeshire Kinghorn
- Elizabeth LESSELS wife married age 75 born Edinburgh Conongate
- **Ann LESSELS** daughter unmarried age 36 Dressmaker born Fifeshire Kinghorn
- Janet LESSELS granddaughter age 6 Scholar born Edinburgh St Cuthberts (born about 1855)

(Reference RGO Scotland 1861 Census Kirkcaldy Scotland RD 442/00 ED 009/000)

SEARCH marriage & death registration and 1851 census for Ann LESSELS

10-William LESSELS 23 August 1826 Kinghorn Fife Scotland

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SEARCH marriage & death registration and 1851 census for William LESSELS

LESSELS miscellaneous information

Census microfilms from LDS FHC

- Scotland Census Office Fife Kirkcaldy 1871 census film 103993 & Street Index Vol. III film 104117
- Scotland Census Office Fife Abbotshall 1871 census film 103986
- Scotland Census Office Kinghorn 1871 film 103992
- Scotland Census Office Fife Kirkcaldy 1881 census film (ED 1-17) 203526 & (ED 18-45) 203527 & Street Index 203392
- Scotland Census Fife Abbotshall 1881 film 203524
- Scotland Census Office Fife Kirkcaldy 1891 census film (ED 1-6) 208760 & (ED 7-30) 208761 & (ED 31-36) 208762 & Street Index film 208606
- Scotland Census Office Kinghorn 1891 Film 208759

1841 Census transcripts

1841 Census Enumeration 1 district Newton (4)

- Thomas LESLES age 50 occupation labourer
- Jannet LESLES age 45
- Mary LESLES age 20
- Ann LESLES age 18
- Alexander LESLES age 16 occupation Cast Iron Founder
- Christeen LESLES age 13
- Hellen LESLES age 10
- Thomas LESLES age 7

1841 Census Enumeration 1 district Newton (6)

- David LESSLES age 27 occupation Labourer
- Isabella LESSLES age 30
- Thomas LESSLES age 1

1841 Census Enumeration 2 district Quality Street

- John LESSELS age 25 occupation Machine M
- Margaret LESSELS age 25
- Thomas LESSELS age 9
- Janet LESSELS age 5
- Mary LESSELS age 5
- Margt. LESSELS age 3

1841 Census Enumeration 2 district Newton

- Janet LESSELLS age 25
- Robert LESSELLS age 2
- David LESSELLS age 1

1841 Census Enumeration 2 district Newton

- Alexd. LESSELS age 25
- Helen LESSELS age 30
- Janet LESSELS age 2

1841 Census Enumeration 2 district Newton

- Robert LESSELS age 45 occupation Wright
- Elizabeth LESSELS age 45
- Margt. LESSELS age 10
- Allan LESSELS age 8
- Elizabeth LESSELS age 6

1841 Census Enumeration 4 district High Street Linktown

- Alexander LESLIE age 53 occupation Mason
- Euphemia LESLIE Age 53
- James LESLIE age 19 occupation Blacksmith app.
- Henry LESLIE age 17 occuaption B. Smith App.
- Henderson LESLIE age 11

1841 Census Enumeration 6 district

- Margaret LYLS age 60

1841 Census Enumeration 6 district

- Jean LESSELS age 22

1841 Census Enumeration 7 district High Street Linktown

- Wm LESSIE age 67 occupation Weaver
- Euph LESSIE age 44

1841 Census Enumeration 8 district Linktown

- John LESSLIE age 25 occupation Ag. Lab.
- Hannah LESSLIE age 35
- John LESSLIE age 15
- Janet LESSLIE age 12

1841 Census Enumeration 9 district High Street

- Alex LESLIE age 45 occupation Tailor
- Kathie LESLIE age 45
- John LESLIE age 15
- Alex LESLIE age 15
- William LESLIE age 10
- Kathr. LESLIE age 10
- Margt. LESLIE age 4

1841 Census Enumeration 9 district Mill Street

- John LESLIE age 40 occupation TBarby Autter [sic]
- Margaret LESLIE age 20 occupation Blachis [sic]
- George LESLIE age 15 occupation Linen J Weaver
- Peter LESLIE age 10 occupation Linen App. Weaver

1841 Census Enumeration 10 district **Balwearie**

- Henry LESSELS age 35 occupation Ag. Lab.
- Agnes LESSELS age 35
- Catherine LESSELS age 13
- Charles LESSELS age 11
- David LESSELS age 8
- James LESSELS age 6
- Margaret LESSELS age 3
- Jane LESSELS age 1

1841 Census Enumeration 10 district **Blawearie**

- Henry LESSELS age 65 occupation Ag. Lab.

1841 Census Enumeration 12 district Lauohon Bush

- John LESSELS age 45 occupation Ag. Lab.
- Christian LESSELS age 50

1841 Census Enumeration 12 district Chapel Farm House

- Christian LESLIE age 15 occupation farm servant

Common ancestor of LESSELS enquirer

I located Living CROFT on the Internet = Message Thursday, May 27, 1999

“Searching for members of the LESSELS family. My grandfather, William LESSELS was born in Salford in 1868. His father was John LESSELS an upholsterer born in Liberton, Midlothian in 1842. His father was James LESSELS a cabinetmaker who married Margaret COUSTON on February 13th 1841 in Dunfermline. James and Margaret were both born in Dunfermline. Margaret on May 8th 1815, but I can't find MY James LESSELS ' birth record. There are rather a lot of them! Can anyone help me over this wall please?”

I replied and confirmed that our common ancestor was John LESSELS and Elizabeth Hamilton MURRAY chart 32-33.

Name	Address	Link
Living CROFT	England	James
7- James LESSELS born 21 December 1818 Kinghorn Fife Scotland married 1 st 13 February 1841 Dunfermline Fife Scotland 1 st Margaret COUSTON born died 17 October 1857 Milnathort Kinross Scotland 2 nd Catherine MUIRHEAD (no Issue)		
7-1-John LESSELS Born 11 April 1842 Liberton Midlothian Scotland married 12 October 1867 Kingston Upon Hull Yorkshire England Fanny CRAWFORD Born 19 June 1842 Kingston Upon Hull England		
7-1-1-William LESSELS born 06 October 1868 North Leeds Yorkshire England died 04		

December 1942 Birmingham England married 1st Elizabeth Malvina
CUNNINGHAM Lower Broughton Salford England (5 issue) 2nd Mabel Mary
WEINBERG Born 14 March 1883/93? Died 25 May 1963 (3 issue) Clevedon
Somerset England married 20 December 1929 Liverpool England

7-1-1-1-Leonie Margaret Isabel LESSELS born 13 May 1893 Salford England
7-1-1-2-Irene Valerie LESSELS born 13 July 1897 Liverpool England died 23 June 1906
Wallasey Cheshire England

7-1-1-3-Vera Sybil LESSELS born 18 March 1903 Wallasey Cheshire England
7-1-1-4-Felicia Madge LESSESL born 19 July 1904 Wallasey Cheshire England
7-1-1-5-John Douglas LESSELS born 12 September 1906 Wallasey Cheshire England
died 25 July 1908 Isle of Man England

7-1-1-6-William Duncan LASCELLES (LESSELS) born 26 October 1911 Waterloo
Liverpool England died 29 December 1940 Crewe Cheshire England

7-1-1-7-Joyce Valerie LASCELLES (LESSELS) born 27 August 1914 Waterloo Liverpool
England died 13 July 1988 Birmingham England married David Raymond
CROFT born 13 April 1909 Padiham Lancashire England died 07 December
1968 Birmingham England

7-1-1-7-1-Living CROFT
7-1-1-7-1-1-Living MAURO
7-1-1-7-1-2-Living MAURO
7-1-1-7-1-3-Living MAURO
7-1-1-7-2-Living CROFT
7-1-1-7-2-1-Matthew WATTS born and died June 1969 Germany
7-1-1-7-2-2-Living WATTS
7-1-1-7-2-3-Living WATTS
7-1-1-7-2-4-Living WATTS Born 01 January 1974 Amesbury Wiltshire (near Stonehenge)
England
7-1-1-7-2-5-Living WATTS married Living GREEN
7-1-1-7-3-Living CROFT
7-1-1-8-Living LASCELLES (LESSELS)

7-1-2-James LESSELS born 23 May 1870 North Leeds Yorkshire England
7-1-3-Susan LESSELS born 13 March 1872 North Leeds Yorkshire England
7-1-4-Margaret LESSELS born 02 March 1874 North Leeds Yorkshire England
7-1-5-John LESSELS born 22 January 1876 North Leeds Yorkshire England
7-1-6-Catherine LESSELS born 24 September 1883 Burnley Lancashire England

7-2-Margaret Josephine LESSELS born 20 December 1843 Edinburgh Midlothian
Scotland

7-3-James LESSELS born 1845 Scotland
7-4-Elizabeth LESSELS born 1846 Scotland
7-5-1-LESSELS
7-6-Mary LESSELS born 17 October 1857 Milnathort Kinross Scotland died 07
December 1857 Portobello Edinburgh