

FAMILY FACT SHEETS

THOMSON

1764

Marrion Findlay born, to David Findlay, weaver in Ormsfield, and Ann Steenson (?) in Kirkintilloch. This is too old to be our Marrion, but the name is the same and the name David also appears later in the family tree.

1810, 8th January

James Thomson, lawful son of Alexander Thomson and Marrion Findlay, born in Kirkintilloch.

1824, 14th July

Matthew Thomson born, lawful son of Alexander Thomson, weaver, and Marrion Findlay, born in Kirkintilloch

1841 Census: Cowgate Street, St Davids, Kirkintilloch

We find Robert living with his mother and 2 siblings. Alexander, Robert's brother, is presumably already married and there is no sign of either James or Matthew. (Check Andrew - twin?)

Marrion Thomson, 50 head (no husband present)

Margaret, 25, silk winding (This the Margaret Kincaid with whom the brothers Robert and Alexander and their children are living in the 1871 census. Margaret married John Kincaid in August 1848.)

Andrew, 20, cotton hand-loom weaver

Robert, 20, cotton hand-loom weaver

1842

Alexander Thomson born, son of Alexander Thomson and Elizabeth Scott

1849

David Thomson born, son of Alexander and Elizabeth Scott

1851 Census: 7 Cowgate, Kirkintilloch.

Alexander Thomson, 32, a hand loom weaver,

His wife Elizabeth, 27, with 3 children,

Alexander, 9, David, 6, Jessie, 4

Alexander's brother **Robert Thomson**, 23, a hand loom weaver (This is our Robert Thomson, unmarried)

All born in Kirkintilloch.

6 Cowgate, Kirkintilloch, immediately before the above brothers and Alexander's family, are a family of Findlays:

Christian **Findlay**, head, 59, widow,

Janet Findlay, 26, daughter, hand-loom weaver

David, 17, son, hand-loom weaver

And an 18 year old lodger, also a weaver

Another family of **Thomsons**, headed by John, 45, and Margaret, 37, with 5 children (Alexander, 14, John, 11, Margaret, 4, William, 3, Robert 11 mths) and a house servant, are living at 3 Cowgate.

Others:

(Address indecipherable, possibly candlecheer/endbackrow)

John Horn, 50, cotton weaver and wife **Margaret**, 44, with 6 children, (Could this Margaret be the sister of Robert and Alexander senior, children of Alexander and Marrion? Too old?)

Robert, 17, Alexander, 15, both weavers, Mary, 15, Jean, 11, Agnes, 7, Janet, 5, Marion, 2,

And (must be Margaret's) nephew, Robert Thomson, 21 (27?), a cotton weaver

All born in Kirkintilloch.

1851 Census:

Robert and Christina Thomson, miller/farmer, 20 acres etc., he was born in Old Monkland, Lanark, Agnes, 3, and son, 2.

And lodger and weaver, Robert Wilson, 40, born in London.

1851 Census, Greenock:

Robert, head, 30, sister Elizabeth, 35, sister Jane, 33, all born Forfar, Arbroath, and a lodger, 19, apprentice engineer.

11th October, 1853

Robert Thomson and **Christina Cunningham** are married in Kirkintilloch by Rev. David Cunningham of the Free Church. (OPR so no record of parents, ages etc.) Robert Thomson, grocer, Cowgate, Kirkintilloch and Christina Cunningham, Hillhead, Kirkintilloch.

3rd April, 1854

Alexander Thomson born, lawful son of Robert Thomson, grocer, Cowgate Street, and Christina Cunningham. (OPR)

1855, 22nd December

James Thomson born in Wester Langmuir, Kirkintilloch, noted as Christina's 2nd child. Christina was 30. This James died the following year.

1856

James born to James, grocer, Cowgate and Christina Cunningham.

1859

Margaret born to James, grocer in the Cowgate Street, and Christina Cunningham

1861

Marion born to James, grocer in the Cowgate and Christina Cunningham.

1861 Census: Cowgate Street, Kirkintilloch

Alexander Thomson, head, 42, cotton weaver (this is Robert's brother)

Elizabeth, wife, 40,

Children: Alexander, 19, David, 16, Jessie, 14, all cotton weavers

1861 Census: where is Robert? He was with his brother Alexander in 1851 and is with him again in 1871. Where is he in 1861?

The only Robert Thomson in Kirkintilloch itself, is 37, the miller with 20 acres etc. at Woodmill, with wife Christina, 6 children, a servant and a boarder/miller.

There are 3 other Robert Thomsons in Dunbartonshire, aged 29, 32 and 35, but all married to the wrong person.

1861 Census:

A.C. Thomson in Greenock? (Junior medal winner, Wellpark Harriers)

Alex, 11, Alex, 12, Alexander, 18, 10, 21, 22, 15, 15, 11, Archibald Cowan 14, and Archie, 18.

1863, April

Robert Thomson born to Robert and Christina in Kirkintilloch.

16th May, 1863

Christina died aged 38, in Cowgate Street, Kirkintilloch.

Her father was James Cunningham, a cotton weaver and her mother's maiden name was Cummings.

1871 Census: Campsie, Stirlingshire

We find brothers Alexander and Robert Thomson living with their sister Margaret and her husband John Kincaid in Campsie with some of their children

126 Kincaide Lane, boarding with John, 65 and Margaret Kincaid, 58.

Alexander, married, 48, labourer

Robert, widow, 42, labourer

Jessie, 22, domestic servant (this is Alexander's daughter)

Alexander, 17, mechanic at printworks, (Robert and Christina's son)

James, 14, labourer, (Robert and Christina's son)

Margaret, 12, scholar, (Robert and Christina's daughter)

1871 Census

The only 15 - 19 year old Alexander Thomson (19) listed anywhere is in Greenock, an apprentice painter, but the son of Alexander and Mary

4th July, 1877

Alexander Thomson, 23, engineer/journeyman of 35 Ingliston Street, parents **Robert Thomson**, master flesher, (alive?) and Christina Thomson, ms Cunningham, deceased, and **Isabella Ralston**, 20, dressmaker, 24 St Lawrence Street, marry at 24 St Lawrence Street after banns of the United Presbyterian Church. Witnesses were James Thomson, presumably Alexander's brother, and Elizabeth Ralston, presumably Isabella's sister.

1878, June 10th,

Alexander Thomson, senior, dies in Lennoxton, Campsie, Stirlingshire, aged 64. Parents: Alexander Thomson, portioner, deceased and Marion Thomson, nee Findlay, deceased. His brother Robert signs the death cert.

1881 Census (practically indecipherable) Cartsburn, Greenock

Alexander Thomson, born Kirkintilloch

Isabella Thomson, wife, 24,

Robert and William, sons

1882, 31st October

Isabella Dow Thomson born at Crescent Street, Greenock - married Robert Ernest Murchie in 1907.

1885, 8th September

Christina Cunningham Thomson, born to Alexander and Isabella, at 9 Crescent Street.

1887, 1st October

Alexander born to Alexander and Isabella at 9 Crescent Street, Greenock

1891 Census:

40 Lyndoch Street

Alexander Thomson, engineer finisher, 37, born in Kirkintilloch

Isabella, 34, born Greenock

Children: Robert, 12, William, 10, Isabella, 8, **Christina**, 5, Alexander, 3, Mary, 5 Months.

1892

Marion born to Alexander and Isabella Thomson

26th April, 1894

Robert Thomson, Alexander's brother, 30, engineer journeyman, of 40 Lyndoch Street, son of Robert Thomson, grocer, and Christina Thomson, m.s. Cunningham, marries Agnes Ann Ralston, sister of Isabella, 26, of 23 Lyndoch Street, daughter of William Ralston, boilermaker, and Isabella Ralston, m.s. Dow.

1894, 29th November,

Robert Thomson senior, dies in Main Street, Lennoxton, Campsie, Stirlingshire, aged 69. Parents: Alexander Thomson, Master cotton weaver, and Marien Thomson, nee Findlay. His son, James signs the certificate.

23rd April, 1895

Elizabeth Ralston Thomson, parents Alexander Thomson, engineer, and Isabella, m.s. Ralston, born at 40 Lyndoch Street.

23rd October, 1896

Isabella Dow Thomson, of parents Robert and Agnes Ann, born at 17 Dempster Street. An uncle, Archibald Ralston of 23 Lyndoch Street, registered the birth.

1901 Census, 33 Lyndoch Street, Greenock

Alexander, 46, a steam engine maker/fitter and Isabella, 44, Thomson and 8 children living at 33 Lyndoch Street. Their house has 3 rooms with one or more windows.

William, 20, apprentice steam engine maker

Isabella, 18, a printer's assistant

Christina, 15, a clerkess at a grocer's

Alexander, 13, Marion, 8 and Elizabeth, 6, all scholars

Archibald, 3

1911 Census, 79 Holmscroft Street, Greenock

Alexander, 56, engineer fitter, born Kirkintilloch, Dunbartonshire

Isabella, 54, married 33 years, has had 9 children, 8 of whom are living, born Greenock

Christina, 25, shop assistant

Alexander, 23, engineer fitter

Mary, 20, shop assistant

Marion, 17

Elizabeth, 15

Archibald, 12, scholar

12th August, 1914

Sixteen year old Archie enlists in the Argylls and is invalided out in June 1916 after serving at Gallipoli.

1929, 2nd December

Isabella Dow Thomson, daughter of Robert and Agnes Ann, marries Thomas Scott.

To be checked/found:

Robert Thomson senior's birth (around 1843 if he marries Christina in 1863?)

We know about Robert's brother Alexander, but what about the other brother and sister Andrew - a twin? and Margaret. Check especially Margaret. Is she the Margaret Kincaid living in Campsie in 1871?

Also, are the Kirkintilloch Thomsons related to the banker in Caddle Hill, Greenock in the 1841 Census, and if so that could be why they moved?

Thomson births

1821, 29 May, Alexander, lawful son of John Thomson and Agnes McColl, in Hill of Causeail

1823, Robert Thomson, lawful son of John Thomson and Jean Vich, born 24 December, 1823, also Euphemia, born April 1830 and Mary born June 1839.

1825, Robert Thomson, lawful son of Allan Thomson and Ann Paton, at Chappleton, born 12 May, baptised 14 June. New or East Kilpatrick, Dunbartonshire.

1825, ??, John, April 1846, Robert, October 1848 and William, October 1839, lawful children of Robert Thomson and Elizabeth Galbreath, Bonhill, Dunbartonshire.

1841 Census, Greenock

Alexander Thomson, banker, 60, living at Caddle Hill, Greenock, with wife Helen, 45, and children Alexander, 14, Colin, 10 and Charles, 8, along with 2 servants.