

Alexander Simpson & Isobel Gammie:

1841 Castlehill Marnoch				birth/marr from FreeREG
Alexander Simpson	45	Y	Farmer	marr Isobel Gammie 29-5-1825 Marnoch bitp said s/o Alexander Simpson & Isabel Moggach
Isbel Simpson	15	Y		17-12-1827 Alexander Simpson in Castlehill & Isobel Gammie Wit: John Reidford & Jas. Simpson?
Alexander Simpson	10			29-12-1831 Alexander Simpson in Castlehill & Isobel Gammie Wit: Robert webster & Alexander Thom?
Elspet Simpson	7			11-2-1834 Al Simpson in Castlehill & Isabel Gammie Wit: John Simpson & Al. Thain
not in 1841: son John Simpson 17-1-1837 Castlehill 18-1-1837				
George Davidson	30			
James Clark	60			
George Buchan	10			
Jane Mitchel	40			

1851 Castlehill Marnoch

SIMPSON Alexander Head W M 58 [57] Farmer 77ac Pasture 20 Ac Banffshire - Marnoch Emp 1 boy
SIMPSON Alexander Son U M 19 Employed On Farm Banffshire - Marnoch
SIMPSON Isabella Dau U F 25 Employed On Farm Banffshire - Marnoch
SIMPSON Elspet Dau U F 17 Employed On Farm Banffshire - Marnoch
WATT Robert Servnt U M 14 Agricultural Labourer Banffshire - Rothiemay
WRIGHT John Grnchd - M 4m ✓ - Banffshire - Marnoch

1859: death

Alexander Simpson died age 65, mother maiden name Moggach - D-1859-161(Marnoch)-16 SPI. Therefore no connection with George Simpson in Alvah (h/o Ann Geddes).

Alexander Simpson 1-6-1793 2-6-1793 Marnoch to Alexander Simpson in Damfolds & Isabel Moggach, wit: before the congregation

John Wright:

1850: birth

John Wright 28-11-1850 21-4-1851 Marnoch natural son of John Wright now in 12th Batn. Royal Artillery & Isabella Simpson; registered 29 Dec 1855

1851: at home at Castlehill, Marnoch with mother and grandfather

1861: at Lower Crannabog, Forglen with James Jamieson and his mother Jane Geddes

1871: East Fingask, Daviot, Aberdeenshire in h/h John Gray

John Wright Serv 20 ✓ Marnoch Farm Servant

1872: emigrated Sep 1872

Isabel Simpson:

1841: at home at Castlehill, Marnoch with father

1851: at home at Castlehill, Marnoch with father and her infant son

1852: marriage:

George Chalmers & Isabel Simpson bipt marr 21-2-1852 Marnoch

1861: the family cannot be found

1871: the family cannot be found

1873: death

Death of wife: Isabel Chalmers or Simpson died 3-2-1873 age 44 Main St Aberchirder - D-1873-161(Marnoch)-6. She died a pauper albeit recorded as still married to George Chalmers a labourer - the inspector of poor was her informant. It looks as though the family had split up and she had been left to fend for herself.

So, in that context, the question is why was John Wright at Lower Crannabog in 1861? If he wasn't a servant working on the land, was he a boarder, a visitor or had he been taken in and was being brought up by Jane Geddes?

As far as I can tell, this Simpson family is unrelated to the Geddes/Jamieson family in Lower Crannabog. If emigré John Wright makes no reference to him being brought up in that family, then perhaps he wasn't adopted by them, and doubtful that he was simply taken in out of the goodness of their hearts. That leaves him being a (paying) temporary boarder - supporting the notion that the family was in bits.

George Chalmers:

Not:

1851: Jacobshall, Gamrie, with others

George Chalmers - 29-Mar Alvah Farm Servt

1861: Pitgair Bothie, Gamrie, with others

George Chalmers Serv 40-Mar Alvah Cattleman

1881: Raecloch, Turriff in h/o Alexander Slessor

George Chalmers Serv 59-Mar Alvah Farm Serv

Not:

1851: Hill Of Mountblairy, Alvah in h/h Alexander Barclay

George Chalmers Bdr 25-Umn Auchterless Ag Labourer

1861: Cranns Beg, Fyvie in h/o James Ago

George Chalmers Serv 34-Umn Auchterless Ag Lab

V doubtful him:

1891: Banffshire District Lunatic Asylum, Boyndie :

George Chalmers Patient 78 Portessie Pauper Patient

1892: George Chalmers 69 - D-1892-149(Boyndie)-3 SPI

Not him:

George Chalmers age 64 - D-1888-155/A1(Gamrie)-37 SPI

1852-1859: Family to George Chalmers & Isabella Simpson per IGI & FreeREG

Jane Chalmers	14-8-1852	6-10-1852	Marnoch	
father = labourer, registered 29 Dec 1855				
1871 St Machar Place Aberdeen	*	18 ✓	Aberchirder, Abn Formers Farm Servant	
	in Old Marchar Poorhouse		* Ordinary Inmate (Ordinary Seaman)	
	as Jane Chalmers (female)			
1881 Balgreen Gamrie :	Sv	25[28]	Marnoch	Servant "Domestic"
(maybe)	in h/h Alexander Mitchell			
	as Jane Chalmers			
maybe Jane Chalmers age 31 - D-1886-161(Marnoch)-58 SPI				
not Jean Chalmers age 80 - D-1933-168/2(AberdeenSouthern)-596 SPI				
Isabella Chalmers	21-1-1854	12-2-1854	Marnoch	
father = labourer, registered 29 Dec 1855. Wit: Jane Tocher & Jane Leslie				
Elsplet Simpson Chalmers	13-8-1855		Marnoch	also B-1855-161(Marnoch)-63 SPI
as Elspet Chalmers:				
1871 Mill Of Auchentoul Marnoch :	Sv	15 ✓	Marnoch	Domestic Servant
	in h/h James Webster			
1891 Nelson Street, Aberdeen:	Pauper	35 ✓	Marnoch	Domestic Servant
	in h/h St Nicholas Poorhouse			
1892 prob Elspet Chalmers 37 - D-1892-168/1(StNicholas)-873 SPI				
Alexander Simpson Chalmers	22-4-1857		Marnoch	
1871 Upper Crannabog, Forglen:	Sv	13 ✓	Marnoch	Farm Serv
	in h/h George Jameson (and Alexander Geddes one of mine)			
nothing further found - was he the one who emigrated with John Wright?				
Ann Buchan Chalmers	8-7-1859		Marnoch	
1871 Brownhill, Rothiemay :	Bdr	11 ✓	Marnoch	Scholar
	in h/h Francis Wilson			
	as Ann Chalmers			
1881 Brigshillock, Alvah :	Serv	21 ✓	Marnoch	General Serv (Domestic)
	in h/h David, Robert, Jane Simpson (siblings), James Will David's son			
	as Annie J Chalmers			
1891 Auchlinn, King Edward:	Serv	31 ✓	Aberchirder	General Serv (Domestic)
	in h/h John Strachan			
	as Annie Chalmers			
prob 1893	Ann Chalmers 34 - D-1893-161(Marnoch)-41 SPI			
rather than 1915	Ann Chalmers or Anderson 57 - D-1915-147/A(Banff)-74 SPI			