

## Instances of the Mackison/Maxwell alias in St. Ninians, Stirlingshire

I have found four likely instances of members of Mackison families in the parish of St. Ninians in Stirlingshire using the alternative surname of Maxwell or vice versa. Their descendants may have used either surname, Mackison or Maxwell. I am interested to learn any additional information about these Mackison/Maxwell families.

1. A Robert Maxwell married Elizabeth Brown in 1675 and they had a son in 1676. Thereafter a Robert Mackison and Elizabeth or Elspet Brown had seven children baptised between 1677 and 1694.
2. In 1775 Robert Stevenson married a Catherine Maxwell. Between 1776 and 1795 Robert Stevenson and Catherine Mackieson had seven children baptised.
3. In 1784 William Mackison of St. Ninians and Elizabeth Yool had Banns proclaimed in Gargunnock and later that year William Maxwell of St. Ninians and Elizabeth Yool of Gargunnock were married in St. Ninians. They had three children baptised between 1785 and 1790. Then in 1797 William Mackieson and Elizabeth Yool had a child baptised.
4. In 1797 William Maxwell married Marion Muirhead. Between 1800 and 1803 William Mackieson and Marion Muirhead had three children baptised.

I have not yet found a record to indicate that my own ancestor, James Mackison (who married Margaret Sharp, from Alloa, in St. Ninians in 1781) used the Maxwell alias but I am trying to discover if any of the Mackison/Maxwells on this list were siblings or cousins of his.

There are many more examples of the use of this Maxwell alias by Mackison/Mackessan families in other parishes in the Forth Valley, such as Port of Menteith and Kilmadock.

I had thought that the use of the Maxwell alias began in the decades after the 1745 Rebellion but here in St. Ninians I have come across a possible Mackison/Maxwell as early as the late 17<sup>th</sup> century.

All records relate to the parish register for St. Ninians unless otherwise stated. The parish of Airth lies to the south east of St. Ninians and Gargunnock to the south west.

1675	Marriage in Airth	Robert Maxwell	& Elizabeth Brown, both of St. Ninians	
1676	Baptism	John, son to	Robert Maxwell	& Elizabet Brown
1677	Baptism	Jonett, dau' to	Robert Mackison	& Elizabeth Brown
1680	Baptism	Robert, son to	Robert Mackison	& Elspet Brown
1683	Baptism	James, son to	Robert Mackison	& Elspet Brown
1686	Baptism	Margaret, dau' to	Robert Mackison	& Elspet Brown
1688	Baptism	William, son to	Robert Mackison	& Elspet Brown
1692	Baptism	Elspet, dau' to	Robert Mackison	& Elspet Brown
1694	Baptism	James, son to	Robert Mackison	& Elspet Brown

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1775	Marriage	St. Ninians	Robert Stevenson	& Catharine Maxwell
1776	Baptism	Margaret, dau' to	Robert Stevenson	& Katherine Mackieson
1778	Baptism	John, son to	Robert Stevenson	& Katherine Mackieson
1780	Baptism	Catharine, dau' to	Robert Stevenson	& Katherine Mackieson
1783	Baptism	Robert, son to	Robert Stevenson	& Katherine Mackieson
1788	Baptism	Francis, son to	Robert Stevenson	& Catherine Mackieson
Bannockburn Colliery				
1790	Baptism	James, son to	Robert Stevenson	& Catherine Mackieson
1795	Baptism	William, son to	Robert Stevenson	& Catherine Mackieson
<i>No baptisms traced in St. Ninians for a Robert Stevenson &amp; Catharine Maxwell</i>				

1784	Banns called	Gargunnoch	William Mackison (St Ninians) & Elizabeth Yool (this parish)
1784	Marriage	St. Ninians	William Maxwell (St. Ninians) & Elizabeth Yool (Gargunnoch)
1785	Baptism	Robert, son to	William Maxwell & Elizabeth Yool
1790	Baptism	Elizabeth, dau' to (Gargunnoch)	William Maxwell & Elizabeth Yuill
1790	Baptism	William, son to (Gargunnoch)	William Maxwell & Elizabeth Yuill
1797	Baptism	James, son to (St. Ninians)	William Mackieson Elizabeth Yool in Touch (near Cambusbarron)

1797	Marriage	St. Ninians	William Maxwell & Marion Muirhead
1800	Baptism	Marion, dau' to	William Mackieson & Marion Muirhead
1801	Baptism	Janet, dau' to	William Mackieson & Marion Muirhead
1803	Baptism	Alexander, son to	William Mackieson & Marion Muirhead
<i>No baptisms traced in St. Ninians for a William Maxwell &amp; Marion Muirhead</i>			