

Walker-Pyne Family

William Walker (c1798-1834) and Margaret Cross (1800-?)

William Walker was born in Selkirk (ca. 50km SE of Edinburgh) in 1797/98 ¹. Margaret was born on 19th December 1800 in Paisley, the eldest daughter of James Cross and Margaret née Hutchison.

They married on 13th September 1822 in the United Secession Meeting House in Abbey Close (the officiating minister was Rev. William Smart who had been minister at the Burgher Chapel in 1813) and had the following children in Paisley:

1. Margaret, b. 24-Dec-1822, bap. 16-Mar-1823 in High parish
2. Andrew, b. 24-Oct-1824, bap. 14-Nov-1824 in High parish
3. James, b. 16-Sep-1826, bap. 8-Oct-1826 in Low parish
4. Isabella, b. 23-Nov-1828, bap. 14-Dec-1828 in High parish
5. Elizabeth, b. 16-May-1831, bap. 22-May-1831 in High parish, d. Jul 1832
6. Wilhelmina, b. 1835 (no record of baptism)

Trade directories suggest that William worked in a series of partnerships:

1829/30 J[ohn] & W Walker of 171 Causeyside (John was probably a brother),
1831-33 with his brother-in-law James Cross in Cross & Walker, shawl manufactures of 39 Causeyside,
1834 with William Galloway forming Galloway & Walker Manufacturing, shawl warehousemen, 115 Causeyside and 18 Friday Street ², London.

William died of a bowel complaint aged 36 on 8 May 1834 while in London on business. He was buried in the lair that he had purchased (number 699) in the New Burying Ground of the [West Relief Church](#) in Paisley. He left his pregnant widow the not inconsiderable sum of £962 7s 3d to support herself and their four surviving children. Margaret gave birth to a daughter in early 1835.

In early 1836, Margaret purchased the house and out-buildings at 57 Canal Street (see maps on the following page). The transaction was recorded as follows in the Register of Saisines:

(3059) Feb. 29. 1836.
The Trustees for behoof of MARGARET CROSS, relict and Executrix of William Walker, late Manufacturer, Paisley, and their children, *Seised*, Feb. 26. 1836, — in a Steading of ground on the north side of COMMON LONE generally now called CANAL STREET of PAISLEY, with Houses and Buildings thereon, being part of Laigh Common, par.....; —on Disp.[osition] by William Parker, Manufacturer, Paisley, with consent of the said Margaret Cross, *qua* Executrix, Feb. 16. 22. 1836. P.R. 718. 171

The family – except for James – were recorded at the address in the 1841 census.

Margaret was listed as a *feuar* ³ at the address in the trade directories from 1838 to 1845.

¹ Burial register of the West Relief Church

² Ran north-south from Cheapside down to Fish Street to the east of St. Paul's Cathedral.

³ The owner of the land held on a feudal title.