

Janet Walker



Robert Walker (1819-1900) and Agnes Tomson Waddell Walker (1819-1899).

Janet's Parents

Robert Walker was likely born in 1819 in Polmont, Stirlingshire, Scotland. His daughter Mary Black was a witness at his death. This record (see page 60) claimed the maiden name of his mother was Elizabeth Anderson. It added that his father was a publican and his surname was Walker but his forename was left blank.

There are two reported marriages in Scotlands People of an Elizabeth Anderson married to a Walker, forename unknown. The most reasonable of these is for an Elizabeth Anderson, born on October 19, 1777 in Bothkennar Parish. After an irregular marriage and upon payment of "reclamation dues", their marriage was recognized in Bothkennar Parish church on June 2, 1804. Three children have been located in Scotlands People from this marriage, John was born on February 20, 1805, Slamannan Parish and Agnes, born October 3, 1806, Polmont Parish. A third child, Alexander, was born to John Walker and Elizabeth Anderson on June 20, 1812 in Slamannan Parish. There is not a record of birth in Scotlands People between 1818 and 1821 for all parishes of all counties in Scotland for a Robert Walker, parents John Walker and Elizabeth Anderson,

As mentioned above, a record of birth for a Robert Walker between 1818 and 1821 in all of Scotland cannot be located in Scotlands People. However, in the 1841 Scotland Census (see record on next page) there is a "Robert", son of John Walker and Elizabeth Walker reported as a 21 year-old joiner living in the home of John Walker and Elizabeth Walker, with a sister Elizabeth, age 23, and a brother John, age 16. The rounding down of ages used in the 1841 Census places the actual age of Elizabeth Walker between 60 and 65. Elizabeth Anderson was born in 1777, so there is a possible match for Elizabeth Walker and Elizabeth Anderson. Secondly, both the Elizabeth Walker in the 1841 Census and Elizabeth Anderson born in Bothkennar are born in Stirlingshire. A birth record for either of the John Walker in the 1841 Census or

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the two records, there is a noticeable gap in births between Alexander, son of John Walker and Elizabeth Anderson born in 1812 and John and Elizabeth Walker in the 1841 Census, born in 1825. Secondly, it is unlikely to have two living children in the same family with the same name, as their is a John Walker in both records. Considering Robert Walker in the 1841 Census does not appear to be a match for a son of John Walker and Elizabeth Anderson at Bothkennar and that he is a close match to several census and other records at Muiravonside, the 'Robert', son of John Walker and Elizabeth Walker (see record below) is likely the father of Janet Walker.

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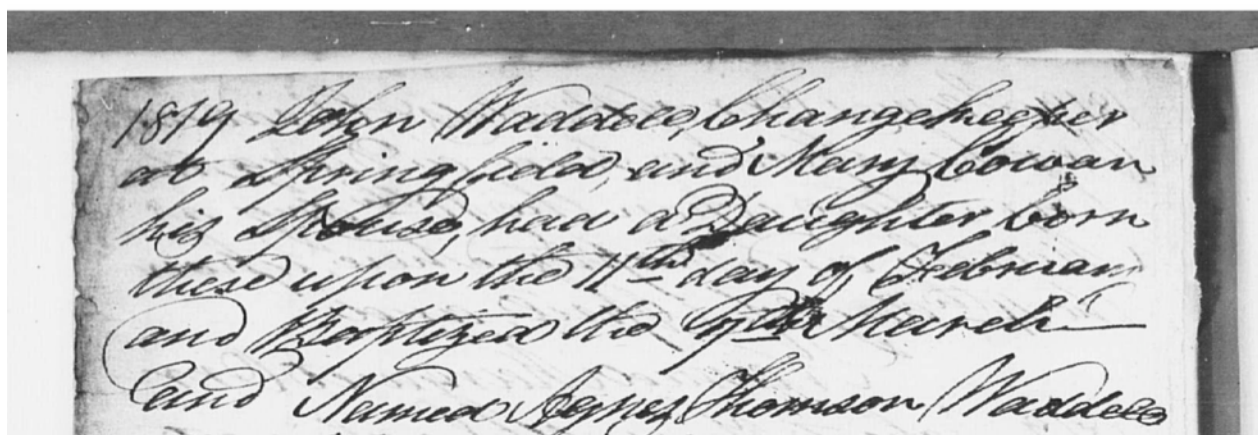
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| PLACE | HOUSES | NAME and SURNAME, SEX and AGE of each Person who abode in each House on the Night of 6th June. | | OCCUPATION | WHERE BORN | | | |
| Here insert Name of Village, Street, Square, Close, Court, &c. | Uninhabited or Building | Inhabited | NAME and SURNAME | AGE | | Of what Profession, Trade, Employment, or whether of Independent Means. | If Born in Scotland, state whether in County or otherwise. | Whether Foreign, or whether Born in England or Ireland. |
| | | | | Male | Female | | | |
| Redding | | | Elizabeth Murray | | 60 | | W | |
| | 1 | | John Sleeps | | 30 | Cook | W | |
| | | | Jean do | | 30 | | W | |
| | | | Robert do | | 10 | | W | |
| | | | Mary do | | 8 | | Y | |
| | | | John do | | 4 | | Y | |
| | | | Muncaw do | | 1 | | Y | |
| do | | | Marbella Torbat | | 28 | | W | |
| | 1 | | John Walker | | 60 | Carpenter | Y | |
| | | | Elizabeth do | | 60 | | Y | |
| | | | Elizabeth do | | 23 | | Y | |
| | | | Robert do | | 21 | Joiner | Y | |
| | | John do | | 11 | | Y | | |

An excerpt of the 1841 Census for the village of Redding in the parish of Polmont, Stirlingshire showing John and Elizabeth Walker had a son Robert that was a 21 year-old joiner born in Sterlingshire.

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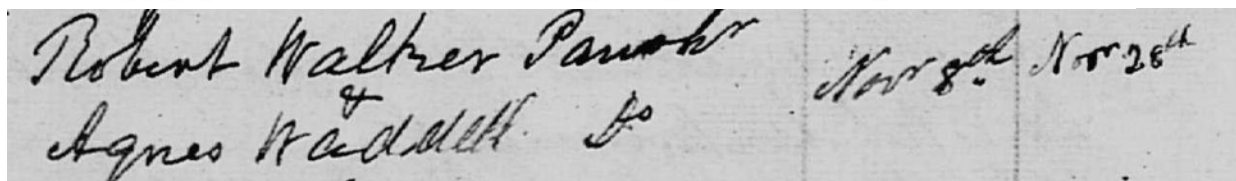
Robert Walker married **A**gnes Thomson Waddell Balantine, widow of Robert Ballantyne, on November 28, 1851 in Muiravonside, Stirlingshire. Agnes was born on February 11, 1819. She was baptized at Shotts, Lanark, the daughter of John Waddell and Mary Cowan. Agnes had three children (John, Cochrane and Jean) from her marriage to Robert Ballantyne. Robert Walker and Agnes had five children (Mary, Elizabeth, Marion, Janet and Agnes) during their marriage.

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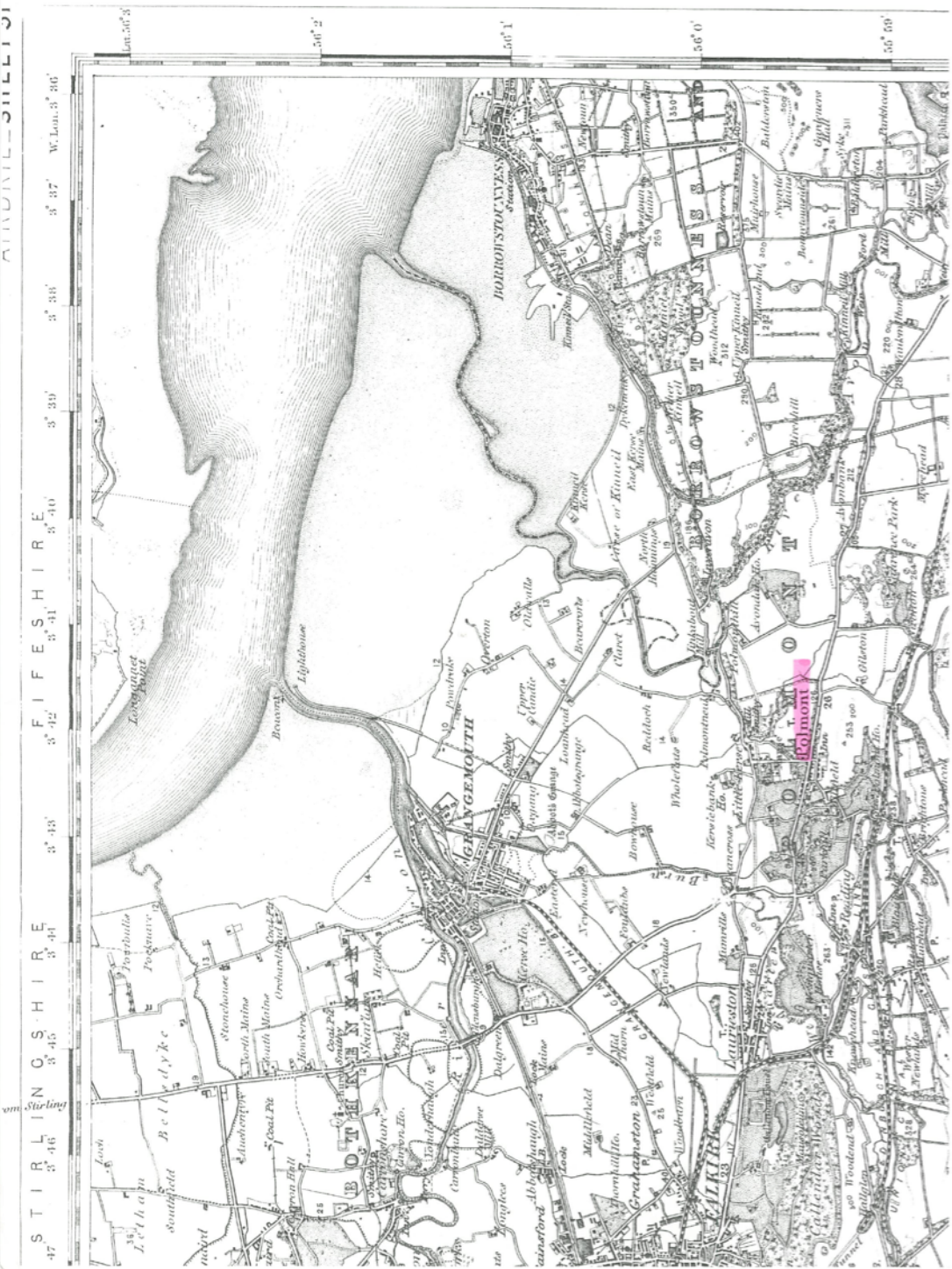
An excerpt of the record of birth for Agnes Thomson Waddell shows that John Waddell and Mary Cowan had a daughter born on February 11, 1819 and named Agnes Thomson Waddell. She was baptized in the Shotts Parish Church.

28/11/1851 WALKER, ROBERT (Old Parish Registers Marriages 486/ 20 136 Muiravonside) Page 136 of 145
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An excerpt of the marriage record of Robert Walker and Agnes Waddell. The marriage occurred on November 28, 1851. Robert and Agnes were parishioners of the Muiravonside Parish church.

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Polmont is about 6 1/2 miles in length, and its utmost breadth is nearly 3. It is bounded on the north by the firth of Forth; on the east, partly by the river Avon, which separates the county of Stirling from the county of Linlithgow, and partly by the parish of Muiravonside; on the south by Muiravonside and Slamannan; and on the west by the parish of Falkirk, from which it was disjoined in 1724. Its name, however, must be at least of long standing, for among the titles of the Duke of Hamilton, he is called Lord Polmont. The population in 1755 was 1,094; in 1791, 1,400; in 1801, 2,194; in 1811, 1,827; in 1821, 2,174; in 1831, 3,200; in 1835, 3,107; in 1841, 3,412; in 1851, 3,764; in 1861, 3,892; and in 1871, 3,910. In 1801, the colliery at Shieldhill was in active operation, and hence the large increase at that period compared with the census in 1791. In 1811, work there was almost discontinued: consequently the decrease. Again, from 1821 to 1831, the Redding Colliery was conducted on an extensive scale; and in 1835, the diminution was occasioned by fewer men being employed.

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Nearly all of the Ballantine and Walker children had left home by 1871 (see next page). Robert was a wright and wagon builder, meaning he built carts to carry the loads of coal. It may have been a fairly good job for, at least, it was above ground. This may be a good time to talk about coal mining in Scotland and in particular Stirlingshire in the eighteenth century.

The first coal mine was sunk in Scotland under the Firth of Forth in 1575. Mining villages developed throughout the country. Whole populations of towns were dependant upon employment from the mines. Because coal was so difficult and expensive to move, other industries, such as iron, grew up around the coal mining areas. Workers came to the coal regions. Men, women and even children worked in the mines. Working conditions were harsh. Men and sometimes even women took the coal mining jobs to feed their families and were willing to work hard in complete darkness and in unbearable heat. Children as young as 8 could be found working for 12 or more hours a day in complete darkness. Children worked as trappers: they opened and closed trap doors in the pits to allow for air ventilation. Women and older children were used to move the tubs or wagons of coal out of the mines. They were known as hurries and thrusters.

The horrors of the working conditions mentioned above came to light in 1842 with the Children's Employment Commission. Interviews with children, women and men who worked in the mines led to legislation which banned all girls and boys under ten years-old from working underground in coal mines. Much of the above came from "Coal Mining in the British Isles-Family Search".

To speculate for a moment on how these employment opportunities may have impacted on Janet Walker, her parents, relatives and ancestors. To begin with Janet, herself. The act which prohibited girls under ten from working underground came into effect only 20 years before she was born. Did this legislation prevent Janet from becoming a trapper? It is believed Robert Walker was born at Redding, Polmont. He was trained as a joiner, there. What inspired him to leave Polmont for Muiravonside? Robert Black was a 'pit headman' for years. He lived into his 80s, perhaps because he worked above-ground. His three sons all chose to emigrate. Were they escaping working conditions in the coal industry? His eldest son, William, returned to Scotland in ill health and died when only 35. Did mining conditions that he may have experienced in Scotland, or in Canada, impact on his early death. Thomas Thomson and others in the family were 'iron moulders. Did this occupation affect their health and longevity?

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| Civil Parish of | | Quond extra Parish of | | Parliamentary Borough of | | Royal Borough of | | Police Borough of | | Town of | | Village or Hamlet of | |
| Muiravonside | | | | | | | | | | | | Blackbraes | |
| No. of | ROAD, STREET, &c. and | HOUSES | NAME and Surname of each | RELATION | CON- | AGE | Rank, Profession, or OCCUPATION. | WHERE BORN. | Whether | Number of | Illness | Whether | Illness |
| 48 | So. Rows | 1 | Robert Walker | Head | Mar | 25 | Wright and wagon builder | Stirling Polmont | 1. Deaf and dumb 2. Blind 3. Lame or maimed 4. Lunatic | 1. Deaf and dumb 2. Blind 3. Lame or maimed 4. Lunatic | 1. Deaf and dumb 2. Blind 3. Lame or maimed 4. Lunatic | 1. Deaf and dumb 2. Blind 3. Lame or maimed 4. Lunatic | 1. Deaf and dumb 2. Blind 3. Lame or maimed 4. Lunatic |
| | | | Agnes | Wife | Mar | 25 | | Stirling Polmont | | | | | |
| | | | Robert Walker | Son | Mar | 25 | | Stirling Polmont | | | | | |

An excerpt of the 1871 Census for the village of Black Braes, Civil parish of Muiravonside shows that most but not all of the Walker and Ballantine children have left home, 25 year-old Cochrane Ballantine and Agnes Walker are still living with Robert and Agnes Walker. Robert specifies himself as a "wright and wagon builder in the census.

Robert was unemployed in 1881. He was a 'wagon bottomer', a person to attend to the bottom of the shaft, in 1891 (see record below). Black Braes may well have been one of the villages and towns that sprang up as coal mining developed in the 16th and 17th centuries.

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| Civil Parish of | | Quond extra Parish of | | School Board District of | | Parliamentary Borough of | | Parliamentary Division of | | Royal Borough of | | Island of | | |
| Muiravonside | | Shieldhill & Blackbraes | | Muiravonside | | | | | | | | Blackbraes | | |
| No. of | ROAD, STREET, &c. and | HOUSES | NAME and Surname of each | RELATION | CON- | AGE | PROFESSION or OCCUPATION. | Employer. | Employed. | Whether em- | WHERE BORN. | Gender | Whether | Illness |
| 48 | 47 So. Rows | 1 | James Rankine | Head | Mar | 28 | Coal miner | | X | ployer for employed, but working on own account. | Stirling Polmont | M | 1. Deaf and dumb 2. Blind 3. Lame or maimed 4. Lunatic | 1. Deaf and dumb 2. Blind 3. Lame or maimed 4. Lunatic |
| | | | Charles do | son | Mar | 1 | | | | | do do | M | | |
| | | | Robert Walker | Head | Mar | 72 | Coal-mine Bottomer | | X | | do do | M | | |
| | | | Agnes do | wife | Mar | 72 | | | | | do do | F | | |
| | | | Robert Walker | Grandson | Mar | 9 | Scholar | | | | Kenneth Polmont | M | | |
| | | | Elizabeth Walker | Sister | Mar | 70 | Scholar | | | | Stirling Polmont | F | | |
| | | | Miss Walker | Sister | Mar | 70 | Scholar | | | | Stirling Polmont | F | | |

Robert was alone at home at 43 South Rows, Blackbraes in 1881. He was a 62 year-old unemployed joiner at that time. The record above is an excerpt from the 1891 Census for the hamlet of Blackbraes. It shows Robert Walker, grandson, was living with his grandparents at 43 South Rows in the village of Blackbraes. Robert, the grandfather, was 72, a "wagon bottomer" born at Stirling Polmont.

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Agnes Walker died July 22, 1889 at Blackbraes, Muiravonside, Stirlingshire Scotland. A copy of the death record is presented, below. It shows that Agnes was married to Robert Walker, joiner, her death occurred July 22, 1889 at Blackbraes, Muiravonside and that her husband Robert Walker was present. It also tells us that her father, John Waddell, a labourer, was deceased and that her mother was Mary Waddell, maiden surname Cowan, She, too, was deceased.



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Extract of an entry in a REGISTER of DEATHS

Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Scotland) Act 1965

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| No | 1 Name and surname Rank or profession and whether single, married or widowed | 2 When and where died | 3 Sex | 4 Age | 5 Name, surname and rank or profession of father Name and maiden surname of mother | 6 Cause of death, duration of disease and medical attendant by whom certified | 7 Signature and qualification of informant and residence, if out of the house in which the death occurred | 8 When and where registered and signature of registrar |
|----|---|---|----------|----------|--|--|---|---|
| 36 | Agnes Walker Married to Robert Walker Joiner | 1889. July 22nd Blackbraes Muiravonside | W | 34 | John Waddell Labourer deceased Mary Waddell Maiden surname Cowan deceased | Endocarditis certified by Thos. M. Stearn M.B. Ch. B. | Robert Walker Husband Present | 1889. 22nd July Blackbraes Muiravonside John Coates Registrar. |

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Robert Walker, widower of Agnes Waddell died on February 13, 1900 at Blackbraes, Muiravonside. A copy of his record of death is presented below. His daughter Mary Black was a witness at his death. The surname of Robert's father was not known. His mother's maiden name was Elizabeth Anderson.

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| No | Name and surname Rank or profession and whether single, married or widowed | When and where died | Sex Age | Name, surname and rank or profession of father Name and maiden surname of mother | Cause of death, duration of disease and medical attendant by whom certified | Signature and qualification of informant and residence, if out of the house in which the death occurred | When and where registered and signature of registrar |
| 22 | Robert Walker Widower of Agnes Waddell | 1900. February Thirteenth 3h 0'm a m Blackbraes Muiravonside | M 71 years | Walker Publican Deceased Elizabeth Walker M.A. Anderson Deceased | Senile Debility as certified by J. Calderwood M.B. B.M. | Mary Black Daughter present | 1900. 14th February at Muiravonside John Keelie Registrar. |

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Muiravonside Church as seen in 2006 (above) and landscape in the Shotts area in 2006 showing Sighthill (lower). The village of Sighthill is the birthplace of Agnes Thomson Waddell.

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Janet's Ancestors

***P*aternal Ancestry** There are only a few records related to Janet Walker's paternal ancestry. Mary Walker Black was a witness at her father's death. The related record indicated Robert's mother's name was Elizabeth Anderson. Mary did not know the forename of Robert's father, recording his surname to be Walker. To begin with her father's father, or grandfather,

Searches in Scotlands People have found two marriages of an Elizabeth Anderson to a Walker; one was to a Hugh Walker, the second to a John Walker. The latter provided the best fit to the Elizabeth Anderson in consideration. According to several records, John Walker and Elizabeth Anderson were married in 1804. They were irregularly married, initially, then with payment of dues this marriage was approved by the Bothkennar Parish Church (see next page). Three children have been found on Scotlands People but an exhaustive search could not locate the birth of a child named Robert. As such, Janet Walker's father Robert could not be confirmed as a son of John Walker and Elizabeth Anderson.

The second possibility for the birth of Robert Walker comes in the 1841 Scotland Census. This record shows Robert Walker as a 21 year-old joiner living with presumed parents John Walker and Elizabeth Walker and two other siblings. Ages of John and Elizabeth Walker are close to those determined for John Walker and Elizabeth Anderson, however, for other reasons, the linkage of the 1841 Census family and the John Walker and Elizabeth Anderson marriage cannot be assured.

The 1841 Census was shown on page 54. John Walker is 60 years old (rounded down). He was born in Stirlingshire.. He was living in the Polmont Parish, Stirlingshire at the time of the census. Elizabeth Walker (Walker may not be her maiden surname) was also 60 years old. Records for deaths of either of John or Elizabeth can not be located. This record shows that Robert may have a sister Elizabeth and a brother John. As has been mentioned in the presentation of Robert Walker's parents on pages 54-55, the 1841 Census for Redding, Polomont has been considered most likely to represent the parent of Janet Walker.

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Maternal Ancestry. The death record of Agnes Walker indicates her father was John Waddell and her mother's maiden name was Mary Cowan (see record on page 60). Both her father and mother were deceased at the time of Agnes' death in 1889. They were Janet Walker's maternal grandparents.

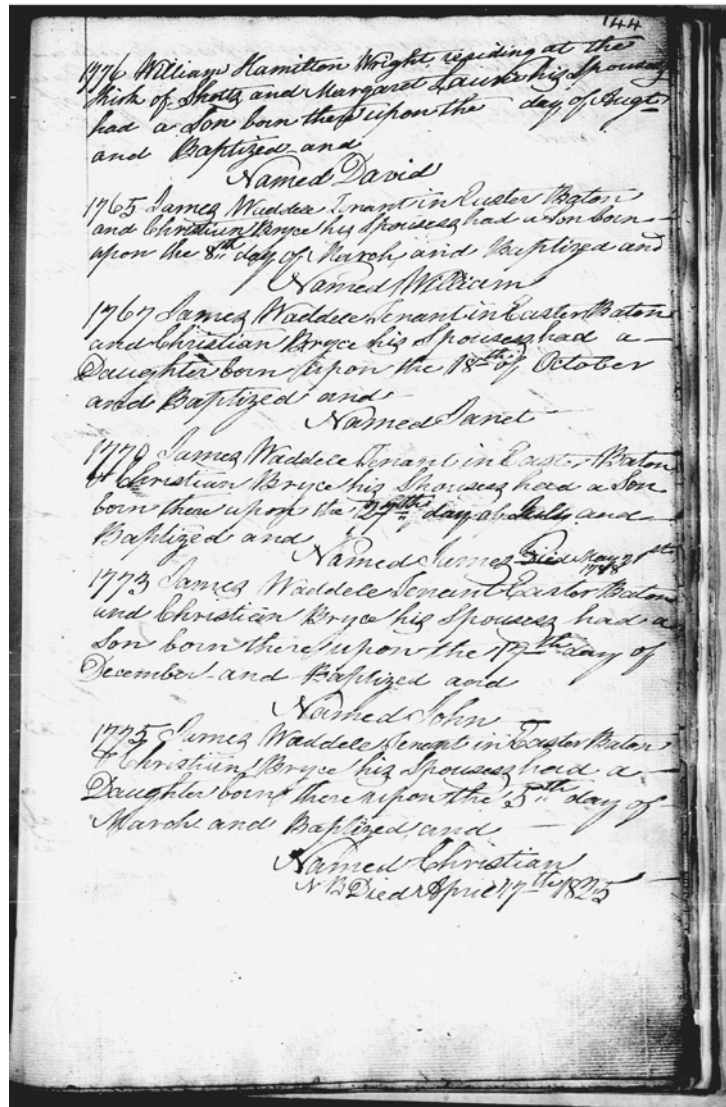
John Waddell was born on December 17, 1773, in Shotts, Lanarkshire, Scotland, the son of James Waddell and Christian Bryce.

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John came from a family of five children. Baptism records for William, Janet, James, John and Christian are shown opposite.

John married Mary Cowan before 1804. There is no record of marriage of John Waddell to Mary Cowan in Scotlands People.

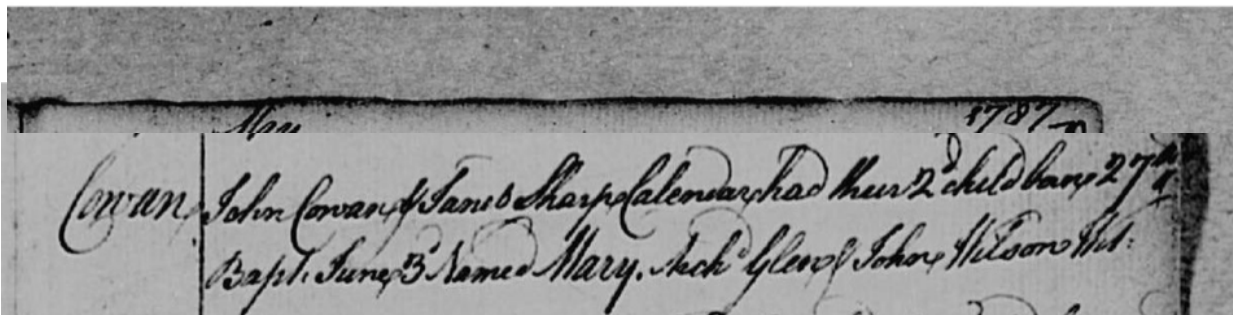
John had six sons and five daughters with Mary Cowan between 1804 and 1831. He was a labourer, living at Bog Side with his wife Mary and daughters Agnes and Marion in the civil parish of Old Monkland, Lanarkshire at the time of the 1841 census (see next page).



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Mary Cowan was born on May 27 and baptized on June 3, 1787 at Barony, Lanark. She was the daughter of John Cowan and Janet Sharp.

03/06/1787 COWAN, MARY (Old Parish Registers Births 622/ 30 159 Barony) Page 159 of 520
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The above record is an excerpt from the Old Parish Registers Births at Barony for Mary Cowan the second child of John Cowan and Janet Sharpe on May 27, 1887.

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| PLACE | HOUSES | NAME and SURNAME, SEX and AGE, of each Person who abode in each House on the Night of 6th June. | AGE | | OCCUPATION | WHERE BORN |
| Here insert Name of Village, Street, Square, Close, Court, &c. | Uninhabited or Building | NAME and SURNAME | Male | Female | Of what Profession, Trade, Employment, or whether of Independent Means. | If Born in Scotland, state whether in County or otherwise. Whether Foreign, or whether Born in England or Ireland. |
| Bogside | 11 | John Waddell | 42 | | Labourer | yes |
| | | Mary Waddell | | 50 | | yes |
| | | Agnes | | 20 | | yes |
| | | Marion | | 15 | | yes |
| | | Douglas Irvine | 25 | | Quarrier | no |
| | | John Boprey | 20 | | Labourer | no |
| | | John Murphy | 35 | | Labourer | no |
| TOTAL in Page 14.. | 5 | | 12 | 13 | | |

The above record is an excerpt of the 1841 Census for John and Mary Waddell in Old Monkland Parish, Lanarkshire. John is a labourer. He and his wife Mary and children Agnes and Marion live at Bogside.

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James was the eldest child of John Waddell and Mary Cowan. He was born on April 28, 1804 at Sighthill, Shotts, Lanark. James married Anne Craig. She was born November 28, 1848. James died on May 21, 1788.

George was the second child of John Waddell and Mary Cowan. He was born March 5, 1806 at Sighthill, Shotts, Lanark. George married Elizabeth Shanks on August 28, 1840 at Muiravonside.

John was the third child of John Waddell and Mary Cowan. He was born on April 8, 1808 at Sighthill Lanark. John married Agnes Scott on January 30, 1838 at Muiravonside Parish Church.

Mary was the fourth child of John Waddell and Mary Cowan. She was the eldest daughter of John Waddell and Mary Cowan. She was born on May 20, 1810 at Sighthill, Shotts, Lanark. Mary married James Bryce. They had a child that was named James.

William was the fifth child of John Waddell and Mary Cowan. He was born on March 20, 1814 at Sighthill, Lanark. He was living at the "Dandy Row Clyde Ironworks" in the Old Monkland Parish, Lanarkshire at the time of the 1841 census. He is a labourer, does not appear to be married.

Cochrane Gillies was the sixth child of John Waddell and Mary Cowan. He was born on June 14, 1816 at Sighthill, Lanark. Cochrane married Jean Chapman in 1851. Jean was born in 1816. Cochrane died in July 1876 in South Shields, Durham, England.

Agnes Thomson was the seventh child of John Waddell and Mary Cowan. As has been reported previously, Agnes was born on February 11, 1819 at Sighthill, Lanark. She married Robert Ballantine where she had three children. After his death, she married Robert Walker in 1851. She had five daughters in this marriage, including Janet Walker. Agnes died in 1889 at Blackbraes, Muiravonside Parish, Stirlingshire.

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Margaret Hill was the eighth child of John Waddell and Mary Cowan. She was born on December 18, 1820 at Sighthill, Shotts, Lanark. Margaret married Thomas Hodge on December 8, 1837, Muiravonside.

Janet was the ninth child of John Waddell and Mary Cowan. She was born on October 5, 1823 at Sighthill, Shotts, Lanark. Janet married James Weir. They had a son called James.

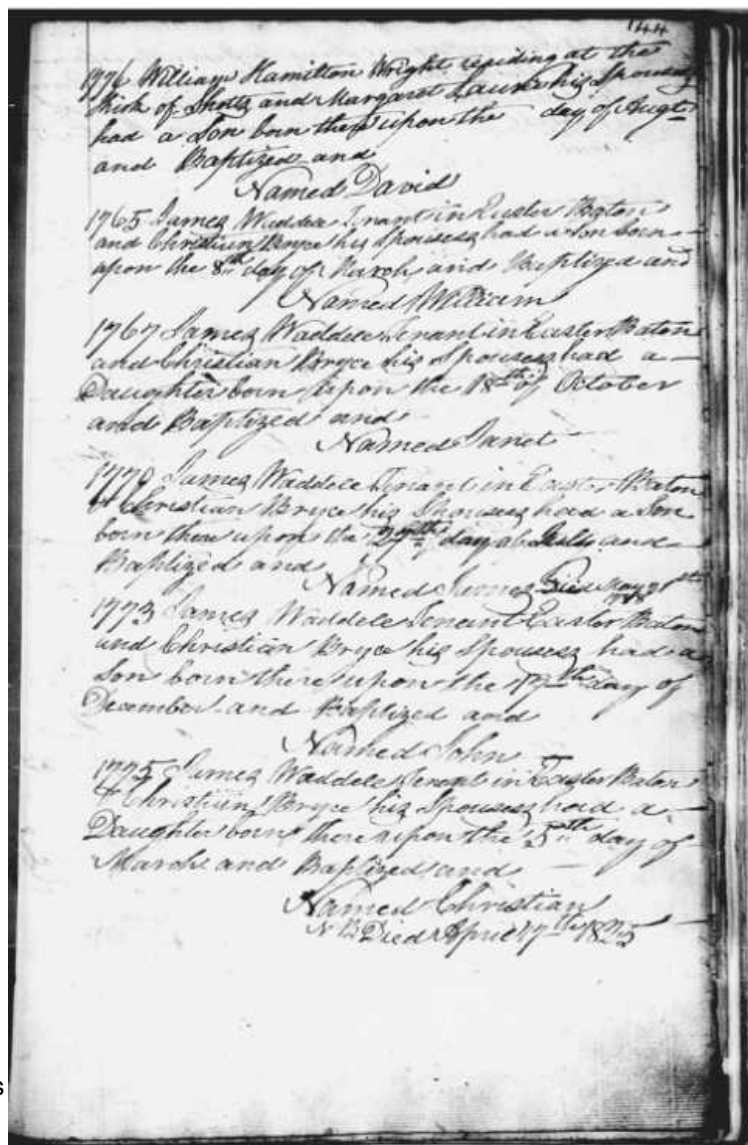
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Marion was the tenth child of John Waddell and Mary Cowan. She was born on May 25, 1826 at Sighthill, Shotts, Lanark.

John Nisbett was the eleventh and last child of John Waddell and Mary Cowan. He was born on July 2, 1831 at Sighthill, Lanark. John Nisbett married Jane McLellan on March 4, 1865 at St. Andrews Church, Auckland, New Zealand.

John Waddell died on October 10, 1859 and was buried in the ShottsKirk Cemetery, Shotts. A record of the death of Mary Cowan has not been located. She was deceased at the time of her daughter Agnes' death.

The record of births and baptisms shows dates of birth of the five children of James Waddell and his spouse Christian Bryce.



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The record on the previous page clearly shows that James Waddell and Christian Bryce were John Waddell's parents, however, there are several records that indicate that James was born at Shotts but none that clearly indicate his date of birth.

James Waddell. It is believed James was born in Shotts, Lanark in the 1730s.

James married **C**hristian Bryce about 1764. Christian was born on September 7, 1734 at Shotts, Lanark. James and Christian had five children, all born at Shotts, Lanark (see record on the previous page).

William was James Waddell and Christian Bryce's eldest child. He was born on March 8, 1765 at Shotts, Lanark. Janet was the second child and eldest daughter of James and Christian. She was born in Easter Baton on October 18, 1767. James was the third child of James and Christian. He was born on July 27, 1770 (date unclear). John was the fourth child. He was born on December 17, 1773 and Christian was the fifth and last child of James and Christian Waddell. She was born on March 5, 1775.



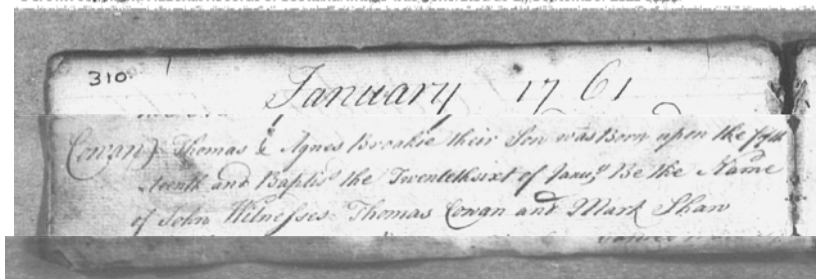
**Old Monkland Parish Church.
John and Mary Cowan lived in
the Old Monkland Parish in**

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Mary Cowan's parents were John Cowan and Janet Sharp (see record on page 72).

John Cowan was born on January 15 and baptized on January 26, 1761, in Inveresk and Musselburgh, Scotland. His father was Thomas Cowan and his mother Agnes Broakie.

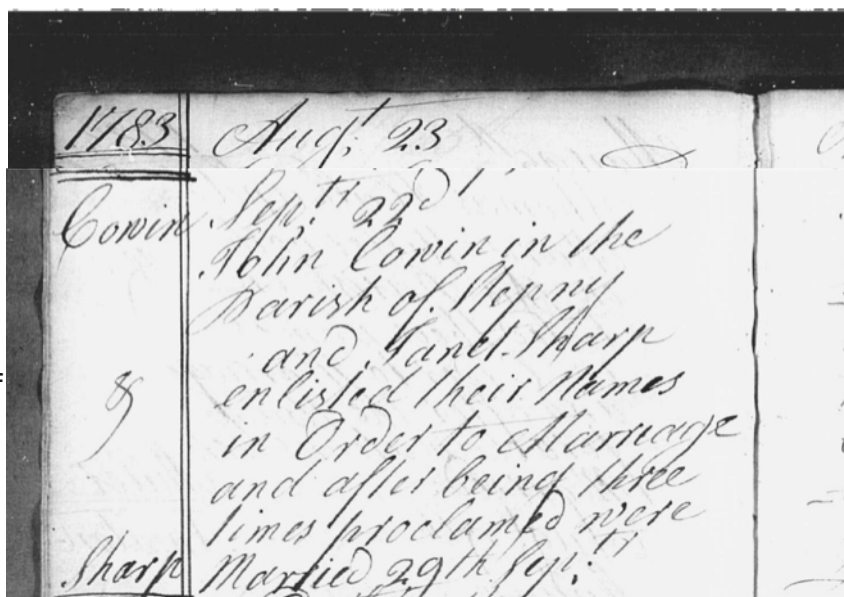
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The above record is an excerpt from the Old Parish Births for the Inveresk and Muselburgh Parish, Midlothian Scotland showing the registry of birth for John Cowan, son of Thomas Cowan and Agnes Broakie on January 15, and baptism on January 26, 1761.

John married Janet Sharp on September 29, 1783, in Clackmannan, Clackmannanshire, Scotland. They had eight children in 17 years.

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The above record is an excerpt from the Old Parish Marriage registers for the Clackmannan Parish, Clackmannanshire showing the registry of marriage of John Cowan and Janet Sharp on September 29, 1783.

Ann was born on February 5, 1786 at Airth Stirlingshire. She died in 1876. Mary was born on May 27, 1787 at Barony. She died after 1841. Hugh (Ewing?) Cowan was the third child and eldest son of John Cowan and Janet Sharp. He was born on November 30, 1789 at Slamannan, Stirlingshire. Ewing, married Isobel Danks on January 24, 1813 at Shotts, Lanark.

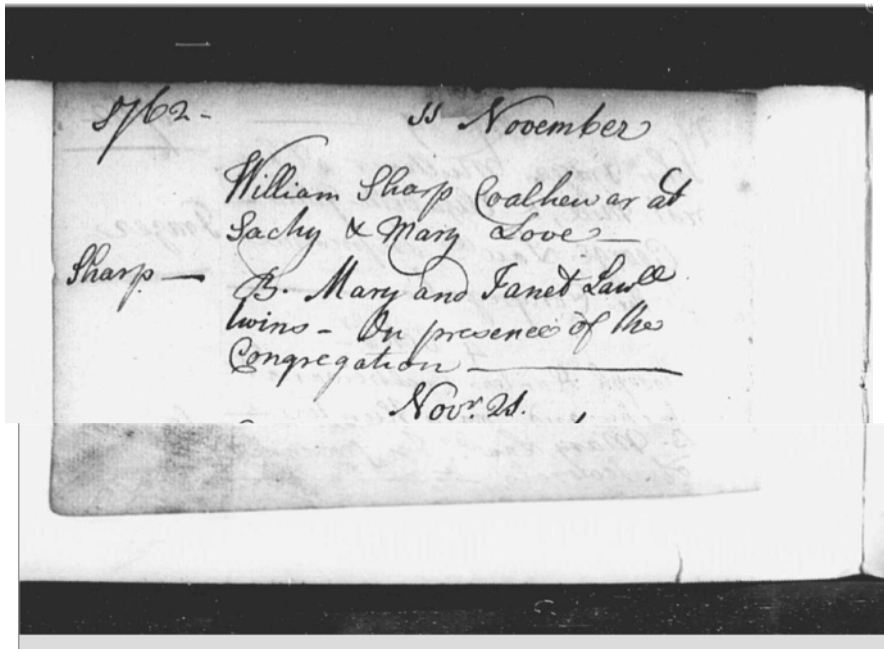
He died on August 10, 1833 at Newarthill, Holytown. Janet was born on June 7, 1794 at Airth. Jean was born July 10, 1796 at Bothwell, Holytown, Lanark. John was born about 1799 at Airth. He died on May 17, 1865 at Newarthill, Lanark. James was born about 1799 at Newarthill. He married Agnes Gibb at Newarthill. He died on January 29, 1833 at Newarthill. Francis was born on October 19, 1803 at Newarthill. He married

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Margaret Gibb. She died in 1858 in Glasgow. (These births, marriages and deaths of children of John Cowan and Janet Sharp were taken from the Wotherspoon Family Tree. Also see 1841 Census).

Janet Sharp was born on November 11, 1762 at Clackmannan, Clackmannanshire, Scotland. She was a twin daughter of William Sharp and Mary Love. Her twin was named Mary.

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The above record is an excerpt from the Old Parish Registers Births for Clackmannan, Clackmannanshire showing the registry of birth of Mary and Janet Sharp, twin daughters of William Sharp and Agnes Love on November 22, 1762

John Cowan died on November 12, 1831, in Newarthill, Lanarkshire, Scotland, at the age of 70. A death record for Janet Sharp has not been located. Janet Sharp was the daughter of William Sharp and Mary Love. In that Scotland's People lists two or more results for both William Sharp and Mary Love, more research will be needed to determine the correct ancestral lineage for

Janet's Ancestors

Janet Walker