

The Welsh Family



W0/0 David Welsh, who appears as tenant of Craig Kingledoors from 1555 to 1573, acted as bailie on 15/5/1567 when John Hay of Talla took infeftment as heir to his father William Hay in Craig Kingledoors and Talla. [In 1470 the Hays had acquired half of Over Kingledoors which may have been the Steding of Kingildurris which Lord Hay allowed James Tweedie of Drumelzier and his son Patrick to occupy. In 1580 John Hay of Talla resigned his lands of Talla to William, Lord Hay of Yester, but retained his lands of Kingledoors.]

In 1585 William Welsh in Craig Kingledoors and John Welsh in Over Menzion (probably sons of the above David), and Walter Tweedie in Chapel Kingledoors, witnessed the investment of William Hay in his father's lands of Kingledoors which passed to him. The infeftment excepted a quarter of the lands possessed by Andrew Hay (brother of William), rector of Renfrew, who about 1590 made it over to his brother who, styled William Hay of Wyndene, became proprietor of the whole. In 1596 William Welsh, tenant of Craig Kingledoors witnessed the infeftment in Craig Kingledoors of William Hay, by then styled 'of Linplum' [near Gifford in East Lothian], as heir to his father, John Hay of Talla, on a precept by James, Lord Hay of Yester.

The above John Welsh may have had two sons Humphrey, who possibly had three sons W1/1 Humphrey, W1/2 John and W1/3 Walter and John of Over Minzion whose son James may have been apprenticed 24/12/1651 to Thomas Welsche litster. Thomas may have been an apprentice litster in 1642, son of Walter Welsh of Fruid. Walter's likely other son George was a merchant, who married, in Edinburgh 2/10/1651, Janet Johnston; probably the same George Welsh, indweller, who was interred on 23/5/1692 in the Foulis tomb in Greyfriars churchyard; his widow was interred 17/1/1698 and his son Humphrey, born Edinburgh 1666, died 5/7/1684, was interred there 5/7/1684 in 'wast laig'.

W1/1 **Humphrey (Umphra) WELSH** married Elizabeth Glenn. Humphrey was a merchant and burgess in Linlithgow where the births of five children were recorded between 1652 and 1667. Recorded Deeds in 1675 (the grantee of a bond), 1692, 1695 and 1696 with his daughter Elizabeth and with W1/2 John and W1/3 Walter Welsh both at Nether Minzion in Tweedsmuir parish, Peeblesshire.

As Umphrae Welsh (Weallsh) he was recorded in West Lothian Hearth Tax 1695 when living in Linlithgow town; also in the Hearth Tax was Isabel Welsh in toune of Queensferry lp.

On 19/2/1704 Humphrey was entered in the Commissariat of Edinburgh with his deceased son-in-law James Urquhart, first husband of Elizabeth.

Children: W2/1 not known, W2/2 *James*, W2/3 *John*, W2/4 *Elizabeth*, W2/5 *Margrat*.

W1/2 **John WELSH** probably tenant farmer at Over Minzion in Tweedsmuir parish, Peeblesshire, where his two sons were baptized in 1667 and 1671. At Nether Minzion when he was recorded in a Deed in 1690s with W1/3 Walter Welsh also at Nether Minzion and with W1/1 Humphrey Welsh, merchant Linlithgow.

Children: W2/6 *John*, W2/7 *James*.

W1/3 **Walter WELSH** At Nether Minzion when he was recorded in a Deed in 1690s with W1/2 John Welsh also at Nether Minzion and with W1/1 Humphrey Welsh, merchant Linlithgow.

W1/1 Humphrey (Umphra) Welsh and Elizabeth Glenn's children:

W2/1 **not known WELSH** baptized in Linlithgow on 10/8/1652.

W2/2 **James WELSH** baptized in Linlithgow on 11/12/1654.

Children: W3/1 *Umphra*, W3/2 *John*, W3/3 *James*.

W2/3 **John WELSH** baptized in Linlithgow on 24/1/1658.

W2/4 **Elizabeth WELSH** baptized in Linlithgow on 25/12/1659. Elizabeth married 1st in Linlithgow on 29/12/1674 James Urquhart, merchant there. She was recorded in a Deed in 1690s with her father. She married 2nd in Linlithgow on 15/8/1703 John Bryce. On 19/2/1704 her husband was entered in the Commissariat of Edinburgh with her 1st husband.

Children of the 1st marriage: W3/4 *Elizabeth*, W3/5 *Janet (Jonet)*, W3/6 *Humphra*, W3/7 *Humphra*, W3/8 *Humphra*, W3/9 *George*, W3/10 *Isobell*, W3/11 *Jean*, W3/12 *John*, W3/13 *Robert*.

W2/5 **Margrat WELSH** baptized in Linlithgow on 5/3/1667.

W1/2 John Welsh's children:

W2/6 **John WELSH** baptized at Over Minzion in Tweedsmuir parish 27/6/1667, witnessed by James Welsh of Fruid. John farmed at Over Minzion, no doubt taking over from his father as the tenant farmer. He died on 16/4/1711, aged 44, and was buried in Tweedsmuir parish churchyard, Peeblesshire. His grandson, whose name was not recorded but who died on 29/ 11/1736, aged 8, was also buried there.

Children: W3/14 *John*, W3/15 *George*, W3/16 *Robert*.

W2/7 **James WELSH** baptized at Over Minzion, Tweedsmuir parish 27/8/1671. James graduated MA from Edinburgh University on 16/4/1700 and was licensed by the Church of Scotland Presbytery of Peebles on 22/10/1707. He was assistant minister at Tweedsmuir parish before being called to the parish as minister on 28/12/1720. James died 17/4/1755, aged 83. Unmarried.

W2/2 James Welsh's children:

W3/1 **Umphra WELSH** married 2nd in ?1730 Margaret Tweedie. She was probably born in c.1678 daughter of Alexander Tweedie (son of Alexander Tweedie of Wester Harestane of Chapel Kingledoors) and his wife (married Drumelzier in 1669) Marion Hunter, sister of Robert Hunter and of Margaret Hunter who married David Tweedie in 1659. Margaret, whose first husband was William Murray, was known as "The guid wife of Harestone". She died in 1772.

In the famous litigation about Polmood, Margaret Tweedie, 'the guid wife of Herstanes,' is referred to as the niece of Robert Hunter, the owner of the wonderful dog Algiers, and when Robert grew old she took care of him till his death. It may have been this Margaret who became the second wife of W3/1 Umphra Welsh in 1730.

Taylor claimed through an Isobel Hunter, a child of Robert Hunter - known as Uncle Robert - who was said to be a great-great-grandson of Robert Hunter of Polmood (who died in 1587). Uncle Robert was born in 1651, and married Mary, daughter of Mr. Patrick Fleming, minister of Stobo; he was tenant of Craig Kingledoors and Hearthstanes, but was turned out of these places because he refused to conform to prelacy. Afterwards in Stanhope for a time, he went to Abington, and spent his later years at Polmood and Hearthstane. His sister Margaret married David Tweedie of Chapel Kingledoors; and another of his sisters, Marion, married David

Tweedie's brother Alexander. His niece Margaret Tweedie occupied Hearthstane - the 'gudewife o' Herstanes' - and looked after him in his declining years; she was twice married, to a Murray and then to a Welsh.

Uncle Robert, it was claimed, was on intimate relations with the Polmood family. It was said that he prevented by force the laird from joining the Jacobite rising of 1715, and that on his death Lady Polmood 'made and helped on his dead clothes.' A wonderful dog belonged to him, called Algiers, who ran errands for his master even to Edinburgh and back, swam the Tweed and brought back tobacco from the Crook, and, when his master was at Woodend, went to Lamington, three miles away, for snuff, with the money tied in a napkin round his neck. From this remarkable animal a fleece was cut every year, sufficient to make a pair of stockings. Uncle Robert died at Hearthstane in 1733. His daughter Isobel married John Taylor, a miner - 'Old John' he was called, for it was said that he was 130 when he died.

Child from 1st marriage: W4/1 Alexander.

W3/2 **John WELSH** born c.1676. John married Jean Tweedie, most likely ET14/1 Jean who was baptized at Talla in Tweedsmuir parish on 21/11/1680, daughter of John Tweedie and his wife who may have been ET13/2 Elspeth Tweedie.

He was probably farming in West Linton parish, Peeblesshire from at least 1719 to 1721, when two of his children were baptized. As John Welsh senior, he witnessed the baptism of his great granddaughter T4/12 Mary Tweedie on 2/11/1762. At that time he was at Tweedhopefoot in Tweedsmuir and it was there that he and his wife both died, she on 23/4/1764, aged 84, and he a few months later on 11/10/1764, aged 88. They were buried in Tweedsmuir parish churchyard.

Children: W4/2 *Mary*, W4/3 *Janet*, W4/4 *John*, W4/5 *James*, W4/6 *Jane*.

W3/3 **James WALSH** baptized in Talla, Tweedsmuir 9/4/1682.

W2/4 Elizabeth Welsh and James Urquhart's children:

W3/4 **Elizabeth URQUHART** baptized Linlithgow 25/12/1676. Elizabeth may have married there, on 2/5/1697, Robert Darling.

W3/5 **Janet (Jonet) URQUHART** baptized Linlithgow 12/2/1678. Janet may have married there, on 8/2/1802, John Maitland.

W3/6 **Humphra URQUHART** baptized Linlithgow 29/1/1680.

W3/7 **Humphra URQUHART** baptized Linlithgow 7/2/1682.

W3/8 **Humphra URQUHART** baptized Linlithgow 27/10/1683.

W3/9 **George URQUHART** baptized Linlithgow 1/11/1684.

W3/10 **Isobell URQUHART** baptized Linlithgow 27/2/1687.

W3/11 **Jean URQUHART** baptized Linlithgow 15/5/1692.

W3/12 **John URQUHART** baptized Linlithgow 23/2/1696.

W3/13 **Robert URQUHART** baptized Linlithgow 2/6/1700.

W2/6 John Welsh's children:

W3/14 **John WELSH** born at Over Minzion, Tweedsmuir c.1703. When John was only about 8, his father died. Like his father, John too was the tenant farmer at Over Minzion.

He married, in Tweedsmuir parish on 28/4/1727, W4/2 Mary Welsh, daughter of W3/2 John Welsh senior of Tweedhopefoot and his wife Jean Tweedie.

John died in 1779, aged 76, and was buried in Newlands parish churchyard. It is not recorded when his wife Mary Welsh died.

Children: W4/7 *Marion*, W4/8 *Alexander*, W4/9 *Mary*, W4/10 *John*, W4/11 *Jean*, W4/12 *Margaret*, W4/13 *Alison*, W4/14 *Margaret (Pegi)*, W4/15 *Elizabeth*, W4/16 *James*, W4/17 *Isabell*.

W3/15 **George WELSH** born at Over Minzion c.1707. George was the tenant at Carterhope, Tweedsmuir. He married W4/3 Janet Welch who was born c.1710, perhaps the sister of W4/2 Mary who married George's elder brother John.

Janet died at Carterhope in February 1753, aged 43, and George in February 1771, aged 64. They were both buried in Tweedsmuir parish churchyard.

Children: W4/18 *John*, W4/19 *Jean*, W4/20 *James*, W4/21 *Robert*, W4/26 *Christian*, W4/27 *Mary*.

W3/16 **Robert WELSH** born Over Minzion c.1709. Robert was the tenant of Mossfennan at the south end of Glenholm parish, Peeblesshire. In 1752 he bought the two-story mansion and estate by the Tweed, including the lands of Logan, for £2,500 from Robert Laidlaw. The improvements he carried out were considered 'not less useful than ornamental'. The estate was inherited by his elder son.

He married Grizel Bumet, who died on 16/10/1744, aged 30. She was buried in Tweedsmuir parish churchyard.

In 1768 he was appointed a witness with others when James Dickson, a London merchant, was 'making trial of the quality of the ground' on his property in Broughton parish. Before 1768 the arable lands had been tilled on the 'runrig' or 'rundale' system, and pasture ground was used in common. Other witnesses appointed for 'making trial of the quality of the ground' were W4/1 Alexander Welsh tenant in Stanhope, Walter Simpson tenant in Easter Dawyck and William Laidlaw tenant in Nether Horsburgh. James also rebuilt the village 'after the English fashion' and was 'remarked by coach passengers for its neatness.'

Robert died on 29/8/1787, aged 78, and was buried beside his wife. Ann Burnet, died 24/3/1784 aged 68, was also recorded on the gravestone; she may have been his sister-in-law.

Children: W4/28 *John*, W4/29 *William*.

W3/1 Umphra Welsh and Margaret Tweedie's child:

W4/1 **Alexander WELSH** born c.1726. Alexander was tenant at Hearthstone, Tweedsmuir when he married, in Drumelzier parish 9/6/1750, ET15/7 Marion Tweedie. Born in 1729, she was the eldest daughter of ET14/4 Thomas Tweedie of Quarter and his wife Mary Stevenson. In the contract of marriage, dated 8th June 1750, between Alexander and Marion, the bride wrote her Christian name as "Marrion" and the bridegroom's father, Humphrey Welsh, signed his as "Umphra".

Alexander and his wife were in Drumelzier parish, probably at Patervan, on the Polmood lands, by the time their first child was born in 1751. He was tenant there and then at Stanhope in 1755 when he was a witness to the baptism of his wife's niece T4/1 Mary. In 1768, while tenant at Stanhope in Drumelzier parish, he was appointed a witness with W3/16 Robert Welsh and others when James Dickson, a London merchant, was 'making trial of the quality of the ground'. In 1778 he was at Wester Stanhope when an arbiter for T4/19 Alexander Tweedie.

It is not known when Alexander died but Marion died in 1809.

Children: W5/1 *Mary*, W5/2 *Margaret*, W5/3 *Christian*, W5/4 *Humphray (Umphry)*, W5/9 *Marion*, W5/10 *Ann (Anna)*, W5/11 *Caroline*.

W3/2 John Welsh and ET14/1 Jean Tweedie's children:

W4/2 **Mary WELSH** married W3/14 John Welsh, tenant farmer at Over Minzion, Tweedsmuir, who died in 1779, aged 76, and was buried in Newlands parish churchyard. It is not recorded when Mary died.

Children, following their father's generation sequence: W4/7 *Marion*, W4/8 *Alexander*, W4/9 *Mary*, W4/10 *John*, W4/11 *Jean*, W4/12 *Margaret (Pegi)*, W4/13 *Alison*, W4/14 *Elizabeth*, W4/15 *James*, W4/16 *Isabell*.

W4/3 **Janet WELSH** born c.1710. Janet married W3/15 George Welsh, tenant at Carterhope, Tweedsmuir. She died there in February 1753, aged 43, and her husband in February 1771, aged 64. They were both buried in Tweedsmuir parish churchyard.

Children, following their father's generation sequence: W4/17 *John*, W4/18 *Jean*, W4/19 *James*, W4/20 *Robert*, W4/21 *George*, W4/22 *Ann*, W4/23 *William*, W4/24 *David*, W4/25 *Christian*, W4/26 *Mary*.

W4/4 **John WELSH** possibly born in the parish in 1722. It may have been this John who married in Tweedsmuir parish 10/6/1753, T3/4 Margaret Tweedie who was born at Nether Minzion 17/2//1721 to T2/2 Alexander Tweedie and Alison Hope.

John may have succeeded his father as storemaster at Tweedhopefoot by 1766 when he witnessed the baptisms of T4/14 James Tweedie on 6/5/1766 and his nephew T4/23 John Tweedie on 28/8/1766.

W4/5 **James WELSH** baptized in West Linton parish, Peeblesshire June 1719.

W4/6 **Jane WELSH** baptized in West Linton parish 18/5/1721.

W3/14 John Welsh and W4/2 Mary Welsh's children:

W4/7 **Marion WELSH** baptized at Over Minzion, Tweedsmuir 19/8/1724.

W4/8 **Alexander WELSH** baptized at Over Minzion, Tweedsmuir 15/9/1726.

W4/9 **Mary WELSH** born at Over Minzion, Tweedsmuir 8/4/1727. Mary married, in Tweedsmuir parish on 2/2/1759, T3/9 James Tweedie. He was born at Nether Minzion in 1732 to T2/2 Alexander Tweedie and his wife Alison Hope.

Mary and her husband lived at Dreva until his death on 9/11/1777, aged 47. and hers on 6/1/1818, aged 90. They were both buried in Tweedsmuir parish churchyard.

Children, following their father's numbering sequence: T4/19 *Alexander*, T4/20 *Mary*, T4/21 *Grizzell*, T4/22 *Allison*, T4/23 *John*, T4/24 *Robert*.

W4/10 **John WELSH** born at Over Minzion, Tweedsmuir 1728.

W4/11 **Jean WELSH** baptized at Over Minzion, Tweedsmuir 14/7/1729. Jean married, in Tweedsmuir parish on 8/2/1751, William (Willie) Denholm.

W4/12 **Margaret WELSH** baptized at Over Minzion, Tweedsmuir 3/4/1729. Margaret died in 1731.

W4/13 **Alison WELSH** baptized at Over Minzion, Tweedsmuir 5/2/1731.

W4/14 **Margaret (Pegi) WELSH** baptized at Over Minzion, Tweedsmuir 20/2/1731. Pegi married, in Tweedsmuir parish on 5/8/1756, Walter Laidlaw. One of three surviving daughters of John Welsh, she was her father's heiress.

W4/15 **Elizabeth WELSH** baptized at Over Minzion, Tweedsmuir 13/11/1734, witnessed by James Welsh and Alexander Tweedie (probably T2/2). Elizabeth was probably one of John's three daughters who survived his death in 1779.

W4/16 **James WELSH** baptized at Over Minzion, Tweedsmuir 12/2/1736, witnessed by Alexander Tweedie (probably T2/2) and Robert Hope. James may have married, in Peebles parish 10/8/1759, Janet Grieve. They later moved to Kirkpatrick-Juxta parish in Dumfriesshire.

Children: W5/17 *John*, W5/18 *James*, W5/19 *Isabel*, W5/20 *Humphrey*.

W4 /17 **Isabell WELSH** baptized at Over Minzion, Tweedsmuir 24/5/1738; she was recorded as Isebell Wallsh. She was probably one of John's three daughters who survived his death in 1779.

W3/15 George Welsh and W4/3 Janet Welsh's children:

W4/18 **John WELSH** baptized possibly at Carterhope, Tweedsmuir 2/1/1735, witnessed by Robert and John Welsh, who were probably his father's brothers.

W4/19 **Jean WELSH** baptized possibly at Carterhope, Tweedsmuir 1/12/1736, witnessed by Robert and John Welsh, who were probably his father's brothers.

W4/20 **James WELSH** baptized possibly at Carterhope, Tweedsmuir 7/6/1737; he was recorded as Jamse Wallsh.

W4/21 **Robert WELSH** baptized possibly at Carterhope, Tweedsmuir 25/7/1739; his surname was recorded as Wallche. Robert was the tenant at Coich, and also, with his brother David, at Carterhope and Fingland where they were sub-tenants of the principal tenant Gilbert Chisholm in 1812 when the property was sold by John Kirton Anderson.

He married Margaret Scott, who was born c.1756.

Robert died on 26/3/181(3 or 8) and his widow on 20/12/1822, aged 66. They were both buried in Tweedsmuir parish churchyard.

W4/22 **George WELSH** baptized possibly at Carterhope, Tweedsmuir 15/9/1741; he was recorded as Gorgs Wallch. George died in April 1758, aged 17, and was buried in Tweedsmuir parish churchyard.

W4/23 **Ann WELSH** baptized possibly at Carterhope, Tweedsmuir 25/5/1742, witnessed by Robert and John Welsh, who were probably her father's brothers. Her surname was recorded as Wallch.

W4/24 **William WELSH** baptized possibly at Carterhope, Tweedsmuir 2/6/1743, witnessed by John Welsh, who was probably his father's brother, and James Welsh. He was recorded as Wallam Wallch. William was licensed by the Church of Scotland presbytery of Haddington in 1768, ordained as minister in Manor parish, Peeblesshire in 1775 and transferred to Drumelzier parish, Peeblesshire in 1787, later writing the parish's Statistical Account. He was one of those who signed the certificate when his cousin W4/28 John Welsh attested the worth of his Mossfennan lands in 1792.

He married 1st, in Manor parish on 21/6/1775, Marion Waugh, who died on 28/2/1780.

He married 2nd, on 16/2/1784, Sarah Ballantyne, who died on 8/4/1795.

He married 3rd, in Drumelzier parish on 15/10/1798, T4/11 Marion Tweedie. She was born at Nether Minzion, Tweedsmuir on 23/1/1759 to T3/8 John Tweedie and his wife ET15/8 Christian Tweedie.

William and Marion lived in Drumelzier parish until his death on 28/1/1806 and hers on 28/11/1837.

Children of 1st marriage: W5/21 *Janet*, W5/22 *Marion*.

Children of 2nd marriage: W5/23 *George*, W5/24 *Katherine (Catharine)*, W5/25 *John*, W5/26 *William*.

W4/25 **David WELSH** baptized possibly at Carterhope, Tweedsmuir 21/4/1745; his surname was recorded as Wallch. A sheep farmer, David was tenant of Braefoot in Moffat parish, Dumfriesshire but acquired Earlshaugh in Tweedsmuir from William Loch (who in 1775 had succeeded to the property from his father John Loch, writer in Edinburgh). In 1812 David and his brother Robert sub-let Carterhope and Fingland in Tweedsmuir from the principal tenant Gilbert Chisholm. In 1823 Earlshaugh was held jointly by David's sons George and James.

He married, in Drumelzier parish (or Moffat parish, Dumfriesshire) on 10/9/1779, W5/2 Margaret Welsh. She was born in Drumelzier parish on 2/7/1753 to W4/1 Alexander Welsh, tenant of Patervan, and his wife ET15/7 Marion Tweedie.

David's wife died in 180(7), aged 51, and David on 20/5/1825, aged 80. They were both buried in Tweedsmuir parish churchyard.

Children: W5/27 *Alexander*, W5/28 *George*, W5/29 *Robert*, W5/31 *David*.

W4/26 **Christian WELSH** baptized possibly at Carterhope, Tweedsmuir 17/2/1752, twin of Mary.

W4/27 **Mary WELSH** baptized possibly at Carterhope, Tweedsmuir 17/2/1752, twin of Christian.

W3/16 Robert Welsh and Grizel Burnet's children:

W4/28 **John WELSH** born probably at Mossfennan, Glenholm c.1740. John, who succeeded his father as owner of Mossfennan in 1787, attested the worth of the lands in 1792 which were stated to be worth between £140 and £150 per annum. The certificate was signed by his brother W4/29 William Welsh tenant in Cardon, T4/19 Alexander Tweedie tenant in Dreva, and his cousin W4/24 the Rev. William Welsh minister of Drumelzier. In the same year John purchased the superiority of Mossfennan, Logan and Chapelgill from Sir

James Naesmyth for £500. The superiority of Mossfennan and Logan was consolidated with the property by John, that of Chapelgill was also later extinguished. His property was inherited by his brother.

John died on 16/7/1797, aged 57, and was buried beside his parents in Tweedsmuir parish churchyard. Unmarried.

W4/29 **William WELSH** born probably at Mossfennan, Glenholm c.1741. William was tenant at Cardon in Glenholm. In 1792 he attested to the value of the lands at Mossfennan held by his brother W4/28 John, to whom he was heir in 1798 for the property of Mossfennan, Logan and Chapelgil, and which were in turn inherited by his eldest son.

He married, in c.1778, W5/3 Christian Welsh, who was born in Drumelzier parish on 26/11/1754 to W4/1 Alexander Welsh, tenant of Patervan, and his wife Marion Tweedie.

William and his wife lived at Mossfennan until her death on 23/7/1811 and his on 8/2/1823, aged 82. They were both buried in the Welsh family grave in Tweedsmuir parish churchyard.

Children: W5/32 *Grizel* Welsh, W5/33 *Ann* Welsh, W5/34 *Robert* Welsh, W5/35 *Alexander*, W5/40 *Caroline* .

W4/1 Alexander Welsh's children:

W5/1 **Mary WELSH** baptized probably at Patervan, Drumelzier 11/10/1751.

W5/2 **Margaret WELSH** baptized in Drumelzier parish 2/7/1753. Margaret married in Drumelzier parish on 10/9/1773, or in Moffat parish, Dumfriesshire, W4/24 David Welsh, son of W3/15 George Welsh and his wife W4/3 Janet Welsh.

Margaret died in c.1807 and her widower on 20/5/1825. They were both buried in Tweedsmuir parish churchyard.

Children, following their father's numbering sequence: W5/27 *Alexander*, W5/28 *George*, W5/29 *Robert*, W5/30 *James*, W5/31 *David*.

W5/3 **Christian WELSH** baptized in Drumelzier parish 26/11/1754. Christian married, in c.1778, W4/28 William Welsh, son of W3/16 Robert Welsh and Grizel Burnet, and one-time tenant at Cardon in Glenholm.

Christian and her family probably moved to Mossfennan in Glenholm parish in 1798 after her husband inherited the estate from his brother John. She died there on 23/7/1811 and her widower on 8/2/1823, aged 82. They were both buried in the Welsh family grave in Tweedsmuir parish churchyard.

Children, following their father's numbering sequence: W5/32 *Grisel*, W5/33 *Ann*, W5/34 *Robert*, W5/35 *Alexander*, W5/36 *Grisel (Grace)*, W5/37 *John*, W5/38 *William*, W5/39 *Christian*, W5/40 *Carolina*.

W5/4 **Humphray WELSH** baptized in Drumelzier parish 26/1/1757.

W5/5 **Mary WELSH** baptized in Drumelzier parish 19/6/1758. Mary married there on 31/5/1781 Walter Laidlaw.

W5/6 **Jean WELSH** baptized in Drumelzier parish 12/8/1760. W5 7 **Thomas WELSH** baptized in Drumelzier parish 4/1/1763.

W5/8 **Ann WELSH** baptized in Drumelzier parish 26/3/1764. Ann died by her sister Ann's birth in 1768.

W5/9 **Marion WELSH** baptized in Drumelzier parish 20/7/1766.

W5/10 **Ann WELSH** baptized in Drumelzier parish 8/12/1768. Anna married there, on 21/9/1790, T4/19 Alexander Tweedie, who was born at Nether Minzion, Tweedsmuir on 30/12/1759 to T3/9 James Tweedie and his wife W4/9 Mary Welsh. Alexander had moved with his family to Dreva in Stobo parish in the late 1760s when his father took over the tenancy of the farm there, which passed to him on his father's death in 1777.

Anna and her husband lived at Dreva until his death on 17/3/1811, aged 51, and hers on 2/11/1824, aged 55. They were both buried in Tweedsmuir parish churchyard.

Children, following on from their father's number sequence: T5/6 *Marion*, T5/7 *Mary*, T5/8 *James*, T5/9 *Alexander*, T5/10 *Alison*, T5/11 *Anne*, T5/12 *Margaret*, T5/13 *John*, T5/14 *Robert*, T5/15 *Christian*, T5/16 *Caroline*.

W5/11 **Caroline WELSH** baptized in Drumelzier parish 24/12/1772. Caroline married there on 27/3/1807 Rev James Somerville and was his 2nd wife; his 1st wife Margaret Moodie, whom he married in Symington, Lanarkshire 2/7/1799, died on 25/9/1801. He was born in Carstairs, Lanarkshire 9/12/1764 to James Somerville and his wife Rachel Lindsay (who married in Carstairs 7/10/1753), was ordained as a Church of Scotland minister at Symington in 1799, transferred to Drumelzier parish in 1810, was awarded DD in 1838 and joined the Free Church of Scotland in 1843.

Caroline died on 3/2/1840, aged 67, and her widower in Edinburgh 6/5/1844, aged 78. The family memorial stone is in Drumelzier parish churchyard.

Children: W6/1 *Alexander*, W6/2 *Marion*, W6/3 *James*, W6/4 *Rachel*, W6/5 *Robert*, W6/6 *David*.

W4/4 John Welsh and T3/4 Margaret Tweedie's children:

W5/12 **Alexander WELSH** baptized in Tweedsmuir parish 14/9/1754.

W5/13 **Jean WELSH** baptized in Tweedsmuir parish 23/11/1756.

W5/14 **Humphray WELSH** baptized in Tweedsmuir parish 29/9/1758; he was recorded as Humpray Walsh.

W5/15 **John WELSH** baptized in Tweedsmuir parish 26/6/1760; his surname was recorded as Walshe.

W5/16 **Alison WELSH** baptized in Tweedsmuir parish 1/1/1766.

W4/16 James Welsh and Janet Grieve's children:

W5/17 **John WELSH** baptized in Kirkpatrick Juxta parish, Dumfriesshire 7/9/1760.

W5/18 **James WELSH** baptized in Kirkpatrick Juxta parish 25/2/1762.

W5/19 **Isabel WELSH** baptized in Kirkpatrick Juxta parish 15/6/1765.

W5/20 *Humphrey WELSH* baptized in Kirkpatrick Juxta parish 29/6/1767.

W4/24 William Welsh and Marion Waugh's children:

W5/21 *Janet WELSH* born Manor parish, Peeblesshire 21/6/1776.

W5/22 *Marion WELSH* born Manor parish 6/6/1778. Marion may have married George Ballantyne, tenant of Mossilee, Galashiels, Selkirkshire. She died on 14/12/1834, aged 55, and he on 28/6/1836, aged 57. They were buried in Traquair parish churchyard.

Child: W6/7 Christian.

W4/24 William Welsh and Sarah Ballantyne's children:

W5/23 *George WELSH* born Manor parish 4/4/1785.

W5/24 *Katherine WELSH* born Manor parish 8/3/1787. Katherine married, in Moffat parish, Dumfriesshire on 30/12/18 10, James Tod of Raecleuch.

W5/25 *John WELSH* born in Drumelzier parish 26/2/1789.

W5/26 *William WELSH* born in Drumelzier parish 1/8/1792.

W4/25 David Welsh and W5/2 Margaret Welsh's children:

W5/27 *Alexander WELSH* tenant at Harestone, Peeblesshire. Alexander married Janet Ballantyne. He died at Gibraltar in 18(1 or 2)0. His widow died in Moffat, Dumfriesshire September 1850. The family memorial stone is in Tweedsmuir parish churchyard.

Children: W6/8 *Alexander*, W6/9 *Kathrine*, W6/10 *Robert*, W6/11 *Margaret*, W6/12 *George* Montgomery.

W5/28 *George WELSH* born c.1783. George was tenant at Braefoot, succeeding his father there. In 1823 he held Earlshaugh in Tweedsmuir, which his father had acquired, jointly with brother James to whom George later bequeathed his share. George died on 18/8/1827, aged 44, and was buried in Tweedsmuir parish churchyard. His second cousin T4/23 John Tweedie discharged a deed to his executors on 15/1/1828.

W5/29 *Robert WELSH* born c.1784. Robert died at Braefoot 10/4/1811, aged 27, and was buried in Tweedsmuir parish churchyard.

W5/30 *James WELSH* baptized in Moffat, Dumfriesshire 3/3/1791. James was the tenant at Corehead in Moffat parish. In 1823 he held, jointly with brother George, the property of Earlshaugh in Tweedsmuir, which their father had acquired. That year James granted a bond to Alexander Kettle WS for £2,000 which was assigned in 1825 to the children of his deceased second cousin W5/35 Alexander Welsh, tenant in Cardon. His brother George Welsh (who died in 1827) bequeathed his share of Earlshaugh to James, who had a charter of confirmation of the whole property from Andrew White of Drumelzier in 1833. In 1851 he was farming at Ericstane in Moffat parish.

He married, in Moffat parish 5/8/1819, Margaret Martin. She was born in c.1798 to Thomas Martin, farmer, and his wife Marion Blane.

James died at Ericstane 18/11/1856, aged 65, and was buried in Tweedsmuir parish churchyard. His trustees, in accordance with the directions of his settlement, conveyed the property to his eldest surviving son Thomas. His widow died at 3 East London Street, Edinburgh 1/4/1874 aged 76, when the informant was her son James, and was buried beside her husband.

Children: W6/13 *Robert*, W6/14 *Thomas*, W6/15 *Margaret*, W6/16 *David*, W6/17 *George*, W6/18 *Marion*, W6/19 *James*, W6/20 *John*, W6/21 *William* Martin, W6/22 *Margaret*, W6/23 *Catherine*.

W5/31 **David WELSH** baptized at Braefoot in Moffat, Dumfriesshire 11/12/1793, the youngest of twelve children. David was educated at the local parish school in Moffat then at the Royal High School in Edinburgh for a year before studying Latin, Greek, and then when fifteen, logic and philosophy at Edinburgh University. In 1811 he began to study theology and in May 1816 was licensed to preach by the Church of Scotland presbytery of Lochmaben in Dumfriesshire. His studies continued with geometry, algebra, natural philosophy and phrenology. He was ordained on 22/3/1821 at Crossmichael parish, Kirkcudbrightshire, transferred to St David's, Glasgow in 1827, and, resulting from "a memorial from a number of the Session of St David's parish in this city", was conferred DD by Glasgow University in 1831.

He married, in Barony parish, Glasgow 30/5/1830, Mary Hamilton, sister of William Hamilton, the Lord Provost.

David and his family lived in Melville Street, Edinburgh after he was appointed professor of ecclesiastical history at New College, Edinburgh University 1831-43. Chalmers described him as "a walking epitome of the University Library". In 1842 the Rev Dr Welsh was elected Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland but in 1843 led the Disruption [see P&E(D)].

David died suddenly at Camis Eskin on the Clyde at Helensburgh in Dunbartonshire 24/4/1845.

Children: W6/24 *David* James, W6/25 *John* Hamilton.

W4/29 William Welsh and W5/3 Christian Welsh's children:

W5/32 **Grizel WELSH** born in September 1778 and died on 11/10/1778, aged just 13 days. Grizel was buried in the Welsh family grave in Tweedsmuir parish churchyard.

W5/33 **Ann WELSH** born, perhaps in Manor parish, Peeblesshire, 25/2/1780. Ann died on 9/11/1806, aged 25, and was buried in Tweedsmuir parish churchyard.

W5/34 **Robert WELSH** born at Cardon in Glenholm parish, Peeblesshire and baptized there 4/10/1782. On his father's death in 1823, the lands at Mossfennan and Logan in Glenholm were conveyed on Robert. Following his brother Alexander's death in 1823, Robert took over as tenant at Cardon from 1824. He laid the foundation stone for the first church building of the United Free Church at Broughton on 19/7/1843. The following day saw the ordination of its first minister, his nephew W6/26 William Welsh, son of Alexander. A landed proprietor, freeholder at Mossfennan in 1851 and styled laird of Mossfennan, Robert died there on 26/6/1855, aged 72, and was buried in Tweedsmuir parish churchyard. Unmarried. The liferent of Mossfennan was conferred on his nephew William.

W5/35 **Alexander WELSH** baptized in Glenholm parish 19/12/1785. Alexander was the tenant at Cardon, Chapelgill and Glenkirk. He married T5/7 Mary Tweedie who was born at Dreva, 6/6/1793 to T4/19 Alexander Tweedie and his wife W5/10 Annie Welsh. His death at Cardon in 1823 and hers on 22/12/1824 left their three very young children orphaned, the eldest of whom was only four.

Children: W6/26 *William*, W6/27 *Anne*, W6/28 *Alexander*.

W5/36 **Grisel (Grace) WELSH** born at Cardon in Glenholm parish and baptized there 24/12/1787. Known as Grace, her town address may have been 139 George Street, Edinburgh. A gentlewoman, she lived with her brother Robert at Mossfennan until her death there on 13/3/1855, aged 67. Grace was buried in Tweedsmuir parish churchyard. Unmarried.

W5/37 **John WELSH** baptized in Glenholm parish 7/1/1789. John was apprenticed to T4/23 John Tweedie WS (brother-in-law of his aunt W5/10 Anne), admitted as a WS on 16/11/1812 and was Sheriff Clerk of Peeblesshire 1820-43. He died at Peebles 5/6/1843, aged 54, and was buried in Tweedsmuir parish churchyard where an obelisk was raised. Unmarried.

W5/38 **William WELSH** baptized in Glenholm parish 24/5/1791.

W5/39 **Christian WELSH** born probably at Mossfennan, Glenholm and baptized in the parish 23/2/1796. Christian died on 4/1/1812, aged 15, and was buried in Tweedsmuir parish churchyard.

W5/40 **Caroline WELSH** born probably at Mossfennan, Glenholm and baptized in the parish 9/10/1799. Carolina died on 30/6/1814, aged 14 years 8 months, and was buried in Tweedsmuir parish churchyard.

W5/11 Caroline Welsh and Rev James Somerville's children:

W6/1 **Alexander SOMERVILLE** born in Drumelzier parish 7/6/1808.

W6/2 **Marion SOMERVILLE** born in Drumelzier parish 29/3/1809.

W6/3 **James SOMERVILLE** born in Drumelzier parish 26/9/1810. James was a student of divinity. He died on 16/8/1832, aged 21, and was buried in Newington Green cemetery, Edinburgh. The family memorial stone is in Drumelzier parish churchyard.

W6/4 **Rachel SOMERVILLE** born in Drumelzier parish 3/3/1812.

W6/5 **Robert SOMERVILLE** born in Drumelzier parish 20/5/1814.

W6/6 **David SOMERVILLE** born in Drumelzier parish 30/3/1817. David was probationer assistant to his father. He died on 19/4/1843, aged 26. The family memorial stone is in Drumelzier parish churchyard.

W5/22 Marion Welsh and George Ballantyne's child:

W6/7 **Christian BALLANTYNE** born c.1808. She died 27/9/1841, aged 33, and was buried in Traquair parish churchyard with her parents.

W5/27 Alexander Welsh and Janet Ballantyne's children:

W6/8 **Alexander WELSH** baptized in Tweedsmuir parish 16/1/1802. Alexander died at Warrhambool, Victoria, Australia on 30/2/1858. The family memorial stone is in Tweedsmuir parish churchyard.

W6/9 **Kathrine WELSH** baptized in Tweedsmuir parish 15/8/1803. By 1827/28 Kathrine and sister Margaret may have moved into Edinburgh as milliner & dressmaker at No 14 then by 1833/34 at No 59 Queen Street. Perhaps after her sister's marriage in 1834 and certainly by 1838/39 Kathrine was a dressmaker and milliner at

17 Howe Street. In 1847 her father's second cousin T4/23 John Tweedie left her a legacy of £6 for mourning clothes. Kathrine died at 17 Howe Street 15/2/1856, aged 52. The family gravestone is in Tweedsmuir parish churchyard. Unmarried.

W6/10 **Robert WELSH** baptized in Tweedsmuir parish 24/3/1805.

W6/11 **Margaret WELSH** baptized in Tweedsmuir parish 14/3/1807. Margaret married, in Old Machar parish, Aberdeen on 7/12/1834, James Gordon, who was born in Aberdeen in c.1806. In 1881 she and her husband, a retired draper, were living at 38 Cuparstone, Old Machar, Aberdeen with a female servant.

They both died in Aberdeen in 1884. The Welsh family memorial stone is in Tweedsmuir parish churchyard.

W6/12 **George WELSH** baptized in Tweedsmuir parish 5/7/1808. George died in Dumfries July 18(33). The family gravestone is in Tweedsmuir parish churchyard.

W5/30 James Welsh and Margaret Martin's children:

W6/13 **Robert WELSH** baptized in Moffat parish, Dumfriesshire 7/8/1820. Robert died on 19/5/1844, aged 28, and was buried in Tweedsmuir parish churchyard.

W6/14 **Thomas WELSH** baptized in Moffat parish 31/3/1822. After his father's death in 1856, the trustees, in accordance with the directions of the settlement, conveyed Earlshaugh in Tweedsmuir to Thomas. In 1881 he was farming at Ericstane in Moffat parish and was also a proprietor and JP.

He married, in Moffat parish 20/10/1874, Jane Jardine Halliday; her sister Jessie later married his brother James. Jane was baptized in Moffat parish on 24/2/1850, daughter of James Halliday and his wife Jane Little who married in Moffat parish in 1849. In 1881 James Halliday was head of household at Meikleholmside in Moffat parish, where he farmed 800 acres, 100 arable, with his wife, visitors Margaret and Thomas Little and step-grandson W7/16 James Welsh, a female domestic servant and four farm servants. James Halliday was baptized in Torthorwald parish, Dumfriesshire, son of James Halliday and his wife Helen Wells who in 1881 was a widowed annuitant and head of household at Meikleholmside Cottage with her unmarried daughters, born Dalton parish, Dumfriesshire, Elizabeth, a dairymaid, baptized 23/12/1835, and Helen a general servant, born c.1841.

In 1881 Thomas was living at Ericstane with his wife and son Tom, and a nurse, housemaid, cook and groom, but died there just the next year on 13/12/1882, aged 60; the informant was his wife's relative John Little. Testate, he left £27,333-16/11 1/2d. Confirmation of his estate was granted at Dumfries to his executors- his brothers James and William, his wife's relative John Little Halliday of Keighley, Yorkshire (born c.1855, in 1881 was an unmarried wool manager boarding at 7 North Queen Street, Keighley, with Edmund Dickinson and his family), and Walter Johnstone farmer Whitfield, West Linton (born Moffat c.1843, in 1881 he was unmarried, farming at Nether Whitfield). Earlshaugh was held on behalf of Thomas' surviving son.

His widow died on 28/9/1912, aged 63, and was buried beside her husband in Tweedsmuir parish churchyard where there is a family memorial obelisk.

Children: W7/1 *James Robert*, W7/2 *Thomas*.

W6/15 **Margaret WELSH** born in Moffat parish 27/2/1824. Margaret died in 1833, aged 9, and was buried in buried Tweedsmuir parish churchyard.

W6/16 **David WELSH** baptized in Moffat parish 26/12/1825.

W6/17 **George WELSH** baptized in Moffat parish 28/3/1828. In 1881 George was farming at Gorrenberry, Castleton, Roxburghshire where he was employing 4 men, 3 women and 1 boy.

He married in Tweedsmuir parish, Peeblesshire 22/3/1853 Mary Martin. She was baptized there on 16/9/1831, daughter of John Martin and Margaret Hope.

George and his wife and family lived at one time in Largs, Ayrshire but by 1869 were in Castleton parish, Roxburghshire and in 1881 were there at Gorrenberry with a governess, housemaid, cook and general servant.

Children: W7/3 *John*, W7/4 *Margaret*, W7/5 *Robert*, W7/6 *Thomas*, W7/7 *George*, W7/8 *David*, W7/9 *William*, W7/10 *Charles*, W7/11 *Helen*, W7/12 *Alexander*, W7/13 *Marion (May)*, W7/14 *Walter Elliot*, W7/15 *Lawrence*.

W6/18 **Marion WELSH** baptized in Moffat parish 16/5/1830.

W6/19 **James WELSH** baptized in Moffat parish 9/8/1833. James was a nurseryman & seedsman with Dicksons & Co.

He married 1st Catherine Martin Darling Kirkwood.

He married 2nd Jessie Jardine Little Halliday; her sister Jane was the wife of his brother Thomas. Jessie was born in Kirkmahoe, Moffat parish 10/3/1856 to James Halliday, a farmer, and his wife Jane Little.

In 1874 while at 3 Forth Street, Edinburgh James was the informant of his mother's death. In 1881 James, his wife and their elder son were living at 15 Pilrig Street, Edinburgh with a general servant and a nurse.

In 1882, with brother William, he was an executor to the estate of their brother Thomas. James died at Ericstane 12/6/1885, aged 50 and was buried in Tweedsmuir parish churchyard where an obelisk commemorates James and his family. In 1891 confirmation of his son James's estate was granted to his widow, then living at Ericstane, and to others.

Child of 1st marriage: W7/16 *James Alexander*,

Children of 2nd marriage: W7/17 *William Halliday*, W7/18 *Thomas*.

W6/20 **John WELSH** baptized in Moffat parish 13/9/1835. In 1881 John was farming 1887 acres at Kirkton, Roxburghshire, of which 324 were arable, and employing 10 men, 3 women and 1 boy.

He married, in Gosford, Northumberland on 22/11/1866, Mary Sarah Kell. She was born in Pocklington, Yorkshire on 18/6/1842 to William Kell and his wife Jane Stephenson who married there on 21/6/1831.

In 1881 John was living at Kirkton with his wife and daughters and a governess, cook and housemaid.

Children: W7/19 *Mary*, W7/20 *Margaret Eliza*.

W6/21 **William WELSH** baptized in Moffat parish 21/6/1838. William married, in Liberton 1/6/1866, Helen Black who was born in Kintail, Ross & Cromarty c.1841.

In 1881 William, a nursery & seedsman, was living at 25 Pilrig Street, Edinburgh with his wife and family. In 1882, with brother James, he was an executor to the estate of their brother Thomas; in 1891, when a nursery & seedsman at Liberton Mains, he was granted confirmation with others of his nephew W7/16 James's estate and

in 1892 he was granted confirmation with others of his brother William's estate. In 1896 he was a farmer at South Mains, Liberton.

William died on 1/12/1899; confirmation of his estate was granted to his sons James and Robert and to his sister-in-law Mary Watson Black of Liberton Mains.

Children: W7/21 *James*, W7/22 *Robert*, W7/23 *Thomas*, W7/24 *William Ziegler*, W7/25 *Hugh*, W7/26 *Euphemia (Effie)*.

W6/22 **Margaret WELSH** baptized in Moffat parish 25/5/1840. In 1881 Margaret was living at 32 Valleyfield Street, Edinburgh, boarding with widow Mary Walker (born in St Cuthberts parish, Edinburgh c.1814) who let furnished apartments. Margaret died at Meikleholmside, Moffat 11/10/1891, aged 51, and was buried in Tweedsmuir parish churchyard, joined by her sister Catherine in 1907.

W6/23 **Catherine WELSH** baptized in Moffat parish 17/8/1842. Catherine died on 1/6/1907, aged 64; there is a memorial-stone in Tweedsmuir parish churchyard.

W5/31 David Welsh and Mary Hamilton's children:

W6/24 **David WELSH** born in St Cuthberts parish, Edinburgh 9/3/1832. David was educated at The Edinburgh Academy 1842-49 and lived with his family at 39 Melville Street, Edinburgh. He served as 2nd lieutenant in the Royal Artillery in Bengal in 1851, took part in the Indian military campaign and retired in 1883 as a major-general. David died in 1890.

W6/25 **John WELSH** born in St Cuthberts parish, Edinburgh 31/7/1833. John was educated at The Edinburgh Academy 1843-49. He lived with his family at 39 Melville Street, Edinburgh.

W5/35 Alexander Welsh and T5/7 Mary Tweedie's children:

W6/26 **William WELSH** born at Cardon in Glenholm parish, Peeblesshire and baptized 15/5/1820. William, the oldest of three children, was orphaned at the age of 4, when his widowed mother died in 1824. In 1823 his father's second cousin W5/30 James had granted a bond to Alexander Kettle WS for £2,000 which was assigned in 1825 to him and his sister and brother. In 1827 he was left a legacy of £1000 sterling payable over 5 years by his uncle T5/9 Alexander Tweedie. He was ordained the first United Free Church minister at Broughton on 16/10/1843, having been called there on 24/9/1843. The foundation stone for the church building was laid two months earlier on 19/7/1843 by his uncle W5/34 Robert Welsh of Mossfennan 'in presence of a great assemblage of people'. The congregation continued to meet in a barn at Rachan until the new church, built on the high road at Calzeat, a hundred yards south of the parish church, was opened later that year on 15th October by Dr Thomas Chalmers. William was conferred DD from Edinburgh University.

He married, in St Cuthbert's parish, Edinburgh on 22/3/1854, Christina Guthrie; the marriage was childless. She was born in Arbirlot parish, Angus on 29/5/1833 to Dr Thomas Guthrie [see P&E(G)] and his wife Ann Burns.

When William's uncle Robert Welsh died in 1856, William inherited a liferent from him of Mossfennan. He was living there when he responded on 10/11/1874 to an enquiry from his cousin T6/6 Alexander about a request from the Tweedsmuir parish minister to reduce the amount of soil above a family grave. William said that their uncle T5/13 John Tweedie [who died on 4/4/1826] "...lies under the stone and I distinctly remember that the grave was very very shallow. There was a mistake at his funeral. His body was first buried in Mr Murray's ground. When the error was found out orders were given to dig a grave under the stone. Mr Murray, my uncle and I were present at the removal and we were all struck when we went at the extreme shallowness of the grave".

In 1881 William and his wife were living at Mossfennan. In 1882 the estate comprised some 1509 acres with a value of £634. On his death in Edinburgh on 25/12/1892, aged 72, the liferent passed to his widow, who remained at Mossfennan. She was granted confirmation with others, namely William's cousin T6/6 Alexander Tweedie, farmer at Coats, his nephew T7/27 Alexander Welsh junior, farmer at Waughton, his third cousin W6/21 William Martin Welsh, farmer at Liberton, her brother Charles John Guthrie, advocate in Edinburgh (later Lord Guthrie, Senator of the College of Justice; see Glossary), and Laurence Anderson Guthrie, WS. She died at 1 Clifton Terrace, Edinburgh on 17/2/1895, aged 61. The liferent of Mossfennan passed on her death to William's brother Alexander.

W6/27 **Anne WELSH** born in Glenholm parish, and baptized 12/10/1821. Anne, the second of three children, was orphaned at the age of 3, when her widowed mother died in 1824. In 1823 her father's second cousin W5/30 James had granted a bond to Alexander Kettle WS for £2,000 which was assigned in 1825 to her and her brothers. In 1827 she was left a legacy of £1000 sterling payable over 5 years by her uncle T5/9 Alexander Tweedie. She died on 11/1/1833, aged just 11, and was buried in Tweedsmuir parish churchyard

W6/28 **Alexander WELSH** born in Glenholm parish 4/6/1823 and baptized 27/6/1823. Alexander, the youngest of three children, was orphaned at the age of 18 months, when his widowed mother died in 1824. In 1823 his father's second cousin W5/30 James had granted a bond to Alexander Kettle WS for £2,000 which was assigned in 1825 to him and his sister and brother. In 1827 he was left a legacy of £1000 sterling payable over 5 years by his uncle T5/9 Alexander Tweedie. Alexander later moved to East Lothian and farmed at Spott Mains Farm near Dunbar from about 1850.

He married, in Innerwick parish, East Lothian on 27/10/1864, Janet Elizabeth Thomson of Innerwick; his brother William officiated and a Waugh relative was a witness. Elizabeth was born in Edinburgh c.1836 to John Thomson, clerk to the police commissioners, and his wife Janet Thomson; an ancestor of hers was the poet James Thomson (1700-1748), author of *The Seasons* in 1730.

Shortly after his marriage Alexander took on the tenancy at Waughton in Prestonkirk parish (in whose churchyard members of the Tweedie and Porteous families were buried). The farm must have been prospering as in the 1871 Census he was employing not only a cook and a housemaid in the 9-windowed farmhouse, but also a nurse for his 4-month old baby son. Alexander and his wife were not at the farm in the 1881 Census but were staying in Edinburgh at 2 Hatton Place, the home of Henry W Dwight, a clerk in the Legacy Duty Office, and his wife Louise (both born in England c.1828). In the 1891 Census a cook and a housemaid were still employed. Also staying with the family then was Maria Guthrie, an unmarried relative of his brother's widow, aged 67 and with private means; born in Edinburgh 18/3/1824 to John Guthrie and Christian Thomson, in 1881 she had let apartments to students of the Arts at 32 South Clerk Street, Edinburgh.

When his brother William's widow died in 1895, Alexander inherited from her the liferent of Mossfennan in Glenholm parish. Both Alexander and his wife died there, he on 7/1/1901, aged 78, and his widow on 15/10/1913, aged 78. They were buried in Tweedsmuir parish churchyard. The property at Mossfennan passed to his son Alexander.

Children: W7/27 *Alexander* Welsh, W7/28 *John* William Welsh.

W6/14 Thomas Welsh and Jane Jardine Halliday's children:

W7/1 **James WELSH** born in Moffat 1876. James died at Silloth in Cumbria on 5/7/1877, aged 7 1/2 months, and was buried in Tweedsmuir parish churchyard.

W7/2 **Thomas WELSH** born in Moffat parish c.1879. In 1881 Tom was living at Ericstane, Moffat with his

parents. After his father's death in 1882, Earlsbaugh in Tweedsmuir was held on Thomas's behalf by trustees. Thomas was farming in Moffat parish at Braefoot and Ericstane in 1912. He fought in the First World War [the Great War] as captain in the 5th battalion of the King's Own Scottish Borderers, but was killed at Gallipoli 12/7/1915, aged 36, and was buried in Redoubt cemetery in Helles, Turkey. There is a family memorial obelisk in Tweedsmuir parish churchyard.

W6/17 George Welsh and Mary Martin's children:

W7/3 **John WELSH** born in Largs parish, Ayrshire 8/7/1855.

W7/4 **Margaret WELSH** born in Largs parish 5/1/1857.

W7/5 **Robert WELSH** born in Largs parish 30/6/1858.

W7/6 **Thomas WELSH** born in Largs parish on 24/1/1860. In 1881 Thomas was a licensed grocer, lodging at 5 Upper Grove Place, Edinburgh with John Millar, an organ builder & joiner.

W7/7 **George WELSH** born in Largs parish 26/4/1861.

W7/8 **David WELSH** born in Largs parish 7/6/1863.

W7/9 **William WELSH** born in Largs parish 15/12/1864. In 1881 William was living with his family at Gorrenberry, Castleton, Roxburghshire.

W7/10 **Charles WELSH** born in Largs parish 28/5/1866. In 1881 Charles was a scholar living with his family at Gorrenberry, Castleton, Roxburghshire.

W7/11 **Helen WELSH** born in Largs parish 10/3/1868.

W7/12 **Alexander WELSH** born in Castleton parish, Roxburghshire 13/6/1869. In 1881 Alexander, a scholar, was living there with his family at Gorrenberry.

W7/13 **Marion WELSH** born in Castleton parish 1/5/1871. In 1881 May, a scholar, was living there with her family at Gorrenberry.

W7/14 **Walter WELSH** born in Castleton parish 18/11/1873. In 1881 Walter, a scholar, was living there with his family at Gorrenberry.

W7/15 **Lawrence WELSH** born in Castleton parish 1876. In 1881 Lawrence, a scholar, was living there with his family at Gorrenberry.

W6/19 James Welsh and Catherine Martin Darling Kirkwood's children:

W7/16 **James WELSH** born in Edinburgh 10/1/1873. In 1881 James, a scholar, was visiting his stepmother's family at Meikleholmside in Moffat parish, Dumfriesshire.

Like his father, James was a nurseryman and seedsman at Liberton. He died at 15 Pilrig Street, Edinburgh 28/4/1891, aged 18. Intestate, he left £262-7s; confirmation was granted to his stepmother, his half-brothers William and Thomas, his uncle W6/21 William and to his half-brothers' tutors nominate John Little Halliday, Shipley, Yorkshire and Thomas Kerr WS Edinburgh.

W7/17 **William WELSH** born in St Andrews parish, Edinburgh 4/9/1879. In 1881 William was living at 15 Pilrig Street, Edinburgh with his parents. After their father's death in 1885 and their half-brother's death in 1891 confirmation was granted each time to him and his brother and to their tutors nominate, John Little Halliday of Shipley, Yorkshire (see entry for William's uncle W6/14 Thomas), and Thomas Kerr WS Edinburgh (born Yester parish, East Lothian 1849, in 1881 he was at 17 Rillbank Terrace, Edinburgh with his wife Jane, 4 children, a general servant and 2 nurses), and two others.

William was educated at Merchiston Castle, Edinburgh where he was a member of the the Cadet Corps 1894-99, in the 1st XV and XI and later played International Rugby for Scotland. He graduated MB. ChB in 1906 and MD (Gold medal) in 1910, served in the RAMC as lieutenant in October 1915, captain in 1916 and major in January 1918 and at the 21 st Stationary Hospital at Salonika in Greece, and was awarded the Greek Military Medal for merit.

A retired medical practitioner, William died at Comiston Kenilworth Road, Bridge of Allan, Stirlingshire 19/6/1972, aged 92; the informant was his cousin Robin W Welsh of 151 Mayfield Road, Edinburgh. He was buried in Tweedsmuir parish churchyard where there is a family memorial obelisk. Unmarried.

W7/18 **Thomas WELSH** born Edinburgh 188?. After their father's death in 1885 and their half-brother's death in 1891 confirmation was granted each time to him and his brother William and to their tutors nominate (see entry for William).

Thomas was killed at Arras in northern France 15/4/1917. There is a family memorial obelisk in Tweedsmuir parish churchyard.

W6/20 John Welsh and Mary Sarah Kell's children:

W7/19 **Mary WELSH** born in Kirkton parish, Roxburghshire 18/11/1867. In 1881 Mary, a scholar, was living there with her family.

W7/20 **Margaret WELSH** born in Kirkton parish 8/10/1872. In 1881 Margaret, a scholar, was living there with her family.

W6/21 William Martin Welsh and Helen Black's children:

W7/21 **James WELSH** born in Liberton parish 24/8/1867. In 1881 James, a scholar, was living with his family at 25 Pilrig Street; Edinburgh. He was granted confirmation, with his brother Robert and other relatives, of his father's estate on 25/12/1892, and, with his siblings, of their brother Thomas's estate in 1901. He was a nurseryman & seedsman with Dicksons & Co, Bracken Brae, Liberton from at least 1899 to 1912.

W7/22 **Robert WELSH** born in Edinburgh 2/10/1869. In 1881 Robert, a scholar, was living with his family at 25 Pilrig Street, Edinburgh. He was granted confirmation, with his brother James and other relatives, of his father's estate on 25/12/1892, and, with his siblings, of their brother Thomas's estate in 1901.

He farmed at Liberton from at least 1899 to 1912, and in 1901 was living there at East Mains Farmhouse in Dalkeith Road, where he was head of household, with his brother Hugh, sister Effie, unmarried aunt Mary Black retired school mistress (b Kintail, Ross & Cromarty c.1840, in 1881 she was a retired school mistress living at 19 Pilrig Street, Edinburgh with Marie Duplessis, a retired school mistress, a British subject born in Prussia c.1820) and two servants.

W7/23 **Thomas WELSH** born in Leith 17/5/1872. In 1881 Thomas, a scholar, was living with his family at 25 Pilrig Street, Edinburgh. He worked as a chemist in South Africa and died there at Beaufort West, Cape Colony on 30/6/1900. Confirmation of his estate was granted to his siblings in 1901.

W7/24 **William WELSH** born in Leith 24/2/1874. In 1881 William, a scholar, was living with his family at 25 Pilrig Street, Edinburgh. He was a nurseryman & seedsman at Liberton Mains in 1901 when granted confirmation with his siblings of their brother Thomas's estate.

William emigrated to Australia and when the First World War broke out joined the 24th Battalion of the Australian Infantry. He was a lance corporal when killed at Ypres in Belgium on 10/10/1917.

W7/25 **Hugh WELSH** born in South Leith 1876. In 1881 Hugh was living with his family at 25 Pilrig Street, Edinburgh. He was an assistant factor at Dalziel estate office, Motherwell, Lanarkshire in 1901 when granted confirmation with his siblings of their brother Thomas's estate. At the Census that year he was unmarried and living with his brother Robert in East Mains Farmhouse, Liberton.

W7/26 **Euphema (Effie) WELSH** born in Leith c.1878. In 1881 Effie was living with her family at 25 Pilrig Street, Edinburgh. She was at Liberton Mains. 1901 when granted confirmation with her brothers of their brother Thomas' estate. At the Census that year she was shown as a student and living with his brother Robert in East Mains Farmhouse, Liberton.

W6/28 Alexander Welsh and Janet Elizabeth Thomson's children:

W7/27 **Alexander WELSH** born at Waughton farmhouse, Prestonkirk, East Lothian 9/9/1868. Alexander worked as a clerk but by his uncle W6/3 William Welsh's death in 1892 was farming at Waughton. In 1895 he was a witness in Edinburgh at the marriage of his second cousin T7/7 Arthur Murray. In 1897 he took over the farming tenancy of Spittal, Longniddry, East Lothian from his second cousin T7/12 Archibald Todrick. When his father died in 1901, Alexander inherited the liferent of Mossfennan in Glenholm parish, Peeblesshire.

He married, at the Caledonian Hotel, Edinburgh on 29/4/1909, Barbara Constance Dale whose brother, John was a witness; Church of Scotland ministers from the parishes of Whitekirk in East Lothian and Broughton in Peeblesshire officiated. Barbara was born at Scoughall Farm, Whitekirk 8/9/1874 to Thomas Dale, the farmer there, and his wife Joanna Jessie Smith; they married in Edinburgh on 6/7/1871. Thomas Dale was born in Whitekirk parish on 22/9/1842 to John Robert Dale and his wife, Barbara Brockie; they married in Whitekirk parish on 6/8/1836. Joanna Jessie Smith was born in Kishnagur, India c.1851. In 1881 Thomas and Joanna were living at Scoughall Farm with their 4 daughters, all born in the parish, Agnes aged 8, Barbara, Johanna J. aged 4 and Lucy E. aged 2, a governess, cook and housemaid. Thomas was farming 300 acres, of which 275 were arable and was employing 9 men, 10 women, and 4 boys.

Alexander and his wife remained at Spittal until his death on 6/3/1957, aged 88, and hers on 16/1/1961, aged 87; her informant was her nephew Thomas Dale.

W7/28 **John WELSH** born at Waughton farmhouse, Prestonkirk 5/12/1870. John, a law apprentice in 1891, and a law clerk in 1901 living at Spittal Farm with his brother, later worked as a bookkeeper. He was a witness at his brother, Alexander's wedding in 1909. John died at Spittal 15/4/1945, aged 74. Unmarried.