

Winston Cochrane

From: Helen Holland [helenmholland@btinternet.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 11, 2012 4:32 PM
To: wwc4@fuse.net
Subject: Family History from Helen in Scotland

Hello Winston,

Received your Email today, and I have been looking at some of the records of your family tonight.

I looked up the Census for that family. You probably have all these records but thought I would send them anyway.

1841 Census - High Street, Lockerbie, Dumfriesshire - 6th June 1841

George Rae (50) clogger - born Dumfriesshire

Jean Rae (50) - born Dumfriesshire (Jean Tweedie)

Jean Rae (15) - born Dumfriesshire

ARCHIBALD Rae (15) stocking maker's apprentice - born Dumfriesshire

William Rae (14) - born Dumfriesshire

Marion Rae (12) - born Dumfriesshire

Eliza Rae (10) - born Dumfriesshire

George Rae (8) - born Dumfriesshire

Margaret Rae (2) - born Dumfriesshire

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1851 Census - Pleasance, Kirkmichael, Dumfriesshire - 30th March 1851

Jane Rae (58) head, formerly housekeeper, widow - born Lochmaben, Dumfries

John Rae (30) son, joiner, unmarried - born Dryfesdale, Dumfries

Jane Rae (26) daughter, married, dressmaker - born Dryfesdale, Dumfries

ARCHIBALD C Rae (23) son, joiner, unmarried - born Dryfesdale, Dumfries

Marrin (Mary Ann) Rae (19) daughter, at home, unmarried - born Dryfesdale, Dumfries

George Rae (17) son, joiner, unmarried - born Dryfesdale, Dumfries

Margaret Rae (11) daughter, scholar - born Dryfesdale, Dumfries

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1861 Census - couldn't find so far.

1871 Census - Whitecroft Porter Lodge, Dalton, Dumfries - 2nd April 1871

Agnes Gourley (70) head, lodge keeper - born Crossmichael, Kirkcudbright

Archibald Rae (38) son-in-law, carpenter - born Dryfesdale, Dumfries

Elizabeth Rae (29) daughter - born England

JAMES G RAE (7) grandson, scholar - born Dalton, Dumfries

Mary Jane Rae (1) granddaughter - born Dalton, Dumfries

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1881 Census - Castlehill Cottage, Lochmaben, Dumfries - 3rd April 1881

Archibald Rae (49) head, married, carpenter - born Lockerbie, Dumfries

Elizabeth Rae (40) wife, married - born England

JAMES G RAE (17) son, carpenter's apprentice, unmarried - born Dalton, Dumfries

Mary J Rae (11) daughter, scholar - born Dalton, Dumfries

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James G Rae went to USA.

1891 Census - Castlehill Cottage, Lochmaben, Dumfries - 5th April 1891

Archibald Rae (58) head, joiner - born Lockerbie, Dumfries

Elizabeth Rae (50) wife - born Staffordshire, England

Mary J Rae (21) daughter - born Dalton, Dumfries

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I have identified James G Rae in the American Census, but I don't have a subscription to look at the Emigration Records from Scotland to the USA. I have looked at some of them in the past and very often the name of the 'Receiving Person' is listed on these records. You mentioned a relative John Is there any chance that his name and address in the States was given when James Rae entered the US?

Unless you have Surnames it is going to be very difficult to identify who that John was for sure.

I have Tweedie ancestry from Mouswald, but I looked through all my files tonight and can't see anything which links into the name Bell.

Have you any Surnames mentioned in the diary kept by James Gourley Rae?

You would possibly have to go further back in the Rae Family, or maybe the Tweedie family to try and see if anybody there was married to a Bell. George Rae was dead before the 1851 Census as you will see from the above records, so it will be difficult to find out exactly who he was (unless you have some records). I don't have information on Jane Tweedie's family in Lochmaben, but I have another friend who is interested in Tweedies so I will see if he has any more information on that family. Do you know if her parents John Tweedie and May Johnston?

Have spent a wee while trying to see what I could find tonight, but not really much further forward. Maybe once your details are into the Family History Magazine someone will come up with some more information.

Please let me have any other thoughts you have on the family and I will try and help.

Kind Regards, Helen.

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From: Helen Holland [helenmholland@btinternet.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 12, 2012 4:38 AM
To: WinstonCochrane
Subject: Cousins called John

Hello Winston,

Thanks for your letter received this morning. Over the years as I have been researching I just take the Family Search Records as a guide. Many people have entered their own information into Family Search and I have found it to be incorrect in some instances. Their new Site is better once you find your way around it.

The ages in the Census Records are sometimes inaccurate, so it can be difficult. I use them as a guide.

However, I think you can find leads via the Census, and this morning I have found the Census for Jane Tweedie in 1861 and 1871 so I will pass that on to you.

1861 Census - High Street, Lochmaben, Dumfriesshire - 7th April 1861

Jane Rae (66) head, grocer - born Lochmaben, Dumfries

John Rae (37) son, joiner - born Dryfesdale, Dumfries

Jane Rae (34) daughter, mason's wife - born Dryfesdale, Dumfries

Mary Rae (32) daughter - born Dryfesdale, Dumfries

Archibald Rae (30) son, joiner - born Dryfesdale, Dumfries

Margaret T Rae (19) daughter - born Dryfesdale, Dumfries

John Williamson (12) grandson - born England

John Brockie (2) grandson - born Lochmaben, Dumfries

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1871 Census - Blacknowe, Lochmaben, Dumfries

Jane Rae (78) head, grocer - born Lochmaben, Dumfries

John Rae (47) son, carpenter, unemployed - born Dryfesdale, Dumfries

Mary Rae (45) daughter - born Dryfesdale, Dumfries

John Brockie (11) grandson, scholar - born Lochmaben, Dumfries

Jane Brockie (5) grand-daughter - born Lochmaben, Dumfries

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I have Archibald Rae born in 1824, but in the Census he is listed as age 30. Sometimes the enumerator rounded off the ages within 5 years, so I take it he was born in 1824.

However, the interesting thing about the 1861 Census is that Jane Rae (ms Tweedie) has two grandsons living with her named JOHN. **John Williamson (12) grandson, born in England, and also John Brockie (2) grandson, born in Lochmaben. These two grandsons would older cousins to James Gourley Rae.**

I can't identify who John William is as I can't find a birth for him in England.

John Brockie (2) is the son of **George Brockie married to Mary Ann (Marion) Rae.** They were married at Lochmaben on 25th June 1858. There are other children of this marriage – John Brockie, George Rae Brockie, Mary Brockie, Jane Brockie, and Margaret Brockie, and Grace Brockie.

This family moved to Lanarkshire, Scotland by the time of the 1881 Census.

1881 Census - 19 Carlisle Road, Bellside, Shotts, Lanarkshire -3rd May 1881

George Brockie (43) head, married, joiner - born Lochmaben, Dumfries

Marion Brockie (44) wife, married -born Dryfesdale, Dumfries

Margaret Brockie (12) daughter, scholar - born Lochmaben, Dumfries

Grace Brockie (9) daughter, scholar - born Lochmaben, Dumfries

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I can't locate John Williamson or John Brockie, cousins to James Gourlay Rae in the 1881 Census in the South of Scotland in the 1881 Census.

I don't know whether either of them moved away from Scotland, but maybe that is something you could investigate.

You could also try and locate them in the 1891, 1901, and now the 1911 Census available via Scotlands People Web Site.

Do you have Christian Names of any other cousins from the diary?

Hope the above information is of some help.

Busy day ahead. Bill is already away out this morning. Take care. Kind Regards, Helen.

If you try the new Site of Family Search you can access the basic Census Records for the US and there is a John Williamson there but don't know if he is your John Williamson. It is a possible lead. H