

PART 1: THE MATERNAL ANCESTORS OF JAMES REID

CHAPTER 3: GRANDFATHER OF JAMES REID

RICHARD REID

One of the most important people in James Reid's life was Richard Reid, his maternal grandfather (his mother's father).

Sometime between 1787 and 1801, Archibald and Mary Reid moved to Warren, Down, Northern Ireland. There they had Richard Reid in 1801.

The numbers of poor and homeless people in Ireland had grown and there were many protests at this time. The land was more valuable for grazing than for renting to tenants and this caused evictions.

There are some records on Ancestry that show Richard who married Margaret McEwan was from Monkland, Lanarkshire but these are incorrect. The Richard Reid from Monkland was not married to Margaret McEwan. The records have been mixed up. Their children have similar names but different birthdates. It is necessary to start with James Reid in Wigtonshire and work backward to find which father is his.

Richard was also not born in Culcross, Perthshire. This is yet another Richard Reid. Richard, himself, one time said he was born in Scotland (in the 1880 Census) but in earlier documents he identifies his birthplace as Ireland. Families went back and forth between Ireland and Scotland so often (driven by crop failure) that they may have not seen the name of the area as that important.

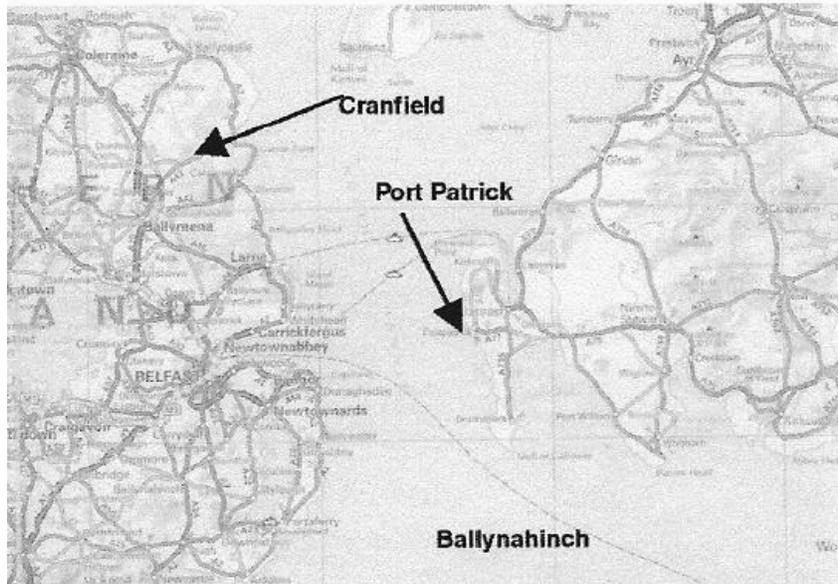


At Cranfield

Richard Reid was born in Cranfield, Antrim, Ireland, on June 1, 1801. This year is very consistent with the information he provided to the census takers. In the 1841 Census, Richard stated he was 39; in 1851, 50; in 1861, 60; in 1880.

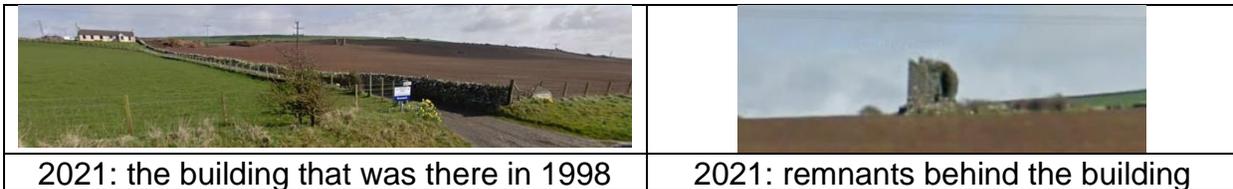
At Glen Luce and Broompark

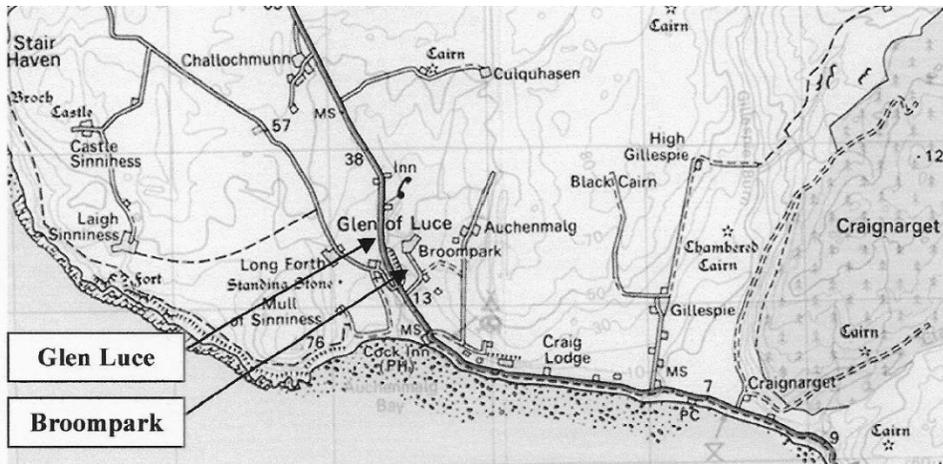
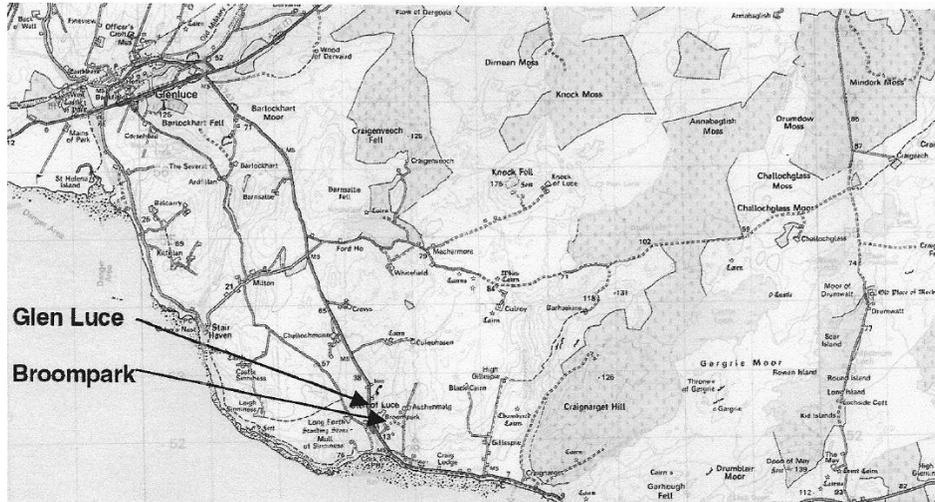
Richard Reid left Ireland and settled in Wigtonshire, Scotland, sometime before 1822. He entered Scotland at Port Patrick. It is 20 miles from Ireland to Port Patrick. From there he headed to Old Luce, 15 miles to the east. It is not know if his parents remained in Ireland.



Richard settled in Broompark, about 3 miles south of Glen Luce. Broompark was a very small area and lied 114-mile north of the Luce Bay at the Auchenmalg Bay port. The nearest town was Glen Luce.

In 1998, there was one house at Broompark and one small site with remnants of a stone building. The sign of "Broompark" laid directly in front of the property. Sheep graze in the fields at Broompark. In 2021, the house remains, with a sign that shows this is now a cheese production company. There are many other home that are in this area now. Road A747.

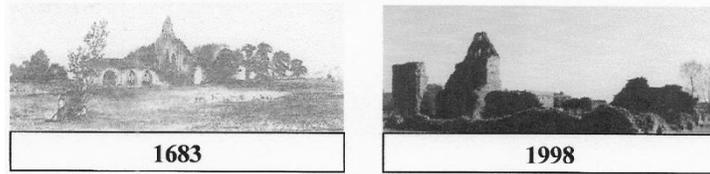




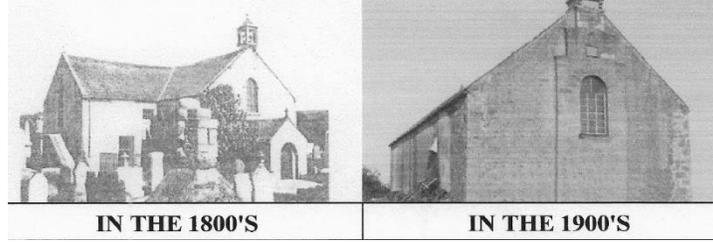
As early as 1822, Richard was in the Old Luce Parish. He would have been 21 in 1822. Old Luce, also known as Glen Luce, lies on the east bank of the Water of Luce and is surrounded by wooded countryside. The Parishes of Old Luce and New Luce were originally one parish called Glen Luce. Glen Luce is about 15 miles from Wigtown.

Monks founded the Abbey of Glen Luce in 1190. It lies one mile north of the village of Glen Luce. The Abby remains today but in a deteriorated state. The church at Old Luce was established 1637, replaced in 1814 and began keeping records in 1731. There were also two chapels that belonged to the church.

Glen Luce Abby Ruins



Glen Luce Parish Church



Glen Luce

