

PART 1: THE MATERNAL ANCESTORS OF JAMES REID

CHAPTER 4: GRANDMOTHER - MARGARET MCEWEN

At Penningham

The future Mrs. Richard Reid, Margaret Herron McEwen, was born and raised at Penningham, which lies north east of Broom Park.

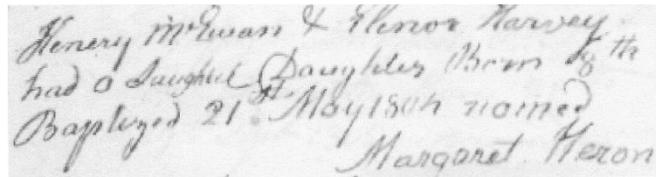
Margaret's parents were Henry M. McEwan and Ellen Harvey. (Some Ancestral File information erroneously indicates the name as "Carvey"). Henry McEwen was born circa 1779 and Ellen Harvey was born circa 1783. Both were born in Penningham and they raised at least three daughters there: Elizabeth (1802), Margaret (1804), and Elenor (1805).

HENRY MCEWEN + ELLEN HARVEY

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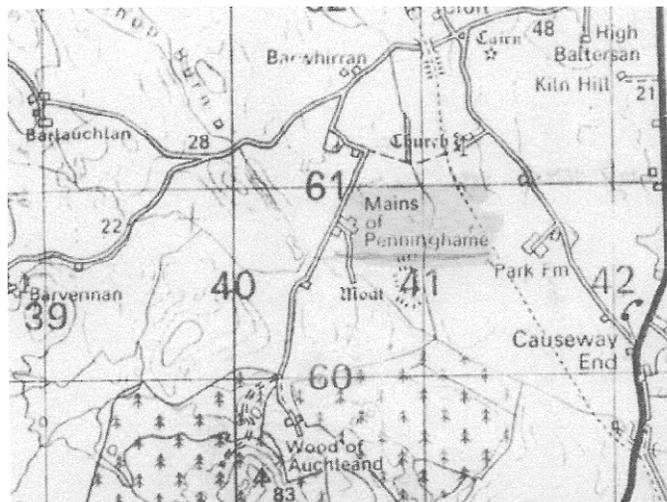
MARGARET MCEWEN (1804)

Margaret Heron McEwan was baptized on May 21, 1804. (The Ancestral File indicates the birth date as 1805). Margaret indicated she was 35 in 1841, 44 in 1851, 55 in 1861, and 74 in 1880.

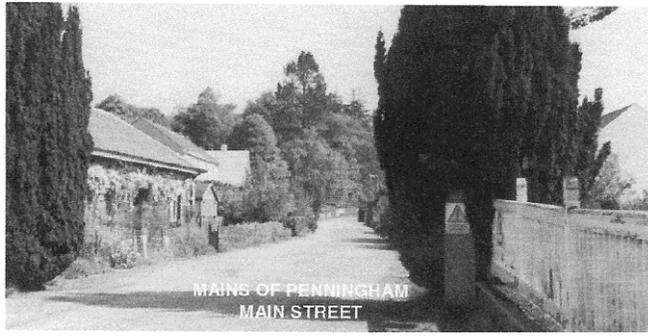


Henry McEwan & Ellen Harvey
had a lawful Daughter born to the
Baptized 21 May 1804 named
Margaret Heron

Baptismal Certificate of Margaret McEwan



The McEwen family lived in the Mains of Penningham situated 3 miles north of TorhouseMuir and 18 miles north of Wigtown. There was a small street with only a handful of cottages. Penningham House, the mansion of the Penningham area, lies six miles north of the Mains of Penningham.

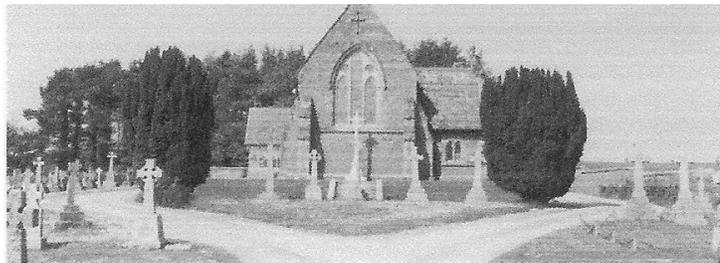


The mansion was converted to a prison in 1952.



Mains of Penningham Estate
Castle Stewart with its 16th century tower is nearby.

Prior to 1777, the ecclesiastical center of the parish was in Penningham. Then in 1777, the church was built in Newton Stewart. In 1841, the Parish of St. John's was built in Penningham.



Abby at Penningham



This is Clachan where the McEwen family went to church.



This was the main house in Penningham today where the landlord gave tenants acreage to maintain. The family grew up in this area. This might be the same land as the Clachan building or nearby.

At Craighlaw

Prior to 1822, Margaret moved from Penningham to Craighlaw, Kirk Owen (also known as Kirkcoven), Wigtonshire. Craighlaw is a small piece of property situated 1.5 miles west of Kirkcoven. Craighlaw is a peaceful and beautiful land with a fairy tale look. There is a loch surrounded by trees and flowers and a footbridge crossing the creek that leads into the lock. A castle-like estate is situated near the loch. The tower was built in the 16th century. Margaret lived in this scenic area for a time and was married here.

