

# PART 1: THE MATERNAL ANCESTORS OF JAMES REID

## CHAPTER 5: GRANDPARENTS – RICHARD AND MARGARET REID

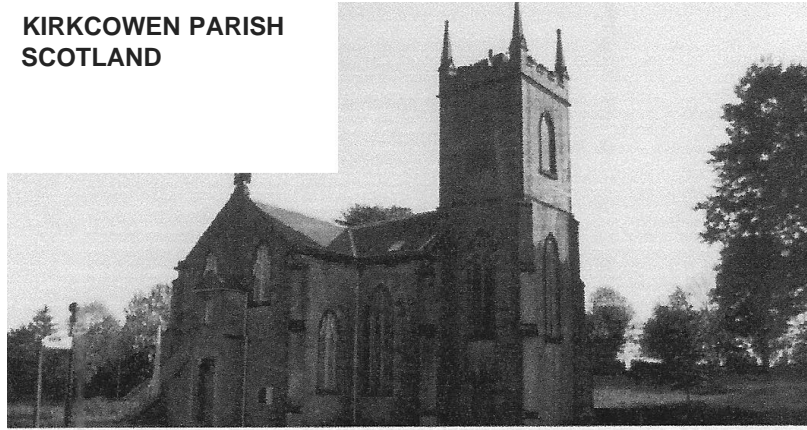
### 1822 Old Luce

December 9, 1822, Richard Reid and Margaret McEwen were married in Kirkcowen Parish. There was a simple chapel there.

Name	Richard Reid
Gender	Male
Marriage Date	09 Dec 1822
Marriage Place	Old Luce,Wigtown,Scotland
Spouse	Margret Mcewen
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The marriage was proclaimed there and later registered in the Glen Luce Parish. Their certificate reads:

*"Richard Reid in Broom Park and Margret McEwan, Daughter to Henry McEwan in Craighlaw Kirkcowen were legally proclaimed before this congregation in order to marriage and no objections being made to the contrary, the vows according married at Craighlaw by Doctor Stewart the ninth December eighteen hundred and twenty two."*

Marriages continued 1822  
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Marriage Certificate for Richard and Margaret Reid

## At Glen Luce and Broompark

Following their marriage, Richard and Margaret returned to the Glen Luce and Broompark areas. There were several children born to Richard and Margaret and the christenings took place at the Glen Luce Parish. The population of Glen Luce at that time was about 2200.

1823 September 25, Agnes Reid born in Glen Luce.<sup>2</sup>

1823 October 22, Agnes Reid baptized in Old Luce.<sup>3</sup>

Name:	Agnes Reid
Gender:	Female
Birth Date:	25 Sep 1823
Baptism Date:	6 Oct 1823
Baptism Place:	, Old Luce, Wigtown, Scotland
Father:	<a href="#">Richard Reid</a>
Mother:	<a href="#">Margaret Mcewen</a>
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1825 Mary Reid is born in Glen Luce.<sup>4</sup>

1825 May 3 Mary Reid is baptized in Old Luce.

Name:	Mary Reid
Gender:	Female
Baptism Date:	3 May 1825
Baptism Place:	, Old Luce, Wigtown, Scotland
Father:	<a href="#">Richard Reid</a>
Mother:	<a href="#">Margret Mcewen</a>
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Helen Reid is shown in Ancestry.com as being the child of Richard and Margaret Reid and born in 1827 in Old Luce. There is such a person but she is not a part of our Richard Reid's family. The Helen that is attached incorrectly was born to James and Agnes Reed who were from parish 899 in 1841 and not 901 and not from TorhouseMuir. That family is likely related but not directly related to James Reid.

Notice there are two Agnes Reids. One born in 1825 and one was born in 1820 and living as a servant elsewhere in 1841. These two Agnes' get mixed up in the Ancestral records because it was assumed the names referred to the same person.

1831 October 1 Margaret Reid born.

1831 October 17 Margaret Reid baptized inn Old Luce.

Name:	Margaret Reid
Gender:	Female
Baptism Date:	17 Oct 1831
Baptism Place:	, Old Luce, Wigtown, Scotland
Father:	<a href="#">Richard Reid</a>
Mother:	<a href="#">Margaret Mcewen</a>
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In 1840, they had Jane Alexander, born in Kirkinner<sup>7</sup>.

### At TorhouseMuir

The earliest recorded document of Reids in Torhouse Muir is Elizabeth Reid, born 1771 (with an unknown maiden name) at Torhouse Muir. She married 27 March 1804 and died 1842. This may mean that there were Reids at Torhouse Muir in the 1700's and Richard and his wife moved here to work because family members were also there. Or it could be that there were just other families with the name Reid. But we do know they settled in Wigtonshire and at Torhouse Muir. The parishes that they spent their time in were Kirkinner and Old Luce. This Elizabeth is found in the 1841 census living in Kincardineshire, Scotland with husband John and son David.

In his autobiography, James Reid stated that he was born at Torrace Moore in 1853. TorhouseMuir was, and still is, a specific piece of property in Wigtonshire, Scotland. It has a long history and the Reid family was a part of that history.

They lived in a crofter home. There are a few of these still standing on TorhouseMuir property:



Detailed info on TorhouseMuir is in its own chapter.

### Census of 1841

The first census was taken in 1841 and helps us determine the families. This gives us our first list of Reids. The Reids belonged to parish 901, occupying 5 different "homes" next to each other. It is not possible to know what "homes" consisted of. But by using the numbers from the census we can assume that they are living next to each other.

They are grouped as follows:

Name	Birth	Birthplace	age	Relation	Parish
James Reid	~1769	Scotland	72		Wigtown
Jane Reid	~1777	Wigtownshire	65		Wigtown

Mary Reid		~1786	Wigtownshire	55	Wigtown
Robert Reid		~1816	Wigtownshire	25	Wigtown
Catherine Reid		~1816	Wigtownshire	25	Wigtown
George Reid		~1791	Ireland	50	Wigtown
Elisabeth Reid		~1791	Wigtownshire	50	Wigtown
John Reid		~1832	Wigtownshire	9	Wigtown
Elisabeth Reid		~1834	Wigtownshire	7	Wigtown
Archibald Reid		~1801	Ireland	40	Wigtown
Richard Reid		~1802	Ireland	39	Wigtown
Margaret Reid		~1806	Wigtownshire	35	Wigtown
Agnes Reid		~1824	Wigtownshire	17	Wigtown
Mary Reid		~1825	Wigtownshire	16	Wigtown
Margaret Reid		~1832	Wigtownshire	9	Wigtown
Agnes Reid	Servant with Hamilton Family	~1820	Wigtownshire	21	Wigtown
James Reid	boarder North Side Of High St	~1828	Scotland	13	Wigtown
George Reid	boarder with Allison Family	~1831	Wigtownshire	10	Wigtown

1841 The Reid family is intact at TorhouseMuir, Wigtonshire. House #11:

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Richard Reid</b>
<b>Age:</b>	39
<b>Estimated Birth Year:</b>	~ 1802
<b>Gender:</b>	Male
<b>Where born:</b>	Ireland
<b>Civil Parish:</b>	Wigtown
<b>County:</b>	Wigtownshire
<b>Occupation:</b>	Farmer
<b>Parish Number:</b>	901
<b>Household Members:</b>	
<b>Name</b>	<b>Age</b>
<b>Richard Reid</b>	39
<b>Margaret Reid</b>	35
<b>Agnes Reid</b>	17
<b>Mary Reid</b>	16
<b>Margaret Reid</b>	9

Archibald Reid was the name of Richard's father and there is an Archibald Reid living next to Richard but is not in the same household and could not be his father based on his birth year.

## Census of 1851

Richard Reid and his family are still living at TorhouseMuir, still in parish 901, and in house #11:

Richard Reid	abt 1801	Down Warrane, Ireland	Head	Wigtown	Wigtownshire	50
Margaret Reid	abt 1807	Pennigham, Wigtownshire	Wife	Wigtown	Wigtownshire	44
Margaret Reid	abt 1832	Glenluce, Wigtownshire	Daughter	Wigtown	Wigtownshire	19
Mary Reid	abt 1827	Glenluce, Wigtownshire	Daughter	Wigtown	Wigtownshire	24

Richard and his wife remained with two daughters, Margaret and Mary. Margaret and Mary had become seamstresses. This was important because a lot of linen and cotton products were being sent to America. Agnes Reid, the eldest daughter, is not listed.

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<sup>1</sup> FHL Film Number1068039, 0102353

<sup>2</sup> LDS, Ancestral File, Agnes Reid, christening October 6, 1823, Old Luce, Wigtown, Scotland.

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<sup>4</sup> LDS, Ancestral File, Mary Reid, christening May 3, 1825, Old Luce, Wigtown, Scotland.

<sup>5</sup> FHL Film Number1068039Reference ID2:18GKJKM

<sup>6</sup> FHL Film Number1068039Reference ID2:18GKXS5

<sup>7</sup>1851 Census, Scotland, Wigtonshire County, Kirkinner Parish, Manse building, and 1861 CENSUS, Scotland, Wigtonshire County, Kirkinner Parish, Manse building.