

PART 2: THE PATERNAL ANCESTORS OF JAMES REID

CHAPTER 1: GREAT-GREAT-GRANDPARENTS

JAMES McWHAN 1730- MARGARET AGNEW 1734-

Grandfather: James McWhan 1730–Unknown¹

B: 1730 • Kirkcudbrightshire, Scotland
D: Wigtown, Scotland

Grandmother: Margaret Agnew 1734–Unknown²


B: 1734 • Kirkmaiden, Wigtownshire, Scotland
M: 29 Jul 1764 • Stranraer, Wigtown, Scotland

Margaret Murdock


Some ancestors from the Whan (McWhan) family believe that James (1730) was married to a Margaret Murdoch but there is no document to confirm this. Murdoch was from Edinburgh which is very far away and would have been an unlikely match except that she died in Wigton. The Murdock family were from Penningham, near Torhouse Muir. Another Murdoch family was from Edinburgh. Margaret may have been a second wife or not even related. But ancestors have put both Agnes and Margaret as his wife. The information about the birth and death of this Margaret Murdoch may not be valid.

Marriage Margaret Euphemia Murdoch 1725–unknown





B: 12 Feb 1725 • Edinburgh, Scotland D: Unknown Wigtown, Scotland

 **James Mcwhan**
Deceased • KH2W-1H1

No Marriage Events

 **Margaret Murdock**
1725–Deceased • 9QP5-FBV

^ Children (4)

-  **Elizabeth Mcwhan**
1747–Deceased • 9S1M-9C6
-  **Margaret Mcwhan**
1750–Deceased • 9S1M-KQC
-  **John Mcwhan**
1752–Deceased • 9S19-FX1
-  **James Mcwhan**
Deceased • K827-3RH

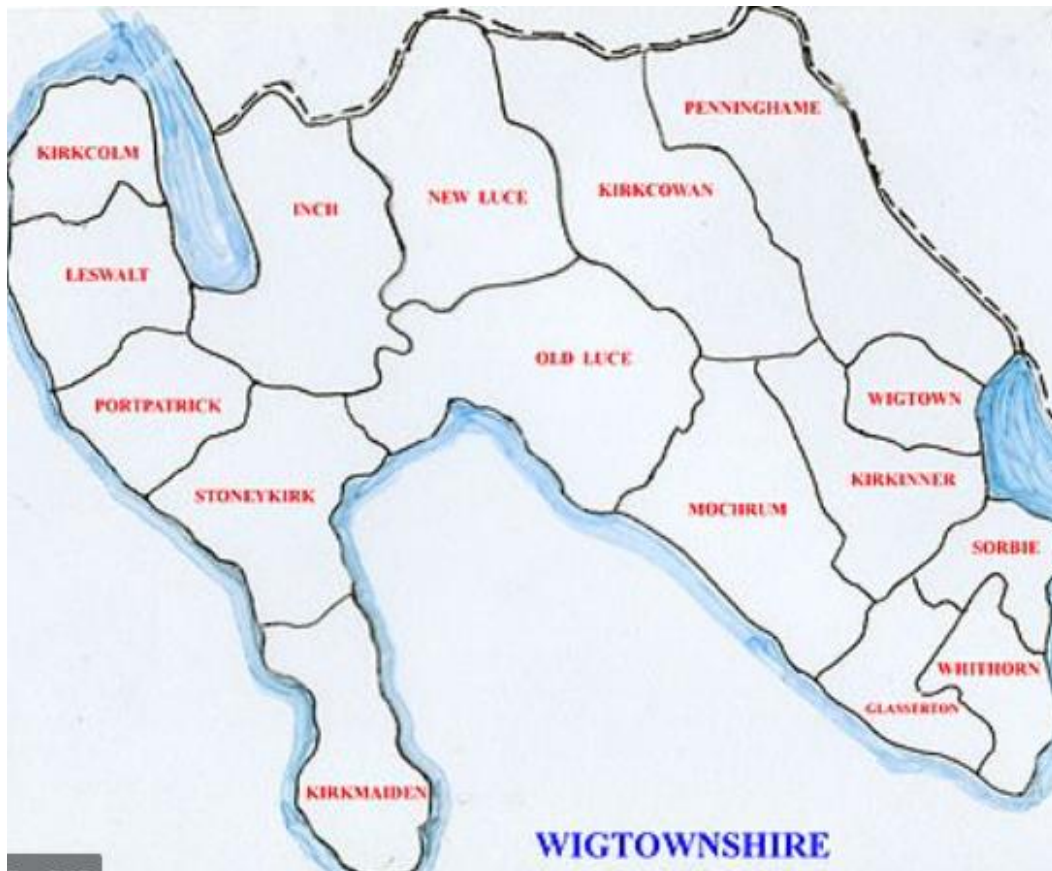
Kirkmaiden

The great-great-grandparents of James Reid came from Kirkmaiden, Wigtonshire on the west coast of Scotland.



Kirkmaiden Church. Gravestones are from the 1700's.

The paternal ancestors came from the south tip, Kirkmaiden Parish, whereas the maternal ancestors came from Portpatrick (slightly north by 17 miles) and Old Luce (slightly to the northeast by 18 miles).



Early Ancestors

Ancestry and FamilySearch go several generations further back but they are not verifiable by records or DNA. John McWhan 1694 is purported to be James McWhan's father.

The usual journey was for people to move from Ireland to Scotland and back again depending on the famine. The Reid and McWhan families eventually moved from Ireland to Wigtonshire and then the McWhan family moved slightly to the east of Wigtonshire.

¹ Familysearch # KH2W-1H1

² FHL Film Number: 1068042