

PART 3: JAMES REID EARLY LIFE

CHAPTER 2: CHILDHOOD

Birth

Born to a 29-year-old single mother, James came into the world in 1853 in Wigtown, Scotland and lived with his grandparents. James was left with his grandparents when his mother left TorhouseMuir, in 1856 to get married to another man.

Childhood

The Reid family, consisting of grandparents Richard and Margaret and grandson James, continued on at TorhouseMuir for several years. The family lived in a crofter's home and under the direction of the owners of TorhouseMuir.



The Reid family was part of the Church of Scotland. In America, that would be called Presbyterian. Sometime between 1845 and 1851, Richard Reid and his family joined the LDS (Mormon) church. Richard had a relative, George Reid. George's family was Mormon as early as 1848. Richard probably joined about the same time as George. In 1851, Richard and his daughter, Agnes, were baptized Mormon. Agnes was 28. Margaret, Richard's wife, was baptized in 1851.

THE REID FAMILY

1861 Census

Name Richard Reid	Name James Reid
Age 60	Age 7
Estimated Birth Year 1801	Estimated Birth Year 1854
Relationship Head	Relationship Grandson
Gender Male	Gender Male
Where born Ireland	Where born Wigtown, Wigtownshire
Registration Number 901	Registration Number 901
Registration district Wigtown	Registration district Wigtown
Civil parish Wigtown	Civil parish Wigtown
County Wigtownshire	County Wigtownshire
Address Torhousemuir Croft	Address Torhousemuir Croft
Occupation Farmer Of 7 Acres	

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In 1861, James was 7 and living with his grandmother Margaret, age 55. Richard Reid was shown a few lines further on the page, age 60.

1863

In 1863, the Reid family left TorhouseMuir for America.

¹ Census 1861, ED9A Household schedule number25 Line24 RollC SSCT1861_149