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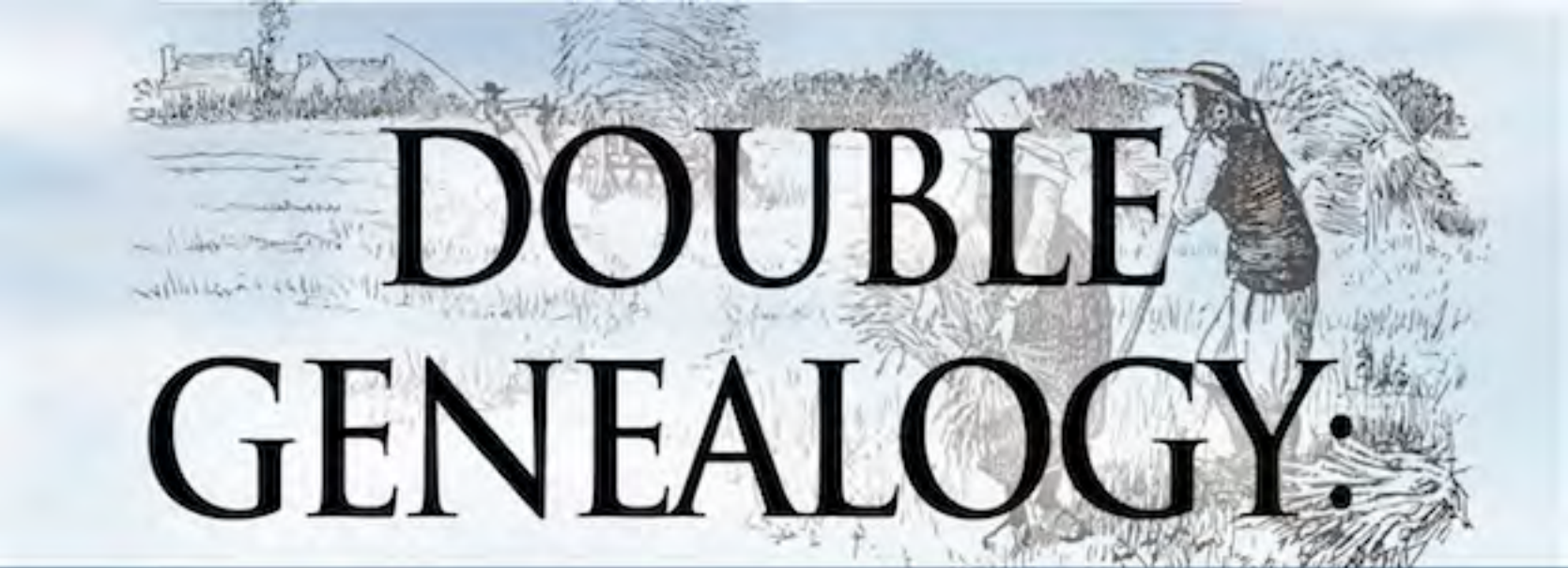
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Statements as to the identity of birth or adoptive parents, or of illegitimate or adopted children are conclusions of the author's own analysis. The conclusions could fundamentally change with the addition of new data or exposed erroneous assumptions.

This work is of real ancestral people who have been documented at the sites ScotlandsPeople (SP), Findmypast (FMP), or Family Search (FS) on whom truth has been embellished with imagined content, as hinted by the data, when needed to advance the story line. Age is true to an underlying document from SP if viewed. If not, it is approximate from FMP and FS, or other documents. Spelling generally reflects the latest evolution seen in documents, or as known to the family.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS, CONTRACTIONS, AND SUPERSCRIPTS

ABBREVIATIONS FOR GENEALOGY, REGULATORY & HISTORY SITES

FMP Findmypast.com
FS Familysearch.org
SP ScotlandsPeople.gov.uk

ABBREVIATIONS RELATED TO GENERAL REGISTRY OF SCOTLAND (GROS)

C Census
OPR Old Parish Records including B=Births, M=Marriages, D=Deaths
SB Scotland Registry Index of Births: 1855 and forward
SD Scotland Registry Index of Deaths: 1855 and forward
SM Scotland Registry Index of Marriages: 1855 and forward

P Civil Parish*
RD Registration District*

ED Enumeration District*
HS Household Schedule Number*
PG Page Number*

**See: Glossary "GROS Data Description and Jurisdiction"*

ABBREVIATIONS RELATED TO SCOTLAND COUNTIES

AYR Ayrshire
KRS Kinross-shire
LKS Lanarkshire and Parishes: **LG** Lesmahagow and **CN** Cambusnethan
MLN Midlothian
WLN West Lothian

CONTRACTIONS

b82. For any contraction, read 1800, or here, born 1882
C81 For any contraction, read 1800, or here, census 1881

SUPERSCRIPTS RELATED TO GENEALOGY: generally located above forename

My¹ generation
My² parents
My³ grands
My⁴ great grands
My⁵ great (x2) grands
My⁶ great (x3) grands
My⁷ great (x4) grands

SUPERSCRIPTS RELATED TO SOURCES: [located at sentence end] See NOTES and SOURCES

OTHER: CA Canada; BC British Columbia, NB New Brunswick. US United States; CO Colorado, CT Connecticut, IL Illinois, IN Indiana, KY Kentucky, MA Massachusetts, ME Maine, MI Michigan, NJ, New Jersey, NY New York, OH Ohio, PA Pennsylvania, WI Wisconsin,

CHAPTER TWO: MAGGIE

Poor Maggie⁴, she would not be validated by birth documentation. She would be misrepresented in her marital record. Her name would never be on the lips of her grandchildren.

About that nuptial entry, though; it said that she, Maggie⁴ Gemmell, married James⁴ Dickson in 1879, and she did. ^{[1]M1} It showed the bride was older than her groom, and she was; well, maybe by a tad more than what was admitted. Her birth year was suggested as 1856. Sadly, both her parents were deceased. It claimed her father was William⁵ Gemmell, a coachman, and alleged that her mother was Elizabeth⁵ Lindsay. Why would her descendant question her marriage statement?

She lived in Crossford Lesmahagow, in Scotland's Lanarkshire. Where she was born, was not to see. She chose an Isabella Gemmell as her wedding witness; potentially useful information. To disappoint, that was all it said, "Witness Isabella Gemmell". No age, no relationship, and no residency.

It told some facts about James⁴ Dickson. His father was deceased. His mother, Margaret⁵, was born Paterson, but her age and home were not disclosed. Still, this meant that she might be located in the next census as a widow, and in those days, as Margaret Paterson or Margaret Dickson.

Hmm? There is a widow, Margaret Dickson in Census 1881, with her son, James. ^{[1]C6} In Crossford – check! Except, this James is a younger general laborer, compared with the carter of the marriage document.

Is that you, Maggie, with them in Crossford, albeit as *Margaret* Dickson and two years older than your husband, not one? Margaret Dickson, daughter-in-law to the widow Margaret Dickson. Close enough; almost certainly, the right family's census! It says you were born in Edinburghshire.

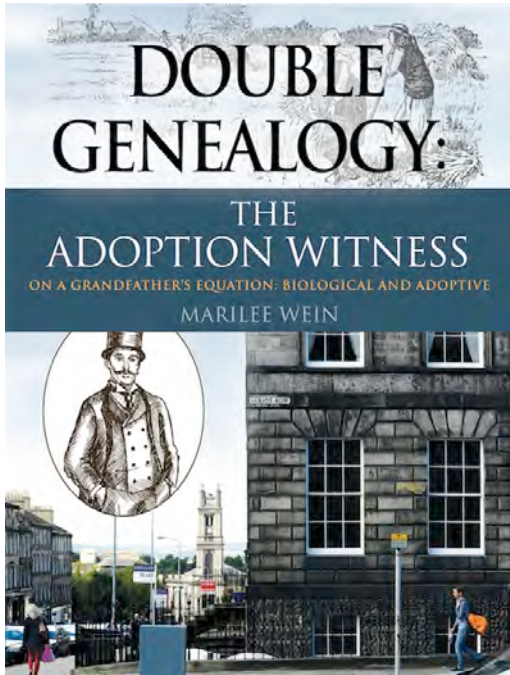
Oh, a teenaged Mary³ McKinlay is there too, granddaughter to the elder Margaret. Also, Margaret² Whitefield, infant great-granddaughter. Where is her father? Maggie, no child in Scotland's Birth Registry matches this child. Is she yours by previous liaison? **Whoops - NO!** That does not work. Is she Mary's?

Maggie seemed to be all by herself from Edinburgh, in a sea of folk from Lesmahagow, with her parents gone. Off to times past, to find from whence she hailed and with her parents. **So -**

All unions of decades prior, of those named William Gemmell and Elizabeth Lindsay, were visited across Scotland. Alas, no Margaret came forth to conform to our Maggie. Illegitimacies were considered with no luck. No conforming Margaret was found in poorhouse or orphanage. None as daughter, sister, niece, aunt, cousin, granddaughter, wife, as in-law or step, or servant or boarder. Living or dead. None ... ever! Never!

DEFEAT!

So sorry, dear Maggie. You must remain undercover, in the backdrop of life, here, as part of this fine Dickson family. Similarly, your son-to-be will be entrusted, until by the weight of life's tales, you may both, fully emerge. Now back again, in time.



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