Archibald Blackwood – Margaret Leven

Archibald Blackwood, born in Orwell, Kinross-shire c.1797, son of Archibald Blackwood and Cecilia Hill.

Margaret Leven, born in Dron, Perthshire on 24 February 1799, daughter of John Leven and Christina Smith.

Archibald and Margaret were proclaimed for marriage in the parish of Portmoak, Kinross-shire on 31 December 1824 and in the parish of Kinglassie, Fife on 14 January 1825.

Many of the 1841 Census records for Fife are missing. Parts of the returns for Markinch were saved, but there is no sign of the family on the 1841 Census.

Margaret is in Coaltown of Balgonie, Markinch, Fife on the 1851 Census, but Archibald does not appear to be present.

> There is an Archibald Blackwood working as a Farm Servant at Balbougie Farm near Inverkeithing. He was born in Portmoak, Kinross-shire, and is 42 years old; the wrong parish (but next to Orwell) and 12 years too young. However, there is no match for him on the 1861 Census.

Archibald, now widowed, is at Mosside Cottage, Beath, Fife on the 1861 Census. Mosside was on the Old Perth Road, just adjacent to the entrance of what is now Dalbeath Marsh Nature Reserve. His occupation is Cattle Feeder. He is possibly in Crossford Bothy, Dunfermline on the 1871 Census.

CHILDREN

Archibald Blackwood, born in Kinglassie, Fife on 20 April 1826.

> Archibald married Elizabeth Herd (b. Flisk, Fife on 30 October 1831), daughter of James Herd and Mary Skinner. They were proclaimed for marriage in the parish of Markinch on 3 November 1848.
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> Archibald and Elizabeth are in Cults Farm, Cults, Fife on the 1851 Census

and in Silverhole, Scoonie, Fife on the 1861 Census.

Elizabeth died in Silverhole on 30 August 1869, age 37.

Archibald is in Silverhole on the 1871, 1881, 1891 and 1901 Census.

Archibald died in Silverhole on 22 January 1911, age 84.

Christina Blackwood, born in Kinglassie, Fife on 31 December 1827.

Christina is in Coaltown of Balgonie, Markinch, Fife on the 1851 Census, in Mosside Cottage, Beath, Fife on the 1861 Census, in Netherton Broad Street, Dunfermline, Fife on the 1871 Census, in Priory Lane, Dunfermline on the 1881 Census and in Pittencrieff Street, Dunfermline on the 1891 and 1901 Census.

Christina died in the Dunfermline Poorhouse on 11 May 1906, age 78.

Adam Blackwood, born in Dysart, Fife on 28 December 1832.

Adam is in Coaltown of Balgonie, Markinch, Fife on the 1851 Census.

Adam married Jean Penman. They married in the parish of Dysart on 27 November 1857.

Adam and Jean are in West Row, Dysart on the 1861 and 1871 Census, at 11 Elgin Cottages, Pathhead, Dysart on the 1881 Census, and at 8 Rossend Terrace, Dysart on the 1891 and 1901 Census.

Margaret Blackwood, born in Markinch, Fife c.1840.

Margaret is in Coaltown of Balgonie, Markinch, Fife on the 1851 Census, in Mosside Cottage, Beath, Fife on the 1861 Census, in Netherton Broad Street, Dunfermline on the 1871 Census, at 44 Priory Lane, Dunfermline on the 1881 Census, at 18 Gibb Street, Dunfermline on the 1891 Census and at 17 Pittencrieff Street, Dunfermline on the 1901 Census.

Margaret never married, but had three children by three different fathers.

Margaret died at 91 Netherton Street, Dunfermline on 9 February 1904, age 64.

Jane Blackwood, born in Markinch, Fife c.1842.

Jane is in Coaltown of Balgonie, Markinch, Fife on the 1851 Census, and in Mosside Cottage, Beath, Fife on the 1861 Census.

Jane married Owen Beglin (b. Ireland c.1846), Labourer, son of Michael Beglin and Margaret Keith, in the High Street, Dunfermline on 7 January 1865. Jane was a Bleachfield Worker.

Jane and Owen are in West Netherton, Dunfermline on the 1871 Census, at 138 Pittencrieff Street, Dunfermline on the 1881 and 1891 Census, and at 63 James Place, Dunfermline on the 1901 Census.

Owen died in Dunfermline in 1909, age 63.

Jane died in Dunfermline in 1924, age 82.

DEATHS

Margaret died in Coveton(?), Markinch, Fife on 12 June 1859, age 60.

Archibald died in Dunfermline Hospital on 1 December 1884. His death record gives his age as 70, but he would have been around 87 years old.