David Paton – Mary Forsyth

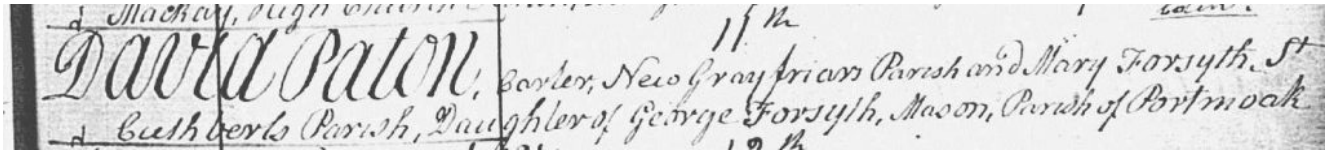
David Paton, born c.1775-1781. His place of birth and his parent's names are not known.

> Based on his children's names, it is possible that his parents' names were William and Christian. A David Paton was born to William Paton and Christian Inglis in Auchterderran, Fife on 27 July 1777.

Mary Forsyth, born in Portmoak, Kinross-shire c.1794, daughter of George Forsyth, mother's name is not known.

> Based on her children's names, Mary's mother's name might be Margaret. There are no entries in the OPR which match Mary's year of birth.

Mary and David were proclaimed for marriage in Edinburgh on 11 February 1811. David is a Carter in the parish of New Greyfriars, Edinburgh. Mary is in the parish of St. Cuthbert's, Edinburgh.



Marriage proclamation for David Paton and Mary Forsyth

David and Mary are in Railway Huts at Priestinch, Abercorn, West Lothian on the 1841 Census. David's occupation is Labourer.

A David Paton's burial is registered in the parish of Kirkliston, West Lothian on 19 August 1841.

Mary is possibly in Church Street, Lochgelly, Fife on the 1851 Census.

CHILDREN

William Paton, born in Auchterderran, Fife on 12 May 1812.

> William is in Railway Huts at Priestinch, Abercorn, West Lothian on the 1841 Census. His occupation is Labourer. He is an Agricultural Labourer at The Ford, Beath, Fife on the 1851 Census.

Margaret Paton, born in Ballingry, Fife on 30 June 1814.

Christian Paton, born in Ballingry, Fife on 11 April 1816.

Christian married John Lamb (b. Dunfermline, Fife c.1818). They were proclaimed for marriage in the parish of Beath, Fife on 30 November 1838.

Christian and John are at Whitefield Farm on the 1841 Census, at Ballile House, Kinghorn, Fife on the 1851 Census and in Overgate, Kinghorn on the 1861 Census.

John, now widowed, is in Overgate, Kinghorn on the 1871, 1881 and 1891 Census.

Mary Paton, born in Ballingry, Fife on 31 December 1818.

Mary married Lindsay Ross. They were proclaimed for marriage in the parish of Ballingry, Fife on 19 May 1838.

Mary, now widowed, is in Railway Huts at Priestinch, Abercorn, West Lothian on the 1841 Census.

Mary married again, to David Sharp (b.c.1791). They were proclaimed for marriage in the parish of Portmoak, Kinross-shire on 31 December 1842.

Mary, widowed a second time, is in Scotlandwell, Portmoak on the 1851 and 1861 Census, at West Gellet Cottar House, Dunfermline, Fife on the 1871 Census, in Dunfermline on the 1881 Census and at 16 Rumblingwell, Dunfermline on the 1891 Census.

Mary died in Rumblingwell on 2 October 1894, age 75.

George Paton, born in Ballingry, Fife on 4 December 1821.

George is possibly at Craigend Farm, Ballingry on the 1841 Census, employed as an Agricultural Labourer.

Elisabeth Paton, born in Ballingry, Fife on 6 November 1823.

James Paton, born in Ballingry, Fife on 28 January 1826.

James is possibly in Church Street, Lochgelly with his mother on the 1851

Census, employed as Labourer at Iron Works.

Euphemia Paton, born in Ballingry, Fife on 22 April 1830.

Euphemia is in Railway Huts at Priestinch, Abercorn, West Lothian on the 1841 Census.

Davina Paton, born in Ballingry, Fife on 3 June 1836.

Davina is in Railway Huts at Priestinch, Abercorn, West Lothian on the 1841 Census, and possibly in Quality Street, Dysart, Fife on the 1851 Census.

NOTE

What is slightly bothersome is all the moving around – Mary moved from Kinross-shire to Edinburgh, gets married to David, they move back to Fife and have nine children, then they and four of the children move to West Lothian, and following David's death, Mary and her children move back to Fife. However, the dates and names all seem to tie up.