John Semple – Agnes Dickie

John Semple, born in Avondale, Lanarkshire c.1842Year of birth estimated from census returns and marriage and death certificates, son of Matthew Semple and Margaret Watt National Records of Scotland, 1935 Deaths, 561/11.

> John is at Hallburn Farm, Avondale on the 1851 census[1]National Records of Scotland, 1851 Census, 621/5/6 and at West Linbank Farm, Avondale on the 1861 Census, employed as a Ploughman[2]National Records of Scotland, 1861 Census, 621/2/10.

Agnes Dickie, born in East Kilbride, Lanarkshire c.1847Year of birth estimated from census returns and marriage and death certificates, daughter of William Dickie and Jean Watt National Records of Scotland, 1933 Deaths, 416/13.

> Agnes is at Rutheran Farm, Glassford, Lanarkshire on the 1851[3]National Records of Scotland, 1851 Census, 645/3/16 and 1861[4]National Records of Scotland, 1861 Census, 645/4/12 Census.

John and Agnes were married at Rutheran Farm on 11 December 1868. The marriage was officiated by James Bonnar of the United Presbyterian Church and witnessed by Alex Semple and Isabella DickieNational Records of Scotland, 1868 Marriages, 645/11.

John and Agnes are at Springfield Farm, East Kilbride, Lanarkshire on the 1871 Census[5]National Records of Scotland, 1871 Census, 643/15/10, at Craighead Farm, Blantyre on the 1881 Census[6]National Records of Scotland, 1881 Census, 624/4/58, at 216 Dalmarnock Road, Glasgow on the 1891 Census[7]National Records of Scotland, 1891 Census, 644/1 44/11, at 35 Rumford Street, Glasgow on the 1901 Census[8]National Records of Scotland, 1901 Census, 644/1 24/9 and at Over Enoch Farm, Eaglesham on the 1911 Census[9]National Records of Scotland, 1911 Census, 561/5/3.

CHILDREN

Jane Semple, born at Springfield of Carnduff Farm, East Kilbride on 24 November 1869National Records of Scotland, 1869 Births, 643/116.

Jane is at Springfield of Carnduff Farm on the 1871 Census, at Craighead Farm, Blantyre on the 1881 Census, at 216 Dalmarnock Road, Glasgow on the 1891 Census and at High Whitehills Farm, East Kilbride on the 1901 Census[10]National Records of Scotland, 1901 Census, 643/11/2.

Jane married George Scott Shirlaw (b. Carluke, Lanarkshire on 15 October 1858)[11]National Records of Scotland, 1858 Births, 629/237, son of John Shirlaw and Grace Scott, at Over Enoch Farm, Eaglesham on 5 June 1907[12]National Records of Scotland, 1907 Marriages, 561/3.

Jane died at East Law Farm, Carluke on 27 April 1908, age 38, following complications during childbirth[13]National Records of Scotland, 1908 Deaths, 629/46.

Matthew Semple, born at Springfield of Carnduff Farm, East Kilbride on 10 October 1871[14]National Records of Scotland, 1871 Births, 643/105.

Matthew is at Craighead Farm on the 1881 Census, at West Carnduff Farm, East Kilbride on the 1891 Census and at High Whitehills Farm, East Kilbride on the 1901 Census.

Matthew married Margaret Johnston (b. Roseholm Farm, Dreghorn, Ayrshire on 12 April 1874)[15]National Records of Scotland, 1874 Births, 589/63, daughter of John Johnston and Helen Strang, at Chapelside Farm, East Kilbride on 17 June 1903[16]National Records of Scotland, 1903 Marriages, 643/7.

Matthew and Margaret are at High Whitehills Farm on the 1911 Census[17]National Records of Scotland, 1911 Census, 643/11/1.

Margaret died at East Law Farm, Carluke on 20 March 1920, age 45[18]National Records of Scotland, 1920 Deaths, 629/25.

Matthew married again, to Jeanie Kennedy (b. Crawfordston Farm,

Kirkmichael, Ayrshire on 3 April 1879), daughter of John Kennedy and Jeanie Harvey, at the Old Parish Church Manse, Carluke on 8 February 1921[19]National Records of Scotland, 1921 Marriages, 629/9.

Matthew died at 91 Kirk Street, Strathaven on 24 January 1957, age 85[20]National Records of Scotland, 1957 Deaths, 621/4.

Jeanie died at Benlairs, East Kilbride on 19 August 1966, age 87[21]National Records of Scotland, 1966 Deaths, 621/48.

William Semple, born at Farme Farm, Glassford, Lanarkshire on 29 September 1873National Records of Scotland, 1873 Births, 645/31.

William is at Craighead Farm, Blantyre on the 1881 Census, at 216 Dalmarnock Road, Glasgow on the 1891 Census and at 35 Rumford Street, Glasgow on the 1901 Census.

William died at Enoch Farm, Eaglesham on 17 May 1906, age 32[22]National Records of Scotland, 1906 Deaths, 561/10.

Margaret Semple, born at Farme Farm, Glassford on 11 September 1876National Records of Scotland, 1876 Births, 645/39.

Margaret is at Craighead Farm, Blantyre on the 1881 Census, at 216 Dalmarnock Road, Glasgow on the 1891 Census and at 35 Rumford Street, Glasgow on the 1901 Census.

Margaret married Moses Struthers Forsyth (b. Avondale, Lanarkshire c.1877)[23]National Records of Scotland, 1877 Births, 621/75, son of Moses Forsyth and Mary Dickie, at Over Enoch Farm, Eaglesham on 2 December 1904[24]National Records of Scotland, 1904 Marriages, 561/2.

Margaret died at Mill of Airntully, Stanley, Perthshire on 7 July 1961[25]National Records of Scotland, 1961 Deaths, 393/B/7.

James Semple, born at Farme Farm, Glassford on 29 September 1878National Records of Scotland, 1878 Births, 645/49.

James is at Craighead Farm, Blantyre on the 1881 Census, at 216 Dalmarnock Road, Glasgow on the 1891 Census and at 35 Rumford Street, Glasgow on the 1901 Census.

James was a Journeyman Joiner. He died of a fractured skull in an accident in in Delburn Street, Glasgow on 18 September 1903, age 24. His usual address is 24 Edmiston Street, Glasgow[26]National Records of Scotland, 1903 Deaths, 644/2/625.

Agnes Semple, born at Craighead Farm, Blantyre on 6 February 1881National Records of Scotland, 1881 Births, 624/51.

Agnes is at Craighead Farm, Blantyre on the 1881 Census, at 216 Dalmarnock Road, Glasgow on the 1891 Census and at 35 Rumford Street, Glasgow on the 1901 Census.

Agnes married George Smith of High Borland Farm, Eaglesham (b. Tranmere, Cheshire on 19 October 1879), son of George Smith and Sarah Clark, at Over Enoch Farm, Eaglesham on 26 November 1914[27]National Records of Scotland, 1914 Marriages, 561/3.

George died in Eaglesham on 18 November 1958. His address was Whinnieknowe, Tarff Avenue, Eaglesham[28]National Records of Scotland, 1958 Deaths, 591/16.

Agnes died at Grove Hospital on 2 November 1968, age 87; the location of Grove Hospital has not been established but the death was registered in Eastwood and Mearns, Renfrewshire. Her usual address is High Borland Farm, Eaglesham[29]National Records of Scotland, 1968 Deaths, 562/470.

Andrew Semple, born at Craighead Farm, Blantyre on 2 April l883National Records of Scotland, 1883 Births, 624/103.

Andrew is at 216 Dalmarnock Road, Glasgow on the 1891 Census and at 35 Rumford Street, Glasgow on the 1901 Census.

Andrew's occupation was a Joiner. He emigrated to Canada, departing from Glasgow on the *S.S. Columbia* on 11 March 1905, arriving in New York on 21

March. His final destination is Toronto.

At some point he returned to Scotland and married Agnes Gilmour (b. Kilfillan, Argyll c.1885)[30]National Records of Scotland, 1886 Births, 518/9, daughter of Hugh Gilmour and Marion Stewart, at Enoch Farm, Eaglesham on 8 March 1911[31]National Records of Scotland, 1911 Marriages, 561/2.

Andrew and Agnes returned to Canada, departing from Glasgow on the *S.S. Caledonia* on 18 March 1911 and arriving in New York on 27 March. They were bound for Toronto.

Andrew and Agnes are in Regal Terrace, Riverside, Calgary, Ontario on the Canadian 1911 Census.

Agnes and her baby son John were returning to Scotland on the *R.M.S. Lusitania* when it was sunk by a German U-boat on 7 May 1915. Their bodies were not recovered but there is a memorial in Eaglesham Churchyard[32]https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/188287878/agnes-semple.

Andrew returned to Scotland, sailing from New York on the *S.S. St Louis* and arriving in Glasgow on 23 May 1915. His forwarding address is Enoch Farm. According to the manifest he was intending to stay in Scotland.

Andrew married again, to Helen Paterson Dickie (b. Bridgeton, Glasgow c.1886)[33]National Records of Scotland, 1886 Births, 644/1/1493, daughter of Thomas Dickie and Grace Cullen, in Calton, Glasgow in 1918[34]National Records of Scotland, 1918 Marriages, 644/3/567. Helen was his cousin – her father was Andrew's mother's brother.

Andrew returned to Canada on the *S.S. Empress of Britain* in 1921, and Helen followed shortly thereafter on the *S.S Pretorian*. They made a trip to Scotland in 1926.

Andrew is at 112 Bowood Avenue, Toronto on the 1940 Canada Voters' List.

Andrew died at Wellesley Hospital, Toronto on 21 May 1944, age 61.

Helen was at 112 Bowood Avenue in 1974.

Thomas Semple, born at Craighead Farm, Blantyre on 4 August 1885[35]National Records of Scotland, 1885 Births, 624/259.

Thomas is at 216 Dalmarnock Road, Glasgow on the 1891 Census and at High Whitehills Farm, East Kilbride on the 1901 Census.

Thomas married Elizabeth Mather Dykes (b. Eaglesham, Renfrewshire c.1888)[36]National Records of Scotland, 1888 Births, 561/3, daughter of John Dykes and Margaret Fleming, at Nethercraig Farm, Eaglesham on 16 November 1923[37]National Records of Scotland, 1923 Marriages, 561/5.

Elizabeth died in Largo, Fife on 18 February 1948, age 60[38]National Records of Scotland, 1948 Deaths, 443/5.

Thomas died at Drummochy Farm, Lower Largo, Fife on 17 May 1961, age 75[39]National Records of Scotland, 1961 Deaths, 443/10.

Charlotte Semple, born at Craighead Farm, Blantyre on 9 March 1890[40]National Records of Scotland, 1890 Births, 624/85.

Charlotte died at 216 Dalmarnock Street, Glasgow on 18 June 1891, age 15 months[41]National Records of Scotland, 1891 Deaths, 644/1/685.

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Agnes died at Newtown of Collessie, Fife on 29 June 1933, age 86. Her usual address is 5 Montgomery Street, Eaglesham[42]National Records of Scotland, 1933 Deaths, 416/13.

John died at High Borland Farm, Eaglesham on 3 May 1935, age 93[43]National Records of Scotland, 1935 Deaths, 561/11.

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