Matthew Semple – Margaret Watt

Matthew Semple, born at Hall Farm, Avondale, Lanarkshire on 1 June 1811, son of Andrew Semple and Jane Young.

> Hall Farm is possibly Hall of Carnduff.

Margaret Watt, born in Avondale, Lanarkshire on 4 December 1808, daughter of Thomas Watt and Margaret Craig.

Matthew and Margaret were proclaimed for marriage in the parish of Avondale on 10 December 1831. The bride's name is entered as Watson.

Matthew and Margaret are at Hallburn Farm, Avondale on the 1841, 1851 and 1861 Census.

Matthew, now widowed, is at Hallburn Farm on the 1871 Census, and at Ladehead Farm, Lesmahagow, Lanarkshire on the 1881 and 1891 Census.

CHILDREN

Andrew Semple, born in Avondale, Lanarkshire c.1833.

> Andrew is at Hallburn Farm on the 1841, 1851 and 1861 Census.
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> Andrew married Mary Semple (b. Avondale, Lanarkshire c.1842), daughter of John Semple and Margaret Black, at Roundhill Farm, Avondale on 6 May 1870.
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> Andrew and Mary are at Roundhill Farm on the 1871 Census, at West Linbank Farm, Avondale on the 1881 Census and at Newbridge, Avondale on the 1891 Census.
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> Andrew died at Newbridge on 11 September 1895, age 62.
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> Mary died in Avondale on 3 May 1905, age 63.

Jane Semple, born in Avondale, Lanarkshire c.1835

> Jane is at Hallburn Farm, Avondale on the 1841 and 1851 Census.

Jane married Andrew Semple (b. Avondale, Lanarkshire c.1826), son of James Semple and Agnes Young, at Hallburn Farm on 11 November 1859.

Jane and Andrew are at Low (Laigh) Knoweglass Farm, East Kilbride, Lanarkshire on the 1861, 1871 and 1881 Census.

Jane died at Laigh Knoweglass Farm on 3 September 1881, age 46.

Andrew died at Laigh Knoweglass Farm on 7 July 1888, age 62.

Margaret Semple, born in Avondale, Lanarkshire c.1838

Margaret is at Halburn Farm on the 1841 and 1851 Census.

Margaret married John Hamilton of Avonside Farm, Avondale (b. Halltrees Farm, Avondale on 22 February 1813), son of Michael Hamilton and Margaret Hamilton, at Hallburn Farm on 21 December 1855.

Margaret and John are at Douriedubs Farm, Avondale on the 1861 Census, at Shutterflat Farm, Beith, Ayrshire on the 1871 Census and at Springhill Farm, Fladbury, Worcestershire on the 1881 Census, where John is employed as a Dairyman.

Margaret, now widowed, is at Link Cottage, Great Malvern, Worcestershire on the 1891 Census, where she is employed as a Shirtmaker, and at the School House, North Ronaldsay, Orkney on the 1901 Census.

Thomas Semple, born in Avondale, Lanarkshire c.1841

Thomas is at Hallburn Farm on the 1841 Census, and at Drumclog Farm, Avondale on the 1851 Census where he is employed as a Cow Herd (at ten years of age). On the 1861 Census he is possibly a Domestic servant at Claddence (Cleddans) Farm, East Kilbride.

Thomas married Helen Dunning (b. Loudoun, Ayrshire on 2 August 1841), daughter of Andrew Dunning and Janet Cameron, at Lochgate Farm, Avondale on 19 November 1864.

Thomas and Helen are at Mount Farm, Avondale on the 1871, 1881 and 1891 Census.

Thomas died at Mount Farm on 2 November 1891, age 50.

Helen is at Foulpapple Farm, Loudoun on the 1901 Census.

Helen died in Newmilns, Ayrshire in 1911, age 70.

John Semple, born in Avondale, Lanarkshire c.1842

John is at Hallburn Farm on the 1851 Census. He is possibly at West Linbank Farm on the 1861 Census, employed as a Ploughman.

John married Agnes Dickie (b. East Kilbride, Lanarkshire c.1847), daughter of William Dickie and Jean Watt, at Rutheran Farm, Glassford on 11 December 1868.

John and Agnes are at Springfield Farm, Blantyre, Lanarkshire on the 1871 Census, 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 died at Newtown of Collessie, Fife on 29 June 1933, age 86. Her usual address is 5 Montgomery Street, Eaglesham, Renfrewshire.

John died at High Borland Farm, Eaglesham on 3 May 1935, age 93.

Alexander Semple, born in Avondale, Lanarkshire c.1844

Alexander is at Hallburn Farm on the 1851 Census, at Laigh Knoweglass Farm, East Kilbride on the 1861, 1871 and 1881 Census, at Ladehead Farm, Lesmahagow, Lanarkshire on the 1891 and 1901 Census.

Alexander died at Mount Farm, Avondale on 27 October 1901.

William Semple, born in Avondale, Lanarkshire c.1846

William is at Hallburn Farm on the 1851 and 1861 Census and at Kirkland Farm, Kilmaurs, Ayrshire on the 1871 Census.

William married Janet Hamilton (b. Avondale, Lanarkshire on 1 August 1851), daughter of John Hamilton and Barbara Hamilton, at Caldermill, Avondale on 9 February 1872. Janet is possibly a Dairy Maid at Kirkland

Farm on the 1871 Census.

Willian and Janet are at Kirkland Farm on the 1881 Census.

Janet died at Kirkland Farm on 31 July 1881, age 29.

William married again, to Grace Wallace Wright (b. Kirkcolm, Wigtownshire on 14 December 1859), daughter of William Wright and Prudentia Paterson, at Kirkland Farm on 28 December 1886.

William and Grace are at Holland Green Farm, Kilmaurs on the 1891 Census and at Burnfoot Farm, Fenwick, Ayrshire on the 1901 Census.

William died from drowning in Burnfoot Reservoir on 8 February 1915, age 69.

Ann Semple, born in Avondale, Lanarkshire c.1850

Ann is at Hallburn Farm on the 1851 and 1861 Census.

Ann married Michael Struthers (b. Avondale, Lanarkshire c.1841), son of Robert Struthers and Sarah Wilson, at Hallburn Farm on 8 June 1869.

Ann and Michael are in Auldhouse, East Kilbride on the 1871 and 1881 Census, where Michael is in turn a Joiner and Cartwright. They are at Hillhead Farm, Avondale on the 1891 Census and at Middleholm Farm, Lesmahagow, Lanarkshire on the 1901 Census.

Michael died at High Cleughearn Farm, East Kilbride on 4 April 1904, age 63.

Ann died at Blackburn Farm, Chapelton, Lanarkshire on 30 October 1924, age 74.

Matthew Semple, born in Avondale, Lanarkshire c.1853

Matthew is at Hallburn Farm on the 1861 Census, and at Kirkland Farm, Kilmaurs, Ayrshire on the 1871 Census.

Matthew married Margaret Taylor (b. Dundonald, Ayrshire on 17 February 1861), daughter of James Taylor and Margaret Morrison, at Bridgeholm

Farm, Lesmahagow, Lanarkshire on 30 November 1877.

Matthew and Margaret are at Ladehead Farm, Lesmahagow on the 1881 Census and at Merchanthall Farm, Lesmahagow on the 1891 Census.

Matthew died at Merchanthall Farm on 22 September 1895, age 42.

Marion Semple, born at Hallburn Farm on 15 January 1856.

Marion is at Hallburn Farm on the 1861 and 1871 Census, and at Ladehead Farm, Lesmahagow on the 1881 and 1891 Census.

Marion married John Cooper (b. Lesmahagow, Lanarkshire on 2 March 1854), son of Gavin Cooper and Agnes Brownlee, at Ladehead Farm on 19 December 1894. John was a Farm Servant at Ladehead Farm.

Marion and John are at Ladehead Farm on the 1901 Census.

Marion died at Low Bowhill Farm, Newmilns, Ayrshire on 29 October 1925, age 69.

DEATHS

Margaret died at Hallburn Farm on 6 May 1865, age 56.

Matthew died at Ladehead Farm on 17 April 1899, age 87.