

Ancestors of David *Andrew* COCKBURN

This Cockburn branch have been farmers for many generations and come originally from the border lands of Berwickshire. Available records show that they farmed at the following places:

- Doctor's Wynd, Eyemouth (140 acres)
- West Edge, Berwick-Upon-Tweed (302 acres; employed 6 labourers & 2 boys)
- Greenfield, Foulden (251 acres; employed 4 men, 4 women & 1 boy)
- Shaw Braes, Reston

David and Lizzie Cockburn (4th generation below) emigrated with their only child, David Bonar Cockburn, to Southern Rhodesia in the early 1900s, and took up farming there. David *Andrew* Cockburn (7th generation below) has continued the tradition of both farming and migration, and has produced wine in western Australia and tobacco in Lombok, Indonesia.

So far, *Andrew's* family tree has been traced back to the late 1700s, the missing link in the 1800s, along with much of the documentation being kindly provided by my genealogical correspondent, Meg Stenhouse. In determining Generation 1, Meg has assumed that Scottish naming conventions have been followed, whereby the eldest son is named after the father's father, the eldest daughter after the mother's mother, the second son after the mother's father, the second daughter after the father's mother, the third son after the father, and the third daughter after the mother. Apparently, this was quite strictly followed in Scotland for hundreds of years, with very few exceptions. However, it should be noted that this doesn't necessarily apply in all of the following generations.

Cockburn Family Tree

Generation No: 1

1. Thomas ¹ COCKBURN, born sometime in the late 1700s. He is still to be positively identified, but his name is based on the naming conventions mentioned above. However, there are some possibilities, which I will go into later in this paper.

The child of Thomas COCKBURN is:

2. (i) David ² COCKBURN, b. circa 1812 in Chirnside, Berwickshire, Scotland; d. 30 May 1878 at West Edge Farm, First or North Road, Berwick on Tweed, Northumberland, England.

Generation No: 2

2. David ² COCKBURN (Thomas ¹) (Source: Mentioned in his son's, James, Marriage Certificate - see below) was born circa 1812 in Chirnside, Berwickshire, Scotland, and died 30 May 1878 in West Edge Farm, First or North Road, Berwick on Tweed, Northumberland, England (Source: Index of Wills and Administrations, 1878). He married Margaret BONAR (Source: mentioned in

his son's, James, Marriage Certificate - see below) on 9 December 1836 in Abbey St. Bathans, Berwickshire, Scotland, daughter of James BONAR and Christian LUKE. Margaret was born 14 January 1812 in Coldingham, Berwickshire, Scotland (see birth and baptism details at <https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/XTY5-ZR9>).

Notes on David² COCKBURN and Margaret BONAR:

(a) Marriage (1836): this is recorded in Family Search at: <https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/XTL3-75W>

(b) 1841 Census:

1841 Census

County Name Berwickshire
 Parish Name Eyemouth
 Town/Village Eyemouth
 Address Doctor's Wynd
 Enumeration District 3
 Enumeration Page 21

Name	Age	Sex	Occupation	County of Birth
Dav. Cockburn	25	M	Farmer	Berwickshire
Margt. Cockburn	25	F		Berwickshire
Thomas Cockburn	3	M		Berwickshire
James Cockburn	1	M		Berwickshire
Christa. Bonar	60	F	Ind.	Berwickshire

(c) 1851 Census:

1851 Census

County Name Berwickshire
 Parish Name Eyemouth
 Town/Village Eyemouth
 Address
 Enumeration District 2
 Enumeration Page 32
 Schedule Number 137

Name	Relationship	Condition	Age	Sex	Occupation	Birthplace
David Cockburn	Head	Married	39	M	Farmer of 140 ac	Berwick, Mordington
Margaret Cockburn	Wife	Married	38	F		Berwick, Mordington
Thomas Cockburn	Son		13	M	Scholar	Berwick, Coldingham
John Cockburn	Son		8	M	Scholar	Berwick, Eyemouth
Christian Cockburn	Daughter		6	F	Scholar	Berwick, Eyemouth
David Cockburn	Son		4	M	Scholar	Berwick, Eyemouth
William Cockburn	Son		1	M		Berwick, Eyemouth
Christian Bonar	Mother-in-law	Widow	78	F	Ag. Labourer's widow	Berwick, Mordington

(d) 1861 Census:

1861 Census

7 Records found

Previous Household Next Household

Piece: RG9/3885 Place: Berwick-upon-Tweed -Northumberland Enumeration District: 2
 Civil Parish: Berwick On Tweed Ecclesiastical Parish: Berwick On Tweed
 Folio: 18 Page: 9 Schedule: 39
 Address: West Edge

Surname	First name(s)	Rel	Status	Sex	Age	Occupation	Where Born	Remarks
COCKBURN	David	Head	M	M	49	Farmer Of 302ac,Emp 6lab&2boys	Scotland - -	
COCKBURN	Margaret	Wife	M	F	49	Farmers Wife	Scotland - -	
COCKBURN	Thomas	Son	U	M	23	Farmers Son	Scotland - -	
COCKBURN	James	Son	U	M	21	Farmers Son	Scotland - -	
COCKBURN	John	Son	U	M	18	Farmers Son	Scotland - -	
COCKBURN	Christian	Dau	U	F	16	Farmers Dau	Scotland - -	
COCKBURN	William	Son	-	M	11	Scholar	Scotland - -	

(e) 1871 Census:

No of Inhabitants	ROAD, STREET, &c. and No or NAME of HOUSE	HOUSE No. of 1871	NAME and Person of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	CON. BIRTH	AGE in 1871	Rank, Profession, or OCCUPATION	WHERE BORN	Place of Birth (County or 1861 Census)
			Agnes Cockburn	Wife		16	Scholar	Berwick	
			John Cockburn	Son		11	Scholar	Berwick	
			James Cockburn	Son		9	Scholar	Berwick	
34	Stonyhill Bldg 1		Agnes Cockburn	Head	Widow	84		Berwick, Scotland	
			Agnes Cockburn	Servant	Widow	58		Edinburgh	
			William Beattie	Servant	Widow	18	Ag. Lab.	Edinburgh	
35	Stonyhill Bldg 1		Mary Beattie	Head	Ther	34	General Servant	Berwick, Scotland	
			Frank Beattie	Son		13	Scholar	Newcastle, England	
			Peter Spelman	Nephew		1		Berwick	
36	West Edge 1		David Cockburn	Head	Wid.	58	Farmer, 302ac, 6lab, 2boys	Berwick, Scotland	
			Margaret Cockburn	Wife		58	Wife	Berwick, Scotland	
			Christian Cockburn	Servant	Widow	36	Letter Bearer	Edinburgh	
			Agnes Cockburn	Servant	Widow	20	Farmer's Servant	Berwick, Scotland	
			James Cockburn	Servant	Widow	16	Scholar	Berwick, Scotland	

(f) Index of Wills and Administrations, 1878:

COCKBURN David.

Personal Estate under £1,500 in the United Kingdom.

15 August. The Will of David Cockburn late of West Edge in the Borough of Berwick-on-Tweed Farmer who died 30 May 1878 at West Edge domiciled in England was proved at Newcastle-upon-Tyne by Margaret Cockburn of West Edge Widow the Relict the sole Executrix.

(g) 1881 Census:

Civil Parish (or Township) of		Municipal Borough of		Parliamentary Borough of		Urban Sanitary District of		Rural Sanitary District of		Ecclesiastical Parish or District of	
Berwick		Berwick		Berwick-on-Tweed		Berwick				Holy Trinity	
No. of Inhabitants	ROAD, STREET, &c. and No. or NAME of HOUSE	No. of the House	NAME and Surname of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	OCCUPATION as to Marriage	AGE last Birthday of	Rank, Profession, or OCCUPATION	WHERE BORN	Remarks		
									(1)	(2)	
	100		John Cockburn	Son	Lab.	21	Labourer	Berwick			
			James	Son		19	do	do			
			Agnes Cockburn	Head		69	Farmer's Servant	Scotland			
			Margaret Bonar	Head		68	Farmer's 214, Dressing	do			
			Christian	Daughter		29	Doct. 7 Lab.	do			
			Alban Blayie	Servant		25	General Servant	do			
			George Bonar	Son		24	Farmer	do			

The children of David COCKBURN and Margaret BONAR are:

3. (i) Thomas COCKBURN, b. circa 1838 at Coldingham, Berwickshire, Scotland. He can be seen on the 1851 census sheet.

3. (ii) James³ COCKBURN, b. 6 October 1839 at Ayton, Berwickshire, Scotland; d. 9 May 1879, at Greenfield, Foulden, Berwick, Scotland. See birth record at:

<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/XTYL-22H>

3 (iii) John COCKBURN, b. 24 April 1842 at Eyemouth, Berwickshire, Scotland. See birth record at:

<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/XTBM-18S>

3. (iv) Christian COCKBURN, b. 18 August 1844 at Eyemouth, Berwickshire, Scotland; married (as second wife) Robert George SWAN (Source: Daughter's Marriage Certificate.) after 1882; Robert G. Swan was b. 7 August 1830 at Cranshaws, Berwickshire, Scotland, and d. after 1907. See birth record at:

<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/XTBM-LR7>

3 (v) David COCKBURN, b. 28 Feb 1847 at Eyemouth, Berwickshire, Scotland. See birth record at:

<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/XTBM-187>

3 (vi) William COCKBURN, b. 7 Dec 1849 at Eyemouth, Berwickshire, Scotland. See birth record at:

<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/XYWQ-T7W>

Generation No: 3

3 (ii) James³ COCKBURN (David², Thomas¹) was born 6 October 1839 in Ayton, Berwickshire, Scotland, and died 9 May 1879 in Greenfield, Foulden, Berwick, Scotland (Source: Death

Certificate.). He married Jane DARLING (Source: Marriage Certificate) on 26 June 1866 in Mordington Free Church Manse, Mordington, Berwick, Scotland (Source: Marriage Certificate), daughter of George DARLING and Isabella ORD. She was born circa 1832 in Berwick on Tweed, Northumberland, England, and died 24 March 1888 in Greenfield, Foulden, Berwick, Scotland (Source: Death Certificate).

Notes on James³ COCKBURN and Jane DARLING:

(a) Marriage Certificate (1866) of James Cockburn and Jane Darling:

1866 COCKBURN, JAMES - DARLING, JANE (Statutory Marriages 752/00 0002)

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18.6.6. MARRIAGES in the Parish of *Mordington* in the County of *Berwick*.

No.	When, Where, and how Married.	Signature of Bride.	Age.	Qual. Bride.	Name, Rank, and Rank or Station of Groom.	Signature of Groom.	When & Where Registered.
1	1866 on the 26th day of June at the Manse of the Free Church of Scotland.	<i>(Signed) Jane Darling</i>	33	Wife of James Darling, Berwick on Tweed.	<i>(Signed) James Cockburn</i>	<i>(Signed) James Cockburn</i>	1866 June 26
		<i>(Signed) Elizabeth Gordon</i>	32	Wife of Alexander Gordon, Berwick on Tweed.	<i>(Signed) Alexander Gordon</i>	<i>(Signed) Alexander Gordon</i>	1866 June 26
2	1866 on the 26th day of June at the Manse of the Free Church of Scotland.	<i>(Signed) Jane Darling</i>	34	Wife of James Darling, Berwick on Tweed.	<i>(Signed) James Cockburn</i>	<i>(Signed) James Cockburn</i>	1866 June 26
		<i>(Signed) James Cockburn</i>	26	Wife of James Cockburn, Berwick on Tweed.	<i>(Signed) James Cockburn</i>	<i>(Signed) James Cockburn</i>	1866 June 26

John Logan Registrar

(b) Death Certificate (1879) of James ³ COCKBURN:

1879 COCKBURN, JAMES (Statutory Deaths 741/00 0001)

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1879. DEATHS in the Parish of Houlden in the County of Derbyshire

No.	Name and Surname Rank or Profession, and whether Single, Married, or Widowed.	When and Where Died.	Sex.	Age.	Name, Address, & Rank or Profession of Father. Name, and Station, of Mother.	Cause of Death, Duration of Illness, and Medical Treatment by whom treated.	Signature & Qualification of the Medical Officer, and Signature of one of the Clergy to whom the Death is ascribed.	When and where Buried, and Signature of Burier.
1	James Cockburn Farmer	1879. May North at Greenfield	Male	38	David Cockburn Farmer (deceased)	burned by fire of the kitchen on the 21st inst.	James Cockburn M.D. (Present.)	1879. May 11 th at Houlden
	(Married to Jane Darling)				Margaret Cockburn Wife of J. B. Cox	As Cert. by J. B. Cox L.R.C.S.D.		James Shed M.D.
2	Jane Alcorn Shed (Single)	1879. August South at Houlden	Female	18	James Shed Schoolmaster	Scarlatina 4 days as Cert. by John Alcorn M.D.	James Shed M.D. (Present.)	1879. August 20 th at Houlden
					Jane Alcorn Wife of J. Alcorn	As Cert. by J. Alcorn L.R.C.S.D.		James Shed M.D.
3	John Nelson (Single)	1879. August South at Houlden	Male	7	Peter Nelson Agricultural Labourer	Supposed to be drowned in the river at Houlden	Peter Nelson M.D. (Present.)	1879. August 21 st at Houlden
					John Nelson M.D.	As Cert. by J. Nelson L.R.C.S.D.		James Shed M.D.

James Shed Registrar

(c) Death Certificate (1888) of Jane COCKBURN (née DARLING):

1888 COCKBURN, JANE (Statutory Deaths 741/00 0002)

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1888. DEATHS in the Parish of Houlden in the County of Derbyshire

No.	Name and Surname Rank or Profession, and whether Single, Married, or Widowed.	When and Where Died.	Sex.	Age.	Name, Address, & Rank or Profession of Father. Name, and Station, of Mother.	Cause of Death, Duration of Illness, and Medical Treatment by whom treated.	Signature & Qualification of the Medical Officer, and Signature of one of the Clergy to whom the Death is ascribed.	When and where Buried, and Signature of Burier.
1	Jane Cockburn (Single)	1888. January South at Houlden	Female	22	George Cockburn Farmer (deceased)	Went to London on the 21 st inst.	James Shed M.D.	1888. January 28 th at Houlden
					Isabella Darling Wife of J. Darling	As Cert. by J. Darling M.D.		James Shed M.D.
2	Jane Cockburn (Widow of James Cockburn)	1888. February South at Greenfield	Female	57	George Darling Farmer (deceased)	Caused by the falling of the roof of the kitchen on the 21 st inst.	James Shed M.D. (Present.)	1888. February 25 th at Houlden
					Isabella Darling Wife of J. Darling	As Cert. by J. Darling M.D.		James Shed M.D.
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James Shed Registrar

The children of James COCKBURN and Jane DARLING are:

- 4. (i) Isabella Darling COCKBURN, b. 29 July 1867 at Greenfield Farm House, Foulden, Berwickshire, Scotland.
- 4. (ii) David ⁴ COCKBURN, b. 14 February 1869, Greenfield, Foulden, Berwick, Scotland.
- 4 (iii) George Darling COCKBURN (Source: Death Certificate.), b. 15 Dec. 1870, Greenfield, Foulden, Berwick, Scotland; d. 9 September 1882, Greenfield, Foulden, Berwickshire, Scotland (Source: Death Certificate.).
- 4 (iv) JAMES COCKBURN, b. 31 Dec. 1872, Greenfield Farm House, Foulden, Berwickshire, Scotland.

Generation No: 4

4. (ii) David ⁴ COCKBURN (James ³, David ², Thomas ¹) was born 14 February 1869 in Greenfield, Foulden, Berwick, Scotland (Source: Birth Certificate.). He married Elizabeth (aka. Lizzie) Neilson SWAN (Source: Marriage Certificate) on 12 November 1895 in Veitch's Hotel, George Street, Edinburgh, Midlothian, Scotland (Source: Marriage Certificate.), daughter of Robert George SWAN and Margaret BLACK. Lizzie was born on 29 October 1863 in Duns, Berwickshire, Scotland (see <https://familysearch.org/pal:MM9.1.1/XYRS-RLG>).

Notes on David ⁴ COCKBURN and Lizzie Nielson SWAN:

(a) Birth Certificate (1869) of David ⁴ COCKBURN:

1869 COCKBURN, DAVID (Statutory Births 741/00 0006)

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1869. BIRTHS in the Parish of Foulden in the County of Berwick

No.	Name and Surname.	When and Where Born.	Sex.	Name, Profession & Rank or Profession of Father, Rank and Style (Tenure of Office), Date and Place of Marriage.	Signature and Qualification of Informant, and Signature of one of the Clergy to whom the Birth reported.	When and Where Registered, and Signature of Registrar.
4	George Hill	1869 January Twenty seventh 6.7.54 AM	M.	James Hill Labourer James Hill M. L. Davidson	James Hill Father	1869 February 12 th at Foulden
		Foulden Sagg		1868 June 26 th at Chainside		James Shed Registrar
5	Jane Fish	1869 February Third 1 h. 25 m. PM.	F.	Rodger Fish Agricultural Labourer Isabella Fish M. L. Dickson	Rodger Fish Father	1869 February 22 nd at Foulden
		Foulden Town		1868, July 22 nd at Samberton Toll		James Shed Registrar
6	David Cockburn	1869 February fourteenth 2 h. 30 m. AM.	M.	James Cockburn Farmer Jane Cockburn M. L. Darling	James Cockburn Father	1869 February 23 rd at Foulden
		Greenfield		1866 June 26 th at Mordington Mount		James Shed Registrar

James Shed Registrar

(b) 1891 Census

1891 Census

Name:	David Cockburn	
Age:	22	
Estimated Birth Year:	abt 1869	
Relationship:	Nephew	
Gender:	Male	
Where born:	<u>Foulton</u> , Berwickshire	
Registration number:	732/1	
Registration District:	<u>Coldingham</u>	
Civil Parish:	<u>Coldingham</u>	
County:	Berwickshire	
Address:	1 <u>Shawbraes</u>	
Occupation:	Farmer's Assistant	
ED:	5	
Household Schedule Number:	79	
Line:	23	
Roll:	CSSCT1891_376	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	<u>Robert George Swan</u>	60
	<u>Christian Swan</u>	45
	<u>Lizzie Neilson Swan</u>	27
	<u>David Cockburn</u>	22
	<u>Margaret Goodall</u>	20
<u>William Scouller</u>	13	

Note: This census shows a number of interesting facts:

(i) Christian Cockburn, David Cockburn's aunt, is now married, as his second wife, to Robert George Swan;

(ii) David Cockburn is now working as a Farmer's Assistant, at Shawbraes, and his relationship to the Head of the Family, Robert George Swan, is shown as nephew.

(iii) This period of his working life brought him into close proximity to Lizzie Neilson Swan, daughter of Robert George Swan from his first marriage to Margaret Black, and presumably set the stage for their later marriage in 1895.

(c) Marriage Certificate (1895) for David Cockburn and Lizzie Nielson Swan:

1895 COCKBURN, DAVID - SWAN, LIZZIE NEILSON (Statutory Marriages 685/02 0417)

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1895 MARRIAGES in the District of Saint Andrew in the Burgh of Edinburgh

No.	When, Where, and How Made	Signature of Father	Age	Qualification	Name, Address, and Rank of Parents of Groom	Name, Address, and Rank of Bride	Year of Birth of Groom	Year of Birth of Bride
417	1895 on the 14th day of November at Edinburgh Edinburgh	James Bachelor	31	Widower	James Black Edinburgh	Lizzie Neilson Edinburgh	1865	1875
	Appearance of	Margaret Married	25	Widow	William Hannah Edinburgh	Lizzie Neilson Edinburgh	1870	1875
	Witness	Isabella Spinster	67	Widow	Isabella Hannah Edinburgh	Lizzie Neilson Edinburgh	1828	1875

John M. Lavery Registrar

Note: The marriage certificate for David COCKBURN and Lizzie Neilson Swan shows David's father correctly named as James, but his mother is named as Isabella, instead of Jane - Isabella was his Grandmother's name.

(d) 1901 Census

1901 census



Name:	David Cockburn												
Age:	33												
Estimated Birth Year:	abt 1868												
Relationship:	Head												
Spouse's name :	Lizzie Cockburn												
Gender:	Male												
Where born:	Foulden , Berwickshire												
Registration number:	713												
Registration District:	North Berwick												
Civil Parish:	North Berwick												
County:	East Lothian												
Address:	Castleton Farm House												
Occupation:	Farmer												
ED:	5												
Household Schedule Number:	32												
Line:	1												
Roll:	CSSCT1901_409												
Household Members:	<table border="1"><thead><tr><th>Name</th><th>Age</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>David Cockburn</td><td>33</td></tr><tr><td>Lizzie Cockburn</td><td>33</td></tr><tr><td>Isabella Cone</td><td>35</td></tr><tr><td>Sarah Macgregor</td><td>19</td></tr><tr><td>Mary Hamilton</td><td>60</td></tr></tbody></table>	Name	Age	David Cockburn	33	Lizzie Cockburn	33	Isabella Cone	35	Sarah Macgregor	19	Mary Hamilton	60
	Name	Age											
	David Cockburn	33											
	Lizzie Cockburn	33											
	Isabella Cone	35											
	Sarah Macgregor	19											
Mary Hamilton	60												

Note: Six years into married life, David and Lizzie Cockburn are now farming at Castleton (see Google map), where their son, David Bonar Cockburn, was born two years later.

(e) 1911 Census:

The image shows two pages of a 1911 census form. The left page is headed 'Foulden' and lists several households. The first household is David Cockburn, a shepherd, aged 47, with his wife and child. The right page is headed 'Foulden' and lists other households, including the Cockburn family again, with David aged 47, his wife, and child.

Note: Family history indicates that David ⁴ COCKBURN left the Shaw Braes farm in Reston, with his wife and child, in 1907, which may well be correct, but would mean that they had left Castleton, and returned to Shaw Braes between 1901 and 1907. However, this 1911 census shows that they were still in Foulden, Berwickshire, in 1911, and that David was no longer self-employed as a farmer, but was employed as a shepherd.

The book *Coldingham Parish and Priory* by A. Thomson, published in 1908, states on page 275 (which can be found at <http://archive.org/stream/coldinghamparis00thomgoog#page/n360/mode/2up>), that “the owner (of Shaw Braes) immediately preceding the present proprietrix was Mrs Margaret Cockburn”. My genealogical correspondent, Meg Stenhouse, has indicated that in the 1901 census, Margaret Cockburn, aged 86, is recorded as boarding in Edinburgh with Ann Miller, aged 65, and her son William Miller, aged 27.

One further fact, which can be found on the Cockburn family tree website, shows that Robert George Swan retired on 1 January 1907. The 1891 census tells us that he was farming Shaw Braes at that time.

Thus two possibilities appear to exist:

- (1) Margaret was perhaps the absentee owner of Shaw Braes, and allowed her grandson to farm it, but that the farm had to be sold upon her death, which presumably was about 1907, and that David then worked as a shepherd for a few years before taking the decision to emigrate to Southern Rhodesia.
- (2) Margaret had already given Shaw Braes to her daughter, Christian (married to Robert George Swan), i.e. she was the “present proprietrix” mentioned in *Coldingham Parish and Priory*, and they decided to sell the farm in 1907 upon the retirement of Robert George Swan.

The (only) child of David COCKBURN and Lizzie SWAN is:

5. (i) David Bonar ⁵ COCKBURN, b. 22 February 1903 in Castleton, North Berwick, East Lothian, Scotland; d. 19 Aug. 1946 in Salisbury, Rhodesia.

Generation No: 5

5. (i) David Bonar ⁵ COCKBURN (David ⁴, James ³, David ², Thomas ¹) was born 22 February 1903 in Castleton, North Berwick, East Lothian, Scotland (Source: Birth Certificate) and died on 19

August 1946 in Salisbury, Rhodesia. He married Dorothy Violet ULYETT on 20 January 1926 in Salisbury, Rhodesia (Source: Marriage Certificate), daughter of Reginald Heber ULYETT and Henrietta Barbery SPARGO. Dorothy was born 1 April 1902 in Johannesburg, South Africa and died on 2 June 1971 in Salisbury, Rhodesia.

Notes on David Bonar⁵ COCKBURN and Dorothy Violet ULYETT:

(a) Birth Certificate (1903) of David Bonar COCKBURN:

EXTRACT OF AN ENTRY IN A REGISTER OF BIRTHS kept under the Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Scotland) Act 1965

(1) Name and Surname	(2) When and Where Born	(3) Sex	(4) Name, Surname, and Rank or Profession of Father, Name, and Maiden Surname of Mother, Date and Place of Marriage.	(5) Signature and Qualification of Informant, and Residence, if not of the House in which the Birth occurred.	(6) When and Where Registered, and Signature of Registrar.
David Bonar Cockburn	1903. February Twenty Second 5.45 am. P.M. Gartleton Parish of North Bannock	M	David Cockburn Farmer Dorothy Violet Cockburn D. M. S. Swan 1895 November 16th Gartleton	David Cockburn Farmer (Farmer)	1903. March 4th At North Bannock Specified on

Register of Births for the District of North Bannock
County of Haddington
Register Office, New Register House, Edinburgh,
Office, this 25th day of September 1971.
ATTENTION IS DIRECTED TO THE NOTES OVERLEAF

(b) Marriage Certificate (1926) for David Bonar Cockburn and Dorothy Violet Ulyett:

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DUPLICATE ORIGINAL REGISTER.
MARRIAGE REGISTRY
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Private Reg 7734. Cases
SALISBURY, RHODESIA

1926 Marriage solemnized at Salisbury in the Parish of the Cathedral in the District of Salisbury

No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	After Name or Location.	Consent by who or Judge's O
23	Jan. 20.	DAVID BONAR COCKBURN	22	Bachelor	Farmer	Glendole	Bannock	-
		DOROTHY VIOLET ULYETT	22	Sp. m. ister	-	Salisbury	-	-

Married in (1) the Cathedral at (2) Salisbury afterwards, after (3) Bannock by me E. J. Parker
R. L. B. No

The children of David Bonar ⁵ COCKBURN and Dorothy Violet ULYETT are:

6. (i) Judith Anne COCKBURN, b. 21 April 1926 in Glendale, Rhodesia; d. 23 Aug. 2007 in Harare, Zimbabwe).

6. (ii) David ⁶ COCKBURN, b. 15 May 1927 in Salisbury, Rhodesia; d. 9 Mar. 1980.

6. (iii) John COCKBURN, b. circa 1932; d. Dec. 2012.

Generation No: 6

6. (ii) David ⁶ COCKBURN (David ⁵, David ⁴, James ³, David ², Thomas ¹) was born 15 May 1927 in Salisbury, Rhodesia, and died on 9 March 1980. He married Elizabeth McNALLY, who was born in 1929 in Northern Ireland, and who died on 27 June 1999 in Harare, Zimbabwe.

The children of David ⁶ COCKBURN and Elizabeth McNALLY are:

7. (i) Siobain COCKBURN, b. 24 May 1961 in Salisbury, Rhodesia; living.

7. (ii) David Andrew ⁷ COCKBURN, b. 9 January 1963 in Salisbury, Rhodesia; living.

7. (iii) Mairead COCKBURN, b. 9 February 1964 in Salisbury, Rhodesia; living.

7. (iv) Brian COCKBURN, b. 29 May 1965 in Salisbury, Rhodesia; d. 9 March 2002 in New Mexico, USA.

Generation No: 7

7. (ii) David Andrew ⁷ COCKBURN (David ⁶, David ⁵, David ⁴, James ³, David ², Thomas ¹) was born on 9 January 1963 in Salisbury, Rhodesia. He married Felicity Claire JOHNSTONE on 28 August 1993. Felicity was born on 9 January 1967 (Note: same birthday as Andrew).

Children of David Andrew ⁷ COCKBURN and Felicity Claire JOHNSTONE are:

8. (i) David Jack ⁸ COCKBURN, b. 28 February 1996.

8. (ii) Isabella Frances COCKBURN, b. 17 June 1998.

Generation No: 8

8. (i) David Jack ⁸ COCKBURN (David Andrew ⁷, David ⁶, David Bonar ⁵, David ⁴, James ³, David ², Thomas ¹) was born on 28 February 1996.

Earlier Generations

So, who comes before Generation No: 1? While nothing is yet certain, new records become available every day. Here are a few important links, as well as suggestions for follow-up (perhaps by Generations 7 and 8!).

(1) **Bonar link:** The book, *The Records of the Cockburn Family*, published in 1913, and which can be found online at:

<http://archive.org/stream/recordsofcockbur00cock#page/203/mode/1up>

shows, on page 203, that there was some sort of relationship between the Cockburns of Cockpen and the Bonars in the mid-1700s:

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day in December annually against the danger of back-sliding through covetousness,' of which he acknowledges himself to have been guilty. Whether, as a matter of fact, unwilling rustics were actually cajoled into attending the kirk on a bleak winter's morning to listen to a wearisome discourse, we are unable to say. The matter is not mentioned in the still extant kirk session records, where one would have expected to find some notice of the laird's benefaction. The minister at this date was the Rev. John Bonar, who was presented to the church of Cockpen by Archibald Cockburn in 1746, and remained there till he was translated to Perth in 1756.

Knowing more about that relationship might suggest a link with the Cockburn branch in Cockpen.

(2) **Selburnrigg link:** The book *A Genealogical and Heraldic History of the Colonial Gentry (Vol. I)*, by Sir Bernard Burke, published in 1891, and which can be found online at:

<http://www.archive.org/stream/genealogicalhera01burk#page/109/mode/1up/search/Cockburn>

provides a list of first names for the Cockburns that are repeated in the above known generations, such as: James, John, David, and Thomas. While the book focuses on the first-born heirs, it's possible that you descend from a second or third child. For example, David Cockburn, of Selburnrigg, who died in 1763, had a second son, named David, for whom the book gives no further details. However, subsequent research may reveal more details.

Family of Cockburn.

PETRUS DE COCKBURN witnessed a donation to the monastery of Soltra, co. Berwick, A.D. 1230; his ancestors possessed the lands of Cockburn in that co. as far back as Scottish history extends; the adjoining estate of Langton came by the marriage of Alexander de Cockburn with Mary, daughter of De Vetereponte, Baron of Langton, killed at Bannockburn, and remained the seat of the principal family for nearly 500 years.

The latest offshoot from the baronial house of Langton was that of Selburnrigg, founded by a younger son, who inherited that estate in Lammermoor from his father, the Baron of Langton, about the end of the 15th century; it descended to

JAMES COCKBURN, of Selburnrigg, whose loyalty to King JAMES VII resulted in his being obliged to take refuge abroad, his lands, after the troubles of 1688, were added to the estate of Sir Archibald Cockburn, Bart. of Langton. He was father of

JOHN COCKBURN, *d.* at Langton, 1712, leaving a son,

DAVID COCKBURN, resident at Langton, the seat of his kinsman, Sir James Cockburn, Bart., *d.* 1763, having issue by his wife, Mary Whitelaw, of a family anciently of that ilk,

I. THOMAS.

II. David.

I. Mary, *m.* her kinsman, Thomas Hood,

(3) **Thomas Cockburn (Generation No: 1)**: We know that David Cockburn (Generation No: 2) was born in Chirnside, Berwickshire, circa 1812. Assuming that his father was called Thomas, searches on Family Search reveal:

(a) several children born to Thomas Cockburn and Ann Jeffrey in Chirnside:

(i) Janet Cockburn, born 28 October 1795. See:

<https://familysearch.org/pal:MM9.1.1/XTYG-8JB>

(ii) Isabella Cockburn, born 18 December 1797. See:

<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/XTYG-CRM>

(iii) Thomas Cockburn, born 4 January 1800. See:

<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/XTYG-VYZ>

(iv) Alison Cockburn, born 4 March 1802. See:

<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/XTYG-KHQ>

(b) two people named Thomas Cockburn, both born to John Cockburn and Mary Darling in Chirnside. See:

<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/XTYG-PD6>

<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/XTYP-89P>

The first one was born 8 April 1773, and the second was born 4 September 1777. It's likely that the first Thomas died young, and John and Mary named their next son Thomas. This Thomas would have been 18 years old when the above Janet was born in 1795, and 35 years old when David Cockburn (Generation No: 2) was born circa 1812.

(c) John Cockburn and Mary Darling were married on 1 October 1770 in Chirnside. See:

<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/XTLQ-C5S>

In addition to the two Thomases mentioned above, they had two other recorded children:

(i) John Cockburn, born 28 July 1771. See:

<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/XY3W-42X>

(ii) George Cockburn, born 29 August 1780. See:

<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/XTYP-8SM>

Map Locations

I have plotted the various locations on a Google Map, which can be found at:

<https://mapsengine.google.com/map/edit?mid=z-KU2QTr0f4A.kFn0kr0XTXg0>

It can be seen that most of the locations are clustered together.

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Genealogy Quotes

“History remembers only the celebrated; genealogy remembers everyone” - Laurence Overmire.

“Shake your family tree, and watch the nuts fall out” - Anon.

Murphy's Law of Genealogy: “The public ceremony in which your distinguished ancestor participated, and at which the platform collapsed under him, turned out to be a hanging”.

“A family tree can wither if no-one tends its roots” - Anon.

Inscription on the grave of my 4th Great Granduncle, William Pickering (1705-1787):

*Reader stand by and shed a tear;
Think on the dust that slumbers here;
And as thou read the fate of me,
Think of the glass that runs for thee.*

Time is short. Genealogy must be done today!!