

**Chapter 5**  
**of**  
**Kerr Roots and Shoots**

**1881 Census for Dunfermline, Scotland**

In April, 1881, James and Barbara were serving the maiden Wellwood ladies at Pitliver House, and as will be seen below, it appears that this move from Bridge of Allan happened before 1873.

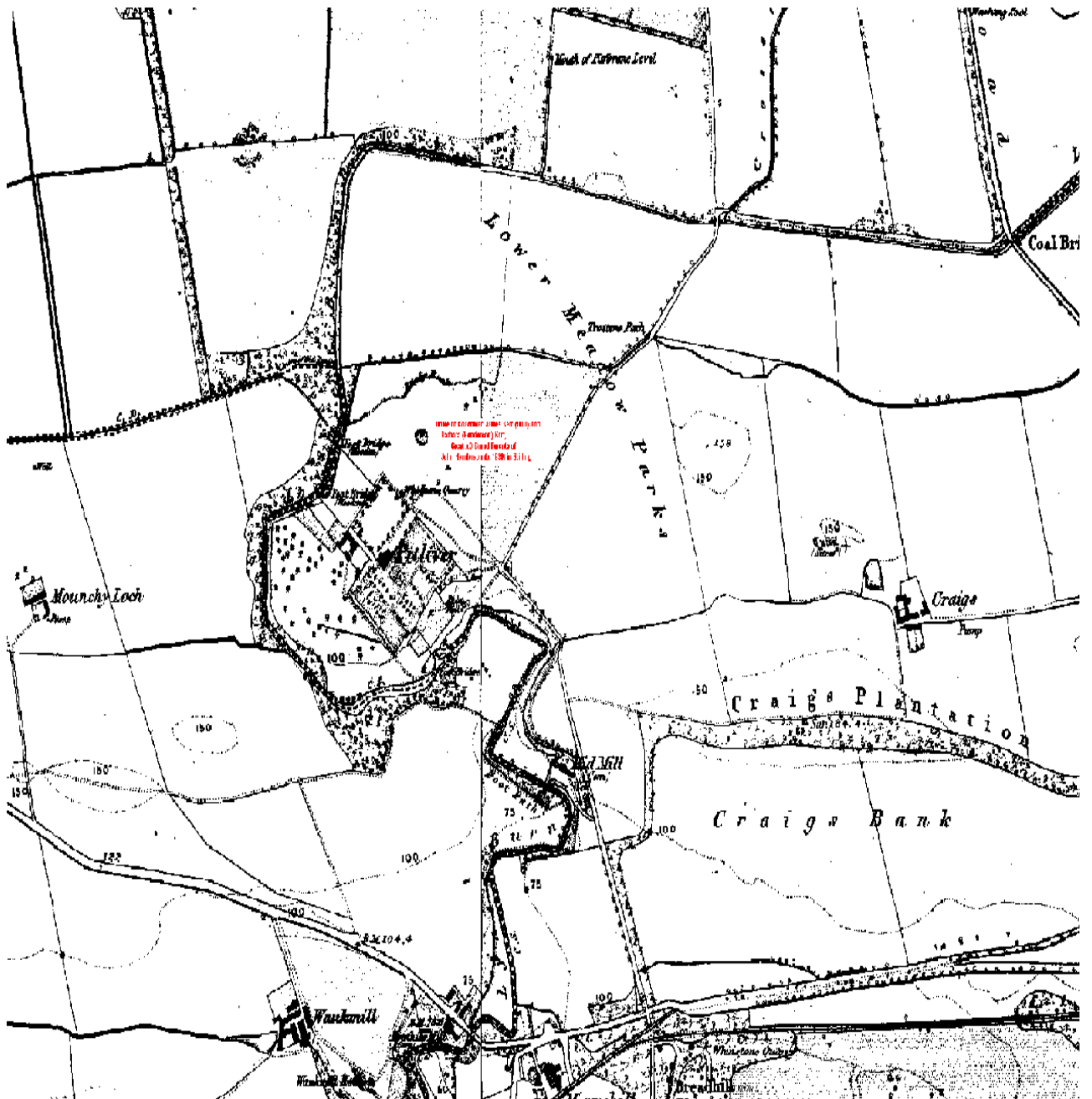
Dwelling: Pitliver East Lodge  
1881 Census Place: Dunfermline, Fife, Scotland  
Source: FHL Film 0203521 GRO Ref Volume 424  
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	Marr	Age	Sex	Birthplace
James KERR	M	72	M	Midcalder, Edinburgh, Scotland
Rel:	Head			
Occ:	Coachman Dom Serv			
Barbara KERR	M	70	F	Midcalder, Edinburgh, Scotland
Rel:	Wife			

Dwelling: Pitliver House  
1881 Census Place: Dunfermline, Fife, Scotland  
Source: FHL Film 0203521 GRO Ref Volume 424  
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	Marr	Age	Sex	Birthplace
Isabella C.M. WELLWOOD	U	74	F	Edinburgh,
Rel:	Head			
Occ:	Lady			
Eliz. B.M. WELLWOOD	U	71	F	Edinburgh,
Rel:	Sister			
Occ:	Lady			
Anne B. M. WELLWOOD	U	58	F	Edinburgh,
Rel:	Sister			
Occ:	Lady			

## 1865 Map for Pitliver House, Crossford, Dunfermline.



But, as seen in the GRO image that appears on the next page .... daughter Barbara, born in 1855 at Meadowbank Lodge, Kirknewton, is living with her parents at Pitliver House just before her marriage to Thomas Spence in 1874 in Edinburgh. Thus the old folks, Kerr and Maconochie-Wellwood, had moved there not long after last seen in Bridge of Allan in 1871. I often wonder if Pitliver House had originally been the property of the

previously mentioned Robert Wellwood of Dunfermline, Great Grandfather of Isabella, Elizabeth and Anne Maconochie-Wellwood?

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1874 MARRIAGES in the District of *Saint Giles* in the City of *Edinburgh*

No.	When, Where, and How Married.	Signatures of Parties (Rank or Profession, whether Single or Widowed, and Relationship (if any).)	Age.	Usual Residence.	Name, Surname, and Rank or Profession of Father. Name, and Maiden Surname of Mother.	If a regular Minister, Signature of officiating Minister and Witnesses. If Irregular, Date of Conviction, Licence of Declarator, or Sheriff's Warrant.	When & Where Registered, and Signature of Registrar.
309	1874. on the Eighth day of December at 125, Princes Place Edinburgh	(Signed) William O'Leahart Grocer Bachelor	29	125 Princes Edinburgh	Alexander O'Leahart Lawyer Katherine O'Leahart Ne. T. O'Leahart	(Signed) Kenny, Philip Free of St John's Church	1874 December 10th Edinburgh
	At St Mary's according to the rites of the Church of Scotland	(Signed) Mary D. Brighton Spinster	37	141 East Edinburgh	David Brighton Victual Dealer Deceased Ann Brighton Ne. Bishop Deceased	(Signed) Margt Brighton Minst Alexander O'Leahart Minst	1874 Edinburgh
310	1874. on the Twentieth day of September at 125, Princes Place Edinburgh	Thomas P. Spence Cottonier's Servant Bachelor	18	18 Craigside Northumberland	John Spence Mason and Ellen Spence Ne. P. Pallister	(Signed) Warrant of Sheriff substituted of Mr J. Spence dated 22nd September 1874	1874 December 10th Edinburgh
	By Publication in pursuance of Andrew's Act 1806 the usual notice being given in the Church of St Andrew's Dunfermline	(Signed) Barbara Spence Spinster	19	111 West Parish of Dunfermline	James Spence Cottonier and Barbara Spence Ne. J. Henderson		1874 Edinburgh

*John Keaton* Registrar.

Daughter Barbara is by 1881 living in Edinburgh with her husband and three daughters:-

Dwelling: 2 Northumberland Place  
 1881 Census Place: Edinburgh St Marys, Edinburgh, Scotland  
 Source: FHL Film 0223998 GRO Ref Volume 685-2 EnumDist 83

	Marr	Age	Sex	Birthplace
Thomas Pallister SPENCE	M	25	M	England
Rel: Head				
Occ: Waiter (D S)				
Barbara SPENCE	M	26	F	Kirknewton, Edinburgh,
Rel: Wife				
Barbara SPENCE	U	6	F	Dunfermline, Fife, Scotland
Rel: Daur				
Occ: Scholar				
Ellen SPENCE	U	3	F	Edinburgh, Edinburgh, Scotland
Rel: Daur				
Ann SPENCE	U	11 m	F	Edinburgh, Edinburgh, Scotland
Rel: Daur				

Unfortunately, by 1887, James and Barbara's grand-daughter, Barbara Spence Jnr., dies of peritonitis in her parents' home, now in Dundee.

1887. DEATHS in the District of *St Peter* in the Burgh of *Dundee*

No.	Name and Surname, Rank or Profession, and whether Single, Married, or Widowed.	When and Where Died.	Sex.	Age.	Name, Surname, & Rank or Profession of Father, Name, and Maiden Surname of Mother.	Cause of Death, Duration of Disease, and Medical Attendant by whom certified.	Signature & Qualification of Informant, and Residence, if out of the House in which the Death occurred.	When and where Registered, and Signature of Registrar.
472	<i>Barbara Spence</i> (Single)	<i>1887, November Second 116 St. Peter's, Dundee</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>Kenneth Spence Barbara Spence</i>	<i>Peritonitis 4 Days No Certified by Dr. Campbell 16.9.</i>	<i>Thomas Galbraith Spence Father (Present)</i>	<i>1887, November 5<sup>th</sup> at Dundee Jas Young Registrar</i>
	<i>Rosa Boy</i> (Single)	<i>1887, November Fourth 161 1/2 St. Peter's, Dundee</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>Daniel Boy Catherine Boy (deceased) Mrs. M. G. Boy</i>	<i>Phthisis 35 Days No Certified by Charles Johnson 16.9.</i>	<i>Mother (Present)</i>	<i>1887, November 4<sup>th</sup> at Dundee Jas Young Registrar</i>
474	<i>John Maliff</i> (Single)	<i>1887, November Fourth 16 Newington Dundee</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>James Maliff Marion Maliff Mary Maliff Mrs. G. Maliff</i>	<i>Dysentery 1 Day No Certified by Dr. M. G. Maliff 16.9.</i>	<i>James Maliff His Mother Father (Present) Dr. M. G. Maliff Witness</i>	<i>1887, November 5<sup>th</sup> at Dundee Jas Young Registrar</i>

*Jas Young* Registrar.

In Chapter Six, the story of James and Barbara Kerr.... and Thomas and Barbara Spence, now with an enlarged family, continues in Crossford, Dunfermline and Dundee, respectively.