

ANCESTORS

The ancestors of Andrew Buchanan and Emma Harkness are shown on the next page. This tree shows 17 generations on the Buchanan side, compiled from several sources. On Andrew Buchanan's side, the ancestors back to Alexander Buchanan are from the old family bible. The earlier ones are from Guthrie Smith (1896) who gives details back to Sir Walter Buchanan, whose son John Buchanan married Janet de Lany about 1392 to become the first of the Buchanans of Leny. The references quoted have minor inconsistencies regarding the earlier generations.

Old Family Bible

The typed transcript of handwritten text from the front and rear endpapers of an old Buchanan family New Testament (1754 edition) is found in Appendix A. This describes a line of descent from Alexander Buchanan of Glenie in Perthshire. He is the great great great great grandfather of Andrew Buchanan. (Note that "Glenie" in the family bible is more commonly spelt "Glenny" in other literature.)

Several entries in the family bible refer to burial at churches in Glasgow.

The "New Northwest Church" in Glasgow is now known as Ramshorn Church, or St David's Church. In 1991 it was being converted to a drama centre for the University of Strathclyde, and the extensive burial ground behind the church was intact. Lair 50 in the west wall can be located, but no relevant Buchanan gravestones can be identified



New Northwest Church,
1991

THE NEW
TESTAMENT
OF OUR
LORD AND SAVIOUR
JESUS CHRIST,

*Newly translated out of the
ORIGINAL GREEK,*

And with the former
TRANSLATIONS
Discreetly compared and revised.

By his Majesty's Special Command.

Appointed to be read in Churches.

GLASGOW.

Printed by J. BELL and D. PATTERSON,
For J. HENDERSON, D. BROWN, J. KERR, J. BROWN, and
W. MACKENZIE, Booksellers. MDCCLIV.

Ancestors of Andrew Buchanan and Emma Harkness



because the soft sandstone slabs, laid flat, have eroded severely in the last 200 years.

The “High Church” is now Glasgow Cathedral. George Buchanan was buried in 1773 in the Buchanan Lair, opposite the principal door, beside some of his grandchildren who had died earlier. This area was completely re-landscaped in 1991 and some graves were moved, but the cathedral records include no Buchanans among them.

Strathendrick and its Inhabitants

The book *Strathendrick and its Inhabitants from Early Times* by J Guthrie Smith (1896), gives a very detailed account of Buchanan relationships. In general it is the same as the family bible and old family tree, but gives much more detailed information and historical sources, from the 13th century until about 1730.

Alexander Buchanan, who begins the family bible record, had at least two sons – Andrew and George. Andrew Buchanan lived at Gartacharan, Water of Enrick, Stirlingshire. He purchased Gartacharan from Lord Napier in 1660. (Gartacharan is a small village south of Drymen at the south-east corner of Loch Lomond, opposite the island of Clairinch.)



Handwritten text from old family bible



Cemetery behind New Northwest Church, 1991



Detail from old family tree

Andrew's eldest son, Alexander, inherited these lands from his father. Dr Andrew Buchanan was descended from the second son, George, who went to Glasgow and became a wealthy merchant as described below.

Old Family Tree

Several family members have versions of a Buchanan family tree (55 x 35 cm) showing about 30 generations of Buchanans. One version ends with Noel's children, Silvia, George and Phyllis. Another includes seven offspring of Fanny Buchanan and William Low.

The early part of this tree appears to have been derived directly from *The History of the Ancient Surname of Buchanan* by William Buchanan of Auchmar (1743). The oldest ancestor in these sources is Anselan Buchanan or O'Kyan who was rewarded by Malcolm II in 1016 AD for exploits against the Danes and others.

On the old family tree, there appears to be an error in the second box of the right hand column where, according to all the other sources, there should be another Andrew Buchanan between Alexander Buchanan and George Buchanan. Guthrie Smith (1896) refers to the old family tree and makes some corrections.



William George Buchanan Genealogy

The earliest part of the old family tree differs somewhat from other sources. A genealogy more recently researched for William George Buchanan (who purchased the island of Clairinch in Loch Lomond in 1934 and bequeathed it to the Buchanan Society) shows another version of the earliest ancestors, abbreviated slightly as follows:



This information was obtained from Mr Claude Buchanan, of Auckland, who has a full-size colour copy of the genealogical tree of William George Buchanan, the original being in the British Museum.

At the bottom of the above list, John Buchanan (fourth son of Walter Buchanan) was the first of the Leny line of Buchanans, from whom Dr Andrew Buchanan was descended. Both Walter and John, above, appear on the ancestors' tree for Dr Andrew Buchanan shown previously.

Old Country Houses

The book *Old Country Houses of the Old Glasgow Gentry* (1878) comprises brief articles, with photographs, of one hundred mansion houses in the Glasgow area, with notes on the families who



owned them. The Chapter on Mount Vernon includes a description of six generations from Andrew Buchanan of Gartacharan to the Dr Andrew Buchanan who came to New Zealand.

The book also records that Mount Vernon home-
stead near Glasgow (now demolished) was the
country house of a George Buchanan, cousin of the
Andrew Buchanan born in 1725. This George
Buchanan's American plantations adjoined those
of the elder brother of George Washington on the
banks of the Potomac River, Virginia USA.

The section that mentions our family (page 186)
is shown below:

The Buchanans of Drumpellier and Mount
Vernon are among the legacies bequeathed to
Glasgow by the Virginia trade of last century.

ANDREW BUCHANAN of Gartacharan, near
Drymen, the representative of a branch of the
ancient and distinguished families of
Buchanan of that Ilk and of Leny, had two
sons: Alexander who succeeded, and who is
represented by Alexander Buchanan, now of
Gartacharan. and George who came to push
his fortunes in Glasgow, and who is repre-
sented now by the three good families of

Buchanans, Drumpellier, Auchintorlie, and Craigend.

GEORGE BUCHANAN (George I), Maltster, Visitor of the Maltmen in 1694, Deacon Convenor in 1706. He was a staunch covenanter, who fought at Bothwell Bridge, and had a reward set on his head. He married Mary, daughter of Gabriel Maxwell, merchant in Glasgow, and left four sons, George, Andrew, Archibald and Neil, and one daughter, Mary. Mary married, 1731, George Buchanan of Moss and Auchintoshan, and is represented here by her great-great-grand daughter, Mrs. Christie of Bedlay, daughter of the late John Cross Buchanan of Moss and Auchintoshan. The four sons were founders, in 1725, of the Buchanan Society, the oldest charitable society in Glasgow except Hutcheson's Hospital. George, the eldest son, followed his father's business. The other three are named among M'Ure's "Sea Adventurers": they were great Virginia merchants.

GEORGE BUCHANAN, eldest son of George I, Maltster, born 1685, died 1773, Visitor of the Maltmen 1719, City Treasurer 1726, Bailie 1732 and 1738. George II built himself a fine mansion on the north side of Argyle Street, which till 1828 occupied the site of the Argyle Street portion of Fraser Sons & Co.'s warehouse. He owned all the ground fronting Argyle Street from this house as far east as "Bailie King's close" (a clay lane which ran north from Argyle Street, about where the Arcade now is). This ground formed part of "Palzean's Croft", the

westmost section of the Langcroft. By his wife, Cecilia Forbes, George II left, with four daughters and three other sons, a son,

ANDREW BUCHANAN, Virginia Merchant, born 1725, died about 1783.

He forsook the paternal malt for the tobacco that had enriched his three uncles – an unlucky choice. He was head of two great Virginia houses, Buchanan Hastie & Co, and Andrew Buchanan & Co, and in 1777, in the crash of the American revolt, both fell, and he was utterly ruined. He was rich yet, if he could have discounted one of his assets, which Gilbert Hamilton, his trustee, would have let him have back on easy terms. He owned (except one small patch) all the westmost block of “Palzean’s Croft”. There were four acres of it, stretching from his father’s house as far east as St Enoch’s burn (say Mitchell and West Nile Streets), and from Argyle Street as far north as the Meadowflat March (about 30 yards north of Gordon Street). These four acres comprise the best part of Buchanan Street, which is so named after Andrew Buchanan. Here, in happier times, when the Colonies were as loyal as Lanarkshire, he had built himself a house, on whose site the south-east corner of Stewart & Macdonald’s warehouse now stands, and just before the crash he had built the three-storied tenement still standing at the south-east corner of Buchanan Street.

Andrew Buchanan died about 1783, leaving (with other children) a daughter Mary

Buchanan, who was born the year of the crash, and was living two years ago, a last link between these old Virginia days and our own. She died at Godmanchester in 1876, aged 98. Her brother George, merchant and planter in Jamaica, born 1758, died at Sherborne in 1826, leaving a son Andrew Buchanan, born in Jamaica in 1807, now a surgeon in London.

This document shows that our ancestors in Glasgow in the 18th century were wealthy merchants engaged in malting, then tobacco, until the crash of the American revolt in 1777. They owned substantial properties in central Glasgow. A mistake is that George II Buchanan's wife is stated to be Cecelia Forbes, whereas it is very clear in the family bible that his wife was Christian Mitchell.

The Glasgow family was descended from George I Buchanan, second son of Andrew Buchanan. George's four sons, George II, Andrew, Archibald and Neil founded the Buchanan Society in 1725. This family is shown in the attached family tree, down to the generation of Andrew Buchanan who came to New Zealand. This tree has been derived from the family bible and the books described above.

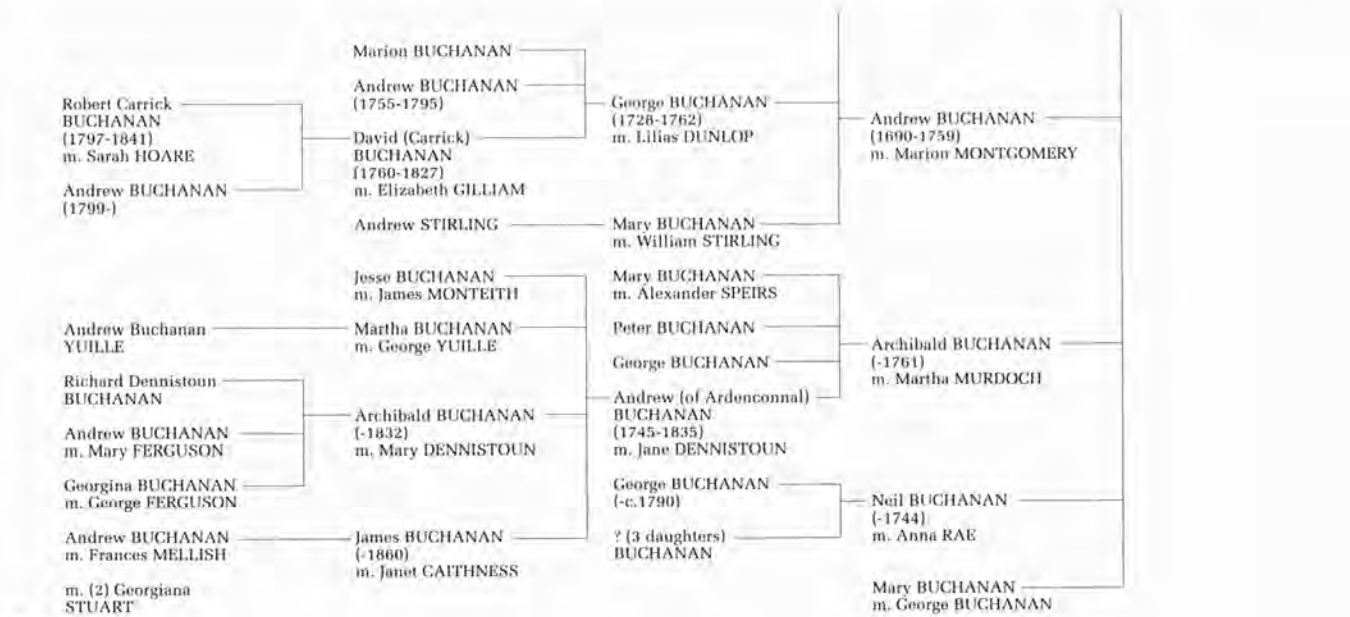
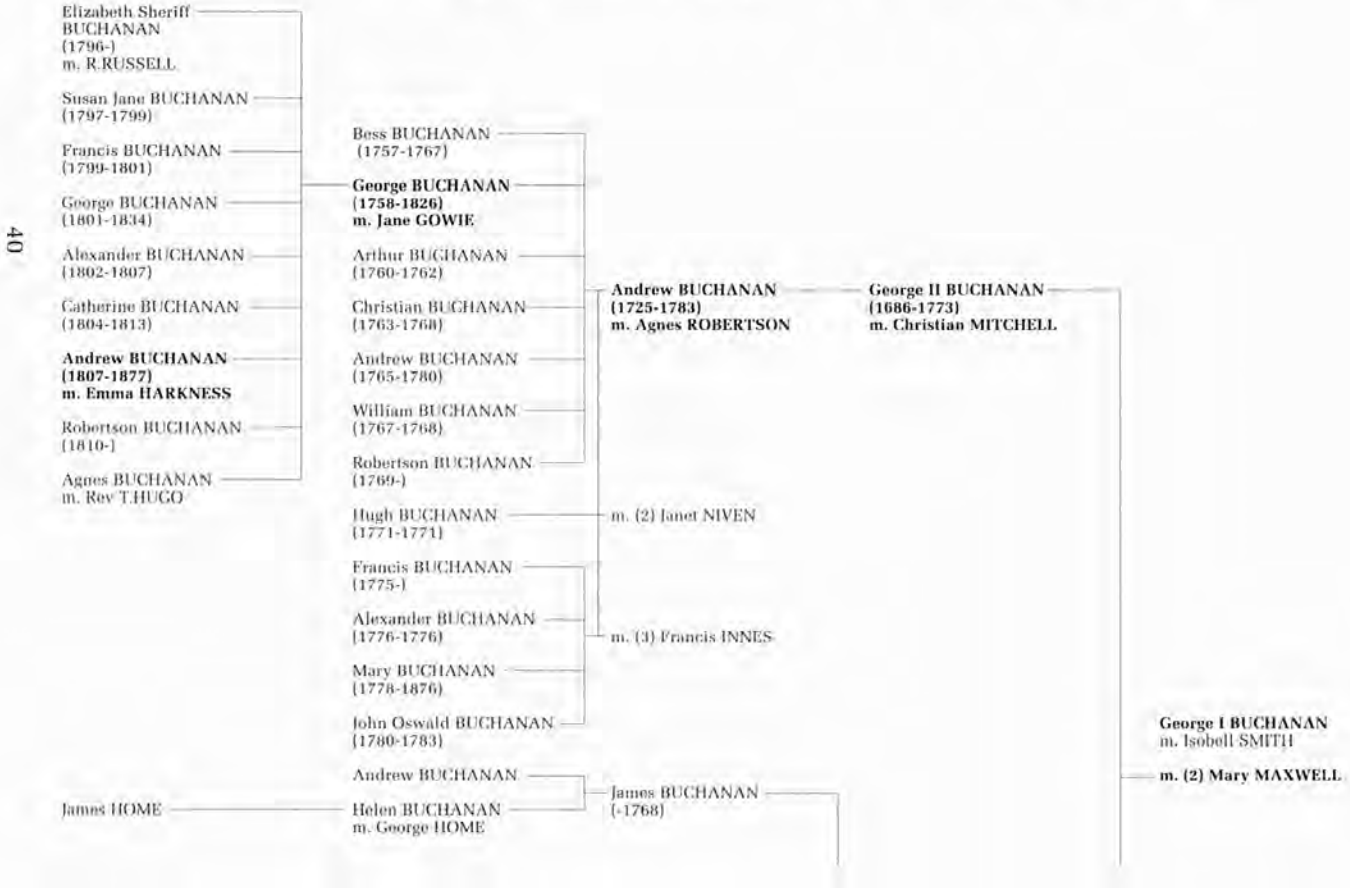
Harkness/Patten/Whiting Ancestors

Andrew Buchanan's wife Emma was the daughter of John Harkness and Dorothy Patten. Dorothy was the daughter of Samuel Patten and Elizabeth Whiting, who is descended from Francis Whiting, the Rector of South Witham, Lincolnshire, born in 1620. This line of descent and other Whiting descendants are shown on the following tree, from an old handwritten document.

Dorothy Harkness
(Emma's sister, born
1809)

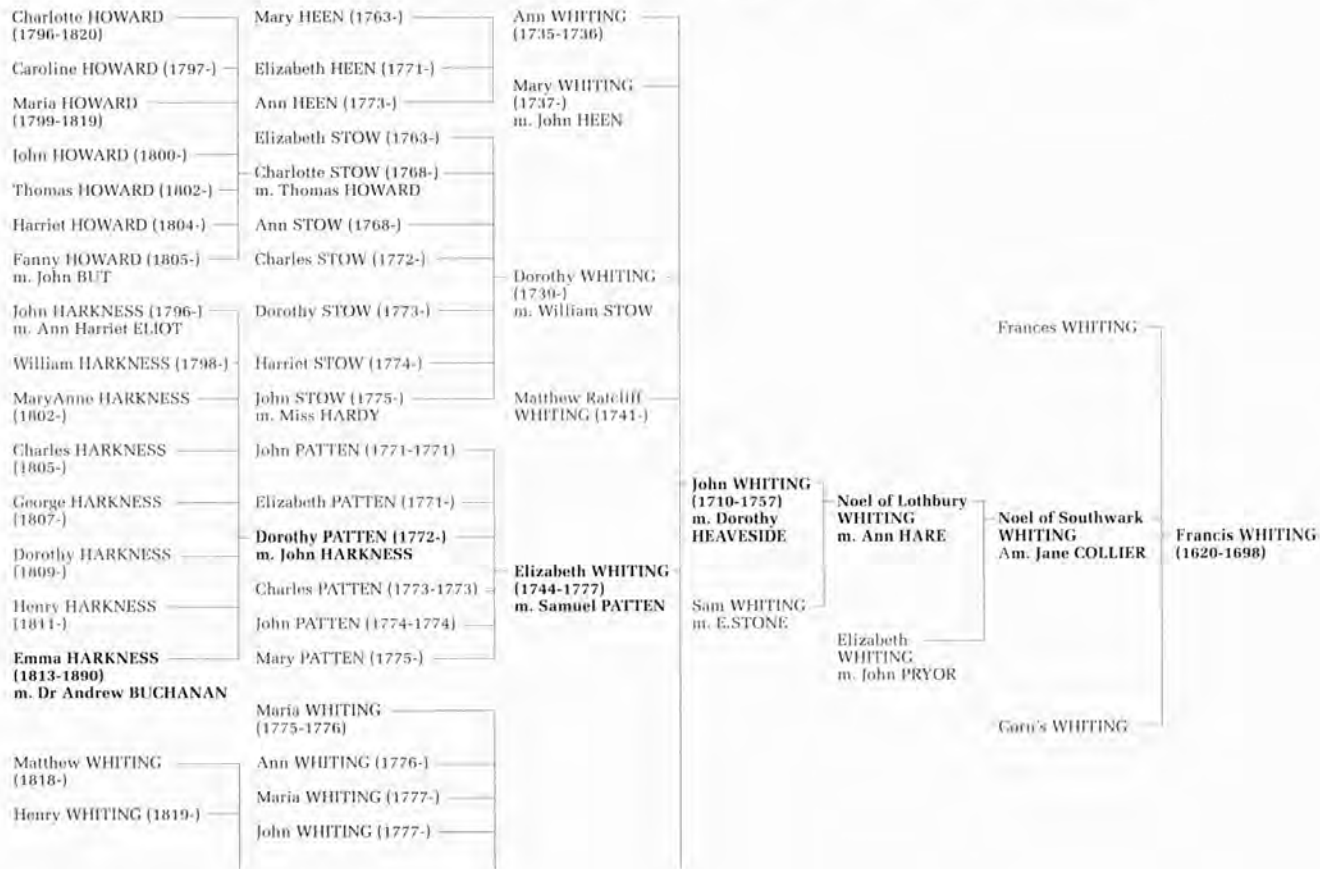


Descendants of George I BUCHANAN (5 generations to Dr Andrew Buchanan)



Descendants of Francis WHITING (7 generations to Emma Harkness)

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