

Chapter 9 of Kerr Roots and Shoots

Going back to 1840 in Kirknewton, we pick up the birth of William Kerr to James and Barbara. The next information about William appears in the 1871 Census for Buckingham Terrace Lane in St Cuthbert Parish, Edinburgh where he lodges, unmarried, and serves as a Domestic Coachman.

Page 14]. The undermentioned Houses are situate within the Boundaries of the

* Civil Parish of <i>St Cuthbert</i>		Quoad sacra Parish of	Parliamentary Burgh of <i>Edinburgh</i>	Royal Burgh of <i>Edinburgh</i>	Police Burgh of	Town of	Village or Hamlet of				
No. of Schedule.	ROAD, STREET, &c., and No. or NAME of HOUSE.	HOUSES In- habited (U.) or building (B.)	NAME and Surname of each Person.	RELATION to Head of Family.	CON- DITION.	AGE of	Rank, Profession, or OCCUPATION.	WHERE BORN.	Whether 1. Deaf and Dumb. 2. Blind. 3. Imbecile or Idiot. 4. Lunatic.	Number of Children born to 18 years of age (including deceased & those of whom no return is made)	Age with last birth
						Male.					
	<i>Buckingham Terrace Lane</i>		<i>James Leitch</i>	<i>Son</i>		<i>10</i>	<i>Scholar</i>	<i>Edinburgh</i>			
			<i>Barbara Leitch</i>	<i>Daughter</i>		<i>7</i>	<i>At Home</i>	<i>Do Do</i>			
<i>36</i>			<i>William Kerr</i>	<i>Son</i>	<i>Unm.</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>Coachman Dom. Serv.</i>	<i>Leithburgh Kirknewton</i>			
<i>37</i>	<i>24 Do</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Andrew Chalmers</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>Mar</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>Coachman Do.</i>	<i>Edinburgh Colinton</i>			<i>1</i>
			<i>John Do</i>	<i>Wife</i>	<i>Mar</i>	<i>24</i>		<i>Edinburgh Hume</i>			<i>1</i>
			<i>Isabella Do</i>	<i>Daughter</i>		<i>6</i>		<i>Edinburgh Leith</i>			
			<i>John Robertson</i>	<i>Son</i>		<i>11</i>		<i>Edinburgh Leith</i>			

Thereafter tragedy in 1878 when William is found at 5 a.m. on the 1st of June in the Union Canal near Meggetland, a victim of 'apparent accidental drowning'.

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1878 DEATHS in the District of *Leith* in the City of *Edinburgh*

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.	Where and where Registered, and Signature of Registrar.
<i>676</i>	<i>William Kerr</i>	<i>1878. June 1st.</i>	<i>M.</i>	<i>38 years</i>	<i>James Kerr, Coachman.</i>	<i>Drowning, apparently accidental.</i>	<i>James Kerr</i>	<i>1878. June 1st. Edinburgh.</i>
	<i>Coachman.</i>	<i>at home, Leith, near Meggetland, about 5.00 AM.</i>			<i>Barbara Kerr, Mrs. J. Robertson</i>	<i>ascert. by Henry J. Gillies, M.D.</i>	<i>James Kerr</i>	<i>James Kerr, Official Registrar.</i>
	<i>(Single)</i>	<i>18, Leithburgh Place, Edinburgh.</i>						
<i>677</i>	<i>Barbara Kerr</i>	<i>1878. June 1st.</i>	<i>F.</i>	<i>1 year</i>	<i>Mary Kerr, Domestic Servant.</i>	<i>Hooping cough, 12 days.</i>	<i>Mary Kerr</i>	<i>1878. June 1st. Edinburgh.</i>
	<i>(Single)</i>	<i>13, Leithburgh Street, Edinburgh.</i>			<i>James Kerr, M.D.</i>	<i>ascert. by James Kerr, M.D.</i>	<i>James Kerr</i>	<i>James Kerr, Official Registrar.</i>
	<i>Illegitimate.</i>							
<i>678</i>	<i>Robert Thompson</i>	<i>1878. June 1st.</i>	<i>M.</i>	<i>76 years</i>	<i>John Thompson, Blanchard (Deceased)</i>	<i>Heart Disease, duration unknown.</i>	<i>Wm. Kelly</i>	<i>1878. June 1st. Edinburgh.</i>
	<i>(Single)</i>	<i>at home, Leith, about 5.00 AM.</i>			<i>James Thompson, M.D.</i>	<i>ascert. by J. B. Russell, M.D.</i>	<i>James Thompson</i>	<i>James Thompson, Official Registrar.</i>
	<i>Widower of Isabella Thompson</i>							

J. B. Russell Registrar.