

## Chapter 10 of Kerr Roots and Shoots

Walter Kerr, fifth son of James and Barbara (Henderson) Kerr, was christened in Kirknewton and East Calder on the 15<sup>th</sup> of March, 1846, and he was next traced in the 1871 Census, aged 25, in employment at Blythswood House, Renfrew as '2<sup>nd</sup> Coachman' to Archibald C. Campbell, Superior of the Barony of Blythswood, Glasgow, and Vice-Lieutenant of the County of Renfrew.

Page 2] The undermentioned Houses are situate within the Boundaries of the

* Civil Parish of <i>Renfrew</i>		Quoad sacra Parish of <i>Renfrew</i>	Parliamentary Burgh of <i>Renfrew</i>	Royal Burgh of <i>Renfrew</i>	Police Burgh of <i>Renfrew</i>	Town of	Village or Hamlet of					
No. of Schedule	ROAD, STREET, &c., and No. or NAME of HOUSE	HOUSES		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 under 16 years of age receiving instruction at home
		In- habited	Un- inhabited (No. of parties (a))				Males	Females				
				<i>Lieut Anderson</i>		<i>Man</i>	<i>30</i>		<i>Domestic</i>	<i>Manoray</i>		
				<i>James Logan</i>		<i>Man</i>	<i>33</i>		<i>Dr</i>	<i>Do</i>		
4	<i>Blythswood Garrick's Edge</i>	1		<i>James Kerr</i>	<i>Wife</i>	<i>Man</i>	<i>40</i>		<i>Gamekeeper's wife</i>	<i>Pumpnashire Kirkpatrick</i>		
				<i>George Kerr</i>	<i>Son</i>		<i>14</i>		<i>Scholar</i>	<i>Do Do</i>		
				<i>William Kerr</i>	<i>Son</i>		<i>13</i>		<i>Do</i>	<i>Renfrewshire Renfrew</i>		
				<i>Robert Kerr</i>	<i>Son</i>		<i>5</i>			<i>Do Do</i>		
				<i>William Kerr</i>	<i>Son</i>		<i>3</i>			<i>Do Do</i>		
5	<i>Blythswood House</i>	1		<i>George Murray</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>Man</i>	<i>30</i>		<i>Mineral Weighing Clerk</i>	<i>Pumpnashire Kirkpatrick</i>		
6	<i>Do Garden</i>	1		<i>John Thomson</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>Man</i>	<i>54</i>		<i>Gas Maker</i>	<i>Sanatubria Paisley</i>		
	<i>House</i>			<i>Elizabeth Kerr</i>	<i>Wife</i>	<i>Man</i>	<i>39</i>			<i>Do Glasgow</i>		
7	<i>Do Office</i>	1		<i>William Kerr</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>Man</i>	<i>46</i>		<i>Cartman - Domestic Serv</i>	<i>Highland Kelso</i>		
				<i>Margaret Kerr</i>	<i>Wife</i>	<i>Man</i>	<i>50</i>			<i>Do Falkland</i>		
				<i>William Kerr</i>	<i>Son</i>	<i>Man</i>	<i>19</i>		<i>Commercial Clerk</i>	<i>Do Aberdeen</i>		
				<i>David Kerr</i>	<i>Son</i>	<i>Man</i>	<i>17</i>		<i>Do Do</i>	<i>Sanatubria Paisley</i>		
				<i>James Kerr</i>	<i>Son</i>		<i>14</i>			<i>Do Do</i>		
8	<i>Do Do</i>			<i>Walter Kerr</i>	<i>Servant</i>	<i>Man</i>	<i>25</i>		<i>2<sup>nd</sup> Coachman - Domestic Serv</i>	<i>Sanatubria Paisley</i>		
				<i>William McKinnon</i>	<i>Do</i>	<i>Man</i>	<i>29</i>		<i>Carver Do</i>	<i>Highland Dalrymple</i>		
				<i>John Middle</i>	<i>Do</i>	<i>Man</i>	<i>24</i>		<i>Do Do</i>	<i>Highland</i>		
9	<i>Do House</i>	1		<i>Archibald Campbell</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>Man</i>	<i>36</i>		<i>Superior of Barony of Blythswood in Glasgow Vice-Lieutenant of the County of Glasgow</i>	<i>Highland (British subject)</i>		
				<i>Augusta Kerr</i>	<i>Wife</i>	<i>Man</i>	<i>34</i>			<i>England</i>		
				<i>Frederick Kerr</i>	<i>Servant</i>	<i>Man</i>	<i>19</i>			<i>Renfrewshire Renfrew</i>		
				<i>George Thomson</i>	<i>Butler</i>	<i>Man</i>	<i>41</i>		<i>Butler - Domestic Serv</i>	<i>England</i>		
				<i>John Symonds</i>	<i>Waler</i>	<i>Man</i>	<i>30</i>		<i>Waler Do</i>	<i>Do</i>		
				<i>Samuel Pound</i>	<i>Head Butler</i>	<i>Man</i>	<i>27</i>		<i>Head Butler Do</i>	<i>Do</i>		
				<i>William Galt</i>	<i>Footman</i>	<i>Man</i>	<i>24</i>		<i>Footman Do</i>	<i>Do</i>		
Total of Houses . . .		5		Total of Males and Females . . .		19	6	Total of Children receiving Instruction, and Windowed Rooms . . .		1		

\* Draw the pen through each of the words as are inappropriate.

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The following year, 1872, Walter married Janet McNeill McLay on the 31<sup>st</sup> of January at Landilands, Inchinnan, Renfrew although by that time he was employed as a Coachman at Mountcharles House, Ayr.

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1872. MARRIAGES in the Parish of Inchinnan in the County of Renfrew

(1.)	(2.)	(3.)	(4.)	(5.)	(6.)	(7.)	
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 Marriage, Signatures of officiating Minister and Witnesses. If Irregular, Date of Connexion, Decree of Declaration, or Sheriff's Warrant.	When & Where Registered, and Signature of Registrar.
1	1872. on the Thirty-first day of December at Inchinnan	(Signed) John Taylor Railway Labourer Bachelor	24	Landilands, Renfrew	John Taylor Gardener Ann Taylor Gt. S. Cummin	(Signed) Andrew Macfarlane Free Church Inchinnan	1872. January 1 <sup>st</sup> At Inchinnan
	After Banns according to the Form of the Free Church of Scotland	(Signed) Margaret Gault Domestic Servant Spinster	26	Mountcharles Partick Govan	William Gault Labourer Margaret Gault Gt. S. Kerr	(Signed) Alex. Gault Minister Agnes Mc Gregor Minister	John Howie Registrar.
2	1872. on the Thirty-first day of January at Landilands Inchinnan	(Signed) Walter Kerr Coachman Bachelor	26	Mountcharles Ayr	James Kerr Coachman Barbara Kerr Gt. S. Henderson	(Signed) Robert Gilbon D.D. Minister of Inchinnan (Signed)	1872. 1 <sup>st</sup> February At Inchinnan
	After Banns according to the Form of the Established Church of Scotland	(Signed) Janet McNeill McLay Domestic Servant Spinster	22	Landilands Inchinnan	James Mc Lay Farm Labourer Flora Mc Lay Gt. S. Mc Millan	William Kerr Minister Margaret Mc Lay Minister	John Howie Registrar.

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The known family that they had thereafter was as follows:

James KERR (b.15.01.1873-Alloway, Ayr, Scotland)

Flora McMillan KERR (b.15.01.1873-Alloway, Ayr, Scotland)

Barbara Ann (Annie) Henderson KERR (b.19.05.1874-Alloway, Ayr, Scotland)

Walter Henderson KERR (b...1891-Ayr, Ayr, Scotland)

But,

At the time of the 1881 Census, the family was as follows,

Dwelling: MOUNTCHARLES COACHMAN'S HOUSE

1881 Census Place: Ayr, Ayr, Scotland

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	Marr	Age	Sex	Birthplace
Walter KERR	M	35	M	Kirknewton, Edinburgh, Scotland
Rel:	Head			
Occ:	Coachman, Domestic Servant			
Jennet KERR	M	32	F	Inchinnan, Renfrew, Scotland
Rel:	Wife			
James KERR	M	8		Alloway, Ayr, Scotland
Rel:	Son			
Occ:	Scholar			
Flora KERR	F	8		Alloway, Ayr, Scotland
Rel:	Daughter			
Occ:	Scholar			
Annie KERR	F	6		Alloway, Ayr, Scotland
Rel:	Daughter			
Occ:	Scholar			

And Walter was employed by William Houldsworth, Ironmaster,

Dwelling: MOUNTCHARLES MANSION HOUSE

1881 Census Place: Ayr, Ayr, Scotland

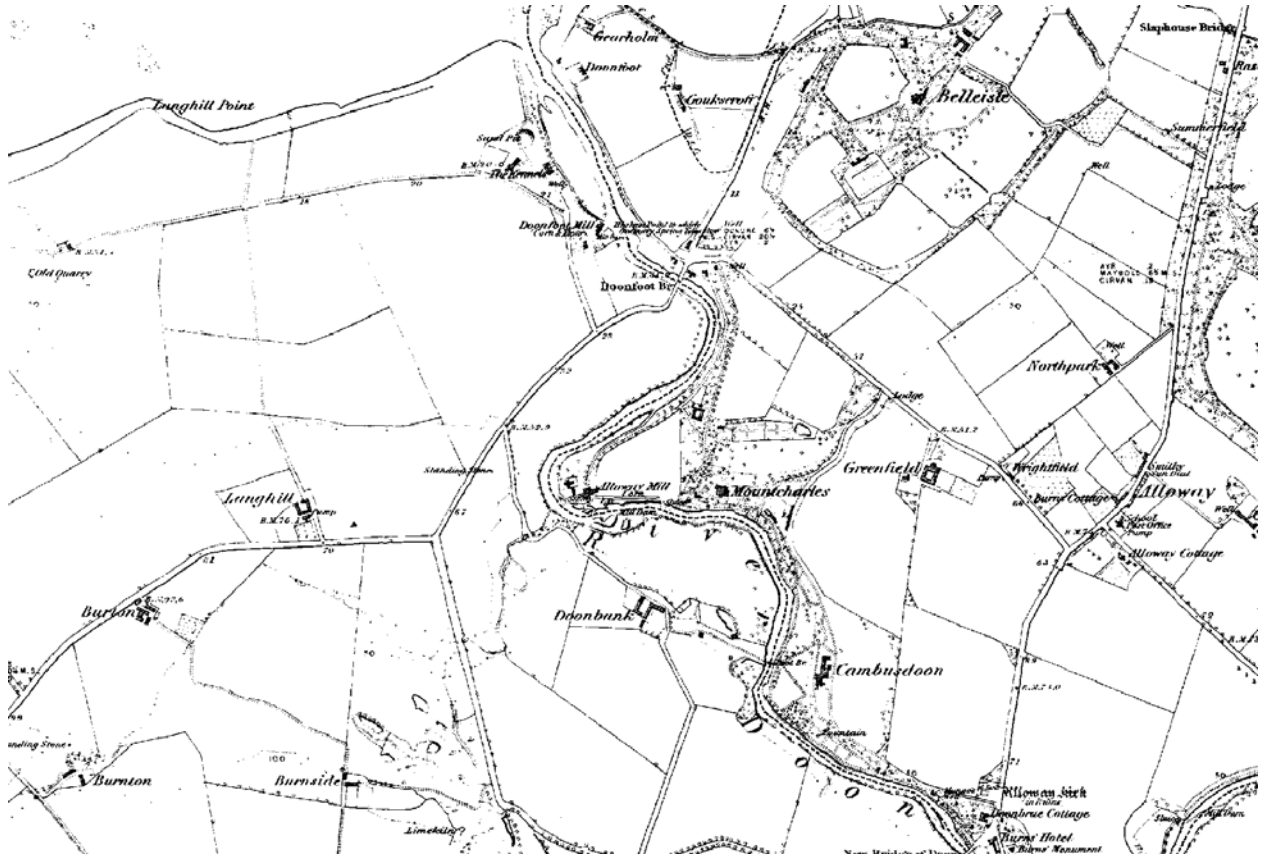
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	Marr	Age	Sex	Birthplace
William HOULDSWORTH	M	49	M	Glasgow, Lanark, Scotland
Rel:	Head			
Occ:	Ironmaster			
Sarah HOULDSWORTH	M	48	F	Glasgow, Lanark, Scotland
Rel:	Wife			
Evelyn M. HOULDSWORTH		U 22	F	Glasgow, Lanark, Scotland
Rel:	Daur			

+ Servant Staff of 10!

# Mountcharles House, Alloway, Ayr



Unfortunately, Flora McMillan Kerr died in 1883 aged 10 years.

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## 1883. DEATHS in the District of Ayr in the County of Ayr

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 not of the House in which the Death occurred.	When and where Registered, and Signature of Registrar.
400	James M <sup>r</sup> Kinstry	1883, November Twenty eighth 5 to 11 A.M.	M	3	James M <sup>r</sup> Kinstry Coach Painter (journeyman)	Bronchitis 5 Days	James M <sup>r</sup> Kinstry Father (present)	1883, November 28 <sup>th</sup> at Ayr James Shaw Assistant Registrar.
	(Single)	60 Canby Street St. Andrew			Margaret Dundelow M <sup>r</sup> Kinstry's S. W. S. W.	as Cert. by J. M <sup>r</sup> Kellner M. B.		M.B.C.
500	Flora McMillan Kerr	1883, November Twenty ninth 11 1/2 P.M.	F	10	Malton Kerr Carrhousan	Hip joint disrup- -tion - Pelvic Prisaury - Paralytic (General)	Malton Kerr Father (present)	1883, November 29 <sup>th</sup> at Ayr M <sup>r</sup> McWhirter Registrar.
	(Single)	Mountcharles by Ayr			Janet Kerr M <sup>r</sup> J. McKey	9 months as Cert. by J. R. Watt M.B.		
501	Jessie Clark McLachlan	1883, November Twenty ninth 3 1/2 P.M.	F	6	Hugh McLachlan M <sup>r</sup> J. McLachlan	Fever 21 Days	Hugh McLachlan Father (present)	1883, November 29 <sup>th</sup> at Ayr M <sup>r</sup> McWhirter Registrar.
	(Single)	36 Elba Street St. Andrew			Mary McLachlan M <sup>r</sup> J. McLachlan	as Cert. by R. B. Graham M. B.		

*McWhirter* Registrar.