

Robert Maclaren III married Mary Jane Finlay, as below .... in 1859 .....

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1859. MARRIAGES in the District of Warriston in the Burgh of Glasgow

No.	When, where, and how Married.	Signatures of Parties.	Age.	Residence.	Rank or Profession, and Condition, (whether Bachelor or Widower, Spinster or Widow.) Relationship of Parties (if any.)	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 Execution, or Decree of Declaration, and in what Court pronounced.
345	On the fifteenth day of August 1859 at 12 B Wellington Street Glasgow (Name) was solemnized between us according to the Rites of the Scottish Church of Scotland	Signed Robert Maclaren	19	10 Abbotsford Place Warriston Glasgow	Now Founder & Chief Engineer Machelars	Robert the Laird Job Manager of Cannon Iron Works Deceased Margaret the Laird's wife name Jean Deane	Signed John Watson Minister of Warriston	
		Signed Mary Jane Finlay	19	120 Hope Street Glasgow	Spinster	John Finlay Ironmaster Glasgow Mary Finlay's mother name Helen Adams	Signed Andrew the Laird's wife name Jane Cooper Anderson Witnesses	
The above Marriage was registered by me at <u>Glasgow</u> on the <u>fifteenth</u> day of <u>August</u> 1859. <u>James Finlay</u> Registrar.								

Robert MACLAREN III was born on 04 Mar 1817 in Falkirk, Stirling, Scotland. He was christened on 07 Mar 1817 in Falkirk, Stirling, Scotland. He died on 02 Apr 1889 in Ardenshaw, St Andrews Rd., Pollokshields, Glasgow.

Robert married Mary Jane FINLAY daughter of John FINLAY and Mary ADAMS on 15 Aug 1859 in Wellington St., Glasgow, Scotland. Mary was born in 1841. She died in 1900.

They had the following children:

- 2Mi. Robert (Colonel) MACLAREN was born in 1860 in Scotland. He died in 1936 in Scotland. Robert married Marie MORIER. Marie was born about 1860 in UK.
- 3Fii. Ada MACLAREN was born in 1862 in Scotland. She died on 22 Aug 1874.
- 4Fiii. Margaret Shaw MACLAREN was born in 1864 in Scotland. Margaret married William SEWART. William was born about 1860.
- 5Fiv. Joan Finlay MACLAREN was born in 1866 in Scotland. Joan married James Alexander CLARKE.
- 6Mv. John Finlay MACLAREN was born in 1868 in Scotland. He died in 1908 in of Typhoid. John married Clara HILLHOUSE. Clara was born in 1871. She died in 1947.
- 7Mvi. James Shaw MACLAREN was born in 1870 in Scotland. He died in 1950. James married (1) Daisy Stewart OGILVIE. Daisy was born about 1870. James married (2) Violet GARNET Lady.
- 8Mvii. Andrew Liddell MACLAREN was born about 1870 in Scotland. He died about 1914 in UK. Andrew married Eva FRIEND. Eva was born in Australia.
- 9Mviii. Archibald Finlay MACLAREN was born about 1870 in Scotland. He died in 1960. Archibald married Nina HIGGINS .
- 10Mix. (Dr) Norman Henry William MACLAREN was born on 22 Jan 1880 in Ardenshaw, St Andrews Rd., Pollokshields, Glasgow, Scotland. He died on 22 Jun 1937 in Glasgow, Scotland. Norman married Mary Margaret GARNET in 1912. Mary was born in 1894 in Lancashire, England. She died in 1989 in Essex, England.

**William Telfer** [Calico Blockcutter and Foundry Patternmaker](1811, Barrhead - 1896, Falkirk) married **Jean Rennie**, daughter of **Margaret McLaren I** in Paisley, on December, 19th, 1834.

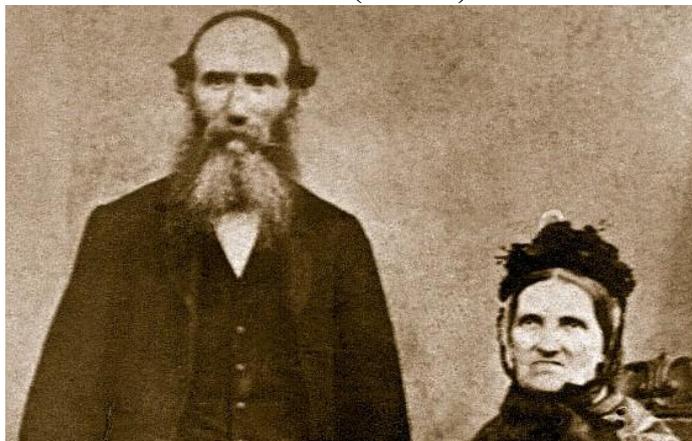
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They lived initially in Newton Mearns where a son John and a daughter Margaret were born in 1835 and 1839 respectively. Then, around 1840 they moved to Dovehill in the Barrhead area where William's elderly father **John Telfer I** [Calico Blockcutter](1781, Corsehill-1860, Dovehill) lived with his second wife Janet Smith and home-remaining offspring. William and Jean had three more children in Dovehill, Agnes (1841-1933), Jane (1843-1923), Andrew Rennie Telfer (1845-1902).

*William Telfer's* mother Agnes McKechnie and his father **John** had had eight children from 1806 to 1817 in Neilston and Barrhead. But after the death of Agnes, some time before 1824, **John** had re-married and proceeded to have another seven children with Janet Smith between 1825 and 1837.

With the decline of the calico industry around 1848 coinciding with the end of the prolonged Falkirk ironmoulders' strike, **William Telfer** and Jean decided to return to her roots in the Grahamston/Bainsford area of Falkirk, where, in due course, **William's** block-cutting skills were transferred to his becoming a successful patternmaker at Falkirk Foundry. His wife Jean Rennie died in 1876 ..... and thereafter, until his death in 1896, **William Telfer** lived in retirement with his daughter Margaret and her blacksmith's business owner husband, Alexander Thomson, and their family, firstly in 10 Cameron Street and then 10 Galloway Street, Falkirk.

**William Telfer and Jean (Rennie) Telfer in c.1860**



I am descended directly from their son **John Telfer II** (1835-1915), and he, by all accounts, was a man of some note in the Falkirk area.

A **Robert Maclaren (III)** firm first appears on the registry as a business in 1845, and was at that time a firm of Iron Founders in Washington Street, off Argyle Street. Rumour has it that they made the mortars for the Crimean War. The business expanded till in 1960 it moved to its present site, which in those days, consisted of the area bounded by West Street, Kilbirnie Street and the railway siding on the other side of the Express deliveries, they opened out to Stromness Street and up to the railway, which in those days was a canal. The iron was brought by barge along the canal to the works, and the main business was pipe making. The canal was filled in 1880.

Cast iron pipes of 1½" to 48" were made, as well as valves and water meters. The old man Robert Maclaren (**III**), or "Bobbie the Rogue", died in 1889. He left about £1.5M which he had made on steel futures and in Robert Maclaren & Co. He was told that he shouldn't leave it all to his children, to which he replied that if they had as much fun spending it as he had had making it, then they were welcome to it!

**Robert Maclaren (1817-1889)**



### **Article from "Industries of Glasgow" (published 1888)**

*“Robert Maclaren & Co., Iron Founder and Manufacturer of patent cast-iron pipes, Eglinton Iron Works, Port Eglinton. Among the greatest of Glasgow's iron industries stands that carried on at the above address by Messrs. Robert Maclaren & Co., a firm whose name has become most closely and creditably associated with the manufacture of all classes of cast-iron pipes for gas, water, and sanitary purposes.*

*This eminent house was founded in 1858 by Mr. Robert Maclaren, who had a thorough training in the important branch of iron founding to which he has subsequently devoted his energies, and whose experience and knowledge have been applied to the marked improvement of the class of goods he has made it his business to produce. The firm commenced operations at their present fine premises, the Eglinton works, which have been enlarged and altered from time to time to meet the requirements of an ever-growing trade, which now cover no less an area than 26,000 square yards of ground, and employ from six to eight hundred hands, according to the amount of work in process of execution.*

*To describe in detail the many interesting phases and features of this thoroughly typical establishment would carry us far beyond the limits of this necessarily concise sketch. It is, perhaps, sufficient to record that there is no department in the entire works in which the productive facilities and capacity have not been brought up to the very best modern standard; and in not a few instances there are manifested certain methods, arrangements, and conveniences of an unique order, the outcome and result of this firm's long and exhaustive experience applied to the best and most effective purpose.*

*The mechanical and general equipment of the Eglinton Iron Works is beyond praise. It represents the perfection of adequacy and efficiency that can only be attained after years of labour and experiment, and illustrates the laudably intelligent use Messrs. Maclaren and Co. have made of every resource brought within their reach by the gradual and continuous development of the industry they control.*

*The situation of the works completes the sum total of their recommendation as an industrial centre, and the railway lines running through them, coupled with their proximity to the river wharfage, afford every desirable facility of transport and shipments. About three-fifths of the area covered by the works is devoted to the purposes of yards, and constitutes storage ground for many thousands of tons of cast-iron pipes of all kinds and sizes, complete and finished, and ready for shipment to any quarter of the globe.*

*The Mercantile Age, referring to Messrs. Maclaren and Co.'s establishment, in a recent issue, says: "Their works, as we have said, are replete with everything that science has dictated for the ablest construction of their specialties, and their reputation has long been firmly established with foreign Governments and corporations, as well as those at home, and we are glad to bear this tribute of praise in acknowledgment of their untiring energy, excellent workmanship, and business-like transactions." Messrs. Maclaren & Co. are among our greatest manufacturers of iron pipes. They are, in fact, specialists in this most important industry, and their productions in gas and water-pipes of every description have a reputation that is international.*

*The maintenance of that reputation and its consistent extension and enhancement now constitutes the industrial and commercial object of the firm; and to this end there is no device or plan that skill, science, or experience can suggest to facilitate the operations of the Eglinton Works or improve the character of their unsurpassed productions that is not at once adopted and actively employed by the house. Such a policy of progressive enterprise can have but one result, beneficial alike to those pursuing it and to the world-wide public in whose interests it is developed and adhered to. Messrs. Robert Maclaren & Co. control a trade of universal range and immense magnitude: Their pipes for water and gas supply and for various sanitary uses are in demand among all civilised nations, and are shipped in ever-increasing quantities to every quarter of the globe.*

*Untiring energy, excellence of production, and straightforward commercial principles are the united causes of this satisfaction, effect; and the business now centred at the Eglinton Works is a monument to the characteristic capacity and enterprise of a representative Glasgow firm, and a credit to the great national industry in which is a factor of first-rate importance."*