

FAMILY GROUP No. 051

HUSBAND	Robert LAING	Shepherd	
Birth	c. 1773 (68 in 1841)	Place	Dumfriesshire (Thirston ?)
Christening		Place	
Marriage	c. 1795 [yr before 1 st child born]	Place	
Death	13 – 12 – 1848	Place	Dumfries
Burial		Place	
Husband's Father		Husband's Mother	Parents Group Record
Husband's Other Wives			

WIFE	Katharine JOHNSTON(E)		
Birth	c. 1783 (58 in 1841)	Place	
Christening		Place	
Death	20 – 03 – 1848	Place	Thornhill, Dumfriesshire
Burial		Place	
Wife's Father		Wife's Mother	Parents Group Record
Wife's Other Husband's			

Sex M / F	CHILDREN		WHEN BORN	WHERE BORN	1st MARRIAGE	TO WHOM	WHEN DIED	Group Record	
	Given Names	Surname							
1	M	John (shepherd)	LAING	18 – 04 – 1796	Burnfoot, Sanquhar (25 – 04 – 1796)	06 – 01 – 1822	Janet CORRIE	04 – 01 – 1882	
2	F	Mary	LAING	15 – 02 – 1798	Burnfoot, Sanquhar (28 – 02 – 1798)		William THOMPSON	16 – 10 – 1880	
3	M	William	LAING	20 – 07 – 1801	Burnfoot, Sanquhar	09 – 07 – 1826	Elizabeth FERGUSON	06 – 06 – 1860	B10.01
4	M	James	LAING	07 – 09 – 1803	Thirston, Sanquhar		?? MIRRELLEES	28 – 01 – 1872	
5	F	Margaret	LAING	06 – 09 – 1805	Thirston, Sanquhar	24 – 05 – 1827	John McMILLAN	06 – 05 – 1875	25
6	M	Thomas (minister)	LAING	01 – 08 – 1807	Thirston, Sanquhar		Jane RICHARDSON	16 – 07 – 1863	
7	M	David (teacher)	LAING	18 – 09 – 1811	Knockcanstie, Sanquhar		unmarried		
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Robert & Katharine identified ex Margaret McMILLAN's death certificate and ex letter from David MacMILLAN, which also gives their dates of death.
 No marriage of Robert* LAING to * JOHNSTON* anywhere in Scotland between 1786 and 1796. Also tried LAING soundex. Approx. marriage year inferred from children's births.
 Note – the Sanquhar Marriages OPR appears to be missing for 1777 – 1812. Approx. birth dates for Robert & Katharine based on (unreliable) ages ex 1841 census.
 We have a copy of a page from the Sanquhar Register of Births & Baptisms in which all 7 children are given birth dates, and the first 2 have christening days (but not month or year)
 We have a copy of an inscription in Robert & Katherine's family bible which appears to have been written by David MacMILLAN's son of the above John & Margaret.
 John's occupation, wife's name, and death date, ex email from Margaret Green (GenesReunited) after visit to New Register House.
 Info. ex above Robert & Katherine Laing family bible says that John & Janet had 3 children and lived at Durrisdeer, where John died.
 William THOMPSON was a farmer from Holywood. He and Mary had a son William. Mary died at Maxwelltown.
 William LAING died at Dalblair, Ayrshire. James & his wife went to South Africa and had 1 child. James died at Barnhill, South Africa.
 Thomas & Jane had 1 daughter Kate who went to South Africa and died 22–11–1866. Thomas died in Edinburgh.
 David was unmarried and emigrated to America about 1848.
 Check Edinburgh OPRs for death records of Robert and Katharine to get ages, parents etc. Check Dumfries FH Centre for graveyard inscriptions in Dumfriesshire

Family Bible of Robert Laing³ ^{Thirston.} ~~Blugarnock~~, who
died at Dumfries 13th December 1848. and of his Wife
Catherine Johnston⁴, who died at Thornhill, 20 March 1848.

and of their Family

John Laing⁵ Born 18 April 1796. and died at Woodhouse-
lee, Durrresdeer, 4th January 1882.

Mary Laing⁶ Born 15th February 1798. and died at
Maxwelltown, 6th October 1880

William Laing⁷ Born July 20th 1801 and died at
Saltair, Ayrshire, 6th June 1860.

James Laing⁸ Born September 6th 1803. and died at
Burnshill, South Africa, 28 January 1872

Margaret Laing⁹ Born September 7th 1805. and died at
Lochmaben, 6th May 1875.

Thomas Laing¹¹ Born 2^d August 1809. and died at
Edinburgh 16th July 1863.

David Laing¹² Born 8th September 1816. and went
out to America about 1845. and unknown at present if living

Abstracted by D. McMillan²⁸ Lochmaben 1883.

Notes

John Laing⁵ the eldest, married Janet Currie, and had ~~two~~ 3
of a Family, and Resided at Limekilnfoot Dunscore,
from which I Received this Bible at his death in 1882.

Mary Laing⁶ married William Thompson, Farmer Muir-
whanerick, Holy-wood, and had one of a family
William Laing

James Laing⁸ married Miss Minnells, and went out to
South Africa, and had one of a family.

Margaret Laing⁹ married John McMillan¹⁰ and Resided
at Dunscore, the Grove, Maxwelltown, and laterly at
Lochmaben. They had ten of a Family.

Thomas Laing¹¹ married Jane Richardson, was a
Minister of the Gospel. They had one of a Family named
Kate, who went out to South Africa, & died November 22^d 1866.

David Laing¹² unmarried, was a Teacher & noted Fiddler
went out to America about 1848.

D. McMillan¹⁵

1841 Census

Name:	Robert Laing						
Age:	68						
Gender:	Male						
Where born:	Dumfriesshire, Scotland						
Civil Parish:	Morton						
County:	Dumfriesshire						
Address:	East Drumlanrig Street						
Occupation:	Carter						
Parish Number:	843						
Household Members:	<table border="1"><thead><tr><th>Name</th><th>Age</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>Robert Laing</td><td>68</td></tr><tr><td>Katherine Laing</td><td>58</td></tr></tbody></table>	Name	Age	Robert Laing	68	Katherine Laing	58
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Results for: Robert Laing, Marriage, 1783 - 1803, Scotland, British Isles
Spouse: Katharine Johnston
Exact Spelling: Off
International Genealogical Index / British Isles ([No Matches](#))

Katharine Johnstone

Female

Birth: 12 AUG 1776 Canonbie, Dumfries, Scotland
Father: James Johnstone
Mother: Elizabeth Armstrong
Record submitted by a member of the LDS Church.

Results for: Any Event, 1795 - 1815, Dumfries, Scotland, British Isles
Father: Robert Laing, Mother: Katharine
Exact Spelling: Off

John Laing

Male

Christening: 25 APR 1796 Sanquhar, Dumfries, Scotland
Father: Robert Laing
Mother: Katharine Johnston
Record submitted by a member of the LDS Church.

MARY LAING

Female

Christening: 28 FEB 1798 Sanquhar, Dumfries, Scotland
Father: ROBERT LAING
Mother: KATHARINE JOHNSTON
[Extracted birth or christening record for the locality listed in the record.](#)

Mary Laing

Female

Christening: 28 FEB 1798 [Burfoot](#), Sanquhar, Dumfries, Scotland
Father: Robert Laing
Mother: Katharine Johnston
Record submitted by a member of the LDS Church.

William Laing

Male

Christening: 20 JUL 1801 Sanquhar, Dumfries, Scotland
Father: Robert Laing
Mother: Katharine Johnston

Record submitted by a member of the LDS Church.

Mary Laing

Female

Christening: 06 SEP 1805 Sanquhar, Dumfries, Scotland

Father: Robert Laing

Mother: Katharine Johnston

Record submitted by a member of the LDS Church.

MARGARET LAING

Female

Birth: 06 SEP 1805 Sanquhar, Dumfries, Scotland

Father: ROBERT LAING

Mother: KATHARINE JOHNSTON

[Extracted birth or christening record for the locality listed in the record.](#)

James Laing

Male

Christening: 07 SEP 1806 Sanquhar, Dumfries, Scotland

Father: Robert Laing

Mother: Katharine Johnston

Record submitted by a member of the LDS Church.

Thomas Laing

Male

Christening: 01 AUG 1807 Sanquhar, Dumfries, Scotland

Father: Robert Laing

Mother: Katharine Johnston

Record submitted by a member of the LDS Church.

David Laing

Male

Christening: 18 SEP 1811 Sanquhar, Dumfries, Scotland

Father: Robert Laing

Mother: Katharine Johnston

Record submitted by a member of the LDS Church.

[Info. ex email from Margaret Green \(née McTaggart\) 5th May 2006 \(after research at New Register House, Edinburgh\)](#)

Death. John Laing Shepherd Durrisdeer widower of Janet Currie died 4.1.1882 aged 85 time 9.50 pm. Father Robert Laing Mother Catherine Johnston[e] Apoplexy.Signed David McMillan, Lochmaben. Nephew. Janet died between 1871-1881. Their children as I have it at the moment. Katherine Laing b 8.10.1824 Durrisdeer and Janet Laing b 26.3.1822 Sanquhar. I have a Janet Laing married to a John Morrison 19.11.1852 in Kirkconnel but I didnt get a chance to check that one last night.

JOHN LAING

Male

Spouse: JANET CORRIE

Marriage: 06 JAN 1822 Sanquhar, Dumfries, Scotland

Extracted marriage record for locality listed in the record.

1841 Census

Name: **Wm Laing**
Age: 36
Gender: Male
Where born: Scotland
Civil Parish: Carsphairn
County: Kirkcudbrightshire
Address: Garryhorn
Occupation: Ag Lab
Parish Number: 860

Household Members:	Name	Age
	Wm Laing	36
	Elizabeth Laing	35
	Robert Laing	13
	Philedelphia Laing	10
	James Laing	8
	Catharine Laing	6
	Alexr Laing	4
	Elizabeth Laing	1
	Mary Donaldson	20
	Joseph Glencross	26
	George McKerrow	25

1851 Census

Name: **William Laing**
Age: 50
Relationship: Head
Spouse's Name: Eliz
Gender: Male
Where born: Sanquhar, Dumfries
Parish Number: 580
Civil parish: Barr
County: Ayrshire
Address: Waterhead
Occupation: Shepherd

Household Members:	Name	Age
	William Laing	50
	Eliz Laing <i>born : Glenoains, Dumfries</i>	49
	Pheladelphia Laing	20
	Elizo Laing	11
	John Laing	9
	Margt Fergusson <i>probably wife's mother</i>	64
	Wm Muir	1 Mo