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Report

On

Sarah Williams & Betty Williams

For Keith Millard

October 2016

Sarah Williams Ancestry

Research Remit:

The client had initially asked for a search through marriage certificate between 1947 and 1955 for a *Betty Williams* (born around 1930) in Scotland with a mother's name of *Sarah Williams*. If found to continue to follow the line. This research encompassed 1 hours research which was carried out on Friday 5th August 2016.

The client then asked for more research to be carried out. This was carried out on Thurs 20th October 2016 and is the result of 3 hours research within the ScotlandsPeople Centre, Edinburgh by consulting statutory births, marriages, death records and census returns.

The client asked for additional research (2 hours) to look for issue of Ellen O'Donnell and John Steel Johnston in the hope that family could be found for contact. This research was carried out on Fri 28th October 2016 and was amalgamated into the original report.



Introduction:

You have provided me with information relating to your wife's maternal grandmother *Sarah Williams* who **was born in 1901 in Cumbria** near the Scottish border, but fostered out near Glasgow. You told me she was sent to Canada in 1926 by the Salvation Army in Glasgow and deported back there in 1931 along with her 4 month old daughter Betty Williams. You believe that Betty could be still alive and informed me that she has three living half sisters in Canada and a Great Nephew Joseph Williams residing in Glasgow.

Report

The research started by using your initial information to work out how best to answer your enquiry. A search was then carried out looking for all the marriages of an *Elizabeth Williams*, including *Elisabeth; Liz; Lizzie* and *Betty* for forenames. This identified 34 possible marriages between 1947 and 1955. All the entries were consulted and this found only one entry that recorded a mother's name as Sarah Williams. The following research is based on this entry in 1951.

Statutory Marriage Record Ref: 1951/624/88, Blantyre

1951 on the third day of August at Burleigh Memorial Church, Blantyre	(Signed) Duncan BLACK, 29 years old, Coal Board Clerk and Bachelor Usual Residence: 30 John Street, Hamilton	Father: Archibald BLACK, Steelworker Mother: Anne Janet BLACK, m.s. Barr (deceased)	Officiating Minister: Robert Daly, Minister of Stonefield Parish Church, Blantyre
After Banns according to the forms of the Church of Scotland	(Signed) <i>Betty W Rhodes</i> Betty Ann Rhodes (formerly Betty Ann Williams) Warehouse Sales Assistant and Spinster aged 20 years Usual Residence: 67 Craiy[?] Street, Blantyre	Father: Left intentionally blank Mother: Sarah WILLIAMS	Witness: Duncan Smith, 6 West Stewart Street, Hamilton Witness: Margaret Kay, 77 Craiy[?] Street, Blantyre

The above certificate suggests that Betty Williams may have been adopted herself as she stated that she was '*formerly Betty Ann Williams*'. She would not have been previously married as she recorded

herself as a spinster at the time of her marriage to Duncan Black in 1951. Any possible adoption record would unfortunately not be available to be consulted. In Scotland only the adoptee can view their record. When the adoptee dies the record is closed.

A search for issue of Betty Williams & Duncan Black found only two children:

1. *Son* **Ian Black**, b. 6th Sept 1952 at 12hr Noon, Ayrshire Central Hospital
Reference: 1952/595/1331, Irvine
Usual Residence of Parents: 8 Carsgailoch Avenue, New Cumnock
Father: Duncan Black, Assistant Accountant
Mother: Betty Ann Williams Black, m.s. Rhodes
Marriage of Parents: 1951, August 3rd, Blantyre
Informant: Duncan Black, father (present)

2. *Daughter* **Linda Rhodes Black**, b. 8th Jan 1956 at 3hr 35m AM, 8 Carsgailoch Av
Reference: 1956/610-A0/10, Blantyre
Usual Residence of parents: 8 Carsgailoch Avenue, New Cumnock
Father: Duncan Black, Accountant (National Coal Board)
Mother: Betty Ann Williams Black, m.s. Rhodes
Marriage of Parents: 1951, August 3rd, Blantyre
Informant: Duncan Black, father (present)

A search for marriages of *Ian Black* and *Linda Rhodes Black* found no marriages in Scotland.

A search for his birth record was carried out and this found the following entry:

Statutory Record of Birth: 1921/647/1403, Hamilton

Duncan Black	Born 12 th November 1921 at 12h Noon at 24 Union Street, Hamilton Male	Father: Archibald Black, Steelworker Mother: Anne Janet Black, m.s. Barr Informant: Archibald Black, father (present)
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A search for a death of Betty Black did not find any in Scotland, nor one for Duncan Black.

However, I searched the Probate records in the National Probate Calendar (Index of Wills & Administration) 1858 to 1966 and 1973 to 1995 and found the following entry using his date of birth of 12th November 1921:

BLACK, DUNCAN
OF 19 WESTWOOD MEWS LYTHAM ST. ANNES LANCASHIRE
DIED 27 APRIL 1994 PROBATE LIVERPOOL 09 JUNE NOT
EXCEEDING £125000 9480804929J

Death Date: 27th April 1994, Anne's, Lancashire

Probate: 9th June 1994

Registry: Liverpool

I then searched a database for this address to see if Betty Black was still alive. This showed that there was still someone living at the above address after 1994 and even up to 2007. It may just be possible that she is still alive.

B Black, 19 Westwood Mews, Lytham St Anne's, Lancashire, FY8 5QE

Tel: 01253 735812

Duncan Black's father was Archibald Black son of Duncan Black, Butcher's Assistant and Margaret Black, m.s. Gardiner. Archibald and Anne Janet Barr married on 21st October 1918 at Hamilton. Anne Janet Barr was the daughter of John Barr, Colliery Joiner and Mary Barr, m.s. Barclay.

Archibald Eadie Black, Steelworker married first to Ann Janet Barr and Susan Bell, died on 15th May 1952 at 8h 25m AM at 15 Hawmill Road[??], Hartwood with the usual residence recorded as 24 Low Patrick Street, Hamilton. He was 58 years old. **Duncan Black, his son of 9 Carsgailoch Avenue, Cumnock, Ayrshire** was the informant (and present).

Ann Janet Black died 10th July 1932 at 6hr 40m AM at 38 Low Patrick Street, Hamilton aged 34 years of a cerebral haemorrhage (12 days). She was shown as being married to Archibald Black a Steelworker and daughter of *John Barr, Joiner (dec) and Mary Barr, m.s. Barclay (dec)*. Archibald Black, widower, present was the informant. (ref: 1932/647/258, Hamilton).

Archibald Eadie Black's second marriage to *Susan Elizabeth Bell or Clarkson* (45 years old and widow) took place on 16th March 1935 at Kelvingrove Street, Glasgow. His parents were the same as those on his death certificate. Archibald and Susan were married by Declaration. (Ref: 1935/644-08/534, Blythswood).

Sarah Williams

A search for the death certificate of a *Sarah Williams* found that she had died in 1979 in Glasgow (Martha Street).

Statutory Record of Death Ref: 1979/607/0871, Glasgow (Martha Street)

Sarah Donald Widowed of: 1. John O'Donnell, Boilermaker 2. George Donald, Barman	Died 30 th Nov 1979 at 1845hrs at Glasgow Royal Infirmary Usual Residence: 32 Bengairn Street, Glasgow Date of birth: 4 th Nov 1901 Aged 78 years Cause: Cerebrovascular Accident	Father: --- Mother: Agnes Williams or Gambles (deceased) Informant: Ellen Johnston, Daughter of 68 Netherhouse Place, Glasgow
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The above certificate stated that Sarah had a daughter called **Ellen**, who must have married someone called Johnston.

A search of the Marriages for an **Ellen O'Donnell** found the following marriage in 1953:

Statutory Record of Marriage: Ref: 1953/644-01/262, Shettleston

1953, 3 rd April at Parkhead Congregational Church, Glasgow	John Steel Johnston Bread Salesman, aged 18 years, Bachelor Residing at 75 Dunbar Street, Glasgow	Father: Johnston Steel Johnston, Motor Driver Mother: Helen Johnston, m.s. Stevenson
After Publication According to the Forms of the Congregational Church	Ellen O'Donnell, Draper's Saleswoman, Spinster aged 17 years Residing at 17 Yale Street, Glasgow	Father: John O'Donnell, Labourer (deceased) Mother: Sarah O'Donnell, m.s. Williams Witnesses: Margaret Stevenson Craig and Mathew C Craig both of 55 Dunbar Street, Glasgow

Finding this marriage certificate indicated that Sarah and John O'Donnell may have had another child, so the Statutory Records of Births were consulted again.

For issue of **John O'Donnell & Sarah Williams**:

1. **Ellen O'Donnell**, born 13th Jan 1936, at 10h 10m AM, Maternity Hospital, Glasgow
Ref: 1936/644-07/279, College
Father: John O'Donnell, Tube Worker
Mother: Sarah O'Donnell, m.s Williams
Usual Residence: 190 London Road, Glasgow
Married: 10th May 1935, Camlachie, Glasgow

We know that Ellen married **John Steel Johnston** in 1953. I searched for a death certificate for Ellen Johnston, but did not find any. I then searched for a death certificate of John S Johnston and found that he had died on 12th July 1999 at 68 Netherhouse Place, Glasgow. He was recorded as being born on 26th Sept 1934 and he was 'divorced' and a Sheet Metal Worker. He had not married again as Ellen O'Donnell was the only spouse recorded. The informant was David S Johnston, son, 5 Aberdalgie Road, Glasgow, G34 9HF. Ref: 1999/610/136, Glasgow (Martha Street). There was no divorce decree attached to their death certificate as an RCE (Record of Correct Entries).

A search of the Statutory Records of Births for JOHNSTON with a mother's maiden surname WILLIAMS was carried out. This found four children:

- (a) **John Johnston**, born 25th Oct 1953 at 6hr 15m PM at Robroyston Hospital, Glasgow
Ref: 1953/644-04/1671, Provan
Usual Residence of parents: 36 Salamanca Street, Glasgow

Statutory Records of Marriages: Ref: 2004/601/556, Glasgow

On 1st May 2004 at Barlanark Greyfriar's Church, Glasgow by M Cuthbertson, Minister at Easterhouse St George's and St Peter's Parish Church, Glasgow
JOHN JOHNSTON, Roofer, single, born 25th Oct 1953, Scotland
(son of John Steel Johnston, Sheet Metal Worker [deceased] and Ellen O'Donnell (m.s.) or Johnston or Muir)

GILLIAN LINDA HOOD, single, born 17th Jan 1973, Scotland
(dau of John Lamb Hood, Joiner [dec] and Mary Cameron Hood, m.s. Campbell (dec).
Witness: Heather Hood, 3 Duntarvie Place, Glasgow, G34 9JB
Witness: Robert Johnston, 118 Trinity Avenue, Glasgow, G52 3ER

The above certificate indicates that perhaps Ellen had remarried a Mr Muir. However, this search did not find any certificate.

- (b) **Robert Stevenson Johnston**, b. 14th Dec 1956 at 8hr 45, AM, 36 Salamanca St, Glasgow. Ref: 1956/644-01/2217, Provan

Statutory Records of Marriages: Ref: 1979/601/155, Glasgow (Martha Street)

On 11th May 1979, Registration District of Glasgow by A Gallagher, Interim Registrar
ROBERT STEVENSON JOHNSTON, Baker, Single born 14th Dec 1956, Scotland
Usual Residence: 16 Allnach Place, Glasgow
(son of John Steel Johnston, Sheet Metal Labourer and Ellen Johnston, m.s. O'Donnell)

MARY DUKE, single, born 7th May 1957, Scotland
Usual Residence: 32 Carbeth Street, Glasgow
(dau of John Duke, School Janitor and Annabella Duke, m.s. Alton)
Witness: James Duke, 32 Carbeth Street, Glasgow
Witness: Sandra Johnston, 16 Allnach Place, Glasgow

Issue: (i) **Gary John Johnston**, b. 3rd Jun 1980 at 2212, Royal Mat Hosp, Glasgow
Ref: 1980/601/412, Glasgow (Martha Street)
Usual Residence: 98 Easterhouse Road, Glasgow
Father: Robert Johnston, Baker

Gary married Heather McCulloch Hendry (a primary school teacher who was divorced and born 18th Feb 1976) on 28th June 2014 at Cornhill House Hotel, Coulter, Biggar. His usual residence was recorded as 118 Trinity Avenue, Glasgow, G52 3ER. Ref: 2014/583/99, South Lanarkshire. Heather was recorded as being the daughter of Ian McCulloch McLelland a Plaster (retired) and Georgina Bell or McLelland, m.s. Graham an Assistant Cook (retired).

(ii) **Louise Johnston**, b. 2nd Jun 1983 at 2357h, Royal Mat Hosp, Glasgow
Ref: 1983/617/393, Glasgow (Martha Street)
Usual Residence: 118 Trinity Avenue, Glasgow
Father: Robert Johnston, Baker
Informant: Robert Johnston, father

(c) **David Johnston**, born 12th Jan 1959 at 8hr AM at 5 Magdalee Road, Glasgow
Ref: 1959/644-01/124, Provan
Father: John Steel Johnston, Steel Worker

Statutory Record of Marriages: Ref: 1978/605/290, Glasgow (Martha Street)

On 27th Jul 1978 at Reg Office, District of Glasgow by Janice Edgar Assistant Registrar

DAVID JOHNSTON, Roof Sheeter, single born 12th Jan 1959, Scotland

Usual Residence: 16 Allnach Place, Glasgow

(son of John Steel Johnston, Sheet Metal Labourer and Ellen Johnston, m.s. O'Donnell)

BRENDA MARIE SAMUELS, Biscuit Packer born 2nd March 1959, Scotland

(dau of Alexander Samuels, Bricklayer and Margaret Samuels, m.s. Martin)

Witness: Robert Johnston, 16 Allnach Place, Glasgow

Witness: S Johnston, 16 Allnach Place, Glasgow

Issue: (i) **Debbie Johnston**, born 23rd Jan 1979 at 1653hrs, Glasgow
Usual Residence: 5 Aberdalgie Road, Glasgow

(ii) **David Johnston**, 8 March 1986 at 0410hrs, Glasgow
Ref: 1986/601/181, Glasgow (Martha Street)
Usual Residence: 5 Aberdalgie Road, Glasgow

(d) **Sarah Williams O'Donnell Johnston**, born 14th July 1962 at 1h 10m AM at 5 Aberdalgie Road, Glasgow.

Statutory Record of Marriages: Ref: 1984, Glasgow

On 25th Feb 1984 at St George's & St Peter's Church, Glasgow by David Denniston, Minister at Ruchazie Parish Church, Glasgow

JAMES SHANNON, Builder's Labourer, single born 25th Sept 1962, Scotland

Usual Residence: 11 Boyndie Street, Glasgow

(son of Thomas Shannon, Labourer and Ellen Shannon, m.s. Crilley)

SARAH WILLIAMS O'DONNELL JOHNSTON, Sewing Machinist, single born 14th July 1962, Scotland

Usual Residence: 68 Netherhouse Place, Glasgow

(dau of John Johnston, Roof Sheeter and Ellen Johnston, m.s. O'Donnell)

Witness: John Johnston, 1 Aberdalgie Road, Glasgow
Witness: Elizabeth Mutch, 197 Balgraybank Street, Glasgow

Issue: (i) **Robyn Shannon**, born 22nd Oct 1986 at 1637hrs, Glasgow
(ii) **Ashley Shannon**, born 22nd Oct 1986 at 1643hrs, Glasgow

Informant: S Shannon, Mother
Usual Residence: 11 Boyndie Street, Glasgow

2. **Francis O'Donnell**, born 24th Sept 1937, at 3hr 20m AM at 322 Bell Street, Glasgow
Ref: 1937/644-07/2397, College
Father: John O'Donnell, Tube Worker
Mother: Sarah O'Donnell, m.s Williams
Usual Residence: 190 London Road, Glasgow
Married: 10th May 1935, Camlachie, Glasgow

A search of the Statutory Records of Marriages found both a marriage and a divorce.

Francis O'Donnell, Baker's Labourer, 23, Bachelor residing at 1377 Maryhill Road, Glasgow
Father: John O'Donnell, Tube Worker (deceased)
Mother: Sarah Donald O'Donnell, m.s. Williams
Married on 7th Jan 1961 after Publication in the Registrar of the District of Tradeston, Glasgow and in the presence of the said Registrar in accordance with the Marriage (Scotland) Act 1939
Margaret Rose Coleman, Food Packer, Spinster, aged 19 years
Residing at 408 Crown Street, Glasgow
Father: Hugh Kilday Coleman, Skip Storeman
Mother: Ann Eliza Coleman, m.s. Gillespie
Witnesses: H Coleman & Janet Coleman both of 5 Tylefield Street, Glasgow
Ref: 1961/644-09/20, Tradeston

They divorced in 1968 (decree of divorce against Margaret) ref: 1597/1968/GIW Entry 20.

Francis & Margaret had:

1. **Aileen O'Donnell**, born 27th Oct 1961 at 2hr 45m PM at Rose Hospital, Paisley
2. **Frank O'Donnell**, born 10th July 1963 at 9hr 35m AM at 148 Milnpark St, Glasgow
Frank changed his name in the Register to FRANK O'CONNOR
Under RCE 601/1986/351
3. **William Coleman O'Donnell**, born 4th Sept 1964 at 9hr 30m PM at 159 Avenuepark [?] Street, Glasgow. Ref 1964/644-4/797, Glasgow
Father: Francis O'Donnell, 609 Gallowgate, Glasgow
William changed his name in the Register to WILLIAM COLEMAN O'CONNOR
Under RCE 601/2015/187

The death certificate of Francis O'Donnell was found to have happened on 9th Aug 2001 at 1350 hours at Stobhill Hospital, Glasgow. He was shown as being born on 24th Sept 1937 and divorced. His usual residence was 13/4, 93 Petershill Drive, Glasgow.

He died of pneumonia and cerebrovascular accident aged 63 a retired Kitchen Porter. His partner was the informant: H Alex ____ [?] signature. Ref: 2001/602/204, Glasgow, Martha Street.

Margaret Coleman & Daniel O'Connor had:

1. **Christina James O'Connor**, born 14th Aug 1966 at 10hr 0m AM at 261 Stevenson St, Glasgow. Ref: 1966/644-07/1460, Glasgow (both parents registered the birth)
Father: Daniel O'Connor (Window Manufacturer's Storeman) residing at 261 Stevenson Street, Glasgow
2. **Daniel O'Connor**, born 8th Nov 1967 at 7hr 25m AM at Southern Gen Hosp, Glasgow
Ref: 1967/644-07/1623, Glasgow
Usual Residence: 363 Paisley Road, Glasgow
Father: Daniel O'Connor, Window Cleaner

Francis divorced Margaret in 1968 and she then married Daniel O'Connor at Leith Registry Office on 8th March 1969 (ref: 1969/685-08/55, Leith). Daniel was a Pile Driver, Bachelor aged 24 years residing at 64 Tennant Street, Leith son of Charles Farmer O'Connor, Sergeant, Green Howards (deceased) and Christina James O'Connor now McAuslan, m.s. Heggie. Margaret Rose Coleman was shown as being divorced on her marriage certificate to Daniel – and only aged 27 of the same address in Leith and daughter of *Hugh Kilday Coleman, Seaman Merchant Navy and Ann Eliza Coleman, m.s. Gillespie (deceased)*. Brian O'Connor of 33 Middlesex Street, Kinning Park, Glasgow and A Codona, 5 Wardieburn Street East, Edinburgh were witnesses.

John O'Donnell (Sarah William's husband)

John was found to have died on 19th Feb 1950 at 2hr 5m AM at Royal Infirmary at Glasgow. His usual residence was 17 Yare Street, Glasgow and he was aged 55 years. Son of *John O'Donnell, Ironworker (deceased) and Ellen O'Donnell, m.s. Cairns (deceased)*. He was a Carpet Factory Labourer married twice: 1st to Catherine Clark and 2nd to Sarah Williams. The cause was Carcinoma of Prostate for 6 months. Hugh Lafferty, Brother in Law of 24 Dunard Street, Glasgow was the informant. Ref: 1950/644-06/231, Townhead.

A search for the death certificate of his mother Ellen O'Donnell or Cairns found that she had died in 1927 at 122D, Dundyvan Road, Coatbridge aged 59 years and daughter of *Patrick Cairns, Farm Labourer and Jane Cairns, m.s. McManus (both deceased)*. Reference: 1927/652-02/526, Coatbridge.

A search of the Statutory records of Marriages found that Sarah had married a John O'Donnell in 1935. I consider at this stage that Sarah would have used both Gambles and Williams throughout her life, given that she was illegitimate. The surname Donald was probably her adoptive parent's surname. If you have her official birth certificate I would like to see it.

Statutory Marriage Record Ref: 1935

1935 on the tenth day of May at St Mary's Church, Glasgow	(Signed) John O'Donnell John O'Donnell, Tube Worker (Widower) aged 41 Usual Residence: 1203 Gallowgale, Glasgow	Father: John O'DONNELL, Steel worker (deceased) Mother: Ellen O'DONNELL, m.s. Cairns (deceased)	Officiating Minister: E Fitzgerald, Catholic Clergyman, St Mary's, Glasgow
After Publication according to the Forms of the Roman Catholic Church	(Signed) Sarah Williams Sarah Williams, Domestic Servant (Spinster) aged 34 Usual Residence: 68 McIntosh Street, Glasgow	Father: Left blank Mother: Agnes Williams or Gambles, Housekeeper (deceased)	Witness: Francis O'Donnell, 73 Henderson Street, Coatbridge Witness: Rose Gallacher, 38 Forbes Street, Glasgow

The Statutory Records of Marriages were consulted again looking for a marriage between Sarah Williams and George 'Donald'.

This found the following marriage:

George Donald, 65 years old, Spirit Salesman, Widower residing at 1377 Maryhill Road, Glasgow. Son of *William Donald, Tube Worker (deceased) and Margaret Donald, m.s. McKay (deceased)*. Married on 24th Oct 1956 at St Mary's Church, Glasgow (Roman Catholic Church). **Sarah Williams, or O'Donnell**, widow aged 54 years residing at 50 Dalton Street, Glasgow. Father: ---. Mother: *Agnes Williams afterwards Gambles (deceased)*. Ref: 1956/644-07/930, Kelvin.

End of Research

SUMMARY

This research has been interesting and enjoyable, and I do feel there is a bit more to find out on Sarah and Betty and her children, but I hope that this has helped fill in some gaps about Sarah's children in the meantime.

The research has now shown that Duncan Black and Betty Black (m.s. Williams) were probably in England for a while, as their children Ian and Linda were not found here in Scotland. This is where you should look next, and I can recommend Lisa Dunbar (Professional Genealogist in England) to carry out some research for you to obtain current details should you wish to make contact with the family.

What I found interesting was the way that Betty Williams signed her name – and then used the surname RHODES as her maiden surname instead of WILLIAMS as she should have. You now have another surname to start searching for.

FUTURE RESEARCH

There appears to be much genealogy still available to uncover and include in your ancestry. I have offered suggestions above and have found the family up to 2014 in Glasgow. The addresses provided now give you the opportunity to write and see if they will respond.

I hope this report has increased your interest to find out more within Scottish record sources and I wish you success in contacting your relations.

I hope you are pleased with the updated findings.

Kindest Regards,

Lorna

