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Generation One

Alexander Bremner #2917, b. c 1780 in Wick?, CAI, SCT, d. 21 August 1832 in Wick, CAI, SCT, buried in Wick Old Kirkyard, occupation Fishcurer.

He married **Catharine Donald** #2918, 13 November 1807 in Wick, CAI, SCT, ² b. c 1786 in Aberdeen, ABD, SCT, ³ (daughter of **James Donald** #20635 and **Barbara Bonner** #20636), baptized 22 September 1786 in Aberdeen St. Nicholas, ABD, SCT, ⁴ d. 27 December 1864 in Breadalbane Terr., Wick, CAI, SCT, ⁵ buried in Wick Old Kirkyard, occupation Innkeeper 1851.

Catharine: 1851: Innkeeper, lived on Bank Row, Pulteneytown. 1861: Lived Bank Row, Pulteneytown, Wick.

Children:

- 2. i. **Barbara Bremner** #2920 b. October 1808.
- 3. ii. Alexander Bremner #2919 b. March 1810.
- 4. iii. Catharine Bremner #2921 b. June 1813.
- 5. iv. **James Bremner** #2926 b. November 1814.
- 6. v. **John Bremner** #2927 b. May 1816.
- 7. vi. **George Bremner** #2924 b. January 1818.
- 8. vii. **Donald Bremner** #2922 b. January 1820.
- 9. viii. **George Bremner** #2925 b. 1824.
- 10. ix. **Ebenezer Bremner** #2923 b. September 1826.
- 11. x. William Bremner #2928 b. September 1827.

Generation Two

 Barbara Bremner #2920, b. October 1808 in Wick, CAI, SCT, baptized 24 October 1808 in Wick, CAI, SCT,² d. 20 June 1893 in Back Bridge St., Wick, CAI, SCT.⁶

She married William Bruce #25699, 26 January 1828 in Wick, CAI, SCT, ⁷ d. before June 1893, ⁸ occupation Fishcurer.

Children:

- 12. i. **John Bruce** #25700 b. 18 February 1829.
- 13. ii. **William Bruce** #25701 b. 29 December 1833.
- 14. iii. Alexander Bruce #25702 b. 12 September 1832.
- 15. iv. **Isabella Gunn Bruce** #25703 b. 20 December 1836.
- Alexander Bremner #2919, b. March 1810 in Wick, CAI, SCT, baptized 25 March 1810 in Wick, CAI, SCT.²
- 4. **Catharine Bremner** #2921, b. June 1813 in Wick, CAI, SCT, baptized 23 June 1813 in Wick, CAI, SCT, d. 17 June 1900 in Wick, CAI, SCT, buried in Wick New Cemetery, CAI, SCT, occupation Housekeeper.
 - 1851: Lived with brother Ebenezer in Newhills. 1861: With widowed mother in Wick, unmarried. 1881: Unmarried; with brothers in Wick. 1891: Unmarried, lived with brother James at Greenigoe Manor, Wick.
- James Bremner #2926, b. November 1814 in Wick, CAI, SCT, baptized 19 November 1814 in Wick, CAI, SCT,² d. 27 May 1906 in Gowrie House, Wick, CAI, SCT,¹⁰ occupation Comm'l Agent & merchant.

1851/61: Lived with widowed mother; unmarried. 1864: Informant at mother's death. 1871: Lived at 9 Breadalbane Street, with brother Donald, sister Catherine. 1889: Informant at brother Donald's death. 1881: Lived with brother Donald, sister Catherine at 16 Williamson St. 1906: Occupation shown as "Labourer".

- 6. **John Bremner** #2927, b. May 1816 in Wick, CAI, SCT, baptized 08 May 1816 in Wick, CAI, SCT, d. 02 November 1855 in Bank Row, Pulteneytown, Wick, CAI, SCT, buried in Wick Old Kirkyard, occupation Merchant, Grocer 1851.
 - 1851: Lived with widowed mother.
- George Bremner #2924, b. January 1818 in Wick, CAI, SCT, baptized 20 January 1818 in Wick, CAI, SCT,² d. 31 May 1875 in Vansittart St., Pulteneytown, Wick,¹¹ occupation Grocer.

He married **Isabella Reiach** #16243, 17 June 1856 in Wick, CAI, SCT, 12 b. c 1831. 13

Children:

- 16. i. **John Reoch (Reiach) Bremner** #16244 b. 16 February 1859.
- 8. **Donald Bremner** #2922, b. January 1820 in Wick, CAI, SCT, baptized 14 January 1820 in Wick, CAI, SCT, ² d. 09 October 1889 in Boathaven, Wick, CAI, SCT, ¹⁴ occupation Shopkeeper 1851.
 - 1851/61: Lived with widowed mother, unmarried. 1889: Occupation "House Proprietor" at time of death.
- 9. George Bremner #2925, b. 1824 in Wick, CAI, SCT, baptized 1824 in Wick, CAI, SCT.
- 10. **Ebenezer Bremner** #2923, b. September 1826 in Wick, CAI, SCT, baptized 20 September 1826 in Wick, CAI, SCT, d. 1871 in Portobello, MLN, SCT, occupation Clerk, paper works*.

Occupation of "Stationer" on son James' marriage certificate.

1841: Boarded with James STEVEN in Newhills, Clerk. 1851: Lived with sister Catherine in Newhills (Dist. 1, p 4 hh 16).

He married **Elisabeth Forbes** #4677, 26 April 1855 in Kinnell, ANS, SCT, b. c 1840 in Arbroath, ANS, SCT, 6 (daughter of **Robert Forbes** #58754 [Flaxspinner] and **Mary Knight** #58755), occupation Stationer 1881, d. 06 May 1901 in 8 Cameron Park, Edinburgh, MLN, SCT. 6

Elisabeth: 1891: Lived at 11 Scotland St., Edinburgh, MLN.

Children:

- 17. i. **James Bremner** #4678 b. 12 March 1856.
- 18. ii. **David Forbes Bremner** #4685 b. 1858.
- 19. iii. **Robert Alexander Bremner** #4681 b. 10 September 1859.
- 20. iv. Mary Bremner #4679 b. 18 November 1860.
- 21. v. Elizabeth Oswald Dykes Bremner #4684 b. 30 December 1861.
- 22. vi. Charles Brown Bremner #4683 b. 12 April 1864.
- 23. vii. **William Bremner** #4682 b. 27 January 1866.
- 24. viii. Mary Donald Bremner #4680 b. 20 May 1868.
- 11. William Bremner #2928, b. September 1827 in Wick, CAI, SCT, baptized 21 September 1827 in Wick, CAI, SCT.

Generation Three

- 12. **John Bruce** #25700, b. 18 February 1829 in Wick, CAI, SCT, 17 baptized 28 February 1829 in Wick, CAI, SCT. 17
- 13. **William Bruce** #25701, b. 29 December 1833 in Wick, CAI, SCT. 17
- 14. Alexander Bruce #25702, b. 12 September 1832 in Wick, CAI, SCT. 17
- 15. **Isabella Gunn Bruce** #25703, b. 20 December 1836 in Wick, CAI, SCT. 17
- John Reoch (Reiach) Bremner #16244, b. 16 February 1859 in Wick, CAI, SCT, 18 d. 06 December 1939 in Devon Central, DEV, ENG. 19

Did he marry Harriet Ockenden DOWLING in South Australia? 1875: Informant at father's death.

1901: Cheshire census, master of vessel "Beechbank".

In 1897, John was master of the vessel 'Zuleika'. She was an iron ship, built in Glasgow in 1875, and was under charter from America to load cargo for New Zealand. Half this cargo was discharged at Dunedin, and the remainder was to be off-loaded at Wellington. But the 'Zuleika' was lost at sea in a storm about 7 km west of the Cape Palliser lighthouse. on 16 April 1897. Captain John Reiach BREMNER survived, along with 8 other crew members, but 12 men perished at sea.

17. James Bremner #4678, b. 12 March 1856 in Newhills, ABD, SCT, 18 occupation Master Mariner.

He married **Louisa Smith** #48415, 04 January 1885 in Shanghai, China, ²⁰ (daughter of **John James Smith** #48416 [Paper Hanger] and (**unidentified**) #48417).

David Forbes Bremner #4685, b. 1858 in Buxburn/Newhills, ABD, SCT,²¹ d. 28 February 1907 in Edinburgh Newington, ABD, SCT,²² occupation Stationer.

Unmarried.

 Robert Alexander Bremner #4681, b. 10 September 1859 in Edinburgh, MLN, SCT,²³ d. 19 April 1941 in 19 Drumsheugh Gardens, Edinburgh, MLN, SCT,²⁴ occupation Solicitor.

1944: Usual residence at death, 22 Barony Terrace, Costorphine, MLN.

- Mary Bremner #4679, b. 18 November 1860 in 30 Rosebank, Gardner's Crescent, Edinburgh, MLN, SCT,²⁵ d. 23 November 1860 in 3 Rosebank, Gardeners Cresc., Edinburgh.²⁶
- 21. Elizabeth Oswald Dykes Bremner #4684, b. 30 December 1861 in Edinburgh St. George's, MLN, SCT. 27

She married (unidentified) #15558, 4Q 1904 in St. Giles, London, ENG. 28

(unidentified): Name either Frederick Herbert SANDERS or Charles E.B. WATCHMEISTER...

 Charles Brown Bremner #4683, b. 12 April 1864 in Edinburgh Parish, MLN, SCT,²⁷ occupation Comm'l Traveller, Spirits, occupation 1911 Own Means, d. 27 June 1924 in Edinburgh St. Bernard, MLN, SCT.²⁹

1891: Family lived at 6 East Montgomery St., Edinburgh.

1901: Family lived at 30 Claremont Terrace, Edinburgh, MLN.

1911: Family lived at 23 Claremont Crescent, Edinburgh, MLN.

1924: Died at 91 East Claremont St., Edinburgh.

Left estate of GBP 1218/16/0.

He married **Maggie Ann Sanderson** #15552, 21 January 1886 in Edinburgh St. Andrew, MLN, SCT, ³⁰ b. c 1863 in Edinburgh, MLN, SCT, ³¹ d. 1940 in Edinburgh Morningside, MLN, SCT. ³²

Maggie:

1911: Census shows that Margaret had six children, all six being alive at the time of the 1911 census. (verify death date).

Children:

- 25. i. James Sanderson Bremner #15553 b. 31 October 1886.
- 26. ii. **Alice Elizabeth Bremner** #15554 b. 1888.
- 27. iii. Charles Forbes Bremner #15557 b. 1892.
- 28. iv. Norah Margaret Bremner #54038 b. 1894.
- 29. v. **Effie Jane Bremner** #54039 b. 1895.
- 30. vi. **Edward Grant Bremner** #27631 b. 17 September 1901.
- 23. William Bremner #4682, b. 27 January 1866 in Edinburgh Parish, MLN, SCT. 18
- 24. Mary Donald Bremner #4680, b. 20 May 1868 in Duddingston, MLN, SCT.²⁷

1944: Informant at brother Robert's death; lived at 22 Barony Terrace, Costorphine, Edinburgh, MLN.

James Sanderson Bremner #15553, b. 31 October 1886 in 22 Alva Place, Edinburgh, MLN, SCT, 33 occupation 1911 Sorting Clerk, Post Office, d. 1965 in Dunfermline, FIF, SCT. 34

He married **Elizabeth Smart Gilbert** #15555, 1928 in Galston, AYR, SCT, ³⁵ (daughter of **William Gilbert** #59557 [Commercial Traveller] and **Jeannie Barber** #59558), d. 09 August 1947 in 22 Park Road, Roshyth, FIF, SCT. ³⁶

26. Alice Elizabeth Bremner #15554, b. 1888 in Edinburgh, MLN, SCT. 37

She married William Thomas Speirs #15556, 1923 in Glasgow Hillhead, LKS, SCT. 38

Charles Forbes Bremner #15557, b. 1892 in Edinburgh St. Andrew, MLN, SCT, 39 occupation 1911 Woollen Merchant's Apprentice, occupation Commercial Traveller, d. 30 July 1920 in Edinburgh, MLN, SCT. 40

Died at 91 East Claremont St., Edinburgh. Left estate of GBP 118/15/0.

- 28. Norah Margaret Bremner #54038, b. 1894 in Edinburgh, MLN, SCT, 41 d. 1916 in Edinburgh, MLN, SCT, 42
- 29. **Effie Jane Bremner** #54039, b. 1895 in Edinburgh, MLN, SCT, 43 d. 1958 in Edinburgh, MLN, SCT, 44 occupation 1911 Soft Goods Showroom Apprentice.
- 30. Edward Grant Bremner #27631, b. 17 September 1901 in 30 Claremont Terrace, Edinburgh, MLN. 45

¹ Caithness Monumental Inscriptions, Vol. 2, Wick Old Kirkyard, ref. 1274.

OPRI CD; also recorded 10 FEB 1848 in Walls and Flotta, OKI.

³ 1851 Wick census; age/birthplace.

⁴ IGI LDSFS 2003.

⁵ Caithness Monumental Inscriptions, Vol. 2, Wick Old Kirkyard, ref. 1274; SDR Wick, ref. 0008-1865; c/d: Pneumonia; Informant: James BREMNER, Son; (Image 04-3958).

⁶ SDR Wick, ref. 0114-1893; c/d: Cardiac syncope; Informant: James M. BRUCE, Grandson (res. 10 Breadalbane Cresc.); (Image 04-6913).

OPRI CD; verified by Barbara's death certificate.

Shown as deceased on wife Barbara's death certificate.

SDRI Wick, ref. 0132-1900; Cemetery photo and transcription, MAY 2007 (Image 07-3426).

¹⁰ SDR wick, ref. 0097-1906; c/d: Senectus; Informant: James W. BRUCE, Gr. Nephew; (Image 03-4128).

SDR Wick, ref. 0143-1875; c/d: Apoplexy, 1 hour; Informant: J.R. BREMNER, Son.

¹² SWRI Wick, ref. 0029-1856.

^{13 1871} Wick census index, age.

SDR Wick, ref. 0140-1889; c/d: Syncope and nervous shock sudden; Informant: James BREMNER, Brother; (Image 04-6002).

^{15 1881} Edinburgh census,; age/birthplace.

NRS Edinburgh Newington, MLN; ref, 685/05 1288-1901; c/d: Constricted Femoral artery, one hour; Informant: Robert A. BREMNER, SSon; (Image 12-0072).

¹⁷ IGI LDSFS 2004.

¹⁸ IGI CD.

GRO index ref. 005b-0102; National Probate Calendar, Wills; ancestry.com; date.

²⁰ Register of Marriages, shanghai, China 1852 - 1888; RG33 / Piece 12 / Folio 0; Minister Fred A. SMITH.

²¹ 1881 Edinburgh census; age/birthplace SBRI Newhills p 0023-1858.

SDR Newington p 0182-1907; c/d: Bronchietassis?, syncope; Informant: Robert A. BREMNER, Brother.

NRS Edinburgh St. George. MLN; ref. 685/01 0851-1859; Informant Ebenezer BREMNER, Father; (Image 13-0089).

NRS Edinburgh Haymarket, ref. 685/010298-1941; c/d: Concussion from fall on street, 22 MAR 1941; Coma, 4 days; Informant: Mary D. BREMNER, Sister, 22 Barony Terrace, Edinburgh, MLN; (Image 2132). See also Precognition, R.C.E. Vol. 5, page 12.

NRS Edinburgh St. George, MLN; ref. 685/01 1072-1860; Informant: E. BREMNER, Father; (Image 13-0090).

²⁶ GRO(S) Edinburgh St. George, MLN; ref. 0994-1860; c/d: Total obstruction of bowels from birth; Informant: E. BREMNER, Father; (Image 10-0003).

²⁷ IGI CD; 1881 Edinburgh census.

²⁸ SCWRI ref. 001b-1032.

²⁹ Scottish Wills; SDR Edinburgh St. Bernard, ref. 0176-1924; c/d: Pernicious anaemia, 1 year; cardiac syncope; Informant: Alice E. SPEIRS, Daughter; (Image 04-1552).

- SWRI Edinburgh St. Andrew, ref. 0069-1886.
- ³¹ 1891 Edinburgh census; age/birthplace.
- ³² SDRI Edinburgh Morningside, ref. 1160-1940.
- ³³ 1891 Edinburgh census; age/birthplace; GRO(S) Edinburgh Canongate, MLN; ref. 1222-1886.
- GRO(S) Dunfermline, FIF, ref. 0112-1965; scotlandspeople.gov.uk index.
- ³⁵ SWRI Galston, ref. 0032-1928.
- NRS Dunfermline, FIF; ref. 424/00 0487-1947; c/d: Broncho-penumonia, myocarditis, arteriosclerosis; Informant: J.S. BREMNER, Husband; (Image 12-0152).
- ³⁷ 1891 Edinburgh census; age/birthplace; SBRI Edinburgh St. Andrews, ref. 1113-1888.
- ³⁸ SWRI Glasgow Hillhead, ref. 0311-1923.
- ³⁹ SBRI Edinburgh St. Andrew, ref. 0603-1892.
- ⁴⁰ Scottish Wills; SDRI Edinburgh St. Bernard, ref. 0170-1920; c/d: Phthisis Pulmonalis, 5 months; Informant: Charles B. BREMNER, Father; (Image 04-04-6505).
- ⁴¹ GRO(S) Edinburgh st. Andrew, MLN; index ref. 0169-1894; 1901 Edinburgh St. Andrew, MLN census; age/birthplace/relationship.
- GRO(S) Edinburgh St. Andrews, MLN; index ref. 0233-1916.
- GRO(S) Edinburgh St. Andrew, MLN; index ref. 0873-1895; 1901 Edinburgh St. Andrew, MLN census; age/birthplace/relationship.
- ⁴⁴ GRO(S) Edinburgh George Square, MLN; index ref. 1003-1958.
- NRH Edinburgh St. Andrew, ref. 1093-1901.