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#### Generation One

1. **Andrew Brabner** #19507, b. c 1803 in Newburgh?, FIF, SCT, 1 occupation Fruiterer.

1841: Fruiterer; lived at 5 Low Fleshmarket, Edinburgh with family. Possibly s/o Andrew BRABNER/Margaret LEECH?

He married Mary Steele #19506, 16 November 1826 in Edinburgh Canongate, MLN, SCT, b, c 1808 in Scotland.

Children:

- 2. i. **Andrew Brabner** #50743 b. c 1826.
- 3. ii. **John Brabner** #5269 b. c 1830.
- 4. iii. **Hugh Brabner** #19508 b. 27 October 1834.
- 5. iv. **David Brabner** #55101 b. 1838.

#### Generation Two

2. Andrew Brabner #50743, b. c 1826 in Edinburgh, MLN, SCT, d. 22 March 1857 in Edinburgh, MLN, SCT, cocupation Joiner (Master).

He married **Catharine Finnie** #50744, 27 November 1852 in Liberton, MLN, SCT, b. c 1815, (daughter of **Archibald Finnie** #50745 [Carter] and **Elizabeth Wilkie** #50746), d. 14 July 1860 in Greenend, Liberton, MLN, SCT.

Children:

- 6. i. **Andrew Brabner** #50747 b. 21 October 1856.
- John Brabner #5269, b. c 1830 in Edinburgh St. Andrew's, MLN, SCT, occupation Master Coachmaker, d. 29 April 1890 in 24 Gayfield Square, Edinburgh, MLN, SCT.

1881: Family lived at 22 Gayfield Square, Edinburgh.

Edinburgh Evening News, Thursday 19th June 1884

"A Bankrupt Coachbuilder."

"John Brabner, coachbuilder, Leith Walk, Edinburgh, was examined before Sheriff Hamilton, in Edinburgh Bankruptcy Court, this afternoon. Replying to Mr. Peter Douglas, agent in the sequestration, bankrupt said his estates were sequestrated on 3d December 1883, but on the first of that month he removed a piece of cloth to sell it to Mr. Adamson, coach-hirer, to raise money for his workmen's wages. At that time he had a slight idea that he was going to be sequestrated. He was unable to sell the cloth, and brought it back again in the course of the following week. When he began the business just sequestrated, he got a loan of £200 from Mr. Adamson, and he had a large number of bill transactions with that gentleman since which were not shown in his books. He had always been due Mr. Adamson more of less money during the last 15 years, and sometimes the sum amounted to £800. To meet his monthly bills he sometimes got a sum of perhaps £400 from Mr. Adamson, but he was not sure whether he entered these advances in the cash-book or not. It was "very likely" that on the other hand he entered the payments made by him with that money. In answer to the agent for a creditor bankrupt said that there were a great many cheques received from Mr. Adamson which were not entered in his books. He gave Mr. Adamson customers' bills for them, for he could not get the bills discounted at the bank. Mr. William Jackson, of the firm Messrs. Jackson & Sons, coachbuilders, Fountainbridge, said he was on his way to call on a bankrupt regarding a bill, when he saw him in a cab (in which, it was stated in former evidence, Mr. Brabner conveyed the cloth to Mr. Adamson's office.) Bankrupt jumped out quickly and told him in a very excited manner that he was not to go in there. Mr. Brabner ordered the cabman to drive on, and the two walked behind it for some distance. The cabman who drove bankrupt to Mr. Adamson's said, in contradiction to the evidence of Mr. Brabner, that more than two parcels were put into the cab, and, in further consideration, said that with the exception of the time when he met Mr. Jackson, Mr. Brabner never left the cab. -- the examination was adjourned.@

He married **Eleanor Topping** #5270, 17 December 1852 in South Leith, Edinburgh Parish, MLN, SCT, <sup>10</sup> b. c 1830 in Coldstream, BER, SCT. <sup>11</sup>

**Eleanor**: 1881: Not shown with husband in; mother Margaret TOPPING (widowed, aged 85, born BEW) living with family 1901: Lived at 36 Hillside Cresc., Edinburgh with unmarried children.

Children:

- 7. i. **Andrew Brabner** #50748 b. c 1853.
- 8. ii. **Margaret Brabner** #5271 b. 31 August 1855.
- 9. iii. **Mary Brabner** #5272 b. 19 September 1857.
- 10. iv. **Jemima Brabner** #5278 b. 10 November 1859.
- 11. v. **Eleanor Brabner** #5273 b. 30 November 1861.
- 12. vi. **Jane Brabner** #5274 b. 09 January 1864.
- 13. vii. **Andrew Brabner** #5275 b. 04 October 1865.
- 14. viii. **Ann Brabner** #5276 b. 01 October 1868.
- 15. ix. **Janet Brabner** #5277 b. 24 November 1870.
- Hugh Brabner #19508, b. 27 October 1834 in Edinburgh Canongate, MLN, SCT, 12 occupation Coach finisher, d. 05 March 1915 in Christchurch, New Zealand, 13 buried in Linwood Cemetery, Christchurch, New Zealand.
  - 1851: Lodged with Andrew BRABNER in Liberton, MLN. Joiner.
  - 1861: Family lived at Balmoral Terrace, Claines, WOR.
  - 1871: Family lived at Stanhope Terraces, Lindeman Road, Claines, WOR.

Emigrated to New Zealand.

He married **Elizabeth Aitchison** #22980, 12 February 1858 in Edinburgh Calton etc., MLN, SCT, <sup>14</sup> b. c 1833 in Edinburgh?, Scotland, <sup>15</sup> d. 12 January 1898 in Christchurch, New Zealand, <sup>13</sup> buried in Linwood Cemetery, Christchurch, New Zealand. <sup>13</sup>

#### Children:

- 16. i. Florence Fraser Brabner #22981 b. 25 January 1859.
- 17. ii. **Mary Brabner** #22982 b. 4Q 1860.
- 18. iii. Harriet Margaret Brabner #22983 b. 4Q 1862.
- 19. iv. **Elizabeth Ann Brabner** #22984 b. 28 March 1864.
- 20. v. **Andrew Brabner** #22985 b. 4Q 1866.
- 21. vi. **John Brabner** #22988 b. 2Q 1869.
- 22. vii. **David Brabner** #22986 b. 3Q 1870.
- 23. viii. Christina Brabner #22987 b. 3Q 1870.
- 24. ix. **Eleanor Nell Brabner** #65550 b. c 1872?
- 5. **David Brabner** #55101, b. 1838 in Edinburgh, MLN, SCT.<sup>3</sup>

1841: Age 3 years, 6 months at time of census.

# Generation Three

- Andrew Brabner #50747, b. 21 October 1856 in Edinburgh, MLN, SCT, 16 d. 1857 in Edinburgh Newington etc., MLN, SCT. 17
- 7. Andrew Brabner #50748, b. c 1853 in Edinburgh, MLN, SCT, 18 d. 21 August 1861 in 5 Calton Hill, Edinburgh, MLN, SCT. 19
- Margaret Brabner #5271, b. 31 August 1855 in Edinburgh Calton & Bonnington, MLN, SCT, 20 d. 24 August 1939 in 'Woodwyn', Kaimend, Carnwath, LKS, SCT. 21

1878: Lived at 22 Gayfield Square, Edinburgh at time of marriage.

She married **George Cowper Murray** #19321, 10 January 1878 in 22 Gayfield Square, Edinburgh, MLN, <sup>22</sup> b. c 1852, <sup>23</sup> (son of **John Murray** #40806 [Tailor (Master)] and **Marion Couper** #40807), occupation Board Schoolmaster.

## George:

1878: Lived at School House, Carnwath, LKS at time of marriage.

Children:

- 25. i. **Eleanor Maggie B. Murray** #65738 b. 1879.
- Mary Brabner #5272, b. 19 September 1857 in Edinburgh, MLN, SCT, <sup>24</sup> d. 18 January 1907 in Edinburgh, MLN, SCT, occupation Milliner 1881.

lived with family in 1881 1907: Died in Infirmary, usual residence 11 Brunton Place.

She married **Robert Dickie** #22155, 1886 in Edinburgh St. Andrew, MLN, SCT, <sup>25</sup> occupation Marine Engineer.

10. **Jemima Brabner** #5278, b. 10 November 1859 in Edinburgh, MLN, SCT, <sup>26</sup> occupation Teacher.

1891: unmarried, living at home.

She married **Alexander Russel** #19322, 1896 in Edinburgh St. Andrews, MLN, SCT. <sup>27</sup>

11. **Eleanor Brabner** #5273, b. 30 November 1861 in Edinburgh St. Andrew's, MLN, SCT, <sup>28</sup> occupation Saleswoman 1881.

1 1881-1901: Lived with family, unmarried. Worked as a Draper's Clerkess in 1901.

12. Jane Brabner #5274, b. 09 January 1864 in Edinburgh St. Andrew's, MLN, SCT, 29 occupation Teacher 1881.

1901: Lived with widowed mother and family in Edinburgh. Teacher.

13. Andrew Brabner #5275, b. 04 October 1865 in Edinburgh, MLN, SCT, 24 d. 1936 in Leith, MLN, SCT, 30 occupation Coach Builder.

1891-1901: Lived at home, unmarried, Coach Builder.

14. Ann Brabner #5276, b. 01 October 1868 in Edinburgh, MLN, SCT, 24 occupation 1891 Mantle Maker.

1899: Lived at 15 South London St., Edinburgh at time of marriage.

1911: Census indicates that Ann had two children, both living at the time of the 1911 census.

She married **Donald Black** #40815, 04 October 1899 in The Douglas Hotel, Edinburgh, MLN, <sup>31</sup> b. c 1872, <sup>32</sup> (son of **John Black** #40816 [Colliery Manager] and **Elizabeth Carmichael** #40817), occupation Colliery Manager.

# Donald:

1899: Lived in Hamilton, LKS at time of marriage.

1911: Lived at Parview Terrace, Muir Road, Bridgend, ELN with family and domestic servant Isabella Brown GALLOWAY (15, born Haddington).

Children:

- 26. i. **Hugh Black** #61005 b. c 1901.
- 27. ii. **Eleanor Topping Black** #61006 b. c 1903.
- Janet Brabner #5277, b. 24 November 1870 in Edinburgh, MLN, SCT, 33 occupation 1891 Draper's Assistant, d. 01 April 1950 in Edinburgh, MLN, SCT. 34

1901: Lived with widowed mother and family, Manageress at Glove Depot.

Florence Fraser Brabner #22981, b. 25 January 1859 in Edinburgh, MLN, Scotland, 35 d. 21 August 1892 in Christchurch?, New Zealand, 13 buried in Linwood Cemetery, Christchurch, New Zealand. 13

She married James Thornton Park #46905, 1891 in New Zealand. 36

Children:

- 28. i. **James Brabner Park** #46906 b. 1892.
- 17. Mary Brabner #22982, b. 4Q 1860 in Droitwich, WOR, ENG, 37 baptized 17 February 1861 in Angel Street, ..., WOR, ENG. 12

She married **Robert Billens** #46908, 20 June 1881 in St. Andrew's Church, Christchurch, New Zealand, <sup>38,39</sup> (son of **Robert Billens** #61363 and (unidentified) #61364).

## Robert:

Robert was the fourth son in the family.

Children:

- 29. i. **Leonard Robert Billens** #46910 b. 1882.
- 30. ii. **Hugh Brabner Billens** #46912 b. 1884.
- 31. iii. Florence Elizabeth Billens #46909 b. 1886.
- 32. iv. **Marjorie Billens** #46911 b. 1896.
- 18. **Harriet Margaret Brabner** #22983, b. 4Q 1862 in Droitwich, WOR, ENG, <sup>40</sup> d. 01 August 1954 in Christchurch, New Zealand, <sup>13</sup> buried in Linwood Cemetery, Christchurch, New Zealand. <sup>13</sup>

She married William Thomas Billens #46907, 1883 in New Zealand. 41

Children

- 33. i. Frank William Billens #46914 b. 1884.
- 34. ii. Muriel Maud Billens #46915 b. 1885.
- 35. iii. Elsie Billens #46913 b. 1887.
- 36. iv. **Eva Frances Billens** #46916 b. 1890.
- Elizabeth Ann Brabner #22984, b. 28 March 1864 in Edinburgh, MLN, SCT, <sup>42</sup> d. 06 November 1939 in Christchurch?, New Zealand, <sup>13</sup> buried in Linwood Cemetery, Christchurch, New Zealand. <sup>13</sup>

She married **Frederick Bull** #65549, 1887, d. 16 January 1940 in Christchurch?, New Zealand, <sup>13</sup> buried in Linwood Cemetery, Christchurch, New Zealand. <sup>13</sup>

Children:

- 37. i. Frederick W. Bull #65551.
- 20. **Andrew Brabner** #22985, b. 4Q 1866 in Droitwich, WOR, ENG. 43
- 21. **John Brabner** #22988, b. 2Q 1869 in Droitwich, WOR, ENG, 44 d. 29 August 1869 in Droitwich, WOR, ENG. 45,13
- 22. **David Brabner** #22986, b. 3Q 1870 in Droitwich, WOR, ENG, 46 d. 05 August 1942 in New Zealand, 13 buried in Mangatainoka, New Zealand. 13

(Twin to Christina)

He married **Matilda Ann Purvis** #65553, 1895 in New Zealand, <sup>47</sup> b. c 1864 in New Zealand?, <sup>48</sup> (daughter of **James Purvis** #65554 and **Janet (unidentified)** #65555), d. 08 January 1924 in Mangatainoka, New Zealand, buried in Rangiora Cemetery. <sup>49</sup>

Children:

- 38. i. **David Brabner** #65556 b. 20 April 1896.
- 39. ii. Elizabeth Janet Christina Brabner #65557 b. 20 April 1896.
- 23. **Christina Brabner** #22987, b. 3Q 1870 in Droitwich, WOR, ENG, 46 d. 01 April 1938 in Christchurch?, New Zealand, 13 buried in Linwood Cemetery, Christchurch, New Zealand. 13

Twin to David.

She married (unidentified) D'Authreau #65548.

24. Eleanor Nell Brabner #65550, b. c 1872? in England?, d. 02 July 1961 in Christchurch, New Zealand, <sup>13</sup> buried in Linwood Cemetery, Christchurch, New Zealand. <sup>13</sup>

(Gravestone inscription notes that Eleanor was the youngest daughter).

She married Andrew (unidentified) #65552, d. 01 July 1923 in Christchurch?, New Zealand, <sup>13</sup> buried in Linwood Cemetery, Christchurch, New Zealand. 13

## Generation Four

Eleanor Maggie B. Murray #65738, b. 1879 in Carnwath, LKS, SCT. 50

Informant at mother's death in Carnwath, LKS.

She married **Thomas L. Hogg** #65739, 1918 in Carnwath, LKS, SCT. 51

- Hugh Black #61005, b. c 1901 in Blesserson?, LKS, SCT.<sup>52</sup>
- Eleanor Topping Black #61006, b, c 1903 in Bathgate, ELN, SCT.<sup>52</sup> 27.
- James Brabner Park #46906, b. 1892 in New Zealand. 53 28.
- Leonard Robert Billens #46910, b. 1882 in New Zealand. 54
- Hugh Brabner Billens #46912, b. 1884 in New Zealand. 55 30.
- Florence Elizabeth Billens #46909, b. 1886 in New Zealand. 56 31.
- Marjorie Billens #46911, b. 1896 in New Zealand. 57 32.
- 33. Frank William Billens #46914, b. 1884 in New Zealand. 58
- Muriel Maud Billens #46915, b. 1885 in New Zealand. 59 34.
- Elsie Billens #46913, b. 1887 in New Zealand. 60 35.
- Eva Frances Billens #46916, b. 1890 in New Zealand. 61 36.
- Frederick W. Bull #65551, d. 13 November 1959 in Christchurch, New Zealand, 13 buried in Linwood Cemetery, Christchurch, New Zealand.13
- David Brabner #65556, b. 20 April 1896 in New Zealand, d. 1981 in New Zealand. 62 38.
- Elizabeth Janet Christina Brabner #65557, b. 20 April 1896 in New Zealand. 63

(twin to David).

1841 Edinburgh High Church, MLN census; age/birthplace.

<sup>1841</sup> Edinburgh High Church, MLN census; age.

OPRI CD.

GRO(S) Edinburgh Newington, MLN; ref. 0106-1857; c/d: General Debility; Informant: Catherine BRABNER, Wife; (Image 03-4029).

OPRI CD; verified by Catherine's death certificate.

Age 45 at death in 1860.

GRO(S) Liberton, MLN; ref. 0053-1860; c/d: Consumption of lungs, 2 years; Informant: John BEGBIE (X), brother-in-law; (Image 10-0001).

<sup>1881</sup> Edinburgh census; age/birthplace.

SDR Edinburgh St. Andrews, ref. 0405-1890; c/d: Broncho-pneumonia; emphysema; Informant: Mina BRABNER, Daughter. (Image 03-4020).

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

<sup>1891</sup> Edinburgh census; age/birthplace.

IGI LDSFS 2002.

Linwood Cemetery, Christchurch, NZ; Area 7, Row J, ref. 3629.

- <sup>14</sup> SWRI Edinburgh Calton etc. ref. 0033-1858.
- 15 1871 Claines, WOR census; age/birthplace.
- <sup>16</sup> IGI LDSFS JAN 2010; GRO(S) Edinburgh Newington, MLN; ref. 0659-1856.
- GRO(S) Edinburgh Newington & Grange, MLN; index ref. 0025-1857.
- <sup>18</sup> Age 7 years, 11 months at death.
- GRO(S) Edinburgh st. Andrew, MLN; ref. 0425-1861; c/d: Measles with dysentery, 4 weeks; Informant: John BRABNER, Father; (Image 10-0002).
- <sup>20</sup> IGI CD; SBRI 0318-1855.
- NRS Carnwath, LKS; ref. 632/01 0010-1939; c/d: Cerebral Thrombosis; Informant: Eleanor HOGG, Daughter; (Image 15-0102).
- GRO(S) Edinburgh St. Andrew, ref. 0038-1878; Witnesses: James GIBSON, Mary BRABNER; Minister: James GIFFEN; (Image 07-5302).
- <sup>23</sup> Age 26 at marriage in 1878.
- <sup>24</sup> IGI CD.
- <sup>25</sup> SWRI Edinburgh St. Andrew, ref. 0256-1886; verified by Mary's death in 1907.
- <sup>26</sup> 1881 Edinburgh St. Giles' census; age/birthplace IGI shows mother's name as Ealoner TAPPING.
- <sup>27</sup> SWRI Edinburgh St. Andrews, ref. 0121-1896.
- <sup>28</sup> IGI CD; SBRI p 0968-1861.
- <sup>29</sup> IGI CD; SBRI Edinburgh St. Andrew's p 0084-1864.
- <sup>30</sup> SDRI Leith, ref. 0782-1936.
- <sup>31</sup> GRO(S) Edinburgh St. Andrew, ref. 0556-1899; Witnesses: Nigel MACFARLANE, Janet BRABNER; Minister: Thomas MARTIN; (Image 07-5299).
- Age 27 at marriage in 1899.
- <sup>33</sup> IGI CD; SBRI Edinburgh p 0288-1870.
- NRS Edinburgh Newington, MLN; index ref. 685/06 0245-1950; date deceasedonline January 2012.
- <sup>35</sup> 1871 Staines, WOR census; age/birthplace; IGI LDSFS 2002.
- <sup>36</sup> New Zealand BMD Indexes, MAR 2009; ref. 1891/740.
- <sup>37</sup> 1871 Staines, WOR census; age/birthplace; SCBRI ref. 006c-0335.
- <sup>38</sup> New Zealand BMD Indexes, MAR 2009; ref. 1881/1966.
- Worcestershire Chronicle, Saturday 03 September 1881; married by Rev. C. FRASER.
- 40 1871 Staines, WOR census; age/birthplace; SCBRI ref. 006c-0347.
- <sup>41</sup> New Zealand BMD Indexes, MAR 2009; ref. 1883/3074.
- <sup>42</sup> 1871 Staines, WOR census; age/birthplace shown as England...
- 43 1871 Staines, WOR census; age/birthplace; SCBRI ref. 006c-0383.
- 44 SCBRI ref. 006c-0335.
- 45 SCDRI ref. 006c-0215.
- <sup>46</sup> 1871 Staines, WOR census; age/birthplace; SCBRI ref. 006c-0356.
- New Zealand BMD Index, ref. 1895/1504.
- <sup>48</sup> Age 60 at death in 1924.
- <sup>49</sup> Rangiora East Belt, Row F., ref. 70.
- <sup>50</sup> NRS Carnwath, LKS; index ref. 632/00 0051.
- <sup>51</sup> NRS Carnwath, LKS; index ref. 632/01 0006-1918.
- <sup>52</sup> 1911 Bridgend, ELN census; age/birthplace/relationship.
- New Zealand BMD Indexes, MAR 2009; ref. 1892/11187.
- <sup>54</sup> New Zealand BMD Indexes, MAR 2009; ref. 1882/15977.
- 55 New Zealand BMD Indexes, MAR 2009; ref. 1884/12532.
- <sup>56</sup> New Zealand BMD Indexes, MAR 2009; ref. 1886/16449.
- <sup>57</sup> New Zealand BMD Indexes, MAR 2009; ref. 1896/17570.
- <sup>58</sup> New Zealand BMD Indexes, MAR 2009; ref. 1884/2822.
- <sup>59</sup> New Zealand BMD Indexes, MAR 2009; ref. 185/19356.
- 60 New Zealand BMD Indexes, MAR 2009; ref. 1887/2513.
- 61 New Zealand BMD Indexes, MAR 2009; ref. 1890/7652.
- New Zealand Death Indexes, ref. 1981/27886.
- New Zealand BMD Indexes, ref. 1896/16844.