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Hi,

Here's a correction for you and a whole new avenue to explore.

You have Rachel Turnbull F#340 who married Andrew Drysdale. The information from her marriage down through children is correct, but I've found what I believe to be the correct information regarding her birth, her siblings and her parents.

I first looked at your website as I had a commission for the Drysdale family. At the time I thought that your birth and parents records seemed reasonable, so noted this. Recently I was asked by another researcher where I had found her birth and parents information. I replied to this but then had another look.

I know that her sister Elizabeth and her brother Alexander both came to Australia. Elizabeth and Rachael/Rachel travelled together on the Admiral Cockburn. Alexander and Elizabeth's husband were both mariners as was Rachel's husband Andrew, so there is a strong maritime connection in the family.

Anyway, I followed one of those hints that come up on Ancestry, giving Rachel a birth in 1794, in Eyemouth, Berwick, with parents Robert Turnbull and Agnes Mair. Now these are both names that recur with Rachel's children and with her siblings children. Recall also that her son Robert was baptised in Eymouth, after her husband Andrew had sailed to Australia. It was reasonable to consider that she may have chosen to be with family for the birth of her baby. This seemed to be worth checking. So Scotland's People had the following:

Parents Robert Turnbull and Agnes Mair, all children listed born/baptised in Eyemouth.

Alexander 11/06/1796

Elizbath (sic) 19/08/1798

James 12/03/1802

Joseph 17/11/1793

Rachel 09/11/1794

Robert 21/06/1800

Note that these are alphabetical, not chronological.

Now the dates for Rachael/Rachel and Elizabeth fit exactly with their ages at death. Elizabeth died aged 90 according to her death certificate, which would make it one month before her 91st birthday so seems accurate. (I haven't checked Alexander's at this point).

So we have family names which fit perfectly and two birth dates which fit exactly with dates of death. So I rather think that you might like to check out this line of family. I'm satisfied that Rachel's parents are indeed Robert and Agnes, rather than John and Mary.

Regards

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