

NOTES ON 1851 AND 1871 CENSUS EXTRACTS

1851 and 1871 census information for Home Farm Nether Kinmundy was extracted by Jennifer Bain from records in Ellon, Aberdeenshire library. Many thanks from Norman J Penny for sending to me in 2020.

William Penny is my great, great grandfather who in the 1851 Census extract is shown as being married to Elizabeth (Mitchell). They are not shown in the 1871 Census - perhaps they moved to Mains of Pitfour where Elizabeth died in 1885. They appear to be the first of the Penny family at Nether Kinmundy. Their eldest children - James 12 at the time of this census and Alexander 5 - were born in Rathen. Prospectively this gives late 1840s as the start time at Nether Kinmundy. William's brother, Alexander (6 years his junior), is recorded as being employed at the farm.

Looking at the 1871 Census extract, the head of the household is James Pennie (misspelling for Penny), my great grandfather, who married Isabella (Hutchison) in 1861. I have found no more information about her but from the Census entry it seems she is from Longside. James was born in Rathen but, I guess, would have been brought up at Nether Kinmundy. His father, William, by this time may well have moved to Mains of Pitfour. I hope to tidy up some of these loose ends as I further explore.

CENSUS 1851 EXTRACT

Census
1851

63	William Penny	Head married	37	farmer of 154 acres employing 3 men & 4 outdoor labourers	<u>born</u> Rathen.
	Elizabeth (Mitchell)	Wife	38		Aberdeen
	James	son	12	scholar	Rathen
	Alexander	son	5	scholar at home	Rathen.
	William	son	3		Longside
	Eliza	da.	1		Longside
	Alexander	brother sing	31	Farmer's brother employed at home	Rathen.
	Margaret Mackie	Servant sing	20	House servant (cook)	Longmay.
	Alexander Mackie	18	Agri. labourer	Longside.
	George Robertson	18	New Deer
	James Clyne	16	Old Deer
	Barbara Anderson	16	Strichen

CENSUS 1871 EXTRACT

Census 1871

James Pennie	Head married	31	Farmer of 156 acres	born
Isabela (?) Pennie	wife	27	arable.	Rather
Elizabeth Pennie	da.	8	Scholar	Longside.
Jessie Pennie	da.	6	Scholar	--
Janet Margaret Pennie	da.	4		--
Isabela Pennie	da.	2		--
James Pennie	son	6 months		--
Jean Thomson?	servt.	20	day maid	--
Robina Paterson	servt.	16	Gen. dom. servant	St. Fergus