# 3 generations of Pennys (so far identified) in the 1700s

William 1717 - 1776

Examples of "branches"



William Robert was born (29 Aug 1717) in and died (13 Oct 1776) in Newmill - the first Penny at Newmill, it seems. So far I have found no details of his wife. His son James, born in 1744, married Margaret Cardno (born 15 Oct 1758) on 25 Nov 1780 making a Cardno connection that reappears generations later.

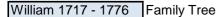
The place of birth for James and Margaret's son William is Rathen (Inverallochy) on 19 Jul 1788 indicating another Buchan location for a Penny branch. William married Mary Low (born at Kincardine 12 May 1799). He died on 24 Nov 1862 at New Leeds and is buried in St Combs kirkyard.

William and Mary's son Andrew was born at Birse on 17 May 1831 and died at Oruro, Bolivia on 18 May 1899. Andrew was called "the Silver King" and is the great great grand son of William (born 1717) in my direct line. <-- A St Combs gravestone was, according to its inscription, erected by Andrew in remembrance of his father William "mason" and his brother Charles (died 27 Mar 1881 at New Leeds) also a mason. So that branch did not have farmers but masons in it.

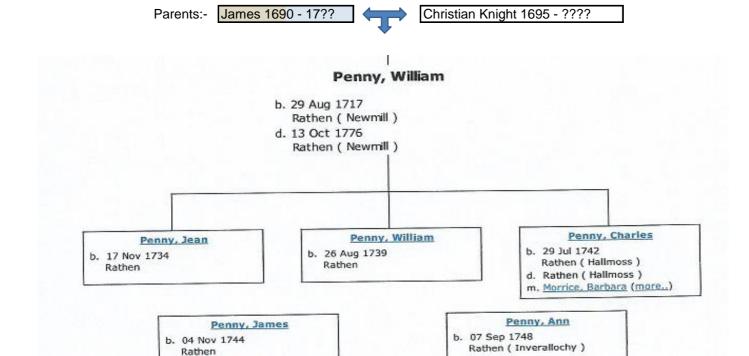
Andrew initially found work in the Corocoro copper mines in Bolivia then became the sole owner of the San Jose silver mine at Oruro. According to an 1890 Boston Evening Transcript, Andrew had an income "for some time" estimated at \$5000 a week!

More information at <a href="http://www.abdn.ac.uk/news/4717/">http://www.abdn.ac.uk/news/4717/</a>

So this family branch produced farmers, masons and a miner.



m. Cardno, Margaret



Charles 1742 - ????

It looks as if Charles Penny (born 29 Jul 1742) was the first Penny at Halmoss.

On 13 May 1773 Charles married Mary Bruce. She was mother of James (in my family line and born in 1781) and had 4 girls and 2 more boys. She died aged 31 in 1789. Charles married Barbara Morrice on 24 December 1789.

According to a BBC web site [ http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/domesday/dblock/GB-408000-846000/page/20 ] in 1986 Mr Will, a farmer in Inverugie owned the farm and had approximately 250 head of cattle, 65 acres of winter barley, 20 of turnips, 45 oil seed rape, 105 wheat and 20 fallow; sometimes he kept sheep. However, it was mainly a dairy farm. I wonder how that compared with the days when the Pennys first farmed there 250 years ago!? A fire safety risk assessment company is now at this location.

I took these photographs of Halmoss Farm in February 2009 (with owner's consent). I assume the main part of







William 1717 - 1776 Parents:-



?? - not yet identified

# Penny, Charles

- b. 29 Jul 1742
  - Rathen ( Hallmoss )
- d. Rathen (Hallmoss)
- m. Bruce, Mary
  - 13 May 1773
  - Rathen (Inverallochy)
  - d. 1789
- m. Morrice, Barbara
  - 24 Dec 1789

## Charles and Mary's children ..

#### Penny, Ann

b. 12 Mar 1774 Rathen

## Penny, William

- b. 24 May 1775 Rathen
- d. 24 May 1853 Peterhead
- m. Robertson, lanet

#### Penny, James

- b. 11 Nov 1781 Rathen
  - d. 04 Feb 1858 Rathen ( Hallmoss)
  - m. Mitchell, Janet

# Penny, John

- b. 13 May 1778 Rathen
- d. 01 Feb 1856 Longside ( Buthlaw )
- m. Forman, Mary (more...)

# Penny, Christian

b. 25 Apr 1783 Rathen

# Penny, Helen

Penny, Jean

b. 16 Jun 1786 Rathen

b. 28 Oct 1779

Rathen

## Charles and Barbara's children ...

## Penny, Jean

- b. 08 Nov 1782 Rathen
- d. 11 Jun 1856 Rathen ( Early Brae )
- m. Murison, James (more...)

## Penny, Mary

b. 18 May 1790 Rathen

#### Penny, Barbara

b. 02 Mar 1794 Rathen

James 1781 - 1858

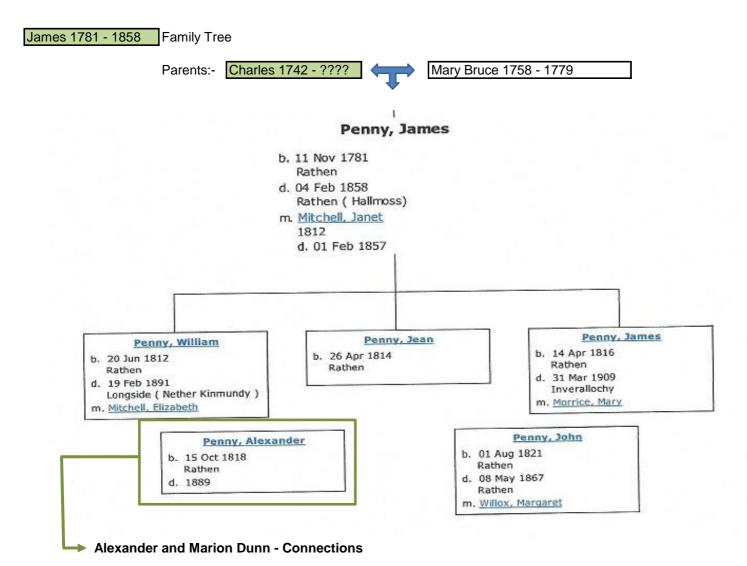
He was the "Whaler's" uncle.

The famous "Whaler", arctic discoverer etc. was William Penny (1809 - 1892) - his father was also a sea captain and whaler - some genealogy sites incorrectly ascribe "Whaler" to yet another Penny.

This James (born 1781 and in my family line) was the brother of William (born 1775) - father of the "Whaler". More on the "famous" one, another family branch, later!

The National Archives record James Penny (alias Penie) born at "Longmay" serving in the 95th Foot Regiment from 1806 to 1819 being discharged aged 28. There seems to be a date/timing conflict as he was born in 1781, would have been 25 when he joined and in 1819 would have served 3 years - i.e. to 1809 not 1819. Maybe he did serve until 1819 - so his discharge would have been at age 38 or his date of birth is incorrect. The 95th Foot was formed in January 1800 as the "Experimental Corps of Riflemen to provide sharpshooters, scouts and skirmishers. Based in 1803 at Shornecliffe, Kent a second battalion was raised in Canterbury in 1805. In 1806 they were involved in an invasion against Buenos Aires then taking part in Battle Of Copenhagen in 1807, the Peninsular War, the Waterloo Campaign etc. Potentially some interesting family history links as I worked in Canterbury for 19 years, Melody went to school and university there; my grandparents lived in and near Buenos Aires, my mother was born there as was my sister Melody. George Penny (1874 - 1926) who was James's great grandson worked in Argentina.

James (1781) married Janet Mitchell in 1812 and had a son James (born 14 April 1816, died 31 March 1909) who married Mary Morrice (born 1834, died 1927).



In March 2021 Marion Dunn, who was researching her Penny family tree, contacted me via my "family" website. Her 3 x great grandfather was Alexander Penny - son of James Penny and Janet Mitchell from Rathen. Alexander worked with his brother at Mains of Pitfour. Although unmarried he had a son, William who seems to have been shown as a cattleman on the 1861 Census at Mains of Pitfour.

Although our correspondence references are to great grandfathers I think Marion and I are a "grandfather" generation apart - I think she is younger than myself so we are most likely third cousins. Our trees are on the next page.

