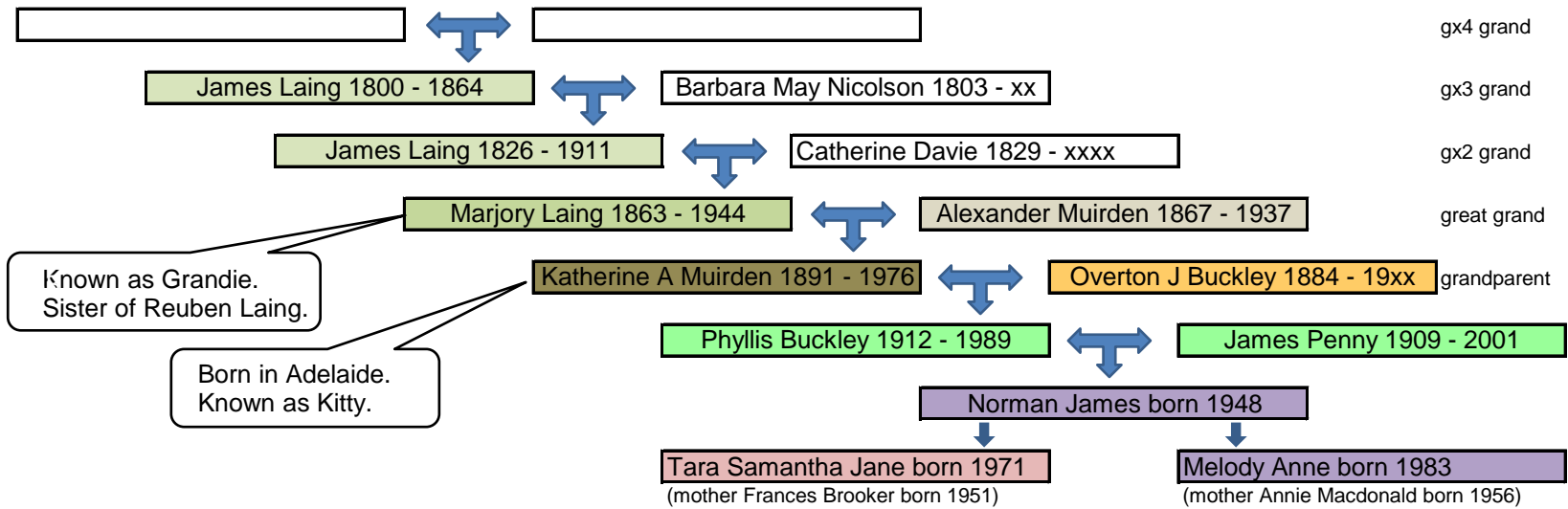


Laing family line - from 1800; plus Cheyne family connections

Laing family line back to my great x3 grandfather - James born circa 1800.

Relationship

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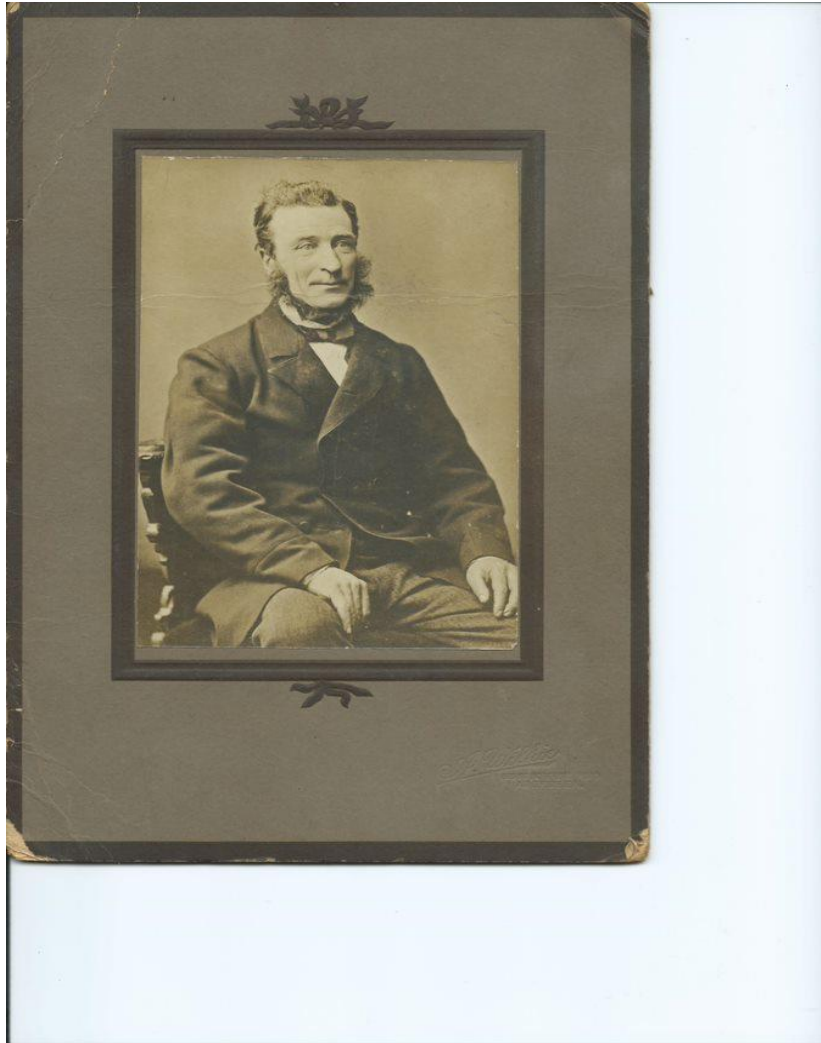
<< Locations where born >>

Golspie
Aberdeen
Australia
Watford

London
Argentina
Inverness

My great grandmother - Grandie - emigrated to Australia then to the Argentine and around the time of WW 1 moved back to Aberdeen where my mother and her sister, Gladys, went to school and had holidays with her. Grandie's brother, Reuben, was a well know butcher (or flesher) in Aberdeen. Their father James Laing founded the business in 1850 at the age of 24.

My parents families (Penny and Laing), I have been told, knew one another and the connection may well be Aberdeen rather than Buenos Aires. From the 1901 Census my grandparents were at 55 Bedford Place. Reuben had a shop at No 27.



Reuben Laing had outlets at 367 and 691 Great Northern Road, 273 Clifton Road, 27 Bedford Place, 6 Hilton Place and in Dyce.

This photograph of James Laing was found in my grandmother's album.



Reuben at work.



Cheyne Family Connection

In October 2024 Bill Cheyne contacted me from my "family" website saying that his Grandmother Jane (Jessie) Cheyne was very friendly with Reuben Laing and his wife and stayed beside them in 5 Piries Lane, Woodside, Aberdeen. Bill's father and grandfather used to go to Reuben's air raid shelter in his house at 14 Piries Lane during the second world war. He sent me photos of the Piries Lane house.



House was built in 1904.



On an estate agent's website around 2000.

Two other connections surfaced - one was from the 1911 Census and a James Cheyne of 14 Don Street the other to an entry in my mother's diary (probably from the 1950s). I had recalled the name Nan Cheyne who was a friend of my Uncle George in Aberdeen and wondered if there was any family connection towards Bill Cheyne.

Bill gave me this extract from past minutes of St Machar Lodge (Woodside) 319 - "The festival of St John was celebrated on December 1919 in our
This PDF considers [prospective Laing, Cheyne and George Penny connections.](#)