

Hendersons of Dunbeath

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This diagram represents the best guess of the current working set of Henderson family researchers. It is likely incomplete and incorrect in places. It incorporates countless contributions from many family members, as well as the Dunbeath Heritage Centre



William Henderson
Born: Unknown
Died: Unknown
Ann Sutherland
Born: Unknown
Died: Unknown

William Henderson and Ann Sutherland are thought to be the parents of James Henderson. This is based on sketchy parish records

According to these records, it lists William as living in Knockfin, Berriedale.

William Henderson
Born: Unknown
Died: Unknown

James Henderson
Born: 18 Aug 1766 - Berriedale, Caithness
Died: Unknown
Mary Sutherland
Born: 01 Feb 1775 - Borg, Caithness
Died: 13 Oct 1865 - Ramsdraigs, Caithness

Angus Henderson
Born: Unknown
Died: Unknown

The existence of James' brothers William and Angus are derived from a ledger of the Sinclair Spinning Co. in the national archives (CS 96/2269). They describe the activities of William Henderson in buying wool and lint, and selling yarn and cloth. Early in the ledger it lists Angus and James Henderson (specifically Jas. Henderson of Rhian) as brothers.

In addition, the names James, William and Angus seem to be family names that are used repeatedly across generations and family groups

James and Mary were married February 12th, 1799 in Berriedale, and established their house and farm at Rhian, south of Dunbeath

William Henderson
Born: 29 Nov 1799 - Rhian, Caithness
Died: 09 Feb 1875 - Ramsdraigs, Caithness
Catherine Munro
Born: about 1807
Died: 18 Apr 1896 - Ramsdraigs, Caithness

There was some thought that William was part of a different Henderson family, but his parish birth certificate clearly shows that Jas. Henderson in Rhian as his father

Angus Henderson
Born: 24 Apr 1802 - Rhian, Caithness
Died: 01 Sep 1869
Catherine Gunn
Born: about 1800 - Dunbeath, Caithness
Died: Unknown

Croft 45 in the Dunbeath area. It is believed this farm was in the Henderson family since 1732

Marjory Henderson
Born: 09 Jun 1804 - Rhian, Caithness
Died: 08 May 1893 - Ramsdraigs, Caithness
Robert Munro
Born: about 1794
Died: unknown

Donald Henderson
Born: 12 Apr 1807 - Rhian, Caithness
Died: 12 Sep 1892 - Ramsdraigs, Caithness
Ann Cunningham
Born: 19 Apr 1816 - Dunbeath, Caithness
Died: 02 Apr 1900 - East Kilbride, Lanark

Donald apprenticed with his Uncle Sutherland to learn the craft of shoemaking. His shoe shop employed several people in the Dunbeath area

Donald is buried in the Berriedale old graveyard overlooking the sea in Caithness next to his brother Robert and his son James

Once Donald died, his wife Ann moved to East Kilbride to live with son Adam, and died at the Free Church Manse in East Kilbride

Alexander Henderson
Born: 28 Feb 1817 - Rhian, Caithness
Died: Unknown

Alexander was a herring fisherman who sailed with the fleet from Dunbeath

John Henderson
Born: 21 Oct 1816 - Rhian, Caithness
Died: Unknown
Henrietta Gunn
Born: about 1830
Died: Unknown

Croft 39 in the Dunbeath area also fished herring with the fleet in Dunbeath. Married Henrietta Gunn 27 Jun 1851

Robert Henderson
Born: about 1818 - Rhian, Caithness
Died: 22 Dec 1878

Robert worked with his brother Donald making shoes in the shop in the Dunbeath area