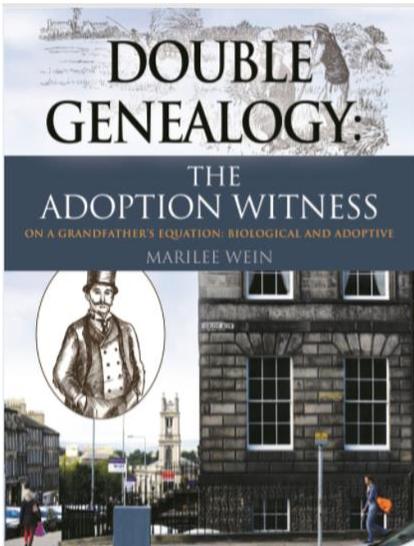


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DISCLAIMER

The author is an amateur, not studied in genealogy, but is informed by a 20 year history of data handling in clinical research. The book details how this particular work was done to support its conclusions. It conveys no promise that the methods used will translate to a successful outcome by another researcher. The methods used are not claimed as original. There is no claim as to whether or not they match standard practice. Experts, working with proven industry standards, may have done it better and with greater verification and efficiency. One must respond to the data available to them and decide what means will address their unique situation.

Statements as to the identity of birth or adoptive parents, or of illegitimate or adopted children are conclusions of the author's own analysis. The conclusions could fundamentally change with the addition of new data or exposed erroneous assumptions.

This work is of real ancestral people who have been documented at the sites ScotlandsPeople (SP), Findmypast (FMP), or Family Search (FS) on whom truth has been embellished with imagined content, as hinted by the data, when needed to advance the story line. Age is true to an underlying document from SP if viewed. If not, it is approximate from FMP and FS, or other documents. Spelling generally reflects the latest evolution seen in documents, or as known to the family.

Place names are used in their historical context. Today's map and place names may inadequately describe many of the areas of interest as they existed in the era of interest.

This work mostly references documents from Scotland and the United States. Registries and censuses of other countries may have asked for, or, may be based on different data points. The differences would have to be taken into account, if working with data from such countries.

EXAMPLE: PREVIOUS WORK OF AUTHOR PARTICIPATION

The author's work experience included the conduct of clinical trials. Collaborative output of such work is characterized by the following example:

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PART II

NO GO

An Extract of “NOTES and SOURCES” is inserted here to cover the EXCERPT that follows:

1. NATIONAL RECORDS of SCOTLAND found at SCOTLANDSPEOPLE.GOV.UK (SP= ScotlandsPeople)

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- SP is generally referenced as ^[1]. Then, for example, ^[1] B indicates that the source is the SP Birth Registry. Select SP registry documents, itemized below, are further specified, such as ^[1] B¹ for Mary McKinlay's birth record.
- B=Birth Registry. M=Marriage Registry D=Death Registry. C= Census, P=Old Parish Records, V=Valuation Roll

Note: reference citations are found at ends of sentences. Superscripts found above forenames, indicate generation.

CHAPTER TWO: MAGGIE

Poor Maggie⁴, she would not be validated by birth documentation. She would be misrepresented in her marital record. Her name would never be on the lips of her grandchildren.

About that nuptial entry, though; it said that she, Maggie⁴ Gemmell, married James⁴ Dickson in 1879, and she did. ^{[1]M1} It showed the bride was older than her groom, and she was; well, maybe by a tad more than what was admitted. Her birth year was suggested as 1856. Sadly, both her parents were deceased. It claimed her father was William⁵ Gemmell, a coachman, and alleged that her mother was Elizabeth⁵ Lindsay. Why would her descendant question her marriage statement?

She lived in Crossford Lesmahagow, in Scotland's Lanarkshire. Where she was born, was not to see. She chose an Isabella Gemmell as her wedding witness; potentially useful information. To disappoint, that was all it said, "Witness Isabella Gemmell". No age, no relationship, and no residency.

It told some facts about James⁴ Dickson. His father was deceased. His mother, Margaret⁵, was born Paterson, but her age and home were not disclosed. Still, this meant that she might be located in the next census as a widow, and in those days, as Margaret Paterson or Margaret Dickson.

Hmm? There is a widow, Margaret Dickson in Census 1881, with her son, James. ^{[1]C6} In Crossford – check! Except, this James is a younger general laborer, compared with the carter of the marriage document.

Is that you, Maggie, with them in Crossford, albeit as *Margaret* Dickson and two years older than your husband, not one? Margaret Dickson, daughter-in-law to the widow Margaret Dickson. Close enough; almost certainly, the right family's census! It says you were born in Edinburghshire.

Oh, a teenaged Mary³ McKinlay is there too, granddaughter to the elder Margaret. Also, Margaret² Whitefield, infant great-granddaughter. Where is her father? Maggie, no child in Scotland's Birth Registry matches this child. Is she yours by previous liaison? **Whoops - NO!** That does not work. Is she Mary's?

Maggie seemed to be all by herself from Edinburgh, in a sea of folk from Lesmahagow, with her parents gone. Off to times past, to find from whence she hailed and with her parents. **So -**

All unions of decades prior, of those named William Gemmell and Elizabeth Lindsay, were visited across Scotland. Alas, no Margaret came forth to conform to our Maggie. Illegitimacies were considered with no luck. No conforming Margaret was found in poorhouse or orphanage. None as daughter, sister, niece, aunt, cousin, granddaughter, wife, as in-law or step, or servant or boarder. Living or dead. None ... ever! Never!

DEFEAT!

So sorry, dear Maggie. You must remain undercover, in the backdrop of life, here, as part of this fine Dickson family. Similarly, your son-to-be will be entrusted, until by the weight of life's tales, you may both, fully emerge. Now back again, in time.

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18h ago

SAMPLE BLOG POST: This is my first website and its first post! Today holds another first for me; I am now an author. So yes, they are interconnected.

“Double Genealogy: the Adoption Witness” started as a quest for heritage, specifically, of my grandfather and his mother. It became much more, because he was unexpectedly, found adopted. So was his same aged cousin, who was unrelated biologically. Although all that would take forever to ferret out! Out of wedlock conspired to hide facts.

I succeeded, I think, to elucidate their backgrounds. So, what more is there to talk about? “Who done it” and “missing person” searches, from long ago, for sure.

Lots more! The work was done armchair, by self, an amateur. (In full disclosure, I do have background in clinical research.) Data sources, documentation, and how done are provided. The reader is invited to evaluate, and perhaps arrive at different conclusions. Let’s face it, there was no DNA involved.

Reader can deride approaches taken, or applaud. Indicating, of course, the better direction that could have been taken. But, one need not read the book to chime in with their own experience in genealogy, independent of birth factors. What works and what does not. Exasperation and triumph.

Definitely, lots more! Respect of intellectual property. Writing genealogy. Publishing. Reference citing. Copyright. Time management. Organizing data. What to pitch, what to save. Adoption. Illegitimacy. Blended family. Feelings. Difficulties in tracing ancestors, where such are factors. Or, not.

My next post will discuss what is meant by Double Genealogy. It will start with: *“Who am I”, that urge to know which exact union brought us forth, haunts, even as we are prideful of our uniqueness. Honoring forefathers feels important.*

It passes through this: *So, was that double genealogy? No. Just idle thoughts, mixed with facts. Double genealogy is not complicated. It simply means that if one wants to understand their interrupted ancestor, one must gather double detail.*

To get to this: *She ladled me her soup and brought me to tears, seating me, by Granddad. She was the Mum of his heart.*

Please join me to find out what is written between! Come in, to join in.

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