

East Neuk Tragedies - Further Details

Presented below are personal family details(where known) of those fisherfolk, mentioned in [East Neuk Tragedies, The real cost of fish](#)

I would like to acknowledge the assistance given by [Norma Brown](#) whose husband is a direct descendant of David Brown(1771) ,And also I am grateful for the information supplied by [Beverley Weston](#) whose ancestors included, Andrew Robertson(1800), Andrew Robertson(1825), James Smith(1844) & James Forrester Watson(1844) with additional information supplied by Harry Watson, author of the excellent book "Kilrenny and Cellardyke"

1771

David Brown:- Widow(Elizabeth Thomson), Son, Leslie Brown lost at sea on 24 February 1800

1800

Leslie Brown:-Son, Leslie Brown lost at sea 20 September 1806, Thomas Fowler:- Widow(Janet Anderson), Philip Anderson:- Widow(Elspeth Fowler), Thomas Smith:- Son Thomas(d.1869 aged 84) survived disaster of 30 December 1814, William Muir:- Widow(Helen Durkie), Andrew Robertson:- Widow(Elspith Cunninghame)Son Andrew(lost at sea 1825)Grandson Andrew Robertson(lost at sea 1865) Son-in-Law Thomas Muir(lost at sea 1846)

1806

Leslie Brown:- Father Leslie Brown lost at sea 1800, Grandfather David Brown lost at sea 1771.

1814(30 December)

David Rodger:- Widow(Elizabeth Watson)Son(Alexander Rodger)

1828(24 September)

William & Andrew Davidson:- Father(William Davidson)

1837(Isle of May)

Margaret Taylor:- Father(James Taylor:Occ-Mason)-Husband(Captain Sangster), Mary Bell:- Husband(Late David Wilson:Occ-Labourer), Mary Skinners:- Husband(Alexander Wilson, Schoolmaster-Radernie), James Wilson:- Infant son of(Alexander Wilson & Mary Skinners)
Janet Muir:- Father(Peter Muir:Occ-Mason) Magdalene Young:- Father(John Young:Occ-Shoemaker), Catharine Andrews:- Father(Late Charles Andrews:Occ-Teacher), Ann Anderson:- Father(William Anderson:Occ-Constable), Euphemia Stevenson:- Father(Late Henry Stevenson:Occ-Fisherman), Euphemia Anderson:- Father(Late James Anderson:Occ-Fisherman), Margaret Carstairs:- Father(John Carstairs snr.:Occ-Fisherman), Isobel Butter:- Father(James Butter:Occ-Farm Servant), Jean Brown:- Father(Alexander Brown:Occ-Horse Dealer).

1844

James Salter:- Father(Thomas Salter), Mother(Elspith Lessels), Widow(Christian Lillie)

James Smith/James Forrester Watson:- James Smith's eldest daughter Margaret married James Forrester Watson's eldest son also named James Forrester Watson.

1846

Thomas Reid:- 3 brothers, Henry, Adam & William perished in 1842 disaster.

1848

David Birrell:- Widow(Christian Barclay)

1859

The following details are taken from Death Certificates, informant in all cases being Survivor Daniel Fleming and one other.

William Birrell*:- Parents(David Birrell & Helen Robertson), informant(Robert Birrell, Brother), David Birrell:- Parents(William Birrell* & Elizabeth Watson), informant(Robert Birrell, Uncle), Thomas Birrell:- Parents(Robert Birrell & Margaret Annie Watson), informant(Robert Birrell, Father), James Davidson:- Parents(James Davidson & Agnes Birrell(prev.marr. name Reid), informant(Robert Birrell, Uncle), William Wood:- Parents(William Wood & Jacobina Innes), informant(William Wood, Son), George Rhind Keay:- Parents(Alexander Keay & Helen

Hughes), informant(Alexander Keay-no relationship shown), James Reid:- Parents(David Reid & Jane Tough), informant(James Simpson, Step-Father).

1865

The following details are taken from Death Certificates, informant in all cases being Thomas Ritchie, Skipper of the boat "Vigilant", by whom last seen.

Henry Beat:- Parents(Henry Beat & Betsy Murray), Widow(Helen Reid), Thomas Brown:- Parents(David Brown & Mary Salter), Widow(Margaret Reid), Thomas Reid:- Parents(Thomas Reid & Agnes Birrell), Andrew Robertson:- Parents(Alexander Robertson & Alice Scott), Thomas Wood:- Parents(Alexander Wood & Grace Watson), Daniel Fleming:- Parents(Thomas Fleming & Elspet Boyter), Francis Montadore:- Parents(Jean Batiste(John) Montadore & Christian Robertson), Thomas Muir:- Parents(Thomas Muir & Ann Pratt).

1875 VIGILANT

Leslie Brown:- Parents(Leslie Brown & Catherine Wilson), G Grandfather lost at sea 1800, GG Grandfather lost at sea 1771

1878

John Montadore:- Widow(Euphemia Watson), Parents(Jean Batiste(John) Montadore & Jacobina Scott), Half-Brother Francis lost at sea 1865.
