

## JOHN SHEDDEN from WEST KILBRIDE

Gen 1: David Shedden , general dealer, m Maggie Gibson

William, bc 1824, d 27 Sept 1894 West Kilbride

Gen 2: (1 David) William Shedden, stonemason, m Catherine Kerr (bc 1826, d 8 Jan 1886 West Kilbride).

James, bc 1850, West Kilbride

John, bc 1852, West Kilbride, d 22 April 1904 Cathcart

Margaret, b 31 Jan 1855 West Kilbride

Catherine, b 4 July 1857, West Kilbride

Agnes, b 2 July 1860 West Kilbride

Jean, b 18 June 1863 West Kilbride

Gen 3: (1 David, 2 William) John Shedden, mason (journeyman), m Elizabeth Montgomery Black ( bc 1854, d 25 Dec 1921 Huthchesontown), 5 Mar 1875 West Kilbride

William, b 19 Feb 1876 West Kilbride

Sarah Montgomery, b 6 Sept 1878 West Kilbride

Catherine, b 16 Nov 1880 West Kilbride

Elizabeth, b 12 Mar 1883 West Kilbride

Maggie, b 21 July 1885 West Kilbride

John, b 24 Mar 1888 West Kilbride, d 17 Feb 1941 West Kilbride

Gen 4: (1 David, 2 William, 3 John) John Shedden, blacksmith, m Jane Paton (bc 1889, d 14 April 1963 West Kilbride), 8 Oct 1909 West Kilbride

John, b 17 June 1909 West Kilbride, d 28 June 1969 West Kilbride

James Paton, b 4 Nov 1911 West Kilbride, d 10 Nov 1981 West Kilbride

William, b 23 Nov 1914 West Kilbride

Elizabeth Montgomery Black, b 17 Jan 1920 West Kilbride, d 1920 West Kilbride

Ann King Dickie, b 24 May 1922 West Kilbride, d 14 Jan 1990 West Kilbride

Elizabeth Black, b 12 Oct 1928 West Kilbride

Gen 5: (1 David, 2 William, 3 John, 4 John) John Shedden, joiner (journeyman), m Jeanie Gillespie (b 4 April 1910, d 29 May 1990 West Kilbride), 27 Dec 1932 Bothwell

Gen 5: (1 David, 2 William, 3 John, 4 John) James Paton Shedden, plumber, m Jane Ralston Giffen 1939 Hillhead (a suburb of Glasgow)

Gen 5: (1 David, 2 William, 3 John, 4 John) Ann King Dickie Shedden, m Charles Watt Robertson, garage proprietor, 1943 West Kilbride

### Notes:

- 1) John Shedden's marriage record (1875) gives his parents as William Shedden, carter, and Catherine Stewart. His death record gives his parents as William Shedden, mason, and Catherine Kerr. One would expect the marriage record (presumably based on information given by John) to be more reliable than the death record, based on his son's information. Furthermore,
- 2) In the 1851 census for West Kilbride William appears as a mason, born in Kilbirnie and aged 24, while Catherine appears as born in Killin, Buteshire, age 24. Their son James appears as aged 1. In the corresponding 1881 census William appears as a mason, born in Kilbirnie and aged 56, while Catherine appears as born in Arran and aged 56. Living with them are Jane, daughter, aged 17 and Agnes, granddaughter, aged 6, both born in West Kilbride. Their second son James is lodging away from home and appears as a carter, aged 30 and unmarried. It is not clear to whom the granddaughter belongs. However it seems clear that the Catherine at the time John was born (c1852) and the Catherine at the time John was married (1875) was the same person., and that William was a mason, and not a carter, at both these dates. On the other hand, John's presumed birth date fits into the succession of birth dates of the children of William and Catherine. It seems that for now Gen 1 and Gen 2 above must remain suspect.

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- 3) Catherine Kerr's parents were John Kerr, fisherman, and Margaret Starr? William Shedden, her widowed husband, died at Kings Close, West Kilbride. The informant was William Shedden, grandson.
- 4) John Shedden (bc 1852) died in 1904 at the Victoria Infirmary, Glasgow, but was resident at 8 Gateside Street, West Kilbride. His age at death was given as 56, implying a birth date of around 1848. The informant was William Shedden, son (resident at 10 Great Hamilton Street, Glasgow). However, John's age at marriage in 1875 was given as 23, implying a birth date of around 1852.
- 5) John's wife, Elizabeth Black, was the daughter of William Black, inspector of poor, and Sarah Caldwell (according to the marriage record) or Elizabeth Caldwell (according to the death record). Prior to marriage she had been a domestic servant. She died in 1921 at 195 McNeil Street, Glasgow, the informant being William Black, brother, of Schoolhouse, Sprouston, Kelso.
- 6) John's family were born variously at Burnside, Main Street and Gateside – all in East Kilbride.
- 7) John (b 1888) married Jane Paton, dressmaker, daughter of James Paton, ploughman, and Annie King Ritchie. At his marriage in 1909 he was a mason, but his death record in 1941 describes him as picturehouse (cinema) manager. He died at 41 Hunterston Road, West Kilbride, the informant being John Shedden, son, of 31 Halfway Street, West Kilbride. His widow died in 1963 at the same address, the informant being John Shedden, son, of 32 Simson Avenue, West Kilbride.
- 8) John Shedden (b 1909) was born at Allan Lane, Ardrossan, prior to his parents' marriage, and so was labelled illegitimate. In 1932 he married Jeanie Gillespie, domestic servant, daughter of John Gillespie, club manager, and Mary Porteous. The marriage was at Bothwell, near to and southeast of Glasgow. John's then address (and that of his brother James, a witness) was 118 Meadowfoot Road, West Kilbride. Jeanie's address was 163 Old Edinburgh Road, Thorniewood (near to or actually on, the route of the Roman road from the south skirting the right bank of the river Clyde and heading for the Antonine wall north of Glasgow.)
- 9) John died in 1969 at the Western Infirmary, Glasgow, his residence being given as 32 Simson Avenue, West Kilbride. The informant was J Shedden, son. His widow, Jeanie, died in 1990 at Ardenlee Nursing Home, Seamill (on the Clyde coast near Ardrossan). Her father was described as having been a coalminer.
- 10) The above John's brother, James Paton Shedden, died in 1981 at the Infirmary, Kilmarnock, his residence being at 4 Meadowfield Rosd, East Kilbride. I have not attempted to trace any of his descendants.

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