

# Our Campbell Ancestors

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## Campbell Context

The earliest Campbell discovered to date is James Campbell born in 1744 in Dumfriesshire Scotland. They immigrated to Canada in either 1856 or 1858 The name in our line ended when Grace Campbell married Daniel McNab.

### 1. James Campbell 1744 – 1825 Janet Harkness 1760-1841

<https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Campbell-55342>

James Campbell was born 1744 Middlebie, Dumfriesshire, Scotland. He married Janet Harkness 1785 Middlebie, Dumfriesshire, Scotland. He died 22 Apr 1825 Middlebie, Dumfries and Galloway, Scotland

- i. Jean Campbell b. 03 Jun 1787 Middlebie, Dumfries-shire, Scotland d. 16 Apr 1863 Middlebie, Dumfries-shire, Scotland
- ii. John Campbell b. 23 Apr 1789 Middlebie, Dumfries-shire, Scotland d. 1873
2. iii. David Campbell <https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Campbell-55316> b. 1791 Hutton and Corrie, Dumfriesshire, Scotland 1791, m. Margaret Annison Roddick 25 Sep 1825 Dumfries, Scotland, d. 18 Nov 1873 Middlebie, Dumfriesshire, Scotland.
- iv. Grisel Campbell b. 09 Apr 1797 Middlebie, Dumfriesshire, Scotland
- v. William Campbell 28 Feb 1802 Middlebie, Dumfriesshire, Scotland
- d. 1880 Kirkpatrick-Fleming, Dumfries-shire, Scotland

vi. Ann Campbell b. Abt 1806, d. 23 May 1862 Eaglesfield, Middlebie Parish, Dumfriesshire, Scotland

## Middlebie<sup>1</sup>

Middlebie, a parish, in the district of Annandale, county of Dumfries, 2½ miles (N. E. by E.) from Ecclesfechan containing the villages of Eaglesfield, Kirtlebridge, and Waterbeck. This place, which consists of the united parishes of Middlebie, Pennersaugh, and Carruthers, derives its name from a Roman station in the old parish of Middlebie, which formed the central post between the stations of Overbie or Upperbie, in Eskdalemuir, and Netherbie, in the county of Cumberland. The parish is partly bounded on the south-east by the Kirtle water.

The Kirk session was the court of the parish. The session was made up of the minister and the land owners and business men of the parish, chosen to serve on the session. The Kirk session dealt with moral issues, minor criminal cases, matters of the poor and education, matters of discipline, and the general concerns of the parish. Kirk session records may also mention births, marriages, and deaths.

*Gravestone of James Campbell Pennersaugh  
Cemetery Middlebie, Dumfries and Galloway,  
Scotland*

## 2. David Campbell 1791- 1873 Margaret Annison Roddick 1825 – 1861

<https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Campbell-55316>

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/196808340/david-campbell>

<https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Roddick-32>

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/196808360/margaret-campbell>

David Campbell is believed to have been born in Hutton and Corrie, Dumfriesshire, Scotland in 1791. He married Margaret Annison Roddick 25 Sep 1825 in Dumfries, Scotland.

Their children include,

i. James Campbell, <https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Campbell-62517> b. 11 January 1826, baptised 5 August 1826 Annan Dumfriesshire, m. Janet Broatch 28 May 1845 Graitney, Dumfries, d. 23 Nov 1875 Kirkandrews-on-Esk, Cumberland, England.

ii. William Campbell, <https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Campbell-62518> b. 26 Aug 1827 baptism 26 August 1827, m. Mary Ann Balmer 1852 Middlebie, Dumfriesshire, Scotland d. 09 Mar 1907 Canonbie, Dumfriesshire, Scotland

iii. Janet Campbell, <https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Campbell-62519> b. 6 August 1829, baptism 4 October 1829, m. James McMaster 24 Nov 1856 in Annan, d. 29 Apr 1915 Eaglesfield, Middlebie, Dumfriesshire, Scotland

3. iv. Grace Campbell <https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Campbell-18368> b. 5 March 1831, bpt 30 October 1831



<sup>1</sup> [https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Middlebie,\\_Dumfriesshire,\\_Scotland\\_Genealogy](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Middlebie,_Dumfriesshire,_Scotland_Genealogy) further information for future searches; Also New Statistical Account of Scotland (pub. 1834-45) offers uniquely rich and detailed parish reports for the whole of Scotland, covering a vast range of topics including history, agriculture, education, trades, religion and social customs; Lewis, Samuel A., A Topographical Dictionary of Scotland (1846), pp. 244-255. Adapted. Date accessed: 20 March 2014.

- v. David Campbell <https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Campbell-58950> b. 26 May 1835 in Annan Dumfriesshire, Scotland, m. Helen Irving, d. 23 Mar 1919 Blackford, Longtown, England, d. 23 Mar 1919 Blackford, Longtown, England
- vi. Mary Campbell <https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Campbell-62521> b. 12 August 1837, Annan, Dumfriesshire, Scotland, baptism 6 November 1837, Middlebie, m. William Kerr 30 Jul 1858 Middlebie, d. 14 Aug 1899 Middlebie
- vii. George Campbell b. 26 Jan 1840, baptism 27 May 1840 Middlebie, Dumfriesshire, Scotland, d. 12 Apr 1907 Robert Heights Transwaal
- viii. John Harkness Campbell b. 28 February 1842, baptism 20 April 1842 Middlebie, Dumfriesshire, Scotland d. Nov 1848 Annan
- ix. Alexander Campbell b. 1 March 1846, baptism 28 November 1846 Middlebie, Dumfriesshire, Scotland, m. Catherine Ann White 22 Sep 1865 Middlebie, d. 14 Jun 1872 Mossband Hall, Longtown, Cumberland, England??????
- x. John Campbell b. 16 August 1848, baptism 2 November 1848 Middlebie, m. Janet Russel 1870 Carlisle, Cumberland, England, d. 03 Feb 1917 Longtown, Cumberland, England

David Campbell died on 18 Nov 1873 Middlebie, Dumfriesshire, Scotland.

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/196808340/david-campbell>

### 3. Grace Campbell 1831- 1923 Daniel McNab 1827-1906

<https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Campbell-18368>

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/146672623/grace-mcnab>

<https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/McNab-309>

Grace Campbell, daughter of David Campbell and Margaret Annison Roddick, was born 12 August 1831 in the Annan, Dumfriesshire, Scotland. She married Daniel McNab in Middlebie, Dumfriesshire, Scotland on 1 June 1855.

They had four children,

- i. Peter McNab <https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/McNab-312>, b. 30 Apr 1855 Dumfries, Scotland, m. Isabella Ann Sangster 19 Oct 1892 Minnedosa, Manitoba, d. 18 Feb 1921 Langford, Manitoba, Canada
- ii. David McNab, <https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/McNab-311>  
b. 26 Feb 1857 Port Hope, Ontario, m. (1) Elizabeth Govenlock 16 Jan 1889 Osprey, Manitoba, (2) Mary Barrie Fleming <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/196232370/mary-barrie-mcnab> b. 21 Feb 1894 Paisley, Bruce, Ontario, d. 15 Mar 1938 Victoria, BC,  
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/196232501/david-mcnab>,  
children of this marriage included Robert David McNab,  
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/196232611/robert-david-mcnab>
- iii. Jane "Jean" McNab <https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/McNab-310> b. 6 Nov. 1858 according to 1901 Census and marriage records but 1859 according to many family trees, m. Robert Burns 04 Dec 1878 Morris Township, Huron County, Ontario, d. 1941 Regina, Saskatchewan,  
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/209916509/jean-burns>
- iv. Margaret McNab <https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Mcnab-308> b. 29 Feb 1860 in Port Hope, Northumberland, Ontario, m. William Sangster 24 Nov 1892 Langford, Manitoba, d. 18 Jun 1943 Neepawa, Manitoba, Canada.

They move to Canada in 1856 according to the 1906 census and 1858 according to the 1901 census. According to family lore they immigrated son Peter born in April 1856 in a sailing boat which took 6 weeks en route. Peter had his first birthday at sea. It is believed they docked at Port Hope and traveled to Huron County near Walton where Dan farmed some twenty years. his brother John joined him there. They remained in Huron

County Ontario at least for the 1881 census but by the 1891 census they had moved to Manitoba, Census Marquette District.

In 1901 she was living in Manitoba Census District Macdonald District 8 Sub-district Langford (E-4) along with her husband Daniel and granddaughter Elizabeth McNab, born 11 April 1892. Elizabeth was the daughter of David McNab and Elizabeth Govenlock (who died 3 days after delivery of Elizabeth). Grace (Campbell) McNab's birthdate on the census is given as 13 August 1831 in Scotland.

In 1906 she resided in Portage La Prairie, Manitoba with her husband Daniel and granddaughter Elizabeth McNab. Her husband Daniel dies on 28 November 1906. In 1911 she continues to reside in Portage La Prairie and in addition to Elizabeth (Lizzie) she has Jean McNab as well. In 1921 she has moved in with her daughter Margaret Sangster in Neepawa.

She died in Neepawa, Manitoba 21 April 1923 in the Langford Hospital at the age of 91 [death registration 1923-016417]. She is buried at Plot lot 102 Block 13 in Riverside Cemetery, Neepawa, Manitoba

## **Appendices**


### **Abbreviations**

Abt    About    aft.    After    bpt baptised    b. born    d. died    m. married


### **Researching Campbells**

# Relationship of Campbells to Author


4th great grandfather

	<b>James Campbell</b> b: 1744 Middlebie, Dumfriesshire, Scotlan d: 22 Apr 1825 Middlebie, Dumfries-shire, Scotla
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3rd great grandfather

	<b>David Campbell</b> b: 1791 Hutton and Corie, Dumfriesshire, d: 18 Nov 1873 Middlebie, Dumfries-shire, Scotla
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2nd great grandmother

	<b>Grace Campbell</b> b: 12 Aug 1831 Annan, Dumfriesshire, Scotland d: 23 Apr 1923 Neepawa, Manitoba, Canada
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Great grandmother

	<b>Jane McNab</b> b: 06 Nov 1858 Port Hope, Northumberland, Onta d: 1941 Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada
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Maternal grandmother

	<b>Esther Jane Burns</b> b: 26 Jul 1886 Neepawa, Manitoba, Canada d: 11 Feb 1961 Vancouver, British Columbia, Can
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Mother

	<b>Grace Elizabeth Atkinson</b> b: 11 Dec 1916 Waskada, Manitoba, Canada d: 04 Jun 2008 Truro, Colchester County, Nova S
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<p>James C. Retson The Author</p>
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