

THOMAS SHAW [c.1863] of Broomknowe, Cove, By Glasgow, Scotland, a joiner by trade, offered the following genealogical information about the Shaw family of Colonsay in a letter to his cousin Robert E. Shaw of Montague, PEI, dated June 22, 1933. Thomas was of the same generation as Vernon Shaw, Robert's father.

ANGUS SHAW [c.1791] a brother to Neil Shaw [c.1789] of Lot 52, Montague River, Prince Edward Island, was the father of JOHN SHAW [c.1827] and grandfather of THOMAS SHAW, above.

[The OPRs for Colonsay record a christening on 12 April 1827 of the child JOHN, son of Angus Shaw and Mary Campbell.]

John married Margaret Kidd, daughter of an Ayrshire farmer, and fathered eleven children. Four died in infancy. Margaret died at the age of 52. John then married Margaret Robertson from near Inverness. They had one daughter, Mary.

[John resided in Rosneath, Dumbarton, in the 1881 Census.]

The children of John Shaw and Margaret Kidd who survived to adulthood were:

(1) Eldest daughter (name?) died about 1921 at age 70, married John Gray, a farmer near Arbroath on the east coast, and had a large family. [born c.1851]

The following were approximate ages in 1933:

(2) Angus about 80, retired, widower, no family. [c.1853]

(3) Archie, about 77, married, family of two. [c.1856]

(4) Robert. age 75, married, family of 4 living. [c.1858]

(5) Thomas, age 70, married Florence, had one daughter, Florrie. (A son died 35 years before at the age of 18 mos.) [c.1863]

(6) John, 61 years, married, had one daughter. [c.1872]

(7) Annabella, 58, married, family of four.[c.1875]

Mary, daughter of John's second marriage to Margaret Robertson, age 46, a widow with two sons, 15 and 17. [c.1887]

Thomas and his brother Robert were partners in a joinery business and two of their nephews worked with them. Their brother Archie held the office of Burgh Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION gathered from the OPRs, Census, etc.:

Angus Shaw and Flory McDuffie were recorded in the Colonsay Christening Register as the parents of Duncan Shaw on June 12, 1796. The question is

whether they were also the parents of Neil Shaw [c1789] and Angus Shaw [c.1791]

Angus Shaw and Mary Bell were married Dec. 28, 1797. Their children named in the Christening Register:

Annie 26 Feb 1799

Malcolm 16 Oct 1801

Catherine 17 July 1803

Effie 22 July 1805

After an interval of seven years, the Christening Register records the names of the children of Angus Shaw and Mary Campbell:

Angus 12 Feb 1813

Niel 26 Feb 1816

Donald 22 May 1819

Annabella 4 Apr 1824

JOHN 12 Apr 1827

Duncan 2 Nov 1828