

Info. about Rev. James Murison jnr. Written by Grantley

Rev. James MURISON jnr. died on 30 Jul 1779.

As per "Officers and Graduates of University and King's College, Aberdeen." Ed. Peter John Anderson M.A. LL.B.

1721. Apr. 7. Master of Arts: Mr. Jacobus Murison, Merniesis. (Min., Edzell; Kinnell; Prin., New Coll., S. And.)

The University of Aberdeen advised "You should note too that the information recorded in the original registers was not extensive; generally the student's name, dates of attendance and native locale was recorded."

Mr. Jacobus Murison is James MURISON. The native locale of Merniesis is unknown. Doug SOUTAR wondered if Merniesis means he was born in the Mearns area of Kincardineshire, south of Aberdeenshire.

As per Fasti Ecclesiae Scoticae - "The Succession of Ministers in the Church of Scotland from the Reformation" - By Hew Scott, Donald Farquhar Macdonald, Published 1928

James Murison M.A. was educated at King's College, Aberdeen; M.A. (7th April 1721) and was called to Edzell and Newdosk on the 18th June 1729 and ordained on the 17th September 1729. He was translated to Kinnell on the 13th Oct. 1743. He demitted the ministry at Kinnell when he was elected as Principal of St. Mary's College, St Andrews (q.v.) 30th Sept 1747.

I don't know details of his earlier marriage but found that James married Anabella TRENT on the 12th Oct 1744 at Leuchars, Fife, Scotland. This is supported by the second child (that I have identified) of Margaret CHAPLAIN & John HOOME was baptised in Dundee, Angus, Scotland. The witnesses to the baptism were recorded as; 25 Nov 1759 - Mrs Anabella Trent Spouse To the Very Reverend Mr James Murison Principal of the New Colledge St Andrews.

Their marriage was recorded in two churches;

1744 Oct 12 - Mr James MURISON of Kennel Parish married Miss Anabella TRENT of Leuchars Parish were contracted at Leuchars, Fife, Scotland. (I have a copy) and

1744 Nov 7th - Mr James MURISONE Minister here & Miss Anna Bella TRENT in the parish of

Luchars being regularly proclaimed were Married at Kinnell, Angus, Scotland. (I have a copy)

On the 7th March 1748, he was elected as the Rector of the University of St Andrews

An extract from the "History of Arbroath to the present time", published in 1876 states; "The district of Arbroath continued in a disturbed state for many months after the suppression of the rebellion. Bands of armed marauders prowled about the country. On 4th March 1747, the Presbytery had under their notice a robbery committed on Mr. James Murison, minister of Kinnell, at his manse, by a band of ..."

In May 1752 he appeared as one of a long list of members of The General Assembly of the Church

of Scotland; "From the Presbytery of St Andrews, Mr James Murison, Principal of the New College at St Andrews".

From: 'Acts: 1752', Acts of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland 1638-1842 (1843), pp. 706-715. URL: <http://www.british-history.ac.uk/report.aspx?compid=60154>. Date accessed: 20 August 2008.

At the baptim of his grand neice Annabella HOOME, on the 25th Nov 1759" the witness was "Mrs Anabella Trent Spouse To the Very Reverend Mr James Murison Principal of the New Colledge St Andrews"

For the year 1767, James Murison DD (Principal of the New College, St Andrews) became the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

In the "Life of the Late George Hill, D.D." it states in part, relating to the year 1779, "Principal Murison, who presided over the New College, was in such a precarious state of health, as to render his speedy dissolution extremely probable ... A negotiation with Principal Murison respecting a helper and successor to him having been laid aside, nothing was done till after his death, which happened in the course of the year."

An extract from "The Annual Biography and Obituary for the Year 1819" quotes a 1779 letter that reads in part; You have probably heard before this time of the death of Principal Murison, who is succeeded by Dr. Gillespie. My friend, Professor Shaw, is very ill, and not likely to hold out many days. His successor is not yet known. Dr. Spens, at Wemyss, and Mr. G. Hill, are talked of as candidates. I think it probable it will be one or other of these two. " I am, dear Sir, with great regard, " Your most obedient servant, " ROBERT WATSON." " St. Andrews, Nov.21, 1779.

The "History of St. Andrews", published in 1843, lists the Principals of St Mary's College and records James MURISON from 1748, replaced by James Gillespie in 1780.

A one page testament (no will) and inventory is available for purchase from www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk

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From the Register kept in the University of St. Andrews, (according to the act of Assembly dated the seventeenth day of May 1744 Concerning The scheme established by Act of Parliament for the provision of the widows and children of ministers of the Church of Scotland 1744)

"Principal of St. Mary's [or New] College page 13

Admission of James Murison 22 July 1747

That Mr James Murison, principal of St Marys [or New] College, was advanced to a Benefice in the Church of Scotland at Kinell on the thirteenth day of October One thousand Seven hundred and forty three Years, and admitted to his present Benefice on the twenty Second Day of July One thousand seven hundred and forty Seven. That He was married to Annabella Trent, his present Spouse on the Seventh day of November One thousand Seven hundred and forty four. Is attested and signed in presence of the University, at St Andrews the Second day of January One thousand Seven hundred and fifty nine Years. - signed by Ja: Murison, Andr Shaw Rector and Laur: Adamson Clk

Death of Mrs Murison 22 Novr 1761

That Annabella Trent, Spouse to Mr James Murison principal of the New College, did die upon the Twenty Second day of November after Twelve o'clock at Noon One Thousand Seven hundred and Sixty one Years, is attested and Signed in presence of the University Cl St. Andrews the thirty first day of December One thousand seven hundred and sixty two Years. - signed by Andr Shaw Rector and Laur: Adamson Clk

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Doug Soutar supplied to me, various pages from the 1775 to 1777 minutes of the New College of St. Andrews (I have copies). The following is my summarised interpretation of those minutes.

When James Edmonstone became bankrupt, he owed the New College of St. Andrews £183.6.8, plus he owed Principal James MURISON more than £1,300 Sterling.

Six months prior, James MURISON managed to obtain a heritable Security over Edmonstone's Lands (to the value of the debt).

Two of the four "Guardians and Administrators of the College" thought it was their duty to complain of the Conduct & Management by Principal James MURISON. They complained that while Principal James MURISON obtained security as a Private Creditor he failed to inform the College of his suspicions regarding James Edmonstone's critical situation and therefore possible bankruptcy. This meant that the College was not given the opportunity to gain a similar Security. They claimed that James MURISON's actions had given him an undue advantage and therefore less money was available for the other creditors. They wanted James MURISON to cover the amount due to the College and if he refused then Legal action should be taken.

James MURISON responded saying that "it appears to him, several expressions and assertions not only false & ill founded, but showing, as he thinks, no small degree of Malignity of Heart".

Legal action was initiated and in 1777 the Minutes state that The Lords found in favour of James MURISON and awarded him £2 Sterling "as the Expencc incurred by him".

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Death of Mr Murison 30 July 1779

That the Revd Mr James Murison did die on the Thirty first day of July one thousand Seven hundred & Seventy Nine years is attested in presence of the University the 21st day of December one thousand Seven hundred & Ninety three years, by - signed by Geo Hill Rector & John Cook Clhn:" (I have a copy)

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I have a copy of a Tack that has James MURISON's signature plus George MURISON (late Baillie of Montrose)

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I have a copy of a letter dated 9th August 1779, from a Mr. James MURISON of Denbrae (Sole Executor), seeking the Diet Money due to the Rev James MURISON deceased. [DIET MONEY - The name given to the surplus income of the College, in consequence of it having been divided among the Professors as a compensation for the lodging and board which they formerly received within the walls of the College.]

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Since 1714 the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland has normally been held annually every May. Moderators take office at the beginning of the General Assembly week in May and hold office for one year.

If the moderator is a minister, they are addressed as the "Right Reverend" until their moderatorial year ends with the election of a successor. Former moderators, if ministers, are referred to as the "Very Reverend". (It appears that the title "Very Reverend" was used in other cases, as well"

The Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland is an honorary role, held for 12 months. Meetings of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, held in May each year, are chaired by the Moderator. He or she leads daily worship, keeps order, rules on points of order, and signs documents on behalf of the Assembly.

It should be noted that the Moderator is not the head of the Church, nor the leader of the Church of Scotland, or its spokesperson. When asked for an opinion on important issues, the Moderator is expected to have in mind the views of the General Assembly or the relevant Church board or committee.

After the Assembly, the Moderator spends much of the rest of his or her time in office travelling as a Church representative in Scotland, other parts of the UK, Ireland and overseas in an ambassadorial capacity. Every Moderator carries out a series of visits to several Church of Scotland presbyteries, as well as undertaking a number of international tours. Regular features on his/her itinerary are visits to one of the armed forces and a stay in London around St Andrew's Day (30 November), which includes a meeting in Downing Street with the Prime Minister. The Moderator also visits the Scottish Parliament. Technically, it has always been the case that any elder, deacon or minister could be elected.

Rev. had the following children:

- 10 M i. **James MURISON of Dunbrae** died on 8 Jun 1803. He was buried in Mid-Calder parish churchyard, West Lothian, England.

Naming convention would suggest that the eldest son would be named James.

From the 1779 "Diet Money letter" we find that James MURISON of Dunbrae was the Sole Executor of the estate of Rev James MURISON.

On Google Books, from a snippet view of "The History and Antiquities of the Parish of Mid-Calder" states;

page 189 - "... disposed his lands of Westfield to James MURISON of Dunbrae in liferent [the right to receive for life the benefits of a property or other asset, without the right to dispose of the property or asset], and George MURISON, his son, in fee, who were seized on 28th November 1782. James MURISON of Dunbrae and Westfield died 8th June 1803, and his widow, Henrietta GUILD, died on 7th April 1816, both being buried at Mid-Calder parish churchyard. His son and heir, Major George MURISON, was an officer in the 48th Regiment of Foot; and by him the property was in November 1805 conveyed to ..."

page 212 - "Sacred to the memory of James MURISON Esquire of Dunbrae and Westfield who died 8th of June 1803 and of Henriette GUILD his wife who died 7th of April 1816."

The marriage registration at Edinburgh on the Sabbath 31st January 1760 states; "James Murison Lieut & Adjutant of the 59th Regt of Foot, and Miss Henreta Guild, Daughter to the deceast Henry Guild writer in Tronkirk parish" (I have a copy)

It has been suggested that this was not the first marriage of James MURISON. That suggestion was based on two marriage registrations at two locations, Edinburgh being his wife's parish and Montrose where he previously married. The marriage Proclamation at Montrose on January 31st 1760 states; "Lieut James Murison in the 59th Regiment of Foot of this Parish and Mrs Henrieta Guild in the Parish of the Tron Church Edinburgh were proclaimed here this Day in order to Marriage for the third & last time" (I have a copy)

James married **Henrietta GUILD** daughter of Henry GUILD Writer on 30 Jan 1768 in Edinburgh, Midlothian, Scotland. Henrietta died on 7 Apr 1816. She was buried in Mid-Calder parish churchyard, West Lothian, England.

Rev. married (2) **Anabella TRENT** on 12 Oct 1744 in Leuchars, Fife, Scotland.
Anabella died on 22 Nov 1761.

The second child (that I have identified) of Margaret CHAPLAIN & John HOOME was baptised in Dundee, Angus, Scotland.

The witnesses were recorded as; 25 Nov 1759 - Mrs Anabella Trent Spouse To the Very Reverend Mr James Murison Principal of the New Colledge St Andrews.

As per the Register kept in the University of St. Andrews, it states "Mr. James Murison ordained minister of Kinnel on thirteenth day of Octobr 1743 was admitted Principal of New College on the twenty second day of July seventeen hundred and forty seven years. He was married to Annabel T on the fourteenth day of November seventeen hundred and forty four years. Mrs Murison died upon the twenty second day of November seventeen hundred and sixty one years."

Searching for the family of Anabella, I came across the following people (who may or may not be related);

William TRENT of Pittullo, parish of Leuchars, Testament Dative and Inventory dated 1st May 1707.

William TRENT of Pittullo, parish of Leuchars, Eik dated 8th Aug 1726.

John TRENT, baptised 27 Apr 1723, Leuchars, Fife, Scotland - son of Maurice TRENT & Lilius

COLQUHOON.

Maurice Pitcullo TRENT married Nancy COLQUHOUN on 9th Oct 1776 at Leuchars, Fife, Scotland
Maurice TRENT Esq. of Pitcullo, parish of Leuchars, Testament Dative and Inventory dated 3rd Jan 1787.

That lists all the TRENTs that I found at Leuchars.

3. **Jean MURISON** (Rev. James).

Jean married **James CHAPLAIN** son of John CHAPLAIN and Mary BRAND OR BRAIN on 17 Aug 1725 in Garvock, Kincardine, Scotland. James was born in of Colliestoun. He died in Jun 1746.

His baptism has not been located. His place in this family has been confirmed by the transcript of the document dated 11 June 1724, regarding the inheritance of George CHAPLIN - the following appears "to James Chaplin then in Johnston my brother german [brother-german means that they share the same father and mother]".

Johnston - was a seat with extensive view in Laurencekirk parish, Kincardineshire, Scotland.

In May 1723, his brother George died and James became the heir to a substantial inheritance which was then valued at about 16,000 £Scots. (That excluded the value of the land.). The relevant Testament & associated Retour are transcribed in the notes of George CHAPLAIN. (I have copies of

those original documents).

James' inheritance was transcribed in part as "... my lands and barony of Collieston comprehending the town and lands of Collieston overmeadows and west meadow thereof (otherwise called the wet meadow and Collieston meadow) with the miln of the same miln lands multure sucken and sequells thereof with a just proportion of as much of the firth of Aberbrothock as doeth belong to the said lands of Collieston together with the manoir place of Collieston with the houses biggins yards tofts crofts mosses muirs parts pendicles and pertinents of the said land miln and others above written as also with the superiority of that croft called Guthries Croft or Guthrie Hill within the parish of St. Vigeans Lordship and Regality of Aberbrothock and Sherifffdom of Forfar the lands of Newgrange miln, miln lands multure, suckens, sequells yrof with the manour place, houses biggins yards mosses, muirs, tofts, crofts parts pendicles and pertinents yrof Dispone to the said James Chaplin his heirs and assignees ... All and Sundry Merchant Goods, Chatles, Slaves, Plantations Household furnishings Gold and Silver coined and uncoined, Jewels, Silverplate and all other Moveable goods and Gear yrfor in Great Brittain Jamaica or any other part presently belonging to me."

His marriage at Garvock, Kincardine, Scotland in 1725 states; "August 17th 1725 James Chaplain of Colliestoun in Parioch [Parish] of Saint Viginis was married to Mrs Jean Murison Daughter To the Reverend Mr James Murison Minister of the Gospel in this Parioche [Parish]" (I have a copy)

Colliston is a roadside hamlet in Angus that is north of Arbroath, in the parish of St Vigeans.

The Retour states; "the deceased George Chaplain of Colliestoun sometime merchant in Kingstoun second brother to James Chaplin". It also says that "James Chaplain is the lawful and nearest heir to the said George Chaplain his brother"

There is a 20/8/1746 2 page Testament Dative and Inventory available from www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk as well as a 26/7/1749 2 page Eik. Both for James CHAPLAIN of Colliston [parish St. Vigeans] from the St. Andrews Commissary Court.

The following was extracted from <http://www.soutar.net> being the work of Doug & Sheila SOUTAR.

Little is known about James and Jean or their family. It is known that he inherited the estate of Collieston, north of Arbroath from his brother in 1724.

Colliston Castle

"A tower house of E Angus, Colliston Castle lies 4 miles (6 km) northwest of Arbroath. Built on the grounds of a mansion house, granted to John Guthrie by Cardinal Beaton of Arbroath Abbey in 1539, the castle was erected in 1545 on the Z-plan design, with four storeys and an attic. It underwent much alteration during the early 17th century when the top storey was removed, the pepperpot turret reduced in height and removal of the the top of the west tower. The tower was sold to the Gordon family in 1691 and then to the Chaplin family in 1721, who retained it until the 1920s. Passing to the Stuarts, it remains their residence and also hosts weddings and corporate events." (I have photos)

James and Jean had the following children:

- 11 M i. **George CHAPLAIN** was christened on 2 Jul 1726 in Saint Vigeans, Angus, Scotland.

Baptism as per extract on the IGI

02 Jul 1726 St. Vigeans O.P.R.

James Chaplain of Collieston & Jean Murison his lady had a son baptized named George

- 12 M ii. **James CHAPLAIN** was christened on 3 Aug 1728 in Saint Vigeans, Angus, Scotland.

Baptism as per extract on the IGI - son of James CHAPLAIN & Jean MORISON

O.P.R. Angus, St Vigeans:

3 Aug 1728 James son to James Chaplin of Collieston & Jean Murison was baptized

James married **Isabel BISSET** .

- 13 F iii. **Grizel CHAPLAIN** was christened on 27 May 1729 in Saint Vigeans, Angus, Scotland.

Baptism as per extract on the IGI, son of James CHAPLAIN & Jean MURESON

- 14 M iv. **John CHAPLAIN** was christened on 6 Jun 1732 in Saint Vigeans, Angus, Scotland.

Baptism as per extract on the IGI

06 Jun. 1732 St. Vigeans O.P.R.

James Chaplain of Collieston & Jean Murison his lady had a son baptized named John

- 15 F v. **Katharine CHAPLAIN** was christened on 5 Jun 1734 in Saint Vigeans, Angus, Scotland.

Baptism as per extract on the IGI

05 Jun. 1734 St. Vigeans O.P.R.

James Chaplain of Collieston & Jean Murison his lady had a dau. baptized named Katharine Chaplain

- 16 F vi. **Margaret CHAPLAIN** was christened on 4 Nov 1735 in Saint Vigeans, Angus, Scotland.

Her Baptism at, St Vigean, Angus, Scotland in 1735 , reads;"November 4th James Chaplain of Collieston & Jean Murison his Lady had a Daughter baptized named Margaret" (I have a copy)

Colliston is currently a roadside hamlet in Angus that is north of Arbroath, in the parish of St Vigeans. The estate of Colliston was purchased by Margaret's Uncle George then inherited by her father, prior to Margaret being born. Further details of the estate are in my records in the notes of Margaret's nephew George CHAPLAIN (son of James).

Margaret married **John HOOME** son of John HOOM and Jean MURISON.

When his daughter Jean was baptised in 1758, he was recorded as John HUME Officer of Excise.

When his daughter Annabella was baptised in 1759, he was recorded as Mr John Hume Officer of Excise.

When his son James was baptised in 1761, he was recorded as John Hume Supervisor of Excise

When his son Thomas was baptised in 1762, he was recorded as John Hoome Supervisor of Excise.

- 17 M vii. **Alexander CHAPLAIN** was christened on 16 Aug 1737 in Saint Vigeans, Angus, Scotland.

Baptism as per extract on the IGI, son of James CHAPLAIN & Jean MUIRSON

16 Aug 1737

James Chaplin of Collieston & Jean Murison his lady had a child baptized named Alexander

18 F viii. **Maul CHAPLAIN** was christened on 29 Nov 1739 in Saint Vigeans, Angus, Scotland.

Baptism as per extract on the IGI

29 Nov. 1739

James Chaplin of Colleston & Jean Murison his lady had a child baptized named Maul Eodom Die. ['Eodem die' is latin for 'on the same day']

Maul married **Robert LINDSAY** on 7 Oct 1758 in Saint Vigeans, Angus, Scotland.

19 F ix. **Jacobina CHAPLAIN** was christened on 4 Mar 1741 in Saint Vigeans, Angus, Scotland.

Baptism as per extract on the IGI

4 Mar 1741

James Chaplin of Colleston & Jean Murison his lady had a child baptized named Jacobina.

Mariage on 1st Aug 1760 at Arbroath, Angus, Scotland as per extract on the IGI

Arbroath Session records have the following:

William Morgan, residenter.

1760 Aug 6, lately clandestinely married in Edinburgh by "one Donaldson who designs himself Minister there" to Jacobina Chaplin, daughter to late Mr. Chaplin of Collieston - he produces marriage lines signed by Minister and couple before witnesses, and dated 21 July; & announces he and spouse now live as married persons. To pay fine of £6c.

Jacobina married **William MORGAN** son of Partick MORGAN and Isobel TINDALL on 1 Aug 1760 in Arbroath, Angus, Scotland. William was christened on 8 Oct 1738 in Carmyllie, Angus, Scotland.

20 F x. **Jean CHAPLAIN** was christened on 5 Aug 1742 in Saint Vigeans, Angus, Scotland.

Baptism as per extract on the IGI

05 Aug. 1742

FR 80 James Chaplin of Colleston & Jean Murison his lady had a child baptized named Jean.

4. **William MURISON** (Rev. James).

I include William MURISON in my tree as he was having a family in Logie-Pert at the same time as John MURISON (merchant)

William had the following children:

21 M i. **William MURISON** was born on 27 Mar 1717. He was christened on 28 Mar 1717 in Logie-Pert, Angus, Scotland.

Baptism as per an extract on the IGI

William married **Margaret DONALDSON** .

22 F ii. **Isobel MURISON** was born on 14 Jul 1719. She was christened on 16 Jul 1719 in Logie-Pert, Angus, Scotland.

Baptism as per an extract on the IGI

5. **John MURISON merchant** (Rev. James) died before 1758.

As there has been no clear family links I am relying on the notation regarding one of the witnesses

to the baptism of Jean HOOME, daughter of Margaret CHAPLAIN and John HOOME. She was recorded as; "Jean Morison Dghtr [daughter] to the decst [deceast or deceased] Jo: [John] Murison mrt [merchant]"

Marriage as per an extract on the IGI

John married **Elspet KID** on 17 Dec 1717 in Logie-Pert, Angus, Scotland.

They had the following children:

23 F i. **Janet MURISON** was born on 9 Dec 1718. She was christened on 11 Dec 1718 in Logie-Pert, Angus, Scotland.

Baptism as per an extract on the IGI

24 M ii. **Alexander MURISON** was christened on 9 Feb 1721 in Logie-Pert, Angus, Scotland.

Baptism as per an extract on the IGI

25 M iii. **John MURISON** was born on 30 Jun 1723. He was christened on 4 Jul 1723 in Logie-Pert, Angus, Scotland.

Baptism as per an extract on the IGI

26 F iv. **Elizabeth MURISON** was born in Jun 1726. She was christened on 9 Jun 1726 in Logie-Pert, Angus, Scotland.

Baptism as per an extract on the IGI

27 F v. **Jean MURISON** was born in Mar 1729. She was christened on 13 Mar 1729 in Logie-Pert, Angus, Scotland.

Baptism as per an extract on the IGI

28 F vi. **Christian MURISON** was christened on 25 Nov 1731 in Logie-Pert, Angus, Scotland.

Baptism as per an extract on the IGI

6. **Andrew MURISON** (Rev. James).

I include Andrew MURISON in my tree as he was having a family in Logie-Pert at the same time as John MURISON (merchant).

Marriage as per an extract on the IGI

Andrew married **Jean MOLYSON** on 31 Jul 1718 in Logie-Pert, Angus, Scotland.

They had the following children:

- 29 F i. **Margaret MURISON** was born on 23 Aug 1719. She was christened on 27 Aug 1719 in Logie-Pert, Angus, Scotland.

Baptism as per an extract on the IGI

- 30 F ii. **Isobel MURISON** was born on 29 Dec 1721. She was christened in Dec 1721 in Logie-Pert, Angus, Scotland.

Baptism as per an extract on the IGI

8. **Elspet MURISON** (Rev. James).

I include Elspet MURISON in my tree as she married in Logie-Pert at the same time as John MURISON (merchant).

Marriage details as per an extract on the IGI.

Elspet married **James STUART** on 16 Jun 1726 in Logie-Pert, Angus, Scotland.

They had the following children:

- 31 F i. **Jean STEWART** was christened on 23 Jan 1734 in Montrose, Angus, Scotland.

Marriage details as per an extract on the IGI.

9. George MURISON Baillie of Montrose (Rev. James).

The exact link between the Rev. James MURISON and George MURISON Baillie of Montrose has not been established. I have included George as the son of Rev. James MURISON until found otherwise.

As there has been no clear family links I am relying on the notation regarding one of the witnesses to the baptism of Jean HOOME, daughter of Margaret CHAPLAIN and John HOOME. She was recorded as; "Jean Morison Dghtr [daughter] to Baillie Morison att Montrose"

A baillie was a local civic officer in Scottish burghs, approximately equivalent to the post of alderman or magistrate in other countries. They were responsible for a jurisdiction called a bailiary (alt. bailiery)

I note, in the 1724 Retour of George CHAPLAIN that I have, it states "This inquest was held in the ancient council of the Burgh of Montrose before George Muirson a Baillie of the said Burgh".

I have also a Tack dated 1750 (RIN42263 Tack 2of2.jpg) which is signed by the Reverend James MURISON (and others) and witnessed by George Murison Merchant and Late Baillie of Montrose.

George married **Katharine RENNALD** .

They had the following children:

- 32 F i. **Jean MURISON** was christened on 14 Feb 1735 in Montrose, Angus, Scotland.

Tha Baptisms at Montrose for 1735 record on the 14th February;
Baillie George Murison and Katharine Rennald had a L.D.BN [lawful daughter baptised named] Jean Wit. [witnesses] Provost James Coutls and the Laird of Tarrie." (I have a copy)