

## Cairns family descent and Census information

**Joseph Cairns** married (1) Margaret Thomson/McGlashan on January 22<sup>nd</sup> 1835 in Dunoon/Kilmun  
Margaret Cairns was born 12.9.1835 and christened 24.9.1835 (d of Joseph & Mgt nee McGlashan)  
**Christian Cairns was born 13.1.1837 and christened 29.3.1837 (d of Jos. & Mgt nee McGlashan)**  
Dugald Cairns was born 11.1.1839 and christened 30.10.1839 (s of Joseph & Mgt nee McGlashan)  
George Cairns was born 6.11.1840 and christened 19.4.1841 (s of Joseph & Mgt nee McGlashan)  
Mary Cairns was born 13.8.1843 and christened 7.2.1844 (d of Joseph and Mgt nee Thomson)  
*Margaret Cairns died in 1845/6*

**Joseph Cairns married (2) Euphemia McKellar on September 18<sup>th</sup> 1846** in Dunoon and Kilmun  
A child was christened 4.12.1846, having been born 6.5.1846(?) – reputedly male, but poss Euphemia?  
Euphemia Cairns was born c 1847  
Elizabeth Cairns was born 20.12.1849 and christened 29.12.1849  
Isabella Cairns was born c 1850  
Peter Cairns was born c 1852  
Agnes Cairns was born c 1854  
Joseph Cairns was born 8.10.1856  
John Cairns was born 24.3.1859  
Alexander Cairns was born 17.7.1861  
**Daniel Cairns was born 28.8.1863 - twin**  
Helen (Nellie) Anderson Cairns was born 28.8.1863 - twin  
Catherine McFarlane Cairns was born 21.1.1866  
William Cairns was born 18.2.1869

*Joseph Cairns (senior) died at 3.40am on April 28<sup>th</sup> 1882, aged 62, at Ardentinny*  
*Euphemia Cairns died 12.3.1898 at Glenfinart.*

### 1841 Census

#### Ardentinny

|                      |             |                |                    |
|----------------------|-------------|----------------|--------------------|
| <b>Joseph Cairns</b> | 25          | Shoemaker      | Not born in county |
| Margaret             | 25          |                | Not born in county |
| Margaret             | 5           |                | Not born in county |
| Christian            | 4           |                | Born in county     |
| Dugald               | 2           |                | Born in county     |
| George               | 7 mths      |                | Born in county     |
| Dugald Thomson       | 60 (f-in-l) | Ag lab         | Born in county     |
| Catherine McCullum   | 12          | Female servant | Born in county     |
| Mary Turner          | 65          |                | Born in county     |

#### Highland Close, West Side, Greenock Middle Parish

|                          |           |          |                       |
|--------------------------|-----------|----------|-----------------------|
| Helen Dawson             | 25        | ?        | Born in county        |
| Agnes Warnock            | 13        |          | Born in county        |
| Margaret Warnock         | 16        | ?        | Born in county        |
| <b>Euphemia McKellar</b> | <b>17</b> | <b>?</b> | <b>Born in county</b> |

### 1851 Census

#### Ardentinny

|                      |    |      |             |           |
|----------------------|----|------|-------------|-----------|
| <b>Joseph Cairns</b> | 36 | Head | Sawmiller   | Glasgow   |
| <b>Euphemia</b>      | 25 | Wife |             | ?Greenock |
| Margaret             | 16 | Dau  | House servt | Kilmun    |
| Christian            | 14 | Dau  | Scholar     | Kilmun    |
| Dugald               | 12 | Son  | Scholar     | Kilmun    |
| George               | 10 | Son  | Scholar     | Kilmun    |
| Mary                 | 8  | Dau  | Scholar     | Kilmun    |
| Euphemia             | 4  | Dau  |             | Kilmun    |
| Elizabeth            | 3  | Dau  |             | Kilmun    |
| ?Isabella            | 1  | Dau  |             | Kilmun    |

**7 households away:**

|                           |    |               |                   |                           |
|---------------------------|----|---------------|-------------------|---------------------------|
| <i>William McFarlane</i>  | 27 | <i>Head</i>   |                   | <i>Buchanan, Stirling</i> |
| <i>Catherine</i>          | 33 | <i>Wife</i>   |                   | <i>Saddle, Argyll</i>     |
| <i>Archibald</i>          | 3  | <i>Son</i>    |                   | <i>Kilmun</i>             |
| <i>Archibald Mitchell</i> | 25 | <i>B-in-l</i> | <i>Woodcutter</i> | <i>Saddle Unmd</i>        |

*NB Joseph and Euphemia called their youngest children Catherine McFarlane Cairns and William Cairns – no evidence has been found to date that the Cairns and McFarlane families were related, so this was probably an indication of a long and close friendship between the families.*

1861 Census**Stronvochlan** (enumerated directly after Glenfinart House)

|                      |    |        |            |          |
|----------------------|----|--------|------------|----------|
| <b>Joseph Cairns</b> | 40 | Head   | Saw miller | Glasgow  |
| <b>Euphemia</b>      | 30 | Wife   |            | Greenock |
| Isabella             | 10 | Dau    |            | Kilmun   |
| Peter                | 8  | Son    |            | Kilmun   |
| Agnes                | 6  | Dau    |            | Kilmun   |
| Joseph               | 4  | Son    |            | Kilmun   |
| John                 | 2  | Son    |            | Kilmun   |
| Mary Cairns          | 40 | S-in-l | Unmarried  | Greenock |

**One uninhabited house, one inhabited house, then:**

|                          |    |             |                 |                         |
|--------------------------|----|-------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| <i>William McFarlane</i> | 37 | <i>Head</i> | <i>Forester</i> | <i>Buchanan</i>         |
| <i>Catherine</i>         | 40 | <i>Wife</i> |                 | <i>Kileans</i>          |
| <i>Archibald</i>         | 13 | <i>Son</i>  |                 | <i>Dunoon</i>           |
| <i>Euphemia</i>          | 8  | <i>Dau</i>  |                 | <i>Dunoon</i>           |
| <i>William</i>           | 6  | <i>Son</i>  |                 | <i>Inchinan, Renfr.</i> |
| <i>Duncan</i>            | 4  | <i>Son</i>  |                 | <i>Dunoon</i>           |
| <i>Dugald</i>            | 1  | <i>Son</i>  |                 | <i>Dunoon</i>           |

1871 Census**Stronvochlin, nr Ardentinny**

|                      |    |      |            |          |
|----------------------|----|------|------------|----------|
| <b>Joseph Cairns</b> | 58 | Head | Saw Miller | Glasgow  |
| <b>Euphemia</b>      | 44 | Wife |            | Greenock |
| Agnes                | 17 | Dau  | Dom Servt  | Kilmun   |
| John                 | 12 | Son  | Scholar    | Kilmun   |
| Alexander            | 10 | Son  | Scholar    | Kilmun   |
| Daniel               | 8  | Son  | Scholar    | Kilmun   |
| Helen                | 8  | Dau  |            | Kilmun   |
| Catherine            | 5  | Dau  |            | Kilmun   |
| William              | 2  | Son  |            | Kilmun   |

And possibly 4 lodgers as well.

**Next door, or next but one:**

|                          |    |              |                       |                              |
|--------------------------|----|--------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| <i>William McFarlane</i> | 45 | <i>Head</i>  | <i>Forester</i>       | <i>Dryman, Stirlingshire</i> |
| <i>Catherine</i>         | 50 | <i>Wife</i>  |                       | <i>Campbelton</i>            |
| <i>Archibald</i>         | 22 | <i>Son</i>   | <i>Woodman</i>        | <i>Ardentinny</i>            |
| <i>Duncan</i>            | 13 | <i>Son</i>   | <i>Scholar</i>        | <i>Ardentinny</i>            |
| <i>Dugald</i>            | 10 | <i>Son</i>   | <i>Scholar</i>        | <i>Ardentinny</i>            |
| <i>Mary Mitchel</i>      | 13 | <i>Niece</i> | <i>Visitor, srvt.</i> | <i>Rosneath, Dunb</i>        |

**Rashfield Farm**

|                  |    |               |                 |             |
|------------------|----|---------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Dugald White     | 65 | Head / unmd   | Farmer          | Kilmun      |
| John             | 67 | Bro / Unmd    | Mason           | Kilmun      |
| Margaret         | 50 | Sis?          | Housekeeper     | Kilmun      |
| Donald Marshall  | 30 | Nephew / Unmd | Farm Servant    | Stralachlan |
| Elizabeth Cairns | 20 | Servant       | General Servant | Kilmun      |

### 1881 Census

#### **Stronvochlin, nr Ardentinny**

|                      |    |      |            |          |
|----------------------|----|------|------------|----------|
| <b>Joseph Cairns</b> | 66 | Head | Saw miller | Glasgow  |
| <b>Euphemia</b>      | 54 | Wife |            | Greenock |
| John                 | 22 | Son  | Saw miller | Kilmun   |
| Helen                | 17 | Dau  |            | Kilmun   |
| Catherine            | 15 | Dau  |            | Kilmun   |
| William              | 12 | Son  |            | Kilmun   |

### 1891 Census

#### **Glenfinart House, Stronvochlin**

|              |    |     |           |                   |
|--------------|----|-----|-----------|-------------------|
| Ellen Cairns | 24 | Svt | Housemaid | Dunoon and Kilmun |
|--------------|----|-----|-----------|-------------------|

#### **Sea View Cottage, Ardentinny - Stronvochlin or Glenfinart?**

|                  |    |      |        |            |
|------------------|----|------|--------|------------|
| Alexander Cairns | 29 | Head | Joiner | Ardentinny |
| Joan             | 28 | Wife |        | Glasgow    |
| Eliza            | 6  | Dau  |        | Glasgow    |
| Joseph           | 3  | Son  |        | Ardentinny |
| John             | 6m | Son  |        | Ardentinny |

#### **Next door**

|                        |           |         |            |                 |
|------------------------|-----------|---------|------------|-----------------|
| <b>Euphemia Cairns</b> | <b>62</b> | Head    | Widow      | Greenock        |
| John                   | 31        | Son     | Saw Miller | Ardentinny      |
| Isabella               | 39        | Dau     | Dom servt  | Ardentinny      |
| Jeannie Hay            | 31        | Visitor | Dressmaker | Yarmouth, Moray |

*Then James Wylie's house, then:*

|                          |           |             |                  |                  |
|--------------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|------------------|
| <i>William McFarlane</i> | <i>68</i> | <i>Head</i> | <i>Forester</i>  | <i>Buchanan</i>  |
| <i>Catherine</i>         | <i>76</i> | <i>Wife</i> |                  | <i>Carradale</i> |
| <i>Euphemia</i>          | <i>36</i> | <i>Dau</i>  | <i>Unmarried</i> | <i>?</i>         |

### 1901 Census

#### **Stronvochlin Place**

|               |    |      |                  |                 |
|---------------|----|------|------------------|-----------------|
| John Cairns   | 41 | Head | Estate Sawmiller | Ardentinny      |
| Janet         | 27 | Wife |                  | Annan, Dumfries |
| Joseph        | 3  | Son  |                  | Ardentinny      |
| Ellen (Helen) | 6  | Dau  |                  | Ardentinny      |

#### **Octagon Cottage, Ardentinny (which had two rooms with one or more windows)**

|             |    |      |                |            |
|-------------|----|------|----------------|------------|
| Joan Cairns | 38 | Head | Laundress      | Glasgow    |
| Eliza       | 16 | Dau  | Laundress asst | Glasgow    |
| Joseph      | 13 | Son  |                | Ardentinny |
| John        | 10 | Son  |                | Ardentinny |
| Alexander   | 8  | Son  |                | Ardentinny |
| James       | 6  | Son  |                | Ardentinny |

*Alexander Cairns had died, aged 39, in 1897*

### 1911 Census

#### **Glenfinart**

|             |      |    |                                      |                 |
|-------------|------|----|--------------------------------------|-----------------|
| John Cairns | Head | 52 | Joiner                               | Kilmun          |
| Janet       | Wife | 36 | (Md 17 years, 3 children all living) | Annan, Dumfries |
| Helen       | Son  | 16 | School                               | Kilmun          |
| Joseph      | Son  | 13 | School                               | Kilmun          |
| Janet       | Dau  | 1  |                                      | Kilmun          |