

Rice-Burns Family Line



Descendents of Francis Rice and Margaret Burns

Francis Rice abt 1790 – bef 1855 Margaret Burns 1795 – 1845

1. Francis Rice. He married Margaret Burns.
Children of Francis Rice and Margaret Burns
2. i. Francis, b. abt 1813 in Maybole, Ayrshire, Scotland; d. Jan 1855, at Lowaters, Hamilton, Lanarkshire, Scotland

More about **Francis Rice**: The Rice family line can be traced back to **Francis Rice**, a coachman, and **Margaret Burns**. I have only been able to find one son, **Francis**, born in 1813 in Maybole, Ayrshire, Scotland¹. The names of son Francis' parents and his father's occupation are known from his death certificate¹. At that time his father was deceased but his mother may still have been living, although she was not living with her son's family. These names are later reinforced as their son Francis has followed the traditional Scottish naming convention and named his first son Francis after his father and his second daughter Margaret after his mother.

There are no records of a marriage between Francis Rice and Margaret Burns. A search of men with the name Rice living in Ayr yielded 21 families but none with a father or son named Francis.

More about **Margaret Burns**: Margaret Burns died 29 March 1845^{1b} in Glasgow at the age of 50 of a decline. She is listed in the parish register as Mrs. Margaret Burns, or Rice (this naming appears to be typical for the married women).

Francis Rice	Male	12	Maybole	Francis Rice (deceased)
Coachman			14 years old	Coachman
			His Mother	Margaret Rice
				Margaret Burns

Death certificate of Francis Rice b 1813 naming his parents.

Francis Rice 1813 – 1855

Agnes Ferguson 1814 – 1891

Francis (Francis) was born in 1813 in Maybole, Ayr, according to his death certificate¹; although in the 1841 census² he gives his birth as 1812 in Lanark and in the 1851 census³ as 1811 in Ayr, Ayr. Where he spent the first 18 years of his life is unknown. There is an interesting account of a young boy named Francis Rice in the Caledonian Mercury paper (Edinburgh, Scotland), Thursday, June 2, 1825; Issue 16190. The age and occupation are a good fit to Francis who would have been 12 or 14 at the time.

On Wednesday last week, **Francis Rice**, a boy who rides the mail between Beith and Paisley, was on his way to the latter place, when a person, who issued from a planting called Mosswood, situated in a lonely part of the road, stopped him under pretence of showing a bird's nest which he carried in his hand. While in the act of examining it, the ruffian pulled him off the horse, threw him on the ground, and kicked him in the most brutal manner. The poor post-boy, considering his age, made a stout resistance. The villain grasped his watch, the chain of which broke in the struggle. He however succeeded in extracting it; and, leaving the poor boy wounded and bleeding on the road, the miscreant decamped with his booty.— The robber (an Irishman) was, however, apprehended at Risk, and sent to Paisley. We understand the boy in the struggle bit severely the robber's thumb, which has been the means of more surely identifying him.

On 11 Aug 1831 Francis and **Agnes Ferguson** posted their marriage banns in Dumbarton, Dunbarton, Scotland⁴. Francis died at the young age of 42 at 10:00 am on 23 January 1855, at Lowaters, Hamilton, Lanark, Scotland.

Agnes Ferguson was born about 1814 to **John Ferguson**, shepherd, and **Agnes McIntyre**. This information on her parents was obtained from the death certificate of Agnes⁶. In Gaelic, Ann and Agnes were sometimes interchanged (Annais and Annaig) and so Agnes may well have been Annie born 16 June 1810 (see below). Agnes herself gives her birth place as Inveraray, Argyllshire in the 1861, 1871 and 1881 censuses although in 1851 she gives her birth place as Lochgoilhead, Argyll. Agnes was most likely a daughter of **John Ferguson** born 24 April 1769 in Inveraray and Glenaray, Argyll, Scotland. His parents may be **Duncan Ferguson** and **Elisabeth MacKinzie** of Inverary m. 26 Dec 1765. The names of John Ferguson and Agnes McIntyre's children agree with these parents following the Scottish naming tradition. **Agnes McIntyre** may have been born 25 May 1782 in Lochgoilhead, Argyll. **Agnes (McIntyre) Ferguson** died 4 July 1857 in Portnahaven, Argyll with her son Duncan present. Her death certificate lists her parents who were **Malcolm McIntyre**, a ploughman, and **Mary Mitchell**. No

records of this couple have been verified and here the naming of Agnes' children do not agree as her second son was named Donald and there is no Malcolm. **Agnes Ferguson Rice** died between 4 and 7 am on 3 April 1891 at Rothesay, Bute, Scotland.

Known siblings of Agnes Ferguson (children of John Ferguson and Agnes McIntyre):
 Duncan, b. 22 Feb 1798 St. John's, Inverary and Glenary, Argyll
 Donald, b. 16 Oct 1799 St. John's, Inverary and Glenary, Argyll
 Duncan, b. 29 Oct 1801 St. John's, Inverary and Glenary, Argyll
 Isabell, b. 16 Apr 1804 St. John's, Inverary and Glenary, Argyll
 George, b. 7 Sept 1806 St. John's, Inverary and Glenary, Argyll
 Elisabeth, b. 27 Dec 1808 St. John's, Inverary and Glenary, Argyll
Annie, b. 16 Jun 1810 St. John's, Inverary and Glenary, Argyll [note this may be the record for Agnes herself, see above]

<i>Agnes Rice</i>	<i>1891</i>	<i>F.</i>	<i>77</i>	<i>John Ferguson</i>	<i>Widow</i>
	<i>April</i>			<i>Wm. Shepherd</i>	<i>Widow</i>
	<i>Third</i>			<i>(Deceased)</i>	<i>de</i>
<i>Widow of Francis Rice</i>	<i>Between 4th & 7th Sts</i>			<i>Agnes Ferguson</i>	<i>Widow</i>
<i>Carriage Proprietor</i>	<i>37 Bridge Street</i>			<i>M. S. McIntyre</i>	<i>Widow</i>
	<i>Rothesay</i>			<i>(Deceased)</i>	<i>Widow</i>

Extract from death certificate of Agnes Ferguson Rice b 1814.

More about **Francis Rice**:

1841 Census²: 6 June 1841, Muir Street, Hamilton, Lanark with wife (?) and children Agnes, Margaret, Isabella and Francis. Note: Agnes (wife) is not listed and there is a Jane listed born in 1815. Relationships are not given.

1851 Census³: 30/31 March 1851, Lowaters, Hamilton, Lanark with wife Agnes, children Agnes, Margaret, Isabella, Francis, Hugh and John, and nephew Donald Ferguson.

Occupation(s): 1832-1839 chaise driver; 1845-1851 coachman, 1855 coach proprietor; stage coach driver (no date)

Cause of Death⁶: the cause of death is difficult to read but the condition had lasted 8 months; Francis was seen by a doctor the day before he died but the name of the doctor is also too difficult to read.

Death Informant: January 1855, son Francis Rice

Death Registration: 25 January 1855, at Hamilton, William Dickson, Registrar

Burial: Parish churchyard, Hamilton

Other: Francis may have been known as "Frank" as that nickname is used on the death certificate of his son Francis.

Addresses:

Date	Address	Source
1813	Maybole, Ayrshire, Scotland	Birth
1825?	Paisley/Beith, Lanark?	Caledonian Mercury
11 Aug 1831	Dumbarton, Dunbarton, Scotland	Marriage Record
1832	Glasgow, Lanark	Birth of Agnes
1835	Glasgow, Lanark	Birth of Margaret
1839	Hamilton, Lanark	Birth of Isabella
1840	Glasgow, Lanark	Birth of Francis
6 Jun 1841	Muir Street, Hamilton, Lanark (may have moved to parish of Lowaters at this time as death certificate says residence of parish for 14 years)	1841 Census
1845	Stirling, Stirling	Birth of Hugh
1848	Hamilton, Lanark	Birth of John
31 Mar 1851	Lowaters, Hamilton, Lanark	1851 Census
1855	Lowaters, Hamilton, Lanark	Death Certificate

More about **Agnes Ferguson**:

1861 Census⁵: 7/8 April 1861, 13 Barrack Street, Hamilton, Lanark with daughter Isabella, son John, grandchildren Marian Gunton, Agnes Hetsler (Lester?). Note: "Mrs. Francis Rice" born in Inveraray, Argyllshire.

1871 Census⁷: No.1 Shields Place, Govan Church District, Govan, Lanark with daughter Agnes, son John, grandchildren Mary Ann Rice and Agnes Rice. Note: born in Inveraray, Argyllshire.

1881 Census⁸: 232 St James St., Glasgow Kinning Park, Lanark with granddaughter Mary Gunton and cousin Sophia Marshall [to Mary?]. Note: born in Inveraray.

Cause of Death: natural causes possibly malignant disease of the liver

Death Informant: Mary Isabella Gunton, granddaughter

Death Registration: 4 April 1891, at Rothesay, H. MacKinnon, Registrar

Addresses:

Date	Address	Source
7/8 Apr 1861	13 Barrack Street, Hamilton, Lanark	1861 Census
2/3 Apr 1871	No.1 Shields Place, Govan Church District, Govan, Lanark	1871 Census
3/4 Apr 1881	St James St., Glasgow Kinning Park, Lanark	1881 Census
4 Apr 1891	37 Bridge Street, Rothesay, Bute	Death Certificate

2. Francis Rice (Francis). He married Agnes Ferguson.
Children of Francis Rice and Agnes Ferguson
 - i. Agnes, b. 8 Oct 1832 Glasgow, Lanark, Scotland; d. 26 Jan 1893
Rothesay, Bute, Scotland
 - ii. Margaret, b. 28 Feb 1835 Glasgow, Lanark, Scotland. Note:
witnesses John Ferguson and Donald McDougall
 - iii. Isabella, b. 7 Apr 1837 Hamilton, Lanark, Scotland; d. 14 Oct 1866
Hamilton, Lanark, Scotland
3.
 - iv. **Francis**, b. 8 Oct 1839 Hamilton, Glasgow, Lanark, Scotland
Note: witnesses Robert Alston and Donald McDougall; d. 15 Jan
1921 Westville, Pictou, Nova Scotia, Canada
 - v. Catherine, b. 21 Jun 1841 Hamilton, Lanark, Scotland; d. abt Mar
1842 Hamilton, Lanark, Scotland age 9 months
 - vi. John, b. 21 Mar 1843 Hamilton, Lanark, Scotland; d. abt Dec
1843 Hamilton, Lanark, Scotland age 10 months
 - vii. Hugh, b. 13 Nov 1844 Stirling, Stirlingshire, Scotland; d. 25 Jun
1934 Brandon, Manitoba, Canada
 - viii. John, b. 28 Mar 1847 Hamilton, Lanark, Scotland; d. 9 Sep 1915
Govan, Lanark, Scotland

More about **Agnes Rice (Francis, Francis)**:

Occupation(s): 1851-1871 dressmaker, 1876 housekeeper

Marriage⁹: 25 April 1876 to John Rennie (widower) at Palmerston Villa, Copland Road, Govan, Lanark. Note: Church of Scotland. Both John and Agnes give their residence as Palmerston Villa, so Agnes may have been his housekeeper. She lists her father as Francis Rice (deceased) but gives his occupation as a farmer and lists her mother as Agnes Ferguson but claims she is also deceased when she was not. She also gives her age as 35 when she would have been 44.

1861 Census^{10a}: Patons Well, Coatbridge, Old Monkland, Lanark. Note: Agnes Ryce; age 24 when she would have been 29. Housekeeper to Robert Douglas, farm overseer. This reference is not proven.

1881 Census^{10b}: Leopold Villa, Rothesay, Bute. Note: age 39 when she would have been 49.

1891 Census^{10c}: Braeside House, Rothesay, Bute. Note: age 49 when she would have been 59. Listed as living on "private means" with a servant Agnes Stevenston.

Cause of Death¹¹: cancer of uterus, one year to 6 months

Age at Death: 60 years (correct), widow of John Rennie, glass merchant

Address at Death (from testament): 3 William Street, Paisley

Parents: Francis Rice, stage coach driver (deceased); Agnes Ferguson (deceased)

Death Informant: John Rice, brother, of Fairview House, Ivygrove near Hamilton

Death Registration: 27 January 1893, at Rothesay, H. MacKinnon, Registrar

Will and Testament: Agnes was well off when she died. The inventory of her possessions at the time of her death amounted to about 1200 pounds and she owned a number of properties: Palmerston Villa, Govan; Rice Bank, Govan; Leopold Villa, Rothesay and collected rents from 35 Young Street, 19 Taylor Street and 23 Taylor Street, Glasgow. Another document describes her worth, after debts are paid as 550 pounds and that may be her personal funds. Her brother John Rice (ship carpenter,

Hamilton) was one of the executors along with Robert Weaton (spirit merchant, Rothesay) and William Rodie (writer, Glasgow). Agnes was particularly generous to her niece, Agnes Paterson (daughter of her sister Isabella), or more specifically to her children with Robert Paterson, an upholsterer. The children listed are Agnes Rice Paterson, Marion Paterson and John Rennie Paterson. Her brother John Rice is given Palmerston Villa, in Govan for his lifetime, and after his death to her brothers Frank Rice and Hugh Rice and their surviving children. John Rennie Paterson inherited the properties of Rice Bank and Leopold Villa as well as a considerable sum of 20 pounds per year for his education. The residue was divided equally amongst her three brothers. These funds may have allowed Frank Rice, her brother, to leave the coal mine and open a store in New Glasgow, Nova Scotia.

Other: no issue

More about **Margaret Rice (Francis, Francis)**:

Occupation: 1851 dressmaker

More about **Isabella Rice (Francis, Francis)**:

Occupation: 1851 dressmaker

Death^{12a}: At 4 Barrack Street Hamilton, on the 14th instant, age 24 years, Isabella, third daughter of the late Francis Rice, coach proprietor. Note: Address may be incorrect? Possibly 13 Barrack Street? Death certificate^{12b}: cause of death tuberculosis.

Other: Isabella had two illegitimate children. Her first child was born 9 Feb 1857 and was named Margaret Rice on the official certificate^{12c}, but took the name Mary Isabella. She used the surname Gunton in some censuses and in later life. Mary became a dressmaker and lived with her grandmother Agnes until Agnes died. She then moved to Maryhill, Lanark and finally to Ardossan, Ayr where she died a spinster. Her death certificate lists William Gunton, a soldier, as her father (deceased) and Isabella (no surname) as her mother. Isabella and William Gunton were not married but if he was the father of Mary then she may have had contact with him to know enough about him. Mary Isabella Gunton died 5 Dec 1939^{12d}. Isabella's second daughter, Agnes Joanna Rice, was born 12 Mar 1859^{12e}. She last appears in the 1871 census, age 12, living with her grandmother (who raised her). At the time of Agnes' birth Isabella is listed as a servant. The father of Agnes is not given although in the 1861 census it is written badly as possibly Hetsler. Agnes Joanna Rice later marries Robert Paterson, an upholsterer, and gives her father's name as John Lester, forester, deceased and her mother Agnes Rice Lester maiden name Ferguson which was not true as Agnes Ferguson was her grandmother and she didn't remarry. The bulk of the estate of John Rennie was left to the children of Agnes Joanna Rice and Robert Paterson by Agnes Rice Rennie.

More about **Hugh Rice (Francis, Francis)**:

Baptism¹³: 1 Dec 1844 Stirling, Stirlingshire

Occupation(s): 1861 gange man (servant), 1869 engineer, miner, 1881 farmer

1861 Census¹⁴: Shitterflat, Beith, Renfrewshire (Ayrshire), Robert Easdale, head, Farmer of 75 Acres Employing 1 Man & 1 Boy.

Emigration¹⁵: 1868 to Canada

Marriage¹⁶: 11 January 1869 to Susan Rankin Britton (b. 1849 Airdrie, Lanarkshire, Scotland to John Britton (1822-1891) and Christina Watt MacDonald (1823-1917) and d.

10 Dec 1917 Cornwallis, Brandon, Manitoba, Canada) at New Glasgow, Pictou, Nova Scotia, Canada. Notes: Presbyterian Church; residence Drummond Colliery
1881 Census¹⁷: Turtle Mountain, Western Extension, Extension, Manitoba with children Hugh, Christina, Agnes, John and Daniel. Note: his wife Susan is not listed although a Lisa Rice, b. 1849 in Scotland, and married, is part of the household. [Lisa may be diminutive of Elizabeth]
1891 Census¹⁸: Selkirk, Manitoba, Canada with wife Susan and children Hugh, Christina, Agnes, John, Daniel, Francis, Alfred and Ebenezer; Farmer
1901 Census¹⁹: Cornwallis, Brandon, Manitoba, Canada with wife Susan and children Hugh, Agnes, John, Christopher, Francis A., Alfred and Ebenezer; Farmer
1906 Census¹⁵: Townships 9 and 10, Ranges 17 and 18 West Brandon, Manitoba, Canada with wife Susan and children Christopher, Alfred and Ebenezer; Farmer
1911 Census^{20a}: Brandon, Manitoba with wife Susan and children Alfred and Ebenezer
Other: Hugh Rice is considered one of the pioneer settlers of Brandon, Manitoba. He moved west with his neighbours led by the Reverend George Roddick, of Pictou, Nova Scotia, landing in St. Boniface in April of 1879.
Issue: Thomas (1869-), Francis (1869-1870), Hugh (1871-), Christina (1873-1921), Agnes (1874-1941), John (1877-), Daniel L. (1879-), all of Westville, Pictou, Nova Scotia, Christopher Rennie (1882-), Francis Alexander (1884-1929), Alfred (1886-), Ebenezer Donaldson (1889-) all of Brandon, Manitoba.

More about John Rice (Francis, Francis):

Marriage^{20b}: 29 April 1891 to Margaret (Gibson) Green, publican, at 52 West Mile Street, Glasgow by declaration in the presence of William Honour, bookkeeper, 10 Royal Buildings, Uddingston and John Green, grocer, 113 Low waters, Hamilton.

Notes: John Rice, age 39, ship carpenter (foreman), bachelor, Address: 37 Bridge Street, Rothesay, Father: Francis Rice, coach proprietor, deceased, Mother: Agnes Rice, m.s. Ferguson, deceased. Wife: Margaret Green, widow, age 34, Address: 113 Low Waters, Hamilton. Father: William Gibson, cattle dealer, deceased, Mother: Elizabeth Gibson, m.s. Pollock. Cause of Death^{20c}: carcinoma of cervical glands; Age: 67

Time of Death^{20c}: 10 h 30 min a.m.

Address^{20c}: 68 Princes Street, Govan, Glasgow; Occupation: Stationer

Parents^{20c}: Francis Rice, coach proprietor (deceased); Agnes Ferguson (deceased)

Generation No. 3

Francis “Frank” Rice 1839 – 1921

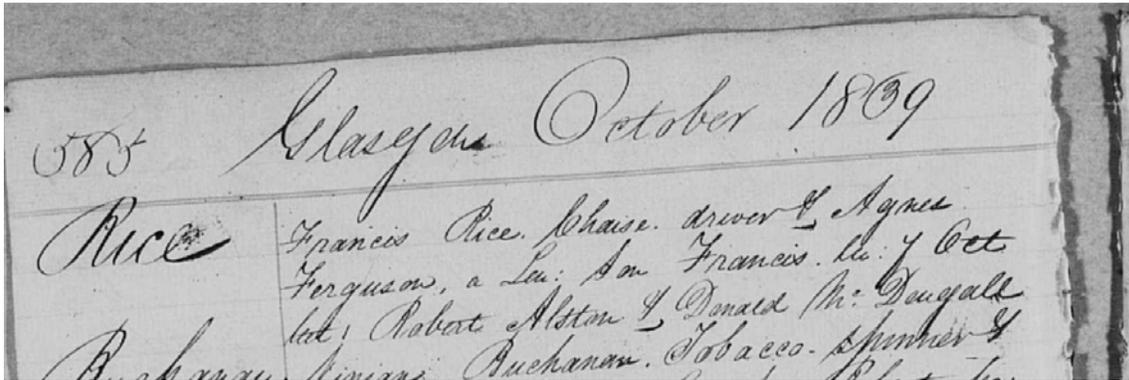
Catherine Findlay abt 1846 – abt 1877

Lydia Ann Ross abt 1860 – bef 1891

Margaret Amelia McKenzie 1852 – 1926

Francis (Francis, Francis) was born on 7 October 1839 in Hamilton, Glasgow, Lanark, Scotland²¹. Witnesses at his baptism were Robert Alston and Donald McDougall²¹. Francis was the oldest son of Francis Rice and Agnes Ferguson, and was known at least

in later life as Frank. He was just 16 when his father died. He worked as an iron labourer before emigrating to Canada in 1870 following his younger brother Hugh. There he married first **Catherine Findlay** on 30 November 1871 at Stellarton, Pictou, Nova Scotia, Canada²², second, **Lydia Ann Ross** on 28 June 1879 at Stellarton, Pictou, Nova Scotia, Canada²³, and third, **Margaret Amelia McKenzie** on 26 April 1898 at New Glasgow, Pictou, Nova Scotia, Canada²⁴. In Canada, Francis worked variously as a miner, grocer and merchant, residing in Westville, Pictou, Nova Scotia. He had 3 children with each of his first two wives. Francis died on 15 January 1921 in Westville and was buried on 17 January 1921 in either Auburn Cemetery²⁵ or more likely in St. Phillip's Churchyard, Westville where there is a tombstone with his name engraved.



Baptism/birth record of Francis Rice, b. 1839.

Catherine Findlay was born abt. 1846²² to **Hugh Findlay**²² a miner (b. 1824 Scotland³²) and **Rebecca McKay**²² (b. 1828 Lorne, Pictou, Nova Scotia³² daughter of James McKay³¹) who married on 17 April 1846 at East River, Upper Settlement, Pictou, Nova Scotia³¹. She married Francis Rice at the age of about 25 and had 3 daughters with him. She died about 1877 although a death record has not been found. She may have died during the birth of her third daughter Catherine in 1877. Francis was a widow when he remarried in 1879, therefore she died between 1877 and 1879. No gravestone has been found in Auburn Cemetery or St. Phillips, Westville, and death records are missing for this period and area.

Known siblings of Catherine Findlay (children of Hugh Findlay and Rebecca McKay)³²:

John, b. 8 Apr 1850 Stellarton, Pictou, Nova Scotia

Hugh, b. 1856, Nova Scotia

Elisabeth, b. 1861, Nova Scotia

Tilley, b. 13 Jun 1866 Foxbrook, Pictou, Nova Scotia

Lydia Ann Ross was born in Millbrook, Pictou, Nova Scotia about 1860 to **Peter Ross** (abt 1830 – bef 1901) of Millbrook, Pictou, Nova Scotia and **Isabella McKay** (abt 1834-bef 1863) of Nova Scotia²³. Lydia died between 1881 and 1891. No record of her death or burial has been found. Peter Ross married as his second wife Jennet (Janet) McDonald of Pleasant Valley, Pictou, Nova Scotia and had 7 children with her (half siblings to Lydia Ann).

Known siblings of Lydia Ann Ross (children of Peter Ross and Isabella McKay)⁽³³⁾:

John, b.1854, Millbrook, Pictou, Nova Scotia

Isabella, b. 1856, Millbrook, Pictou, Nova Scotia; d. 1900

Kenneth, b. 1859, Millbrook, Pictou, Nova Scotia

Margaret Amelia McKenzie was born 6 Jun 1852 at Middle River, Pictou, Nova Scotia²⁹ to **John McKenzie** and **Catherine Dunbar**²⁴. She married first, Alexander Hood on 1 Mar 1879 at Stellarton, Pictou, Nova Scotia, Canada³⁴. They had no children and Alexander died in 1882 at the age of 37³⁵. Margaret later married Francis Rice. She died on 1 May 1926 at Westville, Pictou, Nova Scotia, Canada³⁶. She is buried in St. Phillip's Cemetery, Westville^{35, 36}.

More about **Francis Rice**:

Occupation(s): 1861 iron labourer, 1870-1891 coal miner, 1901, 1921 merchant, 1907 grocer

1861 Census²⁶: 1 Brickken, Dalziel, Lanark, Scotland; Labourer Iron. Note: Lodger with family of Donie Stevenson, engine keeper.

1881 Census²⁷: Westville, Pictou, Nova Scotia, Canada with wife Lydia and children Agnes, Rebecca, Catherine and Isabella. Occupation: miner.

1891 Census²⁸: Westville, Pictou, Nova Scotia, Canada widowed with children Rebecca, Isabella, Francis and John. Occupation: miner.

1901 Census²⁹: Westville, Pictou, Nova Scotia, Canada with wife Margaret and children Francis and John (both miners). Occupation: merchant.

1907³⁰: Grocer, Main Street, Westville, Nova Scotia

Cause of Death²⁵: apoplexy

Age at Death: 81 years 6 months

Parents: Frank Rice, Scotland; Agnes Ferguson, Scotland

Death Informant: Mrs. Frank Rice, wife

Death Registration: 10 February 1921

Addresses:

Date	Address	Source
7 Oct 1839	Hamilton, Lanark, Scotland	Birth
6 Jun 1841	Muir Street, Hamilton, Lanark	1841 Census
31 Mar 1851	Lowaters, Hamilton, Lanark	1851 Census
7/8 Apr 1861	1 Brickken, Dalziel, Lanark?	1861 Census
1881	Westville, Pictou, Nova Scotia	1881 Census
1891	Westville, Pictou, Nova Scotia	1891 Census
1901	Westville, Pictou, Nova Scotia	1901 Census
1907	Main Street, Westville, Pictou, Nova Scotia	McAlpine's Directory
1921	Westville, Pictou, Nova Scotia	Death Certificate

3. Francis Rice (Francis, Francis). He married first, Catherine Findlay, second, Lydia Ann Ross, third, Margaret Amelia McKenzie.
Children of Francis Rice and Catherine Findlay

- i. Agnes, b. 9 Feb 1872 Westville, Pictou, Nova Scotia, Canada; d. 13 Apr 1937 Westville, Pictou, Nova Scotia, Canada
 - ii. Rebecca, b. 1875 Westville, Pictou, Nova Scotia, Canada
 - iii. Catherine H., b. 1877 Westville, Pictou, Nova Scotia, Canada; d. 16 Jan 1951 Sydney, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, Canada
- Children of Francis Rice and Lydia Ann Ross
- iv. Isabella, b. Sep 1880 Westville, Pictou, Nova Scotia, Canada; d. aft 1950
 - v. Francis, b. 2 Oct 1881 Westville, Pictou, Nova Scotia, Canada; d. 1955 Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada
4. vi. **John Rennie**, b. 20 May 1883 Westville, Pictou, Nova Scotia, Canada; d. 7 May 1956 New Glasgow, Pictou, Nova Scotia, Canada

More about **Agnes Rice (Francis, Francis, Francis)**:

Marriage³⁷: 29 Nov 1890 to John William MacCoull (b. 19 Oct 1868 Stellarton, Pictou, Nova Scotia, Canada³⁸ to John James MacCoull (1843-1902) and Elizabeth Hislop (1842-) both of Pictou County, Nova Scotia³⁷ –further details of this line are available.

1891 Census³⁸: Westville, Pictou, Nova Scotia, Canada with husband James. Note: surname listed as McCall

Issue with John William MacCoull: Elizabeth (1891-), Agnes Rice Rennie (1892-), Rebecca (1895-)

Marriage³⁹: 20 Mar 1897 to Robert MacCoull (b. 7 May 1871 Pictou, Nova Scotia, Canada; d. 9 Mar 1955 Westville, Pictou, Nova Scotia, Canada) brother to James William MacCoull

1901 Census⁴⁰: Glace Bay, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia with husband Robert and children Elizabeth, Agnes, Rebecca and John

1911 Census⁴¹: Glace Bay, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia with husband Robert and children Rebecca, John, Florence and Mary

Issue with Robert MacCoull: John William (1899-1974), Florence Katherine (1903-), Mary Bell (1905-)

Cause of Death⁴²: breast cancer

Burial: Auburn Cemetery, Westville, Nova Scotia, Canada

More about **Rebecca Rice (Francis, Francis, Francis)**:

Travel: Glasgow, Scotland arriving in Halifax, Nova Scotia 23 Aug 1890 on the H.S. Canadian. She was travelling with one piece of luggage and is listed as a domestic. She may have been visiting her grandmother Agnes (Ferguson) Rice.

1900 Census^{42b}: 6 June 1900, Winthrop Town, Suffolk, Massachusetts, USA, living as a domestic servant in the home of a young widow Mrs. Rhoda Woodruff. The date of immigration is 1892.

Marriage^{42c}: 5 Mar 1904 in Lawrence, Essex, Massachusetts to Alonzo Haskel Fall (b. 28 Dec 1863 Ossipee, Carroll, New Hampshire, USA to John and Hannah N. Fall; d. 1911-1920 Methuen, Essex, Massachusetts, USA). Alonzo was widowed with four young children.

1910 Census^{42d}: 7 May 1910, Methuen, Essex, Massachusetts, USA. Alonzo is working as an overseer in a cotton mill. There are 7 children in the household. Four are from

Alonzo's first marriage (ages 12 to 19 years: Viola E., Lester A., Bernice, Florence W.) and three are children of Rebecca and Alonzo (ages 6 mo. To 4 years: Perley D., Helen, John F.). Rebecca is aged 35. She has been married 6 years and is mother to 3 living children from 3 births (all children survived). Address: Forest Street.

1920 Census^{42e}: 4 Feb 1920, Methuen, Essex, Massachusetts, USA. Rebecca is widowed and living on Forest Street. She has two step children, so named (Elizabeth and Lester), and her five children at home. She is not working.

1930 Census^{42f}: Rebecca is still living on Forest Street with only her youngest son, Richard at home. She has taken in an elderly man as a lodger (James Kelley, age 80) and is not working. Age is given as 55.

Issue with Alonzo Haskel Fall: Helen Isabelle (1905-), John Francis (1907-1998), Perley Daniel (1909-), William (1912-), Richard Rice (1915-1999).

More about **Catherine Rice (Francis, Francis, Francis)**:

Occupation^{32d}: 1928 nurse

1881 Census^{32a}: Reported twice. Westville, Pictou, Nova Scotia, Canada living with her father Francis, step-mother Lydia, her two sisters Agnes and Rebecca and her half sister Isabella. Also reported as living in Hopewell, Pictou, Nova Scotia, Canada living with her maternal grandparents Hugh Findlay and Rebecca McKay after the death of her mother.

1891 Census^{32b}: Hopewell, Pictou, Nova Scotia, Canada living with her maternal grandparents Hugh Findlay and Rebecca McKay after the death of her mother. She is likely the "Cassie" listed living with this family in the 1891 Census, age 15, although she is listed as a lodger with no last name.

1901 Census^{32c}: Cassie Finly. Hopewell, Pictou, Nova Scotia, Canada listed as the daughter of Hugh and Rebecca Finly and living with them.

Marriage^{32d}: 12 Sep 1928 Sydney Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, Canada to Charles Edward Mitchell (b. 21 Oct 1885 in Dominion, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, Canada; d. 19 Apr 1949 Lake Uist, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, Canada)

Died^{32e}: 16 Jan 1951, Sydney, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, Canada. Cause of death: cerebral haemorrhage. Address: 31 Argyle Street, Sydney. Informant John Rice, brother, Westville. Buried in Hardwood Hill Cemetery.

Issue: none known.

More about **Isabella Rice (Francis, Francis, Francis)**:

Marriage⁴³: 16 Apr 1898 to Hugh James MacDonald (b. 26 Jun 1874 Glengarry, Pictou, Nova Scotia, Canada; d. 10 Nov 1942 Westville, Pictou, Nova Scotia, Canada)

More about **Francis "Frank" Rice (Francis, Francis, Francis)**:

Occupation(s): 1901 miner, cook (military)

Military⁴⁴: South African War 1899-1902: 18 Apr 1902, Halifax, Nova Scotia, 4th Regiment Canadian Mounted Rifles; No. 390 Pte. Frank Rice; Conduct and character: Good; Age 20; Ht: 5'9"; Eyes: Blue; Hair: Dark brown; Complexion: Dark; World War I 1914-1918: 3 Jan 1916, 805 Comoront Street, Victoria, British Columbia, 103 Battalion Overseas Expeditionary Force Royal Canadian Engineers serving in France, occupation: cook; scar on his left hip and right cheek. Courts Marshall: 1919 offence 18(4), 40.

Accused of giving army rations (bread scraps) to a French woman. Found guilty and sentenced to 56 days in field prison.

Marriage: Between 1902-1916 first to Janet MacNeil; later to Cecile Lorraine Guenette. Issue from second marriage: Marlene (b. 31 Dec 1944, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada), Francis Alexander Rice (b. 23 Dec 1946, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada; d. 12 Oct 2001 British Columbia, Canada).

Generation No. 4

John Rennie “Jack” Rice 1883 – 1956 **Clara Bell MacRae 1890 – 1983**

John (Francis, Francis, Francis) was born on 20 May 1883 in Westville, Pictou, Nova Scotia, Canada⁴⁵. John was the youngest child of Francis Rice and Lydia Ann Ross and was known as “Jack”. He worked first as a miner, an engineer and later as the operator of the hoisting engine for the Intercolonial Coal Company. On 25 July 1910 he married **Clara Bell MacRae**⁴⁶. He enlisted in WWI and served as a Sapper in the 193rd Battalion of the Canadian Engineers. At age 32, when he enlisted, he was described as 5'9" tall, chest 36", weight 143 lbs, black hair and grey eyes with a dark complexion. John and Clara had 4 sons and 1 daughter (who died at birth). John died⁴⁷ at age 72 on 7 May 1956 in the Aberdeen Hospital, New Glasgow, Nova Scotia, Canada following a heart seizure. The funeral service was held at St. Paul United Church, with the Rev. A. G. McLeod officiating. John was buried on 10 May 1956 in Auburn Cemetery, Westville where his grave is marked with a military stone.

Clara Bell MacRae was born in Granton, Pictou, Nova Scotia on 8 October 1890⁴⁸ to **Duncan MacRae**, a miner, (b. 20 Aug 1854 Granton, Pictou, Nova Scotia, Canada⁴⁹, d. 22 Dec 1929 Westville, Pictou, Nova Scotia⁵⁰) and **Margaret “Maggie” Bell McLeod** (b. 11 Feb 1868 Middle River, Pictou, Nova Scotia⁵¹, d. 27 May 1901 Westville, Pictou, Nova Scotia⁵²) who married on 17 October 1889 at Middle River, Pictou, Nova Scotia⁵³. Duncan MacRae was the son of **John MacRae** (1810- 1862) who was born in Ross-shire, Scotland and emigrated to Nova Scotia sometime before 1839. In that year on the 6th of March he married **Mary Fraser** (1818-1883) of the Narrows, Pictou and they had at least 7 children, including Duncan (John Colin, 1839-1906; Christena, 1840-1883; Angus, 1843-1848; Daniel, 1845-1848; Roderick, 1848-1903; Finlay, 1850-1850). Mary Fraser was probably born in Nova Scotia to **Angus Fraser** (- bef 1831) and she had at least one brother, Angus (1807-1831). **Margaret Bell McLeod** was a daughter of **Donald D. McLeod** (1829-1895) and **Christena Cumming** (1837-1892), both of Pictou County, Nova Scotia. Donald and Christena were married on 15 March 1855 at Pictou, Pictou, Nova Scotia and had 16 children between 1856 and 1879! Donald D. McLeod was the son of **Alexander McLeod** (b. 1764 Tongue, Sutherlandshire, Scotland; d. 11 Apr 1840 Middle River, Pictou, Nova Scotia) and **Elizabeth Dunbar** (b. 1803 Lorne, Pictou, Nova Scotia; d. 23 Apr 1885 Pictou, Nova Scotia). Alexander emigrated to Nova Scotia before 1829 as his son Donald was born here. Alexander and Elizabeth had at least one other son, William (1839-1864). Christena Cumming was the daughter of **William Cumming**, born 1805 in Glen Urquhart, Inverness, Scotland and **Christian Fraser**, born 1806 at

McLellan's Mountain, Pictou, Nova Scotia. William and Christian were married on 12 Jan 1826 at McLellan's Mountain, therefore William must have emigrated before that time. They had at least 3 sons and 5 daughters and are buried at Riverside Cemetery in New Glasgow. This genealogy of **Clara Bell MacRae** includes some of the earliest residents of Pictou County, Nova Scotia. Clara Bell MacRae married John Rennie Rice at the age of 21. She survived her husband for 27 years and died at the age of 93 in Vancouver, British Columbia, in December 1983. She moved to Vancouver to be with her last surviving son, Frank, but he died shortly after she went out. She is buried with her husband John Rennie and son Arthur Richardson in Auburn Cemetery, Westville.



Clara Bell MacRae Rice and John Rennie Rice. Photo likely taken at their home on Drummond Street, Westville, Nova Scotia in the 1950s.

Known siblings of Clara Bell MacRae (children of Duncan MacRae and Margaret Bell McLeod)⁴⁹:

William Elmer, b. 18 Nov 1891 Westville, Pictou, Nova Scotia

George Daniel, b. 31 Mar 1895 Westville, Pictou, Nova Scotia
Maxwell D., b. 1896 Pictou, Nova Scotia
Christena May, b. 27 Mar 1898 Pictou, Nova Scotia
John R., b. 17 Jan 1901 Pictou, Nova Scotia

More about **John Rennie Rice (Francis, Francis, Francis)**:

Occupation(s): 1901 coal miner; 1911 engineer, coal miner; 1954 driver of hoisting engine at coal mine

Employer: Intercolonial Coal Company

Religion: 1891 Church of Scotland, 1901 Presbyterian, 1956 United Church

1911 Census⁵⁴: Water Street, Westville, Pictou, Nova Scotia living with his wife Clara

Addresses:

Date	Address	Source
1891	Westville, Pictou, Nova Scotia	1891 Census
12/13 Apr 1901	Westville, Pictou, Nova Scotia	1901 Census
1907	Main Street, Westville, Pictou, Nova Scotia	McAlpine's Directory
1911	Water Street, Westville, Pictou, Nova Scotia	1911 Census

More about **Clara Bell MacRae**:

Baptism: 13 Jan 1891 Pictou, Pictou, Nova Scotia, Canada

1891 Census⁵⁵: Abercrombie, Pictou, Nova Scotia living with parents aged 5 months

1901 Census⁴⁹: Westville, Pictou, Nova Scotia living with parents Duncan and Maggie and siblings William, George, Maxwell, Christena, and John.

4. John Rennie Rice (Francis, Francis, Francis). He married Clara Bell MacRae.

Children of John Rice and Clara MacRae

- vi. Female, b. 25 Jan 1911 Westville, Pictou, Nova Scotia, Canada; d. 25 Jan 1911 Westville, Pictou, Nova Scotia, Canada
- vii. Francis "Frank", b. abt 1912 Westville, Pictou, Nova Scotia, Canada
- viii. John Rennie, b. 27 Sep 1913 Westville, Pictou, Nova Scotia, Canada
- ix. William "Bill" MacRae, b. 7 Mar 1921 Westville, Pictou, Nova Scotia, Canada; d. 26 Jun 1970 Windsor, Essex, Ontario, Canada
- x. Arthur "Arlie" Richardson, b. 1 Nov 1922 Westville, Pictou, Nova Scotia, Canada; d. 12 Dec 1960 Westville, Pictou, Nova Scotia, Canada

Researcher: Ellen Lorraine (Rice) Kenchington (William, John, Francis, Francis). 8765 No. 7 Hwy, RR#1 Musquodoboit Harbour, Nova Scotia, Canada B0J 2L0 Submitted September 24, 2016.

¹ Original death certificate. Scottish GRO. Statutory Deaths 647/02 0002

^{1b} Original death certificate. Scottish GRO. OPR Burials & Deaths 644/01 0670 0178 Glasgow.

² 1841 Census: Parish: Hamilton; ED: 15; Page: 10; Line: 1310; Roll: CSSCT1841_112-0682; Year: 6 June 1841.

- ³ 1851 Census: Parish: Hamilton; ED: 2; Page: 11; Line: 9; Roll: 834; Year: 30/31 March 1851.
- ⁴ Original marriage certificate. Scottish GRO. O.P.R. Marriages 496/0060 0598 Dumbarton
- ⁵ 1861 Census: Parish: Hamilton; ED: 1; Page: 5; Line: 15; Roll: CSSCT1861_115; Year: 1861.
- ⁶ Original death certificate. Scottish GRO. Statutory Deaths 558/00 0059
- ⁷ 1871 Census: Parish: Govan; ED: 4; Page: 3; Line: 15; Roll: CSSCT1871_143; Year: 1871.
- ⁸ 1881 Census: Parish: Glasgow Kinning Park; ED: 43; Page: 5; Line: 1; Roll: cssct1881_252; Year: 1881.
- ⁹ Original marriage certificate. Scottish GRO. O.P.R. Marriages 646/010107 District of Govan Church, Lanark.
- ^{10a} 1861 Census: Parish: Old Monkland; ED: 21; Page: 1; Line: 18; Roll: CSSCT1861_118; Year: 1861.
- ^{10b} 1881 Census: Parish: Rothesay; ED: 23; Page: 7; Line: 13; Roll: cssct1881_160; Year: 1881.
- ^{10c} 1891 Census: Parish: Rothesay; ED: 12; Page: 14; Line: 13; Roll: CSSCT1891_175; Year: 1891.
- ¹¹ Original death certificate. Scottish GRO. Statutory Deaths 558/00 0013
- ^{12a} Glasgow Herald (Glasgow, Scotland), Tuesday, October 16, 1866; Issue 8355.
- ^{12b} Original death certificate. Scottish GRO. Statutory Deaths 647/00 0260
- ^{12c} Original birth certificate. Scottish GRO. Statutory Deaths 647/00 0068
- ^{12d} Original death certificate. Scottish GRO. Statutory Deaths 576/00 0056
- ^{12e} Original birth certificate. Scottish GRO. Statutory Deaths 647/00 0120
- ¹³ Original birth certificate. Scottish GRO. O.P.R. Births 496/0060 0352 Stirling
- ¹⁴ 1861 Census: Parish: Beith; ED: 1; Page: 8; Line: 12; Roll: CSSCT1861_79; Year: 1861.
- ¹⁵ 1906 Canada Census of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Alberta [database on-line, Ancestry.com].
- ¹⁶ Original marriage certificate. Nova Scotia Online Vital Statistics. Registration Year: 1869 - Book: 1831 - Page: 43 - Number: 47
- ¹⁷ 1881 Census of Canada [database on-line, familysearch.org] Hugh Rice
- ¹⁸ 1891 Canada Census of Canada [database on-line, Ancestry.com]. Hugh Rice
- ¹⁹ 1901 Canada Census of Canada [database on-line, Ancestry.com]. Hugh Rice
- ^{20a} 1911 Canada Census of Canada [database on-line, Ancestry.com]. Hugh Rice
- ^{20b} Original marriage certificate. Scottish GRO. Statutory Marriages 644/07 0214
- ^{20c} Original death certificate. Scottish GRO. Statutory Deaths 644/21 1144
- ²¹ Original birth certificate. Scottish GRO. O.P.R. Births 644/001 0350 0491 Glasgow
- ²² Original marriage certificate. Nova Scotia Online Vital Statistics. Registration Year: 1871 - Book: 1831 - Page: 71 - Number: 201
- ²³ Isabella may have died during or shortly after the birth of Lydia Ann. Lydia Ann does not appear in the census records and dates have been pieced together through a combination of census and vital statistic records.
- ²⁴ Original marriage certificate. Nova Scotia Online Vital Statistics. Registration Year: 1898 - Book: 1832 - Page: 161 - Number: 37
- ²⁵ Original death certificate. Nova Scotia Online Vital Statistics. Registration Year: 1921 - Book: 98 - Page: 818
- ²⁶ 1861 Census: Parish: Dalziel; ED: 4; Page: 17; Line: 9; Roll: CSSCT1861_95; Year: 1861.
- ²⁷ 1881 Census of Canada [database on-line, familysearch.org] Francis Rice
- ²⁸ 1891 Canada Census of Canada [database on-line, Ancestry.com]. Francis Rice
- ²⁹ 1901 Canada Census of Canada [database on-line, Ancestry.com]. Francis Rice
- ³⁰ 1907 McAlpine's Nova Scotia Directory 1907-08
- ³¹ Original marriage certificate. Nova Scotia Online Vital Statistics. Registration Year: 1846 - Book: 1800 - Page: 8839
- ^{32a} 1881 Census of Canada [database on-line, familysearch.org] Year: 1881; H Catherine Rice. Head: Francis Rice. Census Place: Westville, Pictou, Nova Scotia. Roll: C_13176, Page 44, Family No: 214. **also** Catheren Rice. Head: Hugh Findlay. Census Place: *Hopewell, Pictou, Nova Scotia*. Roll: C_13175, Page 10, Family No: 52.
- ^{32b} 1891 Census of Canada [database on-line, familysearch.org] Cassie. Head: Hugh Findlay Year: 1891; Census Place: *Hopewell, Pictou, Nova Scotia*. Roll: T-6319, Family No: 24.
- ^{32c} 1901 Census of Canada [database on-line, familysearch.org] Cassie Finly. Head: Hugh Finly Year: 1901; Census Place: *Hopewell, Pictou, Nova Scotia*. Page 7, Family No: 86.
- ^{33d} Original marriage certificate. Nova Scotia Online Vital Statistics. Registration Year: 1928 - Book: 53 - Page: 417.

- ^{33e} Original death certificate. Nova Scotia Online Vital Statistics. Registration Year: 1951 - Page: 1165
- ³³ 1891 Canada Census of Canada [database on-line, Ancestry.com]. Peter Ross Gairloch Pictou
- ³⁴ Original marriage certificate. Nova Scotia Online Vital Statistics. Registration Year: 1879 - Book: 1831 - Page: 185 - Number: 21
- ³⁵ Gravestone in St. Phillip's Cemetery, Westville, Pictou, Nova Scotia, Canada
- ³⁶ Original death certificate. Nova Scotia Online Vital Statistics. Registration Year: 1926 - Book: 100 - Page: 226
- ³⁷ Original marriage certificate. Nova Scotia Online Vital Statistics. Registration Year: 1890 - Book: 1832 - Page: 62 - Number: 124
- ³⁸ 1891 Canada Census of Canada [database on-line, Ancestry.com]. Agnes McCall
- ³⁹ Original marriage certificate. Nova Scotia Online Vital Statistics. Registration Year: 1897 - Book: 1832 - Page: 147 - Number: 26
- ⁴⁰ 1901 Canada Census of Canada [database on-line, Ancestry.com]. Augnes McCoull
- ⁴¹ 1911 Canada Census of Canada [database on-line, Ancestry.com]. Agnea McCoull
- ⁴² Original death certificate. Nova Scotia Online Vital Statistics. Registration Year: 1937 - Book: 168 - Page: 612
- ^{42b} 1900 United States Federal Census. [database on-line, Ancestry.com]. Year: 1900; Census Place: Winthrop, Suffolk, Massachusetts; Roll: T623_690; Page: 5B; Enumeration District: 1578.
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- ^{42d} 1910 United States Federal Census. [database on-line, Ancestry.com]. Year: 1910; Census Place: Methuen Precinct 1, Essex, Massachusetts; Roll: T624_586; Page: 35B; Enumeration District: 0421; Image: 369; FHL Number: 1374599.
- ^{42e} 1920 United States Federal Census. [database on-line, Ancestry.com]. Year: 1920; Census Place: Methuen, Essex, Massachusetts; Roll: T625_689; Page: 10B; Enumeration District: 214; Image: 943.
- ^{42f} 1930 United States Federal Census. [database on-line, Ancestry.com]. Year: 1930; Census Place: Methuen, Essex, Massachusetts; Roll: 901; Page: 17A; Enumeration District: 199; Image: 655.0.
- ⁴³ Original marriage certificate. Nova Scotia Online Vital Statistics. Registration Year: 1898 - Book: 1832 - Page: 161 - Number: 33
- ⁴⁴ Canadian Soldiers of World War I, 1914-1918 [database on-line, Ancestry.com]. Francis Rice
- ⁴⁵ Original birth certificate. Nova Scotia Online Vital Statistics. Registration Year: 1883 - Book: 1883 - Page: 99000438
- ⁴⁶ Original marriage certificate. Nova Scotia Online Vital Statistics. Registration Year: 1910 - Book: 1833 - Page: 53 - Number: 106
- ⁴⁷ Original death certificate. Nova Scotia Online Vital Statistics. Registration Year: 1956 - Book: 1956 - Page: 2860
- ⁴⁸ Original birth certificate. Nova Scotia Online Vital Statistics. Registration Year: 1890 - Book: 1890 - Page: 99100041
- ⁴⁹ 1901 Canada Census of Canada [database on-line, Ancestry.com]. Duncan McRae
- ⁵⁰ Original death certificate. Nova Scotia Online Vital Statistics. Registration Year: 1929 - Book: 128 - Page: 1489
- ⁵¹ 1881 Census of Pictou County, Nova Scotia [database on-line, rootsweb.ancestry.com] Margaret McLeod
- ⁵² Gravestone, Auburn Cemetery, Westville, Nova Scotia
- ⁵³ Original marriage certificate. Nova Scotia Online Vital Statistics. Registration Year: 1889 - Book: 1832 - Page: 49 - Number: 152
- ⁵⁴ 1911 Canada Census of Canada [database on-line, Ancestry.com]. John Rice
- ⁵⁵ 1891 Canada Census of Canada [database on-line, Ancestry.com]. Duncan McRae