

John LESSELS and Margaret WATT
Chart 256-257

John LESSELS / LESSLES / LESLES

B March 1704 baptised 02 April 1704 Abbotshall Fife Scotland

D Abbotshall Fife Scotland

M 18 October 1732 Abbotshall Fife Scotland

Margaret WATT / WAT / WALT

B baptised 15 July 1710 Abbotshall Fife Scotland

D Abbotshall Fife Scotland

Children:

1. **John LESSELS** born baptised 30 September 1733 Abbotshall Fife Scotland
2. Helen LESSELS born baptised 14 August 1735 Abbotshall Fife Scotland
3. Robert LESSELS born baptised 24 July 1737 Abbotshall Fife Scotland
4. Peter LESSELS born baptised 03 June 1739 Abbotshall Fife Scotland
5. Alexander LESSELS born baptised 03 June 1739 Abbotshall Fife Scotland
6. Henry LESSELS born baptised 08 March 1741 Abbotshall Fife Scotland

John LESSELS (LESLES) was born March 1704 and baptised 02 April 1704 Balwearie Fife Scotland

(Reference FHC LDS microfilm Fife Scotland OPR baptism records)

Margaret WATT was born and baptised 15 July 1710 Abbotshall Fife Scotland her parents were Robert WATT and Helen HEGGIE.

(Reference FHC LDS microfilm Abbotshall Fife Scotland OPR baptism records)

John LESSELS and Margaret WATT married 18 October 1732 and 23 July 1733 (2 dates recorded) Abbotshall Fife Scotland Abbotshall Fife Scotland.

(Reference FHC LDS microfilm Fife Scotland OPR marriage banns records)

John LESSLES/LESLES/LESSELS and Margaret WATT/WAT/WALT had a son John LESSLES born and baptised 30 September 1733 Abbotshall Fife Scotland.

(Reference FHC LDS Index film 6900188 Abbotshall Fife OPR Scotland)

1733 September 30 John lawful son to John LESSLES and Margaret WAT was baptised before the Congregation

(Reference FHC LDS Index film 6900188 Abbotshall Fife OPR Scotland and Kirkcaldy Library Fife Scotland transcription)

Helen LESSELS a daughter was born to John and Margaret and baptised 14 August 1735 Abbotshall Fife Scotland (**Priestlaw**).

(Reference FHC LDS Index film 6900188 Abbotshall Fife OPR Scotland)

1735 Helen lawful daughter to John LESLES and Margaret WATT was born August 1735 and baptised the 14th of the said month before the congregation.

(Reference FHC Index film 6900188 Abbotshall Fife OPR Scotland and Kirkcaldy Library Fife Scotland Transcription)

Robert LESSELS a son was born to John and Margaret and baptised 24 July 1737 Abbotshall Fife Scotland (**Priestlaw**).

(Reference FHC LDS Index film 6900188 Abbotshall Fife OPR Scotland)

1737 Robert lawful son to John LESLES and Margaret WATT in **Priest lies** was baptised July 24th before the Congregation.

(Reference FHC Index film 6900188 Abbotshall Fife OPR Scotland and Kirkcaldy Library Fife Scotland Transcription)

Peter LESSELS was baptised 03 June 1739 Abbotshall Fife Scotland.

(Reference FHC LDS microfilm Fife Scotland OPR baptism records)

Alexander LESSELS a son was born to John and Margaret and baptised 03 June 1739
Abbotshall Fife Scotland
(Reference FHC LDS Index film 6900188 Abbotshall Fife OPR Scotland)

1739 Alexander lawful son to John LESLES and Margaret WATT was baptised June 3
before the Congregation.
(Reference FHC Index film 6900188 Abbotshall Fife OPR Scotland and Kirkcaldy Library Fife Scotland Transcription)

Henry LESSELS a son was born to John and Margaret and baptised 08 March 1741
Abbotshall Fife Scotland.
(Reference FHC Index film 6900188 Abbotshall Fife OPR Scotland and Kirkcaldy Library Fife Scotland Transcription)

I have a copy of "A survey plan of Raith, Ballbarton, Ballwiery and Garden as presently
set out & possess by Tennants the property of Robert FERGUSSON surveyed June
1757. Marked towards the bottom right hand side of the plan next to Ballwiery Miln is the
land named Priestlaw [where the priest lies]. This was where John LESSELS and his
family dwelled.
(Reference National Archives of Scotland plan RHP 1710/1 of Raith, Ballbarton, Ballwiery & Garden)

The Tenth book beginning the Eight December 1752-1752
Sasines John LESSLY and Spouse = 125
No LESSELS recorded but this could belong to JOHN LESSELS who died around 08
December 1752
(Reference FHC microfilm 298516 Index of sasines Kirkcaldy 1595-1763 (spr 678 Sasines))

Abbotshall churchyard Kirkcaldy Fife Scotland (west side)

1810 J L ♥ M C; (on top) J L ♥ C G

[John Lessels ♥ Mary Cairnie - John Lessels ♥ Christian Gray]

(Reference National Library Wellington Monumental Inscriptions Index for Abbotshall Churchyard Kirkcaldy Fife
Scotland line 171)

Abbotshall churchyard Kirkcaldy Fife Scotland (east side)

John LESSELS Pristlies 13.4.1804 aged 72.
Wife Christian GRAY 12-12-1826 aged 90:
I L ♥ M W

[not IL but John Lessels ♥ Margaret Watt]

(Reference National Library Wellington Monumental Inscriptions Index for Abbotshall Churchyard Kirkcaldy Fife
Scotland line 171 & photograph taken by the late John WRIGHT of Somerset United Kingdom and saved on website
refer top left corner in document "LSAncientLesselsStory&PhotosbyJohnWright")

John & Margaret LESSELS their children and descendants

- 1- John LESSELS** born 1733 baptised 30 September 1733 Abbotshall Fife Scotland died
15 April 1804 Abbotshall Fife Scotland 1st married **Isabel ARNOT** born Fife Scotland
died Fife Scotland 2nd married 10 August 1760 Auchterderran Fife Scotland **Christian
GRAY** born Fife Scotland died Fife Scotland (**refer chart 128-129**)
- 2- Helen LESSELS** born 17 August and baptised 24 August 1735 Abbotshall Fife
Scotland died Scotland married 07 July 1760 Abbotshall Fife Scotland Andrew
WILSON born Scotland died Scotland
#Helen LESSELS a daughter was born to John and Margaret and baptised 24 August
1735 Abbotshall Fife Scotland (**Priestlaw**) reference FHC LDS Index film 6900188
Abbotshall Fife OPR Scotland
#1735 Helen lawful daughter to John LESLES and Margaret WATT was born 17
August and baptised the 24th of the said month before the congregation reference
FHC Index film 6900188 Abbotshall Fife OPR Scotland and Kirkcaldy Library Fife
Scotland Transcription

#Andrew WILSON and Helen LESSES both in this parish were contracted 20 June & married 7th July 1760 (Abbotshall) reference: FHC microfilm 1040142 Abbotshall Fife Scotland Old Parish Registers 1650-1860

- 3- Robert LESSELS** born and baptised 24 July 1737 Abbotshall Fife Scotland
 #Robert LESSELS a son was born to John and Margaret and baptised 24 July 1737 Abbotshall Fife Scotland (**Prieslaw**) reference FHC LDS Index film 6900188 Abbotshall Fife OPR Scotland
 #1737 Robert lawful son to John LESLES and Margaret WATT in Preist lies was baptised July 24th before the Congregation reference FHC Index film 6900188 Abbotshall Fife OPR Scotland and Kirkcaldy Library Fife Scotland Transcription
- 4- Peter LESSELS** born and baptised 03 January 1739 Abbotshall Fife Scotland
 #Peter LESSELS was baptised 03 June 1739 Abbotshall Fife Scotland reference FHC LDS microfilm Fife Scotland OPR baptism records
- 5- Alexander LESSELS** born and baptised 03 January 1739 Abbotshall Fife Scotland died and buried 30 December 1776 Abbotshall Fife Scotland
 #Alexander LESSELS a son was born to John and Margaret and baptised 03 June 1739 Abbotshall Fife Scotland reference FHC LDS Index film 6900188 Abbotshall Fife OPR Scotland
 #1739 Alexander lawful son to John LESLES and Margaret WATT was baptised June 3 before the Congregation reference FHC Index film 6900188 Abbotshall Fife OPR Scotland and Kirkcaldy Library Fife Scotland Transcription
 #Alexander LESSELS was buried 30 December 1776 Abbotshall Fife Scotland - This could be a different Alexander as I have an Alexander who married Janet Hunter reference FHC LDS Fife Scotland OPR marriage & burial records
- 6- Henry LESSELS** born and baptised 08 March 1741 Abbotshall Fife Scotland
 #Henry LESSELS a son was born to John and Margaret and baptised 08 March 1741 Abbotshall Fife Scotland reference FHC Index film 6900188 Abbotshall Fife OPR Scotland and Kirkcaldy Library Fife Scotland Transcription

LESSELS miscellaneous information

The Tenth book beginning the eight December 1752-1752
 Sasines John LESSLY and Spouse = 125
 #No LESSELS recorded
 (Reference FHC microfilm 298516 Index of sasines Kirkcaldy 1595-1763 (spr 678 Sasines))

FHC Microfiche	Place and years indexed	Index to Films for
6900188	Abbotshall Fife Scotland 1692-1750	Birth & Christenings
6900684	Abbotshall Fife Scotland 1650-1855	Marriages
6900784	Kirkcaldy Fife Scotland 1614-1854	Birth & Christenings
6901904	Kirkcaldy Fife Scotland 1615-1867	Marriages
6900568	Kinghorn Fife Scotland 1577-1855	Birth & Christenings
6900569	Kinghorn Fife Scotland 1689-1854	Marriages
The hold the above microfiche and am still copying and transcribing information regarding the surname LESSELS		

LESSELS researchers genealogies

Name	Address	Tree link
Living POWER	Canada	John
1- Andrew LESSELS married Elizabeth MOORHEAD 14 November 1676 Abbotshall Fife Scotland		
1-1- John LESSELS born 1688 Abbotshall Fife Scotland married Geils HENDERSON born 1688 Kinglassie Fife Scotland		
1-1-1- John LESSELS born 1704 Fife Scotland married Margaret WATT born 1714 Fife		

Scotland

1-1-1-1- John LESELS born 1733 Abbotshall Fife Scotland married Christian GRAY born 1736 Dysart Fife Scotland

1-1-1-1-1- John LESSELS born 1761 Abbotshall Fife Scotland married Mary CAIRNIE born 1758 Marckinch Fife Scotland

1-1-1-1-1-1- John LESSELS born 1784 Abbotshall Fife Scotland married Elizabeth HUBBACK born Monkwearmouth Co Durham England

Comment - Error as John LESSELS married Elizabeth Hamilton MURRAY not Hubback

1-1-1-1-1-1-1- Robert MACKEY born 1810 South Shields Co Durham England married Mary LASCELLS born 1812 Sunderland Co Durham England

1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1- Robert B MACKEY born 1844 South Shields Co Durham England married Catherine O'DONOHUE born 1848 Co Kerry Ireland

1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1- Robert A MACKEY born 1878 Valentia Co Kerry Ireland married Teresa GATT born 1877 Malta

1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1- Robert A MACKEY born 1906 Yap married Blanche O'SHEA born 1913 New York USA

1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1 Living POWER Canada

1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1- Living POWER Canada