

John Templeton (1789-1863)

For family, John has become a brick wall in our family tree as while we have records for Ayrshire we have no Irish records of the family. Recently an army record has come to light for a John Templeton born Loughgilly Ireland with his occupation on enlisting as a weaver. Being in the 11th Regiment of foot might well explain why there is a huge gap between his eldest son Samuel born 1818 Ireland and the next born William in 1826 Ireland. He was probably of the Presbyterian faith which most of his children followed rather than Catholic.

John died June 17 1863 at his home, a boarding lodge in Back Vennel St, Maybole in the County of Ayr with his wife Agnes McCandlish present.

182	John Templeton	1863	M. 74	Samuel Templeton	Pulmonary	Agnes Templeton	1864
	Married to	June	Years	James	Consumption	her X Mas R	August 5th
	Agnes McCandlish	Seventeenth			Two Years	Widow	at Maybole
		afternoon				present	
		Back Vennel		Sarah Templeton	as certified by	M. Porteous	
		Maybole		M. S. Henry	Mr. Gervan	Registrar	M. Porteous
					Single Maybole	Witness	Registrar

His parents were Samuel Templeton, a farmer and Sarah Henry. He was born in Armagh, Ireland as certified by Census forms of 1851 and 1861 of Maybole. There appears to be strong links between Maybole and Ireland however no records have been found to confirm whether Samuel had joined the Ulster plantation while also have origins in Ayrshire.

While no marriage certificate has been found, by 1818 Samuel his first born in Ireland, arrived to Mother Agnes McCandlish (1796 Ulster, Ireland – 1873 Maybole) and John Templeton. William was also born in Ireland in 1826.

They went on to have five further children mostly in Ayrshire. My direct ancestor, John in born possibly 1828 in Kirkoswald, Elizabeth the following year, Henry in 1831 in Maybole, James in 1832 who only survived a couple of hours and Sarah in 1838 who is present in the 1851 census below and was the only child to remain in Maybole as a sweet shop keeper Sarah Wallace and born Ireland.

<p>1851</p> <p>Name: John Templeton</p> <p>Age: 58</p> <p>Estimated birth year: abt 1793</p> <p>Relationship: Head</p> <p>Spouse: Agnes Templeton</p> <p>Gender: Male</p> <p>Where born: Ireland</p> <p>Parish Number: 605</p> <p>Civil Parish: Maybole</p> <p>Phillimore Ecclesiastical Parish Maps:</p> <p>View related Ecclesiastical Parish</p> <p>Town: Maybole</p> <p>County: Ayrshire</p> <p>Address: Back Vennel W</p> <p>Occupation: Keeper Of Lodging House</p> <p>ED: 15</p> <p>Page: 27</p> <p>Household schedule number: 100</p> <p>Line: 17</p>	<p>1861</p> <p>Name: John Templeton</p> <p>Age: 70</p> <p>Estimated birth year: abt 1791</p> <p>Relationship: Head</p> <p>Spouse's name: Agnes Templeton</p> <p>Gender: Male</p> <p>Where born: Ireland</p> <p>Registration Number: 605</p> <p>Registration district: Maybole</p> <p>Civil Parish: Maybole</p> <p>Town: Maybole</p> <p>County: Ayrshire</p> <p>Address: Back Vennal</p> <p>Occupation: Lodging House Keeper</p> <p>ED: 2</p> <p>Household schedule number: 29</p> <p>Line: 15</p> <p>Roll: CSSCT1861_88</p> <p>Household Members:</p>
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Roll: CSSCT1851_136		Name	Age
Household Members:		John Templeton	70
Name	Age	Agnes Templeton	68
John Templeton	58	Niel Conway	28
Agnes Templeton	55	James Collaghan	53
Sarah Templeton	12	William Irvine	40
John Burns	16	Elizabeth Hamilton	25
James Mcghee	21	Jessie M Hamilton	5
Mary Ann Carson	30	George Hamilton	2
Sarah Carson	7	James Hamilton	3 Mo
Jane Kennedy	26		
William Mctier	40		
Mary Mctier	35		
John Frew	60		
Charles Frew	16		
Hugh Rodger	62		
Maren Coupler	1 Mo		

Agnes McCandlish Wife of John Templeton (1796- 1873)

Parents: Samuel McCandlish, labourer and Elizabeth McPhee or possibly McKee?



	Agnes Mccandlish	1871	F	77	Samuel Mccandlish	Samuel Mccandlish	William Wallace	1873
	Templeton	April		19	labourer - died	(Luffield)	son-in-law	April 1 st
88	Agnes Mccandlish	10 th 30 th a.m.			Elizabeth Mccandlish	Is. Mccandlish	present	as Maybole
	John Templeton				U.S. Mccandlish	attendant	Back Vennal	born Naton
	labourer	Back Vennal						Maybole
		Maybole						

Looking for an 1871 census for Agnes I found the following. I found it unlikely as her Daughter Sarah married to William Wallace was also living in Maybole at the time unless they had agreed to her going into care.

1871 Name: Agnes Mccandlish Age: 74 Estimated birth year: abt 1797 Relationship: Head Gender: Female Where born: Ireland Registration Number: 582 Registration district: Colmonell Civil Parish: Colmonell County: Ayrshire Address: Main Str Occupation: Agr Labr Pauper ED: 4 Household schedule number: 71 Line: 2 Roll: CSSCT1871_107 Household Members: Name Age Agnes Mccandlish 74	Name Sarah Wallace Age 31 Estimated Birth Year 1840 Relationship Wife Spouse's Name William Wallace Gender Female Where born Ireland Registration Number 605 Registration district Maybole Civil parish Maybole Town Maybole County Ayrshire Address Back Vennal ED 2 Household schedule number 45 Line 17 Roll CSSCT1871_113 Household Members
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Family:

Samuel 1818 – 1859 born Ireland died Maybole

William 1826- 1888 born Ireland died NZ

John 1828-1906 born Kirkoswald died NZ

Elizabeth 1829-1899 born Maybole died NZ

Henry 1831 Maybole 1914 died Colorado Springs

James 1832-1832 born died Maybole

Sarah 1838- 1922 Born Ireland died Maybole

Samuel



When Samuel Templeton was born in 1818 in Ireland, Scotland, his father, John, was 29 and his mother, Agnes, was 22. His early records show he was a ploughman and he married tall, beautiful, golden haired, Janet Gemmell on June 18, 1847, in Coylton, Ayrshire, Scotland. In later years he became a policeman. They had four surviving children in 10 years. Agnes being born in 1855 later bought up by Elizabeth Cuthbert, Samuel's sister. He died on September 4, 1859, in Maybole, Ayrshire, Scotland, at the age of 41 of Pulmonary Consumption and was buried in the Maybole cemetery.

Janet married John Sloan and John bought Samuel's children Big John at 17 years and Henry at 11 yrs out to NZ in 1864 to join their Uncle John Templeton of Seaview in Invercargill. James Gemmell Templeton with his wife and daughter Susan arriving in 1875. John Sloan died before he could return to NZ and Janet Gemmell Sloan emigrated in 1876 with her two daughters Margaret and Joan Sloan and son Robert to join her older sons in NZ.

Samuel's third son, Henry, born in 1853, on a return trip from NZ to Maybole erected a monument to the family in the cemetery there.

These children became rural Southland pioneers in farming and small businesses with John building the butchers, bakers, livery stables and hall in Wyndham.



William

In 1851, at the age of 27, William Templeton born abt 1824 in Ireland was married to Jane McCulloch Templeton and living in the Civil parish of Maybole, County Ayrshire in Weavers Vennel, Town of Maybole and working as an Ag Lab (draining).

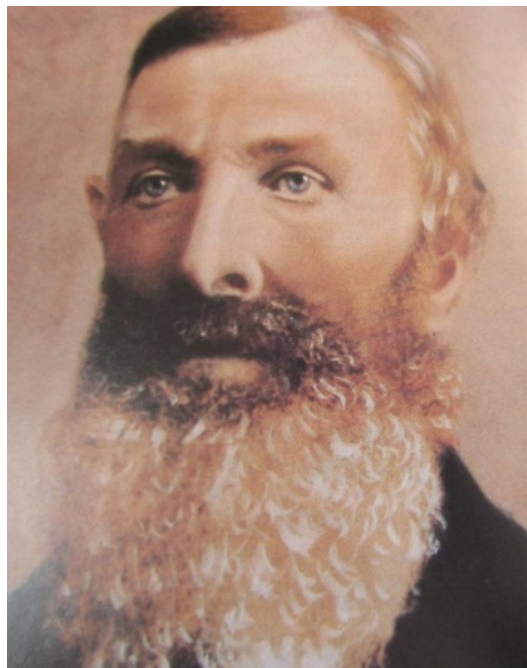
By 1871, William Templeton and Jane McCulloch had children, John 21, Elizabeth 16, Jane (missing on census night), James 10, Margaret 6 and William 2 years old. He was a core merchant living at 43 Crookston Street, Tradeston, Glasgow, Govan in the County of Lanarkshire. They arrived in NZ in Oct 1879 after the crash of the City of Glasgow Bank, to widowed John of Seaview, Waimatuku, near Thornbury Southland, to a house flooded with water after a chimney fire.

Daughter Elizabeth was married to James McLauchlan of Thornhill in Dumfries, Scotland. John worked for a time in Big John's Wyndham store and then as secretary played a major role in developing businesses in the co-operative dairy movement at Wyndham and surrounding districts. William took up land at Isla Bank along the Thornbury or Limestone Plains and died in 1886.



Early Otautau with William's son David's business.

John Templeton



John Templeton and his wife Mary Campbell Muir were the first of the family to immigrate to New Zealand in 1862 with a family of six. John Enlisted as an apprentice constable on the 8th of February 1854 with the Glasgow police. Records show 'Division 80 John Templeton, age 26, born Maybole, occupation labourer, height 5 foot 5. It records he was married, living at 32 Tobago St, Glasgow. On 20 December 1858, at the age of 29, he was promoted to constable 3rd class, with his address listed as 631 Gallowgate, Glasgow with his wife and four children. 9 June 1862 John Templeton resigned from the Police constabulary and sailed for NZ on the 10th. The seventh arriving in NZ and his wife dying in 1865 in Invercargill.

John set himself up with a dray and 3 horses and in the transport business he travelled to Bluff, Wyndham, Gore, Riverton and the lakes district in his business of John Templeton and Sons. Andrew worked for the first ten years or so with the family transport business. He worked on John Morrison's Dipton Estate and often travelled further afield following grain harvests. At the end of 1879 he was caught in a blizzard on the Lindis pass Mackenzie Country which brought on Rheumatic fever at the age of 27 which left him walking with sticks. Younger brother Jake helped him on the Riverside property and Brother William had a flaxmill there. Later Andrew farmed with brother Jake at Clifden, Tuatapere.

John settled in the Waimatuku district on a property he loved named Seaview. In 1897 he went to live with William at Weir Rd then finally moved into his daughter Mary's care at Menzies Ferry on the Maitara Plains. He died on 9 November 1906 in Southland having lived a long life of 82 years. Son William, developed a Flax milling business that it is still open in Riverton today as a working heritage museum.



John was the base that others of the family arriving in NZ used to find their feet.



"The Beach" Homestead of William and Jessie Templeton's residence Otaitai Bush, taken in approximately 1921 when the original structure was enlarged.
L to R - Peggy Strang (nee Templeton) Jessie Templeton holding Clem Strang Jr.
Jessie Helm (nee Templeton)

Henry – First to immigrate and early Colorado pioneer.



Henry, MARY Templeton
and baby JAMES Henry



At the age of 21 John and Agnes' son, Henry, born 1831, immigrated to New York, America. He married and had begun a family by the time the civil war broke out and heeding an enlistment Doctor's advice to "look after his family" trekked to Colorado as an early pioneer to the region. In 1862 he drove an ox team to Colorado in the company of Mr. and Mrs. William Baird and family. He located in Colorado City and has lived there ever since with the exception of the last few years when he made his home with his daughters Mrs. J.S. Arthur and Mrs. C.L. Smith. His wife, *Mary Coffey*, died Nov 12 1891.

Mr. Templeton erected the second flour mill in Colorado bringing the machinery with him from the East with his ox team. In the early days he freighted with his ox team between Leadville and Colorado Springs. Mr. Templeton was actively engaged in the stock business in Colorado City for years and also did much trading in real estate. He became associated with the Methodist church when he first came here and was one of its most efficient workers. It was largely through his efforts that the first Methodist Church was built.



Built in 1891, this building's first floor originally housed the dry goods firm of Woodland and Acheson. The second floor had furnished lodgings and the third floor had meeting rooms for several lodges. Henry Templeton was able to build this commercial building and his fine home on the southwest corner of Pikes Peak and 25th, after the Colorado Midland Railway bought some of the lots he had acquired in Colorado City for its shops. Templeton to Colorado City in 1862, and in 1865, he built the City's second flour mill, called Hawkeye Mills. He was a very active member of the Methodist Church and gave of his substance for building churches and supporting ministers beyond his reasonable means. He also conducted class and prayer meetings when there was no minister to take charge.

Elizabeth



Elizabeth and her husband Robert Cuthbert, a sergeant in the Glasgow police also followed in 1878. Having no children of their own they brought up Agnes (Samuel's daughter) who was age 15 when she arrived in NZ. Her brother Henry was best man at her wedding in 1849 in Maybole and an invitation to Henry for her golden wedding held at the Colorado museum.

Sarah



Sarah was the youngest daughter of the family. She married William Wallace and remained in Maybole and ran a sweet shop there. Her son James immigrated to NZ living in Dunedin. There is reason to believe he married and we are unsure about offspring.

Possible Service in the Army

Name John Templeton Enlistment Age21 Discharge Age43 Birth Date1789 Birth Place Armagh, Armagh

Enlistment Year1810 Discharge Year 1832 Regiment Eleventh Regt Of Foot Regimental Number66 Household Members

Name: Jno Templeton

Pension Admission or Examination Age: 43

Birth Year: abt 1789

Birth Place: Leaghretty, Armagh

Pension Admission or Examination Date: 10 Oct 1832
Regiment: 11th Foot Sir A T Monta??

John Templeton appeared and the Board having personally examined and compared the Regimental records and the Records Book and other documents report to the following effect.

Born in the parish of Loughgilly, in or near the town of Armagh, in the county of Armagh, by trade a weaver.

Attested for the 11 Regiment of Foot at Dublin, in the county of Dublin on the 11 Sept 1810 at the age of 21. Which he is entitled to reckon after making every deduction by his Majesty's regulations, up to the 25th June 1832 is 21 years and 289 days, the details of which are extracted from the Regimental documents are stated on the following page.

Served: 6 Years in Gibraltar, 2 years in Spain, Portugal and France, the remainder of the service at home, wounded in the right leg at the Battle of the Pyrennees, (25th Jul – 2 Aug 1813) was present at the battle of Pyrennees Pampeluna (Pamplona- fortress city liberated from the French in 1813) and Tonbrusa.

Description: 43 yrs of age, 5 Ft 6 in, Eyes Grey Hair Fair Complexion ?

Disability or cause of discharge: *Asthma and arthritis*

According to the surgeons report, this is a case of disease and disability, in and by service, without being attributed to neglect, design, vice or intemperance, and the Board concur with the opinion of the surgeon.

Conduct and Character:

The officers composing this board, having examined the defaulter's book, and received parole testimony of Lieut L Gardiner are of the opinion that his conduct has been that of a good trustworthy, sober and efficient soldier.

Pay and Clothing:

John Templeton, asked up to what period he had been paid, answered that his account was balanced up to the 25th of the present month, further asked whether he had any further claim on the regiment for arrears of pay, or Allowance of clothing he answered that he had no unsatisfied claim whatever.

The Board have verified that his accounts book is correctly balanced and signed by the officer commanding his company and they further declare that they have impartially inquired into and faithfully reported their opinion on the matter brought before them in accordance with the regulations and instructions issued by his Majesty's orders.

Signed

Mr Richmond Captain of the Regiment and President

Sgt Major Pinckney

James Gould – Lieut of Regiment

John Templeton has indicated his intention of living in Cork County North.

In 1808 a number of soldiers from the English and Irish regiments were permitted to join the 11th regiment. And a second Battalion was formed. In 1809 the French had seized on Portugal, John joining in 1810 as part of the second Battalion would have headed overseas to be stationed at Gibraltar- a key military base during the Napoleonic wars. By 1813 the second Battalion ventured into Spain. John's records show he was present at the Battle of the Pyrennees, (25th Jul – 2 Aug 1813) was present at the battle of Pyrennees Pampeluna (Pamplona- fortress city liberated from the French in 1813) and Tonbrusa.

The British general blockaded the fortress of Pampeluna, besieged St. Sebastian, and took up a position with the covering army in the Pyrenees; the ELEVENTH Regiment were posted at the town of San Estevan, situate behind the chain of mountains occupied by the seventh and light divisions. Marshal Soult, having re-organized the French army, advanced to drive the British out of the mountains and to relieve Pampeluna: he attacked the van of the covering army on the 25th of July, and the British fell back to a position in front of Pampeluna. The ELEVENTH were withdrawn from St. Estevan at daylight on the morning of the 27th of July, and they arrived at Olaque, in the valley of Lanz, about one o'clock ; at four they resumed their march for Lizasso, where they were detained by a heavy storm of wind and rain.