

Alexander Mutch (A24) Family

Alexander was born 11 December 1811 and christened on 30 December 1811 at Cruden. His parents were William Mutch and Christian Byres

(The IGI records both his birth and christening).

His wife, Christian Mathew was the daughter of Adam Mathew and Christian Burr – she was christened at Fyvie on 13 February 1825 and died at Kintore on 8 April 1892. They married at Fyvie on 2 December 1847.

At the 1851 census, the family was recorded at Fetterletter, Fyvie. Alexander was recorded as aged 39, an ag. lab and born at Cruden. The only child recorded with them was their daughter Christian, aged 1.

At the 1861 census, they were listed at Cottown, Fetterletter, Fyvie. On this occasion, Alexander was recorded as aged 49, merchant's porter, born Cruden. With Alexander and Christian were 6 of their children; Ann (13), Alexander (9), William (7), James (4), Margaret (2) and Adam (2 months) – all born Fyvie

At the 1871 census, the family was recorded at Woodhead, Fyvie. Alexander was recorded -as 59, farm servant, born Cruden. With Alexander and Christian were 6 of their children: Ann (23) – unmarried and a domestic servant, James (14), Margaret T. (12), Adam (10), John (7) and Jean (2) – all born Fyvie.

Their children:

1. Ann Taylor Mutch. According to the IGI, she was christened 13 March 1848 at Fyvie (not 13 August). She married James Hutcheon at Port Elphinstone, Kintore on 29 May 1875. At the time she was a factory worker resident at Port Elphinstone. James was aged 25, a farm servant resident at Chapel of Garioch and the son of Alexander Hutcheon and Jane Hutcheon (ms Campbell). Witnesses were Alexander Mutch and George Duguid. James and Ann had 7 known children.
2. Christian Watson Mutch. She died at 36 Mount Street, Aberdeen on 21 July 1901. The informant was her husband George Catto. It is not known when they married or whether they had children.
3. Alexander Mutch, born 31 Oct 1851 at Fyvie, married 23 March 1878 at Inverurie to Ann Milne Birse (b. 4 September 1856 at Inverurie, died 11 June 1933 at Inverurie, d. of James Birse and Mary Ann Martin).

They had 8 known children:

William, b. abt. 1877 at Inverurie
James, b. abt. 1877 at Inverurie
Mary Ann, b. abt. 1879 at Kintore
Christian Watson, b. 3 April 1880 at Inverurie
Margaret, b. abt. 1882 at Inverurie
Alexander, b. abt. 1884 at Inverurie
Jessie, b. abt. 1886 at Inverurie
Adam, b. abt. 1889 at Inverurie

Information provided by Rob Burr to the Mutches Website (www.mutches.com) – November 2006

At the 1891 census, the family (excluding the two eldest boys), were recorded at 10 Blackhall Road, Inverurie. Alexander was recorded as a papermill worker

The only other information I have about this family is that the 4th child, Christian Watson, married John Daniel. When she died at Aberdeen on 30 Sep 1944, the informant was her son John A.M. Daniel.

4. William Mutch, b. 19 Oct 1853. I can't add further to the information you already have

The only other information I have is that at the 1891 census, Christian Mutch (ms Mathew) – by then a widow – was recorded at Muirland Cottage, Kintore, aged 66, born Fyvie. With her were 4 of her children, all recorded as unmarried and born at Fyvie. They were, James T Mutch., general labourer, aged 35, Margaret T Mutch, aged 32, finisher paper folder, John Mutch, aged 29, furnace stoker paper mill and Jane Mutch, aged 22, general serv, domestic. Also in the household were 3 of Christian's grandchildren, Samuel W. Mutch, 10, born Kintore, John S. Mutch, aged 3, born Kintore and Hector P. Mutch, 10 months, born Kintore. It is not know who the parents were of these grandchildren

I should also say that I can confirm that Adam Mutch's wife was indeed Gordon Ingram. The IGI records her birth, as a female, on 10 Feb. 1863 at Rayne. She was the d. of Alexander Ingram and Margaret Donald.