

# Matthew Semple - Margaret Johnston

**Matthew Semple**, born at Springfield of Carnduff Farm, East Kilbride, Lanarkshire on 10 October 1871, son of [John Semple and Agnes Dickie](#). National Records of Scotland, 1871 Births, 643/105

Matthew is at Craighead Farm, Blantyre, on the 1881 census<sup>1</sup> National Records of Scotland, 1881 Census, 624/4/58, possibly at West Carnduff, East Kilbride, on the 1891 census<sup>2</sup> National Records of Scotland, 1891 Census, 643/15/4 and at High Whitehills Farm, East Kilbride on the 1901 Census<sup>3</sup> National Records of Scotland, 1901 Census, 643/11/2.

**Margaret Johnston**, born at Roseholm Farm, Dreghorn, Ayrshire on 12 April 1874, daughter of [John Johnston and Helen Strang](#). National Records of Scotland, 1874 Births, 589/63

Margaret is at Roseholm Farm on the 1881 Census<sup>4</sup> National Records of Scotland, 1881 Census, 589/1/16 and at Nook Farm, East Kilbride, Lanarkshire on the 1891<sup>5</sup> National Records of Scotland, 1891 Census, 643/5/5 and 1901 Census<sup>6</sup> National Records of Scotland, 1901 Census, 643/5/4.

Matthew and Margaret were married at Chapelside Farm on 17 June 1903. National Records of Scotland, 1903 Marriages, 643/7

Officiated by Edward Erskine Anderson, Minister of the United Free Church.

Witnessed by James Semple and Mary Johnston.

Matthew and Margaret are at High Whitehills Farm on the 1911 Census. National Records of Scotland, 1911 Census, 643/11/1

## CHILDREN

**John Semple**, born at High Whitehills Farm, East Kilbride on 8 February 1905. National Records of Scotland, 1905 Births, 643/11

John is at High Whitehills Farm on the 1911 Census.<sup>7</sup>National Records of Scotland, 1911 Census, 643/11/1

John married Phyllis Mary Reading (b. 1 January 1909 in Hendon, Middlesex), daughter of Henry Ernest Reading and Sarah Lydia Batten, in Willesden, Middlesex in the Spring of 1933.

John and Phyllis are at 4 Clitheroe Avenue, Harrow, Middlesex on the 1939 England and Wales Register. John's occupation is Constructional Engineer.

Phyllis died in the Hillingdon Hospital, Middlesex on 24 February 1963, age 54. Her usual address is 19 Ladygate Lane, Ruislip, Middlesex.

John died in Hillingdon, Middlesex on 15 February 1987, age 82. His usual address was 37 Craneswater, Harlington, Middlesex.

**Matthew Semple**, born at High Whitehills Farm on 28 January 1906.National Records of Scotland, 1906 Births, 643/15

Matthew is at High Whitehills Farm on the 1911 Census<sup>8</sup>National Records of Scotland, 1911 Census, 643/11/1.

Matthew married Elizabeth Warnock (b. Avondale, Lanarkshire c.1908), daughter of Robert Warnock and Marion Leiper, at East Law Farm, Carluke, on the 27th of October 1936<sup>9</sup>National Records of Scotland, 1936 Marriages, 629/53.

Matthew died at Hawbank Farm, East Kilbride on 7 April 1948, age 42<sup>10</sup>National Records of Scotland, 1948 Deaths, 643/66.

Elizabeth married again, to George Neilson, son of Thomas Neilson and Mary Wilson(?), at Kirkland Park, Strathaven on 7 June 1954<sup>11</sup>National Records of Scotland, 1954 Marriages, 621/22.

**Helen Strang Semple**, born at High Whitehills Farm on 15 October 1907.National Records of Scotland, 1907 Births, 643/67

Helen is at High Whitehills Farm on the 1911 Census.<sup>12</sup>National Records of

Scotland, 1911 Census, 643/11/1

[Helen married Robert Struthers](#) of South Halls Farm, Avondale (born High Glenmuir Farm, Auchinleck, Ayrshire on 14 November 1899<sup>13</sup>National Records of Scotland, 1899 Births, 577/2/144), son of [Gavin Struthers and Isabella Morrison Craig](#).<sup>14</sup>National Records of Scotland, 1934 Marriages, 629/26

Helen died at Stonehouse Hospital, Lanarkshire on 3 November 1975, age 68. Her usual address is 91 Kirk Street, Strathaven.<sup>15</sup>National Records of Scotland, 1975 Deaths, 579/157

Robert died at Ballochmyle Hospital, Mauchline, Ayrshire on 26 October 1983, age 83. His usual address is Harelaw Farm, Fenwick, Ayrshire.<sup>16</sup>National Records of Scotland, 1983 Deaths, 666/753

**Agnes Dickie Semple**, born at High Whitehills Farm on 16 June 1910.National Records of Scotland, 1910 Births, 643/36

Agnes was more usually called Nancy.<sup>17</sup>Personal recollection

Agnes is at High Whitehills Farm on the 1911 Census.<sup>18</sup>National Records of Scotland, 1911 Census, 643/11/1

Agnes married Francis Lambie (b. Glassford, Lanarkshire c.1907<sup>19</sup>National Records of Scotland, 1907 Births, 645/6), son of Thomas Lambie and Elizabeth Leggate, at East Law Farm, Carluke on 2 June 1936.<sup>20</sup>National Records of Scotland, 1936 Marriages, 629/22

Francis died on 4 January 1977, age 70.<sup>21</sup>National Records of Scotland, 1977 Deaths, 579/4

Agnes died in Collisdene Nursing Home, Strathaven on 22 November 2003, age 93.<sup>22</sup>National Records of Scotland, 2003 Deaths, 579/95

**Margaret Johnston Semple**, born at East Law Farm on 21 October 1912.National Records of Scotland, 1912 Births, 629/225

Margaret was a School Teacher at the time of her marriage.<sup>23</sup> National Records of Scotland, 1945 Marriages, 621/34

Margaret married John Harvie of East Dykes Farm, Avondale (b. Avondale, Lanarkshire c.1915), son of James Harvey and Mary Struthers, at 91 Kirk Street, Strathaven on 27 July 1945.<sup>24</sup> National Records of Scotland, 1945 Marriages, 621/34

Margaret died at Avonpark Nursing Home, Strathaven on 8 April 1995, age 82. Her usual address is 4 Bankfoot Place, Strathaven<sup>25</sup> National Records of Scotland, 1995 Deaths, 579/32.

John died at Avonpark on 21 December 1998, age 83<sup>26</sup> National Records of Scotland, 1998 Deaths, 579/103.

## **DEATHS**

Margaret died at East Law Farm, Carluke, Lanarkshire on 20 March 1920, age 45. National Records of Scotland, 1920 Deaths, 629/25

Matthew married again, to Jeanie Kennedy (b. Crawfordston Farm, Kirkmichael, Ayrshire on 3 April 1879 National Records of Scotland, 1879 Births, 600/4), daughter of John Kennedy and Jeanie Harvey, at the Old Parish Church Manse, Carluke on 8 February 1921. National Records of Scotland, 1921 Marriages, 629/9

Matthew died at 91 Kirk Street, Strathaven on 24 January 1957, age 85. National Records of Scotland, 1957 Deaths, 621/4

Jeanie died at Benlairs, East Kilbride on 19 August 1966, age 87. National Records of Scotland, 1966 Deaths, 621/48

## **REFERENCES**