

Jane Mutch/ Walker/ Marshall/ Young (1863-1941) by Sharon Burke nee Aird

Jane was born on the 5 Nov 1863 at Little Ythsie, Tarves, Aberdeenshire, when Isabella was age 23. Her putative father was Alexander Walker (1842-1912). Jane names Alexander Walker as her father on her marriage register, and she assumed the Walker surname; however he was not named on her death records.

In 1871 Jane Walker, aged 6, boarder and scholar, with a farming family at Auchincrieve, Methlick, Aberdeenshire. They were James Hunter 71, farmer, Christina Hunter 37, daughter, Mary Ann Hunter 21, daughter, James Bruce 12, grandson and scholar, Eliza Garden 3, boarder and scholar, and William Better 2, boarder.

In 1881, Jane was an unmarried servant with James Hunter, farmer, his daughter Christian, and grandson James Yoeman, a general servant. It appears that she had remained with the Hunters as a servant, after boarding there as a child.

Jane had nine children - all before she married. She had eight children with George Marshall, a local farmer, who lived with his parents and siblings. She then married Alexander Young, the father of her last child, William, five years after the child's birth.

Between 1881 and 1899, Jane was having a relationship with George MARSHALL (1854-1928), with their first child born in 1882 and their last child in 1899. During this time, George appears to have been living with parents and siblings at Methlick - farmer's son and traction engine driver (from Census records). The eight children were:

- 1881 Elizabeth (Lizzie) Marshall Walker (10 Nov 1881-1849) - born Sessnie, Methlick, Aberdeenshire
- 1883 George Marshall (1883-1967) - born Sessnie, Methlick, Aberdeenshire. In 1901, George, aged 18, traction engine driver married Annabelle Ironside.
- 1885 Janet (Jane) Milne Marshall also known as Walker - (1885-1973) - born Sessnie, Methlick, Aberdeenshire
- 1889 James Hunter Marshall (1889-1968) - born Sessnie, Methlick, Aberdeenshire - (Hunter was the name of and family where Jane was boarding and then working)
- 1892 Christina Ann Henderson Marshall - born Methlick, Aberdeenshire
- 1895 Margaret Robertson Marshall - born Methlick, Aberdeenshire
- 1897 - Isabella Marshall 1897 - born Methlick, Aberdeenshire
- 1899 - Alexander Marshall - born 20 June 1899 Upper Kirktown of Bathol Chapel, Tarves

In 1891, Jane, a general servant, was visiting George Cheyne and his wife Ann (72 and 68, farmers) and their extended family of ten and a servant. This included John C Will a grandson and scholar, 13. George Marshall's mother's family was Cheyne; so these may have been other family members.

Jane was the head of the family in 1901, single, an agricultural labourer and washerwoman, living at Montlettie, Methlick, Aberdeenshire, with four of her eight children

- James Marshall 12, scholar
- Margaret Marshall 6, scholar
- Isabella Marshall 4

- Alexander Marshall

On 26th June 1902, Jane had her ninth child - William (Bill) Young - at Savoch, Aberdeenshire. Alexander Young, his father was living Greenheads Cottage, Ellon, Aberdeenshire in 1901.

William married Catherine MacDonald and they had two children

- Irene MacDonald (1927-2002)
- Eric William (1933 -)

The family migrated to Australia in 1951, and William died in Bathurst on 25 Feb 1965.

George Marshall (Senior) died on 14 Oct 1928. He was a traction engine driver. His parents, Thomas and Margaret, were both deceased by then and the informant was George Abel, his nephew.

On 12 Feb 1907 Jane, still working as a domestic servant, married Alexander Young (1879-1939), a marine stoker, at Aberdeen.

The marriage register stated that Jane's mother, Isabella Mutch, was deceased and her father, Alexander Walker, was a police detective officer. Alexander was living at 80 Leadsides Rd, Aberdeen and Jane Mutch Walker Young was living at 28 Northfield Place, Aberdeen. Her daughter, Janet Milne Marshall was also living there in 1909. She had a son, Alexander Walker, on 24 Feb 1909; and on the 18 June 1909, the Sheriff of Aberdeen, Kinkardineshire and Banff found that Alexander was the illegitimate son of the John Wattie, clerk and son of and residing with Alexander Wattie, flesher, of Constitution St Aberdeen.

In 1910 and 1912-3, Alexander was also living at 28 Northfield Place, Aberdeen (Aberdeen City and Former Counties of Aberdeenshire, Scotland, Electoral Registers 1832-1976 for Alexander Young on Ancestry), so it appears he moved in with Jane after their marriage. In 1912-3, he was listed there as a fireman.

By 1914, the family had moved to Rosemount Viaduct 77, Aberdeen. Also in 1925 and 1935-6. (Electoral Registers).

On 13 August, 1929, Jane's husband, Alexander Young died in Aberdeen.

Jane Young, widow of Alexander Robert Young, marine engineer, died at 3.25 pm on 5 Dec 1941 at her home at 8 Academy St Aberdeen at the age of 78 years. Her daughter, Christina RUXTON, was the informant and was also living at that address.

Her mother was stated to be Isabella MUTCH, domestic servant - deceased. No father was stated. Jane died of chronic myocarditis, and chronic bronchitis.