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RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS

OBJECTIVES

- Extend the ancestry of George Hay, son of John Hay and Agnes Cleghorn.

RESULTS

- Verified George's parentage and found information on his siblings.
- Found evidence that George's father, John, was born in 1801 in Chirnside, Berwickshire, Scotland, son of John Hay and Margaret Rule.
- Found marriage information for John Hay and Margaret Rule.
- John Hay (Sr.) was the son of George Hay and Mary Dickson.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Obtain the original christening record of George Hay, 10 September 1845 in Ford, Northumberland.
2. Find children of John Hay and Margaret Rule in census records so their families can be submitted for temple work.
3. Continue to verify and extend the Hay line.
4. Research ancestries of Catherine Fox, Agnes Cleghorn, and Margaret Rule.

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RESEARCH REPORT

The objective of this research session was to extend the ancestry of George Hay of Doddington, Northumberland, England.

According to family information, the ancestral Margaret Hay, daughter of George and Catherine Fox Hay, was born 26 February 1855 in Scremerston, Northumberland, Scotland. This place should read "Scremerston, Northumberland, England," and was corrected. Catherine's parentage was quickly verified through her living endowment record, which took place in the Salt Lake Endowment House 3 April 1876 (document #1):

Margaret Hay born 26 Feb 1855 Scremerston, Northumberland, England; baptized 20 Aug 1870; parents: George Hay, Catharine Fox

We sought patriarchal blessing information for Margaret and her parents but found nothing. We also sought information on the marriage of George Hay and Catherine Fox by searching the civil registration index, but a reference to this marriage was not found (this index is not complete). The George and Catherine Hay family was found in Spittal, Northumberland, England in 1861 (document #2):

Locality	1861, Front Street, Spittal, Berwick upon Tweed, Northumberland, England					
Name	Rel	Age & Sex		Status	Occupation	Birthplace
George Hay	Head	30		Mar	Carter	Northumberland, Doddington
Catherine Hay	Wife		26	Mar		Cumberland, Carlisle
Margaret Hay	Daur		6			Northumberland, Scremerston
Elizabeth Hay	Daur		4			Northumberland, Scremerston
John Hay	Son	3				Northumberland, Spittal

Spittal is near the northernmost part of Northumberland, in the area of Berwick upon Tweed (document #3). The family was enumerated in Berwick in 1871 (document #4a-b):

Locality	1871, Crawfords Alley, Berwick, Northumberland, England					
Name	Rel	Age & Sex		Status	Occupation	Birthplace
George Hay	Head	40		Mar	Book Hawker	Northumberland, Doddington
Catherine Hay	Wife		35	Mar		Cumberland, Carlisle
Margaret Hay	Daur		16	Unm		Northumberland, Scremerston
John Hay	Son	13			Working in a Ropery	Northumberland, Spittal
James Hay	Son	9			Scholar	Northumberland, Spittal

The family had many persons lodging with them at the time. Searching the *Mormon Immigration Index*, we learned that the family immigrated to America on the *Dakota* four years later (they joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in 1870) (document #5a-b). They traveled from Liverpool to New York with 120 other Saints.

We next verified George's parentage with his living endowment record, which took place 30 October 1879 in the Endowment House (document #1):

George Hay born 9 Jan 1831 Doddington, Northumberland, England; baptized 1870; parents: John Hay, Agnes Cleghorn

The John and Agnes Hay family was found in Ford, Northumberland (4.4 miles from Doddington) in 1841 (document #6):

Locality	1841, Fordmoss, Ford, Northumberland, England					
Name	Age & Sex		Occupation	Born in County	Foreign Birth	
John Hay	40		T. Blacksmith		S.	
Agness Hay		40			S.	
John Hay	15		Coal miner	Y		
Robert Hay	14		Coal miner	?		
Mary Hay		11		Y		
George Hay	10			Y		

Locality	1841, Fordmoss, Ford, Northumberland, England				
Name	Age & Sex	Occupation		Born in County	Foreign Birth
William Hay	4			Y	

The family was also in Ford in 1851 (document #7):

Locality	1851, Ford Moss, Ford, Northumberland, England					
Name	Rel	Age & Sex		Status	Occupation	Birthplace
John Hay	Head	50		Mar	Blacksmith	Scotland
Ann Hay	Wife		51	Mar		Scotland
Robert Hay	Son	23		Mar	Coal Miner	Northumberland, Tweedmouth
Wm. Hay	Son	13		U	Steam Engine Fireman	Northumberland, Doddington
Agness Hay	Daur		9		Scholar	Northumberland, Ford
Eleanor Hay	Daur in law		21	Mar		Northumberland, Bamburgh
John Hay	Grandson	1 MO				Northumberland, Ford

In 1851, George was found over thirty miles away in Netherton, Morpeth, Northumberland (document #8a-b). He was working as a coal miner and was staying with the Thomas Chrisison family.

Through the *International Genealogical Index* we found christening information for several of the children of John and Agnes (document #9a-b). It is interesting that George appears not to have been christened until 1845 in Ford. This original christening record should be searched in the future for any additional information. There were several other Hay couples who also christened children in Ford around this time and these may have been related to John.

According to family information, John Hay and Agnes Cleghorn were married 6 July 1823 in Mordington, Berwick, Scotland. The original record reads as follows (document #10):

July 6th 1823 – Married before the Kirk Session of Mordington John Hay and Agnes Cleghorn, Lamberton

We searched Mordington parish registers from 1823 to 1840 and found an entry for the baptism of the couple's oldest son, John (document #11):

Born 1 May 1824, Bap 30 May 1824 Mordington: to John Hay Blacksmith, Tweedmouth, and Agnes Cleghorn his wife a son named John

A George Hay also baptized a child in Mordington in 1823 (document #11). George was also a blacksmith and resided in Lamberton. Since John was living in Tweedmouth, Northumberland at this time, we also searched an index of Tweedmouth baptisms, marriages, and burials from 1813 to 1839, but found no entries for this family (although there were many for other Hays) (document #11).

Family information states that John and his wife, Agnes, died 10 and 11 June 1857, respectively. Searching Ford registers, we found the burial record of John but did not find Agnes' (document #12):

Bur 13 June 1857 Ford: John Hay of Ford Moss, age 56 years

We searched civil registration indexes for Agnes' death and learned that the death of an Ann Hay was registered during March Quarter 1857 in the Berwick registration district. We do not know if she was the ancestral Agnes, but the death certificate could be ordered if desired. Since Agnes was born about 1799/1800 and the couple named their second son, Robert, it is possible her christening record is as follows (document #13):

Chr 19 Nov 1798 Fogo, Berwick, Scotland: Agnes Cleghorn daughter of Robert

We did not spend any more time searching Agnes' parentage at this time but this could be done in the future.

We next sought to find the parentage of John Hay. Through census and burial records, we know John was born 1800/1801 in Scotland. He married in Mordington, Berwick, Scotland in 1823 and was living in Lamberton at the time. The next year, he was living in Tweedmouth,

Northumberland and worked as a blacksmith. We first searched for John in compiled databases and found an extensive pedigree on the Hay line in the *Ancestral File* (document #14a-f). Since this database can often have incorrect information, we sought next to verify what we had found.

The *Ancestral File* stated John Hay was born 26 January 1801 in Chirnside, Berwick, Scotland, son of John Hay and Margaret Rule (document #14c). The *International Genealogical Index* stated he was baptized 1 March 1801 in Chirnside (document #15a). The original baptism record states the following (document #16):

26 Jan 1801 Chirnside: John Hay Smith at Speness Mains and Margaret Rule his Spouse had a son the 26th of Janry. and Baptized the 1st Day of March 1801, named John

John Hay Sr. remained a smith until at least 1815 (document #17). We know the ancestral John became a blacksmith by 1824. We searched Chirnside burials from 1801 to 1808 (later burials are not available at the Family History Library) and John Jr. was not buried as a child. Chirnside is 4.3 miles west of Mordington (document #18). This isn't far but is in the opposite direction of Tweedmouth, and since we know there were Hay families in Tweedmouth a generation before John Jr.'s birth this was of some concern (document #19).

We sought to determine whether there were other John Hay marriages which took place in the area in order to make sure that the 1801 Chirnside christening was indeed ancestral and did not pertain to another John Hay. We found three competing marriages (document #20-23):

Marriage 8 Dec 1820 Coldingham, Berwick: John Hay and Janet Bookless [6.5 miles from Chirnside]
Marriage 5 Dec 1823 Hutton, Berwick: John Hay and Jean Dickson [2.6 miles from Chirnside]
Marriage 31 Oct 1833 Ayton, Berwick: John Hay and Jamima Gray [4.4 miles from Chirnside]

As previously mentioned, Mordington is 4.3 miles from Chirnside, so one can see that the John baptized in Chirnside could have just as easily married in Hutton or Ayton as in Mordington. We did not find any competing marriages in Northumberland, although these marriages are not completely indexed. Searching baptism records, we found the following possible matches for the marriages listed above (document #24):

14 Jan 1790 Hutton: John Hay son of George
28 Feb 1793 Whitsome and Hilton: John Hay son of Francis [3.1 miles from Hutton]
2 Sep 1798 Coldingham: John Hay son of Alexander Hay and Agnes Tuck

This search served to rule out the Coldingham marriage, but we were still concerned the 1823 Hutton marriage involved the John of Chirnside. The original Hutton marriage record was searched and both parties were listed as from the parish of Hutton (document #25). We did not find any children for this couple.

Since a George Hay (also a blacksmith) had a daughter born in Mordington around the time John Hay baptized his first son there, we sought to find out more about George and prove his parentage, in case he and John were brothers. We found only two children for George, Allison Lidgate Hay (1821) and Margaret Hay (1823), both born in Mordington (document #26). We did not find good matches for George's birth in Northumberland (document #27-29). In Berwick, one good match for George was the brother of John (son of John Hay and Margaret Rule) of Chirnside. This George was born 22 May 1798 and was baptized in Chirnside (document #28). There was also a George born five miles away in Eyemouth in 1794, but this George may have married in Eyemouth in 1827 (document #31). Since a good match for George was also the son of John Hay and Margaret Rule, we saw some evidence that the Chirnside family was ancestral. The George of Mordington married a Margaret Lourie before 1821. This couple's marriage has not been found.

Visiting Tweedmouth records, we found that a George and a James Hay paid taxes there from at least 1799 to at least 1802, which shows that Hay families were in Tweedmouth around the time of the ancestral John's birth (document #32). This was concerning since it would be more likely John was from this place than Chirnside. John appears in Tweedmouth tax records in 1829 and could have been listed earlier (document #32). However, we found that the christenings of all parishes within five miles of Mordington (including Tweedmouth) have been extracted or searched, and no other John Hay christening was found (document #33). For extra assurance that John was not born in Tweedmouth, we searched the births/baptisms of this parish from 1795 to 1807 and found no Hay entries at all.

Still perplexed as to whether the Chirnside christening was correct, we turned to early LDS temple records for clues. We found that in 1932, James Douglas Hay, brother of the ancestral Margaret (child of George Hay and Catherine Fox), had several sealings of children to parents done in the Logan Temple (document #34). Among these the following two families were listed:

Hay, George sealed 29 July 1932
Hay, Mary Dixon
 John b. 1770 Chirnside, Berwick, Scotland, d. 1817

Hay, John sealed 29 July 1932
Hay, Margaret Rule
 George b. 1798 Northumberland, England, d. 5 Apr 1873
 John b. 1800 Northumberland, England, d. 11 June 1857
 Robert b. 1803 Chirnside, Berwick, Scotland, d. 1838
 William b. 23 Sep 1805 Chirnside, Berwick, Scotland
 Thomas b. 1807 Chirnside, Berwick, Scotland, d. 1862

The fact that James Douglas knew generational information about the family but did not have all the details concerning their births/baptisms shows that the information likely came from family knowledge and was not just compiled from a parish register. We believe that because early family members believed John was the son of John Hay (son of George Hay and Mary Dixon) and Margaret Rule, this is correct and the Chirnside christening is ancestral.

Marriage information for John Hay and Margaret Rule was not listed in the *Ancestral File*. Searching the *Scotlandspeople* database, we found they were married in the parish of Cranshaws, Berwick in 1797 (document #35). The original record is as follows (document #36):

13 May 1797: Which day John Hay in the parish of Hutton and Margaret Rule in this parish gave up their names for proclamation

According to the *International Genealogical Index* and *Scotlandspeople*, John Hay was baptized 12 November 1769 in Cranshaws (document #37). His original baptism record is as follows (document #38):

12 Nov 1769: Which day George Hay & Mary Dickson his wife had a Child Baptized named John

John's parents, George Hay and Mary Dickson, were married 18 April 1767 in the nearby parish of Longformacus (document #39-40).

There is a great deal of additional information on this line in the *Ancestral File* but time was not sufficient to verify it all during this session. This should be done in the future so that the line can be further extended.

We searched for Hay wills between 1735 and 1880 but found only that of Robert Hay of Chirnside which could be related to the ancestral family (document #41). This will could be searched in the future.

In summary, we have been successful in extending the line of George Hay (born 1831) several generations. There is much that could additionally be done on his line, including continuing to verify the Hay ancestry and searching the ancestry of his mother, Agnes Cleghorn. We could also research the ancestry of George's wife, Catherine Fox.

It has been a pleasure to assist you in researching and documenting your family history and we look forward to continuing research in the future according to your direction.

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