

The MORRISON & MURRAY FAMILIES
of ANDOVER and BALLARDVALE

The early home of the Morrison family was Haddington, on the banks of the Tyne, 17 miles east of Edinburgh, Scotland. From there, the ancestors of the Andover line, went to Harwich, 50 miles to the south and near the English border.

Alexander (1) Morrison, b. 1790, was the son of John Morrison and his wife, Beatrice Whitman. He was born in East Lothian, near Dalkeith, Scotland. He married Ellen Biggar, daughter of Andrew Biggar and wife, Christine Johnston. She was b. in Sterick Forest, Scotland; d. Mar. 20, 1866, age 76 years, 10 months.

The children of Alexander and Ellen were born in Harwich, Roxborough Co., and they came with their parents in 1840, settling in Ballardvale. For two years they lived in Mrs. Scott's house on the corner. He became a store keeper and trader and for a store had the largest brick house on the corner lot, which he had turned around, in order to widen the road;— seven years after the railroad was put through. In the same quarters, Hector Lynn once had a tailor shop; Shattuck a shoe store; Lucy Davis had her millinery and Haley later sold beer until he left for Lawrence in 1863. Then Chas. Stewart had the property for a fish market.

Alexander died in Andover, May 20, 1850 of a fever. He was then recorded as a "farmer". He and Ellen had:—

Christiana (2), b. July 9, 1810; m. Walter Murray, son of James Murray and w. Mary Scott; he was b. 1816 in Harwich, Scotland; came (to the Vale before the Morrison family; he was the 1st spinner in the mill there; they lived in Amesbury from 1849-1853 and returned to the Vale where they both died.

Mary (2), b. 1818; m. Jan. 20, 1849, James Holmes; he was b. in Bradford, England, Feb. 29, 1811; came to the Vale in 1845; was a wool sorter and trader; son of John and Sarah Holmes. They lived in brick block opp. mill and Jn. Harris' house.

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Children of Alexander(1) Morrison and wife, Ellen Bigger, (cont.) :-

John (2) d. at 20 months.

Beatrice (2), d. age 17.

Ellen (2), b. 1820; m. Thomas Winthrop of Harwich; she d. 1848, leaving children; he went later to California; was a shoemaker.

Andrew (2), b. 1821 ; m. Agnes Stephenson; she was b. in Paisley, near Glasgow, April 1834. the dau. of Wm. Stephenson and wife, Jane Crawford; she came to Lowell in 1851 and to the Vale in 1854. Andrew kept a store in a building built for a restaurant by Israel Putnam, who went to California. Israel's brother, Wm. Putnam kept store there for a time, and sold the place later to Wm. Morrison, brother of Andrew, who was a trader until he d. in 1853. Andrew then got the property from the widow of Israel Putnam, purchasing it finally in Dec. 1859. Agnes d. in So. Lawrence after they left the Vale and Andrew made his home with his dau. Mary Blake, in Lawrence.

Wm.H. (2), b. 1826; m. Mary Stickney; she was dau. of Jos. Stickney and his wife, a Miss Clark; he d. Feb. 2, 1854.

Alexander(2), b. 1823; m. Oct. 20, 1853 , Christine Maxwell Seaton Walker, dau. of Meffiel Walker and w. Elizabeth; she was b. in Seven; they lived in Frye Village; he was a factory overseer in 1870; he d. Oct. 1, 1898.

Agnes (2), b. 1826; m. Richard Firth, who was b. about 1835 in England; he was a boss carder of the woolen mill ; they had no children.

Catherine (2), sd. to d.y.

John William (2), b. Oct. 7, 1833; lived on Plain St., in bldg. next to R.R. corner; m. Elizabeth, dau. of Geo. Walker and w. Eliz. she was b. April 30, 1832 in Scotland; m. April 1, 1852; he was a trader. Active in Church and Temperance work; he d. April 26, 1878.

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Christiana(2) Morrison and husband, Walter Murray, had:-

James Ramsay (3), b. in Ballardvale, March 17, 1841; attended public school; worked for Tyler when very young ; "Parson" Green gave him early instruction in music, and after the youth's severe illness, advised him to devote his life to the musical profession. He attended the Musical Institute at No. Reading, 1856-9. In July 1862 he enlisted for 3 months as a musician and was attached to Co. H., 1st Heavy Art. He re-enlisted and served until July 1864 when he returned to Andover. Taught piano in Andover, No. Andover and Lawrence; went to Chicago, as editor of " Song Messenger", where he remained until the fire of 1871., when he came back here. He m. in 1868, Isabel Marie Taylor of Andover, a childhood friend, who lived with her aunt, Mrs. Almon Clark. He taught music in the schools here for 10 years; purchased in 1872, with Miss Lucia Clark, the Cornell place. About 1881 was called to Cincinnati to take editorship of "Musical Visitor" and charge of their publications. Translated Parsifal from German to English. He d. in Cinn., March 10, 1905.

Wrote " Daisy Deane" during the Civil War; a Sabbath School Book, "Pure Diamonds", also "Heavenward" and "Royal Gems", which are filled with beautiful hymns. One of his works:-
 "PUT OUT THE LIGHTS"

Put out the lights;
 He will not need them more,
 Your work is done; his feet have gained
 The fairer, purer shore.

Put out the lights;
 The shadows all are past,
 And everlasting glory breaks
 Upon our friend at last.

Children of Christiana Morrison and husband, Walter Murray, (cont.):-

Beatrice Morrison(3), b. June 1, 1842; m. as 2nd wife, Victor Gingrass, son of Peter Gingrass and w. Sophia, b. in Quebec, lower Canada, 1837. (His 1st wife was cousin to Beatrice, Ellen Morrison, Winthrop, b. in Ballardvale 1843.) He was a painter; came to the Vale in 1861; lived near Tewksbury street .

Robert(3), b. 1845; went to Cleveland; a printer; m. and had children.

Mary Scott (3), b. March 23, 1847; d.y. March 8, 1864.

Ellen (3), b. May 1848; a fine weaver; m. a Mr. Kniffen, who deserted her. Dau. Mary L.(4) d. Nov.11, 1873 age 2 yrs.10 m.

Jane Morrison (3), b. March 1851; m. Joseph Perry .

Andrew(2) Morrison(Alexander(1) and wife, Agnes Stephenson, had:-

James Crawford (3), b. ;m. and lived in Beverly; prob. rec. Lawrence,ce.

Ellen Christine (3), b. Mar. 8, 1858; lived in N.H.

Andrew Wm. (3)- fate unknown.

Mary (3), b. Jan. 18, 1864; m. Thomas Barker, woolsorter; lived in Lawrence, # 8 Lexington St.; father lived with them.

Elizabeth Lavinia (3) b. Aug. 11, 1867; (father then called "gardener".)

Ellen(2) Morrison(Alexander (1) and husband, Thos. Winthrop, had:-

Thomas Farquar(3), b. May 1, 1843 ; in Ballardvale; was in Civil War, acting Quartermaster; musician and poet; m. 1st a Miss Holmes; m. 2nd., a Miss Reason; went to Texas; m. 3rd., Miss Rooper.

Alexander (3), b. ; lived in Foxboro.

Ellen Morrison(3), b. Dec. 5, 1848; m. Victor Gingrass of Quebec, Can.] he was a painter; son of Peter and Sophia; came here 1861; she d. Nov. 28, 1863, age 20 yrs. 20 d.; he m. 2nd., Beatrice Murray, cousin to Ellen.

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Wm.H. Morrison(2) Alexander(1) and wife, Mary Stickney, had:-

Mary (3), b. 1849; d. 1yr.6 m.

Mary Janetta (3), b. Sept. 29, 1852 in Abbott Village (? other Wm's.dau.)
child (3), b. Sept. 25, 1852; d. next day. (Evidently there were two Wm.
Morrison with wife, Mary, one in the Vale and 1 in Abbot V.)

Andrew (3), b. Sept. 17, 1854; d. at 4 yrs.

Nellie (3), b.-

Wm. Clark (3), b. 1847 in Baldwinsville, N.Y.; m. Aug. 24, 1868, Ada F.

Busswell, 18, of Dexter, Me., dau. of Jamie and Emily; he m. 2nd.
June 18, 1887, Elizabeth Emery of Lawrence; she was b. in Dover,
N.H., dau. of Alfred L. and Mary A. Emery, 1858. He was an
engineer on the R.R.

Mary (2) Morrison(Alexander(1) and husband, James Holmes, had:-

Ellen Ann (3), b. May 5, 1849; in Ballardvale; unm.;

Joseph Morrison(3), b. " " , a twin; lived in Chicago.

Sarah Frances (3), b. Aug. 12, 1857; m. Eugene McDonald in Chicago.

Mary Agnes (3), b. March 22, 1860; m. Wm. Shaw in Ballardvale.

Alexander(2)Morrison(Alexander(1) and wife, Christine Walker, had:-

Alexander(3), b. Aug. 25, 1857.

Mary J. (3), b. Dec. 31, 1859; d. unm. Jan. 24, 1902.

Wm. Henry (3), b. Dec. 4, 1861; blacksmith; m. Oct. 18, 1894, Eliz. E. Phillips,
dau. Michael and Bridget (Mc Cowry) Phillips.

John Lincoln(3), b. June 17, 1865; m. Nov. 10, 1887 Jane Henderson Hill,
(res. Merrimac) b. in Andover, 1864, dau. Jn. Hill and w. Jane Shields.

Agnes Christiana (3), b. Feb. 28, 1870; m. Oct. 17, 1894, George Higgins, a

journalist; age 28; son of Henry Clinton Higgins and

wife, Eliza Augusta Abbott.

Edward (3), b.-

Helen E. (3), called Ella E., b. Oct. 31, 1854, (not recorded here); m.

June 20, 1878, Jn. W. Bell, 24, a clerk; b. in Norfolk, Va.,

son of Richard and Ellen ("alker) Withy; adopted by Chas.
and Joseph Bell.

John Wm. Morrison(2) Alexander(1) and wife, Elizabeth Walker, had:-

Ada Elizabeth (3), b. Dec. 8, 1852; d. Dec. 14, 1852.

John Wm. (3), b. Oct. 1854; m. Mary E. Shaw, May 5, 1879; he was a surveyor; she was 18; dau. of James and Matilda. Res. Boston.

Nellie Elizabeth (3), b. June 29, 1857; m. Wm. H. Parish of Ohio, May 25, 1881.

Annie M. (3), b. April 29, 1863; m. Chas. Madden of Wheeling, Va.

Florence Louisa (3), b. July 14, 1875;

Robert L. Morrison, b. 1865, was m. here, Feb. 24, 1892 to Sarah A. Burnie, dau. of David Burnie and Mary (Thompson). Sarah was b. in Andover, 1865. Robert L. was son of James Morrison and w. Jane Leitch; b. in Detroit, Mich. He may have been the son of James (2) Alex(1) Morrison, who was a carriage maker in Boston, 1863.

Another family of MORRISONS here was headed by Archibald (1) Morrison and his wife, Jane Thorn, who came from Blyntile, 10 miles up the river Clyde from Glasgow, Scotland. They, with their family, were in the 'Vale in 1827. Their children were :-

Janette (2), b. in Blyntile, 1800; m. Andrew Scott, son of James Scott and Jane Richie; he was b. 1800; came to Nova Scotia, 1826 and later to So. Andover; went to the 'Vale when the mill started and was overseer of looms; they lived on east side of the street above Baron's place; he d. Dec. 1850.

John (2), b. in Glasgow; d. unm. 1839.

James (2), b. March 1821; m. Catherine Sloan of Cambridgeport; went to Globe Village, Southbridge where he was overseer in a mill.

Jane (2), b. 1823; m. Hector Lynn, son of Peter Lynn of Scotland; he built the Jn. Morrison and Miller houses. He went to California in 1849 and was there 2 yrs.; no children.

Children of Archibald(1) Morrison and wife, Jane Thorn, (cont.):-

Andrew (2), b. 1826; m. Maria Clement of Amesbury; he d. 1861.

Archibald (2), b. in Andover, 1828; m. Sara Parker of England; was with father until 1857; went to Globe Village, 1863.

Robert (2), b. 1830; d. unm. in Army; killed at Battle of Bull Run; was not credited to Andover; was a house carpenter here.

Wm. Richard (2), b. 1834; served in the Army; unm. ;was a printer at Buffalo.

Joseph (2), b. 1837; unm.; lived here with his mother; d. here.

Jesse M. (2), b. 1838; was in the Army; accidentally shot at Albany. He was a coach maker at Amesbury before the Civil War.

Janette(2)Morrison(Archibald (1) and husband, James Scott, had:-

Joseph (3) b.- ; carpenter at the factory, 1863.

 Another WALTER MURRAY, came also from Harwich, Roxborough Scotland, to make his home in the ' Vale, in 1853. He was the son of James Murray and wife, Betsy. He was married to Ellen Foster, dau. of Wm. Foster(dec.) and his wife, Jane Bothwell, both of Ireland, though of Scotch parentage.

JOHN MURRAY, brother of Walter, above, lived in Woburn. He married Mary Kenwick of Tewksbury, who was b. in Harwich, Scotland. After his death she made her home in Andover.

Ellen's mother, Jane (Bothwell) Foster was the daughter of Robt. Bothwell and Mary Galbraith of Arneagh, Ireland; she was b. 1799; came here after her husband died, in 1855/with dau. Ann Eliza Foster, and was in the 'Vale in 1863. her father, Wm. Foster, was son of Alexander Foster, who d. in Hards, Ire.

