

## James SPEIRS

Born	c1771	
Married		Margaret RODGER

<i>Children</i>			
Grissel	b 01 Apr 1797 South Lagan*		
John	b Jun 1799 South Lagan		
William	b 22 Oct 1802 South Lagan		
Jean	b 25 Sep 1804 South Lagan		
Janet	b 01 May 1807 South Lagan		
Agnes	b 03 Sep 1809 Ardrossan	m 1836 Ewen (Hugh) SINCLAIR	d 28 Dec 1878 Wainuiomata, NZ
* Ballantrae, Ayrshire, Scotland			

*Baptism Register Ballantrae, Ayrshire, Scotland*

Grizel Speirs, born 01 Apr 1797, baptized 03 Apr 1797 natural daughter to James Speirs and Margaret Rodger – since lawful by marriage of father & mother

William Speirs, born 22 Oct 1802, baptized 24 Oct 1802 lawful son to James Speirs and Margaret Rodger in Ballantrae  
Omitted to be inserted in the proper place – John, lawful son to James Speirs and Margaret Rodger in Ballantrae Jun 1799

Jean Speirs, born 25 Sep 1804, baptized 30 Sep 1804 lawful daughter to James Speirs and Margaret Rodger in Ballantrae  
Janet Speirs, born 01 May 1807, baptized 02 May 1807 lawful daughter to James Speirs and Margaret Rodgers Castle  
Agnes Speirs, born 03 Sep 1809, baptized 05 Sep 1809 lawful daughter to James Speirs, soldier in 71<sup>st</sup> Regiment of Foot and Margaret Rodger, S. Laggan

*Edinburgh Register of Marriages – OPR 685/01 0650 0097*

Edinburgh 28<sup>th</sup> March 1836 (Proclaimed 27<sup>th</sup> March 1836) Hugh Sinclair, Waiter, residing in the Waterloo Hotel, Saint Andrew's Parish, and Agnes Spiers, residing same place and parish, daughter of James Spiers, Coachman at Ballantrae, have been three times proclaimed in order to Marriage, in the Parish Church of St. Andrew's, and no objections have been offered. Married at Edinburgh 29<sup>th</sup> March 1836 by the Revd John Macalister, Minister of the Gaelic Chapel.

*Certified copy of Entry of Death in the Registrar General's Office, New Zealand – Place of Registration: Wellington*

Agnes Sinclair, widow, aged 70yrs, died 28 Dec 1878 Wainuiomata. Born Ardrossan, Ayrshire. Had lived in New Zealand for about 37 years (arrived c1841). Father's name not given. Mother's name not given. Married at Aberfeldie, Perthshire at about 22yrs of age. Age of widow/widower if living: not known. Two sons (ages unknown), 2 daughters (ages unknown). Cause of death: Heamturia – 7 weeks; Natural decay. Medical attendant: Dr Wilford who last saw deceased 24 Dec 1878.

*Evening Post 28 Dec 1878 Death of Mrs Agnes Sinclair*

The old settlers and their wives who came to Wellington thirty-eight years ago seem to be gradually passing away. We have to record the departure of another, in the person of Mrs Agnes Sinclair, widow of the late Hugh Sinclair, of Wainuiomata, and mother of J. and D. Sinclair, sawmill proprietors of that place. Those who have been to Wainuiomata, and have known the family, will feel that the hand of death has removed from them one whose kindness and general hospitality was a marked feature in that home. She leaves a family of four children and nine grandchildren. Her children were born in Wellington, the youngest of whom is fully 30 years of age. They have never been separated far or for any length of time, as all four were present to say farewell to their much loved parent, being surrounded by her children and friends. Her end, like her life, was one of peace. The cause of death was a general break-up of the system, caused by being suddenly laid up with a broken leg, which was the result of a fall about eighteen months since. Her late husband was among the first settlers in Wellington, having come over from Sydney along with Mr J. C. Crawford, the ex-magistrate, and Dr Taylor, landing here on 14th November, 1839.