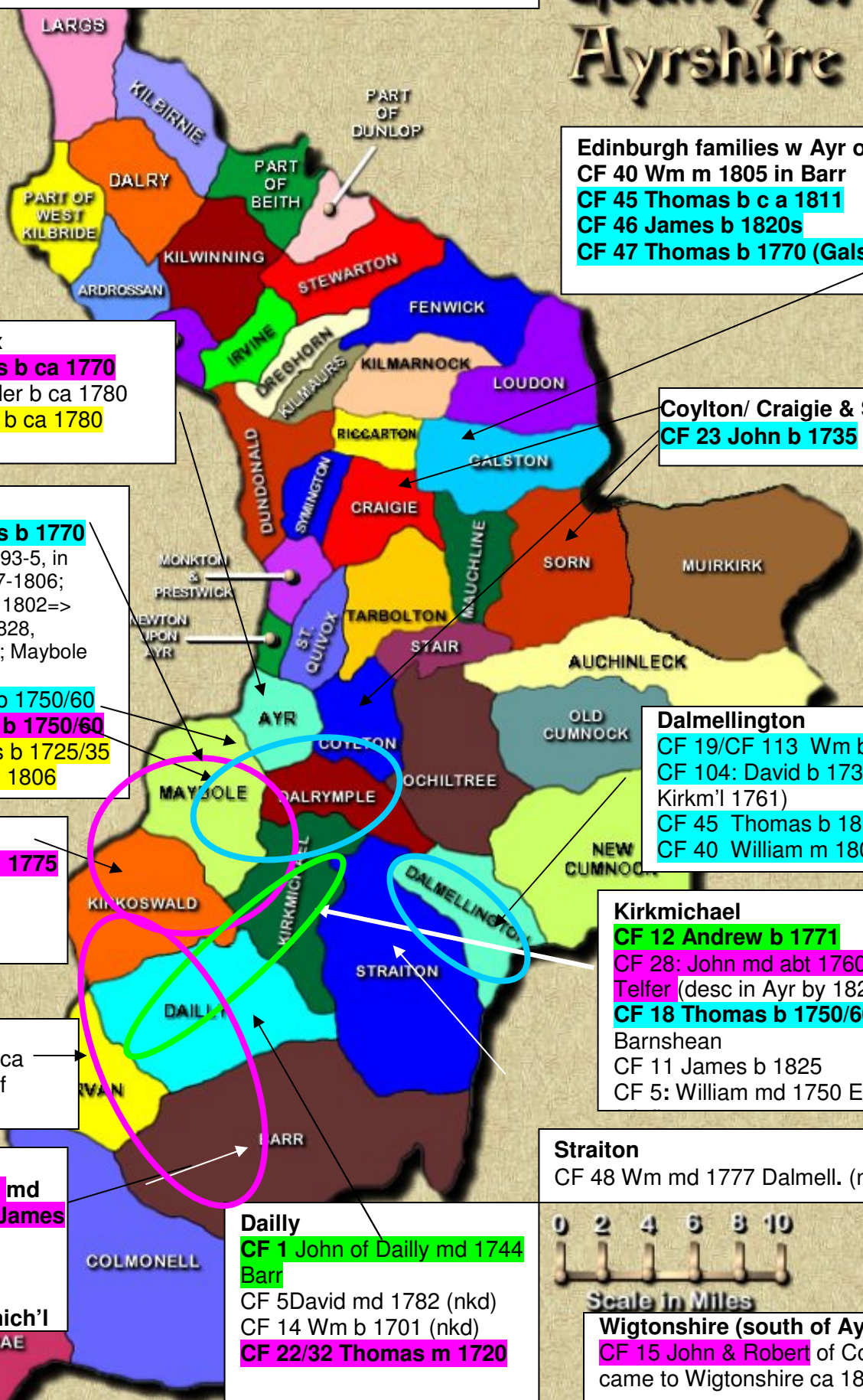


DNA Status for McM Clan Families of Ayrshire origins July 2009

blue=Dalmellington pattern; purple=Ayrshire/Co Antrim pattern; green=Ayrshire/Derry pattern; Yellow=DNA samples in process; nkd=no known male descendants

County of Ayrshire



Edinburgh families w Ayr origin
 CF 40 Wm m 1805 in Barr
 CF 45 Thomas b c a 1811
 CF 46 James b 1820s
 CF 47 Thomas b 1770 (Galston)

Ayr/St Quivox
 CF 30 Thomas b ca 1770
 CF 50 Alexander b ca 1780
 CF 27 Andrew b ca 1780

Coylton/ Craigie & Sorn
 CF 23 John b 1735

Maybole
 CF 16 Thomas b 1770
 (in Paisley 1793-5, in Maybole 1797-1806;
 Thomas b 1802=>
 Kilmarnock 1828,
 Galston 1830; Maybole
 1832)
 CF 42 James b 1750/60
 CF 7 Thomas b 1750/60
 CF 41 Thomas b 1725/35
 CF 52 Adam b 1806

Dalmellington
 CF 19/CF 113 Wm b c 1690
 CF 104: David b 1735 (to
 Kirkm'l 1761)
 CF 45 Thomas b 1811
 CF 40 William m 1805 Barr

Kirkoswald
 CF 37 Thomas m 1775
 CF 38 Alexander
 b 1770

Kirkmichael
 CF 12 Andrew b 1771
 CF 28: John md abt 1760 Agnes
 Telfer (desc in Ayr by 1827)
 CF 18 Thomas b 1750/60 Dam of
 Barnshean
 CF 11 James b 1825
 CF 5: William md 1750 Eliz Mein

Girvan
 CF 14: William md ca
 1735, Woodhead of
 Girvan (nkd)

Straiton
 CF 48 Wm md 1777 Dalmell. (nkd)

Barr
 CF 4 James b 1743 md
 1768 Dailly, CF 39 James
 b Dailly, md 1800
 Maybole
 CF 21 Hugh b 1743
 =>Ladyburn, Kirkmich'l

Dailly
 CF 1 John of Dailly md 1744
 Barr
 CF 5 David md 1782 (nkd)
 CF 14 Wm b 1701 (nkd)
 CF 22/32 Thomas m 1720



Wigtonshire (south of Ayrshire)
 CF 15 John & Robert of Co Down
 came to Wigtonshire ca 1800

The above map shows most of the McMurtrie Clan Families of Ayrshire Scotland as found in the parish registers that can be traced down to modern times. It shows that the center of "McMurtrie country" was in the region of the parishes of Maybole, Kirkoswald, Kirkmichael, Dailly and Barr. However, McMurtries appeared early as well in the surrounding parishes of Girvan, Straiton, Dalmellington, and Ayr in southern Ayrshire and in the northern Ayrshire parishes of Kilmarnock and Ochiltree.

Date of first appearance of McMurtries in the parish registers and Commissariat (wills).

Kirkmichael 1639/1607

Straiton 1649/1626

Kilmarnock 1652

Ochiltree 1671

Barr by Girvan 1674

Barr 1692

Dailly 1694/1629

Kirkoswald 1695/1604

Dalmellington 1702

Maybole 1712/1630

Ayr 1721

Girvan 1734/1608

McMurtries were in these Ayrshire parishes before the earliest parish register dates as documented in various wills and estate records, but the parish registers from that earlier era have not been preserved to document this earlier history and connect it to the later McMurtries.

The McMurtries who came to Edinburgh in the 1800s seem mostly to have been related to the one branch or another of the Dalmellington McM. At least one of the McMurtrie families (without the second "r") of Glasgow shared a common ancestor with the McM of the heartland of Ayrshire.

So far, we have found that the Scottish families tested so far can be grouped into three patterns: (1) the "Ayrshire/Antrim" pattern characteristic of McM in Co Antrim Ireland and the Ayrshire parishes of Barr, Kirkoswald, Maybole, Dailly, and Kirkmichael (2) the Ayrshire/Derry pattern characteristic of McM in Co Derry, Ireland and one family of Dailly Parish b 1714 and another (possibly an offshoot) in northern Kirkmichael parish b 1771 and (3) the Ayrshire (Dalmellington) pattern characteristic of families originating in the parish of Dalmellington in eastern Ayrshire. The fact that these patterns occur both in Scotland and in Ireland implies a common ancestor of these families and either a migration from those Scottish parishes to Ireland or (less likely) a migration from another Scottish location to Ayrshire and Ireland.

Ayrshire/Antrim Pattern

CF 21 Hugh b 1743 Barr son Andrew 1771 Ladyburn, Kirkmichael

CF 39 James md 1800 Maybole, prob s of James b 1743 Barr md 1768 Dailly (CF 4)

CF 15 John and Robert McMurtrie born in Co Down who came to Wigtonshire ca 1800

CF 38 Matthew McM of Kirkoswald, children born abt 1700

CF 28 John McMurtrie of Balwhirn, Kirkmichael, children b 1720s

CF 22 Thomas McMurtrie of Mackrillkill, Dailly md 1720

CF 56 James McM md Jean Rutherford 1753 Glasgow

CF 30 Thomas McMurtrie md 1796 Eliz Neill St Quivox, Ayr

CF 57 John McMurtrie b abt 1815, migrated to New Brunswick by 1839

CF 24: Thomas McM md 1781 Elizabeth Gardner in New Kilpatrick, Dumbartonshire

Dalmellington Pattern

- CF 113/CF 19** William McMurtrie b abt 1690 of Dalmellington, Ayrshire
CF 23 John McMurtrie b 1733 Dalmellington md 1766 Coylton, resided Craigie by 1792 and Sorn, Ayrshire by 1835
- CF 104** David McMurtrie b 1735 Dalmellington, md 1762 Kirkmichael Ayrshire
CF 18 Thomas md 1781 Marion Bole, resided Dam of Barnshean, Kirkmichael
CF 16 Thomas b 1802 Maybole md 1828 Elizabeth Campbell in Kilmarnock, prob son of Thomas McM and Janet Murdock md 1793 Paisley & to Maybole by 1797
- CF 42** James md Margaret McLatchie, dau 1780 Eliz. In Doonside, northern Maybole
CF 45/46/40 Thomas b 1811 and William b 1817 and James b 1824, assumed to be brothers of William and hence children of William md 1805 Barr to Mary Hoet of Dalmellington
- CF 47** Thomas b 1798 natural son of Thomas McM and Mgt Gibson, md 1826 Edin

The movements of the Dalmellington pattern families are interesting to note.

The first pair of families outside of Dalmellington can be traced to Dalmellington. John McM b 1733 (CF 23) and his brother David b 1735 (CF 104) both move NW out of Dalmellington to neighboring parishes in the 1760s – John (CF 23) marrying in Coylton in 1766 and David (CF 104) marrying in Kirkmichael in 1761.

The second set of families are found in Kirkmichael and Maybole and may reflect either a migration out of Dalmellington long before the parish registers were consistently kept (early 1700s) OR may reflect an origin of these families **and** the Dalmellington family in Kirkmichael, Straiton or Maybole. Thomas (CF 18) and James (CF 42) are contemporaries – Thomas marrying in Kirkmichael in 1781 and James having his first child in northern Maybole in 1780.

The third family of this set is the next generation - Thomas who married Janet Murdock (CF 16) in Paisley in 1793 and who came to Maybole by 1797. This move to Maybole could be a return to Maybole and hence an indication of the origin of this group of families.

Thomas CF 18 and Thomas CF 16 have a similar slight difference from the other Dalmellington McM and are assumed to be from the same branch of this group of families.

The third set of families ended up in Edinburgh in the 1820s and 1830s. William McM married Mary Hoet in Barr and had at least one recorded son (William) in Maybole in 1817 and two unrecorded sons in 1811 (Thomas) and 1824 (James). William, Thomas and James have one form of the Dalmellington DNA and are linked in the public records in Edinburgh that suggests they were all sons of William and Mary Hoet.

The Thomas who had a natural son Thomas (CF 47) in Galston in 1798 (not far from Kilmarnock) seems to have a Dalmellington DNA pattern but a second sample from this line is needed to pin down its exact pattern. The father could conceivably be either the Thomas who married Janet Murdock by 1793 and moved to Maybole by 1797 or more likely the son of Thomas who married Marion Lamont in Paisley in 1785 and had children in Kilmarnock 1786 to 1792.

Derry Pattern

- CF 1:** John b 1714 md 1744 Park, Dailly to Agnes Ferguson Bellymore, Barr
CF 12: Andrew b 1771, son of John of Pleasant Park, Kirkmichael

There are few families in Scotland with the Derry pattern but several families in Co Derry with this pattern, suggesting an early migration from Scotland to Derry.