

PAF Source Information for James Wanlass 1825, by Alona Southwick Perkes

BIRTH:

1. Statement/writing/notes of Parent/Reliable Relative, Edith E. Bush Southwick.
"James Wanlass was left on a doorstep of a foundling home as an infant/young child lying in a basket. He was dressed in fancy clothing and blanket. There was also a note which stated that he/they could no longer care for him. His parents could never be located.

The name Wanlass means Windmill in Scotland."

2. Compiled by Christina H (Hunter) Romerill, Scotland, Birth, Bapt, Marr. & Death Records of Wanlass & Allied families, pg 28-1.

"Bathgate, Linlithgow

6 Apr. 1855. Wanlass, Janet, born at North Street, Bathgate, law (lawful) dtr of James, a coal miner, 29 years of age, born at Musselburgh. They were (the parents) married at Beattie's Row, Tranent parish, 1 boy & 5 girls living, the mother Margaret Neilson her 6th, child, she was 31 yrs of age, born in Tranent parish. James Wanlass the father signed the register with very good handwriting."

3. LDS Temple/Endowment House Records, 183408, page 2, line 6.

On his Endowment records he states he thinks he was born at Edinburgh Scotland, this differs from what he stated at the birth of his Daughter Janet where he stated it was Musselburgh.

4. LDS Church Ward/Branch Records, 104149 Early to 1868 LDS Bathgate Branch Records, pg 67, 68.

"James Wanlass, Senr: Born, 25.9.1825, Edinburgh; Kingdom, Scotland, miner, Baptized, 22.12.1850 Remarks: 35 Bathville Rows, Near Armadale, Linlithgow Shire, Scotland

...Margret Wanlass born 1.1822, Haddington, Scotland, wife, baptized: 15.2.1851

...James Wanlass: 9.8.1846, Haddington, Scotland, Children, Miner, baptized 1.10.1854

...Elisabeth Wanlass, born 8.6.1848, Haddington, Scotland, spinster, baptized 18.5.1857

...Jane A. Wanlass, born 20.4.1850, Haddington, Scotland, spinster, baptized 15.5.1866

...Margret, born 15.11.1851, Edinburgh, Scotland, spinster, baptized 15.5.1866

...Christina Wanlass, born 21.8.1853, Linlithgow, Scotland, spinster, baptized 22.3.1868

...Janet Wanlass, born 6.4.1855, Linlithgow, Scotland, spinster, baptized 22.3.1868

...Helen Wanlass, born 10.2.1860, Linlithgow, Scotland, Spinster, baptized 22.3.1868

...Alexander Wanlass, born 26.3.1864, Linlithgow, Scotland

...Joseph Wanlass, born 5.11.1866, Linlithgow, Scotland."

5. LDS Church Ward/Branch Records, 026585, Record of Members 1877-1900 Salt Lake City 16th Ward, Book A, page 4, line 2.

"James Wanlass

Parents: blank

Birth: Sept. 25, 1825, Scotland
Baptized: Dec. 22, 1850 by Wm Duncan
Confirmed: Dec. 22, 1850 by Wm Duncan
Rebaptized: Dec. 3, 1874 by P Reed/Reid
ReConf: Dec. 3, 1874 by L. Jackson
Ordinance: Aug. 24, 1857 - Teacher
Received: Dec. 3, 1874 from Scotland."

CENSUS:

6. 1841 British Census, <http://www.freecen.org.uk/cgi/search.pl>, Family History Library, 35 N West Temple Street, Salt Lake City, Utah 84150 USA.
"Piece: SCT1841/689 Place: Inveresk -Midlothian Enumeration District: 5
Civil Parish: Inveresk Ecclesiastical Parish, Village or Island: -
Folio: 5 Page: 3
Address: Whitehill

Surname, First name(s), Sex, Age, Occupation, Where Born, Remarks
BLYTHE Helen F 70 Pauper Midlothian
SNADDEN Elizabeth F 55 Pauper Midlothian
SNADDEN Thomas M 15 Coal Miner Midlothian
SNADDEN George M 13 Coal Miner Midlothian
WINLES James M 15 Coal Miner Outside Census County (1841)."
15 year old coal miner living with a family of young coal miners.

CENSUS:

7. #50, Newbattle, Edinburgh, ED #7, April 3, 1851 Census film #1042530, House # 14 at Barly Knowe,.
"James Wanlass, Head, Married, age 25, Coal Miner, born Midlothian, Edinburgh
...Margt Wanlass, Wife, Married, age 28, born Haddington, Tranent
...James Wanlass, son, age 4, born Haddington, Tranent
...Elisabeth, daur. Age 2, born Haddington, Tranent
...Jane Adams Wanlass, daur. Age 11 months, born Haddington, Tranent.
Newbattle, Edinburgh, ED #7, April 3, 1851 Census film #1042530, House # 14 at Barly Knowe, No 67."

ORDINATION:

8. LDS Church Ward/Branch Records, 026585, Record of Members 1877-1900 Salt Lake City 16th Ward, Book A, page 4, line 2.

CENSUS:

9. #51, Bathgate, Linlithgow, Scotland, 1861 Census, District 12, Film # 103919, No. of schedule:63.

"Windlass, James, Head, Mar. 35, Coal Miner, born Mid Lothian, Newton, 3 children ages 3-15 attending school, number of rooms with 1 or more windows; 2

...Margaret, wife, mar. 37, born East Lothian, Tranent

...James, son, unmarried, 14, born East Lothian, Tranent

...Elizabeth, daur, unmarried, 12, scholar, born East Lothian, Tranent

...Jane A., daur, unmarried, 10, scholar, born East Lothian, Tranent

...Margaret, daur, unmarried, 9, scholar, born Mid Lothian, Newbattle

...Christina, daur, unmarried, 7, born Linlithgow, Bathgate

...Janet, daur, unmarried, 6, born Linlithgow, Bathgate

...Helen, daur, unmarried, 1, born Linlithgow, Bathgate

Bathgate, Linlithgow, Scotland, 1861 Census, District 12, Film # 103919, No. of schedule:63, No. 45 Bathville Row."

CENSUS:

10. #52, Armadale County, District Armadale, Linlithgow, Civil Parish, Bathgate, 1871 Census, film #.

"Schedule# 76, Gordon L. Street

James Wanlass, head, mar. 45, Coal & Iron Stone Miner, born Mid Lothian, Edinburgh, Number of children from 5-13 attending school or being educated in home: 2, Rooms with one or more windows: 2.

...Margaret, Wanlass, Wife, Mar. 43, born East Lothian, Tranent

...James, Wanlass, son, Unm, 24, Coal & Iron Stone Miner, born East Lothian, Tranent

...Janet, Wanlass, Daur. Unm. 15, born Linlithgow, Bathgate

...Helen Wanlass, Daur, 14, Scholar, born Linlithgow, Armadale

...Alexander Wanlass, son, 6, Scholar, born Linlithgow, Armadale

...Joseph Wanlass, son, 4, born Linlithgow, Armadale

Armadale County, District Armadale, Linlithgow, Civil Parish, Bathgate, 1871 Census, ED #1, page 17 #0104110."

IMMIGRATION:

11. Emigration Records, 025,692 LDS Emigration records.

"1874 June 24th, Leaving Liverpool on the ship "Idaho" was James Wanlass, "Father", 49, Jean A. 24, Helen A. 16, Alexander S. 9" with a group of 540 adults from Copenhagen to Liverpool, then on to New York."

12. #42, Family History Resource File: Mormon Immigration Index.

"24 Jun 1874 - WANLASS, Alexander S. Idaho 1874 Note: "Child" (EECI).

WANLASS, Helen A. Idaho 1874 Note: "Child" (EECI).

WANLASS, James Idaho 1874 Note: "Father" (EECI).

WANLASS, Jean A. Idaho 1874 Note: "Child" (EECI).

Ship: Idaho

Date of Departure: 24 Jun 1874 Port of Departure: Liverpool, England

LDS Immigrants: 810 Church Leader: Peter C. Carstenson

Date of Arrival:6 Jul 1874Port of Arrival: New York, New York

Source(s):BMR, Book #1041, pp. 337-342 (FHL #025,692); Customs #709 (FHL #175,747); SMR, 1874 (FHL #025,696)

Notes: "DEPARTURE OF THE THIRD COMPANY. -- On Wednesday afternoon, the 24th instant, the third company of this season's emigrating Saints took their departure from these shores, in the steamship Idaho, Captain Forsyth. There were 810 souls of the Saints on board: 700 from the Scandinavian Mission and 110 from England and Wales. The company was placed under the charge of Elder P. C. Carstenson, assisted by Elders George F. Gibbs and John Clark. There were eight returning missionaries on board, whose names are as follows: P. C. Carstenson, George F. Gibbs, John Clark, C. F. Schade, P. C. Christenson, M. Neilson, John Mendenhall and James Hanson . . ."

<MS, 36:26 (June 30, 1874), p.409>

"Wed. 24. [June 1874] -- The steamship Idaho sailed from Liverpool, England, with 806 Saints (about 700 Scandinavian and 110 British), in charge of P. C. Carstensen. The company arrived at New York July 6th, and at Salt Lake City July 15th."

<CC, p.92>

". . . A company of Scandinavian emigrants bound for Zion, numbering 703 souls, sailed from Copenhagen, June 18, 1874, together with five returning elders, namely, Peter C. Carstensen, Christian F. Schade, Peter C. Christensen, Mathias B. Nilsson and Jens Hansen. The first company of 517 souls left by the steamer 'Milo' and arrived safely in Hull, England, Monday, June 22nd, in the forenoon and the same day were taken by rail to Liverpool. Another company of 186 souls, in charge of Elder Christian F. Schade, left on the steamer 'Humber' and had a hard voyage across the North Sea on account of rough weather, for which reason the captain ordered a lot of cattle to be thrown overboard; but the ship arrived nevertheless safely at Hull on the 22nd in the evening, and on the following day the emigrants arrived by train in Liverpool, where all the Scandinavian Saints, together with a number of other emigrants, went on board the steamer 'Idaho,' which sailed from Liverpool on Wednesday afternoon June 24th. There were 810 Saints on board and about 300 other emigrants, who occupied the forepart of the ship. Elder Peter C. Carstensen was appointed leader of the company with Elders John Clark and George F. Gibbs as his assistants. With the exception of one stormy day, the weather was favorable all the way. On that day the waves rolled like mountains, and a mighty wave rushed over the deck, and (the hatchway happening to be open) a great volume of water went down below, so that mess boxes, baskets and the like were seen floating about, while the passengers were forced into the bunks till the water was pumped out. A remarkable calm was observed among the Saints on that occasion, while the opposite was the case with the other passengers, who were badly frightened. Captain Forsyth, relating the occurrence on the following morning at the breakfast table, said that he went down to the people in the forepart to allay their fears, as they were crying aloud, 'Lost, we are lost!' But after he had assured them that there was no danger, because there were too many 'Mormons' aboard for the ship to be harmed, order and quiet was restored. A Catholic priest, who was present, took exception to this statement, but the captain said that he had now for 18 years conveyed the 'Mormons' safely across the Atlantic, and he had never heard of the loss of any ship carrying 'Mormons.' On the 6th of July the

company arrived safely in New York and on the following day proceeded by rail from Jersey City westward, arriving in Ogden and Salt Lake City, all safe, on the 15th of July. Two children had died of measles on the journey. . . ."
<HSM, pp.219-20>."

ORDINATION:

13. Statement/writings/or note of Individual, James Wanlass.
"Ordained a Seventy by Jacob Gates."

DEATH:

14. LDS Church Ward/Branch Records, 026,554 page 622, #6724.
"1895 Oct. 8th, James Wanlass died at 70 years 13 days, residing at 7th S. #548 in SLC, male, white, married, Labourer born at Scotland. No physician at death, undertaker was C. A. Carlquist, James was buried 1895 Oct 10th at SLC."

15. Cemetery/Burial Records, Records at SLC Cemetery - plot S-15-3-1, 2-3.
Just off Center Street, in middle of section towards east end.

16. #14, Deseret News, Wed. Oct. 9, 1895, page 5.
"Wanlass - In the Fifth Ward Salt Lake City at 2:30 a.m. Oct. 8th, 1895, James Wanlass aged 71 years. The deceased was a native of Scotland where he embraced the Gospel forty five years ago. He emigrated to this county in July 1874 and resided in city continually. He was always an earnest advocate of the truth and died as he had lived, a faithful Latter-day Saint. He leaves a wife and eight children and a numerous number of grand children to mourn his death. Funeral services will be held in the fifth Ward meeting house on Thursday, Oct. 17th , at 1 o'clock p.m.
Millennial Star please copy."

17. #59, 1896 Polks, Salt Lake City Directory page 707 (979.225E4p).
"Wanlass James, died Oct. 8, '95, age 70."

BURIAL:

18. Cemetery/Burial Records, CD168 1st Edition, SLC Cemetery Records, Utah Cemetery Records.
"CD168 1st Edition, SLC Cemetery Records, Utah Cemetery Records
W542 Wanless, J., born 00/00/0000 location Unknown, died 10/10/1895 Salt Lake City, Utah, buried 10/10/1895 Int.# 20729, plot S-15-3-E-1."
No headstone at location in 1999
Family donations provided a headstone in Nov. 2001.

19. Cemetery/Burial Records, US/CAN 979.2258V3s v.6 Salt Lake Cemetery Records T-Z.
"Wanless, J., buried 10 Oct. 1895."

20. Headstone/Tombstone Inscriptions, Salt Lake City Cemetery.

"IN LOVING MEMORY OF

WANLASS

MARGARET NEILSON JAMES

JAN. 4, 1821 SEP. 25, 1825

JUL. 26, 1903 OCT. 8, 1895

BORN SCOTLAND DIED SALT LAKE CITY."

Donations to purchase the headstone were received from:

Ferron & Alona S. Perkes

John & Teresa Perkes McMurdie

Dan & Tonya Perkes Rogers

Wanlass & Jerrie W. Southwick

Gary & Sandra S. Turpin

Marcie S. Stimpson

Audrey Bush

Alva & Nora E. Richins

Silvon & Fay Murdock

Ted A. & Shona M. Kasper

Cheryl M. Hastings

Kent & Janell M. Ure

James Murdock

Irvin D. & Joy Wanlass

Bonnie Ellis

Evenly Beesley.