

AFFIDAVIT OF JOHN GREGAN, 1847

John Gregan of Dumfries, in the County of Dumfries, North Britain, cabinetmaker, maketh oath and saith as follows - vizt - That he is now 75 years of age; that he knew and was well acquainted with the family of Captain John Paul Jones, formerly in the service in the United States of America, and he, this deponent, when a boy also knew and remembers to have seen the mother of the said John Paul Jones; that the said John Paul Jones at this deponent understands and very (*sic*) believes, died at Paris in or about the year 1792; that he left no brothers or other relatives surviving him except two sisters, the one named Jean or Janet, who was wife of William Taylor of Dumfries aforesaid, watchmaker, and the other named Mary, who was married first to Robert Young of Whitehaven in Co. Cumberland, mariner, deceased, and afterwards to Mark Loudon of Stank, in the parish of Ruthwell and Co. Dumfries, aforesaid, farmer, also deceased; that the said Jean or Janet Paul afterwards Taylor died many years ago, leaving two and only two children surviving her procreated of the marriage between her and the said William Taylor - vizt - William Taylor and Janet or Jess Taylor.

That the said last named William Taylor, who afterwards went to and was for sometime resident in the said United States of America, died there as this deponent understands and verily believes about 30 years ago, leaving two and only two lawful children who as this deponent also understands and verily believes have both since died unmarried and without leaving lawful issue.

That in this way the lawful descendants of the above named Jean or Janet Paul afterwards Taylor have all failed and become extinct.

That the above named Mary Paul afterwards Young and afterwards Loudon also died many years ago; that of the marriage between her and the said Robert Young, her first husband, there was procreated two and only two children - vizt - Jane Young afterwards Williamson of Dumfries aforesaid who is still alive and who is widow of David Williamson of Dumfries aforesaid merchant, - and Elizabeth Young afterwards McKinnell of Thornhill in Co. Dumfries, now deceased, who was spouse and afterwards widow of Thomas McKinnell of Minnyhive, in the parish of Glencairn, Co. Dumfries aforesaid, gentleman. That the said Elizabeth Young afterwards McKinnell died at Thornhill aforesaid on or about the [] May in this present year, leaving her surviving the following children procreated of the marriage between her and the said Thomas McKinnell - vizt - Robert McKinnell of Thornhill aforesaid, farmer, - Mary Ann McKinnell - Jane McKinnell - and Janet McKinnell all of Thornhill aforesaid, spinsters - Samuel McKinnell also of Thornhill aforesaid, Postmaster, and David McKinnell of Allantoun in Co. Dumfries, joiner.

That of the marriage between the aforesaid Mary Paul and Mark Loudon her second husband there were procreated four and only four children who survived their said mother - vizt - Nancy, Samuel, Mary Ann and John Loudon. That the said Nancy Loudon and Samuel Loudon both died many years ago, unmarried and without leaving lawful issue. That the said Mary Ann Loudon is still alive and is resident at Glencaple Quay in the parish of Carlaverock aforesaid.

That the said John Loudon a good many years ago left this country and went to the said United States of America where, as the deponent understands and verily believes he was married to a lady of the name of Ann Leckie now deceased. That the said John Loudon as this deponent understands and verily believes, died in the said United States of America about 10 years ago, leaving two and only two children him surviving - vizt - George Leckie Loudon and Mary Ann Loudon afterwards Arnott.

That the said George Leckie Loudon died at Philadelphia in the said United States of America, leaving surviving him, as this deponent understands and verily believes, one only child - Marion Stewart Loudon - procreated of the marriage between him and Frances Elizabeth Stewart. That the said last named Mary Ann Loudon, daughter of the said John Loudon, who is now widow of Archibald Arnott, surgeon in the service of the Hon. East India Company, is still alive and is presently resident at the Glencaple Quay in Co. Dumfries aforesaid.