

## Family Lines Endpoints - Nisbet

Objective: Find parents of Thomas Nisbet in Scotland. [NG-010, chart 03]

>born: between 27 August 1835 and 4 June 1836 in Scotland.

1870 US census age 34 on June 1 enum June 4, born Scotland

1880 US census age 44 on June 1 enum June 17/18, father & mother born Scotland  
dies age 49 on 27 Aug 1885 (printed death notice).

>immigrate: Family history says Thomas and his brother Jim, came to America from Glasgow about 1852.

>first official record in US is 03 August 1867 marriage in Illinois

>children: Jennie, Thomas Alexander, David, Mary, Jobena Gilbert (for wife's mother)

Note: Roman numerals in first section refer to the "clues"; circled letters in second section refer to the "candidates"

I. The most reliable info is the birth span.

**From OPR Index Births & Christening 1553-1854 (paid) (search: Nisbet, soudex, Thomas, male, 1 Jan 1830 - 31 Dec 1836. only one birthdate matches**

Thomas Nisbet ①

Birth/Christening: 17 February 1836 Haddington, East Lothian

Father: Alexander Nisbet. Mother: Ann Redpath

II. Thomas should have been in Scotland at 1841 census, age 5

1 **From 1841 census 6/7th June (paid) (search: tho\_ nisbet, soundex, age 5-6)**

Four records age 5: Renfrew ②, Ayr ③, Lanark ④, West Lothian ⑤

One record age 6: North Berwick dist East Lothian ⑥

2 ① Haddington at Clerkington. only Alex\* with family in East Lothian. 709/00.017/00.001

Alexander, 38; Ann 35; Francis 10; Ephra 8; Alexr 6; Thomas 1

3 **From 1841 census Ancestry.com (search: Thomas Nisbet soundex, 1835+/- 1 yr, all county)** added another record, Greengairs, Lanarkshire, New Monkland ⑦

III. Thomas should have been in Scotland, maybe Glasgow at 1851 census age 15

1 **From 1851 census 30/31st March (paid) (search: nisbet, soundex, tho\*, age 15-16)**

One record age 15 ⑧

Four records age 16: ①, Bothwell, Aberdeen, Barony (goes to wrong page and in

1841 the Thomas closest to age 6 in Barony is age 2)

2 ① 1851 Haddington at Polnate St.; also 1861

Ann widow 40; Frances, son 20; Thomas 16; Alexander 11; William 6; Ann 8; Helen 4

1861 Ann 52, Alexander 21; Ann 19; William 17; Helen 13

IV. Should not be on Scotland 1861 census since would be in US according to family tradition, but I cannot find on 1860 US census

① the only Thomas in Haddington on 1861 census is 10 years too young

V. Came to America from Glasgow

Could have left from Glasgow but grew up elsewhere.

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VI. Emigrated with a brother Jim. My aunt was sure of this, but Robert Winning and his brother James came to Southern Illinois from Scotland. This could have gotten confused in the family telling since the Jim would be the immigrating family of my grandfather's mother rather than my grandfather's father.

ⓐ Thomas son of William and Janet Dryburn has older brother Jim from OPR & 1841 census

VII. Immigration about 1852. The shakiest "fact", appearing only on an email from a descendant of a sibling of Thomas' wife (her family immigrated 1865).

1 What Thomas Nisbet immigrated 1850-1866? (know he was in IL in 1867)

17 records, only one reasonably close

Thos Nisbett, age 25, departed from Glasgow Scotland 20 October 1853, destination USA, ship name Glasgow, place of origin Great Britain, port of arrival New York;

Microfilm serial: 237, roll: 132, list number: 1966, line: 42

arrived with William Nisbett age 27. (I haven't deciphered their occupation)

**1851 census search: tho\* nisbet, soundex, age 22-24; AND search: william nisbet, soundex, age 24-26.** no cross match

VIII. Family tradition has father of NG-010 as a Thomas also.

1. Check igi for Thomas son of Thomas. no reasonable matches

2. Check family trees for Thomas son of Thomas. no reasonable matches

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Ⓐ Thomas son of Alexander and Ann Redpath

+ the only one from OPR that birth date matches

+ naming pattern would fit as he named his son Thomas Alexander

- not Glasgow area but could have gone there from immediate family unit

**OPR and census given in previous section.**

Since Ann was a widow in 1851, I checked Wills & Testaments at ScotlandsPeople (**search: alex\* nisbet, soundex, 01/01/1841 - 31/12/1852**).

two records: one date before Helen's birth; one spouse of Mary Kier

ⓑ Thomas son of William and Janet Dryburn. Evidence seems to rule out.

+ older brother James fits family tradition of brothers Thomas & James immigrating

- birth date fits on year, but he would be 50 on Aug 12, 1885 and our Thomas died Aug 27, 1885 at age 49.

- Family trees showing death 19 December 1894 in Westfield, Mass. with descendants in Mass, FL, NJ seem to be reliable.

**From OPR Index Births & Christening 1553-1854 (paid) (search: Nisbet, soudex, Thomas, male, 1 Jan 1830 - 31 Dec 1836.**

Thomas Niesbet

Birth/Christening: 12 August 1835 Kilbarchan

Father: William Niesbet. Mother: Janet Dryburn

James Niesbet

Birth/Christening: 07 April 1827 Kilbarchan

Father: William Niesbet. Mother: Janet Dryburn

**From 1841 census 6/7th June (paid) (search: tho\_ nisbet, soundex, age 5-6)**

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Thomas Nisbet age 5, Kilbarchan, Renfrew, 568/00.007/00.009

Father: William Nisbet, 48, cotton hand loom weaver, born Scotland

Mother: Janet, 46, born Scotland, all children born Scotland

William 17, cotton hand loom weaver, Margaret 16, cotton carder; Christian 15, cotton carder; James 13, drawboy; Mary 10, drawboy; Thomas, 5; Janet 2

### ***From Passenger and Immigration Lists Index, 1500s-1900s***

Thomas Nisbit, 1856, Massachusetts "Register Of Voters Of Pittsfield, Massachusetts, 1890, Ward 5, Naturalization Data."

© Thomas son of Robert and Harriet

+ right age in 1841 census

- not Glasgow area but could have gone there from immediate family unit (33mi)

+/- brother James but is younger, would be 12 in 1852 at possible date of emigration

### ***From 1841 census 6/7th June (paid) (search: tho\_ nisbet, soundex, age 5-6)***

family at New Road, Mauchline, Ayrshire, 604/00 010/00 009; all born Ayrshire

Robert Nisbet, age 40, grocer sp deale; Harriet 40;

Henrietta 12; Mary 9; Thomas 5; Janet 6; William 4; James 1

Ⓣ Thomas son of James and Elizabeth

+ right age and place in 1841 census

### ***From 1841 census 6/7th June (paid) (search: tho\_ nisbet, soundex, age 5-6)***

Thomas Nisbet age 5, Oswald St., St Peters Buroh, Parish #644 Glasgow City, Lanark

Father: James Nisbet, 30, hostler, born Scotland

Isabella, 10, born Scotland; Jane; Elizabeth 8; Thomas 5; William 3

Elizabeth Nisbet 25, born Scotland

### ***From 1851 census 30/31st March (paid) (search: nisbet soundex, jam\*, male, 40 to \_\_, Lanark County)***

none within age range with wife Elizabeth.

### ***From: IGI (search: James Nisbet, spouse Elizabeth, Scotland)***

James Nisbet married Elizabeth Brodie 12 Nov 1831 in Port Glasgow, Renfrew, Scotland (extracted)

James Nisbet married Elizabeth Pattison 20 Sep 1830 in Cathcart, Renfrew, Scotland (extracted)

OPR marriages search for Jam\* Nisbet, soundex, 1 Jan 1828 - 31 Dec 1836 gives no matches for Lanarrk; Glasgow; Glasgow High Church; Glasgow, High Church; 18 matches all counties (which I didn't pay to examine)

Ⓣ Thomas son of Thos and Mary

+ right age in 1841 census

- place seems would be more likely to go to Edinburgh than Glasgow

+ Thomas son of Thomas as family tradition

### ***From 1841 census 6/7th June (paid) (search: tho\_ nisbet, soundex, age 5-6), but looked up at ancestry.com***

family at Echline, Dalmeny, West Lothian, 665/00.001/00.013 or?page 14

Thos Nisbet, age 30, agricultural labourer; Mary, age 30;

Thomas 5; Helen 3; Catherine 16 mo

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Ⓕ Thomas son of Ann

**From 1841 census 6/7th June (paid) (search: tho\_nisbet, soundex, age 5-6)**

family at Westgate, North Berwick, East Lothian, 713/00 003/00 005

Ann Nisbet, age 30, agricultural labourer, born East Lothian, Scotland

Thos Nisbet, age 6, not born in county; Archibald 4;

Allan McMillan 30 iron moulder; Andrew Ross 55 iron moulder; Agnes Smith 80

Ⓖ Thomas son of Richard and Helen Sharp. Evidence seems to rule out.

+ resides in right area to emigrate from Scotland to US

- age 7 in 1841 cenus, our Thomas would be 5 in June 1851; OPR confirms birthdate

+/- brother James but is younger, would be 12 in 1852 at possible date of emigration

- family trees have his marriage and death in Scotland with authentic sources. (married 28 Dec 1854 in Cambusnethan, Lanarkshire, Scotland)

**From OPR Index Births & Christening 1553-1854 (paid) (search: Nisbet, soudex, Thomas, male, 1 Jan 1830 - 31 Dec 1836.**

Thomas Nisbett

Birth/Christening: 15 June 1834 New Monkland

Father: Richard Nisbett. Mother: Helen Sharp

**From 1841 census Ancestry.com (search: Thomas Nisbet soundex, 1835+/- 1 yr, all county)** family at Greengairs, Lanarkshire, New Monkland, 651 ED:81, page 4

Richard Nisbet, age 30, born abt 1811, iron m

Helen Nisbet, age 30, born abt 1811

Richard 9; Thomas Nisbet 7; Robert 4; James 1

Ⓗ Thomas son of Jeffrey and Jean

+ age 15 in 1851 census

- age 7 in 1841 census, our Thomas would be 5 in June 1851, but may not be the same Thomas in spite of the same place

+/- brother James but is younger, would be 12 in 1852 at possible date of emigration

**From 1841 census Ancestry.com (search: Thomas Nisbet soundex, Cambusnethan)**

family at Cambusnethan Kirk, Cambusnethan, Lanarkshire. 628 ED:6, page 19

Jeffrey Nisbett, age 30, born abt 1811 in Scotland, labourer

Jean Nisbett, age 30, born abt 1811 in Scotland

Elizabeth Nisbett, age 9, born abt 1832 in Scotland

and Thomas Nisbett, age 7, born abt 1834 in Scotland

Matilda Nisbett, age 5, born abt 1836 in Scotland

James Nisbett, age 1, born abt 1840 in Lanarkshire, Scotland

**From 1851 census 30/31st March (paid) (search: nisbet soundex, tho\*, age 15-16)**

Thomas Nisbit, age 15, in Cambusnethan, Lanark 628/00 011/00 002, born Durnfries N.R., servant - agricultural labourer on farm of Robert and Margaret Martin