

The father and mother of the Raitt family died early and left a baking business in Paisley, Scotland, jointly to the two girls and their brother. This brother ruined the inheritance with drink, and left the girls destitute.

Both Andrew and James became joiners. At this time in Scotland rural carpentry was in a bad way. Factories were turning out furniture and building construction was turning to wrought iron girders and contracting. Both brothers decided to immigrate to Canada. James decided to go to Parry Sound, Ontario. Why was this the case? In 1860, when he left Scotland, most of Southern Ontario was settled and people were pushing into the Pre-Cambrian Shield for free grant land. He might also have been encouraged by the Gibson family who had started a small sawmill at Parry Sound. The three Gibsons in Ontario had all come from the Glamis parish in Scotland near where Andrew and James were raised. There was also a distant cousin Ann Osler (born 1842) who married an Alexander Gibson on the Smiddy Hill farm either close, or in, the Parish of Glamis.

James eventually left Parry Sound to do interior wood work with the Pulman Company in the United States. He had two sons in the ministry. One was reported in a year 1900 edition of the Parry Sound Star as living in South Dakota. In that year he came for a short visit to Parry Sound and preached a sermon in nearby churches at Depot Harbour and Otter Lake. A few years later he took a holiday in Scotland and preached a few sermons in West St. Giles Presbyterian Church, Edinburgh. He had a sister Barbara who lived for many years in Rochester, New York State.

The youngest brother David of the fifth generation (born 1850) apprenticed in ship building with the Thomson ship building firm. He

then went to Australia where he possibly joined with four Thomsons in the building of motorized ships. There was a Japanese fishing boat builder in Nagasaki, Japan, who contacted David, as he wanted to change over to the constructing of modernized motorized fishing boats. David joined in this Japanese venture and married the Japanese boat builder's daughter. They had a boy and a girl. The boy was drowned in a Typhoon. The daughter, in World War I, nursed American military personnel hospitalized in Japan. She was killed in World War II when the Americans dropped an atomic bomb on Nagasaki.

John, the fourth son of the fifth generation, had three sons two of which will receive mention, namely, John and Alexander. John became a preacher in Forteviot, Scotland, and married Rose Mary Chalmers. When he retired the congregation which was approximately twenty-five miles west of Dundee, presented him with a beautiful grandfather clock, suitably engraved. His nephew John William Oastler now possesses this valuable clock and in 1981 it stands in a room overlooking Stanley Park in Vancouver, B.C.

Alexander, the third son, became a joiner and locksmith. It is interesting to note that his cousin on his mother's side became the preacher in the much mentioned church in Eassie Parish. Alexander's home was three miles from Glamis Castle, with no buildings between. Next to his home was a school and he fell in love with one of the well educated teachers, Eva Margaret Jeffrey. He went to Vancouver, British Columbia, and Eva was to follow. However World War I intervened and Alexander went overseas with the Canadian Army. When the war ended he married Eva in Scotland and they proceeded to Vancouver where they prospered. Their son