

1841 Scotland Census Listing for James Sutherland with daughter Jessie
Parish Forfar, County Angus

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Above heading based on the following FamilySearch record transcription:

Name: **Jessie Sutherland**
 Event Type: **Census**
 Event Date: **1841**
 Gender: **Female**
 Age: **13**
 Birthplace: **Forfarshire (Angus)**
 Parish: **Forfar**
 County: **Forfarshire (Angus)**
 Birth Year (Estimated): **1828**
 GS Film number: **1042676**

I forget where I acquired the following 1841 Scotland census information. Here is the top of the page, followed by the pertinent listing:

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PLACES	HOUSES	NAME and SURNAME, SEX and AGE, of each Person who abode in each House on the Night of 6th June.		OCCUPATION	WHERE BORN
How near Name of Village, Street, Square, Close, Court, &c.	Uninhabited or Building Inhabited	NAME and SURNAME	AGE	Of what Profession, Trade, Employment, or whether of Independent Means.	If born in Scotland, state whether in County or otherwise. Whether Foreign- born, or whether born in England or Ireland.
			Male		
Good Street	1	Allen Angerton	30	Teacher	N

This listing shows John Sutherland, Messenger at Arms, living on Spout (?) street. There are three others living in the same household: Margaret, Jessie, and Master McClean.

<u>John Sutherland</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>Messenger at Arms</u>	<u>N</u>
<u>Margt J.</u>	<u>57</u>		<u>N</u>
<u>Jessie J.</u>	<u>13</u>		<u>N</u>
<u>Master McLean J.</u>	<u>11</u>		<u>N</u>

Messenger at Arms

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- John is shown as 55 yo., which would place his birth year at 1786.
- Margaret, the wife, is shown as 57 yo., which would indicate a birth year of 1784.
- The child under Margaret's name is Jessie, 13 yo. This would place her birth year at 1828, the birth year usually reported by Jessie.

Considering John's being in the army and Jessie's birth year, this family is a very likely candidate for that of the Jessie Sophia Sutherland of my family. (I'm not sure how the FamilySearch transcription gets that a birthplace is indicated).





The initial after both Margaret, Jessie and McLean's name is a mark made by the census taker that these people have the same surname of the head of the household.

Master McClean is shown as 11 yo, which would put his birth year at 1830, when Margaret was 40 years old.

The "y" in the column to the right indicates that Jessie and brother were born in Scotland. The "N"'s after John and Margaret's names, I am fairly sure, indicate that they were not born in Scotland. This contrasts Jessie's information later in life that her parents were born in Scotland.

The following search results from An.com shows four possible birth records from a John and Margaret Sutherland, but none of the results shows any dates or places, amazingly! What the heck is that about?

The one for McKay shows the child as Margaret Jessie Sutherland. None of the other 3 show middle names.

 Scotland, Select Births and Baptisms, 1564-1950 BIRTH, MARRIAGE & DEATH	NAME: John Sutherland SPOUSE: Margaret Mowat OTHER: Jessie Sutherland
 Scotland, Select Births and Baptisms, 1564-1950 BIRTH, MARRIAGE & DEATH	NAME: John Sutherland SPOUSE: Margaret McIennon OTHER: Jessie Sutherland
 Scotland, Select Births and Baptisms, 1564-1950 BIRTH, MARRIAGE & DEATH	NAME: John Sutherland SPOUSE: Margaret Sutherland OTHER: Jessie Sutherland
 Scotland, Select Births and Baptisms, 1564-1950 BIRTH, MARRIAGE & DEATH	NAME: John Sutherland SPOUSE: Margaret Mackay OTHER: Margaret Jessie Sutherland