

# Our Bateman Ancestors

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## Bateman Context

The Batemans came from Northern England. Their line ended when Ann Bateman married John Retson in 1809. The earliest Bateman identified to date is Thomas Bateman father of Ann.

1. Thomas Bateman b. 1770 England m Margaret Noble

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Thomas Bateman was born in England. He married Margaret Noble<sup>i</sup>.

They had the following children,

2. i. Ann Bateman b 18 Apr 1790<sup>ii</sup>. M. John Retson <sup>iii</sup> 26 Jun 1809, Kendal, Westmoreland, England, d. 15 Mar 1859 Woodhead of Gilmilnscroft, Sorn, Ayrshire, Scotland

### 2 Ann Bateman 1770- 1859 John Ratson [Retson] 1779 - 1842

Ann Bateman, daughter of Thomas Bateman and Margaret Noble was born April 18 1790 in Beetham Bts, Westmorland. She married John Retson (Ratson) Ritson, supposed son of Richard Retson and Margaret Tarne, who<sup>9</sup> was baptised at New Hutton, Kendall Parish, Westmoreland, England on 25 July 1779. according to Kendal Parish Records.

The Author's Great Uncle John Retson (born 1879), his grandson, relates a story about his grandparents eloping across the border from England to Scotland at Gretna Green (See modern pictures below) and his grandfather not doting the i on his name thus it becomes Retson. The name as it appears in the Parish Church Records in England spelled the name as Ratson or Rattson. If John eloped, he never-the less got married locally before running off to Scotland. He married Ann Bateman, daughter of Thomas Bateman and Margaret Noble in Kendal, Westmorland, England on 26 June 1809. Sorn. John is believed to have died about 1842 in Sorn. Their first child John was born between 1809 and 1810. John Senior's death certificate gives his age as 82, 3 months which would make John Jr.'s his birth arriving in August 1809. His parents married the 26 June 1809 adds some interest to the story of Uncle John.

Exactly when he crossed the English border to Scotland can not be determined, conclusively, but presumably it was sometime after the birth of his first son John around 1809-10. John presumably was resident at Sorn from the birth of his second son James 11 September 1811 until his death in 1842.

John and Ann Retson's children included, (grandchildren in capital roman numerals)roman

- i. John Retson b. Bet. 1809 – 1810 in West Kendal, Westmoreland, England; m. Jean Hamilton 14 Mar 1834 d. 11 Nov 1891 Ayr, Sorn Parish (See below)
- ii. James Retson b. 11 Sep 1811 in Sorn, Ayrshire; m. Mary Thompson on 12 Jul 1849 in Paisley, Renfrewshire; d. 16 Apr 1883 at Burgh Poorhouse, Paisley, Scotland. They had 9 children,

- I. Margaret Ritson or Retson b. 04 May 1855 10 Gordon's Lane, Paisley, Renfrew, Scotland
- II. Agnes Thompson Ritson b. 18 Jun 1857 10 Gordon's Lane, Paisley, Renfrew, Scotland
- III. James Ritson b. 18 Jun 1857, d. 20 Aug 1857 10 Gordon's Lane, Paisley, Renfrew, Scotland

- IV. James Ritson or Retson b. 15 Aug 1858 High Church, Paisley, Renfrew, Scotland, m. Isabella Gordon 23 Dec 1880 at 34 Rotteurow Glasgow, District of Blackfriars, Lanark<sup>1</sup>
- V. John Bateman Ritson or Retson b. 20 Aug 1860 High Church, Paisley, Renfrew, Scotland, m. Agnes Stanfield McGlynn 27 Feb 1889 Church of Scotland, Paisley, d. 11 Feb 1910 Greenock Poorhouse, Gourock
- VI. Agnes Ann Retson b. 28 Jun 1865 High Church, Paisley, Renfrew, Scotland
- VII. George Thompson Retson b. 28 Jun 1865 High Church, Paisley, Renfrew, Scotland

iii. George Retson b. 26 Sep 1813; d. Aft. 1861; m. Agnes Dodds at Inchinnan, Renfrew, Scotland, on 18 Feb 1842 who was born 22 January 1822 at Inchinnan. She died in North Hero, Grand Isle, Vermont, United States on 18 December 1888. [Appears to have died without issue.]

iv. Miles Retson b. 19 Feb 1815 in Dalgain St, Sorn, Ayrshire, Scotland, d. 9 Apr 1892, Woodside, Tarbolton; m. Margaret McCrae, at Sorn, Ayrshire, Scotland 21 Jan 1842 who was born at Sorn on Oct 24, 1811. She died in Tarbolton on Apr 17, 1888. They had six children

- I. John Retson b. 10 Nov 1842 Sorn, Ayrshire, Westmoreland, m. Janet Anderson 24 Mar 1865 Sorn, d. 18 Jan 1912 at Longside Farm, Kirkfieldbank, Lanarkshire
- II. Agnes Kirkland Retson b. 08 Dec 1844 Sorn, Ayrshire, m. William Stewart Kerr 02 Oct 1868 Sorn, Ayrshire, Scotland, d. 12 Jun 1924 at 13 High St, Irvine, Ayrshire, Scotland
- III. George Retson b. 23 Jan 1845 Sorn, Ayrshire, m. Elizabeth Aaron 29 Dec 1871 Sorn, Ayrshire, Scotland, d. 31 May 1923 at Glenview, Conrie, Perthshire, Scotland
- IV. Ann Retson b. 20 May 1849 Sorn, Ayrshire, d. 07 May 1850 Sorn
- V. Ann Retson b. 19 Jan 1853 Sorn, Ayrshire, Scotland, m. David Duncan 11 Oct 1882 Tarbolton Ayrshire Scotland, d. 11 Nov 1921 at Old Kilpatrick, Dunbartonshire, Scotland
- VI. Myles Brown Retson b. 06 Jan 1855 Sorn, Ayrshire, Scotland, m. Janet Baird 20 Apr 1880 Glasgow, Scotland, d. 18 Jul 1907 Denny, Stirlingshire, Scotland

v. Margaret Retson b. 9 Dec 1816; bp January 5 1817 Pathhead of Croftfoot, Sorn, Ayrshire, Scotland, m. John Watson, 28 Jun 1837, Sorn, Ayrshire, Scotland. They had three children,

- I. John Retson Watson b. 20 Jun 1838 Paisley, Renfrewshire, Scotland
- II. Mary Watson b. 1943 Paisley, Renfrewshire
- III. Janet Watson b. 1948 Paisley, Renfrewshire

vi. William Retson b. 23 Nov 1819 in Sorn, Ayrshire, Scotland; died in Woodhead, Sorn 28 Oct 1892 m. Margaret Weir at Sorn, Ayrshire, Scotland 16 Dec 1851 who was born in the Sorn Parish on Apr 22, 1818 and died in Sorn 17 December 1899.

- I. Margaret Agnes Retson b. 14 Jan 1853 Sorn, Ayrshire, m. John Gibson 14 Jun 1872 Sorn Parish d. Aft. 1906
- II. John Retson b. 27 Apr 1856 Sorn, Ayrshire, m. Jane Dicken d. 12 Jul 1923, Glasgow, Lanark
- III. James Weir Retson b. 22 Nov 1858 Sorn, Ayrshire, d. 06 Oct 1933 Sorn
- IV. Ann Retson 15 Apr 1860 Sorn, Ayrshire,

Ann Bateman Retson died March 15 1859 in Woodhead of Gilmillscroft,

## Appendices

Places where Batemans lived

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<sup>1</sup> Marriage certificate 1880 no 223 District Blackfriars, Burgh of Glasgow

**Sorn, Ayrshire, Scotland**

**Kendal, Westmorland, England**

Beetham Bte, Westmorland, United Kingdom

Rejected Ann Batemans

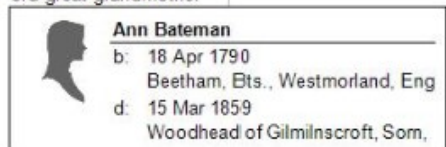
Ann Bateman b. 15 Mar 1786 Bap. 14 Jun 1786 Askham Westmorland, Father John Bateman Mother Mary Sandford [This does not dovetail with death certificate of Ann Bateman Retson.]

## Relationship with Bateman to the Author

4th great grandfather



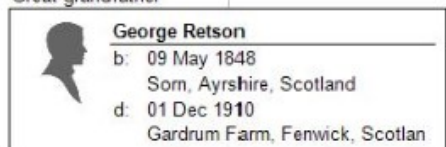
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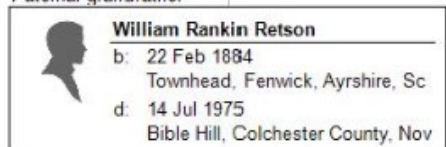
2nd great grandfather



Great grandfather



Paternal grandfather



Father



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<sup>i</sup> Information from death certificate of Ann Retson

<sup>ii</sup> Death certificate of Ann Retson, father Thomas Bateman, mother Margaret Noble, Age on death certificate 69

<sup>iii</sup> Spouse: John Retson, Marriage Date: 26 Jun 1809, Marriage Place: Kendal, Westmoreland, England, FHL Film Number: 1471686;  
Spouse John Retson, Marriage Date: 26 Jun 1809, Marriage Place: Kendal, Westmoreland, England Spouse: Ann Gateman  
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