1. SCOTT Margaret (1816-1899)  
[Mother of Janet Howie (1843)]

Relationship
Margaret Scott was born in Kilmacolm in Renfrewshire, Scotland, and she was the second wife of Rev. James Howie. Together with their two children, Janet Howie and Robert Howie, and also another child, Margaret Howie (from a previous marriage of Rev. James), decided to migrate to South Australia in 1847.

During the voyage to Australia, her husband, Rev. James Howie died, and he was buried at sea, and Margaret Scott very soon after gave birth to a son on board the ship. Things were obviously not going to plan.

Margaret Scott is therefore relevant because...
Margaret Scott was the mother of Janet Howie who married William Semmens, and Janet Howie and William Semmens were the parents of Rosanna Margaret Semmens, who married John Houston, and Rosanna Margaret Semmens and John Houston were the parents of Roy Sylvan Houston, who is the base reference person for this document.

**Birth Details**

Margaret’s marriage record to Philip Seaman on 1849-01-26 aged 32 gives a birth year of 1816-1817
Her death record of 1899-09-21 aged 83 gives a birth year of 1816-1815
I have therefore determined to use 1816 for Margaret’s birth year.
Unfortunately her father’s name is not included on her marriage record to Philip Seaman.

Her marriage record to James Howie shows that Margaret came from Burnbrae in Kilmacolm.

A very promising contender for her birth is a record from Kilmacolm on 1816-03-16 to parents Alexander Scott and Jannet Hatridge as follows.

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<tr>
<th>SCOTT</th>
<th>MARGARET</th>
<th>ALEXANDER SCOTT/JANET HATRIDGE (FR250)</th>
<th>F</th>
<th>16/03/1816</th>
<th>569/363</th>
<th>10</th>
<th>Kilmacolm</th>
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The above is the baptism record for Margaret.
Margaret’s record was only one of eight of the ten Scott children who were recorded in baptism entries on the same day. The children have consecutive entries on the same page in the baptism records of the parish of Kilmacolm. It must have been a bulk process.

The wording of the entries suggest that they were not actual baptisms. My lack of religious understanding means that I am rather confused with this when I try to read the actual text of each of the entries. Here is an example of what I think the entries say...
“lawfull son born Oct 5 1802, they being of the Baptist profession he is not Baptised but called John”
I just do not understand the significance of not being baptized being recorded in a baptism entry.

Presumably “they” in the above refers to the parents Alexander and Jannet

Shown below are baptisms of the children on the same day

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<th>Name</th>
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<td>John</td>
<td>1802 Oct 5</td>
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<td>Jean</td>
<td>1804 Jul 24</td>
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<tr>
<td>Helen</td>
<td>1806 Oct 10</td>
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<tr>
<td>Alexander</td>
<td>1809 Feb 1</td>
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<tr>
<td>James</td>
<td>1810 Dec 4</td>
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<tr>
<td>David</td>
<td>1813 Jan</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Robert</td>
<td>1814 Aug 9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Margaret</td>
<td>1816 Mar 16</td>
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and here (oddly) and apparently in a different book is the record of the last two siblings of Margaret Scott.
Margaret’s later marriage record to James Howie shows that she came from Burnbrae in Kilmacolm

**Marriage Details**

Margaret Scott’s first marriage was to James Howie on 1842-06-04 in Beith or Kilmacolm in Scotland.

There are marriage (or banns) records in both parishes. James was from Beith and Margaret was from Kilmacolm.

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<th>Surname</th>
<th>Forename</th>
<th>Spouse Name</th>
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<tr>
<td>HOWIE</td>
<td>JAMES</td>
<td>MARGARET SCOTT/FR507</td>
<td>04/06/1842</td>
<td>569/</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>Kilmacolm</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HOWIE</td>
<td>JAMES</td>
<td>MARGARET SCOTT/FR837</td>
<td>04/06/1842</td>
<td>581/</td>
<td>40</td>
<td>Beith</td>
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The Kilmacolm parish record

The Beith parish record
Of special interest in the above record is the description of James as “Farmer in Hayhills”. This is the exact same term used in the birth record of both of his children Janet and Robert.

This common term strongly links together the marriage of James and Margaret and the birth of their two children Janet and Robert, but unfortunately does help in linking James Howie to being titled a Reverend.

Following the death of James Howie, Margaret Scott was a widow in South Australia when she married Philip Seaman (a widower) on 1849-01-26 at Morphett Vale. They were both recorded to be 32 years of age at the time.

Groom SURNAME: SEAMAN
Groom Given Names: Philip
Bride SURNAME: HOW
Bride Given Names: Margaret
Marriage Date: 1849-01-26
Groom Age: 32
Groom Status: W
Groom's Father: (not recorded)
Bride Age: 32
Bride Status: W
Bride's Father: (not recorded)
Marriage Place: Independent Chapel Morphett Vale
District: Ade
Symbols: A
Book: 40
Page: 369
Cross Reference:

Philip Seaman had previously been married in Britain to Elizabeth Jayx and had 3 children from that earlier marriage.

Immigration Details

Margaret Scott was the matriarch of the Howie family, consisting of parents James Howie and Margaret Scott and their two children Janet Howie and Robert Howie, and another child Margaret Howie (from a previous marriage of the father James Howie).

This family (of 4+1) embarked on the passenger ship Lady McNaughton to sail to South Australia in 1847.
During the fateful voyage, James Howie, the husband of Margaret Scott passed away and was buried at sea in about early August 1847.

Shortly thereafter, Margaret Scott gave birth still on board the ship to a son on 11 Aug 1847 who was also named James Howie.

On arrival at Port Adelaide on 13 Oct 1847, Margaret is believed to have been about 31 years of age.
Children of Marriage of Margaret Scott to James Howie

Margaret Scott had 3 children to James Howie.

The children from this marriage were...
Janet Howie  born 1843 in Scotland
Robert Howie  born 1845 in Scotland
James Howie  born on board the Lady McNaughton in 1847

Children of Marriage of Margaret Scott to Philip Seaman

Margaret Scott had 2 children to Philip Seaman

The children from this marriage are ...
Elijah Seaman  born abt. 1850
Rachael Seaman  born abt. 1853
For some unknown reason, SAGHS birth records are unable to be found for these two births.

Death Details

Margaret Scott died in 1899 aged 83 at McLaren Vale.

Deceased SURNAME:  SEAMAN
Given Names:      Margaret
Death Date:       1899-09-21
Sex:              F
Age:              83y
Status:           W
Relative 1:       Philip SEAMAN (DH)
Relative 2:       
Residence:        McLaren Vale
Death Place:      McLaren Vale
District:         Wil
Symbols:          
Book:             264
Page:             43
Cross Reference:
Burial Details

Margaret Scott is buried at McLaren Vale Uniting Churchyard. She shares a common memorial with her second husband Philip Seaman and their son Elijah Seaman.