

*"I have ever had a pleasure in obtaining any little anecdotes of my ancestors."
—Benjamin Franklin.*

*"He only deserves to be remembered by posterity who treasures up and preserves the
history of his ancestors."—Edmund Burke.*

BURNS FAMILY RECORDS

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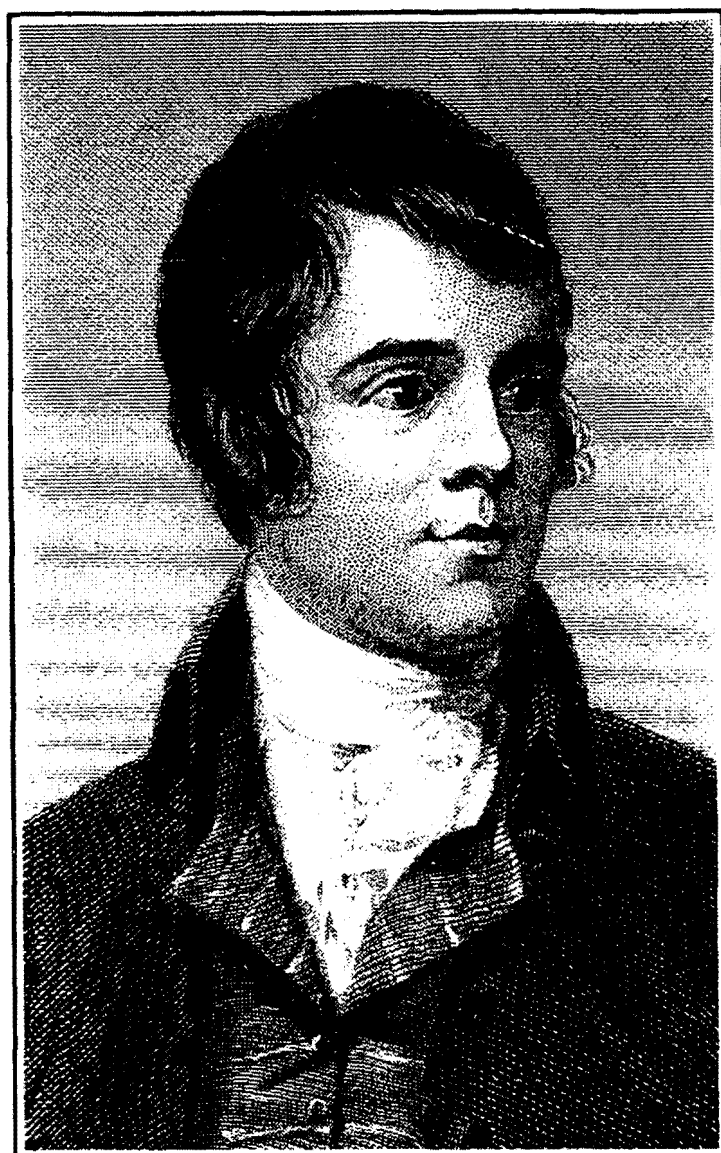
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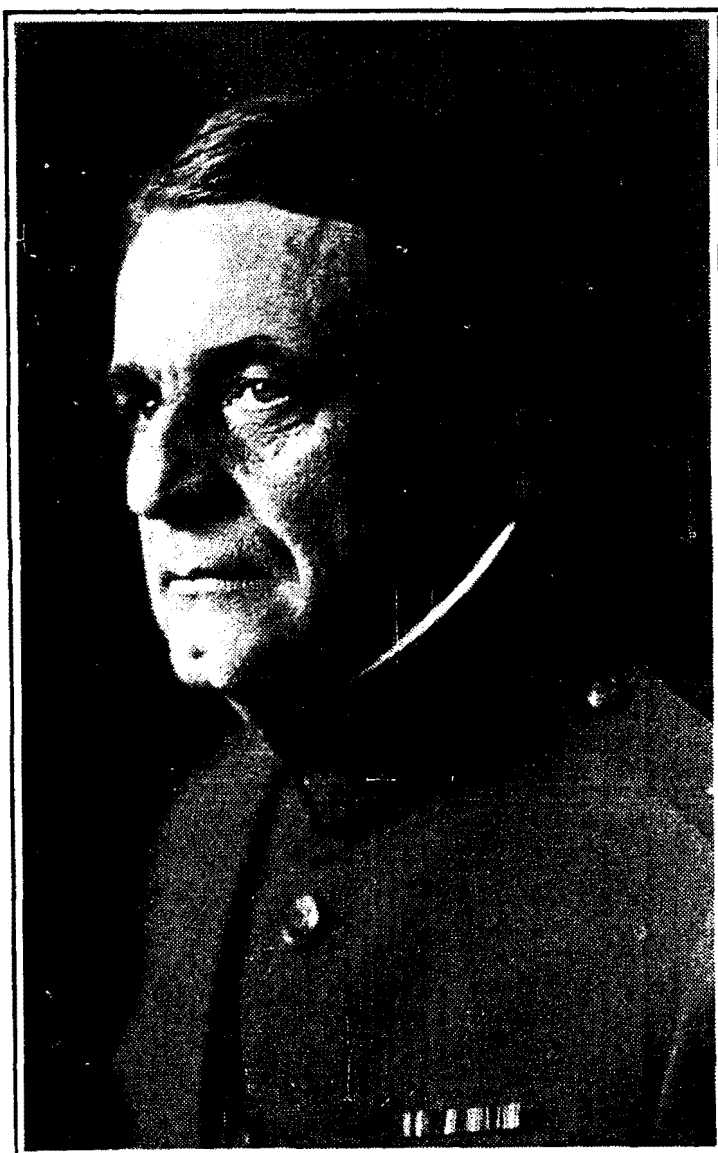
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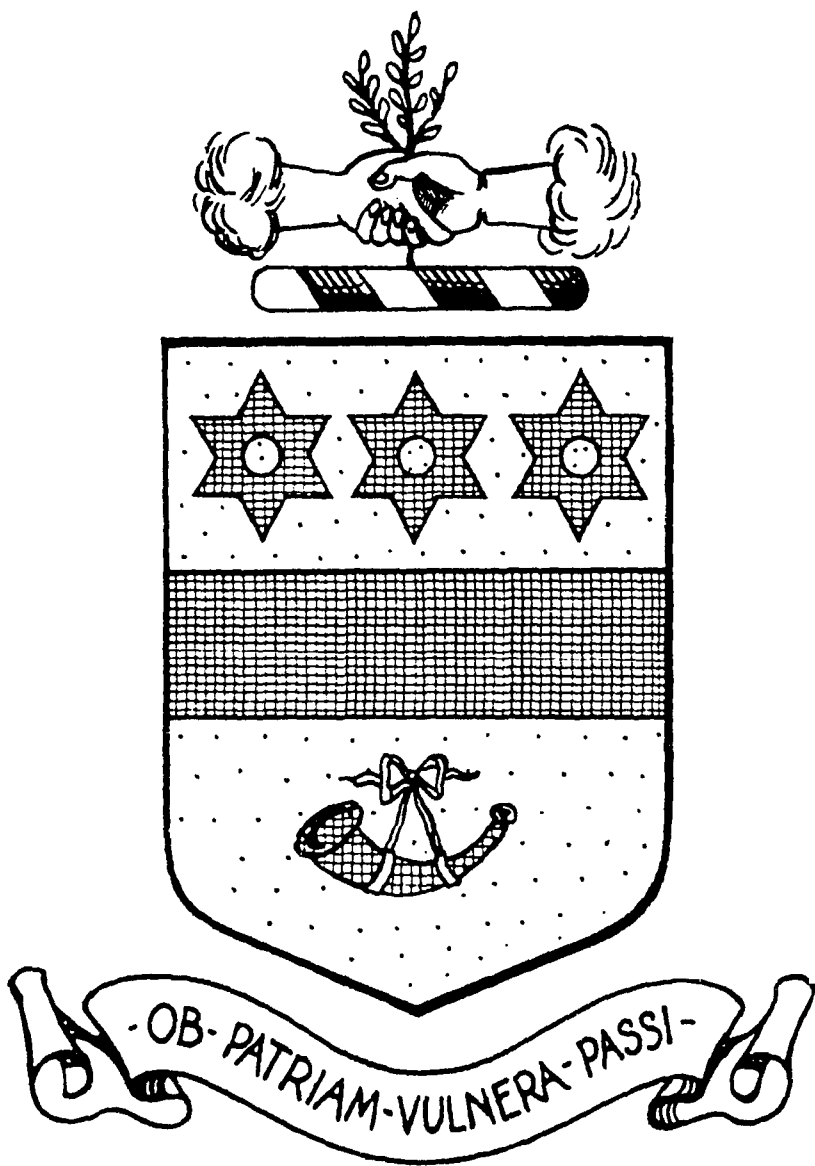
MAJOR FRANK S. BURNS



ROBERT BURNS
Greatest of Scottish Poets



MAJOR WILLIAM F. BURNS



Burns

BATTLE HYMN OF THE BURNS

TUNE: "*Battle Hymn of the Republic*"

Our ancient brave Burns fathers raised their standards to the sky;
For country and posterity their aims were ever high;
They always did their duty, unafraid to do or die.
The clan goes marching on!

CHORUS: Sure, Burns is a grand old family,
Virile, worthy, brave and loyal!
"Ob pa-tri-am vul-ne-ra pas-si!"
The clan goes marchng on

Godric de Burnes was an ancient father of our clan;
Posterity of William, John and Mitchell never ran;
Timothy was virile, Allan was a sturdy man.
The clan goes marching on!

Robert was a poet whom the world could comprehend;
Mitchell with great valor did his Christian faith defend;
When Burnses pledged their honor they were loyal to the end.
The clan goes marching on!

Alexander gave his life for country and his queen;
More gallant soldier than John Burns is seldom ever seen;
When Burnses warn or promise everything they say they mean.
The clan goes marching on!

The Burns have dwelt in Scotland, England, Ireland and in Wales;
Where English tongue is spoken now the name of Burns prevails;
How could the nations but advance when brave Burns never fails.
The clan goes marching on!

The Clan of Burns is mighty with a hundred thousand strong;
In seventy-six, four hundred kinsmen fought to right a wrong;
Fourteen towns now bear our name. Sure, let us sing that song—
The clan goes marching on!

The sons of Burns have courage any task or foe to face;
Our daughters all are lovely with their beauty, charm and grace;
The leaven of our family is a blessing to the race.
The clan goes marching on!

No matter what opposes or what enemies assail,
With Burns allied in worthy causes, justice should prevail;
Those who claim the name and blood of Burns should never fail.
The clan goes marching on!

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(A) INTRODUCTION

HE Burns Family is among the forty-nine "best families" selected by the American Historical-Genealogical Society for whom the Society has published family histories during the past few years. The Burns Family has been prominent in the British Empire and in the United States, its members having played important rôles in war and in peace. Family pride is a commendable trait and should be cultivated. All Burns have just cause to be proud of their family history and traditions.

In references No. 3, No. 7 and No. 14 we find the following regarding the origin and meaning of the name Burns:

"The Scottish surname of Burns is said by some etymologists to be formed from the compound word 'burn-house,' signifying a dwelling or croft resting upon the margin of a rivulet or small stream. Farm homesteads and private dwellings styled Burnhouse are common in all lowland counties, especially in the counties of Fife and Kincardine, while the family name of Burns or Burnes is common in every district.

"By other etymologists the name, is thought to mean simply 'at the burn'. It is sometimes equivalent to Bourne, and in the North a small stream is still called a 'burn'. In the time of Edward the Confessor, Godric de Burnes was a great landholder in Kent, and his posterity continued in that county for several centuries.

"In Scotland, the name appears in very early records in an unusual number of forms. However, it is within recent generations that the kinsmen of Robert Burns have varied that name to Burnes and Burness.

"In the parish and other registers of Kincardineshire, the surname is variously spelled Burnes, Burnas, Burnase, Burnace and Burness, and members of the Kincardineshire stock seem to have derived from a common ancestor at or about the farm of Burnhouse, now called Kair, in the parish of Arbuthnot.

"Variations of the name are: Old Norse, Björn; Danish, Born; Swedish, Berns; Flemish, Burny. In Domesday Book it is spelled Born, Beorn, Burn and Bern."

The data in this volume is gathered from reliable sources. We have selected what we consider the most important material. Many of the daughters, and sons for whom no issue was shown, have been omitted from the pedigrees. A missing symbol indicates that a name has been omitted. Those desiring further information are advised to consult the volumes mentioned in the list of References.

The compiler hopes that, in producing this volume he is bringing to the Burns Family information which will be of interest and value to them, and that he is rendering an important service to the public. He and his associates will be glad to give their cooperation to members of the family who are interested in having a complete genealogy of the family published.

Unless otherwise plainly shown, the persons in this volume whose names are accompanied by three figures are children of the immediately preceding persons bearing immediately preceding numbers. All persons in each group

bearing the same letter as a part of their numbers, are directly related. The generations of the descendants of those bearing numbers of three figures are represented as follows. However, some of our material is published as copied from various records without rearrangement according to this system.

Generations	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
Symbols	(1), etc.	(A), etc.	(a), etc.	1, etc.	A, etc.
Generations	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
Symbols	a, etc.	(I), etc.	(i), etc.	I, etc.	i, etc.

Abbreviations: add., address; b., born; ch., children; coll., college; d., died; d. y., died young; d. w. i., died without issue; dau., daughter; grad., graduated; l., lives, lived; m., married, moved; s., son, succeeded; d. s. p., died without issue; d. v. p., died before father; univ., university.



Compiler.

(B) THE BURNS COAT OF ARMS



COAT of Arms is an emblem or a device which is displayed by titled persons, persons of royal blood, and their descendants. Coats of Arms were originally used for purposes of identification and recognition on the field of battle as well as in civil life.

It is claimed by some writers that Coats of Arms, in a crude form, were used by Noah's sons after the flood. There are records of other Coats of Arms, in one crude form or another, at different periods of ancient history. Heraldry, however, as we know it today, did not become of much importance until soon after the invasion of England by William the Conqueror, A. D. 1066. Heraldry became of general interest at about the time of the Crusades.

The Burns Coat of Arms shown in the front of this volume is the Arms of the Burns of Scotland, from whom nearly all other Burns families are descended.

This is the most widely used of all Burns Coats of Arms, and has been in existence for many centuries. It is described in BURKE'S GENERAL ARMORY, BURKE'S LANDED GENTRY and other reliable works on heraldry, in some cases accompanied by illustrations. Almost all Burns families in Great Britain have some variation of it, and it has been used for generations by their descendants in America.

	HERALDIC LANGUAGE	ENGLISH DESCRIPTION
<i>Arms</i>	Or, a fesse between three mullets of six points pierced in chief and a hunting horn, strung, in base, all sable.	A golden shield divided into two parts by a black hand; in the upper part, three black mullets cut away in the center to show the golden field; in the lower part, a black, be-ribboned hunting horn.
<i>Crest</i>	Out of clouds to dexter and sinister, two hands proper, clasped together and clasping three twigs of olive.	Issuing from clouds to the right and left, two hands in natural color, clasped together and clasping three twigs of olive.
<i>Motto</i>	Ob patriam vulnera passi. (Latin).	Having suffered wounds for our country.

Sir Bernard Burke, of Heralds College, London, said "Heraldry is prized by all who can show honorable ancestry or wish to found honorable families."

Besides its family significance this Coat of Arms makes an excellent mural decoration and inspires the admiration and comment of all who see it.

It is quite appropriate that members of the Burns family who have a pride in their ancestry should display the family Coat of Arms, in proper colors.

(C) BRITISH BURNS PEDIGREES

- A101 GODRIC DE BURNES: in Domesday Book, 1050, as owner of wide domains in Kent. From him was descended,
- A102 JOHN DE BURNES: knt.; in 1290 a bull of Pope Nicholas IV. welcomed him to Rome as an envoy of Edward I. One of his descendants was,
- A103 WILLIAM DE BURNES: included among early benefactors of a hospital founded at Eastbridge, Canterbury, by Thomas à Beckett, in charter of Edward II.
- A104 WILLIAM BURNES: m. Christian Fotheringham, a son,
- A105 JAMES BURNES: of Brawlinmuir; m. Margaret Falconner; executed will 1740.
- (1) Robert: m. Isabella Keith.
- (A) James: b. 1717; m. Margaret Grub.
- (a) David: b. 1749.
- (b) James: b. 1750.
- (B) Robert: b. 1719.
- (C) William: b. 1721; a gardener to proprietor of Fairlee; m. Agnes Broun, of a family of Norman origin, 1757.
- (a) Robert: the Poet. (See Chapter D).
- (b) Gilbert: resembled his brother, the Poet; m. Jean Breckinridge.
1. Thomas: Univ. of Edinburgh; a minister.
- A. Arthur John.
- (c) William: a journeyman saddler.
- (d) John: d. y.

Burns of Kilmahew

- B106 JOHN BURN: of Sterth, Co. Stirling; m. 1741; assumed name of Burns in lieu of Burn; sold property of Courtown, held by Thomas Burne, by crown charter in 1538; had, with other issue,
- B107 REV. JOHN BURNS, D.D.: b. 1744; of the Barony Parish, Glasgow; m. 1775.
- (1) John: M.D.; F.R.S.; b. 1775; Corresponding Member of the Institute of France; Regius Professor of Surgery, Univ. of Glasgow; m. 1801; drowned 1850.
- (A) John: b. 1806; d. unm.
- (B) Allan: b. 1809; d. s. p., 1843.
- (C) Rachel: d. unm., 1830.
- (D) Elizabeth Caroline: d. unm., 1824.
- (2) Allan: d. y.
- (3) Robert: d. y.
- (4) Allan: M.D.; b. 1781; Physician to Imperial Court of Russia; d. unm., 1813.
- (5) Robert: b. 1786; d. unm., 1802.
- (6) James: the heir—B108.
- (7) Elizabeth: d. y.

- (8) Elizabeth: b. 1783; married and had issue.
- B108 JAMES BURNS: b. 1789; of Kilmahew, Co. Dumbarton; J. P. and D. L.; J. P., Lanark; m. 1861.
- (1) James: b. 1862; assumed surname of Burns-Hartopp by Royal License in 1894; m., 1894, a dau. of the late Captain William Wray Hartopp, of the Royal Horse Guards.
- (2) John William: now of Kilmahew—B109.
- (3) Alan: b. 1868; of Cumberwauld; J. P.; B.A., Cambridge; Advocate; m. 1901; issue.
- (A) John Alan: b. 1905.
- (B) George: b. 1909.
- (C) Charles: b. 1912.
- (D) Jean Douglass.
- (4) Helen Sherer: m. 1891; issue. Add.: The Chantey, Bisley, Stroud, Glos.
- (5) Margaret Shortridge: m. 1896; issue.
- B109 JOHN WILLIAM BURNS: b. 1863; of Kilmahew; B.A., Cambridge; J. P. Cos. Dumbarton and Lanark; m. 1903.
- (1) Thomas Pilkington: b. 1903.
- (2) Elspeth Rosamond: b. 1906; d. y.
- (3) Margaret Douglas: b. 1913.

(D) PROMINENT BRITISH BURNS, PAST GENERATIONS

EDWARD: (1762–1837); writer against Dr. Joseph Priestley; educated at Prevecca College, Wales; entered St. Edmund Hall, Oxford, 1784; M.A., 1791; rector of Smethcott, Shropshire; published sermons and tracts.

JOHN: (1744?–1802); lawyer; a Westmoreland squire; son of Richard; issued revised editions of his father's manuals.

JOHN SOUTHERDEN: (1799?–1870); antiquary; solicitor, 1819; secretary to commission for inquiry into non-parochial registers, 1836–41.

RICHARD: (1709–1785); legal writer; B.A. Queen's College, Oxford; chancellor of Carlisle 1765; vicar of Orton, Westmoreland, 1736–85.

WILLIAM: (1789–1870); architect of numerous mansions in Great Britain and Ireland; in business in Edinburgh, 1814.

SIR ALEXANDER: (1805–1841); Indian political officer; envoy to Dost Mahomed, 1836; knighted 1839; slain in massacre.

JAMES: (1801–1862); physician in India; studied medicine in Edinburgh and London; LL.D. Glasgow, 1834; garrison surgeon, 1837, physician general at Bombay.

ROBERT: (1759–96); the great lyric poet of Scotland; b. at Alloway, in Ayrshire, the s. of a farmer; wrote his first poem at the age of seventeen. The music of his verse brought all the country to his feet, and his life was a fantastic mixture of riches and poverty, tragedy and romance.

(E) PROMINENT BRITISH BURNS OF TODAY

ALAN CUTHBERT BURNS: C.M.G. 1927; Colonial Sect'y, Bahama Islands; b. 1887; s. of James. Publications: "Index to Laws of Leeward Islands" (joint compiler) and "Auction Bridge for Everybody". Add.: Nassau, Bahamas.

CECIL DELISLE: M.A. (Cantab b.), D. Lit (Lond); Stevenson Lecturer in Citizenship at the Univ. of Glasgow; b. 1879; s. of Agnes Delisle; educ., Christ's Coll., Cambridge. Publications: "The Growth of Modern Philosophy".

CECIL LAURENCE: b. 1863; studied under Hubert Herkomer, R. A. Exhibited at the R. A. New Gallery. Club: East India United Service, Savage, Chelsea Arts.

JAMES: I S.O., 1907; b. 1859; s. of William; educ., George Watson's, Edinburgh. Late accountant-general of the Transvaal. Add.: Bournemouth.

RT. HON. JOHN: M.P. (R.) Battersea, 1892-1918; Labour Represen; b., London, 1858; 2nd s. of Alexander; educ., Battersea and at night schools. Author of Pamphlets, Articles, Speeches. Add.: London.

VERY REV. MICHAEL JOHN: D.D., Canon of the Plymouth Cathedral; b., Baltimore, Co. Cork, Ireland, 1863; s. of Michael; educ., Collegiate School. Now engaged in starting the Catholic Mission at Wimborne, Dorset. Active mem. of League of Nations Union. Add.: London.

ROBERT: A.R.S.A., 1902, resigned 1920; b., Edinburgh, 1869; educ., Royal High School, Edinburgh. Clubs: Arts, Royal Scots, Edinburgh. Add.: East Lothian.

REV. THOMAS: C.B.E., 1927; D.D.T.D., J.P., F.R.S.E., F.C.T.B., F.S.A.Scot.; Minister of Lady Glenorchy's Parish, Edinburgh; b., Mansefield, 1853; s. of Rev. Thomas; pubs.: "Old Communion Customs". Add.: London.

(F) AMERICAN BURNS OF ROYAL DESCENT

David Burns

MARCHUDD AP CYNAN: Lord of Brynffeniwl, founder of the Eight Noble Tribes of North Wales and Powis; father of:

KARWEDH AP MARCHUDD: Lord of Brynffeniwl, from whom was descended (6 generations removed):

IORWERTH AP GWGAN: Lord of Brynffeniwl.

KENDRIG AP IORWERTH: Lord of Brynffeniwl and Llansadwrn; m. Angharad, great-granddaughter of OWEN GWYNEDD, PRINCE OF NORTH WALES.

EDNYFED VYCHAN AP KENDRIG: Chief Justice and Chancellor for Llewelyn ap Iorwerth, King of North Wales.

GRIFFITH AP EDNYFED VYCHAN: "who was forced to flee into Ireland for the scandal he suffered on account of the Princess Joan, daughter of King John, of England, and wife of Llewelyn ap Iorwerth."

SIR HOWELL AP GRIFFITH, Knt.: m. Tanghost, dau. of David Goch ap Howell.

GRIFFITH AP SIR HOWELL: had, by his 2nd wife:

ROBERT AP GRIFFITH: of Einmal.

RHYS AP ROBERT: from whom derived, 6th in descent:

MEREDITH AP JOHN: who had:

REV. GEORGE LLOYD, D. D.: Bishop of Sodor and Man, 1600-4, and Bishop of Chester, 1604-16.

ANNA LLOYD: m., as his 2nd w., Theophilus Eaton, 1st Gov. of the New Haven Colony, New England.

HANNAH EATON: m. William Jones, Deputy-Governor of New Haven Colony, Conn.

JOHN JONES: b. 1667; m. Mindwell Stebbins.

JOHN JONES: b. 1713; m. Hannah Basset.

ABIGAIL JONES: b. 1754; m. DAVID BURNS. Issue.

(G) AMERICAN BURNS FAMILIES

Mitchell Burns Family

MITCHELL BURNS: (the paternal ancestor of Rev. William Henry Burns, D.D. (deceased) and Major William Foster Burns, U. S. Army), traced his lineage on his mother's side—*Stuart*—back to Mary, Queen of Scots of the Royal House of Stuart. He was the son of Christopher Burns and Mary (Stuart) Burns. Mitchell Burns was born at Dumfries, Scotland, near Carlisle Castle, and near the home of Thomas Carlyle, July 29, 1794. He crossed to Ireland where certain of his relatives, the Espbys and Derbys had preceded him, the family legend being that when as Protestants the family had been compelled to escape the persecutions of King James I, the male child was conveyed by his mother, who was disguised as a fisherwoman, in a fish basket across the Irish Sea and to Ireland. Mitchell Burns was married at Maghera-felt, Ireland, April 14, 1819, to Mary Ann Morrow, who was born at Maghera-felt, July 12, 1791. After their marriage they resided successively at Armagh and Colrain, Ireland. Two sons were born to them in Ireland—JOHN BURNS who entered the Wesleyan Methodist Ministry, but died in 1851 at Sackville, N. B., at the age of 27, unmarried; and STUART BURNS, born in 1819.

MITCHELL BURNS, who was a potter by trade, came to Nova Scotia, Dominion of Canada, in 1830 or 1831 and settled on what was known as the John Connelly Estate at Potter's Brook to which stream he gave its name, and where the Hope Iron Works, parent of the large plant of the Nova Scotia Steel Company, commenced operations in 1872, now the City of New Glasgow, Nova Scotia. In 1847 he moved to River John, Nova Scotia, where he died in 1871, his wife having died there in 1858. They had a large and notable family of seven sons and four daughters.

JAMES BURNS, one of his sons, was born at New Glasgow, N. S., in 1825, was educated at Sackville, N. B., entered the ministry, served several churches in the Maritime Provinces, Chicago, Ill., and Idaho. He died at Payette, Idaho, in 1907. He was also an inventor of several noteworthy things—some used universally—the Orthopedic appliance for club feet—the cash register system, and other inventions of a useful nature. His daughter Angeline married Dr. Frederick Holmes of San Diego, Calif., since deceased. Mrs. Holmes resides at Tacoma, Washington.

His (James') eldest son, JABEZ B. BURNS, married Mary Flagg Owen, at one time a school principal in Chicago, Illinois. He practiced dentistry in Payette, Idaho, for a long period, and removed to Palo Alto, California, where he died in 1927. He had two sons—one of them, ROBERT OWEN BURNS, was an officer who saw service during the World War in the A. E. F., France, and A. E. F. Germany. He is married, is in the insurance business, and resides in Fayetteville, N. C.

JAMES MORROW BURNS, son also of James Burns, was also an inventor of note in the cash register field, and for many years was a western manager of the Lamson Consolidated Cash Register System in Chicago, Illinois, and

other points. His wife, Mary Burns (nee Stewart) born at Franklin, N. H., died during the Great War, her illness and death being caused in part by her great anxiety for her two sons—Stewart, a Sergeant in the Rainbow Division, and Alexander (a member of this Division) a boy of 18 only, who made the supreme sacrifice in France in 1918, and to whom was awarded the posthumous D. S. O. and Legion of Honor Medals for gallantry in the front line trenches. STEWART BURNS is married and resides with his wife at Downer's Grove, Illinois. Another son of James Burns, JOHN BURNS, is married and practices Dentistry in Oakland, California.

WILLIAM HENRY BURNS, son of Mitchell Burns, was born in New Glasgow, September 11, 1840. He was educated at Wesleyan Univ., Conn. (A.B., 1867; A.M., 1869; D.D., 1892; mem. of Delta Kappa Epsilon); married Anna P. Foster, of Aurora, Ill., May 1, 1872; was ordained to the M. E. ministry, 1872. He was pastor in Illinois at St. Paul's Church, Chicago, 1869-72; Warren, 1872-73; Evanston, 1873-74; Rockford, 1874-77; Elgin, 1877-80; Joliet, 1880-83; Western Avenue Church, Chicago, 1883-86; Wesley Church, Chicago, 1886-90. In 1890-91 he served as presiding elder of the Joliet District, and from 1891 to 1897, of the Chicago District. He was Pastor, Oak Park, 1897-99, travelled in Europe and the East during the following year, and was a delegate to the General Conference in Omaha, 1891. Dr. Burns was author of "The Higher Critics' Bible or God's Bible," published in 1904. He died at Biloxi, Mississippi, April 4, 1916, and is buried at Rose Hill Cemetery, Chicago, Illinois.

WILLIAM FOSTER BURNS, Major U. S. A., only son and child of William Henry Burns, was born April 10, 1875, at Warren, Jo Daviess County, Illinois. He is a descendant of Edward Doty who landed at Plymouth in 1620 (*Mayflower* landing), also of Revolutionary ancestors, and of Stuarts, a royal Scottish family. He was educated at West Division High School, Chicago, Ill., Princeton Univ. (B.A. cum laude, 1895), Lake Forest Univ. (LL.B., 1897). He has been a resident of Washington, D. C., since 1919. On Oct. 11, 1899, he married Mary Louise Francis; has two children, Mary Louise and Allen Francis, a traveling salesman. Is Maj., J. Adv., U. S. A., member, Board of Review, Office of the Judge Advocate General, War Department, Washington. Major Burns is a member of the National Press Club, University Club, A.F. and A.M., Elks, Shriners, Sons of the Revolution, and Society of Colonial Wars. He served in the United States Army from Aug. 15, 1917, to date. (Original commission, capt., inf., N. A. Republican.) His pen name is Foster Burns, and he is a contributor of magazines and newspapers, principally upon subjects of foreign travel, especially Continental Europe and northern Africa. He was an alderman in his home city before entering the army and practiced at the Illinois bar for ten years; was in newspaper and advertising business until 1917. Business address: Judge Advocates General's Office, War Department, Washington, D. C.

STUART BURNS, the eldest son of MITCHELL BURNS, lived at River John,

N. S., where he was a merchant, but spent the latter years of his life as a druggist at Sydney, Cape Breton Island, N. S., where he died. His son, John Burns, succeeded to the business, and after his decease his widow removed to Philadelphia, where she resides with her son Harry. Another son—DR. W. FLETCHER BURNS, born in River John, also practiced Dentistry in Sydney, C. B., until his death. He left surviving, a widow, Mrs. Henrietta Burns, now a resident of Toronto, Ontario, with her daughter, Ethel, a nurse, also a daughter, Ida, now Mrs. Clark, a resident of Montreal, Quebec, and a son, Stewart, a dentist, who married in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, a daughter of Thomas Derby, formerly of Cookstown, Ireland, and a connection on the Mary Ann Morrow (maternal ancestress) side, thus again uniting the Morrows with the Burns Family.

STUART BURNS had three daughters, Mary (deceased) and Evelyn M. (unmarried) residing at Sydney, and Maude (married), residing at North Sydney, C. B. (Salter), but now deceased.

ANNE BURNS, a daughter of Mitchell Burns, married William Perrin, farmer and tanner in River John, N. S. Their son, Dr. Albert M. Perrin, was born there and practiced medicine in Yarmouth, N. S. Her daughters were Laura, and Carrie, now Mrs. E. M. Freeman, of Stellarton, N. S.

Rev. Frederick E. Barrett, D.D., of Windsor, N. S., president of the Methodist Conference of Nova Scotia, is also a grandson of Mitchell Burns.

MARGARET BURNS, daughter of Mitchell Burns, married George Langille, a mill owner in River John, N. S. A son, M. K. Langille, practiced Dentistry in Truro, N. S., until his death (1922). C. C. Langille and T. M. Langille, also her sons, both deceased were, respectively, a photographer and an accountant in New York, while H. H. H. Langille was for many years a photographer at Hanover, N. H. Ada, a daughter, married Mr. McGill and resided at Shelburne, N. S.

ROBERT E. BURNS, son of Mitchell Burns, was a real estate dealer in New York and San Francisco, as well as the inventor of the California Fruit Dryer, and was the original designer of the present gas stoves and heaters. He died in Portland, Oregon. Bion, his son, is a Dentist in San Francisco, Calif.

CHARLOTTE BURNS, daughter of Mitchell Burns was born in New Glasgow, N. S., in 1836, married Alexander McDonald, a ship builder, who removed to Victoria, B. C., where they resided until their respective deaths. Alexander, a son, who inherited his father's capabilities as a builder, was successfully engaged for many years in the construction and operation of steamers. He resided and died at Seattle, November 7, 1924. He was married while still in Nova Scotia to Mysie McKinnon, also deceased. His son, Harry McDonald, and daughter, Annie (Mrs. Ernest Grimison), still (1930) conduct his River Transportation Business at Seattle, Washington. He had also as daughters—Grace, Josephine (Mrs. John Grimison), Charlotte (Mrs. John Schandal)

residing at Conway, Washington, where her husband is a leading merchant. Another daughter, Mayme McDonald, is a director of Physical Culture at the University of New Hampshire, Durham, N. H. Winifred McDonald, a daughter, is also connected with this River Transportation business at Mt. Vernon, Washington.

Claire, another daughter, is the wife of Vincent Sylliasen and resides at Spokane, Washington, where her husband superintends the Spokane Division of the Pacific Telephone System.

Margaret (Mrs. Fred Harvey) resides at Victoria, B. C., and was also a daughter of Charlotte Burns (McDonald).

Frank McDonald, a son of Charlotte Burns McDonald, is married and resides at Westminster, Washington.

SAMUEL WESLEY BURNS, M.D., son also of Mitchell Burns, was born in New Glasgow, N. S. in 1836, educated at Bell Medical College (1864), and practiced medicine in Shelburne, N. S., until his death a number of years ago. His eldest daughter married Dr. Muir, a dentist, also of Shelburne, N. S.

THOMAS M. BURNS, M.D., son also of Mitchell Burns, born in New Glasgow, 1838; was educated in medicine at Bellevue Hospital, N. Y., practiced medicine in Shelburne, N. S., removed to Oakland, Calif., and died there. His researches and inventions in the field of photography were successful and noteworthy. His son, Dr. Thomas M. Burns, is a leading surgeon and Professor in the Denver, Colorado, Cross Medical College. Another son, Daniel C. Burns, is a lawyer, real estate dealer and President of the Burns Realty and Trust Co., Denver, Colorado.

CARRIE W. H. BURNS, daughter of Mitchell Burns, married Dr. Christopher S. Lane of Prince Edward Island, Dominion of Canada. Their eldest son, Franklin K. Lane, was born at Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, July 15, 1864.

Franklin K. Lane removed to California during childhood. He was educated at the Univ. of California (class of 1886), received the degree of LL.D. from the Univ. of California, New York Univ., Brown Univ. and the Univ. of North Carolina, and the degree D.Sc. from Trinity College, Conn. On April 11, 1893, he married Anne Wintermute, of Tacoma, Washington. He engaged in newspaper work early in life; was reporter and later New York correspondent for Western papers, and part owner and editor of the *Tacoma Daily News*. In 1889 he was admitted to the California bar, and began the practice of law at San Francisco. He was corporation counsel for San Francisco, 1897-1902; candidate for governor, 1902; party vote of legislature of Calif. for U. S. Senator, 1903; member of the Interstate Commerce Commission, 1905-13 (chairman, 1913); Secretary of Interior in the Cabinet of President Wilson, 1913-20; member of the Permanent International Railway Commission, representing the U. S. Government; member of the American-Mexican High Commission, 1916; member of the Council of National Defense, 1917; later, vice-president of the Pan-American Petro-

leum and Transport Co., N. Y. He belonged to many clubs, including the Cosmos, Press, University, and Chevy Chase.

Mr. Lane resigned as a member of President Wilson's cabinet February 5, 1920. After an unsuccessful operation for gall bladder trouble, he died at Mayo Brothers' Hospital, Rochester, Minn., May 18, 1921. His two children are living, Nancy a daughter, formerly Mrs. Philip Kaufman, of Washington, and Burlingame, Calif., now residing in New York. She is an actress and newspaper writer. His son, Nathaniel Lane, is married and resides in Minneapolis, Minn.

GEORGE W. LANE, another son, formerly a lawyer and now interested in a School for Boys, resides in San Diego, Calif. He is married.

A third son, Frederick, practiced Dentistry in Oakland, Calif., until his death several years ago. He left a widow.

Mrs. Maud Anderson, a daughter of Carrie W. H. Burns Lane, resides in or near San Francisco, California.

William Burns Family

- C110 WILLIAM BURNS: removed from Pennsylvania to Georgia, where he m. Martha James. They had Phebe, Betsy, Martha, John, William, and,
- C111 EMMONS BURNS: county surveyor at Joplin, Mo.; served as captain in the Southern Army during Civil War and was captured and held prisoner at Camp Norton for three years; m. Henrietta Beaman; (2) Eliza Kennedy. Ten ch. including John, Milton, Frank, Emmons, Lee, and,
- C112 SAMUEL MARTIN BURNS: b. March 2, 1852. He left Missouri in 1876 with a wagon train, travelled to Utah, and finally settled on a ranch in Idaho; m. Mary Elizabeth Pfast.
(1) Elsie.
(2) Almia.
(3) Apal.
(4) Waldo.
(5) James Grover: b. Jan. 21, 1886; grad. Illinois College of Photography and Photo Engraving in 1906; m. Ethel June Hedges. Practices photography at his studio in Boise, Idaho.
(A) Fern Lucille: b. Dec. 24, 1912.
(B) Stanley Martin: b. March 13, 1925.

Timothy Burns Family

- D113 TIMOTHY W. BURNS: m. Elizabeth Day. His son,
- D114 DON J. BURNS: b. on Long Island; m. Adelle Anderson, of old Knickerbocker families, in 1895 at Port Jefferson, L. I. Mr. Burns has been a newspaper man for many years, is greatly interested in home and foreign missions, and has devoted much time to religion. Their son,
- D115 JOSEPH ANDERSON BURNS: b. in New York City, Nov. 15, 1902. A.B., A.M., Columbia University. Studied at the Sorbonne, Paris. Head of the English Department of Washington College. He is a member of Chi Psi, and has exceptional writing and dramatic ability.

(H) BURNS IN THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Officers of the Continental Army

John Burns (Va.). 1st Lieutenant 11th Virginia, — January, 1777; resigned 1st July, 1777; Quartermaster 11th Virginia, 7th April, 1778; retired 14th September, 1778.

Robert (Pa.). 2d Lieutenant 2d Battalion of Miles' Pennsylvania Rifle Regiment, 16th March, 1776; transferred to 2d Canadian (Hazen's) Regiment, 21st December, 1776; Captain, 8th April, 1777; retired 1st January, 1782.

The following Burns served in the American Revolution from the respective colonies. Figures following some of the names indicate the number of times those names appear on the records examined:

Connecticut: Benjamin—2, Edward, James, John, Joseph, Simeon, Thomas, William—3. *Delaware*: Derias—12, Henry, John—4, Nathan, Patrick—2, Thomas, William—6. *Georgia*: Andrew—4, John—2, Margaret, *Maryland*: Charles, David, Edward—3, Harvey—2, Henry, Hugh—2, James—4, John—6, Luke, Michael—4, Simon, Thomas—3, Timothy—3, William—2, *Massachusetts*: Cromwell, Edward, Francis, George—2, Jacob, James—4, John—9, Joseph—4, Patrick—2, Robert, Samuel, Thomas—3, Timothy—2, William—3. *New Hampshire*: Amos, George, Harry, James—6, John—15. John, Jr., Patrick, Philip—9, Robert—3, Thomas, William—2. *New Jersey*, Daniel—2, David—2, Elijah, James, Thomas. *New York*: Arent, Charles, David—3, Edward—6, Francis, Frederick, James, John, Michael, Nathan: Robert—3, Timothy, William—4. *North Carolina*: Archibald—2, Jesse, John, Sterrel, William. *Pennsylvania*: Alexander—5, Andrew—5, Barnerd, Barney, Bernerd, Cadberry, Daniel—4, David—3, Edward—5, George—3, Isaac—5, Jacob—6, James—27, James, Jr.—4, James, Sr.—3, John—36, Joseph—9, Julius, Laughlin, Lawrence—8, Levi—8, Levy—2, Lewis—2, Luke—6, Malachi, Michael, Murte, Murty—2, Nathanel, Nathaniel, Patrick—13, Pattrick, Pearce—5, Pears, Pearse, Peter—4, Pierce—4, Richard—3, Robert—15, Roger, Samuel—12, Thomas—8, Timothy—4, William—20. *Vermont*: Francis. *Virginia*: Barneby, Christopher, George—2, Henry, James, John—2, Michael, Samuel, William. *Total*, 452.

(I) PROMINENT BURNS OF AMERICA, PAST GENERATIONS

REV. ALEXANDER BURNS: S.T.D.; LL.D.; Canadian educator; b. Castletown, County Down, Ireland, 1834; emigrated to Canada, 1847, with his parents, who resided in Quebec and then removed to Toronto; grad. from Victoria College with honors in 1861. He was president of Simpson Centenary College, 1868-78, and then accepted the presidency of Wesleyan Ladies' College, Hamilton, Ont.

CAPTAIN JAMES AUSTIN: educator; b. Oxford, Me., 1840; Ph.D., Bowdoin, 1885. In 1861 he entered the U. S. volunteer service, was commissioned, and served brilliantly throughout the Civil War. After the war he settled in Atlanta, Ga., following the profession of civil engineer and also filling the chair of chemistry in Southern Medical College. He published a series of "Juxtalinear Translations of the Classics" (Atlanta, 1886 et seq.).

JOHN: soldier; b. Burlington, N. J., 1793; was of Scottish descent and, through his father, claimed relationship with Robert Burns, the poet. A gallant and impetuous fighter, he served throughout the War of 1812 and the war with Mexico, and volunteered promptly when the Civil War broke out, only to be rejected because of his age. As constable of Gettysburg, he had various private skirmishes with the Confederates, and, on the day of the great battle, the indomitable old man became suddenly famous through his expert sharpshooting as a volunteer in the Union lines. He died in 1871.

REV. ROBERT: Canadian clergyman; b. Borrowstounness, Linlithgowshire, Scotland, 1798; grad. in arts at Edinburgh University, 1805, in divinity, 1810. Removed to Canada, 1845, and that year became minister of Knox Church, Toronto, retaining the charge until 1856; appointed professor of church history and apologetics, Knox College, Toronto, 1856; retired, 1864. He penetrated the remotest bush-regions in Canada so that his name was familiar throughout Canada. He published many books, including "Treatise on Pluralities" (1824). His biography has been written by his son.

REV. ROBERT FERRIER: Canadian clergyman; b. Paisley, Scotland, 1826; s. of Rev. Robert. In 1867 he became pastor of the Scottish church in Chicago, and at times assisted Mr. Moody in his evangelistic work.

HON. ROBERT EASTON: Canadian jurist; b. Niagara, Can., 1805; in 1837 appointed judge of Niagara district. In 1838 he removed to Toronto and went into partnership with Attorney-General Hagerman, first, and, later, with Philip Vankoughnet (afterward Chancellor of Upper Canada) and Oliver Mowat, Premier of Ontario; became judge, but resigned, 1848. Shortly afterward he was appointed, by the Baldwin-Lafontaine government, Puisne Judge of the Court of Queen's Bench and held the office until his death in 1863.

CAPTAIN WILLIAM WALLACE: soldier; b. Conshocton, Ohio, 1825; cadet,

U. S. Military Academy, 1843-47; served in 3rd Infantry in Mexican war, later receiving staff appointment as captain and commissary of subsistence; wounded in action, Savoye's station, 1862, but was in field up to and including the battle of Fredericksburg, 1862, when he was appointed chief commissary of the department of the Northwest. Later he had charge of the department successively in the Carolinas, Ga., Fla., and finally, of the whole department of the South. After the war he was in duty in Washington.

(J) PROMINENT AMERICAN BURNS OF TODAY

ALLEN TIBBALS BURNS: social service; b. Haverhill, Mass., 1876; s. William Treat; exec. dir. Nat. Information Bur., N. Y. City, 1922; trustee Cleveland Welfare Federation, 1914-17. Add.: New York.

CHARLES WESLEY: bishop; b. Willow Grove, Pa., 1874; s. George Harrison; ordained M. E. Ministry, 1899. Add.: San Francisco, Calif.

CORNELIUS F.: publicist; b. Troy, N. Y., s. John; chmn. nearly all civic celebrations of Troy for many yrs.; v. p. Nat. Rivers and Harbors Congress. Add.: Troy, N. Y.

DANIEL M.: mine operator.

ELMER ELLSWORTH: author; b. Monroe Co., Iowa, 1868; s. Aaron William. Author of numerous books incl. "The Story of Great Inventions;" editorial writer "The World Book". Add.: Berwyn, Ill.

FRANCIS HIGHLANDS: Insurance pres., b. Baltimore, Md., 1873; s. Findley Highlands; an organizer Md. Casualty Co., 1898; pres. since 1920. Add.: Baltimore, Md.

JAMES ALOYSIUS: clergyman and author; b. Michigan City, Ind., 1867; s. Patrick; pres. U. of Notre Dame, 1919-22; a founder, 1904, and v. p. Catholic Ednl. Assn. Add.: Notre Dame, Ind.

JAMES ANDERSON: educator.

KEIVIN: physicist; b. Pleasant Ridge, N. B., 1881; s. John; mem. of Philos. Society Washington, A.A.A.S., etc. Add.: Pittsburgh, Pa.

LOUIS HENRY: judge; b. New Orleans, La., 1878; s. Louis; asst. U. S. atty., Eastern dist. of La., 1911-13; U. S. dist. judge, Eastern Dist., La., by appmt. of Pres. Coolidge, 1925. Add.: New Orleans, La.

MELVIN P.: clergyman; b. Canada, 1866; s. Bernard; ordained M. E. ministry, 1890; pres., Good Will Industries; pres., Council of Cities. Add.: Philadelphia.

(K) BURNS TOWNS, ETC.

There are in the United States towns as follows:

BURNS: Colo., Kans., Miss., Mont., N. Y., Oregon, Tenn., Wyoming;
BURNS CITY: Ind.; BURNSVILLE: Ala., Miss., N. C., Va., W. Va. There are also in the United States numerous counties, townships, streets, avenues, etc., bearing the name "Burns". This is eloquent testimony to the high esteem in which the name is held in this country.

(L) BURNS CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES

The compiler of these records has made up a list from city and telephone directories of the United States, and from other sources, as follows. Care was taken to eliminate, wherever possible, persons known or believed to be colored, or of nationalities other than British and American:

Alabama.....	53	Maine.....	102	Oklahoma.....	77
Arizona.....	31	Maryland	104	Oregon.....	3
Arkansas.....	43	Massachusetts.....	614	Pennsylvania.....	710
California.....	607	Michigan.....	326	Rhode Island.....	65
Colorado.....	15	Minnesota.....	124	South Carolina.....	3
Connecticut.....	128	Mississippi	19	South Dakota.....	17
District of Columbia...	73	Missouri.....	191	Tennessee.....	46
Delaware.....		Montana	52	Texas.....	83
Florida.....	107	Nebraska.....	17	Utah.....	8
Georgia.....	39	Nevada.....	10	Vermont.....	40
Idaho.....	19	New Hampshire.....	65	Virginia.....	24
Illinois.....	692	New Jersey.....	238	Washington	71
Indiana.....	145	New Mexico.....	5	West Virginia.....	60
Iowa.....	78	New York.....	1010	Wisconsin.....	123
Kansas.....	59	North Carolina.....	32	Wyoming.....	8
Kentucky.....	40	North Dakota.....	3		
Louisiana.....	42	Ohio.....	323	Total.....	6,744

To secure an estimate of the "Burns population" of the United States, we figure as follows:

	(a) Multiply by
Only about half the names were taken from each directory consulted.....	2
Half of the Burns reside in the rural districts or in small towns having no printed directories which were available to us.....	2
There are an average of more than four persons in each American family.....	4
Since Burns daughters marry and have as many descendants as the Burns sons, there are as many descendants of "other names" as there are bearing the name Burns (though it is much easier to locate the latter).....	2
By multiplying each figure of column (a) into the preceding figure, we have a total of.....	32

Conservative estimate of the Burns population of the United States, one-half of whom bear the name Burns and one-half of whom bear other names..... 215,808

The estimated Burns population of any of the states may be obtained by multiplying the figures shown by 32. The Burns population of the British Empire is probably equal to that in the United States.

(M) RELIGIONS OF THE BURNS

For several centuries the Burns lived in Scotland. Most of the Scotch and, likewise, the Burns were and are of the Presbyterian faith.

There are a few Burns of the Catholic faith in the British Isles, but it is estimated that their number does not exceed fifteen per cent of the entire Burns population.

The Burns who came from the British Isles to America continued in the faith of their fathers, for the most part, though their descendants in this country today will be found in the memberships of practically all the various churches. It is estimated that of all the Burns in America who are church members, at least eighty per cent are of the Protestant faith.

Biographical sketches of thirteen Burns appear in WHO'S WHO IN AMERICA. Their religious faiths are shown as follows: EPISCOPAL, 1; METHODIST, 1; METHODIST EPISCOPAL, 2; PRESBYTERIAN, 1; ROMAN CATHOLIC, 2; RELIGION NOT STATED, 6.

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(O) FAMILY RECORDS

NO.	NAME	RELATION	BORN		MARRIED		DIED	
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