

Faed

George
1829 - 1852

His Life

George Faed was born in 1829 or 1830 at Barlay Mill on the outskirts of Gatehouse of Fleet. He was the 6th and youngest child of James Faed, miller and engineer, and his wife Mary McGeoch. [His exact birth date is uncertain as the parish records seem to be missing after 1820].

Little is known of George's childhood in Gatehouse although his father died in 1843 when George was only about thirteen. By then his older brothers had left Gatehouse so he would have lived with his mother Mary and sister Susan.

In about 1847 his brother James asked George to go to Edinburgh to help him with background work on his engraving plates.

George proved to be quite talented at the etching work and took on some work of engraving on his own.

For example his etching of Rev. Professor S. MacGill by Sir Henry Raeburn is in the Scottish National Portrait Gallery.

However he much preferred to paint and draw so he spent many evenings drawing heads. His brother James noted that he was particularly good at female heads and he felt that George would become a 'high class artist in a style of his own'

George was a tall handsome young man and both his brothers John and Thomas drew portraits of him.

Sadly George died of consumption (T.B.) on 12th March 1852 at his brother James' home at Comley Bank, Edinburgh. He was only 21 and he was buried in Dean Cemetery, Edinburgh.

At the bottom of this file is a Faed family tree which highlights where George fits in.



Sketch drawing of George by Thomas Faed
(ex The Faeds by McKerrrow)

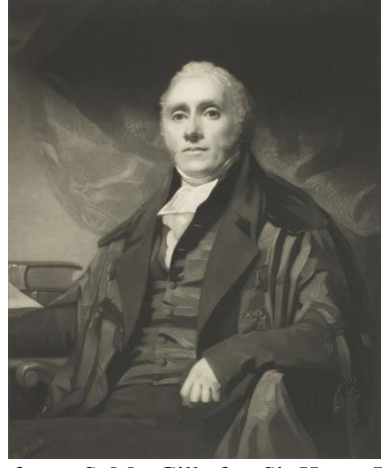
His Work

See the book about "The Faeds" by Mary McKerrrow.

Here are two of George Faed's etchings, both are in the Scottish National Portrait Gallery.



David Macbeth Moir after Sir J Watson Gordon



Rev Professor S. MacGill after Sir Henry Raeburn

Faed family – artists & engravers



Barlay Mill & Miln of Barlay, Laurieston Road, Gatehouse

John **Fead** (b.1704? d.1788?) m.1736 Kirkmahoe Mary **Walker** (b.1722? d.1758?)

1. Barbara **Fead** (b.1737 Kirkmahoe d.???)
2. William **Fead** (b.1739 Kirkmahoe d.1816?)
3. Samuel **Fead** (b.1740 Kirkmahoe d.???)
4. James **Fead** (b.1743 Kirkmahoe d.???)
5. Margaret **Fead** (b.1747 Kirkmahoe d.???)
6. John **Fead** (b.1751? d.1804?)
7. Robert **Fead** (b.1754 Kirkmahoe d.1821?)
8. Simon **Fead** (b.17--? d.???)

Agnes **Robson** (b.?? d.???)
 Janet **Ferguson** (b.?? d.???)
 Beatrix (Bessie) **Smith** m.1850 Gordon (b.?? d.???)

N.B. The father of this family was born and died with surname Fead, probably pronounced 'Fede'. The children were all called Fead at birth but during their lifetimes the surname was changed to Faed, probably without changing the pronunciation.

- John **Farish** (b.?? d.???)
 Janc **Chalmers** (b.?? d.???)
 Janet **Smith** (b.?? d.???)
- John **Fead** (b.1780? d.1841?)
 - Samuel **Fead** (b.1782? d.1849?)
 - Barbara **Fead** (b.?? d.???)
 - William **Fead** (b.1787? d.1850?)

Margaret **Fead** (b.1772? d.1852?)
 James **Fead** (b.1777 Kirkton d.1843 Girthon) m.1819 Girthon Mary **McGeoch** (b.1790 Girthon d.1866 Anwoth)
miller & engineer

1. John **Fead** (b.1819 Girthon d.1902 Girthon) **artist** m.??? Jane **MacDonald** (b.1820 Gigha d.1897 Girthon) no children
2. James **Fead** (b.1821 Girthon d.1911 Edinburgh) **engraver**
3. William **Fead** (b.1823 Girthon d.1888 Melbourne) **farmer**
4. Thomas **Fead** (b.1825 Girthon d.1900 London) **artist** m.1852 London Frances Mary **Randz** (b.?? d.1895?) 2 children
5. Susan Bell **Fead** (b.1827 Girthon d.1909 Girthon) m.1887 London John **Walthew** (b.1822 Hyde d.1899 Stockport)
6. George **Fead** (b.1829 Girthon d.1852 Edinburgh)

Mary **Cotton** (b.1827 Edinburgh d.1887?) m.1853 Edinburgh

- male stillborn (b.1854?)
1. James J K **Faed** (b.1856 W.Calder d.1920 New Galloway)
 2. William Cotton **Faed** (b.1858 W.Calder d.1937 Jersey)
 3. John **Faed** (b.1860 Edinburgh d.1861?) died 7 mths
 4. Ellenor Merry **Faed** (b.1864 Edinburgh d.1955 Edinburgh)
 5. Francis Grant **Faed** (b.1867 Edinburgh d.1914 Edinburgh)
 6. Stewart **Faed** (b.1869 Edinburgh d.1898 Nice)
 7. Mary Annie **Faed** (b.1871 Edinburgh d.1945?)
 8. Mark George **Faed** (b.1873 Edinburgh d.1951 Edinburgh)

Eleanor Annie **Herdman** (b.1873 Edinburgh d.1951 Edinburgh) m.1897 Corstorphine

- Janet **Armstrong** (b.?? England d.???) 5 sons; lived in Channel Islands m.?? Australia
1. James **Brechin** (b.?? d.???)
 2. Arthur Edward W **Barclay** (b.?? d.???)
- David **MacMillan** (b.?? d.???) m.1898 Edinburgh
1. Margaret Corson **Smith** (b.?? d.???)
 2. Frances Helen **Whitwell** (b.?? d.???) m.1.1904 Edinburgh
m.2.1919 Edinburgh

James Ronald Herdman **Faed** (b.1899 London d.1915 Dardanelles)
 John Alastair **Faed** (b.1905 London d.1981 Zimbabwe) m.1933 South Africa Frances **Herdman** (b.1905 Edinburgh d.1996 Edinburgh) lived in Zimbabwe

Brian Collins (b.?? d.???) m.1933 South Africa Fiona Joan **Faed** (b.1934?)
 Martin James Collins (b.1978?)
 Carline Corsar Wilson **Smith** (b.?? d.???) m.1990 Glasgow Stuart Alastair **Faed** (b.1964?)
 James Alastair (b.1992) Charles Simon (b.1994) Georgina Frances (b.1999)

Simon James **Faed** (b.1937?) m.1933 South Africa Philippa **Milne** (b.?? d.???)
 Janet Frances **Faed** (b.1967?) m.1933 South Africa Kevin **Foulkes** (b.?? d.???)
 Sasha Hayley (b.1992) Kathryn Emily (b.1995) Mathew Alastair (b.2003)

Sources of information for this tree include :
 1. The Faeds – A Biography
by Mary McKerrow (1982)
 2. James Faed Junior – Celebrating 150 Years
by Stuart Faed (2006)