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Initial enquiry

Annette's great grandfather William Young had two children from a first marriage who remained in Scotland. The family home was at Woodend Farm in Stirlingshire. Annette sought our help in finding out about these descendants.

"Thank you so much for all this information. I am looking forward to examining it in further detail and following the new leads you have provided. My cousins will be delighted with these revelations too!"

Annette S., Australia

How the National Library of Scotland helped

Research by our Reference Services team uncovered an early record for a William Young of Woodend Farm from 1824. A book, History of the Highland and Agricultural Society of Scotland by Alexander Ramsay lists Mr Young as winning second place for a heifer he showed at a local agricultural show.

Moving forward a few years, Post Office directories showed that a Henry Young was a farmer at the property from 1862-1882. Successive directories listed the property under the name of Miss Young in 1886 before it passed into new ownership.

The team also found a notice in the Glasgow Herald newspaper of 19 April 1850 announcing the marriage of Henry Young, farmer at Woodend, to Jane Cullen, daughter of a farmer from the same area. A mention of Henry Young was also found in The Scottish Jurist, regarding a legal case involving a land tax dispute. Annette was also given details of a map published in 1890 showing Woodend Farm and information about other organisations who could help with further research.

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