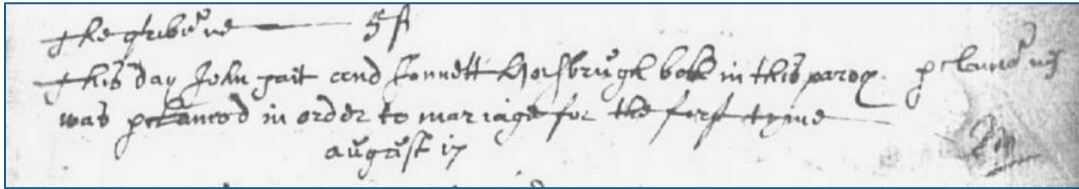


FAMILY GROUP RECORD OF JOHN TAIT AND JONNETT HORSBRUGH

John Tait was born in about 1654 of Newlands, Peebleshire. He married Jonnett Horsbrugh 10 August 1679 in Newlands.

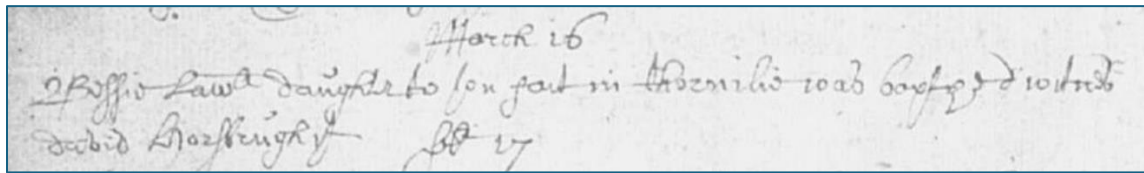


*Marriage record for John Tait and Jonnett Horsbrugh in Newlands:
"This day John Tait and Jonnett Horsbrugh both in this paroch and
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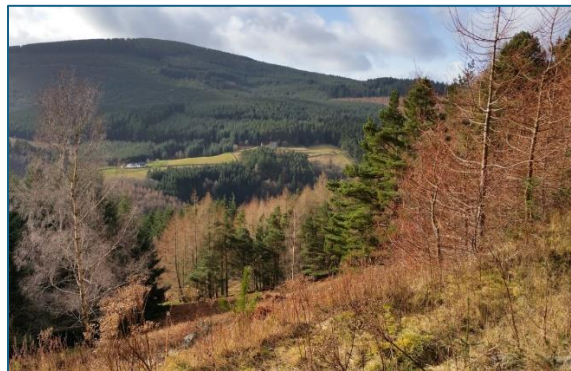
John and Jonnett had the following children:

1. **Marion**, christened 15 June 1682 in Newlands: *"That day Marian lawrull daughter to Jon Tait in Thornilie was baptized witness David Horsbrugh & Patrick Sandersone"*. Thornilie is in the parish of Innerleithen.

*2. **Elizabeth** (Bessie), christened 16 March 1685 in Newlands; married 17 June 1703 in Newlands.



Baptism record for Elizabeth Tait in Newlands: *"Bessie lawfull daughter to Jon Tait in Thornilie was baptized wites David Horsbrugh"*



Thornilie

SOURCES: *Newlands parish register*; www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk.

Early Tait History

"The Taites were an armigerous clan who hailed from the area of Innerleithen. {An armigerous clan is a Scottish clan, family or name which is registered with the Court of the Lord Lyon and once had a chief who bore undifferenced arms, but does not have a chief currently recognised as such by Lyon Court.}

There is mention of the Taites living at Pirn which is one of three hills that surround the small border town. As the eldest son of Alexander Horsburgh and Jean Riddell died without 'issue' their second son succeeded to the family estate and in 1662 he held the office of Sheriff Depute and sat in the tollbooth of Peebles "for serving of heirs." This was the beginning of the Horsburgh connection with the Taites of Pirn for on the death in 1664 of George Tayt of Prin the estates passed to his daughters Margaret and Anne. (around 2,00 acres) In 1677 they appeared before William Horsburgh, the Sheriff Depute for the ratification of their claims.

The name Tait is probably of Norse-Viking origin, deriving from the pre 7th century Old Norse word "teitr", meaning glad or cheerful. In the 1881 census Tait was the 2nd most popular name in the town of Innerleithen." (<http://www.clantait.co.uk/history.html>)