

# Skimming and Crawford Family Connections in Blackcraig, Minnigaff & Whitehaven

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**Matthew Crawford (1789-1845) and  
Margaret Milwain (b.1789)**

b. c.1789  
d. 1845 Liverpool  
m. Margaret Milwain  
1 Mar 1810  
Occupation: Cotton Weaver

**Charles Crawford (1800-1886) and  
Ellen Murray or McMale (1804-1880)**

b. c.1800 Minnigaff  
d. 23 Mar 1886 Blackcraig, Minnigaff  
m. (H)ellen Murray or McMale  
23 Feb 1822 Ayr  
Occupation: Labourer

**Thomas Skimming (1779-1859) and  
Henrietta Aitken 1794-1857)**

b. 1779 Sorbie  
d. 5 May 1859 Minnigaff  
m. Henrietta Aitken  
1820 Kirkmabreck  
Occupation: Agricultural Labourer

**Robert Crawford (1822-1873) and  
Elizabeth McTaggart (b.1830)**

b. 10 Jul 1822 Minnigaff  
d. 1873 Blackcraig  
m. Elizabeth McTaggart  
16 Jun 1849 Minnigaff  
Occupation: Lead Miner

**Mary Crawford (1817-1881)**

b. c.1817 Minnigaff  
d. 16 Feb 1881 Minnigaff  
m. Richard Reid  
14 Oct 1844 Minnigaff

Mary had two sons before marrying  
Richard Reid and then three  
children with him.

**Mary Crawford (b. 1826) and  
John McGhie**

b. Aug 1826  
m. John McGhie  
1846 Blackcraig, Minnigaff

**Janet Crawford (1824-1891)**

b. c.1824 Crossmichael  
d. 1891 Minnigaff  
m. Thomas Skimming  
27 Jun 1861 Minnigaff

**Thomas Skimming (1831-1898)**

b. 18 Aug 1831 Minnigaff  
d. 31 Oct 1898 Minnigaff  
m. Janet Crawford  
27 Jun 1861 Minnigaff  
Occupation:  
Stone Breaker/Lead Washer

**James Skimming (1833-1895) and  
Margaret Patterson (1834-1866)**

b. 1833 Minnigaff  
d. 1895 Whitehaven, Cumbria  
m. Margaret Paterson  
12 Mar 1855 Minnigaff  
m. Margaret Patterson  
5 Jul 1870 Minnigaff  
Occupation: Lead Miner

**Matthew Crawford (b.1841)**

b. c.1841  
m. Ellen McGhie  
1 Dec 1868 Blackcraig,  
Minnigaff Occupation: Lead  
Miner

The name of Matthew's father is not  
known

**Ellen McGhie (b. 1847)**

b. c.1847  
m. Matthew Crawford  
1 Dec 1868 Blackcraig,  
Minnigaff

Matthew and Ellen are described as cousins on their  
marriage certificate

**Janet or Jessie Crawford  
(1855-1948)**

b. 1855 Minnigaff  
d. 1948 Whitehaven  
m. John Skimming  
1884 Lamplugh, Cumbria

**John Skimming (1855-1922)**

b. 6 Nov 1855 Minnigaff  
d. 1922 Whitehaven, Cumbria  
m. Janet or Jessie Crawford  
1884 Lamplugh, Cumbria