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## Jean (Robertson) Henry (abt. 1680 - abt. 1735)

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### Jean Henry formerly Robertson


Born **about 1680** in **of Aberdeen, Scotland** 







Daughter of [William Robertson](#) [uncertain] and [Margaret \(Mitchell\) Robertson](#) [uncertain] ANCESTORS 

Sister of [Margaret \(Robertson\) Brugh](#) [half], [Nathaniel Robertson](#) [half], [James Robertson](#) [half], [William Robertson](#) [half], [Ann \(Robertson\) Turcan](#) [half] and [Mary \(Robertson\) Adam](#) [half]

Wife of [Alexander Henry](#) — married 1700 in Old Machar, Aberdeenshire, Scotland 

Mother of [Elizabeth \(Henry\) Simson](#), [Patrick Henry](#), [Jean \(Henry\) Donald](#), [John Henry](#), [Robert Henry](#), [James Hugh Henry](#), [Isabel \(Henry\) Milne](#) and [William Henry](#) DESCENDANTS 

Died **about 16 Mar 1735** at about age 55 in **Aberdeenshire, Scotland** 

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## Biography

## Disputed Origins

In older accounts of this family, it has been stated that she is the sister of [Rev. Wm. Robertson](#) of the Old Grey Friars Church in Edinburgh,<sup>[1][2][3]</sup> and until recently, based on this connection, her son Col. John Henry had been listed as one of the documented [Category:Magna Carta Gateway Ancestors](#) to established royal lines. However, in recent times, he has been removed by genealogist Douglas Richardson from his well-known books on royal ancestry because that connection has now been cast in doubt since no primary documents have been found to support the assertion.



At this point in time, until further documentation can be found, all we know about her is that she lived in the Aberdeen region of Scotland, the names of her children, and that she had a brother who emigrated to Virginia.<sup>[4]</sup> Even the name of her husband is in



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
[Propose disconnect of Jean \(Robertson\) Henry, grandmother of Gov. Patrick Henry](#), Mar 15, 2017.


## DNA Connections

It may be possible to [confirm](#) family relationships. It is likely that these [autosomal DNA](#) test-takers will share [some percentage](#) of DNA with Jean:

~0.39%  ~0.78% [Cornelia Geesey](#)  : [23andMe](#) [\[test details\]](#)

~0.39%  ~3.12% [Bob Wheeler](#)  : [AncestryDNA](#), [GEDmatch](#) [a577355](#) [\[compare\]](#) [\[compare.x\]](#), Ancestry member [wheelerrj2](#) [\[test details\]](#)

~0.39% [Joe Cate](#)  : [Family Tree DNA](#) Family Finder, FTDNA kit #n40450 [\[test details\]](#)

~0.39% [Ronnie Walker](#)  : [Family Tree DNA](#) Family Finder, [GEDmatch](#) [T454198](#) [\[compare\]](#), FTDNA kit #365327 [\[test details\]](#)

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doubt, as primary documents indicate it as Patrick, whereas his granddaughter Margaret Donald writing in 1790, said it was Alexander.<sup>[4]</sup> See [her husband's](#) profile for more on his name and origins.

## Biography

Jean Robertson's exact birth date is unknown, but based on when her children were born, 1680 is a rough estimate. She married [Alexander Henry](#) sometime around 1700 and had the following children:

1. [Rev Patrick Henry](#)<sup>[4]</sup> - emigrated to Virginia and known as "Parson Henry"
2. [Col. John Henry](#)<sup>[4]</sup> - emigrated to Virginia and father of Revolutionary War patriot Gov. Patrick Henry
3. [Isabel Henry](#), baptized 3 Apr 1706 in Aberdour, Aberdeen, Scotland<sup>[5]</sup>
4. [Jean Henry](#)<sup>[4]</sup>
5. [Elizabeth Henry](#)<sup>[4]</sup>

Jean Robertson was born in 1684 in Edinburgh, Midlothian, Scotland, her father, William, was 28, and her mother, Margaret, was 23. She married Alexander Henry in 1696 in Old Machar, Aberdeenshire, Scotland. She died in 1735 in Aberdeenshire, Scotland, at the age of 51.

She was mother to John Henry, who immigrated to Virginia sometime before 1730.<sup>[6]</sup>

## Research Notes

There is a [Jean Robertson Puzzle page](#) for anyone interested in figuring out the origins of Jean's ancestry (with sources, please). One of our goals is to study the various relationships of this family in the hope of discovering her origins. This is a space to leave more informal notes.

A version of her ancestry is given by Leo here

<http://www.genealogics.org/pedigree.php?personID=100434921&tree=LEO&parentset=0&display=standard&generations=6>

(assuming that the William indicated did in fact have a daughter called Jean).

How and why on earth such a girl would come to marry an Aberdeenshire village schoolteacher is a mystery.

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I am reading on her for the first time and it says that she was banished to the Colonies? Does anyone know why this happened and it does list her spouse as Alexander Patrick Henry. I am a descendant of the Robertson family. My Grandmother was Iva Irene Robertson daughter of William Carroll Robertson Jr. WADO

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[Robertson-14742](#) and Robertson-5527 appear to represent the same person because: These are the same woman although some profile information is wrong. There is a 3rd profile which should also be merged with Robertson-5527

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She is shown with two husbands but notes on Henry-989 say she is not the wife. Also the "P" in Alexander P. Henry is for "Patrick". Someone is confused here.

My main interest is getting the correct father for Hugh Robertson Henry.

[posted](#) Dec 05, 2018 by [Julie Short](#)

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