

Generation 5

5.JOHN POTTER was born in 1741, the son of John Potter, Tenant in Roucan, and his wife Liliias Thomsoni. He was baptised at Torthorwald on 4 February 1741ii.

DEATH

John Potter, now himself Tenant of Roucan, died on 30 August 1801 and was buried on 1 September 1801 at Torthorwald. The following note was written beside the entry in the parish records :-

“John Potter Tenant Roucan. Had a fever 12 mos ago – since has had a Diabetes much spent.

But going about until 29th Augt taken exceeding ill swelled[?] upper lip insensible on the 30th nor could he speak at 5 o'clock [illegible] saw him in the agonies of death.”iii

MARRIAGE

A marriage was celebrated at Torthorwald on 30 December 1776iv.

Groom: John POTTER

Father: John POTTER

Bride: Mary NICKLSON (sic)

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Mary Nicholson was the daughter of John Nicholsonv and Isobel Kirkpatrick of Torthorwaldvi. She was born 3 June 1753 and died 6 December 1805vii.

The couple appear to have had the following children :-

+5.	1	Liliias	born 5 June 1778	baptised 7 June 1778viii
	2	John	born 24 December 1780	baptised 31 December 1780ix
	3	James	born 25 February	baptised 2 March 1783x
	4	Robert	born 3 October 1795	baptised 3 October 1795xi

When a baby is baptised on the day of birth, this often means that the child was sickly, and not expected to survive. This seems to have been the case with Robert Potter, who died the following year, according to the Potter Memorial^{xii}, with a more specific date provided by the broken memorial - 28 March 1798^{xiii}.