

**Ancestors of
John Asher (b. 1833) and
Margaret Asher (b. 1840)**

Two people named Asher were married in the mid-nineteenth century in Scotland. They were first cousins whose names were John Asher (b. 1833) [1833-1919] and Margaret Asher (b. 1840) [1840-1913]. We will examine the prehistory of their families before proceeding with their story.

John and Margaret were cousins because their fathers were brothers. John Asher's father was Alexander Asher (b. 1799) [1799-1872], and Margaret Asher's father was John Asher (b. 1808) [1808-1882].

To show the ancestors of John Asher (b. 1833) and Margaret Asher (b. 1840) we will use their son William Leslie Asher as the starting point. This enables us to show the ancestors they had in common since they were first cousins through their fathers, as well as the ancestors that each had separately through their mothers.

The ancestral chart on the next page depicts this array of ancestors. Note that the common ancestors are indicated by dotted lines. John and Margaret were cousins because their fathers were brothers. John Asher's father was Alexander Asher (b. 1799) [1799-1872], and Margaret Asher's father was John Asher (b. 1808) [1808-1882]. Alexander and John had the same parents. The father of the two brothers was Alexander Asher (1799-1872), and their mother was Margaret McDonald (b. 1772). The ancestral line moves further back from these two individuals.

On the maternal side of John and Margaret Asher the ancestral lines diverged. Margaret's mother was Isobel Archibald (1801-1882), and the chart shows the Archibald lineage back to Adam Archibald (b. 1629) [1629 to 1708-1709]. On the maternal side of John Asher (b. 1833), his mother was Jean (Jane) Findlay (about 1803 to before 1871), and her lineage is also displayed.

A full textual account of the ancestry of John and Margaret Asher follows on the pages after the fan chart. Then, after briefly summarizing Margaret's siblings in textual form, we will review the descendants of John and Margaret Asher.