

Family ties to Madras, India
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Cale McCurdy's recent presentation on the British East India (BEI) company triggered a memory that somewhere in my Manson line I had a man who had died in Madras (India).

I knew the person I was thinking of was not a direct ancestor. Took some searching on my tree but I finally found David Manson. He was a son of my 4th gt grandfather, William Manson, (Rick, Kirkcudbrightshire, Scotland). William's wife was Nicholas Houston. My direct ancestor is/was James Manson 1793-1837, David's elder brother.

Several years ago, my researcher in Scotland was able to check the actual Parish Registers for Bogue Parish. The monument inscription reads as follows:

"Wm Manson d Rick 1838 67, Nicholas Houston d Rick 1830 63, their s David d Madras 26.8.1844. Eliz Manson 27.11.1877 87" (see photo on page 2).

My memory was correct; it just took a while to find the right person. I thought it was weird that David Manson was listed as dying in Madras but since he wasn't a direct ancestor, I didn't dig further into him.

If it hadn't been for Cale's presentation, I never would have known about the large British presence in India. So now I have a good idea as to why David Manson (1797-1844) was in India. Supposedly he died of smallpox, so I'm guessing his name on his parents' Memorial Inscription was "informational" vs reality.

(See page 2 for photo.)



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