

# Research Notes – John Waters

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This is a collection of research notes from data collected from many sources all in the effort to narrow down the search for John Waters---where did he come from and when, and who were his parents.

## Scotland Census

1871:

- John Waters, age 2, born Glasgow, about 1869
  - Grandson
  - Jane Waters, 22
  - Peter Waters, 18
  - John Waters, 2
  - Hutcheson town Regional District
  - Add: 194 Main St. [MAPPED]

- Born abt 1871
- Son
- James Waters, 34
- Helen Waters, 29
- Helen Waters, 7
- Mathew Waters, 4
- Catherine Waters, 2
- John Waters, 4 mo
- Add: Barrock Lodge, Caithness

- NOTE: IGI reports John Thomas Waters, b. 20 Feb 1868 in Hutchesontown, F: John Waters, M: Ann Finnigan 1881:

- NOTE: IGI reports John Waters, b. 06 Nov 1870, Hutchesontown, F: Charles Waters, M: Bridget Eagan

- John Waters, age 2, born Old Monkland, Lanark, about 1869
  - Son
  - David Waters, 34
  - Eliza Waters, 33
  - Margaret Waters, 5
  - John Waters, 2
  - Coatbridge, Lanaarkshire [MAPPED]
  - Add: No 96 Cran Row, Merrystone Sq. [MAPPED]

- John Alexander Waters, age 11, born Wick, Caithness abt 1870
  - Son
  - Alexander Waters, 47
  - Jessie Waters, 44
  - James Leith Waters, 23
  - Jessie Durrand Waters, 20
  - Margaret Catherine Waters, 13
  - John Alexander Waters, 11
  - David Sandison Waters, 6
  - Robert Sandison Waters, 4
  - Pat George Waters, 1
  - Add: Tolbooth Lane, Caithness, Wick [mapped]

- NOTE: IGI reports John Watters, b. 02 Sep 1868, Old Monkland, F: David Watters, M: Elizabeth Boone

- NOTE: IGI reports John Alexander Waters b. 06 May 1869 in Wick, F: Alexander Waters, M: Jessie Sandison

- John Waters, age 2, born Edinburgh about 1869
  - Newington District
  - George Waters, 24
  - Eliza Waters, 29
  - John Waters, 2
  - Add: 26 W Richmond St, Midlothian, Edinburgh, St. Cuthberts [MAPPED]
- NOTE: IGI reports John Waters, b. 08 Oct 1868, Edinburgh, F: George Waters, M: Eliza McMahan.

- John Waters, age 12, born Irvine, Ayrshire [mapped] abt 1869
  - Son
  - William Waters, 34
  - Mary Waters, 32
  - William Waters, 14
  - John Waters, 12
  - Alexr Waters, 9
  - Archd Waters, 7
  - Joseph Waters, 3
  - Mary Waters, 1
  - Add: 57 New Sneddon, Renfrewshire, Paisley Middle Church [MAPPED]

- John Waters, age 4 mo, born Bower, Caithness about 1871

- NOTE: IGI reports John Waters, b. 06 Jul 1868, Irvine, F: William Waters, M: Mary Cowan
  - John Waters age 10, born Bower, Caithnesshire abt 1871
    - Son of John Sutherland [?]
    - John Sutherland, 9
    - John Waters, 10
    - Add: Bower, Caithnesshire
  - NOTE: Found corresponding family tree indicating birth 2 Dec 1870 in Bower with father James Waters (1835-1911) and mother Helen Nicolson (1842-1927)
  - NOTE: IGI reports John Waters, b. 02 Dec 1870, Bower, F: James Waters, M: Ellen Nicolson.
  - John Waters
    - born abt 1872
    - Son of Mary
    - Glasgow, Lanarkshire
- 1891:
- John Waters, age 22, born Irvine, Ayrshire [mapped] abt 1869
    - Chemical Worker
    - Spouse: Kate
    - John Waters, 22
    - Kate Waters, 23
    - Agnes Waters, 1
    - Paisley Middle Church, Renfrewshire
    - Add: 12 Mossvale Lane [MAPPED]
  - John Waters, age 21, born Grenock, Renfrewshire [mapped] abt 1870
    - Boarder
    - Greenock East Registration District
    - Iron Moulder
      - Samuel Waters, 56
      - John Waters, 21
      - John Morell, 31
      - Margaret Morell, 29
      - Mary Ann Morell, 2
      - Elizabeth Morell, 5
    - Add: 7 Crescent St, Grenock East, Renfrewshire
  - NOTE: IGI reports John Waters, b. 15 Nov 1869, Greenock, Renfrew, F: Samuel Waters, M: Ann Dempster.
- John Waters
    - Age 20, born abt 1871
    - Louisburgh St [MAPPED]
    - Wick, Caithness
    - Manager's Son Clark
    - Alexr Waters, 57
    - Jessie Waters, 32
    - Margaret C Waters, 22
    - John A Waters, 20
    - David O Waters, 18
    - Robert O Waters, 13
  - John Waters, age 20, b. Bower, Caithnesshire, abt 1871
    - Lodger
    - Farm Servant
    - Donald Sainclair, 28
    - Donald Budge, 23
    - William Gunn, 23
    - Donald Dunnet, 21
    - John Waters, 20
    - James Campbell, 17
    - Add: Lyth, Bower, Caithness
  - John Waters, age 20, b. Ireland, abt 1871
    - Son [of Catherine]
    - Rivet Boy
    - Catherine Waters, 40
    - John Waters, 20
    - Margaret Waters, 11
    - Ellen Beattie, 72
    - Add: 32 Victoria St, Govan, Lanarkshire

- NOTE: IGI reports a John Waters, b. 12 AUG 1869, Govan, Lanark, Scotland, F: Dennis Waters, M: Elizabeth O'Neill.
  - John A G Waters, age 22, b. Watten, Caithness, abt 1869
    - Grandson
    - Supported mainly by mother
    - George Groat, 75
    - Isabella Groat, 47
    - John Groat, 44
    - John A G Waters, 22
    - George McKay, 21
    - Elizabeth A Ferguson, 9
    - John G Ferguson, 9
    - Alexander Swanson, 6
    - Add: Hill Park
- 1901:
- The following are included for exclusion purposes since it is confirmed that John Waters was living in San

Francisco in 1901.

- John Waters, Caithness, born 1869
- John Alexander Waters, Midlothian
- John Waters, age 30, born Lyth, Caithnessshire about 1871
  - Lodger
  - Coachman
  - John Mathewson, 32
  - Ellen Mathewson, 36
  - Isabella G M Mathewson, 8
  - William Mathewson, 6 mo
  - John Waters, 30
  - Alexander Waters, 22
  - Add: 186 Bonnington Rd, Leith South, Midlothian
- John Waters, age 32, b. Watten, Caithness, abt 1869
  - Grandson
  - Stone Breaker
  - George Groat, 84
  - Isabella Groat, 57
  - John Groat, 54
  - John Waters, 32
  - Add: Hill Park
- John Waters, age 32, b. Renton,
  - Dumbartonshire, abt 1869
    - Spouse: Susan Waters
    - Hammerman
    - John Waters, 32
    - Susan Waters, 23
    - Add: 32 Levenside Pl, Renton
  - John Waters, age 31, b. Ireland, abt 1870
    - Bricklayer's Labourer
    - Spouse: Mary Waters
    - John Waters, 31
    - Mary Waters, 32
    - Add: 239 Bernard St, Bridgeton, Glasgow, Lanarkshire
  - John Alexander Waters, age 31, born Wick, Caithness abt 1870
    - Lodger
    - Law Agent
    - Catherine Couper, 56
    - John Alexander Waters, 31
    - George Augustus Davies, 25
    - James Rae King, 28
    - Add: 1 Argyle Place, Newington, Edinburgh Robertson Memorial, Midlothian

ADDITIONAL IGI:

- John Waters, b. 05 May 1871, Clyde, Glasgow, F:  
John Waters, M: Elizabeth Campbell

## **New York Passengers List, 1820-1957**

- Sailed Glasgow to New York, arrival 27 Sep 1892
  - Bridget Waters, age 32, Residence "Maiyo"
  - John Waters, age 22, b. abt 1870
  - Residence "Cavan"
  - Ship name: Anchoria

## **New York Port, Ship Images**

- John Waters, 21 May 1888, 19, Glasgow, Furnessia
- Jno Waters, 3 Jul 1890, 20, Liverpool, Majestic
- John Waters, 6 May 1889, 19, Liverpool, England

## **Seattle Passenger and Crew List, 1882-1957**

John Waters

Arrived Oct 1919, Blaine WA  
Age 48, Last Residence "CAN"

## Passenger and Immigration Lists

- John Waters, 1886, Santa Clara County, 1890 Great Register Pg 142

## New South Wales, Australia Unassisted Immigrant Passenger Lists, 1826-1922 (see image below)

- John Waters
- Age 22
- Sydney, New South Wales
- 11 Dec 1889
- Vessel: Mariposa
- Origin: Scotland
- Coalpasser

## US Census

1900:

159 Corbett Rd.

"Beartley", Mary A., head, born July 1854, 45, Widowed, married 33 years, 6 children, 5 living  
born Ireland, father born Ireland, mother born Ireland  
immigrated 1863, 37 years in US

**"Beartley", Irene A., daughter, born Feb 1870, age 30, "single", born Maryland, both parents born Ireland**

"Beartley", Andrew H., son, born Jan 1891, age 9, born in California, both parents born Ireland

"Beartley", [name illegible], son, born Dec 1892, age 7, CA-Ire-Ire

"Beartley", [name illegible], daughter (presumably Margaret), born Nov 1896, age 4, CA-Ire-Ire

**Waters, "Simit", "daughter", born Mar 1869, age 31, born in "Maryland", MD-Ire-Ire;**

NOTES:

- Several likely transcription errors here:

- Irene Berkley was born Mar 1869 and so is likely that last person designated "Simit Waters"
- Suspect John Waters is really the person born Feb 1870
- This is definitely the Berkley family as it matches the city directory listings for that address

## National Archives San Bruno -- Crew Lists

1. 1890, SS Mariposa (four voyages – no crew member named John WATERS aboard any of the four voyages)
2. 1892, SS San Blas (seven voyages – no crew member named John WATERS aboard any of the seven voyages)
3. 1894, SS Colon (six voyages, as follows):
  - a. January 18, 1894 – “Jno WATERS,” coal passer, age 24 (born ca. 1870, Scotland)
  - b. April 9, 1894 – no crew member named John WATERS aboard
  - c. June 8, 1894 – “J. WATERS,” coal passer, age 24 (born ca. 1870, Scotland)
  - d. August 8, 1894 – “Thos. WATERS,” fireman, age 24 (born ca. 1870, Scotland)
  - e. October 18, 1894 – “J. WATERS,” fireman, age 24 (born ca. 1870, Scotland)
  - f. December 18, 1894 – “J. WATERS,” fireman, age 24 (born ca. 1870, Scotland)
4. 1896, SS Mariposa – no time to check due to time constraints
5. 1899, SS Orizaba – no time to check due to time constraints
6. 1900, SS Columbia – no time to check due to time constraints
7. 1901, SS North Folk – no time to check due to time constraints

## San Francisco City Directories

1877 Waters John, laborer, N s Filbert bet Sansome and Montgomery	Waters, Roger, laborer, 732 Seventeenth
1879 Waters, John, longshoreman, W s Sansome bet Filbert and Greenwich	1887 Waters, John, laborer, 8 Billings Pl. Waters, John, laborer, 1313 Sansome rear Waters, John, shoemaker, W s Gunnison Av nr 28th Waters, John, plumber, 732 Seventeenth Waters, Patrick T., plumber, 732 Seventeenth
1880-1881 Waters John, longshoreman, r. W s Sansome, bet Filbert and Greenwich, rear	1888 Waters, John, laborer, 8 Billings Pl. Waters, John, laborer, 1313 Sansome rear Waters, John, tanner, W s Gunnison Av bet 27th & 28th
1881-1882 Waters, John, 2 Chelsea Pl. Waters, John, (Waters & Dunne), 732 Seventeenth Waters, John, longshoreman, N s Filbert nr Sansome	1889 Waters John (Waters & Co) r. 732 Seventeenth Waters John, bartender W. H. Daviews, r. 169 Clay Waters John, teamster, r. 423 Ninth
1882-1883 Waters, John, burnisher Rosenthal, Feder & Co Waters John, laborer, r. W s Sansome, nr Filbert Waters John, plasterer, r. 18 Folsom av Waters, John, longshoreman, NW cor Filbert & Sansome	1890 Waters, John (Waters & Co.), r. NE cor Noe and Ford Waters, John, carpenter, Mullins Bros., 807 Folsom Waters, John, fireman stmr Mariposa <---- Waters, John, longshoreman, 8 Billings Pl. Waters, Patrick T. (Waters & Co.), 8 Billings Pl.
1884 Waters, John, laborer, NW corner Sansome & Filbert Waters, John, plasterer, 18 Otis Pl.	1891 Waters, John, 424 Sansome Waters, John, candymaker, r. 106 11th Waters, John, laborer, r. S. Billings Pl. Waters, John, teamster, r. 36 Gunnison Av, B.H.
1885 Waters, John, laborer, 732 Seventeenth Waters, John, tanner Christian Helluz, cor Twenty-eighth and Harrison Waters, John Jr., (Waters & Co.), 732 Seventeenth	1892 Waters, John, 222 Ellis Waters, John, fireman, stmr San Blas <---- Waters, John, laborer, 224 Filbert Waters, John, teamster, W s Gunnison Av nr 28th Waters, John, warehouseman, Lombard Warehouse
1886 Waters, John, W s Gunnison Av bet Precita Av & 28th Waters, John, laborer, Cal Wire Works Waters, John Jr. (Waters & Co.), 732 Seventeenth Waters, Patrick T., plumber, 232 Seventeenth [sic]	

Waters, Patrick, tinner, 224 Filbert

1893

Waters, John, 504 Bush

Waters, John, 967 Howard

Waters, John, laborer, 36 Gunnison

Waters, John, longshoreman, 224 Filbert

Waters, John B., plasterer, 18 Folsom Av

Waters, John S., engineer, 933 Howard

Waters, John T., plasterer, 18 Folsom Av

Waters, Margaret, widow, 36 Gunnison Av

Waters, Patrick, seaman, 224 Filbert

1894

**Berkley, Irene A., machine operator, r. S. s Corbett Av nr Hattie**

Waters, John, candymaker, r. 1039 Mission

Waters, John, coalpasser, stmr Colon <-----

Waters, John, laborer, r. 224 Filbert

Waters, John, seaman, r. 245 2d

Waters, Patrick, laborer, r. 224 Filbert

Waters, Thomas, laborer, r. 224 Filbert

1895

Waters, John, longshoreman, r. 224 Filbert

Waters, John E., chief clerk, r. 119 Liberty

1896

**Berkley, Irene A. Miss, seamstress, r. S. s Corbett Av nr Hattie**

Waters, John, clerk, r. 16 Freelon

**Waters, John, coalpasser str Mariposa, r. 530 Folsom**

Waters, John, engineer, r. 105 New Montgomery

Waters, John, laborer, r. 224 Filbert

Waters, John, teamster, r. Harrison nr Stoneman

Waters, John E., chief clerk, r. 119 Liberty

Waters, Thomas, longshoreman, r. 224 Filbert

Waters, William L., proprietor Fargo House, 105 New Montgomery

1897

**Waters John, Engineer r. 159 Corbett Ave.**

Waters John, Laborer r. 224 Filbert

Waters John, Laborer r. 405 Francisco

Waters John, Laborer SF Timber Preserving Co.

Waters John, Teamster r. 3278 Harrison

Waters John E., Chief clerk, Chief Commissary of Subsistence

U.S.A., Department of California, r. Hotel St Nicholas

1898

Waters John, fireman, r. 35 Perry rear <----

Waters John, laborer, r. 720 Montgomery Ave.

Waters John, longshoreman, r. 224 Filbert

Waters John, teamster, r. 3278 Harrison

Waters John E., Chief clerk, Chief Commissary of Subsistence

U.S.A., Department of California, r. 129 Liberty

Waters John F., clerk r. 16 Freelon

1899

**Waters John, fireman str. Orizaba, r. 212 Clara**

Waters John, laborer U.S.A., r. 224 Filbert

Waters John, teamster, r. 3278 Harrison

Waters John E., Chief clerk, Chief Commissary of Subsistence

U.S.A., Department of California, r. 899 Pine

Waters John F., clerk J.J.O'Brien & Co., r. 16 Freelon

1900

**Waters, John, fireman str Columbia, r. 212 Clara**

Waters, John, laborer, 224 Filbert

Waters, John, teamster, 3278 Harrison

Waters, John E., chief clerk, 899 Pine

Waters, John F., clerk, 16 Freelon

Waters, Thomas, laborer, 224 Filbert

Waters, Hannah, widow, 16 Freelon

Waters, Katie Miss, 224 Filbert

Waters, Margaret, widow, 3278 Harrison

1901

Waters John, cabinet maker, Geo H Fuller Desk Co., 737 Mission

**Waters John, fireman, str North Folk, 58 Merritt**

Waters John, teamster, 3278 Harrison

Waters John E., chief clerk, 706 Polk

Waters John F., clerk, 16 Freelon

Waters Margaret, widow, 3278 Harrison

Waters Thomas P., longshoreman, 224 Filbert

Waters Bridget, widow, r. 224 Filbert

1902

**Waters John, marine fisherman, r. 58 Merritt**

Waters John, teamster, r. 3278 Harrison

Waters John F. stenog. J.M.Litchfield & Co., r. 16 Freelon

1903

waters a. j., qtrmaster str. san juan

waters, jane, widow, r. 1617 clay

**waters john, fireman, r. 86 merritt**

waters john, teamster, r. 3278 harrison

waters john f., bookkeeper j.m. litchfield & co., r. 16 freelon

1904

waters bridget, widow, r 226 filbert

waters hartley, clk brooks-follis elec corporation, r 1814 polk

waters john, lab, r 226 filbert

**waters john, marine fireman, r 86 merritt**

waters john, teamster, r 3278 harrison

waters john e, clk subsistence dept usa, r 835 octavia

waters john f. bookkpr murphy, grant & co. r 67 pond

waters joseph r. collector p s tel & tel co., r 218 clement

waters thomas, lab, r 226 filbert

1905

waters hannah widow, r 67 pond

waters hartley, clk baker & hamilton, r 1617 clay

waters jane, widow, r 1617 clay

waters, john, ironwkr u i wks, r 58 noe

waters john, lab, r 226 filbert

**waters john, marine fireman, r 6 merritt**

waters john, teamster, r 3278 harrison

waters john e, clk subsistence dept usa, r 957 hayes

waters john f. bkkpr murphy, grant & co, r 67 pond

waters thomas stev, r 226 filbert

1906

**Waters John, marine fireman, r 6 Merritt**

Waters Jane, widow, r 1617 Clay

Waters John, lab, r 226 Filbert

1907

waters hannah, widow, r 67 pond

waters john, carp, r 237 valley

waters john, lab, r 226 filbert

waters john, teamster, r 3278 harrison

waters john e, chief clk purchasing commissary usa, r 957 hayes

waters john e, plumber, r 360 20th av  
waters john f, cashier, r 67 pond  
waters j r, collr pac tel & tel co, r 328 clement  
waters margaret, widow, r 3278 harrison  
waters thomas, lab, r 222 filbert  
waters thomas, stev, r 10 clay

1908-09

waters hannah, widow, r 67 pond  
waters john, lab, r 226 filbert  
waters john, lab, r 3278 harrison  
waters john f, bkkpr, r 67 pond

waters margaret, widow r 3278 harrison

1909-10

waters evelyn, widow, r 358 20th av  
waters hannah, widow, r 67 pond  
waters jane, widow, r 774 35th av  
waters john, stev, r 226 filbert  
waters john e, lamplighter, r 358 20th av  
waters john f, bkkpr, r 67 pond  
waters margaret, widow, r 3278 harrison  
waters thomas, lab, r 226 filbert

Research Images:

A LIST of the Crew and Passengers of the S.S. of *Master,*  
*Union S.S. Co.* to Sydney, N.S.W., arrived  
 Tons, from 188  
 AGENTS

SEAMEN'S NAMES	Age	Nation	Station	NAMES OF PASSENGERS	Saloon or Storage
W. J. Squire	24	Canada	Purser	Mr. Griffith	Saloon
Mat Smith	25	Ireland	"	Miss Bradley	"
James Kehao	27	"	"	W. D. Boyd	"
Pat Mulligan	27	"	"	Miss Lena Sharrow	"
O. Pethigrew	21	England	"	E. A. Gilman	"
John O. Price	34	Ireland	"	N. Ford	"
Michael Keenan	34	"	"	Mr. Field	"
B. Brennan	29	"	"	J. Rice	"
O. Mulligan	30	U.S.	"	Mr. Cox	"
Thomas James	24	"	"	Macieo Macind	"
James M. Laughlin	33	Ireland	"	from New York	"
J. M. Murray	40	U.S.	Coalpasser	P. M. Bride	"
Pat Barrett	24	U.S.	"	H. R. Stokes	"
S. Corcoran	25	Ireland	"	G. W. Burston	"
Chas Leitch	20	U.S.	"	J. H. Stevens	"
John Hayes	21	"	"	P. A. Van Sasse	"
John Waters	23	Scotland	"	P. Frost	"
James Costello	22	U.S.	"	T. W. Price	"
Larry Murray	25	Ireland	"	Chas Russell	"
James Miller	29	U.S.	"	Mr. Bohannon	"
Joseph Peaches	30	"	"	Mr. Wickham	"
John Leach	25	England	"	J. J. Brunel	"
J. M. Cooley	24	U.S.	"	Mr. Cahill	"
Peter, Southby	24	"	"	Pat Mills	"
G. Lippard	34	"	Master	Mr. Bridgman	"
H. Ward	39	England	Chief Steward	Mr. Montague	"
James Walter	30	Scotland	"		
J. C. Hartley	30	England	"		
B. C. Riets	39	Canada	"		
F. Shevitch	30	Germany	"		

4001	Ronald Atter	"	18						
4912	Rich Palmer	"	19						
4002	Wm Boughton	"	21						
4342	Sam Davis	"	31						
4180	Thede Jussen	"	20						
11735	Larry Sneed	"	20						
2171	Luhcan lamona	Wick	21						
7166	Geo Gaylor	Late	29						
10569	Most Farley	Serv							
10413	John Brownhill	Late	22						
12459	Wm Thompson	"	16						
	Joe Waters	"	16						
3463	Abraham Sigler	"							
	Jesse	Child							
3264	Oliver Jackson	Serv							

Human Serv

John Waters      Male      16      6 Oct 1886      Montreal      Quebec, Quebec      Liverpool, England      C-4535

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Family Name	JOHN		
Given Name or Names	WATERS		
Title and Location of Court	COMMON PLEAS COURT, NEW YORK COUNTY.		
Date of Naturalization	Volume or Bundle No.	Page No.	Copy of Record No.
OCT. 14, 1889	671	304	
Address of Naturalized Person			
410 W. 56 ST. N. Y. C.			
Occupation	Birth Date or Age	Former Nationality	
LABORER		ENGLISH	
Port of Arrival in the United States		Date of Arrival	
		OCT. 1, 1880	
Names, Addresses and Occupations of Witnesses To Naturalization			
1	DAVID FRISBY - 303 W. 43 ST		
2	N. Y. C.		

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Family Name	JOHN		
Given Name or Names	WATERS		
Title and Location of Court	COMMON PLEAS COURT, NEW YORK COUNTY.		
Date of Naturalization	Volume or Bundle No.	Page No.	Copy of Record No.
OCT. 9, 1891	702	102	
Address of Naturalized Person			
555 GREENWICH ST. N. Y. C.			
Occupation	Birth Date or Age	Former Nationality	
LABORER		ENGLISH	
Port of Arrival in the United States		Date of Arrival	
		1874	
Names, Addresses and Occupations of Witnesses To Naturalization			
1	WILLIAM CARRAGAN, 550 GREENWICH		
2	N. Y. C.		