



Jenet Pennycuik



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Jenet's surname suggests a strong local connection. Was she a woman of social status, a farmers wife perhaps, a widow, a spinster, or a servant named after the village she lived in? Nowadays people with this surname can be traced to Australia and America. Could any of them be related to Jenet?

Suspicion often fell on those who were not in sound health - anyone who muttered under their breath, even those with dementia, or who had a sharp tongue. However, given the timing of Jenet's case, perhaps there was a problem with the Winter food stores...if food was scarce, people could have been looking for someone to blame.

*Ah am Jenet Pennycuik.
They looked for a name,
tae carry the blame.
Mine was close at hand.
Words grew wings and flew faster than truth.
The frost bit hard the week they burned me.
Mind me,
Not for the fire,
but for the work o' my hands
And the love I bore*

