

Birth

According to the Old Parish Registers the only John Schank born and baptised in Scotland between 1700 and 1750 was registered in Kinghorn 6th April 1726

(6)	JANUARY 27	1726
Janet Waterstone	Janet daughter born to James Waterstone and Mary Dunbar in this parish was baptised witness William Dunbar and Robert Stevenson	
Janet Jason	Janet daughter born to John Jason and Janet Hunter in this parish was baptised witness James Scott and John Stevie	MARCH 6th
Alexander Schank	Alexander son born to John Schank and Agnes Patrick Beelson and Mr Alexander Schank	MARCH 3rd born on ye 8
John Westwood	John son born to James Westwood and Barbara Wright in this parish was baptised witness Wm Bruce and John Everley	APRIL 1st
William Gilyour	William son born to William Gilyour and Elspet Leying in this parish was baptised witness John Weddall and David Black	MAY 20
Janet Leying	Janet daughter born to James Leying and Agnes Mcneil in this parish was baptised witness George Dick and Alexander Greg	MAY 27
John Gibson	John son born to James Gibson and Jean Thompson in this parish was baptised witness John Thompson and John Fairmuir	APRIL 10th
William Baxter	William son born to Thomas Baxter and Janet Donaldson in this parish was baptised witness of Elspie and John Baxter	APRIL 27th
Agnes Adamson	Agnes daughter born to John Adamson and Bessie Gifford father's parish was baptised witness of James Thorne and James Gilchrist	APRIL 11th
Jean Burst	Jean daughter born to Richard Purst and Janet Douglass in this parish was baptised witness of John Douglass and Matthew Philip	APRIL 11th
James Davidson	James son born to John Davidson and Ann Mill in this parish was baptised at Kirkcudbright witness Thomas Christie and John Mill	APRIL 11th
Agnes Wauch	Agnes daughter born to David Wauch and Agnes Young in this parish was baptised witness of John Sanders and David Young	APRIL 11th
John Schank	John son born to Mr Alexander Schank and Mary Burnet in this parish was baptised witness of John Malcomson of Kirkcudbright Robert Bruce of Lyngate Myre and William Wardlaw of Abden	APRIL 9th

Extract from St. Gregory's Church graveyard records - courtesy Dawlish Historical Society

Death

Gravestone (B71) Epitaph - Here lie the remains of Admiral John Schank who died the 6th of February 1823 Aged 85 years. Also Margaret his widow who died the 18th of February 1845 aged 83 years

I have visited the grave and being nearly 200 years old his epitaph has eroded and is barely legible. I think an understandable error has been made by the person who transcribed the text and it should be Aged 83 years.

A Wall Plaque (PP08) St. Gregory's Church Dawlish North transept confirms his age at death as 83 years. "Sacred to the memory of John Schank Esq Admiral of the Blue Squadron of His Majesty's Fleet, filled by his ability zeal and an integrity, raised himself to the highest rank in his profession and closed an honourable life after a service of sixty years on 6th February 1823 Aged 83. Also of Margaret his widow who died 18th February 1843 Aged 83 "