Mary and Christian were twin girls born February 15, 1831. They were living at home in the 1841 census. Mary was working as a domestic servant for Rev Farquhar McRae, the Braemar Free Church minister, in 1851. In 1861 she was working as a dressmaker and had two nieces at her home, probably the children of her sister Jane Farquharson although neither of these children (Henritta & Mary Ann) appears in any of the censuses covering Jane's household.

Mary disappears from view in the 1871 census. There were 43 Mary McQueen's married in Scotland between 1860 and 1871 that could be checked, but none seems an obvious match. There is also a Mary McQueen killed in Dumfries, on the border with England, in 1872 when the goods wagon she was riding in was struck by a train, but there is no information to suggest that she was from Braemar.