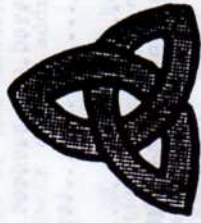


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Thank you for joining us in time for Volume 8. A small flood of letters has arrived and we intend to publish the odd one if it seems to be interesting to more than just our two wee sel's. Many thanks to those of you who have made favourable comments on our first production. It compensates for the sudden pain in the arm which occurred just before volunteering for this job.

The previous issue contained 10 pages of details of new members. This allowed us to bring right up to date the list of members as at the end of the membership year 1988/89. Starting with this issue all members who have joined during the previous quarter will have their names, addresses and research details printed in the Journal.

One of the problems of printing a Register of Research is that it is out of date the moment the next member joins. Printing full details of all new members as a regular feature, particularly as we are including information additional to that which appears in a Register, seems to make more sense. If any member has views about this please write to us.

As promised in the previous issue we have Mrs Allan's query section and Mrs Musgrave's letter to Mrs Howell. As not previously promised we have my ancestors invading these pages. If you do not set pen to paper you will hear more and more about them in future issues and, as they were mostly peasants, there is little exciting to say so please make demands on us or inundate us with articles.

Thank you Stuart Tinkler, who has responded to Duncan MacDonald's request in 7/2 for a rare book, for the address of a specialist seller of books of Scottish interest. He is Christopher Morrison, 2 Marchmount Terrace, Glasgow, G12 9LF (041-339 0093). On the same theme we are quite happy to print book reviews if you would like to send them in. Please include the name of the publisher, the price and the number of pages.

The Society's assets continue to grow. We now have available in the Inverness library the 1881 census for Argyll, Inverness, Nairn, Ross & Cromarty, Sutherland and Caithness on microfilm. That completes the set for the mainland and allows our members to follow the fortunes of their ancestors over a period of 40 years.

During the 19th century there was considerable movement between the north mainland of Scotland and the islands of Orkney and Shetland. In recognition of this fact we have recently purchased the censuses for 1841 and 1851 for both islands. Continuing in this expansive mood we are now looking at the possibility of adding part of the records of the county of Moray to those held by this Society, although strictly speaking it is covered by our Society neighbour to the east!

My Dear Mrs Nowell

This letter was sent to us by a lady member when she joined our Society. At the time I omitted to note down her name on the back of the original as I should have done. It therefore appears with a plea to the lady concerned to contact us. If she could supply any background to the letter we would be delighted to print the details in a future Journal. (J.D.)

Ullapool,
Ross-shire
N.B.
Sep. 4 1849

My Dear Mrs Nowell,

I have made several attempts to reply to your two last most kind & interesting Letters - but always without Success - for if you & your daughter are engaged teaching poor Men to read & write I am equally fully employed in feeding the hungry, nursing the Sick & clothing - not the naked but the ragged - & this not from my own purse wh. is far too limited, but from the liberal & noble donations of my Cousin Captn. Otter - he is able to give of his own to the poor - & wherever he goes - he never fails to seek out deserving objects for his bounty - at this time & place I am deputed to be his Almoner & really the destitution in this part of the Highlands is lamentable in the extreme - the Potatos alas! alas!, begin to fail & if they should go - what is to become of them all at Ullapool I know not. At present the Herrings keep from the Coast & we cannot procure fish for our dinner - but very rarely - The Marquis of Stafford sends Captn. Otter Venison & we buy Mutton & feed chickens ourselves - & this is our fare from Sunday to Sunday.

Yesterday not a loaf of bread was to be had in the place - for the Yacht "Ondine" the Marquis of Stafford's - bought up 10/- worth of bread before Breakfast & when we & the Officers in the Gun-room of the "Comet" wanted Bread not a loaf was to be had - So we lived all day on biscuit - the Baker wd. not bake before last night - there is only one Baker in the place - so of course he lost the chance of selling many Shillings worth of bread - for the "Comet" went to Sea for the Summer Islands at 10'clock without any bread on board - we sent my Cousin Henry all we cd scrape together as he does not like biscuit at his dinner & we went without ourselves - but this Mornng. the Baker sent me rolls for Breakfast & at 11 I got some Bread.

My Cousin Miss Otter. & myself are now residing in a small cottage wh. we call "Comet Cottage" - the next house is the same size - & Captn. Otter has taken both - the other one serves for the surveying work and is used as Chart rooms - a private Office for my Cousin Henry & when any of the officers sleep on shore there is a room above for them. This house just serves comfortably to give us (my Cousin Amelia & myself) a Sitting room, a little Kitchen, a bed room for Miss Otter & one

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for me & a smaller one for our highland Maiden, a nice, clean, honest Scotch Lassie.

The scenery about here is exquisite - very many thanks to you for the views of Jersey they are most inviting - I rejoice to find you are all so well & enjoying yourselves so much - surely this is a beautiful World if it were not so defiled by Sin. The Papers received today inform us that "Manning" the murderer has been caught at last & in yr. lovely little Island too - what a great sensation such an event wd. occasion amongst you. I was in Guernsey in 1828 when Stephenson committed forgery & fled from Engd. & was supposed to be in Guernsey, but he only remained in the Island one night & then was off to America.

The Weather here is lovely & my Cousin Miss Otter takes numerous sketches every day - I fully enter into yr. enthusiasm about the Highlands, and I cannot help wishing these noble & grand Mountains were my home instead of the luxuriant hills around Bath - for I pant there for fresh breezes & sea air - I receive such charming reports of my dear Mother's health that it is very possible I may remain in these Northern regions till Novr. My health has most wonderfully improved since we came to Scotland & I pray God I may now lay in a large store of health for ensuing years - I was a great sufferer all last Winter & spring. You must excuse my entering into any detail of our proceedings since we left Engd. - for I have several letters to write besides this one, & my Cousin Miss Otter declares that when in the house I seldom have a pen out of my hand, and that she really must write to Mama to stop my receiving so many Letters! Of course this is said in Joke - still the truth is, that the Medicine Men do at times object to my having much reading or writing to attend to.

Excuse these remarks dear Mrs Nowell, I only mention them as a reason why Your kind Letters remain often so long unacknowledged - I feel much obliged to you for yr. kind notice of me & it always gives me pleasure to hear of you & your Family - I hope you will like your sojourn in the I of Wight - I feel very much obliged to you for the kind interest you take in my poor Friends the Garretts - it was truly friendly in you to write to Mr Garrett about the Money, one objection to investing property in the I of Man is, that according to the laws of the Island - No person can sell Land or houses without the consent of the Wife, as well as of the Husband & I find from an Engh. Attorney - that this frequently prevents Gentlemen from laying out Money in the Isle of Man - they do not choose to be obliged to ask the consent of their wives - before they sell or Mortgage any part of their property.

I must not omit to tell you that when my Cousin Miss Otter & myself arrived at Lochinver the Marquis of Stafford came on board to be introduced to us by Captn. Otter & he brought an invite from his Father the Duke of Sutherland begging us to occupy Inver House so long as the "Comet" remained at Lochinver

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WHAT'S THE POINT OF IT ALL?
by Jonathan McColl

My grandmother used to blather on about the relations and ancestors we all had, but nanas are like that so naturally none of us paid any attention. Now though, I am ever so pleased that she wrote down in a letter to me the direct mother-to-mother line she knew about, because my interest has quickened in the names, dates, places and, above all, stories of the people from whom I am descended but she has left us to join those ancestors and cannot help us any longer. I wish I had listened more, but there it is.

The trigger which fired my interest seriously was finding a presentation photograph of a six-foot high memorial tablet standing in a mason's yard in 1908. It mentions about forty names spread over four generations descended from an Argyll couple and it hints at some stories. For instance, John McColl moved out of his cottage in 1838, the year his widowed mother died, when the laird Colonel John Campbell sold the land. Visions of the Clearances danced in my head with old women thrust out into the snow but I calmed down when I realised that there could have been no bitterness as the tablet goes on to record that "this nobleman" died at his home in 1861, remembered in stone fifty years on.

It was not until I moved to Scotland with wife and children that I discovered the records available: old parochial registers and censuses in Edinburgh, films and fiches of these and the I.G.I.'s in Inverness and so on. The very first real thrill I had must have been mirrored at some time by all of us who investigate these things and in my case concerned finding, hand-written in a notebook just like the ones I used in school, the marriage lines of the couple who did not leave Scotland for Canada and from whom all those Canadians were sprung.

"On March 24th 1781, Angus McColl son to John McColl, weaver in Duachai and Catharin Paterson daughter to Archibald Tennant their (sic), consigned their names in purpose of marriage and married 10th April 1781". Suddenly these people were real. There is even a hint of irregularity in their marriage, the clue being the word "consigned".

John the weaver appears twice elsewhere in the OPR, once at the birth of his daughter Isabel in 1761 (where his wife Mary McQueen is also mentioned quite understandably) and again at the wedding of another daughter Ann, only a few months after Angus' above. I do not know that the three entries concern the same man but it does seem most likely.

There, just adding together the memorial tablet, the OPR and the censuses I can begin to think about the lives of my more recent ancestors of the last three centuries or so.

- I ought to premise that my Cousin Capt. Otter & the Duke are great friends & it was an attention we received out of compliment to him - we were therefore 2 or 3 days at Inver House - we only slept there of course - for we preferred dining on board - but it was a grand thing to an humble individual like myself to be writing my letters in the Duchess of Sutherland's Drawing-room & to have her Piano Forte & Books & Cousin Amelia & myself were quite amused to find ourselves thus transported to such a grand house. The Marquis was on board the "Ondine" his Yacht wh. was in the Loch - & he came ashore early one Mornng. with his yg. Bride - the Marchioness & introduced her to us - she preferred being on board the Yacht to occupying Inver House - I must really now say adieu - with kindest regards to all your party I am dear Mrs Nowell,

yours very sincerely,

Anne I Musgrove.

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Dr A MacGregor Hutcheson, the chairman of The Clan Gregor Society in a letter to our secretary asked that we bring his Society to the attention of our members. He comments that, at present, they have very few members north of a line from Aberdeen to Fort William. Anyone interested should write to Dr Hutcheson at Tigh an Fhraoich, Strachan, BANCHORY, AB3 3NL.

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Mrs Marjorie Gilchrist (Member no. 713) was born and brought up in the township of Claigan, which is 3 miles from Dunvegan Castle on the Island of Skye. She is in the process of compiling a history of the township and wishes to correspond with anyone who used to live in Claigan or whose ancestors once lived there. Her address is 4 The Glen, Claigan, Dunvegan, Skye IV55 8WF.

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One expects to find the seeds of many sad stories in burial registers, but recently our editor found one in a census return. The enumerator of one district in Campbelltown in 1881 gave one page to: "Cave in Carradale Road | Name NK | Male | age about 2 | Parentage and details of birth NK". What was this two-year old doing living in a cave, where was his mother, what sort of life did he live and for how long?

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Mr Kenneth Renault (member no 732) lives in Jersey where twice a year he runs a course on Family History at the Adult Education College. He may be able to help you with research.

John McColl was a weaver in a very rural north-western corner of Argyll on the mainland close to the slate quarries of the island of Seil. He presumably had the Gaelic so was probably really called Iain or Shaun but the Church records had to be kept in English. He would have woven linen and wool to make shirts, sheets, arisaigs, small kilts and plaids, these last presumably in tartan although I can not imagine that the main pattern he wove was the same as the Old Bruce sett known today as McColl, more's the pity!

John would have been about twenty when a battle was fought on Drumossie Muir near Culloden House, just the sort of age to be caught up in the excitement. If he had been like me he would have been content to hear and talk about Prince Charles' adventures; being of a family long established in Breadalbane lands he may even have been anti rather than pro anyway, so he may merely have commented adversely on what the country was coming to while throwing the shuttle back and fore.

On the other hand we have the ifs and maybes. In 1643 Montrose's ally, Alasdair MacColla (no relation) ravaged the country where my ancestors lived, including perhaps the great grandparents of John. Two generations later occurred the nationwide famine in what were called King William's Black Years at the turn of the century into the 1700's during which, as an illustration, the Loch Melfort beaches were parcelled out between the families for wheelk-hunting for food.

This is the time when John's father and mother would have been born and these happenings over several generations must have affected the psychology of the various sets of parents and children. What could John's politics have been, knowing that his grandparents starved during the changeover of kings? Or if he had a grandfather incensed by Killiecrankie or Glencoe, or if his parents had been touched by 1715's events and personalities? In 1745 and 1746 he may have spent his time weaving, chatting in ceilidhs and drinking, but who knows, he may have wanted to wave a sword for a Hero!

A cause celebre in 1752 was the assassination of a Campbell factor in the annexed lands of Stewart of Appin. The killer wasn't caught but one James Stewart was hanged as an accessory. What attracts my attention was that most of the witnesses on both sides in the courtroom were McColls (we meet some of them in the pages of "Kidnapped"). Rumour has it that after the trial the prosecution witnesses were reviled by their neighbours, being called "King George's McColls" and flitted south to Nether Lorn, presumably to join relatives there. Did even the Appin Murder touch my family directly? Perhaps Sherriff court or kirk session records will one day give me some light.

John's son Angus I know just as little about and can surmise less as well. I assume that he grew up with more than just the

two sisters. His childhood work must have included the carding of the wool for his mother (who would have been in charge of spinning and other preparatory work, John would have been above all that) and he helped with the land and animals and retting of the flax. I find it hard to imagine my family living with a half-barrel full of old urine in the room, needed for fixing the colours, but modern ideas of hygiene often conflict with the practicalities of living in bygone centuries.

Angus fathered his eldest son in Duachy but moved to Kilmelford. It is entertaining to think he moved due to political differences with his father, but I imagine a lack of economic resources played a greater part. "Cottar" was a crofting job but with no security, the rents being open to offer every year and could go beyond your means if you improved the land's production too visibly. Still, he fathered nine children and probably saw out his three score and ten before he died in 1829.

He spent much of his life and work overlooking the beauty of the scenes of Loch Melfort and not far from the old dwelling of his laird Archibald Campbell of Melfort at Ardinstur or Kenmore. This was Colonel John's father, like him known in Gaelic as McNeill Mheilleird, MacNeill from Niall Campbell who started the line when he received the land in 1343, Meilleird from Meall Ard (high knoll) same as Kenmore (big head) the older name for the lands (and laird) taken from the hill at the top of the loch. In 1792 Melfort raised a regiment the 98th, which has survived to become the First Battalion Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. Several McColls were in the first musters but I have not linked them into my family - yet!

Angus' wife Catharine survived him by nine years and it was in the year she died that Colonel Campbell sold the land to a gunpowder company for £11,000. It must have been well wooded for them to be interested as they would have bought it for charcoal. They kept it until 1874. The youngest of her children, John, now would have had fewer people than ever for whom to make shoes, no land to make a living off and no home to live in so he took his wife (a dairy maid) and family away to follow in the footsteps of two brothers and a sister to the new lands in Canada. This took them a while: three years later the 1841 census-taker found John, his pregnant wife Mary and their three children still in Glasgow in Mrs Keater's lodging house in the Gorbals from which they left the following year to cross the Atlantic.

Young Angus, Christina and Duncan with baby brother John grew up in what was once a forested area in Upper Canada but was now becoming more and more cleared and populated with Scots, Germans, English and Irish. The main town of the area is still London but other place-names give a feeling of Scotland: Egin County, Glencoe, Appin, West Lorn and our town, now called New Glasgow.

Angus, like all the children, started off as a labourer helping on the farm. Later he tried his hand at teaching but eventually went into business with his brother John selling oil products. He died a pillar of the community and a staunch Presbyterian during the year of the Battle of the Somme. The worry of having one of his two sons as an officer fighting in that battle may have contributed to his demise, but he was 82 years old. He was the last of my family line born in Scotland and one of the prime movers in setting up the memorial tablet in 1908. The oil company lasted another half century under the McCall name until Texaco bought it.

Ernest, his son, joined the army on June 5th 1906 to become a junior cavalry officer in the Governor-General's Bodyguard with a fine blue uniform, breastplate, high plumes and all. He was still sent to Europe for the war, by then a Major, in due course to command an artillery battalion. As well as more normal soldiers' equipment he came armed with letters from his mother instructing him to investigate his relatives, since if he could demonstrate that he had good ones he could Hold His Head Up in Society, as these relations included the Walpoles of Strawberry Hill and William Cowper.

Ernest survived the war and came out hating what he had been forced to do with his beloved horses during those years. He joined the Diplomatic Corps in Canada about 1922, married in 1926 the daughter of an Ontario publisher and travelled through South and Central America as Trade Commissioner. He was transferred to the British Isles before the second of the global wars, closer to his Scottish roots. Here he became one of the group of vice-presidents of the McCall Society, a one-name association run by Hugh McCall who noted his helpfulness on several occasions. Although its treasure chest of records still exists, the Society ceased to function, but my grandfather didn't! He was moved to Ireland where he retired and where I was born to my parents.

Roderick has been a businessman in Canada, Ireland and Britain making and selling animal feeds for decades and now is running his own business selling delicatessen for humans. I moved with him from Ireland to Canada and back again and then to England where I married and started a family of my own with two daughters. Thence to Scotland where I work in a company making salmon and trout foods for the burgeoning fish-farming industry. Here the first son of my family to be born in the Highlands in over 150 years has recently come onto the scene.

What will Alastair do? Will he be able to make a living in one of Scotland's nowadays industries of tourism, oil, electronics, forestry or agriculture, or will he join the flight of his ancestors? He will have his own life to make into the 21st century but I hope he will not forget the ghosts who stand behind him of businessmen, the soldier/diplomat, the farmer turned oil-man, the shoemaker, the crofter and John, the weaver

in Duachy. In that is where we find the point of writing a family history: not to change or mould or even particularly to influence, but to remember.

John m Mary MacQueen
 Angus m Catharine Paterson
 John m Mary Buchanan
 Angus m Mary Leonard
 Ernest m Mildred Belden
 Roderick m Mabel Potter
 Jonathan m Carol Prigg
 Alastair

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Would like to purchase copy of book "IN FAMED BREADALBANE" by Rev. William A. Gillies, Minister of Kenmore, Perthshire 1912-1949. Published by Clunie Press, Strathay, Perthshire. - Mrs Joan GILDAY, Turkey Hill Road, RR 2, Brome, Quebec, JOE IKO, Canada.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting for the 1988/89 year was held on the 28th March 1989 at the Dunbar Centre. In future the report of the meeting will be printed in the May edition of the Journal. Because this report is appearing out of sequence some comments made at the meeting by the Secretary have been overtaken by events.

The problem with the Journal has been resolved as is obvious from the fact that this is the third Journal to be sent out in the last eight weeks. From now on it is our intention that the Journal will be produced in November, February, May and August each year.

Secretary's Report.

This has been on the whole a quiet year, with a lot of work going on in the background, but there is not a lot to report.

The Journal has been difficult at times. The Editor has been promoted in his job, on which we congratulate him, but it does mean that he has had even less time to spend on the Society's work. The numbering of the new copies of the Journal has been altered - if anyone has noticed - which will make life easier for those of us who have to deal with infuriated members from overseas who think they have missed out on the latest Journal.

Our Graveyard records go steadily on, thanks largely to Sandy Gillies, who works away single handedly to get things down on paper. We do need more people willing to go over his lists, once the initial work is done, for it is very easy to make mistakes. Every entry will have to be checked by someone before we print the definitive record. If we get a better summer this year the checking process could be a pleasant way to spend an afternoon or evening.

We have one nomination for the Committee. Once again I would remind you that we need new members with fresh ideas. Douglas Stewart, our Chairman, is retiring at this meeting, and the Committee has suggested Neil Murray as his successor. Douglas has been our representative on the committee of the Association of Scottish Family History Societies, and the Treasurer as well. Neil, should he be elected, is willing to take Douglas' place as representative but not as Treasurer.

I would like to thank all the present committee members, particularly Barrie Tulloch, who answers most of the queries. She could do with some help and for that you would not have to become a committee member. Thanks to Sandy Gillies for all his work on the monumental inscriptions, Hamish MacLennan for dealing with the publications, Neil Murray (no doubt with the help of his wife Mary) for preparing the syllabus and Duncan Ross for editing the Journal.

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Treasurer's Report.

During the year a total of 95 new members have joined the Society. Of the 65 members whose subscription was still outstanding at this time last year 38 did not renew and consequently the net increase in membership was 57. This compares with a net increase of 39 for the previous year.

This increase in overall membership meant that the income from subscriptions went up from £1,927 to £2,196. The current figure is £2,135 with, as at this time last year, 65 members whose subscriptions are outstanding.

The following items were purchased by the committee on behalf of the Society:-

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| 1871 Census on microfilm | £465.40 |
| Word Processor etc. | £620.47 |

Turning to the accounts you will see that despite an increase of £600 in the cost of purchasing new equipment the year's activities resulted in a surplus of £431.87. This includes a loss of £76.36 on the sale of publications and, contrary to popular belief, the printing and issuing of 4 Journals.

As the financial situation continues to be healthy and the overall membership is rising I would recommend that the current subscription rates, which are in line with other Family History Societies, remain unchanged.

One area which I shall have to keep under review is the cost of overseas airmail. The latest increases mean that the cost of posting a Journal to the U.S.A & Canada is now 45p and to Australia & New Zealand 52p. The average cost of sending out the latest Journal was 48.9p and as our overseas members pay 50p for postage the gap has closed significantly.

However on the positive side, allowing for the printing and distribution (at a cost of £335 per issue) of a further 3 Journals this year, we should still have a surplus of at least £1,250 available for any additional purchases the new committee may see fit to propose.

Finally I would like to thank Alan Imlah for once again auditing the accounts of the Society. Most of the information required by him in carrying out the audit was produced on the word processor. This significantly speeded up the process and as you can see the date on the accounts, which appear overleaf, is 5th September compared with the 22nd last year.

Following the official business the Treasurer gave a short talk on the use of computers in genealogy. By demonstrations on the Society's machine he showed that a simple word processor is more than sufficient for most researcher's needs.

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AUDITOR

HON. TREASURER

| ASSETS | | LIABILITIES | |
|-------------------------|----------|---|----------|
| Equipment, etc. at cost | 1,751.96 | Balance as at 1.9.87 | 2,428.46 |
| Less depreciation | 869.31 | Surplus 1987/88 | 431.87 |
| Stock at cost | 283.15 | Subscriptions paid in advance and Donations | 1988/89 |
| Cash at Bank: | | | 1989/90 |
| Current A/C | 220.14 | | 141.00 |
| Deposit A/C | 1,775.09 | | |
| Cash in Hand | 10.77 | | |
| | 3,171.80 | | 3,171.80 |

BALANCE SHEET

| INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT | | EXPENDITURE | |
|--------------------------------|--|----------------------|----------|
| Opening Stock | 378.70 | Journals: Production | 2,196.00 |
| Purchases/Transfers | 200.96 | Postage | 184.66 |
| Closing Stock | 579.66 | | 94.45 |
| Sales | 283.15 | | |
| Insertions in Journal | 296.51 | | |
| Bank Interest | 218.05 | | |
| Tax Refund on covenanted subs | 76.36 | | |
| | 0.00 | | |
| | 78.46- | | |
| | 128.39 | | |
| | Other Expenses (Fees, Insurance, etc.) | | |
| | Expenses of Meetings | | |
| | 87.75 | | |
| | 82.50 | | |
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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Mrs Margaret Allan, who joined the Society during it's first year, is in the process of trying to finish off two very large family trees (one will probably contain at least 6000 names) and she has collected together a number of queries. These queries relate to a number of "missing persons" whose location would go some way to completing the task she has set herself.

Rather than feed the list of queries into our Journals over a period of time we have decided to go for the Big Bang approach and print them all together in one issue. As with our normal queries we would ask anyone who contacts Mrs Allan at 35 Heriot Row, Edinburgh, EH3 6ES to send a copy to the Editor for possible publication in a future issue of our Journal.

Query 1. - Betsy MCGREGOR b. 1879 at Banchoran, parish of Moy and Dalarossie and Lillias Jane MCGREGOR b. 1882 at Banchoran, daughters of Donald MCGREGOR and Bess McBEAN. Lillias Jane believed to have married a PATERSON of Invergordon, moved to Vancouver and to be still alive in 1933. Any further information on these two sisters and their families?

Query 2. - Donald McBEAN b. 1854 at Corvory parish of Moy and Dalarossie, married in 1881 at Glenmazeran to Isabella FRASER b. 1855. He was a woollen draper in Worcester in 1881 and known to be living in U.S.A. in 1900. Known issue were daughters Sarah b. 1882 and Lillie b. 1884 in England. Donald's younger brother, Finlay McBEAN b. 1858 at Corvory, married in 1887 at Glenmazeran to Johanna FRASER b. 1859, sister to Donald's wife. He emigrated to Idaho, U.S.A. in 1888 and lived in California from 1910 and died 24th May 1925 at Rodondo Beach, Los Angeles County. Known issue, Jane McBEAN b. 1888 at Glenmazeran. Any further information on these two brothers and their families?

Query 3. - William McBEAN b. 1841 at Balnaboddach, parish of Moy and Dalarossie, died 1886 at St. Paul Street, Aberdeen. He was a mason and married Maggie GRANT of parish of Abernethy, Inverness-shire in 1870. They had 2 sons:- Donald McBEAN b. 1871 at Corvory, parish of Moy and Dalarossie; John McBEAN b. 1873 at Kingussie. Any further information on this family?

Query 4. - John ROSE, Free Church Minister at Orangedale, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia from 1884-1909. Information wanted on grandchildren and great grandchildren of the above whose family were:-

1. Lily ROSE b. 1886 m John P. McRAE, Royal Bank of Canada Montreal. They had issue Frank McRAE b. 1918 and Jean b. 1924 m Ronald PLACE.

2. Janet ROSE b. 1888 d. 1953 m James K. POMEROY, Doctor in Saskatchewan. They had issue William b. 1925; Gerald b. 1927; John b. 1929; Forbes b. 1932.

3. John Lewis ROSE b. 1891, alive in 1941, Minister in United Canadian Church m [1] Mabel MARTIN who died 1932; [2] Jean MCKINNON in 1954. He had a son by his 1st wife, John Martin ROSE b. 1932.

4. Violet ROSE b. 1892 alive 1941 m George MACKINTOSH farmer, Garden Head, Saskatchewan. They had children:- Barbara b. 1917, George b. 1919, John b. 1921, Elsie b. 1925, Daisy b. 1927, Donald b. 1928, William b. 1930, Rosemary b. ?

5. Oswald Dykes ROSE b. 1893 d. 1942 m Rose HEIPHNER; they had children:- Dorothy b. 1917, Beatrice b. 1919, John b. 1921, Oswald b. 1932, Josephine b. 1934.

6. Fraser ROSE b. 1897 d. 1972, Doctor at Preston, Lancs. Information known.

7. Barbara ROSE b. 1898, Royal Bank of Canada employee; alive 1970 in Montreal, unmarried.

Query 5. - Information wanted on grandchildren and great grandchildren of Robert Anderson FERRIER m to Annie ROSE 1882; he was a railway worker; their family, all born in Inverness were:-

1. Lewis Rose FERRIER b. 1883 m Amy GLENNIE in 1914. Living in Regina, Canada in 1936. They had children:- Lillian b. 1915, Robert b. 1916, Isabella b. 1918, Lewis b. 1921, Amy b. 1923, Dorothy b. 1926, Amy b. 1929.

2. James Alexander FERRIER b. 1886 m Dorothy ?, alive in 1957 in England working with Overseas Cable Dept. of the Post Office; they had children:- Grace, Lily, Jessie, Dorothy (dates of birth unknown).

3. John Rose FERRIER b. 1888 d. 1932; went abroad; m Elsie MCKENZIE and had a daughter Elsie.

4. Campbell Ford FERRIER b. 1890 d. after 1862; worked with Canadian Pacific Railway.

Query 6. - Information wanted on descendants of Roderick DINGWALL, Chief Constable, Mackay, Queensland, Australia; m c. 1887 to Lillias ROSE b. 1857 at Culduthel, Inverness; childhood spent at Milton of Moy parish of Moy and Dalarossie. They had 2 daughters:- Lily b. ?, Marjorie b. ? m ? BLONDELL and known to have had one son Roderick BLONDELL.

NEW MEMBERS

704 Mr John C Hitchon, 89 Foley Road East, Streetly, Sutton Coldfield, B74 3JB
Principal interest is in a one name study of HITCHON. Other names have inevitably intruded into his researches i.e CLARK - Leeds; DANIELS - Stroud, GLS; HAWORTH - Accrington, LAN; all for the period 1700-1799. ISACKE - London c1800; BARRETT - Burton on Trent 1800-1899.

705 Mr Ross A G Amos, 39 Darroch Brae, Alness, Ross-shire, IV17 0SD

706 Mr Victor Sutherland, 4175 Douglas Street, Victoria, B.C., Canada, V8X 3Y7
Three main areas of research being (in reverse chronological order) SUTHERLAND - Glasgow, Edinburgh, Ellon (1820) & Wick?; DUFFUS - Glasgow, Aberdeen, Elgin (1780); MASTERTON - U.S.A.; Paisley, Leven in Fife (1840).

707 Mrs Evelyn Norris, P.O. Box 1096, Natalbanj, LA. 70451, U.S.A.

708 Mr N R G Robertson, Westport, New Gisborne 3438, Victoria, Australia
Researching ROBERTSON & MCIVER in the Glenelg area of Inverness-shire pre- 1799.

709 Mr A Wilson, 'Laggan', 79 Church Street, Ladybank, Fife, KY7 7ND
Interested in MACDONALD - Crathie Township, Laggan 1700-1899; STEWART - Banchor, Kingussie 1700-1899 (millers?); FORBES - Petty, Inverness 1800-1899; GORDON - Laggan & Kingussie 1800-1899; WILSON - Fife 1700+; SCOTT - Ceres/Cupar, Fife 1700-1799; ROBB - Ceres/Markinch/Colliesie, Fife 1700+.

710 Mrs Margaret Baillie, 5 East 36 Street, Apartment 310A, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada L8V 3Y6
Interested in a number of families who emigrated from Sutherland to Pictou County, Nova Scotia in the early 1800's. MURRAY - Rogart 1750+; MCKAY - Kildonan 1750-1800, Dornoch 1800; GUNN - Lairg 1775+; LOGAN - Creich 1775-1818; FERGUESON - Clyne 1750+; BAILLIE - Clyne 1750+; MCKENZIE/MCINTOSH - Rogart 1700-1800. Individuals mentioned are Angus GUNN who married Gellis MCLEOD, Christy LOGAN who married David MCKAY 1818, Betsy Fergueson who married Peter MCKAY and Margaret MCINTOSH who married Alexander MURRAY.

711 Mr Hamish Maclean, 'The Knoll', 2 Abertarf Road, Inverness.
Interested in MACLEAN in Cawdor & Culloden areas of Inverness-shire for the period 1800-date.

Query 7. - Information wanted on descendants of the two sons of Alexander McRAE (1854-1913), gamekeeper then general merchant at North Kessock, Black Isle and Marjorie ROSE (1861-1918):-

1. Alexander McRAE b. 1887 at Milton, Moy m Kate ?, believed to have died 1960's at Edson, Alberta, Canada; known issue Mary Magdalene McRAE b. 1931.
2. Lewis Rose McRAE b. 1888 parish of Moy and Dalarossie d. 1933 in South Africa m Ann YOUNGSON at Durban in 1915; known issue Edward L.W. McRAE b. 1916 at Elgin, Morayshire and Cyril McRAE b. c. 1921 place unknown.

Query 8. - Information wanted on son and daughter of Lachlan McGREGOR b. 1864 at Cawdor d. 1923, Inverness, a tailor; also Elizabeth MACKENZIE m 1898:-

1. Isabella Margaret McGREGOR b. 1899 Inverness.
2. Donald A. McGREGOR b.? (alleged to be younger than Isabella) They may have lived in Edinburgh and he may have been a chemist.

Query 9. - Information wanted on Hamilton NOBLE and his family, b. 1880's at Southport, Lancs, son of Donald NOBLE b. 1849 at Dalreach, parish of Moy and Charlotte LAUDERDALE. Donald was a prosperous draper in Southport. Hamilton was living in Saskatchewan during 2nd World War and had a daughter Florence Mary NOBLE who was in the A.T.S. during the war and m William MOSS of Longton, Staffs.

Query 10. - Information wanted on the family of Helen STEWART b. 1887 in Lancs d 1965 at Hamilton, Ontario m Alister Watson BENNETT in Canada; they had a daughter Helen and a son Douglas (dates of birth unknown); Helen m Glen DINGLEDEME and they had Paul b. 1947, Barbara b. 1951 and Susan b. 1954, all in Canada. Douglas m Verna EDIFORD and they had David b. 1951, Pete b. 1954, both in Canada.

Query 11. - Information wanted on descendants of Alexander NOBLE b. 1877 at Dell, parish of Moy and Dalarossie. Emigrated to New Zealand, North Island as a young man - whom did he marry? He had 4 children:- Natalie b. c1910 became Mrs STRONG living near Auckland 1970; Rhona became Mrs JACK living at Hamilton N.Z. 1970; Madeline became Mrs BURDETT living Helensville N.Z. 1970; Ian living Runciman N.Z. 1970.

Query 12. - Information sought on Edith Agnes MacGILLIVRAY b. 1888, daughter of Finlay MacGILLIVRAY (1847-1899), solicitor in Inverness and Agnes WAUGH (1862-1915); believed to have lived in London.

712 Mr John Innes-Smith, 18 Rugby Court, Bristol Gardens, Brighton, Sussex, BN2 5JD
Researching INNES/FORBES - Thurso & Latheron in Caithness 1700-date.

713 Mrs Marjorie W Gilchrist, 4 The Glen, Claigan, Dunvegan, Skye, IV55 8WF
This member's interests are many and varied. The full list will appear in the Register of Research but those relevant to our geographical area are BELL - Inveraray 1800+; CAMERON - Achantore, Kilmallie 1700+; CAMPBELL - Lochavichside & Lochaweside, Kilchrenan 1800+; LAING - Southend & Kintyre, Argyll 1800+; MACDIARMID - Ardsheal & North Shian, Appin 1700+; MCKENZIE - Inverness 1800+; MACNAUGHT - Kintyre, Argyll 1700+; MCTAGGART - Knappdale, Argyll 1800+; MCTAVISH - Kilmartin, Argyll 1800+; MITCHELL - Campbelltown 1800+; PROCTOR - Muchairn, Argyll 1800+; SMITH Knappdale, Argyll 1800+; WEIR - Kilmun, Argyll 1800+.

714 Ms Glenda Joy Giles, Whataroa, South Westland, New Zealand.

715 Mrs P Miles, Cooglegong, Kojaneeerup 6328, West Australia.

Researching MACLENNAN - Dingwall c1838.

716 Mrs Joyce Sidebotham, 'Rostherne', Greenfield Road, Holmfirth, Huddersfield HD7 1LA
Interested in Alexander LEWIS (LEWERS) who married Janet CUMMING c1795 in Poolwe, Wester Ross. The family appeared to have moved to Salford in early married life. Census records there indicate that Alexander, who was a Tailor, and Janet came from Bellou, in Scotland. This name has been transcribed as 'Poolwe'.

717 Ms Sheila Brown, 650 Parliament Street, Apt. 2204, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M4X 1R3
Researching into the name McCOLL in Ballachulish area of Argyll-shire. Particularly interested in John McCOLL, her G-G grandfather, who moved to Glasgow and married Jane CHALMERS. Any information on John or other members of the McCOLL family in Ballachulish would be appreciated.

718 Mr Roy F Cameron, 6A Melbost, Stornoway, Isle of Lewis PA86 0BG

719 Mr Brian Gray, 3 Marlborough Avenue, Cheadle Hulme, Cheshire SK8 7AP
Concentrating on the one name GRAY in 3 locations: Caithness 1600-date; Mallaig 1900-1930; Edinburgh 1852-date.

720 Mr G D Hawley, 10 Meikle Crook, Forres, Moray, IV36 0JY

Mr Hawley is Genealogist to the CLAN FORSYTH SOCIETY and he is interested in all references to that name.

721 Mrs M Chandler, 'Merriewood', Northwich Road, Cranage, Mr. Knutsford, Cheshire. WA16 9LD
ROSS/ROY : Tarbat. McDONALD/BURNETT : St Nicholas Church area of Aberdeen. All covering the period 1800-1899.

722 Mr & Mrs W J Fraser, 21 Wester Links, Fortrose, Ross-shire. IV10 8RZ

723 Mr A J Ellen, 29 Rosshill Drive, Maryburgh, Dingwall. IV7 8EH

724 Mr J Shand, 15 Deas Avenue, Dingwall. IV15 9RF

725 Mr Rory Fraser, 42 Hill Street, Inverness.

726 Mrs Anne MacIver, 'Tarradale', 4 Brinckman Terrace, Westhill, Inverness.

727 Mr & Mrs James MacKenzie, 'Taigh Chuileann', Kiltarlity, Beauly, Inverness-shire.
Specifically interested in Alexander MACKENZIE, shoemaker in Tain, who married Isabella Allan. They had 6 children born between 1808 and 1822. The last record of Alexander & Isabella is at Heathfield in the parish of Kilmuir Easter in 1822.

728 Mr John Hendry, 16 Ferrer's Close, Castle Donington, Derby. DE7 2OW
MacDONALD : Speymouth 1750-1820 & Dingwall 1820+. MCKENZIE : Dingwall 1750+. FINDLAY/SUTHERLAND : Forres & Inverness 1750+. Specific interest in Robert MacDONALD, teacher b. Speymouth and m. Dingwall 1821 to Margaret MACKENZIE b. Dingwall, whose father was John MACKENZIE, blacksmith. Also James FINDLAY, journeyman mason b. c1790 Forres m. Forres? to Catherine SUTHERLAND b. c1790 Forres? They moved to Inverness.

729 Mrs G D MacKenzie, 78 Steade Road, Sheffield, South Yorkshire. S7 1DU
MacKENZIE : Kiltarlity 1700+. MORGAN : Aberdeen/Inverness & Dundee 1750+ then Stirling 1800+. INNES : Aberdeen 1800+ (occupation butler). SMITH : Dundee 1700+. DARGIE : Dundee 1850+. HOY(E) : Cambridgeshire 1700+ (occupation tailor, making silks for jockeys). SMITH : Cambridgeshire 1800+. CORNWELL or CORNWALL : Newmarket 1750+. FENCOIT : Any area and any period. RAWLINGS : Herefordshire 1750+. OWEN : South Wales any period. FRASER : Glenmazeran, Inverness-shire 1800+ (occupation gamekeeper). SINTON : Boleskine 1800+.

730 Mr & Mrs Gregor MacDonald, 'Rosedale', Balvaird Road, Muir of Ord
Interested in the following surnames for the period 1740-1890. MacDONALD/MACLEOD/MacGREGOR : Lochbroom & Ullapool, Ross & Cromarty. McCALL/BOYES : Ratho, Midlothian. MACIVER : Back & Uig, Lewis. CORBETT : Scourie.

731 Mrs Marlene van Amsterdam, 18 Great Collins Street, Ohaupo,
Waikato, New Zealand
FRASER/CAMPBELL/CAMERON/McINTOSH/ROSS : Petty, Inverness pre-
1880. PATERSON : North Kessock, Black Isle pre-1850.

732 Mr Kenneth Renault, La Source, Rue du Tapon, St. Saviour,
Jersey, Channel Isles
3 x great grandparents on his mother's side were Alexander
MackENZIE and Mary CHIVERS. He believes that Alexander was born
in the parish of Killearnan.

733 Dr Kenneth Stewart, 12 The Highlands, Bunbury, Tarpорley,
Cheshire, CW6 9NT
Interested in the families who moved to Tarvie in the parish of
Contin after evictions in the eighteenth century.

734 Mr Ian Tyler, 977 Fergusson Drive, Upper Hutt, New Zealand
Interested in the Jack families who farmed in Knockbain and
Auchterflow in the Black Isle in the late 18th century.

735 Mrs Joan Young, 73 Fruitvale Road, Glen Eden, Auckland,
New Zealand

736 Mrs Jessie Riddel, Flat 3/2, 12 Henrietta Street, Glasgow
G14 0BG
Interested in SUTHERLAND in the Latheron and Wick areas of
Caithness for the period 1830-1880.

737 Ms Frances Bishop, 50 - 1570 Freshfield Road, Kamloops,
British Columbia, Canada V2E 1R6
Interested in the following families from the parishes of Loth
and Kildonan in Sutherland covering the period 1700-1899 :-
Donald 'Mhor' SUTHERLAND of Kildonan who married Rose GORDON;
Robert FRASER who married Elizabeth McKay; John GRAY who
emigrated to Innisfil Township, Simcoe County, Ontario c1830;
Simon FRASER, stonemason who emigrated to Canada c1832; Rose
and Esther GORDON (sisters?).

738 Mrs Eileen Vasa, 'Westways', 58 Repton Grove,
Southend on Sea, Essex, SS2 6SJ
As with the two previous members her ancestors came from the
counties of Caithness and Sutherland, this time for the period
1815-1880. James MUNRO, tailor in Thurso married Hughina
CAMPBELL c1860; Donald MUNRO, sailor in Durness married Jean
McKAY; Robert CAMPBELL, shepherd in Durness married Mary WEIR,
who was born in Berriedale.

The deaths of the following members have been intimated to the
Society :- Miss Irene Dallas (member no 061); Mr Edward Meldrum
(member no 600); Mr Robert Black (member no 142). In the latter
case Mr Black's sister, Mrs Jean Farrell, has asked for the
membership to be transferred to her name.

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be charged £1 per item. Queries should be as clear, concise
and specific as possible. Readers who reply to an enquirer
directly are asked to send a copy of their answer to the
Editor, for possible publication.

270 ANDERSON: Mary Ann Anderson b. 23/4/1856 at Tongue to John
Anderson & Ann Mackay. She was a witness at her brother's
wedding 1875 at Thurso. It is thought that she went to the
Americas. Was it U.S.A. or Canada? Any assistance most welcome.
- Mrs Nola Anderson, Ashley Downs, Clinton, South Otago, New
Zealand.

271 MACKAY: Hugh Mackay b. c1782 d. 15/7/1862 aged 80 at
Gruids, Lairg where he was a tenant. He married Janet Ross.
Issue - Mary b. 1813; Christy b. 1815; Christy/Christian b.
1818; Ann b. 1820, m. 1847 John Anderson; William b. 1822; Adam
b. 1825; Barbara b. 1827. According to the Lairg Cemetery
records both sons went to America. It would appear that the
first Christy died young. By the 1851 census Mary, William and
Barbara are no longer at home and possibly married. Any help
most welcome. - Mrs Nola Anderson (as above).

272 MACKENZIE: Can anyone help? I have been researching my
family, the MACKENZIES of Corriemoillie, Contin but because the
OPR's for that Ross-shire parish do not start until 1778
(births) and 1787 (marriages) I appear to have come to a dead
end. I have the names of my gt. gt. grandparents, James
McKENZIE and Ann BEATON but no dates. In the 1841 census their
son John is described as being 50. If correct this would put
his date of birth c. 1787/91. Contin was part of the Coull
Estate, one of those forfeited after the 1715 Rebellion. In my
grandparents marriage certificate, my grandmother Sarah CAMERON
is given as the daughter of Donald CAMERON, farmer of
Invergarry, Fort Augustus. The wedding, for some reason I have
failed to discover, was in Salford, Manchester in 1868. Her
age was given as 25 on the marriage certificate and the 1871
census reports her as having been born in Kilmallie. - Donald
Mackenzie, 25 Eyres Drive, Alderbury, Salisbury, Wilts, SP5 3TD

273 FERGUSON: Isabella FERGUSON, widow of John MACDONALD, and
dau. of George FERGUSON, Master Blacksmith & Jannet FRASER,
died at Leachkin 10.10.1894 aged 78. Death was notified by her
son-in-law Donald GRANT (GROAT?) who lived at 7 Queen Street,
Inverness. Hoping to hear from descendants but any info. most
welcome. - Mrs Charlotte Spiers, 15 Cairnview Crescent,
Aberdeen AB2 5DR.

274 FERGUSON: George FERGUSON, Master Blacksmith was married to
Jannet FRASER. She is listed in 1861 census for Dunain,
Inverness as widow aged 78. Any information please. - Mrs
Charlotte Spiers (as above).

