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EDITORIAL

Well. Here we go again! I am constantly amazed how quickly 'Editorial Time' comes around and I think that my life is now just divided into quarterly Editorial segments! May I begin by wishing my avid readers a very Happy New Year and I hope that it will be a genealogically very prosperous one too for the both of you!

The year here in Brora has had a mixed start. Weather-wise we are still waiting in earnest for a winter. We've had a few frosts and a few flakes of snow, but in general it has been over-ridingly windy and wet. So much for the Mediterranean-type climate prospects offered by global warming! Research-wise there have been ups and downs. I will begin with the downs and am sad to have to report to you that one of the village stalwarts, with whom many of you will probably have had contact if you have ever researched Sutherland, Stewart McLean, passed away peacefully at his home this week.

Stewart arrived in the village just after the Second World War from Perthshire to work in the 'secret' UK government listening station in Brora. He quickly became very active in the community and, when he 'retired', he became Assistant Registrar to the legendary Jackie MacLennan in the small, poky Registry office here in the village. Jackie, who was 97 when he died in 1999, was the country's oldest Registrar, being still in his post at his death. Together, the Old Master and his 'young' apprentice, the pair accumulated a wealth of knowledge which, sadly, has now been deprived of us all. Stewart, like Jackie before him, also died while still in his post as Genealogy Consultant for Highland Council aged 81.

When I became acquainted with this tirelessly dedicated threesome in the mid Nineties the place was a hive of industry. Jackie, a non-smoker, sat in the front, relatively spacious reception room, tapping away on his famous type-writer. Stewart, a compulsive puffer, was banished to the back room, where he and another interloper with the habit, the late Willie Gunn, could always be found like Dickensian characters constantly poring over books, documents and other archive material conducting family and historical research in what can only be described as dull, dingy and cramped premises. You could almost cut the grey haze with knife in Stewart's room, but it was always worth the risk of lung cancer just to see what he was up to at any particular time!

Now, all three have been taken away in the last five or six years, ironically to become parts of the records they all loved to study, leaving a big hole in the village's historical eldership. The memory of these researching forebears of ours will live on in their form of their individual collections of archive material, which, hopefully, will be made available in the Brora Library in the not too distant future.

I began by saying that the year had started in a mixed fashion. The loss of Stewart to the village, his family and to research was the down side. Life, however, goes on, and the up side to the start to my year has been my own ongoing research. By the time you read this, I will have given a talk (my first PowerPoint presentation – wish me luck!) to Clyne Heritage Society on the 'Placenames of Clyne: Sources, Origins and History'. This has taken up most of my time and has also led me to an additional wealth of information. While browsing some downloads from the past for this talk, I came across some references to Strath Brora by Glen Matheson in Earlstown, whose ancestors were all Clyne folk who emigrated in the 1820 era. Visit his marvellous 'Earlstown Roots' website (containing an incredible 30,000 names) if you have any interest in Sutherland émigrés. It's the 'bee's knees', and I have only begun to scratch the surface. Happy New Year!

Jonathan Wells & Inverness Iron Foundry

Talk given to the Society by Alexander Wells on 28th September 2004

This is the second part of his talk and follows on from the death of Jonathan Wells in 1826. He had conducted the first iron foundry in Inverness but, by the time he died, there was competition from the Ross Street Foundry. The story continues:-

John Wells inherited the business on his father's death (more of him later) and several of the other children went on to marry and have families of their own.

James Wells (1805-1884) was born in Blackfriars, Perth when his father was foreman of the Perth Foundry. He inherited a house in Anderson Street and lived there for some years after marrying Margaret MacDonald in April 1827. He and his family moved to Glasgow sometime between 1844 (when he lived at 3 Anderson Street) and 1861 when the family is shown in the Glasgow census as living at Orchard Street, Partick. James and his wife had seven children, five daughters and two sons. The youngest, another Jonathan, was born in Inverness in 1844. With the exception of the eldest daughter Mary, who married in Inverness to a Laurence Wedder, the whole family appears to have moved south.

Mary Wells (1796->1841) married James Winks, a blacksmith, later distiller in 1825. They remained in Inverness and had seven children, four sons and three daughters.

Janet (Jess) Wells (1797-1863) married a ropemaker from Nairn known as Alexander Fyfe. Her husband had borrowed £500 from her father as her inheritance is reduced by that amount in Jonathan's will.

Isabella (1808-?) and **Sarah** (1808-1858) were twins born in Inverness. Isabella seems to have died sometime before her father, as she is not mentioned in his will. Her twin sister Sarah was married to a colourful individual called Charles Crotchie on 16th December 1836. He was an Italian who had settled in Inverness and his name [was] Anglicised from Carlos Croce. John Fraser's book refers to him as a Frenchman but census records confirm that he was born in Italy. The following is an extract from "Reminiscences of Inverness":

Right opposite Gordon's birthplace is the shop of Mr Charles Crotchie, whose portly appearance is much admired. He is just concluding a sale inside his premises of an article of virtue. Mr Crotchie is a Frenchman, and it is well known that he was one of Napoleon's Imperial Guards, and fought at Waterloo. He is concluding his sale in broken English with his usual phrase, 'Are you doon? Vell I'm doon too'.

His shop was located in Petty Street (now Eastgate) and he was at one time a jeweller and later auctioneer and valuer. He was responsible for the valuation of the estate of Margaret Wells on her death in 1855. The valuation rolls also show him as owning properties in Anderson Street and Wells Street in the early 1850s.

William Wells, Jonathan's youngest son is a mystery. We only know of him through his father's will. To date, no further evidence has been found of his life.

The first twenty years of its existence, the Inverness Foundry under the stewardship of Jonathan enjoyed a virtual monopoly in the area. The Inverness Foundry was supplying a wide variety of goods for domestic and agricultural purposes and had a number of large

estates in the Highlands as customers as well as continuing to supply goods to the Canal Commissioners.

John Wells (1793-1841) inherited the business when his father died. He married three times and, unlike his father, he did not seem to inherit the entrepreneurial skills with the foundry. He continued to run the business and following the death of his father, he intimidated the fact in the "*Inverness Journal*" of 6th October 1826 and that "the price of Pig Iron is considerably lower than it was months ago". He did little it seems to make it flourish during his 16-year stewardship. As we will see later, the business was declining rapidly by the time of his death in 1841.

His second wife was also called Ann. He married Ann MacKay on 24th April 1819 a year after the death of Ann Paterson. Two daughters were born to them; Margaret in 1822 and Mary Ann (aka Marion) in 1824. Margaret married James Couper, a master fisherman from Fodderty, in September 1846 and Mary Ann married John Douglas, a schoolmaster at the Central School. John Douglas went on to become the Headmaster at Dollar Academy.

The "*Inverness Courier*" of 1st November 1821 carries a story headlined "Fire Heroes". It describes a house fire on the top storey of a house on the west side of the river, near the "New Bridge" (the Black Bridge completed in 1808). It goes on: "Among the most active of the persons who really braved very serious peril standing on the burning roof to direct engines, and discovering great presence of mind, we conceive it our public duty to mention the names of Mr John Wells, Ironfounder, Charles Symons, mason and Donald and George Urquhart, carriers. Another very active person is we understand, a coppersmith from the south, but we have not heard his name."¹⁷ The article concludes that the premises were not insured and a subscription was to be arranged "for some of the poor people who are left destitute by the loss of their furniture". Given the general description of the location of the fire, it could be that it was on Anderson Street, where of course, the Wells family had an interest by owning properties in the street. Indeed, it could have been that he was in fact living in one of his father's houses at this time and was returning home with an associate – the coppersmith – to Anderson Street.

His first marriage was to Ann Paterson in Dundee on 25th May 1815.¹⁸ This fact of a marriage in Dundee, where John had been born 22 years earlier, leads to speculation that the family still had close ties with the area or that his father had arranged for his son to learn about the business under someone else's tutelage. He returned to Inverness where two children were born, Ann in 1816 and Jonathan in 1817.

Ann MacKay died in 1824 and he married for the third time to Margaret Robertson on 4th March 1825. Margaret survived her husband and she bore him five children, two died in infancy and the others, including twins, [were] William and Sarah, and Isabella.

On the 13th October 1831, the first signs of financial problems appear in an advertisement in the "*Inverness Journal*":

To Iron Founders
To be sold by Private Bargain, the whole STOCK
And UTENSILS of the FOUNDRY near the shore
Called the "Inverness Foundry" including 10 to 12
Tons PIG IRON, PARTLY WRAUGHT.

16. See Reminiscences of Inverness – John Fraser, Published by the Author – 15 Union Street, Inverness, 1905
17. Inverness Courier 1st November 1821
18. LDS Film 993401 – Marriage – Dundee
19. SCRO SC 29/44/6 PP 201-209
20. Copies of correspondence and inventory supplied by Moira Newell (nee Wells)
21. Unpublished Manuscript, A. MacAskill

BITS & PIECES

Once again we have had a number of responses from members particularly following the November editorial on researching the fund of information to be found at the National Library and National Archives of Scotland in Edinburgh. But first, part of a letter from a member which is relevant to the talk given by Alex Wells.

Rose Street Foundry

Ann McKay, who lives in Newcastle, wrote as follows: -

“One thing which frustrates me as a member is when I see the really interesting talks listed. I am particularly sorry not to be at the September 28th talk about the Inverness Iron Foundry. My great grandfather’s brother, William James Smith (1822-1898), was the founder of the Rose Street Foundry in Inverness, and his son, William James, started the Inverness Foundry. He built the suspension bridge over the Ness, which bears a plaque to that effect. He was a member of the Town Council and had a piece of land named after him. His firm built the Market Hall; he was elected to the Bench and was a well-known athlete. He married my grandmother’s sister and they lived in Rose Street. She died tragically of a mismatched blood transfusion from her husband in 1895. William (junior) then left for Vancouver in 1898 with his two daughters. He took part in the Klondyke and Altin gold rushes. He was the first pioneer to Vancouver from Inverness and was 94 when he died. William James (senior) and my great grandfather, Alex Reid Smith, erected a fine memorial in the Old Kirkyard in Carmelite Street to their parents and family.”

Comments on Editorial

Nick’s November editorial, as previous ones have done, encouraged readers of the journal to ‘put pen to paper’. Highland FHS member **Joan Leggett** wrote – “I enjoyed your Editorial in this month’s Journal. NLS is a wonderful place indeed – as a descendant of James Sutherland of Uppat (with a St Vincent connection) I have been excited to read his letters to Mr MacKenzie W.S. in MS. 1485.

I do not know which aspects of the Sutherland Papers you are interested in but I have looked at some of the papers of Major Sutherland of Riachar in NAS Ref. GD.347/774 and, in more depth, the papers of Dr J.J. Galbraith (another of James Sutherland’s descendants) in GD 1/1200 covering the Sutherlands of Uppat, Baillie of Dunain & Dochfour and Mackay of Bighouse. I have typed the Index if of interest.” Joan then attached details of what she had recorded and part of her researches appear elsewhere in this journal.

prepared by Charles Crotchie, Licensed Appraiser! Secondly, when she died she also held “certain funds in trust” which are not part of the general estate.

William had control of the foundry before his mother’s death in 1855 as it is not referred to in her will. He also had by this time ownership of “Lincoln Villa” and “the shop in Huntly Street and continued to be listed as the owner for several years in the valuation rolls.

In the same year as his mother’s death in 1855, William’s ownership of “Lincoln Villa” was transferred to his twin sisters, Sarah and Isabella for £430. In 1862 the house and “Shop & Works” are the property of Mrs Aikman, Edinburgh and Miss Isabella Wells but William is shown as the tenant. The Aikman’s are shown as the owners of several properties in Wells Street in the 1876-78 valuation rolls. (Sarah married Andrew Aikman, corn merchant, Edinburgh on the 18th August 1859).

In 1873 the business was advertised for lease in the “Inverness Courier” of 27th March which may indicate that he was not declared bankrupt in 1870 or that he had done a deal with his sister or her husband to carry on and work the foundry.

William never married; he died of diabetes on 25th May 1875 intestate. His total estate was valued at £753/17s/0d (which included stock in trade valued at £222/8s/9d.) and among the creditors were the Canal Commissioners! As he died intestate his sister Isabella was the main beneficiary and she continued to live in “Lincoln Villa”.

The minute book of the Northern Agricultural Implement and Foundry Co. Ltd. (later to become the Rose Street Foundry) dated 6th September 1875 notes that £52 / 7s / 0d had been paid for old metal at the Wells Street Foundry.²³ Although a Smithy continued to occupy part of the foundry site for many years, the passing of William ended the Wells’ Connection with industrial Inverness.

Although the link with the foundry was gone, both my great-grandfather, Jonathan Wells (1859-1944) and my grandfather, William Wells (1889-1967) were ironfounders and worked in the Rose Street Foundry.

References:

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2. LDS Film 1040159 – Parish Records Birth of son James
3. LDS Film 102122 – Marriage
4. Missing
5. LDS Film 91116 – Robinson Lane Church Records Co. Durham
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7. Inverness Journal April 15th 1808
8. Missing
9. Missing
10. Inverness Journal August 4th 1809
11. Archive Accounts Caledonian Canal – The Caledonian Canal, A.D. Cameron
12. John Woods Map 1821
13. Certificate of British Registry – Inverness Custom Records No. 7, 1820
14. Registry Book Inverness Customs – No. 49, August 1826
15. Registry Book Inverness Customs – list of Co-owners No. 49, August 1826

Barbara Stirling, a non-member, also weighed in with an e-mail from the other side of the World: - "I receive your journal via my membership with the New Zealand Society of Genealogist library loan service & look forward to its arrival. Your editorial particularly interested me about your visit to the National Library in Edinburgh."

I sit here at my computer & pull up all these interesting items and wonder just what it would be like going there and the access etc you explained. You certainly gave me a reality check, which is great, I shall no longer copy & paste lists of things of interest, though there are enough descriptions with some to make it worthwhile transferring it into "notes" of that person on my database. Unfortunately I have some notorious ancestors who are written up, but the cost of photocopies recalculated into the \$NZ makes it out of the question."

Nick then requested more information and got the following reply: - "My ancestor was Captain James Sutherland of Duffus, 5th Baronet. Unmarried but with many 'natural' offspring, some, like mine, acknowledged. Yes, Sutherland should be his area of research but, like most 'notables', he lived mostly outside of the county, though history shows a lot of Caitness also for this branch of the Sutherlands."

I find there are two kinds of 'notables' that I have in my tree. The above, and the other group, convicts to Australia, are very well written up. On the other hand my numerous crofters, labourers, cabinetmakers etc are merely events recorded in OPR's or census returns from Orkney to Dorset. This is the challenge we Colonials have in our family history. Then I thrive on that challenge."

Timespan Museum

This is an appeal for information from **Jacqui Aitken**, who has been engaged by Timespan Museum in Helmsdale, Sutherland, to set up an exhibition this Spring revolving around the Cuthbert family of Garrymore, near Helmsdale. The Museum was bequeathed several items of the Cuthbert brothers' crofting way of life after they both passed on in the 1990s, and is now conserving them with a view to displaying them and telling the 'Story of Garrymore'.

Jacqui is keen to get a broader, more rounded view of the way of life and the other families of the Garrymore area, many of whom were re-settled there on their small plots after eviction from other places, notably Kildonan. She would welcome *any* information at all to fill in the picture and will also be a good source of information for anyone out there with interests in the area.

She can be contacted at the e-mail address of the Editor, by telephone on 01408 621338 or by post at Sunnybrae, West Clyne, Brora, Sutherland KW9 6NH.

Forbes DNA Project

This e-mail appeared from the Internet. "I thought the best way to find FORBESes overseas was to look in the Highlands. You need to know about the Worldwide FORBES Surname DNA Project. I've initiated the project at FamilyTree DNA and their homepage is as follows: www.familytreedna.com. Please consider passing the information onto any FORBESes you may know. Participants are males with the surname FORBES, or variant, for genetic

matching of the Y chromosome. Women can have their brother, uncle, cousin or other male of their lineage tested for the program.

Thank you for your time. Ken Forbes, Project Administrator, Puyallup, WA, USA

Surnames in Project (Some of the recognized variants of FORBES):

FAUBUS, FOBES, FORBES, FORBESS, FORBIS, FORBISH, FORBUS, FORBUSH, FORDICE, FORDYCE, FURBUSH

FORBES Worldwide DNA Project Aims

- 1) Establish or estimate the number of different ancestral lines found among FORBES families worldwide.
- 2) Trace currently known and unknown FORBES lineages to common ancestors in the United Kingdom, Ireland, and English colonies, past and present.
- 3) Assist genealogy researchers in identifying and validating their immigrant FORBES ancestor and/or remotest FORBES ancestor through the 25 Marker test.

SAFHS ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Renfrewshire Family History Society will host the 16th Annual Conference of the Scottish Association of Family History Societies on Saturday 23rd April in Paisley Grammar School, Glasgow Road, Paisley. It is entitled "*Surfing the Past*".

The conference will be opened at 10am and the speakers will be:-

Alan Steele, Local Historian:

"*Surfing the Feudal Net*"

Pete Wadley, National Archives of Scotland:

"*Unusual Records in NAS*"

Gordon Urquhart, Historian:

"*Sleuthing Bricks and Mortar*"

Elizabeth Carmichael, Mitchell Library:

"*Digital Ancestors*"

Martin Tyson, GRO Scotland:

"*Joined Up Thinking – Putting Scotland's Records on the Web*"

Ann Beaton, Scottish Screen Archive:

"*Moving Images and Family History: Scottish Screen Archive as a Source for Researchers*"

In addition there will be Workshops, Bookstalls and a raffle. A buffet lunch will also be available.

Booking forms are available from the Conference Coordinator, Lesley Couperwhite, 34 Cortic Way, Kilmacolin PA13 4JD. Please send an A5 SAE along with your request for a form. Further information is available on the Society's website <www.renfrewshirefhs.org.uk>.

If any HFHS members attending the conference could help out at the society's table over the lunch period for 30 minutes or so, it would be much appreciated.

HFHS PROJECTS

MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTIONS

By John Durham

At long last it looks as if a comprehensive index to all the burial grounds in not only the Highlands but the whole of Scotland may come to fruition. Those of you who actually read this section on a regular basis will know that I have been trying to compile a database of burial grounds in the area covered by our Society. With data from our own publications and other sources, specifically POSH (Preserving Our Sutherland Heritage), Sue and John Thomson of the Kilmorack Heritage Association, Jenny Rose-Miller of Nairn Museum, Margaret and Billy Mackay and a visit to the museum at Portmahomack, I now have some 251 entries on my database.

Recently Graham Tuley and I attended a meeting at Stirling organised by Dr Susan Buckham, Carved Stones Advisor, Council of Scottish Archaeology. It was held in conjunction with SAFHS and the outcome was the setting up of a Graveyard Working Group with Bruce Bishop, of the Moray branch of Aberdeen & North East Scotland FHS, appointed as convenor. The Group held their first meeting a few days ago in Edinburgh at which the aims and purpose of the Group were defined thus: -

To establish an inventory of all Churchyards, burial grounds, including isolated burials, War Memorials or any other Memorials. Burial places or Memorial Tablets within Churches or other buildings as well as outside in Churchyards etc are also to be included. If there is any other Memorial that does not come into these categories then these Memorials are to be included too.

To facilitate the collating of such a list the fields which would be used were discussed and decided upon. They are as follows: -

1. County
2. Parish (with OPR reference of site of the cemetery/burial ground)
3. Name of the burial ground.
4. Any alternative name by which the burial ground is known.
 - 4a Is the burial ground still in existence? Yes/No
 - 4b Has it been demolished? Yes/No
5. The type of burial ground. e.g. private, municipal, churchyard etc.
6. OS Grid Reference
7. Location e.g. Nearest street in the case of city cemeteries.
8. Dates
 - 8a Ancient
 - 8b Date opened.
 - 8c Date closed.
9. Location of records.
 - 9a OPR
 - 9b Kirk Session
 - 9c Local authority
 - 9d Private
 - 9e Other

10. Memorials are there any?

10a Yes

10b No

11. Has the burial ground already been surveyed? Yes/No

11a Are there Pre 1855 M.I.'s? Yes/No

11b Are there any complete MI Recordings (including post 1855)?

11c Have these been published? Yes/No

11d Are there unpublished M.I.'s Yes/No

11e If the answer to c and d is "yes" then where can these be obtained?

12. Is any of the information for this burial place included in the N.B.I.?

12a Yes

12b No

13. The Canmore NMRS number if applicable.

14. Any notes or comments.

Several of these fields are already incorporated in my database and, as I am using ACCESS, there will be no problem in adding in the extra fields. All family history societies in Scotland will be asked to nominate someone to assist in the identification of all the burial grounds in their geographical area. A target of two years has been set to complete the database and it is hoped to have a CD ready for the SFAHS Annual Conference in April 2007.

To get back to more mundane matters, a major revision of one of our existing publications is in hand. With only four copies of the MIs for Fortrose remaining a reprint was called for. Now that we are using ISBNs each publication that does not already have one allocated to it, like that for Fortrose, is amended before reprinting to include the ISBN. While this task was being worked on I received an e-mail from someone who had recently purchased a copy, asking where his Fowlers had gone. A check of the index confirmed that members of this particular family, who were known to have been buried in Fortrose Cathedral, were not included.

The original publication was in two parts, listing the MIs in the relatively modern burial ground on the outskirts of Fortrose along with the War Memorial tablets in the entrance to the grounds of Fortrose Cathedral and the stones surrounding the ruins. Anne Robb, who helped with the transcriptions at Dore's Church and who lives in Fortrose, kindly volunteered to go down to the Cathedral and see if she could spot the Fowler inscriptions. She found out that Scottish Heritage, who is responsible for the ruins, had placed metal railings with a padlocked gate on the open side of the ruins. She was able to read part of the inscription on the relevant wall plaque, but it was apparent that, if we were to transcribe the full inscription on this and all the other stones that were visible, access to the enclosed area was required.

Permission was obtained and a total of 65 inscriptions discovered on the walls and floor of the ruined section of the Cathedral have been recorded. We still need access to the Mackenzie Mausoleum as the lock in the gate giving access to it did not respond to any of the keys we obtained from the Council Service Point at Fortrose Academy. It is also apparent that the inscriptions located in the grassy area surrounding the ruins need further checking before publications. This will be done once this Journal is safely dispatched to the members.

Mr John Fowler, who alerted me to the fact that the memorial inscriptions to his Fowler ancestors were missing from our publication, was able to confirm the names of those Fowlers who had been interred in the Cathedral. He sent me details of research done for him by none

other than Donnie Maclellan. It is amazing (or perhaps it is not so amazing) how often Donnie's name keeps turning up in correspondence from all over the world (Mr Fowler lives in America) and is a further reminder of how much all the hard work he did on behalf of the Society as well as for all Maclellans. The amount of meticulous research he carried out, quite often way beyond what was needed to answer the original question posed, is quite humbling to us lesser mortals. It was a pleasure to have known such a generous man.

Work on Urquhart on the Black Isle and Old Kilmore in Drumdrochit will commence once the weather settles down and the north wind stops blowing. At this time of the year even a gentle breeze blowing from the wrong direction can make a day checking monumental inscriptions an uninviting proposition.

Finally, if you have not already done so, why not visit the Society website and try out the index to our MI publications. Enter the surname you are interested in and a list of the burial grounds recorded by the Society in which that particular name can be found will hopefully appear. If the name is not on the database you will see a message to that effect.

INDEXES to 1851 CENSUS RETURNS

By John Durham

The three indexes mentioned in the previous Journal, those for Eddrachillis and Farr in Sutherland and for Gairloch in Ross-shire, have now been published. The first two are in booklet form with Gairloch on fiche due to the number of entries involved. With Margaret and Billy Mackay continuing to work through the microfilm for Sutherland, we are now left with Applecross in Ross-shire and a large number of parishes in Inverness-shire needing volunteers to transcribe in advance of indexing. The outstanding parishes are: -

Abernethy	Alvie	Ardersier
Boleskine & Abertarff	Cromdale & Inverallan	Croy & Dalcross
Daviot & Dumlichity	Dores	Duthil & Rothiemurchus
Gleneig	Inverness Parish	Kilmoinvaig
Kingsussie & Insh	Laggan	Moy & Dalarossie
Urquhart & Glenmoriston		

So far we have loaded 128,155 index entries onto our website. Each parish has been edited to get rid of duplicate entries where the name and age are the same. To use the index on the website simply enter the surname you are interested in to get a full list showing Forename, Age and Parish in which the entry is to be found. This is a very useful facility as the person or persons you are looking for may not have been in the parish you thought when the census was taken in 1851.

SCOTTISH NATIONAL BURIAL INDEX (SNBI)

By Sandra Norton

There is no report this time.

HFHS STRAYS INDEX

By Alan Ross

This is Alan's contribution to the previous Journal which had to be put aside as for a change as all available pages were full.

This time I am highlighting the areas of Gamrie BAN and Ferintosh ROC. As can be seen, many born in the parish of Gamrie can be found in Aberdour circa 1851, whilst the few born in Ferintosh appear to have spread their wings a little further, although none seem to have ventured further than Glasgow.

Surname	Forename	Ch	Birth Parish	Year	Age	Event	Source
BARRON	Jane	BAN	Gamrie	1851	27	Census 1851	Census / King Edward / ABD
BARRON	Janet	BAN	Gamrie	1851	29	Census 1851	Census / King Edward / ABD
BARRON	Joseph	BAN	Gamrie	1851	14	Census 1851	Census / Aberdour / ABD
BRUCE	Catherine	BAN	Gamrie	1851	16	Census 1851	Census / Aberdour / ABD
BRUCE	Helen	BAN	Gamrie	1851	13	Census 1851	Census / Aberdour / ABD
BRUCE	Isabel	BAN	Gamrie	1851	52	Census 1851	Census / Aberdour / ABD
BRUCE	Isabella	BAN	Gamrie	1851	22	Census 1851	Census / Aberdour / ABD
BRUCE	Margaret	BAN	Gamrie	1851	24	Census 1851	Census / Aberdour / ABD
BRUCE	Robert	BAN	Gamrie	1851	20	Census 1851	Census / Aberdour / ABD
BURR	William	BAN	Gamrie	1851	19	Census 1851	Census / Aberdour / ABD
CLARK	Charles	BAN	Gamrie	1851	35	Census 1851	Census / Aberdour / ABD
CLARK	James	BAN	Gamrie	1851	11	Census 1851	Census / Aberdour / ABD
CLARK	James	BAN	Gamrie	1851	31	Census 1851	Census / Aberdour / ABD
CLARK	John	BAN	Gamrie	1851	9	Census 1851	Census / Aberdour / ABD
CLARK	Margaret	BAN	Gamrie	1851	4	Census 1851	Census / Aberdour / ABD
CLARK	William	BAN	Gamrie	1851	7	Census 1851	Census / Aberdour / ABD
CRAIK	Ann	BAN	Gamrie	1851	19	Census 1851	Census / King Edward / ABD
CRAIK	Ann	BAN	Gamrie	1851	16	Census 1851	Census / Aberdour / ABD
CRUIKSHANK	Barbara	BAN	Gamrie	1851	38	Census 1851	Census / Aberdour / ABD
CRUIKSHANK	Elizabeth	BAN	Gamrie	1851	30	Census 1851	Census / Aberdeen West / ABD
DIXON	Margaret	BAN	Gamrie	1851	35	Census 1851	Census / Aberdour / ABD
ELDER	Isabel*	BAN	Gamrie	1851	10	Census 1851	Census / Aberdour / ABD
ELDER	Margt.	BAN	Gamrie	1851	8	Census 1851	Census / Aberdour / ABD
ELDER	William	BAN	Gamrie	1851	47	Census 1851	Census / Aberdour / ABD
FRASER	Andrew	BAN	Gamrie	1851	55	Census 1851	Census / Aberdour / ABD
FRASER	Helen	BAN	Gamrie	1851	31	Census 1851	Census / Aberdour / ABD
FRASER	Johann	BAN	Gamrie	1851	7	Census 1851	Census / Aberdour / ABD
FRASER	Margt.	BAN	Gamrie	1851	29	Census 1851	Census / Aberdour / ABD
FRASER	Thomas	BAN	Gamrie	1851	20	Census 1851	Census / Aberdour / ABD
GARDEN	Christian	BAN	Gamrie	1851	36	Census 1851	Census / Aberdour / ABD
GATT	Barbara	BAN	Gamrie	1851	28	Census 1851	Census / Aberdour / ABD
GATT	Elizabeth	BAN	Gamrie	1851	33	Census 1851	Census / Aberdour / ABD
GATT	Elizabeth*	BAN	Gamrie	1851	21	Census 1851	Census / Aberdour / ABD
GREIG	Margaret	BAN	Gamrie	1851	31	Census 1851	Census / Aberdour / ABD
HADDEN	Janet	BAN	Gamrie	1851	21	Census 1851	Census / Aberdour / ABD
HEPBURN	Barbara	BAN	Gamrie	1851	34	Census 1851	Census / Aberdour / ABD
HEPBURN	James	BAN	Gamrie	1851	14	Census 1851	Census / Aberdour / ABD
HEPBURN	Sherris	BAN	Gamrie	1851	9	Census 1851	Census / Aberdour / ABD
HEPBURN	Thomas	BAN	Gamrie	1851	40	Census 1851	Census / Glasgow Inner High / LKS
HUNTER	James	BAN	Gamrie	1851	24	Census 1851	Census / Aberdeen West / ABD
INGRAM	John	BAN	Gamrie	1851	13	Census 1851	Census / Aberdour / ABD
INNES	Ann	BAN	Gamrie	1851	35	Census 1851	Census / Aberdour / ABD
INNES	Ann	BAN	Gamrie	1851	30	Census 1851	Census / Aberdour / ABD
LEITH	James	BAN	Gamrie	1851			

SOME SUTHERLAND LETTERS

Transcribed by Joan Leggett

As she mentioned in her response to the November editorial by our editor Nick Lindsay, Joan Leggett, member 613, is a descendant of Captain James Sutherland (1726-1789), Factor to the 17th Earl of Sutherland. In the National Library in Edinburgh she found a number of letters written by her ancestor to John McKenzie Esq of Delvin, Horse Wynd, Edinburgh. They cover the period 1762-1778 and are to be found in the Delvin Papers (Ref MS 1485). Although of special interest to her, some fascinating historical events are referred to in some of them. [NB: all spelling copied as found!]

Bath 8 o'clock at Night Tuesday 27[July] 17.. MS.1485

Dear Sir,

I can only tell you that I arrived here half an hour ago loaded with the most gloomy expectations, and to my great joy I found my Lord just as Col. MacKay has already mentioned to you in his letter by this post. I hope in God the Countess complaints will turn out through fatigue and cold, and that in a few days there will only be occasion for a few cheerful friends and an attentive nurse, and I am with my Compliments to Mrs McKenzie, Dear Sir, Your most obedient and most humble Servant
James Sutherland.

Dear Sir,

I have just Wrote to Doctor Whyte to come here as my good old Genl.¹ is greatly distressed with the pain in this Stomach, and I give you this trouble that if by accident Mr Whyte should be out of the way that you may send over some person of skill & I am Sir, Yours &c
James Sutherland

Dysart, 30 July 1762 MS.1485 the distressed situation of my worthy Gen. He may struggle with them [complaints] for many weeks and end with his death at last. Wish for such a journey to my good old Gen. as the late Duke of Argyle had, it being the last and only marke of gratitude I can pay him for the friendship and uncommon protection he honoured me with... the doctor tells me that they think there is no immed. danger but they qualify their opinion by mentioning his age... the Genl. has had a very bad night which I believe is owing in a great measure to the blisters that was applyd to his legs....

Dysart, Saturday morning 7 o'clock. MS.1485

Dear Sir,

I may now take on me to assure you that the General is out of all danger, he has been three days without any kind of Complaint except from the sores that the blisters occasioned was applyd to his Leggs. He will be very glad to see you Fryday, and I am with great Esteem, Dear Sir, your most obedient humble Servant
James Sutherland

Dysart 3 August 1762 MS.1485

¹ Could this be General St. Clair whom Allan Gray mentions in his "Modest Proposal"? Was Gen. St. Clair's first name Robert? If so it might account for the name Robert appearing in the Sutherland family - no other Robert link has been found.

Surname	Forename	Civ.	Birth Parish	Year	Age	Event	Source
MASSIE	Alexander	BAN Gamrie		1851	60	Census 1851	Census / Aberdour / ABD
MILTON	William	BAN Gamrie		1851	6	Census 1851	Census / Aberdour / ABD
MITCHELL	Elsbet	BAN Gamrie		1851	11	Census 1851	Census / Aberdour / ABD
MORISON	Alexander	BAN Gamrie		1851	43	Census 1851	Census / Aberdour / ABD
MORISON	Catherine	BAN Gamrie		1851	35	Census 1851	Census / Aberdour / ABD
MORISON	Isabella	BAN Gamrie		1851	16	Census 1851	Census / Aberdour / ABD
MORISON	James	BAN Gamrie		1851	12	Census 1851	Census / Aberdour / ABD
MORISON	James	BAN Gamrie		1851	13	Census 1851	Census / Aberdour / ABD
MORISON	James	BAN Gamrie		1851	25	Census 1851	Census / Aberdour / ABD
MORISON	John	BAN Gamrie		1851	17	Census 1851	Census / Aberdour / ABD
MORISON	John	BAN Gamrie		1851	39	Census 1851	Census / Aberdour / ABD
MORISON	Sophia	BAN Gamrie		1851	40	Census 1851	Census / Aberdour / ABD
MORTIMER	James	BAN Gamrie		1851	11	Census 1851	Census / Aberdour / ABD
MURRAY	William	BAN Gamrie		1851	52	Census 1851	Census / Aberdour / ABD
PIRIE	William	BAN Gamrie		1851	56	Census 1851	Census / King Edward / ABD
RITCHIE	James	BAN Gamrie		1851	36	Census 1851	Census / Aberdour / ABD
ROBERTSON	Geo	BAN Gamrie		1851	27	Census 1851	Census / Aberdour / ABD
ROBERTSON	Peter	BAN Gamrie		1851	15	Census 1851	Census / Aberdour / ABD
ROSE	William	BAN Gamrie		1851	21	Census 1851	Census / King Edward / ABD
ROSS	Alexander	BAN Gamrie		1851	35	Census 1851	Census / Aberdeen West / ABD
SCOTT	Alexander L.	BAN Gamrie		1851	21	Census 1851	Census / Aberdeen West / ABD
SCOTT	John	BAN Gamrie		1851	12	Census 1851	Census / Aberdour / ABD
SKINNER	George	BAN Gamrie		1851	58	Census 1851	Census / Aberdour / ABD
SMITH	Elsbet	BAN Gamrie		1851	18	Census 1851	Census / King Edward / ABD
SMITH	George	BAN Gamrie		1851	64	Census 1851	Census / Aberdour / ABD
SMITH	Hellen	BAN Gamrie		1851	42	Census 1851	Census / Peterhead / ABD
SMITH	Isabella	BAN Gamrie		1851	14	Census 1851	Census / King Edward / ABD
SMITH	William	BAN Gamrie		1851	22	Census 1851	Census / Aberdour / ABD
STEPHEN	Margaret	BAN Gamrie		1851	68	Census 1851	Census / Aberdour / ABD
TAYLOR	Alexander	BAN Gamrie		1851	10	Census 1851	Census / King Edward / ABD
TAYLOR	Isabel	BAN Gamrie		1851	89	Census 1851	Census / Aberdour / ABD
TAYLOR	James	BAN Gamrie		1851	50	Census 1851	Census / Aberdour / ABD
TAYLOR	Jane	BAN Gamrie		1851	6	Census 1851	Census / King Edward / ABD
TAYLOR	John	BAN Gamrie		1851	8	Census 1851	Census / King Edward / ABD
WATT	Elizabeth	BAN Gamrie		1851	30	Census 1851	Census / Aberdour / ABD
WEBSTER	James	BAN Gamrie		1851	43	Census 1851	Census / Aberdeen West / ABD
WHYTE	James	BAN Gamrie		1851	42	Census 1851	Census / Aberdour / ABD
YEATS	William	BAN Gamrie		1851	27	Census 1851	Census / Aberdour / ABD

Over the past twelve months or so information received for adding to the STRAY's Index has virtually been non-existent. Please put pen to paper, or better still, e-mail some STRAY's that you find to me. If you are not sure what is required I will gladly put you on the right track. Comments, good or bad, are always welcome.

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