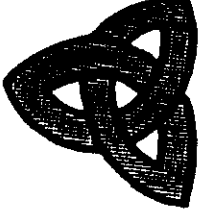


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EDITORIAL

It is still me once again, but hopefully things will improve next time. No specific theme but a few thoughts on a number of concerns. The first one is the lack of a permanent editor, which could be addressed in the short term by having the 'guest editor' mentioned in passing in the last journal. I have just been speaking on the phone to Jonathan McColl, who, as well as being the speaker at the next meeting, is also one of our three ex-editors. I mentioned this idea of having a guest editorial to him and he says he is happy to work on something for the May journal. Now all I need is another volunteer to help out with an August editorial, but what we really need is someone permanent.

On a similar tack we have had no articles sent in since the last journal. That sentence was written during the first draft of my editorial. I am happy to be in a position to modify that statement as Graeme Mackenzie has come up with a couple of short pieces at very short notice. I note that, in one of them, he indicates he will have more for us in a future journal. In spite of these two articles this journal would be very thin indeed if I hadn't decided to reprint an article that appeared in the August 1999 edition. To avoid having to ask the author for permission to do so, I have selected one I wrote myself which, as it refers to an incident that happened over 145 years ago, does not need updating. I am well aware that a proportion of our members may remember the story, but more recent members may not have had the chance to read it. In any case the events reported in the local press at the time do give us an interesting insight into how difficult life was at that time for many of those trying to eke out a living in Inverness. That was the main reason for selecting it. To avoid this situation being repeated in the future, please send in some new articles to me. They don't have to be several pages long. The shorter articles are very useful as fillers and, at the same time, they add variety to the journal.

Just before I get down off my soapbox, the final gripe is the lack of volunteers to join the committee. Each year at the AGM, requests for volunteers to come on to the committee is met with a deafening silence, and once again the outgoing committee is re-elected en bloc. We need some new blood, particularly now that our new premises are open on a regular basis. With the new archive due to be completed in 2009, and with a space in it for our society, we need to be ready for the move. During the next two years we have to become proficient in supplying a service both to visitors through the door and to those who will contact us on the internet. In two years time our existing committee members will be that much older. Consequently we need some younger members to join the committee now and to take on the mantle of pointing our society in the right direction, so that we survive the next 25 years as strongly as we have the previous 25.

That is enough complaining. On the positive side we have our premises in Union Street, which is now open each Tuesday and the computer and printer were installed only last week. Again on a positive note, preparations for the SAFHS Conference that the society is hosting in April are well in hand. To date there are 53 delegates coming and 18 family history societies, including ourselves, have requested tables to display their wares. In addition *Am Baile, Hi-Arts* and the Highland Council Archives will be mounting displays. With the excellent speakers that we have persuaded to disseminate their knowledge on the subject of emigration, this should be a conference well worth attending. A reminder of how you can book appears on page 22.

Finally, family history research is being recognised more and more by both radio and television as a subject that many people, not necessarily those who are actively researching their ancestors, are finding of interest. The program "Who do you think you are?" on BBC has been followed recently by a similar one on ITV1. Now, as you will see at the top of page 12, BBC Radio 4 is to broadcast a 6-part series on the subject starting on 12th March. They are looking for volunteers. Can any of you help?

DARK DEEDS IN ROSE STREET

by John Durham

This article previously appeared in August 1999 Journal. Ed.

During the work of transcribing the monumental inscriptions in Chapel Yard, Inverness, I was intrigued by the following inscription, as it implied that the deceased may have been murdered.

[Flat, badly eroded] 1862. To the memory of David CUMMING, house-carpenter, Inverness, aged 24 years, who was found dead in Rose Street, Inverness on the morning of the 1st December 1861, in circumstances to excite suspicion that death had been caused by violence. This monument is placed by tradesmen and by friends. He was much esteemed.

The next step was to find out if there was a newspaper report on the alleged incident. I paid a visit to the reference room in the library where microfilm copies of *The Inverness Courier* are available. In the edition dated December 5 1861 I found the following article.

SUPPOSED MURDER IN INVERNESS

On Sunday morning, about seven o'clock, the police were informed that the body of a man had been found, lying naked in an outhouse at the back of No. 37 Rose Street, occupied by Mr Frank Fraser, farmer. Dr Manford was summoned at the same time, and proceeded at once to Mr Fraser's house, where the deceased was found stretched on the floor, too late to be benefited by medical assistance. Mr Superintendent Sutherland arrived about the same time, and removed the body to the Dead House.

Mrs Fraser stated that she was aroused early in the morning by her sons, who slept in a room the window of which looked upon the back-yard, and who said that they had heard such groans and sounds that they were sure there must be something dreadful in the outhouse - a wooden shed, partly occupied as a carpenter's workshop, and partly as a cow-house. Mrs Fraser rose and by the light of a candle discovered that a man was lying in the doorway of the carpenter's shed. His face was uppermost, the head in a small pool of water outside the door, and the greater part of the body inside. There was a deep cut behind the left temple, and a good deal of blood on the face. Mrs Fraser screamed loudly, but no one came to her assistance, and feeling the body still warm, and the joints of the arms still supple, she dragged it into her house in the hope of saving life. The deceased, as we have said, was naked, with the exception of having on his stockings and one boot. The body has been identified as that of David Cumming, carpenter, a young man 23 years of age, in the employment of Mr George Mackay, Margaret Street, respectably connected, a native of the town, and personally much esteemed as a young tradesman. He had been engaged at work in the neighbourhood of Tomatin, and had walked into Inverness on Saturday afternoon, a distance of about seventeen miles, to visit his parents and to spend the Sunday at home.

The alarm given by Mrs Fraser speedily attracted attention. The police searched the neighbourhood of the shed where the body was discovered, and found the coat of the deceased and his cap on a dunghill immediately adjoining. About nine o'clock it was ascertained that the rest of his clothes were locked in an outhouse, pertaining to the dwelling of Nicol Ferguson, a working mason,

residing two doors off, at No. 35, and were said to have been found in the garden behind his house, by his youngest daughter, a girl of thirteen years of age. The clothes were given up to Mrs Fraser by Ferguson's eldest daughter, Mrs Judge, residing with her father, and employed, we believe, at the Holm Mills. They were at once handed to the police, and were found to be saturated with some offensive matter, smelling strongly. On further investigation, one of the boots of the deceased, covered with filth, was found in Ferguson's garden and in a little kail-yard in the middle of the ground Superintendent Sutherland discovered, loosely covered over with earth, his watch, a broken watch-guard, a neck-tie, and one shilling and three-halfpence in money. Near the place where the body lay was found a sixpence. A large axe, such as is generally used in chopping wood, was found lying beneath the body, and on it were marks of blood.

The police naturally directed attention to the ground adjacent. At a corner of the yard near the spot where the body was found, a quantity of blood and the appearance of vomiting were noticed. In the garden behind Ferguson's house, which is of considerable size, footmarks and a devious track were discovered leading along the paling as far back as the wall which divides it from Bell's Park. In one or two places the bushes along the side of the fence were partly broken and damaged, and there the marks of the footsteps were more numerous and complicated - as if the person or persons moving along had staggered up, and tumbled on the bushes or had walked in among them. There the track was lost in harder ground, but some marks were observed beside a pig-stye, which were supposed to be marks of blood and vomiting. The track was recovered in the middle of the adjoining garden, which is partly separated by a fence of one cross rail; it crossed the garden, and in one part the footsteps were very distinct. The track returned in the second garden to the Bell's School wall, and then followed the fence back to the opposite end of the garden. Here was a filthy corner, and the footsteps were traced from it half-way back their former course. Again the footsteps turned, and this time were directed circuitously to a passage leading into the yard behind Mr Fraser's house in which the body was found. Between the exit from this passage and the shed where he lay there is a cess-pool, containing the liquid manure from a cow-house, and the refuse of the dwelling-house.

It is supposed by those who conceive that there was no murder or even homicide in the case, that the deceased, in coming out of the passage from the garden, had fallen into the cess-pool, one side of which is edged with sharp mason-work, and there received the blow on his temple; that, when he got up, he staggered to the corner where the blood and traces of vomiting were found, and, stupefied by the fall, and disgusted by the offensive smell of his clothes, threw them off and made for the carpenter's shed behind Mr Fraser's house, where he died from exposure and the injury he had received. On the other hand, serious charges are brought against Nicol Ferguson and his family, who have been apprehended and are now in jail. It is mentioned above, that the clothes of the deceased were found in the possession of Mrs Judge, Ferguson's eldest daughter, and the only effects of any value were concealed in his garden-plot.

The testimony of the neighbours is unanimous to the effect that great uproar was heard in this family about three o'clock on Sunday morning. Persons living above heard two men's voices in the room below, one of them recognised as Ferguson's. A female voice, thought to be Mrs Ferguson's, was heard by one of

the neighbours, and supposed to proceed from the back garden, swearing offensively, and very violent. Another neighbour also heard violent ejaculations, but conceived that they were in the voice of Mrs Judge. Among other expressions was heard, "The Lord forgive me for what I have done," followed by the words, "Whist, whist, whist," in the voice of the father. Ferguson's family seems to have been an unruly one, and the neighbours were quite accustomed to hear violence and uproar in their rooms, especially on "pay-nights." On this occasion the noise was greater than usual, and was remarked by all the neighbours.

Mrs Hay, who lives next door, and a cousin from the country who that night slept with her, were so much disturbed that the former rose out of bed, and threw up the back-window, whence the noise proceeded, but the night being very dark she saw no one, and heard only the voice of Mrs Ferguson, who she supposed had been locked out of her house, and had taken refuge in a small outhouse. Later in the night she was again disturbed, and conceived that Mrs Ferguson had got hold of a ladder and was attempting to effect an entrance at some of her neighbour's windows. Her husband, sleeping in the room adjoining, was also aware of the disturbance, and at a late hour he heard in the back garden a man's voice, exclaiming "Geordie, Geordie!" This cry was also heard by Roderick Mackintosh, who lives immediately above the Ferguson's room, but he fancied that the voice proceeded from Rose Street.

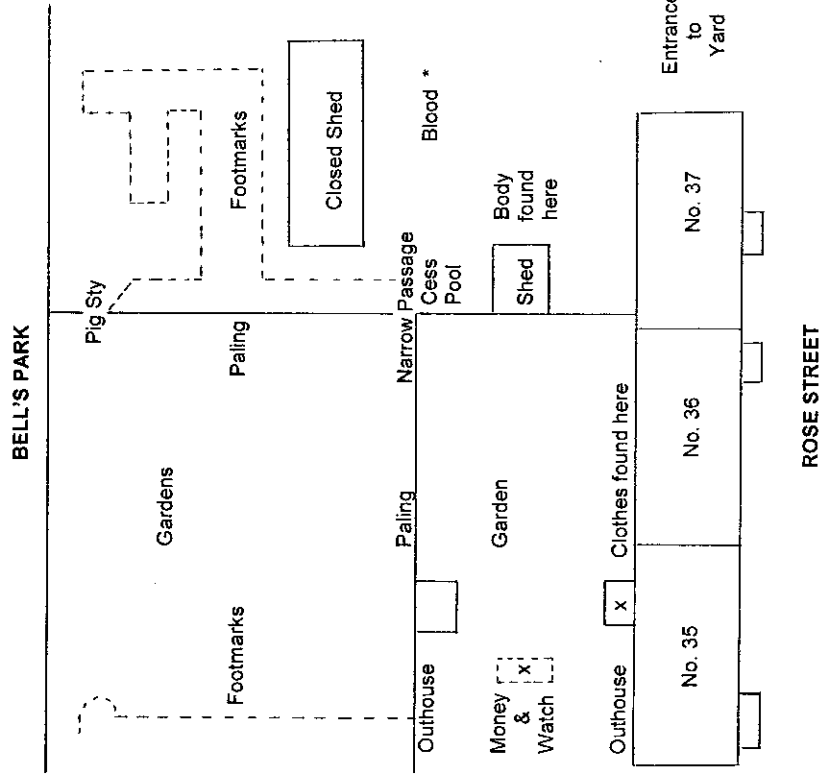
The deceased was not known to have any connection with the family apprehended, but on this occasion there was a reason for his being in their house. On his way from Tomatin he had received a commission from Ferguson's brother, who was working at Daviot, to call and send the accused thither as there was work for him. It has been ascertained that before he could have gone to Rose Street the night was pretty far advanced, and though when last seen he was certainly not drunk, he had been drinking with various companions, and must have been much fatigued by his long walk from Tomatin after a day's work. He had called at his employer's house on arriving, and received a pound-note on account of his wages. Part of this had been spent - 3s. in tobacco, 2s. 6d. on a neck-tie, found by the police in Ferguson's garden, and a few shillings in treating friends whom he met in Inverness. Of the balance less than 2s. had been recovered.

It was a very small sum to covet, but the Fergusons appear to have been in a state of wretched destitution. There was a family of six persons - the father and mother, three daughters, and the child of Mrs Judge. They occupied only one room and a closet, both of which were almost entirely destitute of the commonest articles of furniture, and did not contain a single blanket. There was a chaff bed in the principal room, which, we are told, was usually occupied by Ferguson, his second and third daughters, girls of about eighteen and thirteen years respectively. The closet contained a fixed bedstead, filled with shavings and straw, but not a particle of bedclothes. This was the ordinary sleeping-place of Mrs Ferguson, her daughter Mrs Judge, and her grandchild. There was no food in the house on Sunday morning, except about sixpence worth of oatmeal - no crockery, no eating utensils - nothing in fact but the two bedsteads, a table, a chair, and one or two trunks. A more lamentable scene of squalor, wretchedness, and dirt could hardly be conceived.

There can be no doubt about the uproar and violence in the house that night, and persons who have examined the track through the gardens, say that they

are satisfied they were able to trace distinctly the marks of one or more persons dragging an inanimate object over the ground. The body of the deceased, when it was found, had much more the appearance of having been dragged through garden soil than of having fallen into a cess-pool. The incidents of this unhappy affair appear in some respects inconsistent with any theory that has yet been suggested, but the case is in the hands of Messrs Stewart and Rule, and the public may feel assured that all the facts will be carefully investigated, and submitted to Crown Counsel.

The mystery hanging over the case - the extraordinary circumstances under which the body was found, and the apparent absence of any adequate motive for murder, have created a greater degree of public curiosity than any case that has occurred in this quarter for many years. To enable our country readers to follow the tracks discovered in the gardens between Rose Street and Bell's Park, and to see the relative position of Ferguson's house and the outhouse where Cumming's body was found, we subjoin a rough plan of the ground.



In sharp contrast to this lengthy and detailed article, a single paragraph was all that appeared in each of the following two editions.

Inverness Courier - December 12th 1861.

The Supposed Murder in Inverness. Nothing of any consequence has transpired with regard to this unhappy affair, but a searching investigation has been instituted by the Procurator Fiscal. Every public-house keeper in Inverness has been put upon oath as to who was in his house on the night in question, and the police have been examined with regard to whom they saw on the streets after eleven o'clock. The Ferguson family still remain in prison.

Inverness Courier - December 19th 1861.

The Supposed Murder in Rose Street. We understand that the four members of the Ferguson family who were apprehended in connection with this unfortunate affair, were examined by Sheriff Thomson, and committed for trial on Saturday. Nothing new has transpired tending to throw light on the tragedy.

Surprisingly I was unable to find any reference in the card indexes for both *The Inverness Courier* and *The Inverness Advertiser* to either David Cumming, the victim or Nicol Ferguson, the alleged murderer. This left me with the time-consuming task of slowly trawling through microfilm copies of *The Inverness Courier* looking for further references to the case. It was nearly three months before the following short piece appeared.

Inverness Courier - March 13th 1862.

The Rose Street Murder. We understand that the younger of the two daughters of Nicol Ferguson, who were apprehended in this case, has been liberated by order of Crown Counsel. On Monday last, a sum of £52 - 4s - 4d was presented to the parents of the man who was killed, whose pecuniary circumstances were seriously affected by the loss of their son.

Yet another month was to pass before the date set for the trial was finally known.

Inverness Courier - April 17th 1862.

The Murder in Rose Street. We understand that Nicol Ferguson, his wife, and daughter Isabella, have been served with indictments to stand their trial before the Circuit Court here on the 1st of May, on the charge of assault, robbery, and murder.

A week later an article detailing the cases that were due for trial at the next session of the Circuit Court appeared. I found this article of great interest as it listed all the witnesses that may be called to give evidence at the trial. Family historians love lists of people and I would not be surprised if at least one of our readers recognises one or more of those named. The vast majority are what one would call ordinary people, who happened to live in the area close to where the crime was committed, were colleagues of the deceased or perhaps drinking companions in the public-houses which he visited that fateful night.

Inverness Courier - April 24th 1862.

CASES FOR TRIAL AT THE INVERNESS CIRCUIT COURT.

The Circuit Court of Justiciary commences this year on Thursday next, 1st of May, and it is likely to extend over several days. From this county there are two cases - one of assault by a travelling hawk or tinkler, named Williamson, who assaulted his wife near Grantown, and the Rose Street murder case - which is likely to occupy a large share of the attention of the court. No less than sixty-eight witnesses are called. The libel is directed to Nicol Ferguson, Catherine Macmillan or Ferguson, his wife, and Isabella Ferguson or Judge, his daughter. It is an alternative charge of murder, assault or robbery, and applies to "all and each, or one or more" of them.

The instrument of assault is said to have been an iron pinch, an axe, a hammer, or some other lethal weapon, and the murder is stated generally to have been committed in or near the house of the prisoners in Rose Street. In the libel for assault, the charge is, that the deceased, David Cumming, was severely wounded in or near the prisoners' house, and that Cumming afterwards became stupefied and unconscious, or partly conscious, and that he died in consequence of his wounds and exposure to cold and inclement weather. Thirdly, the prisoners are charged with taking by force and violence from the deceased the following articles - a silver watch, guard-chain, watch-key, a ring, thirteen pence halfpenny of copper, a coat, vest, pair of trousers, two shirts, and a neckerchief. Among the articles mentioned as to be used in evidence against the prisoners, we observe, in addition to those mentioned at the time of the unfortunate occurrence, several documents connected with the works at Tomatin on which the deceased was engaged at the time of his death.

The witnesses cited besides those concerned officially - namely, the Provost, Sheriff, Sheriff-Clerk-Depute, Mr Wormald, and the police - are as follows:-

Frank Fraser, blacksmith, Rose Street, and his brother James; Barbara Fraser, their mother, and her daughter Helen Ann; Andrew Paterson, shopman with Thomas Grant, Madras Street; Dr Manford and Dr Wilson; William Cumming, joiner, Turnbull's Court; Alex. Cumming, tailor, Market Brae; Finlay Macdonald, tailor, Tomnahurich Street; Duncan Sutherland, barber; Alex. Cameron, chemist, Hawthorn Walk (since gone to London); Simon Fraser, mason, Bank Street; Helen Geillon, Innkeeper, Gellion's Close; Hector Charleson, innkeeper, Castle Wynd; Duncan Mackenzie, bootclosser; Haugh; Donald and Helen Macleod, children of Ewen Macleod, Shore Street; Alex. Campbell, carpenter, Castle Street; Alex. Macdonald, carpenter, Tomnahurich Street; George Mackay, carpenter, Church Street; Alexander Tolmie, carpenter, Castle Street; David Ferguson, mason, Factory Street; George Campbell, carpenter, Douglas Row; Roderick Mackintosh, labourer, Rose Street, his wife and daughter, Mrs Sewell, John Bruce Hay, plumber, Mrs Hay, and their son Duncan; Margaret Macdonald, daughter of Alexander Macdonald, farmer at Craggan, or Rhe-craggan, parish of Urquhart; Ann Grant or Fraser, widow, Rose Street; Alex. Murray, house-carpenter, Rose Street; Alex. Fraser, moulder, Rose Street, and his wife; Eliza, Catherine, and Donald Ferguson, children of the two first prisoners; Ewen Mackay, night-watchman; Mary Gillanders, Ross Place, near Church Street; P. C. Kerr, governor; A. Macdonald, gatekeeper; and Christina Mackenzie, warder, of prison; John

FORGERY, FRAUD, AND UTTERING FALSE BONDS

The first case brought forward was that of *Alexander Thomson*, Dykeside, Elgin, charged with falsehood, fraud, and the wilful fabrication of false bonds. There were nine separate charges against the prisoner.....

MURDER, ASSAULT, AND ROBBERY

The next case was that of *Isabella Ferguson* or *Judge*, charged with the murder and robbery of *David Cumming*, on the night of Saturday, the 30th November last, in or near Rose Street, Inverness, the particulars of which appeared at length in our pages at the time. The prisoner's parents - *Nicol* and *Isabella Ferguson* - were named in the indictment, but were not called in Court.

The Advocate-Depute stated that it was not without very anxious and deliberate consideration that he felt it consistent with his duty to accept the plea which the prisoner had tendered. On the morning of the 1st of December last, the deceased *David Cumming* was found dead at some little distance from the house occupied by the prisoner and other members of her family. There was one wound only on his person, viz., on the head of the deceased, apparently inflicted by one hand, and with a lethal weapon. Certain circumstances pointed chiefly towards the prisoner as the person who had inflicted the injury; but, in the absence of any confession, it became necessary to include certain other members of the family, who were also implicated by circumstances in the charge made.

Now that the prisoner had acknowledged that she had struck the only blow found on the deceased, the Public Prosecutor felt that the evidence available to him was not such as to warrant him in pressing the charge against the other persons referred to. He further said that in the whole circumstances, he felt warranted in accepting a modified plea - a plea admitting only an assault to the effusion of blood, the serious injury of the person, and danger of life - and in not pressing the serious charge of murder. He thought it right to explain that the medical evidence would not have established that death had directly resulted from the wound on the head. It appeared that on the evening in question the deceased was for several hours, and at different places had been, drinking and was considerably intoxicated. To this circumstance, and the exposure of the deceased to an inclement night, the medical men attributed much as the cause of death. There was not evidence to explain the cause of the exposure; in that part of the case there was much that was mysterious, and which we know could not be cleared up by evidence. In the whole circumstances he felt warranted, indeed constrained, to accept the prisoner's plea. And with these observations by way of explanation of the course he had taken, he moved for sentence against the prisoner.

Mr *John F. MacLennan*, counsel for the prisoner, wished to make a statement to the Court. There was, no doubt, something mysterious about the case. Here they had the admission of the prisoner that she struck the deceased, but there was nothing to prove that death was caused by that stroke; death might have been caused by exposure to cold and other causes; and in these circumstances he prayed their lordships to make the sentence as lenient as possible. The prisoner had all her life been the subject of bad training, the victim of a vicious and drunken mother. She had never previously been convicted, and there was a

Robison, civil engineer, Wells Street; *John Sutherland*, meal-dealer, Chapel Street; *Jessie Shaw*, daughter of *Mrs Shaw*, widow, Baron Taylor's Lane; *Jane Fraser*, wife of, and *Mary Ann Welsh*, daughter of, *William Welsh*, blacksmith, Glebe Sterr; *Johanna Paterson*, wife of *Alexander Mackintosh*, cooper, Glebe Street; *Jane Fyfe*, wife of *James Cameron*, fisher, Chapel Street; *Mary MacLennan* or *Tyronney*, widow, Upper Kessock Street; *Mary Ann Hanlone*, Upper Kessock Street; *Elizabeth Davidson*, daughter of *Roderick Davidson*, carter, Rose Street; *Donald Noble*, pawnbroker; *George Malcolm*, railway guard; *Professor Ogston*, of Aberdeen; and *Professor J. Smith Brazier*, also of Aberdeen.

The other cases coming before the Court are one from Morayshire - a charge of forgery, against *Alex. Thomson*, Dykeside; and three from Ross-shire, namely child murder, by *Christina Graig*; concealment of pregnancy, by *Christina Macaulay* or *Campbell*; and assault and robbery by *Duncan Mackenzie* or *Macdonald*.

And then to the day of the trial itself. Interestingly it was also the day on which the *Inverness Courier* was published. One must assume that the two columns given over to the report of the proceedings were kept open and that the reporter earned his salary that day.

Inverness Courier - May 1st, 1862.

INVERNESS SPRING CIRCUIT COURT OF JUSTICIARY.

THURSDAY, MAY 1.

The Spring Circuit Court was held here to-day, and was presided over by *Lords Neaves* and *Macmillan*. Their lordships arrived yesterday by special train at five afternoon, and were received at the Station by the Provost and Magistrates, with the town-officers; also by *Captain Donaldson*, the Staff, and Band of the Militia; the Superintendent and Constabulary of the Burgh, &c. The whole then proceeded, the band playing, to the Caledonian Hotel. At ten o'clock this morning, their lordships, accompanied as before, and by the officials of the Court, and followed by the Sheriffs, the members of the bar, and several gentlemen, walked in procession to the Court-house. There was a pretty large attendance of Sheriffs of Northern Counties, namely: - *Sheriffs Clark*, Inverness; *Bell*, Moray; *Fordyce*, Sutherland and Caithness; *Cook*, Ross and Cromarty; *W. H. Thomson*, Sheriff-Substitute, Inverness; *George Cameron*, Sheriff-Substitute, Dingwall.

The officers of the Court and Advocates at the Circuit were - *Alexander Burns Shand*, Esq., Advocate-Depute; *W. H. Bell*, Esq., Clerk of Court; *John Miller*, Esq.; *Alex. Nicolson*, Esq.; *John Skelton*, Esq.; *John F. MacLennan*, Esq.; *W. A. Brown*, Esq.; *A. C. Sellar*, Esq.; *A. Asher*, Esq.

On the bench and round the bar we noticed the following gentlemen:- The Provost and Magistrates of Inverness; *Charles Stewart*, Esq., Procurator-fiscal; *James Macpherson*, Esq., solicitor; *James Anderson*, Esq., do.; *D. Gow*, Esq., do.; *J. Colvin*, Esq., do.; *L. A. Inkson*, Esq., do.; *Malcolm MacLennan*, Esq., do.; *W. Grigor*, Esq., Procurator-fiscal, Elgin; *A. Forbes*, Esq., Elgin.

Prayer was offered up by the Rev. *Alexander Macgregor* of the West Church.

great deal to recommend her case to the favourable consideration of their lordships.

Lord Macmillan thought the Advocate-Depute had pursued a very judicious course. The effect of the accepting of the plea was to limit them to the consideration of the case as one of assault totally apart from the death and alleged robbery. They had to consider the case precisely as if the man had lived, and as if he had not been robbed, but was put in danger of being so. It was in favour of the prisoner that the Public Prosecutor had acted as he had done, and they had therefore to regard it as the first charge of assault.

Lord Neaves said that in pronouncing sentence the Court had to perform a grave duty. The prisoner was charged with the crime of assault which might have issued in murder or culpable homicide. He was satisfied that the Advocate-Depute had performed his duty at once to the prisoner and the public by the course he had adopted. Addressing the prisoner his lordship said - The crime of assault, with which you are charged, and to which you have pleaded guilty, is a very heinous one. You have admitted that you struck a blow to the effusion of blood, and you ought to feel that you were drawing near the verge of the greatest of crimes - the murder of a fellow-creature. The circumstances which led to the commission of the crime we know not, but if in your heart you feel that you are guilty of those aggravated crimes libelled against you, use well the time during which you will be secluded from society, that you may come out a repentant and regenerated woman. It is impossible to make the sentence less than I now pronounce upon you, which is eighteen months' imprisonment.

The greatest interest was manifested in the proceedings by the people who crowded the Court.

I must admit to feeling a bit of an anti-climax at the outcome of this case. When I first noted the inscription on the memorial stone, I had visions of a major court case culminating in the judge placing the 'black cap' upon his head. He would then solemnly intone those famous words "You will be taken from here to a place of confinement, and from thence to a place of execution, where you will be hanged by the neck until you are dead, and may the Lord have Mercy upon your soul".

What my research has uncovered is an interesting insight into what life was really like for many of the citizens of Inverness in the middle of the 19th century. It has also uncovered one of those boons to family historians, a long list of names of ordinary people. In spite of what looked like a strong case for pursuing a charge of robbery and possibly culpable homicide, it is nice to know that even 145 years ago a person accused of a crime was assumed to be innocent unless he or she was found guilty by a jury of their peers.

BITS & PIECES

After the number of welcome items contributed to the November journal, there has been a dearth of snippets of information this time. Please send in anything that you feel might be of interest to readers. You can see from previous journals that there is no restriction on how long or short an item can be.

NOTED IN PASSING

As well as contributing a query, Janet Smith (member no. 803) sent in the following two items: -

1) "I've been making an index to people I found many years ago in the Index to Confirmations and Inventories. For some reason I'd noted this man."
1878 - Murdoch Macdonald, Master of the Banff Packet, who was drowned, 3 September 1877, near the Isle of Man. Interred at Tain. To Margaret Macdonald, Rhurone, Applecross, his mother.

2) "I came across this website whilst searching for something else."

<http://www.theshipslist.com/ships/australia/hercules1853.htm>

"It has a list of passengers to Australia from the Highlands, mainly Outer Hebrides. There are lots of other lists, which include Scottish people, at the main website: www.theshipslist.com. It would seem to be an ongoing project and makes a change from all the info being in the destination country."

WHAT'S ON

We now have the last three speakers for this current session signed up. Following the AGM on 27th February Jonathan McCall will be giving another talk about the history of Dingwall and the surrounding area entitled "Plotting Plots". In March the meeting is a joint one with Inverness Field Club and is being held at Millburn Academy on Wednesday 21st March. Hazel Anderson of the National Archives of Scotland is the principal speaker and the subject is "Global Access to our Highland Ancestors - Digitisation of Scottish Historical Records". Finally, on 24th April, Sheila Mackay OBE will give a talk with the title "Social Housing in the late 19th and early 20th Centuries".

SOCIETY PREMISES

Quite a lot has happened in the past 3 months. All of the Society's material has been transferred from the reference room in the main library at Fairsline Park to our office on the third floor of Albyn House in Union Street, Inverness. It has all been rearranged to allow for easy access and the office is now open to visitors every Tuesday from 9.30am to 4.30pm. At the moment Graham Tuley, who lives within walking distance of the office, has been 'manning the fort' each week since the 9th January, the day it was first opened. However it is unfair to expect him to be there every week, so volunteers to ensure that the office is open to members, and the public, at least from 9.30am to 1pm will be needed.

A computer and a scanner/printer have been purchased and installed in the office. This will allow a catalogue of all the society's books and other material to be drawn up making it easier to locate items on a particular subject. The next step will be to get the computer hooked into the internet. At that point we will be able to answer queries from members, particularly about the wallets of family histories lodged by members, the index to which can be found on the website. The scanner will allow individual pages to be copied to the computer and e-mailed to members.

There is a question mark about the workshops being held in the new premises once a month on a Thursday evening. There was much enthusiasm the first few evenings but the attendance was reduced to a trickle of one earlier this month. It may be that now that the office is open every week during the day there is no longer a need to hold these workshops in the evening what with the problems of security at that time of the day. One of the tasks of the new committee which will be appointed at the AGM will be to look into this problem.

RADIO 4 NEEDS YOUR HELP

A flyer from BBC Radio 4 has turned up. There is a new 6-part weekly series called **Tracing Your Roots** beginning on Monday 12th March at 4.30pm. They are looking for good stories and intriguing tales of family history that researchers have uncovered. They ask: -

Are you researching your family history?
Have you got a success story?
Have you found a famous – or infamous – ancestor?
Have you unearthed an indecipherable document, mysterious will, or unidentified photograph?
Has your research taken you overseas?

If so, they would love to hear from you NOW! Please e-mail tracingyourroots@bbc.co.uk
Or call 08700100400

FROM KILDUN to the CRIMEA by Graeme M. Mackenzie

When Scots troops arrived in the vicinity of Sevastopol during the Crimean War they came upon an area called *Mckenzievy Gory* – i.e. "Mackenzie's Hills" – and it's even said that Lord Raglan at one point had his headquarters at "Mackenzie's Farm". Who was this Russian Mackenzie? Well there are two explanations; one true, and the other a false, but interesting embellishment on a completely separate story of Highlanders abroad in 18th century Russia.

One of the Mackenzie officers in the Jacobite army of 1715 was Colin Mackenzie 2nd of Kildun, a first cousin of Kenneth Og, 4th Earl of Seaforth. Kildun was originally a small estate just outside Dingwall, but its lands were given extensive lands by their cousins on the Isle of Lewis, and by the early 18th century Aignish, on the eastern outskirts of Stormoway, became their seat. In 1746 Kildun's wife Anna, daughter of Alexander Mackenzie of Ardloch, entertained the refugee Bonnie Prince Charlie at her home of Arinish, to the south of Stormoway, while her husband is reported to have been in London. By this time their children were spread out across Europe. Two of the eldest sons had been educated to the Roman Catholic priesthood at the Scots College of Douai in France, from whence one of them (George) is said to have gone on to be a Captain in the army in Holland, while the other (Alexander) – and/or a third brother (William) – are reported to have been sent to St. Petersburg, under the cover name(s) "Douglas Mackenzie", to pursue diplomacy and espionage on behalf of the French government. The fact that this colourful family history came to the *Stormoway Gazette* from the descendant of a daughter of Colin of Kildun in Canada may suggest something of a tall story, but it appears that French sources do confirm that a "Chevalier Mackenzie Douglas, of Scottish origin, a supporter of the Stuarts, and an exile in France, was sent to Russia, charged with a secret mission as an agent of secret diplomacy, and bearer of instructions dictated by the Prince of Conti".¹ The story gets better however.

A younger son of Kildun called Thomas had gone to sea where he fell in with the grandson of an ex-Royal Navy Captain who, having been dismissed the British service for his Jacobite sympathies, had risen high in the Naval Service of Russia (in going to that country Thomas Gordon was simply following in the footsteps of another of his clan, Patrick Gordon, who in the mid-17th century had befriended Czar Peter the Great and as a consequence rose to become General-in-Chief of the Russian Army). Admiral Thomas Gordon obtained commissions in the Russian service for both his grandson, James Young, and for Torna

Caileenavitch (Thomas son of Colin) – who subsequently married his grand-daughter Ann Young on his way to becoming a Rear Admiral himself.ⁱⁱ

Rear Admiral Thomas Mackenzie had a son of the same name who rose to the same rank and became Commander-in-Chief of the Russian Navy in the Crimea, where he was responsible for the establishment of Sevastopol as the headquarters of the Black Sea Fleet. The inventory taken after his death reveals that Admiral Thomas Mackenzie became a very wealthy man. He lived in the best house in the then primitive port, with a cellar boasting 554 empty and 374 full bottles of wine (plus kegs of vodka and brandy), and a wardrobe that included, alongside thirty coats and uniforms, a kilt and full accompanying highland apparel. It also mentions several farms that he owned – one of which was probably the "Mackenzie's Farm" in which Lord Raglan found himself during the Crimean War; and *Mekenzievy Gory* are certainly named for this son of Kildun.ⁱⁱⁱ

The second Admiral Thomas Mackenzie had no legitimate children, but he did father a son on a visit back to the UK and he too joined the navy – though the British service in this case – rising in due course to the rank of Commander, and leaving descendants who are only now uncovering the full story of their ancestors' remarkable journey from Kildun to the Crimea.^{iv}

The final twist to this story comes some twenty or so years after the death of Admiral Thomas, when another Mackenzie came passing by the Crimea. He was called Colin Alexander Mackenzie, and he too was to embark on a career of diplomacy and espionage, which was later to start in Russia. On this occasion however Colin was engaged in the customary wealthy young man's "grand tour" of Europe, and had taken it into his head to volunteer for service in the Russian army fighting in the Caucasus against the Persians. Though his own account of this adventure, drawn up soon after his return to England for the Foreign Secretary George Canning (being a sort of job application) merely mentioned the influential friends he'd made whilst besieging Erevan, an altogether more colourful account was given in later life to his cousin Henry Mackenzie, the Suffragan Bishop of Nottingham. This had young Colin fighting his way through the surrounding army of Persians to carry dispatches back to the Czar, in return for which he was offered an estate of his choice in Russia. Though the story goes that Colin turned down any such thing for himself, he's said to have asked that an estate in the Sevastopol area be given to a friend of his who'd just travelled through the Crimea and fallen in love with it – which in gratitude this un-named friend called after Colin; hence the Mackenzie name attached to lands in the Crimea.^v

Colin Alexander Mackenzie's life is full of such good stories, and none is better than the process of checking them against the facts, and tracking down the truth about this remarkable man – more of which will be revealed in a future edition of the Journal. The last point on this occasion however is that, though Colin Alexander Mackenzie was not, so far as we know, a member of the Kildun family, his father did also come from Dingwall.

NOTES

ⁱ Mac Gille Chaluim, "Mackenzies of Kildun" in *The Stormoway Gazette*, 8 June 1954.

ⁱⁱ Rebecca Wills, *The Jacobites and Russia* (East Linton, 2000), 15, 180-1.

ⁱⁱⁱ Dmitry Fedosov, "Under The Saltire: Scots and the Russian Navy, 1660s-1910s" in *Scotland and the Slaves: Cultures in Contact 1500-2000*, eds. Mark Cornwall & Murray Frame (Newtonville, MA, USA, 2001).

^{iv} David Syrett & R. L. DiNardo, eds. *The Commissioned Sea Officers of the Royal Navy 1660-1815* (Navy Records Soc., 1994), Vol. 1, 291; Clan Mackenzie Society genealogical correspondence from Allan C. Mackenzie, a descendant of Cindr. Thomas H. Mackenzie RN.

^v E. C. Mackenzie in *Notes and Queries*, 10th Series, Vol. viii (Dec. 1907), 510-12.

HFHS PROJECTS

MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTIONS

As mentioned in the last journal checking of Old Kilmore at Drumadrochit is going to be delayed until well into the New Year. Once the SAFHS Conference in April is over there will be a chance to get back to the job.

INDEXES to 1851 CENSUS RETURNS

This has been a frustrating time with this project. After some delays time was found at last to start the checking process on the five parishes that had been transcribed some time ago by James Penn-Dunnett and Rhona Smith. There is good news but also bad news. The good news is that the three transcribed by Rhona – Alvie, Laggan and Kingussie & Insh – have been published.

The bad news is that during the checking of the two parishes that James had completed – Abernethy & Kincardine and Croy & Dalcross – anomalies appeared. In the case of the former parish, part of it is within Inverness-shire (6 enumeration districts and 785 persons) and part in Morayshire (7 enumeration districts and 1086 persons). The film containing the Morayshire enumeration districts is not available in the local library.

In the case of Croy & Dalcross the census film that the society holds in the library at Inverness appears to have three enumeration districts covering 719 persons missing. No-one knew about either of these problems until we came to check the films against the data that James had sent in. Watch this space!

To summarise, the following table highlights the current position with this project.

Parish	Transcribed	In Progress	To Start	Outstanding
Inverness-shire				
Abernethy & Kincardine	J. P-D			X
Boleskine & Abergarriff				X
Cromdale & Inverallan				
Croy & Dalcross	J. P-D			X
Daviot & Dunlichity				
Dores		R S		X
Duthil & Rothiemurchus				X
Inverness Parish				X
Kilmornaig				X
Moy & Dalrossie				X
Urquhart & Glenmoriston				X
Sutherland				
Loth		B & M McK		X
Rogat				
Torigue				X

HFHS STRAYS INDEX By Alan Ross

In this issue we complete the Strays Index entries of Highlanders who appear in Glasgow on the 1851 census. The parishes are the infamous Gorbals followed by Calton and Outer High. For completeness I include Port Glasgow as well.

Surname	Forename	City	Birth Parish	Age	Source
BAIN	Elisabeth	CAI	Thurso	19	Census / Glasgow Gorbals / LKS
BAIRD	Mary	ARL	Dunoon	40	Census / Glasgow Gorbals / LKS
CAMPBELL	Alexander	ARL	Bowmore	17	Census / Glasgow Gorbals / LKS
CAMPBELL	Janet	ARL	Bowmore	11	Census / Glasgow Gorbals / LKS
CAMPBELL	Janet	ARL	Bowmore	20	Census / Glasgow Gorbals / LKS
CAMPBELL	Mrs.	ARL	Bowmore	55	Census / Glasgow Gorbals / LKS
CAMPBELL	Neil	ARL	Bowmore	26	Census / Glasgow Gorbals / LKS
CARMICHEAL	John	ARL		32	Census / Glasgow Gorbals / LKS
CHISHOLM	Alexander	INV	Lucoegen?	35	Census / Glasgow Gorbals / LKS
CHISHOLM	Ann	ROC	Arcan?	27	Census / Glasgow Gorbals / LKS
CHISHOLM	Janet	ROC	Arcan?	60	Census / Glasgow Gorbals / LKS
CURRIE	John	ARL	Bowmore	24	Census / Glasgow Gorbals / LKS
CURRIE	Mary	ARL	Bowmore	19	Census / Glasgow Gorbals / LKS
DAVIDSON	Catherine	CAI	Halkirk	25	Census / Glasgow Gorbals / LKS
DAVIDSON	Henry	CAI	Thurso	22	Census / Glasgow Gorbals / LKS
FENEY	Cathrine	CAI	Wick	42	Census / Glasgow Gorbals / LKS
HENRY	Heleen	ARL	Lochgilphead	17	Census / Glasgow Gorbals / LKS
HENRY	Isabella	ARL	Lochgilphead	53	Census / Glasgow Gorbals / LKS
HENRY	James	ARL	Lochgilphead	21	Census / Glasgow Gorbals / LKS
HENRY	John	ARL	Lochgilphead	23	Census / Glasgow Gorbals / LKS
HENRY	Robert	ARL	Lochgilphead	17	Census / Glasgow Gorbals / LKS
KELLY	Andrew	ARL	Campbellton	6	Census / Glasgow Gorbals / LKS
KELLY	Andrew	ARL	Campbellton	40	Census / Glasgow Gorbals / LKS
KELLY	Catharine	ARL	Campbellton	43	Census / Glasgow Gorbals / LKS
KELLY	James	ARL	Campbellton	9	Census / Glasgow Gorbals / LKS
KENNEDY	Malcolm	ARL	Islay	30	Census / Glasgow Gorbals / LKS
KERR	Andrew	ARL	Lochline?	6	Census / Glasgow Gorbals / LKS
KERR	Archibald	ARL	Glendurcas?	2	Census / Glasgow Gorbals / LKS
KERR	Donald	ARL	Lochline?	8	Census / Glasgow Gorbals / LKS
KERR	Donald	ARL	Lochline?	60	Census / Glasgow Gorbals / LKS
KERR	Duncan	ARL	Lochline?	10	Census / Glasgow Gorbals / LKS
KERR	John	ARL	Lochline?	4	Census / Glasgow Gorbals / LKS
KERR	John	ARL	Lochline?	30	Census / Glasgow Gorbals / LKS
KERR	Mary	ARL	Lochline?	28	Census / Glasgow Gorbals / LKS
LANG	Mary	ARL	Tarbet	38	Census / Glasgow Gorbals / LKS
LIVINGSTON	Cathrine	ARL	Oban	30	Census / Glasgow Gorbals / LKS
LIVINGSTON	Dugald	ARL	Appin	50	Census / Glasgow Gorbals / LKS
LIVINGSTON	Janet	ARL	Appin	48	Census / Glasgow Gorbals / LKS
LIVINGSTON	Mary	ARL	Oban	25	Census / Glasgow Gorbals / LKS
LIVINGSTON	Mary	ARL	Morven	28	Census / Glasgow Gorbals / LKS
LIVINGSTONE	Ann	ARL	Mull	66	Census / Glasgow Gorbals / LKS
LIVINGSTONE	John	ARL	Mull	24	Census / Glasgow Gorbals / LKS

Surname	Forename	Cty	Birth Parish	Age	Source
McAICHNEY	Sarah	ARL	Tyree	10	Census / Glasgow Gorbals / LKS
McDONALD	Archibald	ARL	Tyree	60	Census / Glasgow Gorbals / LKS
McDOUGALD	Neil	INV	Skye	28	Census / Glasgow Gorbals / LKS
McDOWEL	Elisabeth	ARL	Campbelton	30	Census / Glasgow Gorbals / LKS
McGREGOR	John	ARL	Lochgilphead	27	Census / Glasgow Gorbals / LKS
McINNIS	Helen	ARL	Sirf?	26	Census / Glasgow Gorbals / LKS
McINNIS	Neil	ARL	Sirf?	28	Census / Glasgow Gorbals / LKS
McKAY	Andrew	SUT	Sutherland	36	Census / Glasgow Gorbals / LKS
McKAY	Barbara	CAI	Ofrig	39	Census / Glasgow Gorbals / LKS
McKENZIE	James	BAN	Banff	34	Census / Glasgow Gorbals / LKS
McLEAN	Alexander	ARL	Knapdale	52	Census / Glasgow Gorbals / LKS
McLEAN	James	ARL	Dunoon	38	Census / Glasgow Gorbals / LKS
McLEOD	Christy	ARL	Tyree	35	Census / Glasgow Gorbals / LKS
McLEOD	John	INV	Harris	45	Census / Glasgow Gorbals / LKS
McMILLAN	Duncan	ARL	Bowmore	27	Census / Glasgow Gorbals / LKS
McMILLAN	Neil	ARL	Bowmore	20	Census / Glasgow Gorbals / LKS
McNICHOL	Mary	ARL	Glenorchy	40	Census / Glasgow Gorbals / LKS
McPHADIEN	Agnes	ARL	Inverary	65	Census / Glasgow Gorbals / LKS
McQUARRIE	Ann	ARL	Inverary	45	Census / Glasgow Gorbals / LKS
McQUARRIE	Lachlan	ARL	Inverary	38	Census / Glasgow Gorbals / LKS
McQUARRIE	John M.	ARL	Appin	22	Census / Glasgow Gorbals / LKS
PHILLIPS	Elisabeth	CAI	Thurso	56	Census / Glasgow Gorbals / LKS
REID	Jane	INV	Ardersier	29	Census / Glasgow Gorbals / LKS
REID	Janet	INV	Ardersier	70	Census / Glasgow Gorbals / LKS
ROSS	John	SUT	Campbellton	28	Census / Glasgow Gorbals / LKS
SHARP	Neil	ARL	Campbellton	28	Census / Glasgow Gorbals / LKS
SHARP	Robert	ARL	Campbellton	17	Census / Glasgow Gorbals / LKS
SHAW	Jean	ARL	Campbellton	69	Census / Glasgow Gorbals / LKS
SINCLAIR	Ann	ARL	Mulindry?	38	Census / Glasgow Gorbals / LKS
SINCLAIR	Archibald	ARL	Mulindry?	42	Census / Glasgow Gorbals / LKS
SMITH	William	NAI	Ardclach	15	Census / Glasgow Gorbals / LKS
SUTHER	Joseph	MOR	Elgin	0	Census / Glasgow Gorbals / LKS
TOD	Alexander	ARL	Kilniver	24	Census / Glasgow Gorbals / LKS
TOD	Ann	ARL	Kilniver	20	Census / Glasgow Gorbals / LKS
TURNER	Archibald	ARL	Lochgilphead	22	Census / Glasgow Gorbals / LKS
TURNER	Colin	ARL	Lochgilphead	66	Census / Glasgow Gorbals / LKS
URQUHART	Betty	ARL	Kilmalle	26	Census / Glasgow Gorbals / LKS
URQUHART	William	ROC	Ullapool	24	Census / Glasgow Gorbals / LKS
WOODROW	Jas	ARL	Kirkcaldinmond?	24	Census / Glasgow Gorbals / LKS

Surname	Forename	Cty	Birth Parish	Age	Source
BAISOTT?	Christina	SUT	Dornoch	42	Census / Glasgow Calton / LKS
BLACK	Peter	ARL	Cowal	77	Census / Glasgow Calton / LKS
CHALMERS	Janet*	ARL	Kilmichael	44	Census / Glasgow Calton / LKS
DELVIN	Catherine	ARL	Canadee?	65	Census / Glasgow Calton / LKS
DUNN	Andrew	ARL	Canadee?	13	Census / Glasgow Calton / LKS
FLETCHER	Daniel	ARL	Canadee?	49	Census / Glasgow Calton / LKS
FLETCHER	Jane*	ARL	Canadee?	49	Census / Glasgow Calton / LKS
FRENCH	William	ROC	Inver	76	Census / Glasgow Calton / LKS
McKAY	Helen	SUT	Wick	46	Census / Glasgow Calton / LKS
McBETH	John	CAI	Wick	65	Census / Glasgow Calton / LKS

Surname	Forename	Cty	Birth Parish	Age	Source
McCALLUM	Christina*	ARL	Kilfinichen	50	Census / Glasgow Calton / LKS
McCALLUM	Neil	ARL	Kilmore	47	Census / Glasgow Calton / LKS
McDONALD	Margaret	ARL	Islay	25	Census / Glasgow Calton / LKS
McGREGOR	Janet	INV	Fort William	40	Census / Glasgow Calton / LKS
McGREGOR	Margaret	INV	Fort William	73	Census / Glasgow Calton / LKS
McMILLAN	Allan	INV	Kilmorie	42	Census / Glasgow Calton / LKS
McPHIE	Archibald	ARL	North Knapdale	54	Census / Glasgow Calton / LKS
NELSON	Amelia	INV	Inverness	24	Census / Glasgow Calton / LKS
ROSS	George	SUT	Dornoch	69	Census / Glasgow Calton / LKS
ROSS	Janet	SUT	Dornoch	76	Census / Glasgow Calton / LKS

Surname	Forename	Cty	Birth Parish	Age	Source
CAMERON	Margaret	ARL	Oban	46	Census / Glasgow Outer High / LKS
COWAN	Hugh	ARL	Appin	29	Census / Glasgow Outer High / LKS
COWAN	James	ARL	Appin	36	Census / Glasgow Outer High / LKS
COWAN	John	ARL	Locharvel?	32	Census / Glasgow Outer High / LKS
COWAN	Robina	ARL	Appin	69	Census / Glasgow Outer High / LKS
GIBB	Gibb	ARL	Appin	45	Census / Glasgow Outer High / LKS
McDIARMID	Duncan	ARL	Oban	25	Census / Glasgow Outer High / LKS
McDOUGALL	Alexander	ARL	Oban	61	Census / Glasgow Outer High / LKS
McDOUGALL	Esabella	ARL	Morven	48	Census / Glasgow Outer High / LKS
McDUGALD	John	ARL	Oban	27	Census / Glasgow Outer High / LKS
McFARLANE	Thomas	ARL	Oban	37	Census / Glasgow Outer High / LKS
McINTYRE	Mary	ARL	Appin	17	Census / Glasgow Outer High / LKS
McKECHNIE	Angus	ARL	Jura	24	Census / Glasgow Outer High / LKS
McKECHNIE	Donald	ARL	Jura	33	Census / Glasgow Outer High / LKS
McKECHNIE	Hugh	ARL	Jura	29	Census / Glasgow Outer High / LKS
McKECHNIE	Isabella	ARL	Kilniver?	32	Census / Glasgow Outer High / LKS
McKELLAR	William	ARL	Glondar?	28	Census / Glasgow Outer High / LKS
McKENZIE	Kenneth	ROC	Lochbroom	24	Census / Glasgow Outer High / LKS
McKILLOP	Janet	ARL	Oban	27	Census / Glasgow Outer High / LKS
McKILLOP	Neil	ARL	Oban	29	Census / Glasgow Outer High / LKS
McLEAN	Catherine*	ARL	Campbellton	58	Census / Glasgow Outer High / LKS
McLEAN	Janet	MOR	Forres	30	Census / Glasgow Outer High / LKS
McNEIL	Mary	ARL	Mull	30	Census / Glasgow Outer High / LKS
McVICAR	Duncan	ARL	Kilbrandon	40	Census / Glasgow Outer High / LKS
McVICAR	Mary	ARL	Kilbrandon	40	Census / Glasgow Outer High / LKS
PATERSON	Cathrine	ARL	Inverness	40	Census / Glasgow Outer High / LKS
ROBERTSON	William	INV	Inverness	61	Census / Glasgow Outer High / LKS
SAGE	Donald	INV	Inverness	32	Census / Glasgow Outer High / LKS
SINCLAIR	Susan	INV	Fort William	7	Census / Glasgow Outer High / LKS
THOMSON	Janet	INV	Lochaber	45	Census / Glasgow Outer High / LKS
TREASASER	John	INV	Inverness	20	Census / Glasgow Outer High / LKS
TREASASER?	Dugald	INV	Inverness	28	Census / Glasgow Outer High / LKS

Surname	Forename	Cty	Birth Parish	Age	Source
AINGLEY?	Alexander	ARL	Bomoreph?	5	Census / Port Glasgow / RFW
AINGLEY?	Malcom	ARL	Bomoreph?	3	Census / Port Glasgow / RFW
AINGLEY?	Mary	ARL	Bomoreph?	36	Census / Port Glasgow / RFW
BLANE	Margaret	ARL	Islay	30	Census / Port Glasgow / RFW
BRATTON	Mary	ARL	Inverary	48	Census / Port Glasgow / RFW

**SOME SOURCES FOR FAMILY HISTORY IN DINGWALL
AND OTHER PARTS OF ROSS-SHIRE**
by Graeme M. Mackenzie

I've recently been researching a number of Mackenzie families in Dingwall and the surrounding area so I've been looking for relevant material in the National Archives in Edinburgh (NAS). Here are some of the sources I've found - which, though often coming from collections of Mackenzie papers (such as the Seaforth Muniments - i.e. GD.46), usually contain information about inhabitants of all names:

NAS, GD.46/6/45:

Lists of men aged 15-60 in the County of Ross in 1798 (drawn up to assess militia potential):

Bundles and parishes (the following numbers would come after the above reference; so, for Ainess, it would be: NAS, GD.46/6/45/1)

1. Ainess
2. Applecross
3. Avoch
4. Contin
5. Dingwall outwith burgh
6. Burgh of Dingwall
7. Eddertown - pioneers
- 8a. Eddertown - firearms
9. Fearn
10. Fodderty
11. Glensheal
12. Killearnan
13. Kiltearn
14. Kincardine - firearms
15. Knockbain
16. Kincardine - pioneers
17. Lochalsh
18. Nigg
19. Lochbroom
20. Loggie
21. Resolis
22. Rosemarkie
23. Roskeen
24. Tarbat
25. Urray (only carts & horses)
26. Urrahart
27. Lochcarron
28. Gairloch
29. Gairloch on Sir Hector's estate

The actual information contained in each list appears to be very variable, and it must be remembered that men already serving in the regular army or fencible regiments would not be included. Lairds and professional men are however often included along with tradesmen, servants, farmers, labourers, "tinklers" (and male "hookers"! - so they're very interesting lists. Another useful feature is the inclusion of many croft and farm names that may later have disappeared.

CAMERON	Duncan	ARL	Islay	68	Census / Port Glasgow / RFW
CAMERON	Margaret	ARL	Islay	60	Census / Port Glasgow / RFW
DAILY	Margaret	ARL	Campbelton	25	Census / Port Glasgow / RFW
LANG	Duncan	ARL	Campbelton	22	Census / Port Glasgow / RFW
LIVINGSTON	Isabella*	ARL	Campbelton	35	Census / Port Glasgow / RFW
McCEELY	Sarah*	ARL	Bunawe	50	Census / Port Glasgow / RFW
McCRAW	Maryann*	ARL	Islay	60	Census / Port Glasgow / RFW
McINDAVAR	Duncan	ARL	Tarbat	54	Census / Port Glasgow / RFW
McKINNON	David	INV	Skye	22	Census / Port Glasgow / RFW
McKINNON	Hector	INV	Skye	24	Census / Port Glasgow / RFW
MUNRO	Alexander	INV	Isle of Skye	29	Census / Port Glasgow / RFW
MUNRO	Mary	ARL	Lochjilthead	74	Census / Port Glasgow / RFW
SMITH	Catherine	ARL	Campbelton	73	Census / Port Glasgow / RFW

Next Issue I will continue with the 1851 Census entries for the Edinburgh parishes and the Isle of Man.

The Index has very few entries for Wales and all but one come from the 1881 Census, which was taken on the night of Sunday 3rd April 1881.

Surname	Forename	City	Birth Parish	Year	Age	Source
CAMPBELL	John	ARL	Swansea / GLA / Wales	1881	54	Census / Swansea / GLA / Wales
McKENZIE	Catherine*	ROC	Roskeen	1881		Census / Llandidloes / MGY / Wales
McKENZIE	David	CAI		1881	37	Census / Llandidloes / MGY / Wales
McKENZIE	George	INV	Inverness	1881	11	Census / Llandidloes / MGY / Wales
McKENZIE	John	ROC	Avoch	1881	13	Census / Llandidloes / MGY / Wales
McLEOD	Annie	ROC	Stornoway	1881	22	Census / Swansea / GLA / Wales
McLEOD	Barbara*	ROC	Stornoway	1881	42	Census / Swansea / GLA / Wales
McLEOD	George	ROC	Stornoway	1881	53	Census / Swansea / GLA / Wales
McLEOD	Jane	ROC	Stornoway	1881	14	Census / Swansea / GLA / Wales
McLEOD	John	ROC	Stornoway	1881	9	Census / Swansea / GLA / Wales
McLEOD	Roderick	ROC	Stornoway	1881	11	Census / Swansea / GLA / Wales
NICKHOLS	John	CAI	Reay	1871	66	Census / Llangattock / BRE / Wales

There are even less entries for Jamaica and South Africa so these are now included to fill this page.

Surname	Forename	City	Birth Parish	Year	Age	Event	Source
HEWISON	Robert	INV	Grantown	1943	47	Marriage	Bridgetown / Jamaica
MacFARLANE	James Lamont	ARL	Rosheay	1942	82	Death	MI / Old S End / Port Elizabeth / SA
CAMPBELL	John Grant	CAI	Pulteneytown	1877	40	Marriage	Transvaal / SA

By the time these pages are read I should soon be home and will be able to reply to your queries from about mid April. Please note that if you wish to send in lists please contact me beforehand so that we can agree a format wherever possible as it can save a lot of re-typing.

NAS, GD.46/13/159:

List of inhabitants of Dingwall with number of their houses whose valuation exceed £5 per annum on 8th January 1831

The above catalogue entry is somewhat misleading since there are actually three lists included; the first for houses of £5 value or more, the second for houses of £3 to £5 value, and the last for houses of less than £3 value. This item therefore contains the names of a wide variety of people, from Lairds, Sheriff-Substitutes, Writers, and businessmen often owning more than one property, to tradesmen and labourers owning but one (which was more than enough in those days to give even a labourer a special place in society).

NAS, GD.46/12/12:

Bound volume of mainland and Lewis leases

There are of course many volumes and loose bundles in the Seaforth Muniments containing tacks and rent-rolls, and I mention this one simply because it includes the names of tacksmen resident in Dingwall (unfortunately in this case "Dingwall" appears simply to mean the parish, and no more detail is given).

The catalogue of the Seaforth Muniments can now be searched on-line by going to www.nas.gov.uk/catalogues/default.asp

Another useful collection in the National Archives is GD.1/946 - "Dingwall and Ross-shire Papers". It includes:

NAS, GD.1/946/2:

Stent Roll for Dingwall for 1809

GD.1/946/3:

Rental of the Common Good of Dingwall for 1826-7

GD.1/946/5:

Rental of the Common Good of Dingwall for 1828-9

Again, the complete listing for this collection can be consulted on-line as above.

SAFHS ANNUAL CONFERENCE

This is a reminder that the Highland Family History Society will be hosting the 18th Annual Conference of the Scottish Association of Family History Societies on Saturday 21st April 2007 in Culloden Academy Community Complex, Culloden, just outside Inverness. Full details appeared in the November 2006 journal. Four eminent speakers have been assembled to give us their thoughts on the premise of: -

"Emigration - from Poverty to Prosperity?"

The evening before there will be a Civic Reception, hosted by the Provost of the City of Inverness in Inverness Town House from 7pm to 8.30pm, to which all delegates are cordially invited. The cost of both conference and lunch tickets is the same as last year - £10 for the conference and an additional £12 for those delegates who require lunch.

Booking forms can be obtained from the Conference Secretary, 11 Braeside Park, Balloch, Inverness IV2 7HL. Alternatively you can download a booking form by accessing the Society's website <www.highlandfhs.org.uk>.

MEMBERS' RESEARCH INTERESTS

Additions/amendments:

1579. Mr W. Ross Barker, 7535 Arborcrest Street, Portage, Michigan 49024, U.S.A. Researching **BARNETSON** in Caithness 1800-1899; **KERR** in Morayshire 1800-1899; **McGOWAN** in Urray, Ross-shire & Morayshire 1800-1899; **ROSS** in Dornoch, Sutherland, Inverness and Moray 1800-1899; **KERR**, **McGOWAN**, **ROSS** & **SOUTER** in Knockando, Morayshire.

2089. Mr Roderick J. Mitchell, 21 Old Mill Road, Inverness IV2 3HR. Researching **FORBES** in Kilmorack, Inverness-shire and Gairloch and Lochbroom, Ross & Cromarty - both 1700-date; **MATHESON** in Gairloch area, Ross & Cromarty and in Strath, Skye, Inverness-shire - both 1800+; **MORRISON** in Udrigle, Wester Ross 1800+; **MACKENZIE** in Gruinard area, Wester Ross 1700+; **MACKINNON** in Gairloch and Strath - both 1800+.

2172. Mr Jerry Beasley, 7950 FM 1362 N, Caldwell, Texas 77836, U.S.A. Researching **McCASKILL** in Isle of Skye from 1600 to date.

New Members:

2208. Ms Carol Harding, 812 Lighthouse Road RR#3, Digby, Nova Scotia, Canada B0V 1A0. Researching **FORBES** in Resolis, Ross & Cromarty and **URQUHART** in Saint Martins, Perth, both 1731-1777.

2209. Ms Pauline W. Insley, 12 Claremont Street, Balmain, N.S.W. 2041, Australia. Researching **FRASER** in Duirinish and Waternish, Inverness-shire 1760-1900 and in Falkirk, Stirling 1850-date.

2210. Mrs Marianne M. Ross, 11 Charles Street, Birkdale, Queensland 4159, Australia. Research not specified.

2211. Mrs Rosalie Ward, 14 Sandveien, Lerwick, Shetland Islands ZE1 0RS. Researching **LOGIE** in Inverness and **LYALL** in Caithness - any date.

2212. Mr Stewart L. McKenzie, 399 Stoney Point Road, Crib Point 3919, Victoria, Australia. Research not specified.

2213. Mr David Geddes, Ewell Court, Shipton Lane, Burton Bradstock, Bridport, Dorset DT6 4NQ. Researching **GEDDES** in the Highland area.

2214. Mrs Jean M. McNeill, 77 Bahagask Road, Aberdeen AB11 8HT. Researching **SINCLAIR** in Resolis, Ross & Cromarty 1750-1898.

2215. Mrs Sue Moore, 11 Poplar Close, Exmouth, Devon EX8 5NX. Researching **CLARK** and **C(K)OLLIE** in Rothiemurchus, Inverness-shire pre-1780; **DAVIDSON** and **MUNRO** in Rosskeen, Ross & Cromarty pre-1800; **McINTOSH** in Sky of Curr?, Inverness-shire 1780-1850; **NOBLE** in Redcastle, Ross & Cromarty pre-1815; **SMITH** in Sky of Curr, Cromdale, Alvie and Inverallan - all Inverness-shire, pre-1810.

2216. Mr Alexander Davidson, 42 Fairhurst Road, Stranraer, Wigtownshire DG9 7QD. Researching **CHISHOLM** in Kiltarity 1800-1900 and in Urquhart 1600-1800 - both Inverness-shire.

2217. Mr Howard W. Curl, 1503 Park Ridge Terrace, Arlington, TX 76012-1930, U. S. A.
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2218. Miss Kathleen Machulik, 99 Nicol Street, Kirkcaldy, Fife KY1 1PB. Researching **BARRON** in Dore, Inverness-shire pre-1837; **DAVIDSON** in Caithness and Sutherland pre-1865 and in Latheron, Caithness 1865+; **GUNN** in Caithness and Kildonan, Sutherland pre-1863; **JACK** in Inverness pre-1857; **McKENZIE** in Kilmorack, Inverness-shire pre-1866.
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1074. **GRAHAM/LAMOND/STEWART**: Looking for any links/contacts for Farquhar GRAHAM, born c1799 Snizort, Isle of Skye who married Mary LAMOND 12 July 1823. Known children were: - Donald GRAHAM, born 14 October 1825 and Malcolm GRAHAM, born 3 Oct 1832, both at Snizort. Farquhar GRAHAM died 15 September 1857 at Greenock Poor House. His death certificate gives his parents as Malcolm GRAHAM and Ann STEWART. Mary LAMOND was born on the Isle of Skye in 1798 (parents unknown) and died in Eyre, Snizort in 1872, a pauper. I am trying to confirm that the parents of Farquhar were as stated on the certificate and to locate the parents of Mary. - Jim Graham, 46 Brecon Way, Downley, High Wycombe, Bucks HP13 5NN, {e-mail} j.graham498@btinternet.com

1075. **MCDUGALL/McDONALD**: Janet/Jessie MCDUGALL, was born at Groatig, Bunloit, Urquhart INV in 1866, the daughter of Donald MCDUGALL & Margaret MCDONALD, who were married 1865 at Inverness. Donald was the widower of Catherine GRANT. He was born 1812 Urquhart, INV, son of Alex MCDUGALL & Margaret GRANT, who married 1806 at Urquhart, INV. Margaret MCDONALD was the daughter of James MCDONALD & Helen MCGILLIVRAY, who married 1833 at Urquhart, INV. If anyone is related to these families I would be pleased to hear from you. - Mrs Janet Smith, 2 Braeside Gardens, Perth PH1 1DB {e-mail}: jmc.smith@waitrose.com

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