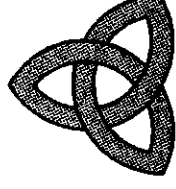


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EDITORIAL

If you're going to have problems, then better they be those of success than of failure – that at least is how I prefer to look at the events preceding last month's meeting of the society. We simply had too many people wanting to come in. What a wonderful contrast to the often meagre attendances of a few years ago, but what a shame for the ten or so that we had to turn away on this occasion, because there simply wasn't room for any more in the Netley Centre. There's no doubt the warmth and comfort of this venue has contributed to the recent rise in attendances at our monthly meetings. Most are almost full – 50 being capacity according to the Fire Regulations – and on this occasion we had at least 70. The Centre's staff very kindly allowed us to go 10 over the limit – and some of them had to sit in the lobby looking through the doors – so we can hardly complain about the rest being refused entry. I do however apologise on behalf of the committee (some of whom, incidentally, were amongst those turned away!) to all who made a fruitless journey that night, and I would like to assure you that we are already looking at larger venues for the meetings next season.

One future possibility that we had already been considering was the Meeting Room in the Archive Centre due to open in the autumn of this year. It would be particularly convenient since our library is to be housed there, and we'll be able then to resume members' research evenings in the new facilities – if there is demand for them. It turns out however that the Archive's Meeting Room will also have a capacity of 50, so for the meetings with speakers we'll have to look elsewhere. Another possibility being actively considered is the recently revamped Spectrum Centre opposite the Library at Farraline Park. It has two suitable rooms, holding 100 or 150, and as well as being in the city centre, it's also right beside a multi-story car park. The committee would welcome however any other suggestions for suitable venues.

In the meantime, if you do want to come to any of the rest of this season's meetings – and we're sure you will since the other reason we're going over capacity is that the speakers are so good and the topics so interesting (no harm in a little modesty!) – please be sure to get there early, as only the first 50 will be allowed in (and the Netley Centre have stressed, very politely, that they cannot stretch the Fire Regulations for us again). We particularly hope of course for a good turnout on 24th March for the meeting that includes our AGM. The talk that night, to be given by Alastair Campbell of Airds, will I'm sure be a cracker. "Neither nicer nor nastier, just better at it – the expansion of *Cian Campbell*". My fellow clanspeople are never very happy when I point out that Clan MacKenzie got where it got by pursuing exactly the same tactics in the north of the Highlands as the Campbells did in the south (as MacLeods from Lewis know only too well), and the same can be said about most successful clans, so I'm looking forward to a lively talk that night. I hope however it will be preceded by a well-attended AGM that will see one or two volunteers coming forward to help run our increasingly successful society. We could do with adding one or two members to the committee, and perhaps even finding a new Editor for the Journal – or at least someone to help with and eventually take over its compilation from John Durham, who's now been doing that job, in addition to his duties as Treasurer and Membership Secretary, for twenty years.

What's the difference between an Editor and a Compiler? Well, for this Journal at this time, it's basically a question of adding pontification to compilation! As you can see, however, the pontificating can be taken care of by the Chairman if required – though I'm more than happy to hand it over to a proper editorialiser if one comes forward – so really all we need is someone with a simple knowledge of word-processing and an eye for basic grammar and spelling who's prepared to put a few hours in on their computer four times a year. If anyone does think they might be able to handle that please feel free to contact John in advance of the AGM to discover more about what's involved. And if anyone knows another member that they think might be able to do the job, or who might make a suitable committee member, please let us know – or do a little gentle arm-twisting yourself. As I hope the nature of our meetings makes clear, we aim to run a relaxed and friendly society that everyone can join in with – and if over-crowding continues to be our main problem, well we must be doing something right!

Graeme Mackenzie

MY GRANDFATHER & WORLD WAR I

By Stuart Logan

It was just over 2 years ago that, in response to the editor's appeal, I wrote an article featuring my Logan family from the Black Isle in the Highlands. In it I detailed the all too familiar travails of the amateur genealogist: scarce information sources, transcription errors and the confusing patronymic naming system. In common with many users of the excellent Scotland's People website I've run into a brick wall around the 1750s and now accept that, prior to that date, my ancestors were ordinary Scots about whom no-one made any special notes or records. They lived and died simple people and I shall almost certainly never know any more about them than I do now.

Like so many pastimes and interests there are many ways of participating in family history. Often one begins with a philatelic zeal, collecting as many souls as possible and placing them into sets in the family album. Gradually, the conscientious researcher begins to get a feel for his ancestors as individual human beings. Details gleaned from census returns and death certificates show that they lived and worked to improve their circumstances, just like we do today, and just like modern people they fell prey to a variety of mortal diseases and illnesses. Their lives and loves surface on the birth and marriage certificates but the clear mental image of them is still elusive.

Perhaps after that we might turn to social histories that tell us of the wider happenings in their lives: the Highland potato famines of 1846-52; the clearances of the 18th and 19th Centuries, along with their ramifications; as well as Culloden (1746) and its bloody aftermath. These are all well documented and make for fascinating, if harrowing reading but do these accounts give us a better view of the individuals that were our ancestors? I think probably not, but the books helped me put my folks into an historical context; a time frame that set up my mental picture of those men and women. Eventually these specific historical events lead one into the broad uplands of Scottish history and the narrower byways of writers such as Hugh Miller, but nothing furnishes me with more specific detail on the old-people.

Then happenstance, I revisited an old photo album of my father's and found a singular picture of my Grandfather (William) in highland battledress. Only a few days before I had been exploring web links and had come across the Website for The Highlanders Regimental Museum in Ardersier near Inverness. Perhaps I could throw some light on my grandfather's military service by linking the two.

William Logan was born in January 1895 in the parish of Urray. He was one of 9 children brought in the world by Margaret MacKay and her blacksmith husband John. My grandfather died when I was 22 and I have vivid memories of him staying in my parent's house but did I think to ask him about his boyhood or his war service? No! Stupid boy! What tales he could have told me; but that wasn't the way of men who went through the horrors of the First World War. They were often reluctant to revisit that painful memory bank and only a few anecdotal scraps survive in family lore.

My father's in his eighties and can remember back to the croft in Muir of Ord where he was born. So I quizzed him once again about his own father and he remembered the following:

William was a territorial soldier in the Seaforth Highlanders and was called up at the outbreak of WW1; he served in France; fought in the battle of Neuve Chapelle; he was seriously wounded in action at Aubers Ridge and repatriated to hospital in Kent; when recovered he was sent back to the line but soon became time-expired and was demobbed.

Ironically many of the service records pertaining to soldiers, who fought the Germans in the Great War, were destroyed by German bombing during the subsequent conflict. So researchers have three possible outcomes to their search: no record available; a burned and partially complete record or the desired documents. Unlike the service and pension records, the medal index cards were stored elsewhere and survived WW2 intact. So the National Archive at Kew has digitised them and they are available on line. I searched them under Seaforth Highlanders; and William Logan. Good news and bad news. There he was; amongst 12 identically named soldiers. So which was my Grandfather and which was his battalion?



I sent all the information and a copy of the photo (William is the soldier seated) to the museum at Ardersier and received a reply from Lieutenant Colonel George Latham, the Hon Researcher for Museum Director. Using his specialist knowledge he was able to suggest that William belonged to the 14th Seaforth Highlanders and his regimental number was the remarkably easily remembered 1234. After expressing my thanks to Lt Col. Latham I made a beeline for the military records at the National Archives. They have a partnership with Ancestry who have provided a searchable database on-line.

I tried every combination: the regimental number on its own; date of birth; his surname; where he was born; his full name; but all without luck. Eventually I started to plod through all the Logan records relating to all the Seaforth battalions. There were over 1,700 of them and each page took 10 or 15 seconds to refresh on the computer screen. Eventually I realised that they were annotated with page numbers (e.g. page 1 of 9, or however many pages the army had kept, referring to that individual) and once I had established page 1 was not my grandfather, I could skip the next 8 pages or so. The evening was a barren one as far as the TV interest was concerned, so I spent several hours scouring the records until the 10 o'clock news programme provided 30 minutes respite.

Testament, given to every soldier before embarkation by Lord Roberts. Also in the breast-pocket were a photo of his mother and some letters from home. The dense paper deflected the bullet away from its aim of causing a mortal wound but tore the small volume. In later years, during one of several family relocations, it was lost – arghhhh!

There are just two documents left to cover, both are 'Casualty forms – active service'. The first details his embarkation from Boulogne on the 10th May 1915 and the second carries the line: '3-3-16 To UK for discharge *time ex.*' What a blessed feeling it must have been to witness Captain Hodrington writing that entry and signing it.

In the heat of the battle you could be excused for losing sight of the fact that these records were almost as elusive as an allied victory in 1916. Why was that? Well I don't know who transcribed the records into the database but they probably weren't Scottish, because when they looked at the attestation details 1) they got my Grandfather's name correct. However item 2) was 'In the Parish of...' and here was written Urray. 'Near the town of ...' Muir of Ord. 'In the county of....' Ross-shire. In the database this became typed in as, town of origin 'Moray'. Not far away geographically but to a searching computer a world apart. Compounding this error they then registered the date that the form was signed as William's date of birth. A fact that would have had him going into battle aged 4 years old.

Is there a moral in all this, apart from the futility of war and the bravery of the men call on to fight it? Perhaps it's: don't trust the Ancestry databases. For they are riddled with transcription errors; but have some sympathy for the poor souls wading through a mass of moulderling documents trying to make sense of unfamiliar names written in an unintelligible hand. It's not nearly as deadly as the trenches but it must be almost as soul destroying.

In the e-mail accompanying the above article, Stuart made the following appeal for help "I belong to a Yahoo forum called pre-1800 Logans. Predominately they are an American group trying to research the family name in the states but inevitably they have found they need to link back to the old world. I'm one of the few Scots to have submitted a DNA sample to the group but they would welcome more.

The group is trying to differentiate between Logans from Ireland (north and south) and then the two groups in Scotland; viz Ross-shire/Sutherland and Ayrshire. They hope to do this by having authenticated family histories to pin down the modern individual's ancestral area of origin and then to tie that in with their DNA samples to see if there is any identifying genetic marker that is peculiar to one of the four areas.

I hope that makes sense. You could see how it might clear up the Logan/MacLennan debate on who was on the scene first. It might tell us in which direction the emigration/immigration between SW Scotland & N. Ireland went and whether the Highland branch of the family is distinct from the Lowlanders. It's something that would apply to lots of families in the Highlands.

The problem is the group only has two Scots samples so it's impossible to draw any conclusions. There is sponsorship available for suitable candidates and all the privacy guarantees are in place.

I'd be happy to hear from HFHS members who want to know more, especially if they have Logans in their family tree."

As we retired from the sitting room I confided to my wife the opinion that: the records I was looking for had probably been amongst those blown to atoms by the bombing. Nevertheless, after the news programme ended, whilst she was getting ready for her repose, I plodded through a few more. I was into the mid 1,500's by now. Then the magic words Muir of Ord: and there he was, causing yells of delight from me, and a sleepy "Sounds like you've found him!" from the adjacent bedroom.

I'd found seven pages of downloadable documents, starting with his certificate of attestation from 9th March 1911. He signed on for 4 years with the proviso that "in case of imminent national danger or national emergency.....you will become liable to be embodied." That proviso, converting the territorial civilian, to a full time soldier liable for overseas service also carried the rider: "That if your term of 4 years service expires when a proclamation ordering the Army reserve to be called out on permanent service is in force, you may be required to prolong your service for a further period not exceeding 12 months".

The other documents comprised: a medical inspection report; a statement of services (this detailed his annual pre-war training camps, then his embodiment on 5th August 1914 – war had been declared 28th June 1914, his various promotions up to Lance Sergeant, and his discharge on 8th March 1916 – 5 years to the day from his signing up. Indeed it was his eagerness to join-up in 1911 that probably saved his life, for although he was badly wounded in 1915, far worse befell the regiment in the subsequent years of the war and the likelihood of him surviving 5 years service starting from 1914 must be judged to have been very slim indeed.

The fourth document was the clincher, as to identify, for it showed his father's name address and occupation. Also on this 'Military History Sheet' were significant dates in his service including 'wounded in action 9-5-15'. That's a significant date for the Seaforths as well but there isn't room here to relate all the military history. For those interested in the details I recommend 2 slim volumes published by Pen & Sword books Ltd. - Neuve Chapelle (ISBN 0 85052 648-5) and Aubers Ridge (ISBN 1-84415-093-3) enquiries@pen-and-sword.co.uk. As well as the excellent History of the 4th Battalion Seaforth Highlands by Lieutenant Colonel M.M. Haldane (ISBN 1-84342-659-5)

Suffice to say that the preceding artillery barrage that was supposed to cut the German barbed-wire and silence the machine-guns, failed in its purpose. Indeed due to badly sited and worn out guns, combined with defective shells; some rounds fell amongst our own troops. Notwithstanding that, two companies of the battalion were ordered out of the trenches at 05.30 ready for the charge across no-man's-land. The undamaged German machine-guns scythed the Highlanders down like ripe corn. Two more companies were ordered forward, they met a similar fate. Within 20 minutes of the attack, on the southern front alone, 120 officers and 2,991 men had been killed or wounded; one of them was my Grandfather. No military objectives had been reached and the front line was not advanced at all!

My father says that two bullets struck 1234 Lance Sergeant William Logan. Both saved his life. The first injured him in the abdomen and caused his repatriation to a hospital in Kent. The second struck his battledress just to the left of his heart where it encountered a New

BITS & PIECES

Once again a varied selection of short pieces, along with comments on items appearing in previous journals and news of events to come, make this section of the journal interesting to compile and I hope also to read.

NEWS ABOUT ARCHIVES AND CONFERENCES

Your Chairman and Treasurer, who serve on the occasional Users' Consultation Committee (for want of a better name!) for the Highland Archive and Registration Centre, had a meeting recently with Susan Beckley – Highland Council's Chief Archivist – to review the information about HFHS that's to go in the Archive's new Information Leaflet. In the course of our chat Susan gave us the latest news on the Archive Centre, and we were delighted to hear that though it's a couple of weeks behind schedule at the moment everyone is confident it will indeed open as planned in the autumn of this year – and particularly in time for the major historical event that's taking place in the Highlands as part of "The Year of Homecoming".

"Scotland's Global Impact – How one small nation changed the world" is a three day conference, starting on 22nd October 2009 and centred on the Eden Court Theatre, which is being organised by the University of the Highlands and Islands, in association with the Universities of Edinburgh and Glasgow. It'll feature a whole host of Scotland's leading academics, plus distinguished guests from overseas. For further details please see: www.uhi.ac.uk/home/about-uhil/lectures/scotland-global-impact-conference

Talk of the new Archive Centre and Genealogy Search Room here in Inverness leads on to the news that the Scotland's People Centre in Edinburgh is now fully open for business. It brings together the family history resources of GROS (General Register Office for Scotland), NAS (National Archives of Scotland) and the Lord Lyon's Office, in four linked search rooms on the ground floors of the neighbouring buildings occupied by these institutions at the east end of Princes Street. Access to digitised copies of the BMDs (Registers of Birth, Death and Marriage from 1855 to the present day), the OPRs (Old Parish Registers back from 1855), the Censuses (1841 to 1901), Wills & Testaments, the Register of Arms, and other records relating to the whole of Scotland are available; and an unlimited number of entries can be looked at for £10 a day – with additional costs for copies of records, and, if required, for search assistance from the staff. For further details, and to make bookings, see: www.scotlandpeoplehub.gov.uk/ or ring 0131-314-4300.

For our many overseas members all the same information is available online via www.scotlandpeople.gov.uk, and the good news is that they are considering bringing in a subscription system for regular users. In the meantime SAFHS (Scottish Association of Family History Societies) are offering all societies Scotland's People vouchers for resale to members at a considerable discount. The normal price for a voucher is £6 but the discounted price on offer is **£4.80**, a significant saving of 20%.

This is another attractive option for regular users of Scotland's People online, but has considerable bureaucratic implications (i.e. a lot of potential small cheques and postage to handle). HFHS have decided therefore to limit our participation at the moment to offering such vouchers for sale for cash only at our meetings or at our office when it's open (usually on Tuesdays during the day). Initially members who are interested should let the Treasurer know how many vouchers they might like to buy – and if there is sufficient interest to make a bulk purchase worthwhile they'll be bought and made available for payment and collection as indicated in due course.

ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY

Mr Fred Lane has recently donated a copy of his research based in the parish of GLENELG. He focused on the village of Arisdale (Cambusban & Corran) in the 1841 Census and expanded it to include 1871 and 1901 to show the generations of change. His wife's family was from that village and there are further studies into the names MACASKILL, FRASER and FLETCHER.

The details are nicely typed up and indexed and if anyone thinks they have some link with the area or with these names, then it certainly would be worth having a look at this latest donation.

1851 CENSUS INDEXES

Comments have been made in recent journals to the effect that the sale of indexes to the 1851 census appeared to have stalled, whereas those publications of monumental inscriptions are still very popular. This is not surprising as they are often the only source of what appears on the headstones. On the other hand by using the Scotland's People and other websites like Ancestry.com among others, you can access all the census indexes as well as the images of the original pages.

In order to stimulate sales, particularly to those members who are not happy with using computers or feel the cost of using Scotland's People for example is too much, significant reductions to our prices for our complete range of 1851 census indexes can be found on pages 26 and 27 of this journal and on our stand at GENFair. Once a publication has sold out it will not be reprinted!

FRASERS IN MUIRTOWN & KINMYLIES

Member Ian Fraser sent in a copy of the following letter which could be of interest to those with Fraser ancestors in the Inverness area. -

Dear Sir or Madam:

John Fraser & Mary (Isabella?) Fraser were tenant farmers in Muirtown in the mid to late 1700's. In the late 1700's and the first years of 1800 eight (8) of John & Mary's ten (10) children emigrated to America from the Muirtown and Kinmylies areas just outside Inverness.

They were:

John Fraser, baptized July 5, 1746, unmarried, came to the southern States in the late 1700's.

He fought in the American Revolutionary War 1775-83. With rank of Lieutenant he was killed

and is buried Parish of St. John, near Savannah, Georgia, USA.

Simon Fraser, born 1750??, unmarried, came to the southern States in the late 1700's. He also

fought in the American Revolutionary War with rank of Captain. He married and settled in Liberty County, Georgia.

Margaret Fraser, baptized Aug 5, 1748, married Alex. McIntosh and with several children left Muirtown area and came to Pictou County, Nova Scotia, Canada approx. 1801??

Mary Fraser, baptized Dec 26, 1744, married John? McDonald and with ? children left Muirtown

area and came to Pictou County, Nova Scotia, Canada approx. 1801??

1820 SETTLERS DISCOVERED

By Ken MacIntosh

In June, 2008 I was delighted to finally discover a reference to my McIntosh ancestors prior to their emigration from Skye. They were found on a list, dated 1819, of emigrants intending to settle in South Africa.

The source of this information was the website 1820settlers.com. At the time, the website displayed only a series of letters from John Campbell. The letters, addressed from Inverness and Kilmuir, were directed to Lord Bathurst (presumably Henry, third Earl Bathurst, then Secretary of State for the Colonies), and another recipient, possibly Sir Colin Campbell.

The letters tell a sad and interesting tale. If the author can be relied upon, many settlers sold off their lands and belongings to take advantage of an offer, published by the Chief Magistrate of Skye, of free passage to the Cape of Good Hope. The letters hint that the Chief Magistrate's advertisement contained something of what we would call "misinformation" today.

The most curious aspect of this discovery is that my ancestors finally settled not in Africa but in America, at Cape Breton. The family, as I know them, are Peter McIntosh, his wife Ann Martin, and children Donald, John, James, Christy, Sarah, Catherine, Betsy and Donald. All but the elder Donald appear as a family unit on Campbell's list of emigrants. This elder Donald was known to have set out on his own before the rest of the family departed.

Apart from being the only primary source I have found which confirms the association of my family with Skye, this document provides the first source of inferred dates of birth for some members, and the most reliable for others of this pioneer family. It also gives me additional data regarding the timeline of emigration.

Information on the exploits of this family is documented in J.L. MacDougall's "*History of Inverness County, Nova Scotia*", reproduced on the website electricscotland.com.

It would be interesting to learn the fate of the other families on Campbell's list. A researcher based at Skye has advised me that at least one other family head eventually died at Skye some years later. Are your ancestors on Campbell's list?

As of December 2008, the [1820settlers](http://1820settlers.com) website has been extensively revised. Campbell's letters referred to here can be found in the "downloads" section under "settler correspondence C".

The information that follows was copied from www.1820settlers.com.

Transcribed by Sue Mackay from CO48/42 at the National Archives in Kew, London

3.
Inverness
16th June 1819
My Lord,

Intending with several of my neighbours to proceed as settlers to His Majesty's Colony in the Cape of Good Hope, I take the liberty of addressing your Lordship with reference to the terms held out to emigrants by the Government as contained in a printed letter sent from the Colonial Office in answer to queries on the subject.

The exact number of intending settlers is fourteen, who with their wives and children will

Catharine Fraser, born 1755?, married John McBain and with 6 children they left Muirtown area

and came to Pictou County, NS, Canada approx 1801??
Isabella Fraser, baptized March 30, 1764, married Donald McGregor and with their 6 children left

Anne Fraser, born 1752??, married Donald Fraser and with 8 children they left Kinnylies area

and came to Pictou County, Nova Scotia approx. 1801??

Alexander Fraser, baptized Sept 9, 1761, married Sarah Ferguson. With their 7 children they

left Muirtown area and came to New York City then on to Genesee County in the ship "George Buchanan" in Sept. 1805.

The two (2) children who remained in Scotland were:

Sarah Fraser, born 1742??, married ? McDonald? or ? Fraser?. She died before 1815.
Andrew Fraser, born 1743, died Nov27, 1793 in Inverness (may have been in Longman district?)

Married Isabel Fraser. They had 10 children- 4 of the sons -Donald, John, William and Alexander- came to Liberty County, Georgia to their Uncle Simon's plantation.

Other sons of Andrew & Isabel who stayed in the Inverness area were Simon & Andrew. Andrew had a furniture/woodworking business in Inverness.

Are you related to any of these people?

Donald Clare Fraser, 125 Church Street, Amherst, Nova Scotia, B4H 3B9, Canada
{E-mail} frado@eastlink.ca

SAFFHS ANNUAL CONFERENCE

This is the final reminder that Aberdeen & NE Scotland Family History Society will be hosting the 20th Annual Conference of the Scottish Association of Family History Societies on Saturday 25th April 2009 in King's College Conference Centre, Aberdeen. It will also incorporate a Scottish Family History Fair.

The theme is "*Finding That Elusive Ancestor*" and the speakers will be:-

Lesley Diack "Women In Family History"
Margaret McBryde "Digging Deeper: NAS Services to support Family History"
Fiona Watson "Hospital Records for Genealogists"
Sarah Malone "Military History"

In addition to these talks there will be displays and bookstalls at the Scottish Family History Fair in Elphinstone Hall, which is situated adjacent to the tiered Auditorium. The cost of the conference will be £10 each, with lunch tickets at £12.

Booking forms can be obtained from the Conference Secretary, Aberdeen & NE Scotland Family History Society, 158-164 King Street, Aberdeen AB24 5BD.

Alternatively you can download a booking form by accessing the Society's website <www.aneffhs.org.uk>.

make in all about seventy souls. These fourteen settlers, or fathers of families, are each of them ready to pay down to any person appointed to receive the same, Ten Pounds Sterling, being the pledge required by your Lordship, and on the conditions of repayment as specified in the letter.

They are willing to undertake the cultivation of whatever grant of land that may be allocated to them under the usual conditions and have already become all bound to that effect. "The Tonnage will be provided for the Settlers" and it is presumed at the expense of the Government?

With reference to the victualing, the enactment of the Act 43rd of the King cap. 56 seem all to relate to settlers proceeding to North America; for tho' the inductive clause of the act refers to "His Majesty's Colonies" without particularizing any, yet the special provisions point out those colonies for their object and no other. The writer is unaware of any other statute. And the parties may therefore perhaps store themselves without regarding the statute.

Your Lordship's letter bears that the expense of victualing the settlers will be defrayed by themselves. The Applicant is ignorant whether Government will procure the stores and make the emigrants pay for them or whether they will be allowed at the sight of Government to provide them in such a manner as they please, or whether Government will advance them stores on credit of their deposit of £10?

Providing your Lordship grants the terms the settlers will be ready to embark from any point in the parish of Strath, Isle of Skye, where they now reside, on the shortest notice. Some months ago the Chief Magistrate of Skye published that Government was resolved to give a free and victualled passage to every settler that would go to the Cape. Incited by this seemingly official intelligence about nine hundred people gave up their farms, sold of their stock and waited – and still wait for the fulfillment of these splendid prospects.

By this cruel or mischievous story the greater part of this body wander about without home or means to get one. Among them are the present applicants for your Lordship's favour. They have had the foresight of securing their £10 from the shipwreck of their effects, but unless they are timeously removed necessity will compel them to use even this money, and their misery will be then consummated. Trusting however that your Lordship will readily stretch forth your hand on their behalf, I for myself and them with all humility and respect remain my Lord

Your Lordship's most obt & most hbl servt
John CAMPBELL

Kyleakin
Skye
By Lochalsh Nth

476.
Kilmuir
Isle of Skye
1 Nov 1819

Sir,
In consequence of the encouragement offered by His Majesty's Government to persons wishing to emigrate to the Cape of Good Hope, Mr. F.H. MCKENZIE of Kyle Auker in this

country and I jointly did ourselves the honour in Sept'r last thro' the medium of Colonel Sir Colin CAMPBELL to propose to your Lordship that we should, agreeable to the conditions stated in your Lordship's circular letter on the subject, procure a considerable number of settlers from this country to the new Colony at the Cape of Good Hope.

As Mr. MCKENZIE and I are now perfectly unconnected in this concern I have on my own account procured fifty heads of families agreeable to a list & abstract herewith transmitted who are willing to accompany me as their leader to the intended settlement and who will be ready to embark how soon instructions for that purpose will be issued by your Lordship and as all men are in the immediate neighbourhood of the Bay and harbour of Portree it is to that port as the most convenient for embarkation we would request a transport to be sent.

I have the honour to be my Lord

Your Lordship's most obd't servt

Jno. CAMPBELL

PS Please address me by Portree

472.

Kilmuir
Isle of Skye

1 Nov 1819

Sir,

In consequence of the encouragement offered by His Majesty's Government to persons wishing to emigrate to the Cape of Good Hope, I took the liberty of writing you in September last mentioning that a Mr. ? MCKENZIE of this country and I had procured a considerable number of settlers for the intended colony and soliciting your influence on our behalf. I now beg leave to trouble you with this and to inform you that Mr. MCKENZIE and I are now perfectly unconnected in this concern, and that I have on my own account procured fifty five heads of families who have agreed & are willing to accompany me as their leader to the new settlement. My people are of the best description for forming an infant colony, being all loyal, many of them are already trained to arms and excellent workers – they would be a great [obscured] to a new establishment and very different indeed from the disaffected rabble of great towns. [?Some?] days past I transmitted a particular list of their names &c to Lord BATHURST and mentioned Portree as the most convenient place for embarkation, that they would be ready to embark how soon information for that purpose were issued by his Lordship & requesting a transport might be sent for them.

I must once again beg and earnestly [ask?] your friendship and good offices in strengthening my proposal & application of which I will retain a grateful sense till the last gasp. In giving a description myself to Earl BATHURST I mentioned my being appointed Lieut. in the Breadalbane Fencibles and since an officer in the Isle of Skye Volunteers & Local Militia till the conclusion of the war as also possessing a farm of considerable extent on Lord McDONALD's Estate. My whole dependence is entirely upon yourself and a disappointment will to me & my family be a terrible loss.

Sir, your most obed't and most humble servant

Jno. CAMPBELL

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476/478.

Name and description of the persons taking out settlers:

John CAMPBELL, Lieutenant in the late Breadalbane Regiment of Fencible Infantry in His Majesty's Commission dated 9th Dec'r 1794. Since the reduction of said Corps served as an officer in the Isle of Skye Volunteers and Local Militia till the conclusion of the war and at the same time possessed a farm of a considerable extent upon Lord McDONALD's estate. Aged 48

Isabella McRAE 33 wife

Children:

Mary Jessy 12

Madalena 11

Alexandra 9

John Farquhar 8

Isabella 5

Colin Nicol 3

James Charles 1

Names of Settlers Profession or Trade Age Names of Women Age Male
Children Ages Female Children Ages

Alex'r MacDONALD Farmer 46 Mary MacDONALD 40 Catherine/Anne 12/10

Sam'l MacDONALD Farmer 20

Rich'd? MacDONALD Farmer 18

Hugh MacDONALD Farmer 28 Marg't MacDONALD 24 Marion/Flora 4/2

Angus MacDONALD Farmer 29 Anne MacLEOD 28 Donald/John 8/6

Hugh MacDONALD Farmer 23 Mary MacPHERSON 25 Mary/Rachel Ann/Marion

(sisters) 6/4 16/13

John MacNAB Teacher 40 Cathrine MUNRO 40 Andrew/Neil 4/inf

William MacNAB Farmer 19

Mal'm MacLean Farmer 28 Marion MacDONALD 28 Angus/Mal'm/Hugh 5/3/inf

Peter McINTOSH Farmer 56 Ann MARTIN 40 Christian/Cathrine 17/12

John McINTOSH Farmer 22 Sally McINTOSH 21 Jas./Don d 4/2 Betty 10

George MUNRO Farmer 32 Sally NICOLSON 30 John 6 Flora 8

John MacDONALD Farmer 38 Marg't MATHESON 34 Arch d/Angus 15/10 Cathrine 7

John MacDONALD Farmer 22 Anne MacDONALD 20 Don'd 4 Anne 1

Alex MacDONALD Farmer 18

Mal'm McKENZIE Farmer 50 Christ'n McLEOD 46 Ann/Flora 13/10

Alex McKENZIE Farmer 25 Jannet McKENZIE 23 John 4 Jannet 6

Sam'l NICOLSON Farmer 30 Cathrine McKENZIE 25 Rod'k 5

John McKENZIE Farmer 22 Flora MacLean 20 Iver 4

Nor'd McKENZIE Farmer 19

Mat NICOLSON Farmer 47 Euphemia NICOLSON 38 John 13 Anne 10

Don'd NICOLSON Farmer 21 Marg't NICOLSON 24 Cathrine/Flora 3/2

Don'd McPHERSON Farmer 25 Catherine STUART 25 John 5 Euphemia 3

Mat BUCHANAN Farmer 26 Melrion MacDONALD 22 Mary A/Anne 5/4

John BUCHANAN Farmer 23

Jas. McDONALD Farmer 22 Marian McDONALD 23 Donald 1

Murdo McLEOD Farmer 45 Margt CAMPBELL 30 Rod'k 2 Cathrine 12

Alex McLEOD Farmer 30 Ann McLEOD 30 Neil 5 Christian 7

?? McLEOD Farmer 48 Mary McLEOD 36 John 10 Mary 12
Samuel McLEOD Teacher 26 Ann McLEOD 24 Neil 4 Ket 2
Rod'k McLEOD Farmer 20 Mary McLEOD 21 Mary/Margt 2/1
Arch'd McLEOD Farmer 36 Mary BEATON 30 Donald 5 Cathrine 8
James McDONALD Farmer 24 Mary McDONALD 23 Ewen 2
Malcolm McDONALD Farmer 24 Mary McDONALD 22
John McINTYRE Farmer 48 Jannet McNAB 45 James McINTYRE 15
Alex McINTYRE Shoemaker 25 Dorothy McINTYRE 22
John McINTYRE Farmer 19

Alex CAMERON Farmer 30 Cathrine McLEOD 25 William 5 Joan 3

Alex CAMERON Farmer 26 Margt McLEOD 24 Alex Inf

John MATHESON Taylor 45 Flora MORISON 32 Alex 5

John McLEAN Farmer 40 Christ'n McDONALD 40 Nor'd 13 Sally 8

John ROSS Taylor 35 Mary Campbell 25 Angus 7 Marion 11

Murdo ROSS Farmer 27 Peggy BEATON 27 Peter 5 Neil 3

Alex CAMPBELL Farmer 58 Marian McKIERNON 48

+ Murdo/Don'd 12/7 Emily/Cathrine 13/10

James CAMPBELL Farmer 24 Mary NICOLSON 18

John CAMPBELL Farmer 19

Malcolm CAMPBELL Taylor 20

Malcolm NICOLSON Farmer 30 Ann CAMPBELL 22 M.C./C.C. 4/2

Malcolm CAMPBELL Farmer 26 Bell NICOLSON 24

Angus NICOLSON Farmer 58 Cathrine BUCHANAN 39 John/Don'd/Alex 17/13/7

Angus BEATON Farmer 40 Cathrine ROSS 35

+ John/Donald/ Malcolm/Peter 11/7/4/2 Cathrine Inf

Ewen McLEAN Farmer 35 Ann McDONALD 30 Donald 6 Margt/Mary/Effy 8/4/1

Angus McDONALD Farmer 40 Mary McQUEEN 34

+ Donald/Malcom 11/9 Marian/Cathrine/Mary/Christian 13/7/4/1

Andrew MUNRO Carpenter 28 Mary NICOLSON 25

Donald MUNRO Shoemaker 24 Cathrine McDONALD 23

ERROR IN INDEX AT NRH IN EDINBURH

A small gap to fill at the bottom of this page gives me a chance to highlight one of the problems that family historians come upon from time to time. My researches over many years at New Register House into the birth, marriage and death certificates of all those born with the surname Durran led me to believe that I had noted and then transcribed all the details on every one of these certificates. Imagine my surprise on making contact with a descendant of one of the Calthness Durran branches who lives in San Francisco to discover that I may have missed one! He came to the UK a couple of years ago on a special trip to look up his Calthness roots and, while visiting Thurso, had noted the death of an Isabella Durran on a gravestone in the main cemetery that I did not have in my records.

I contacted Margaret Mackay, who has done sterling work on my behalf in the past, and told her that I had discovered that Isabella Durran, wife of William Smith Auld, had died in 9th June 1912 in Durran House, Orlig and I had not found her name in the index to deaths. On her next visit to NRH Margaret discovered what the problem was. She located Isabella's death in the index under her married name of Auld, but not under her maiden name of Durran as is required in Scotland. The good news is that I had not missed Isabella in my search for Durran in the indexes. The bad news is that to get the index amended to include the missing entry under Isabella's maiden name you have to fill in a form, get it checked by a supervisor, and it can then take months to be corrected. That's bureaucracy for you!

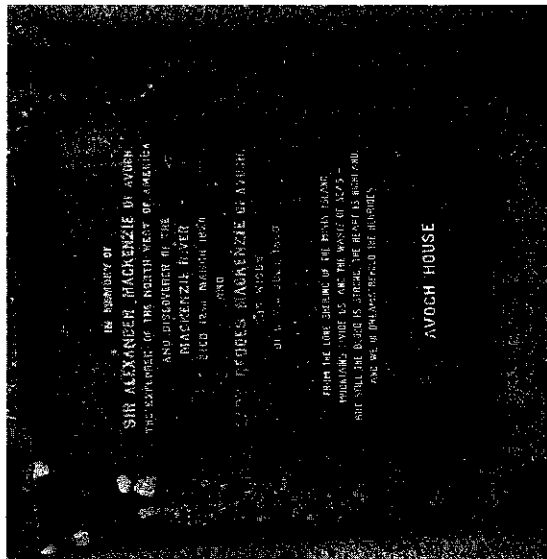
HFHS PROJECTS

MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTIONS

Since the last journal went out in November the weather has changed somewhat from that of the previous 4 or 5 years and has been much colder, especially in late January and early February. Now that the temperature has risen once more to the level it should be at this time of the year, I hope our volunteers – Dennis & Jean Pettit (Dunlichity), Angus Bethune (Tomnahurich) and Patrick & Sandra Kelsey (Ardersier) - are starting to think about the next stage in their various projects.

In such a short timescale it will not be possible to be in a position to publish either Dunlichity or Ardersier in time for the Family History Fair in Aberdeen, which is to be held in conjunction with the SAFHS Conference on 25th April 2009 in Aberdeen. However, there will be another Family History Fair later on in the year at Elgin at which it would be helpful to have the monumental inscriptions for both burial grounds published ready for sale at the event.

Angus Bethune is taking photographs of the gravestones in Tomnahurich Cemetery and the appearance of such images on websites on the internet is becoming much more prevalent. As an example I have been reminding members about Roddie Macpherson's website that can be found at <http://www.rossromartyroots.co.uk> and from that site I have selected the stone that commemorates Sir Alexander Mackenzie, the discover of the Mackenzie River in Canada. It is to be found in Avoch Old Churchyard, the monumental inscriptions of which were one of the first burial grounds that the Society published.



If any member has discovered any other website that has photographs of gravestones from this area, or they believe may be of general interest, please contact me and I will publish details in a future journal.

THE TRAIN NOW LEAVING WAVERLEY ...

By Hamish Johnson

Some years ago I read in the family Bible that my ancestor Thomas Johnston (1754 – 1837) owned a plot in the burial ground of St. Cuthbert's church in Edinburgh. I made the journey to Edinburgh to see it, and to save time went first to the Edinburgh Central Library to look it up in the published list of monumental inscriptions. But that is as far as I got. It seems that the plot no longer exists.

A few years later, with more time available, I decided to learn more about St. Cuthbert's parish from the Kirk Session minutes that are available in the National Archives of Scotland. After a while I discovered that Thomas Johnston had bought his plot in 1825 - "Mr. Thomas Johnston is granted eight feet by twelve in the angular piece of ground lately purchased from the Ministers, on the South side of the church yard commonly denominated the Old Barns". This new burial area lay between the existing burying ground and the Castle.

But why did the Johnston plot no longer exist? A further search of the NAS catalogue/index to find all and any references to St. Cuthbert's produced this result:- *CH27/18/271. Papers in case, kirk session of St Cuthbert's v. Edinburgh and Glasgow Railway Company, following on carrying of the railway line through the new south burying ground. 1836-1845.*

The 1830s and 1840s were a time of massive growth of the railways – so much so the period became known as the 'railway mania', in which many people lost a lot of money when the bubble burst in 1847.

On my next visit to the Archives I looked at the papers, which seem to provide the answer to my question. The Edinburgh & Glasgow Railway Company wanted to extend their railway line from the terminus at Haymarket into central Edinburgh through Princes Street gardens. The recently extended burial ground occupied the land at the western end of the gardens, so if the plan was to be realised the railway line would have to pass through it.

In 1836 the Company approached the St. Cuthbert's Kirk Session about the use of their land for the new railway. Their proposal was to dig a deep cutting, construct a tunnel and then reinstate the ground above part of the cutting.

The Session set up a committee to advise on what should be decided. The committee reported that some 46 tombs, and a further 7 on the walls, would be lost. A number of affected plots had been sold, and some of these had already been used. The railway line would also pass through the area where 583 victims of the 1832 cholera epidemic had been buried. A further issue was that the ground lost permanently to the railway represented a loss of income from the future sale of plots. On the other hand the Session would benefit from a large payment from the Edinburgh & Glasgow Railway Company, and no doubt pressure was put on them by the civic and commercial interests that would benefit from the railway.

Eventually in April 1844 a detailed agreement was signed by the parties. This set out a number of conditions. The position of the railway line, the dimensions of the arch, ground restoration and levels were all specified. Access to the church and burial ground had to be maintained during the works. The Session received a payment of £2,750. It fell to the Edinburgh & Glasgow Railway Company to secure the agreement of the owners of each affected plot and to indemnify the Session against any claims. By this time the Johnston plot held two bodies – that of Thomas Johnston (1837), and his son Peter, who had pre-deceased him in 1835.

Construction began, but by June 1845, while work was still under way, the Session raised an action against the Edinburgh & Glasgow Railway Company, alleging that the railway company had deviated from the agreed line for the tunnel, and that the ground level above the tunnel was three feet too high.

Independent professional opinions were sought, the outcome being that while the line was as per the agreement, the ground levels were indeed too high - apparently caused by the need for the tunnel to accommodate the tall engine funnels of the day. Meanwhile, the Edinburgh & Glasgow Railway Company retaliated by threatening the Session with the costs they could incur if their litigation caused delays to the completion of the work, and it appears that the Session backed down. Inspection of the site today shows that the ground above the tunnel is indeed raised, and that there are no graves in this area.

In 1849/50 there was further litigation. Once the cutting and tunnel work was complete and the railway line came into use, settlement damage was apparent to the walls and tombs on the south side, on both sides of the railway line to the east, and on the dividing wall on the north side of the railway. Four estimates were sought for the necessary repairs, but comparison of the tenders was complicated by different assessments as to what work was required. In the event, the parties decided to split the cost of the repairs between them.

Although there is no absolute proof that Thomas Johnston's plot disappeared at this time, corroboration of the railway theory comes from another source. Surviving family documents show that in June 1844 one of Thomas Johnston's grandsons died suddenly aged 31. His elder brother immediately bought a plot in the new Warriston cemetery that had been founded in 1842 by the Edinburgh Cemetery Company. Clearly the family plot in St. Cuthbert's was no longer available.

What happened to the remains of the 583 cholera victims and the other people buried in the ground disturbed by the building of the railway? That is for further research on another occasion - perhaps the Kirk Session minutes have more to reveal. Ironically, the memorial stone of the later family plot at Warriston has also disappeared due to the serious vandalism inflicted upon that cemetery in the latter part of the 20th century.



The Edinburgh & Glasgow railway tunnel under, and cutting through the St. Cuthbert's graveyard shown on Lancefield's 1851 map published by W & A K Johnston (reproduced here by kind permission of the National Library of Scotland)

HFHS STRAYS INDEX

By Alan Ross

I would like to start by thanking those who have contributed information recently with special thanks to Mary Davidson in Canada for her recent envelope full of goodies. Also thanks to John Mustard of Texas, USA who informed me that some of those Stray's listed in the last issue were indeed Australian cousins of his.

We all expect each year to be better or different than the one before. 2009 is already starting to be somewhat different. As I sit writing these pages Oxfordshire is currently under five inches of snow. The last time we saw this amount of snow here was way back in 1981. Children have been off school and virtually every house has a snowman in the garden. I have spent the past couple of months trying to sort out my Internet connection and the conversion from Windows XP to Windows Vista so not much personal research has taken place. What I have discovered in many the English and Welsh Census transcripts on Ancestry are terribly inaccurate in many instances but at least you can see the original transcript to make up your own mind. This is not the case with the Scottish Census as the SRO will not allow you to see the original transcript unless you pay again, you have already paid a subscription to Ancestry, and assuming the quality of Ancestry's transcripts are the same as the English ones there is a lot to be desired especially when looking for the more common names.

I am starting this year with part one of Strays that have an event registered in the 19th century but excluding the census years of 1841, 1851, 1861, 1871, 1881 and 1891.

DAVIS	Peter	ARL	Campbellton	1801	43	Death	PR / Chatters / CAM
LAMONT	Colin (Capt.)			1802		Death	Plaque / Winchester Cathedral / HAM
ROSE	Roderick M.	ROC		1806		Birth	Cataraqui Cemetery / Kingston / Ontario / CAN
HUTCHISON	Alexander	ROC		1806		Birth	Dufferin County Archives / Ontario / CAN
INNES	James	INV	Inverness	1806		Birth	Dufferin County Archives / Ontario / CAN
McDOUGAL	Angus	ARL	Campbellton	1907		Settlement / RO / DEV	Settlement / RO / DEV
CORMACK	Angus	CAI	Latheron	1810	12	Death	MI / New Lanark / LKS
CHISHOLM	Isabella	INV	Inverness	1814	33	Death	PR / Clifton / Bristol / GLS
FRASER	Harriet Rachel	INV		1814	2	Death	PR / Clifton / Bristol / GLS
HORRITT	Isabella*	INV	Inverness	1814	33	Death	PR / Clifton / Bristol / GLS
MacKINTOSH	Millicent	INV	Aberarder?	1815	22	Death	MI / Inverness / INV
FRASER	Millicent*	INV	Aberarder?	1815	22	Death	MI / Inverness / INV
LITCHFIELD	Ellen*		India	1818			Descendant / NSW / Aus
MUNRO	Ellen*		India	1818			Descendant / NSW / Aus
McKENZIE	Alexander (Sr)	ROC	Avoch	1820		Death	Arch / Ct of Probate / Ontario / Can
McKAY	John	SUT	Durness	1820	85	Witness	News Obit / Wife's Death / MON / Can
MacPHERSON	James	NAI	Nairn	1821		Witness	Son's Bap / PR / Strood / GLS
MacPHERSON	George	SUT	Clyne	1821		Witness	Son's Bap / Strood / KEN
TULLY	Walter	SUT	Kildonan	1821		Marriage	PR / Ilderton / NBL
ROBERTSON	Captain	INV	Inverness	1823		Witness	News / Dau's Mar / Montreal / Can
McKAY	Ann*	SUT	Durness	1823	79	Death	News Obit / Montreal / Can
McKENZIE	Ann	SUT	Durness	1823	79	Death	News Obit / Montreal / Can
SIMPSON	Peter	SHI	Toft	1823		Freeman	Tyne & Wear Freeman's Records, Newcastle
McMILLAN	Duncan	INV	Corradin?	1824		Witness	News Obit / Son's Death / MON / Can
CARGILL	Donald	INV	Inverness	1824		Apprentice	Apprenticeship / Tyne & Wear
FRASER	Hugh Baron			1824	40	Death	MI / Dorset / DOR
ROBERTSON	Ebenezer	ROC	Tain	1825	64	Death	MI / Beverley Minister / YKS
McDONNELL	John	INV	Giergarry	1825	70	Death	News Obit / Montreal / Can
BAYNE	John	INV	Inverness	1826	93	Death	News Obit / York / ONT / Can

Name	Year	Event	Location	Notes
NORWAY	1827	Marriage	PR / St Mabyn / CON	
McDONALD	1827	Death	News Obit / York / ONT / Can	
CAMERON	1828	Death	News Obit / York / ONT / Can	
HAY	1829	Marriage	PR / Penthr / CUL	
BURT	1829	Death	News Obit / Quebec / Can	
McKINNON	1829	Death	News Obit / Quebec / Can	
McDONALD	1829	Marriage	St Andrews Presbyterian Church / Kingston / Ont / CAN	
McLELLAN	1830	Death	MI / West River	
McKENZIE	1832	Death	MI / Bailure / Isle of Man	
HART	1832	Death	MI / Old Kirk Bradden / Isle of Man	
WATSON	1832	Death	News Obit / Toronto / Can	
HART	1832	Death	MI / Isle of Man	
HAILES	1833	Marriage	PR / Benwick-on-Tweed / BEW	
MacPHERSON	1833	Witness	News / Dau's Mar / Montreal / Can	
ARMOUR	1834	Marriage	PR / St Andrews, Newcastle / DUR	
McKENZIE	1836	Marriage	Marriage Index / Cogglehall / ESS	
McDONALD	1836	Marriage	PR / Mylor / CON	
McNEILL	1837	Marriage	PR / St Gluvas Church / CON	
CAMPBELL	1838	12	Ship / Nat Strays Collection / Aus	
CAMPBELL	1838	9	Ship / Nat Strays Collection / Aus	
CAMPBELL	1838	5	Ship / Nat Strays Collection / Aus	
CAMPBELL	1838	15	Ship / Nat Strays Collection / Aus	
GORDON	1838	Death	Ship / Nat Strays Collection / Aus	
SINCLAIR	1840	Witness	PR / Clifton / Bristol / GLS	
GRANT	1840	Witness	News / Dau's Mar / Toronto / Can	
McDONELL	1842	80	News Obit / Toronto / Can	
McDONELL	1842	81	News Obit / Toronto / Can	
McNAB	1842	81	News Obit / Toronto / Can	
McDONALD	1842	Witness	News / Dau's Mar / Toronto / Can	
McKENZIE	1842	52	MI / Isle of Man	
McGILLIES	1843	80	News Obit / Toronto / Can	
LEITCH	1843	Death	News Obit / Toronto / Can	
GORDON	1843	Witness	News Obit / Dau's Death / Toronto / Can	
BRENNER	1843	Birth	Dufferin County Archives / Ontario / CAN	
McBEATH	1844	14	Tyne & Wear Freemens Records, Newcastle	
McDONALD	1845	31	PRO Kew	
McLELLAN	1846	56	Death	News Obit / Coburg / MON / Can
McLEAN	1846	52	Death	MI / Neilfield / ABD
McPHERSON	1846	45	Death	MI / Neilfield / ABD
WALKER	1847	41	Death	MI / Neilfield / ABD
FRASER	1847	69	Death	MI / Neilfield / ABD
McBEATH	1847	102	Death	News Obit / Toronto / Can
BAILLIE	1847	35	Death	News Obit / Toronto / Can
McGRUER	1848	84	Death	News / Arrival / Charlottenburg / Can
GORDON	1848	87	Death	News Obit / Toronto / Can
McKENZIE	1848	38	Death	News / Inquest / Bayfield / Can
HOOD	1848	Witness	News Obit / Son's Death / Toronto / Can	
INNES	1849	68	Death	MI / Neilfield / ABD
McMURPHY	1849	58	Death	MI / Neilfield / ABD
McKINTOSH	1850	31	Death	MI / St Andrews / King T'ship / ONT / Can
GRAY	1850	80	Death	MI / Early St Peter / BRK

Name	Year	Event	Location	Notes
ROSS	Christina*	ROC	Kincardine	1850
HENRY	John A.	ROC		1850
McLEOD	Donald	CAI	Thurso	1850
CROOKSHANK	Harry	ROC	Stornoway	1850
DUNCAN	Robert	INV	Dores	1852
HENRY	Robert	ROC		1852
GOSSIP	Christine*	CAI	Wick	1852
HARROW	Don	CAI	Dunnet	1852
McKENZIE	Peter	SUT	Assynt	1852
FEMISTER	George	INV	Inverness	1853
McRAE	John	ROC		1853
MUNRO	Alexander	SUT		1853
McDONALD	Angus	INV	Barra	1853
CAMPBELL	Janet	CAI	Reay	1854
McCALLUM	Catherine Reid	CAI		1854
CAMERON	Alexander	INV	Inverness	1855
McLEAN	Marion	ARL		1855
LOUITTIT	James	Wick		1855
MILNE	William	CAI	Canisbay	1855
McDONALD	Alexandra	INV	Laggan	1856
LAMOND	Christina	ARL	Tyree	1856
McDONALD	Christina*	ARL	Tyree	1856
LAMOND	Christina	ARL	Tyree	1856
McPHERSON	John	ARL	Campbellton	1856
CUTTEN	Charles Edward	INV		1856
McDONALD	Annie	SUT	Glenroy	1857
MORRISON	Alexander	SUT	Dornoch	1857
DODD	Catherine*	ARL		1857
McLARTY	Catherine	ARL		1857
McFADYEN	Mary	ARL	Mull	1857
PETERS	Mary*	ARL	Mull	1857
ROSS	Helen	ROC	Tain	1857
MUNRO	Roderick	ROC	Dingwall ?	1857
DUFF	Margaret	SUT	Cresich	1857
MUSTARD	James	ROC	Cromarty	1858
CAMPBELL	John	ARL	Southall?	1859
ROSS	Donald	ROC		1862
HOGG	Christian*	ARL	Campbellton	1862
MUNRO	Christian	ARL	Campbellton	1862
ROSS	Murdoch	SUT		1862
HARPER	John	CAI	Wick	1863
DUNCAN	John	ROC		1863
McKAIN	William	CAI	Wick	1863b
McKAY	Alexander	ROC	Aultbea?	1864
CHISHOLM	John	INV	Kiltarity	1864
McKINNON	Hector	ARL	Mull	1865
BAILLIE	Frederick	INV	Inverness	1865
McLEOD	Annie*	INV	Skye	1865
McKENZIE	Margaret Ann	ROC	Stornoway	1865b
COWANS	Christian*	ROC	Tain	1866
McDONALD	Christian*	ROC	Tain	1866
MICHIE	Donald F.	ROC		1866
ALLEN	Margaret	KRS	Kinross	1866
McKAY	Murdoch	INV	Inverness	1866
Subj	John	ROC	Birth Parish	1866
URQUHART	Ann	ROC	Dingwall	1866

Witnesses in The Aird in 1808

The following is a list of witnesses called to give evidence in 1808 in a legal action by Archibald Fraser of Lovat against Mrs. Anne Fraser of Eskadale and her husband Hugh Fraser Esq.

A considerable amount of biographical detail is given about all the witnesses – in order to establish their knowledge of the people and affairs in question – and many of their relatives and neighbours are also mentioned in their evidence. Anyone researching families in Kirkhill, Kiltarity or Kilmorack parishes in the late 16th and early 19th centuries may well find a useful snippet in the notes of these proceedings kindly supplied to the Chairman of the Society by Hugh Barron, who copied them many years ago from originals belonging to the Inverness solicitors Innes & Mackay. The notes will eventually be deposited in the Society's library – and a full transcription may be published in the Journal in due course – but in the meantime, anyone who would like to consult them can do so by contacting Graeme Mackenzie on 0790-176-4329, or via Graeme@highlandroots.org.

List of Witnesses in order of appearance (with ages given in brackets)

- John Nicol, Tacksman of Teawig (60+)
- William Fraser, resident in Easter Main (72)
- Hugh Fraser at Boblainy (67)
- Thomas Fraser alias Roy, tenant in Deany (50+)
- Roderick Macrae, cottar in Easter Main (60)
- Isobel Fraser, widow of Simon Fraser sometime tenant in Easter Main (60+)
- Valentine Chisholm, tenant in Crochel of Strathglass (79)
- William Fraser, tenant in Wester Eskadale (23)
- Donald Fraser in Hughtown of Poulmore (55)
- Alexander Fraser, tenant in Easter Main (34)
- Alexander Fraser, cottar in Wester Eskadale (50)
- Donald Fraser, tenant in Kinerras (57)
- John Fraser, grievor at Englishtown (36)
- Donald Fraser, sub-tenant in Wester Eskadale (45)
- Donald Fraser, sub-tenant in Wester Eskadale (23)
- Hector Maclean, at Bridge-end of Beauly (63)
- Donald Maclean, tenant in Cragganmore of Kinerras (60)
- John Fraser, servant in Groom (48)
- Peter Fraser, resident in Knockvuie (71)
- Elizabeth Mackenzie in Breakachy (59)
- Alexander Chisholm, tenant in Achmagraitich (54)
- Alexander Fraser, crofter in Hughtown (60)
- John Gordon, cottar in Knockchoille (68)
- Ann Fraser in Clunevach (59)
- Isobel Fraser, resident in Knockchoille (50)
- Donald Munro, resident in Glascharn (62)
- Mary Fraser, wife of Alexander Fraser tenant in Clunevach (48)
- Hugh Maclean, shepherd at Easter Eskadale (35)
- Simon Fraser, tenant in Easter Main (26)
- Roderick Chisholm, tenant in Crochel (40)
- Elizabeth Mackenzie, wife of Alexander Chisholm tenant in Hughtown (50)
- Janet Fraser, widow of George Fraser, in Fanellan (60)
- Alexander Cameron in Burchrew (37)
- Evan Macdonald, labourer in Easter Eskadale (60)
- Thomas Fraser, late carter in Easter Eskadale, now in Inverness (75)
- Barbara Fraser, resident in Bught (50)
- Catherine Maclean, spouse of Donald Fraser in Knockchoille (48)

MacEY	Ann*	ROC	Dingwall	1866	Death	N.Z. Herald / NZ
MILLER	Mary Christina	CAI	Wick	1866b	Gen Info	Family / Toronto / Ontario / CAN
MARQUIS	Duncan	ARL		1867	Death	MI / Kerang / VIC / Aus
McTAGGART	William	ARL		1867	Death	MI / St Andrews / King T'ship / ONT / Can
CALDER	Robert	SUT	Creich	1868	Death	MI / Castlemaine / VIC / Aus
NICHOLSON	Alexander	INV	Portree, Skye	1868	Death	MI / Coghills Creek / Ballarat / VIC / Aus
NICHOLSON	Jane*	INV	Skye	1868	Witness	MI / Coghills Creek / Ballarat / VIC / Aus
McAULEY	Donald	INV	Wick	1868	Death	Dufferin County Archives / Ontario / CAN
SHEARER	William	CAI	Wick	1868b	Gen Info	Family / Ontario / CAN
ROSS	Jane	ROC	Tain	1868b	Gen Info	Family / Saskatchewan / CAN
MacGINTOSH	Archibald	INV	Skye	1869	Death	MI / Sale / VIC / Aus
CHISHOLM	Albani	ROC	Urray	1869	Death	Death / Breakachy / Kilmorack / INV
McLENNAN	Thomas	ROC	Contin	1869	Death	Family / Clunes / VIC / Aus
MacKENZIE	Catherine	ROC	Stormoray	1869b	Gen Info	Family / Oregon / USA
WESTBROOK	Catherine*	ROC	Stormoray	1869b	Gen Info	Family / Oregon / USA
AUSTIN	Catherine*	ROC	Stormoray	1869b	Gen Info	Family / Oregon / USA
ARMOUR	Jane	ARL	Kiltyre	1870	Death	MI / St Andrew / S'borough / ONT / Can
INNIS	James	INV	Inverness	1870	Death	Dufferin County Archives / Ontario / CAN
McFARLANE	Christina	PER	Logierait	1870	Death	Death / Family / ONT / Can
McKAIN	Isabella	CAI	Wick	1870b	Gen Info	Family / Ontario / CAN
ELWORTHY	George	INV	Inverness	1872	Witness	Deu's Bap / Mt Perry / QLD / Aus
ROSS	George	ROC	Pitcalnie?	1872	Death	MI / St John / Buxton / DBY
ROSS	William	ROC	Wick	1872	Death	MI / St John / Buxton / DBY
SUTHERLAND	Andrew	CAI	Wick	1872	Death	MI / Young / NSW / Aus
GUNN	James	SUT	Wick	1872	Death	MI / Tarawingee / VIC / Aus
MacKAY	Angus	SUT	Wick	1872	Death	Colac / VIC / Aus
KELLY	Mary	ARL	Campbellton	1872	Marriage	PR / Bishopwear / DUR
McLEAN	Alexander	ROC	Wick	1872	Death	Clarence Cemetery / Ottawa / Ontario / CAN
McDONALD	William	INV	Petty	1872	Marriage	Marriage / RGO / Queensland / Aus
CHISHOLM	Farquhar	INV	Bracadale	1872	Death	Death / Geelong / Victoria / Aus
MacKAIN	Robert Francis	CAI	Wick	1872b	Death	Death / New Jersey / USA
FRASER	Charles	ROC	Cromarty	1873	Death	Arch / Masters & Mates / Wellington / NZ
BRENNER	Robert G.	CAI	Keils	1873	Birth	Dufferin County Archives / Ontario / CAN
McPHEE	Dugald	INV	Fort William	1874	Marriage	Marriage / Ballarat / VIC / Aus
ROBERTSON	William	INV	Alvie	1874	Death	Alvie / VIC / Aus
MUNRO	Janet	SUT	Creich	1874	Marriage	Family / New Zealand
McLEAN	James	ARL	Mull	1875	Death	MI / Castlemaine / VIC / Aus
ROSS	Alexander	SUT	Mull	1875	Death	MI / St Andrews / King T'ship / ONT / Can
McCALLUM	Christy	ARL	Mull	1875	Death	Dufferin County Archives / Ontario / CAN
McAULEY	Norman	INV	Lundie	1875	Death	Death / Family / ONT / Can
DURRAND	Isabella L.	ANS	Wick	1875b	Gen Info	Family / Ocean City / NJ / USA
McEACHRAN	Alexina	CAI	Wick	1876	Death	MI / St Andrews / King T'ship / ONT / Can
McCALLUM	Malcolm	ARL	Wick	1876	Death	MI / St Andrews / King T'ship / ONT / Can
McCALLUM	Donald	ARL	Wick	1876	Death	UCI / Cooktown / QLD / Aus
CAMERON	Catherine*	INV	Morven	1876	Death	Death / Forres / MOR
CHISHOLM	John	INV	Kilmorack	1876	Death	Family / Glasgow / LKS
McLENNAN	Isabella*	ROC	Contin	1876	Death	Family / Glasgow / LKS
McKENZIE	Isabella	ROC	Contin	1876	Death	MI / Sale / VIC / Aus
CAMPBELL	Duncan	ROC	Lochbroom	1877	Death	Ang Ch Rec / N. Caledonia / Transvaal / SA
CAMPBELL	John Grant	CAI	Pulteneytown	1877	Marriage	Family / Oregon / USA
MacKENZIE	Hugh	ROC	Stormoray	1877b	Gen Info	MI / Cook's River / NSW / Aus
McKENZIE	John	ROC	Wick	1878	Death	MI / Cook's River / NSW / Aus
COOPER	Arthur	INV	Inverness	1878	Death	MI / Cook's River / NSW / Aus

MEMBERS' RESEARCH INTERESTS

Additions/amendments:

0331. Mrs Mary Davidson, 154 Sunnyside Drive, Salt Spring Island, B. C. Canada V8K 1W1. Researching **CAMERON** in Clunes and Lochiel, Inverness-shire 1400-1900; **GRANT** in Glenmoriston 1500-1900 and in Sheuglie 1400-1900, both Inverness-shire; **MACDONALD** in Inverness-shire 1000-1900; **M(A)CLENNAN** in Glenshiel 1400-1900 and Kintail 1600-1900, both Ross-shire; **M(A)CRAE** in Glenshiel and Kintail 1400-1900.
2034. Mr Paul M. Gray, 36 Ormiston Avenue, Scotstoun, Glasgow G14 9HU. Researching **all surnames** in Lairg, Sutherland – any date.
2320. Mrs Julie Werner, 714a Boyle Street, N. S. W. 2093, Australia. Researching **McIVER** in Lochbroom, Ross-shire and **McKAY** in Clyne, Sutherland – both pre-1855.

New Members:

2352. Mr Robert MacDonald, 10 Castlehill Gardens, Inverness IV2 5DL. Researching **MACDONALD** and **MURCHISON** in the Gairloch area (Alligin/Torrison) Wester Ross, 1800-1900; **HOGG** and **WATSON** in Cromarty, Ross-shire 1800-1900.
2353. Mr Robert Allan, 10 Mill Common, Huntingdon, Cambs PE29 3AU. Researching **CAMERON** in Kilmorack, Inverness-shire and **MACBEATH** in Kildonan, Sutherland – both pre-1800.
2354. Mrs Catriona Gillies, Friars Mill, Old Mill, North Kessock, by Inverness IV1 3XZ. Research not specified.
2355. Mrs Mary Baartman, 2 Ludlow, Bracknell, Berkshire RG12 7BZ. Researching **MORRISON** in Eddrachillis; **ROSS** in Eddrachillis and Scourie – all Sutherland pre-1900.
2356. Mrs Anne Adcock, 52 Stiby Road, Yeovil, Somerset BA21 3EG. Researching **LOBBAN** in Cullen 1780-1860; Fordyce 1810-1850; Rathven 1750-1850 – all Banffshire. Also in Stratherick, Inverness 1780-1860; **McTAVISH** in Boleskine, Inverness-shire 1790-1850.
2357. Mrs Sandra Hass, BeltieBurn, P. O. Box 37, Leyburn, QLD 4365, Australia. Researching **CHISHOLM** in Kirkhill, Inverness-shire 1700-1850; **MATHESON** in Inverness and Kirkhill 1700-1870; **McDONALD** in Inverness, Laggan and Badenoch area 1700-1850 and in Kirkhill 1750-1850.
2358. Ms Kim Polley, P.O. Box 84, Longford, Tasmania 7301, Australia. Researching **CHISHOLM** in Dingwall and Urray, Ross-shire and in Nairn, Nairnshire 1700-date; **FRASER** in Inverness and Kirkhill, Inverness-shire 1800-date; **McDONALD** in Moray 1800-1850.
2359. Mr Ian McPherson Robertson, 61 Roselea Drive, Milngavie, Glasgow G62 8HF. Researching **MACPHERSON** in Kingussie & Insh and Laggan, Inverness-shire pre-1850.
2360. Ms Cate Bartlett, 332 Roxdale Avenue, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K1E 1V1. Researching **McDONALD** and **URQUHART** in Urquhart and Logie Wester, Ross-shire 1740-1900.

2361. Mrs J. Patrick, 9 Britannia Gardens, Spalding, Lincolnshire PE11 1YE. Researching **FRASER** in Kilmorack, Inverness-shire and **McALLAN** in Rosemarkie, Ross & Cromarty – both pre-1864.

2362. Mr David Howe, 312 Springfield Court, Orange Park, Clay, Florida 32073, U. S. A. Researching three **ROSS** brothers – John, Fennel and Killcross pe-1648. All three were sent to the Colonies by Cromwell as indentured servants following their participation in the Battle of Worcester. Their Scottish roots are unknown.

2363. Mrs Carol Saul, 1 Swallowdale, Wildwood, Staffs ST17 4QZ. Researching **GUNN** and **SINCLAIR** in Latheron, Caithness 1800-1900.

2364. Mr Derek N. Harris, 9 West View Close, Keelby, Grimsby, Lincolnshire DN41 8HL. Researching **McINTOSH** in Lairg, Sutherland 1760-1835.

2365. Mr Ian M. Bacon, 171 Baldwins Lane, Croxley Green, Rickmansworth, Herts WD3 3LL. Research to be advised.

2366. Mrs K. Mackintosh, 'Ceolmara', Links Place, Nairn IV12 4NH. Researching **BRUCE** and **CALDER** in Petty, Inverness-shire 1750-1850; **MAIN** in Nairn c1750.

2367. Mr Andrew McKenzie, 2 Macdonald Street, Inverness IV2 4SL. Researching **GRANT** in Angus and Blairgowrie, Perthshire 1830-1850; **McKENZIE** in Dore and Inverness, Inverness-shire pre-1820. [Particular interest in Scottish Military History 1690s-1800s].

2368. Mrs Bronwen Tickner, 1 Pease Croft, South Harting, Petersfield, Hants GU31 5LB. Researching **FOWLER** in Culbokie, Ross & Cromarty 1800-date; **MACGILLIVRAY** in Elgin, Morayshire and Inverness, Inverness-shire 1750-1900; **MACKENZIE** in Gairloch, Ross-shire 1850-1900; **ROSE** in Culbokie 1850-date, also in Duthil and Elgin, Morayshire 1860-1900 and in Inverallan, Inverness-shire pre-1880.

2369. Mrs Deborah Barr, Periwinkle Cottage, Cox Green, Rudgwick, Sussex RH12 3DE. Researching **FORBES** in Cromarty and Knockbain 1850+; also in Roskeen 1800+ and Tain pre-1800 – all Ross & Cromarty; **HUTCHEON** in Longside pre-1800; **HUTCHISON** in Longside 1800 and in Peterhead 1850+ – all Aberdeenshire.

2370. Ms Bonnie MacPherson, 41 Oatway Drive, Stony Plain, Alberta, Canada T7Z 1G5. Researching **LESLIE** and **MACPHERSON** in Laggan, Inverness-shire, any date.

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 1045. Ms Kathleen Irvine.
 1252. Mr John A. Macdonald.
 1520. Mrs Elaine Johnson.
 2071. Mr Alan Beevers.
 2076. Ms M. McK. Stirling.
 2153. Mrs Mary Bryon-Edmond.
 2222. Mr Alexander M. Bartlett.
 2227. Mr Peter Donnelly.
 2261. Mrs Sheena O'Fee.
 2282. Mrs Eileen Smith.
 2288. Mr Geoffrey Doherty.
 2291. Mrs Linda Marksberry.

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1106. **ROSS/URQUHART:** Seeking information on the family of Charles ROSS and Mary ROSS in Easter Ross. Charles was the son of Donald ROSS and Margaret URQUHART and was born in Killmuir Easter in 1799 and died at Rhicuillin, Rosskeen in 1882. Mary ROSS was the daughter of Donald ROSS and Mary ROSS. She was born in 1801 at Auchnacloch, Rosskeen and died at Rhicuillin in 1883. They had issue: - Donald, 1831; Mary, 1833; Margaret, 1839; Alexander and Charles, 1845, who married Isabella MACRAE and had 12 children. Charles died 1929 and Isabella 1933, both at 35 Outram Street, Invergordon. - L Ross, 14 Castle Street, Laurieston, NSW 2443, Australia. {e-mail} eh.ross@bigpond.com.
1107. **GRANT:** Does anyone know where the grave of General William GRANT (Indian Army), who is mentioned in "Memoirs of a Highland Lady" is, or that of his brother Major GRANT of Craggar? - Moyreen Whittaker, 76 Osborne Place, Aberdeen AB25 2DB.

1108. **GRANT:** On a gravestone (Peter GRANT of Easter Lettoch) in Advie Church it states "the above are Grants of the Long Thistle, whose forefathers were tenants in this district since 1690". Does anyone know why they were called this? - Moyreen Whittaker (see 1107).

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Alison Lindsay, National Archives of Scotland