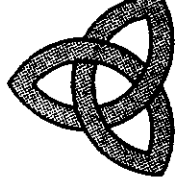


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EDITORIAL

The Journal has been slightly delayed this time to allow us to report on the opening of the new Highland Council Archive, Registration, and Family History Centre, which took place this very day (23rd November). Though we have actually been in for nearly a month now, today saw the official opening ceremony performed by HRH The Earl of Wessex (Prince Edward, the Queen's youngest son) – at a lunchtime event that comfortably filled the spacious Wedding Suite that forms part of the Registrar's Department on the ground floor. The event was attended by such luminaries as the Provost of Inverness, Jimmy Gray; the Head of the History Department of the University of the Highlands and Islands, Professor Jim Hunter; Highland Council's retired Chief Archivist, Bob Steward; the Lord Lieutenant of Inverness-shire, Donald Cameron of Lochiel; and the Leader of Highland Council, Michael Foxley, who welcomed the Prince and thanked all those involved in bringing this long looked for project to fruition – most notably our new Chief Archivist, Susan Beckley, who's no doubt had to fight some pretty ferocious battle behind the scenes to make this Centre all we hoped it would be.

And what is it? Well it's bright, modern, spacious, well equipped, and in every way a delight to visit (and will be even more so in the summer, since it sits right beside the river and overlooking the Bught Park). For the archivists it has state of the art conservation facilities and any amount of storage, while family historians have new fiche and film readers, more computers, and above all the space to put down one's notebook that was denied in the cramped surroundings of the Farraline Park Reference Room. The Council's resident genealogists, Alistair Macleod and Anne Fraser each have an office much larger than the one they had to share before; and we not only have our own desk and section of bookcases by the windows in the Family History Search Room, but our own secure storage room as well. No wonder John and I are looking pretty smug after the opening today (and thanks to Bob Steward for taking the picture).



Inspired perhaps by these delightful surroundings volunteers have been coming forward to sit at our desk and we hope to announce the times and days when it'll be staffed in the near future (which will hopefully include Wednesday evenings when the Archive Centre stays open to 7.30pm). That news will obviously appear in the next Journal, but you'll find it before then on our new website which we uploaded this very morning before setting off for the Archive Centre opening. Though it's not entirely finished yet (so the old site will stay up for a while) we would like you to look at it and send us your views on it – so we can keep improving it. You'll find it at www.highlandfamilyhistorysociety.org.

Exciting times then for the Society – which we're pleased to say actually increased its membership last year by a little, after a few years of slight decline – and we look forward to keeping up the good work from our new headquarters.

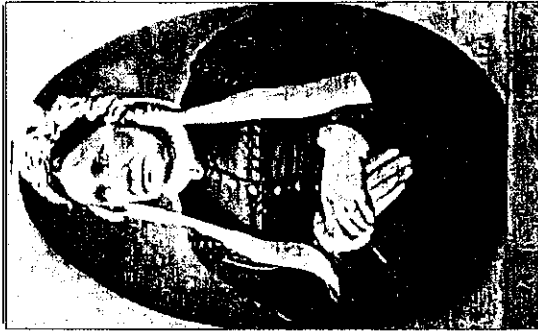
Graeme Mackenzie

**William Melville 1829 – 1897,
son of Henry Melville and Christina Gordon**

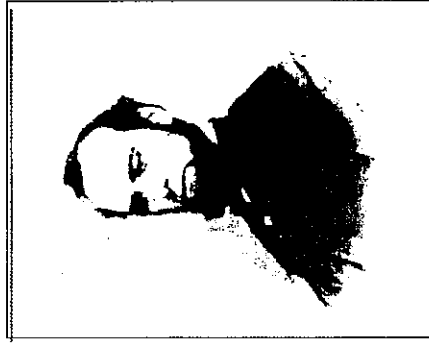
by Allan C Lannon



Henry Melville



Christina Melville (ms Gordon)



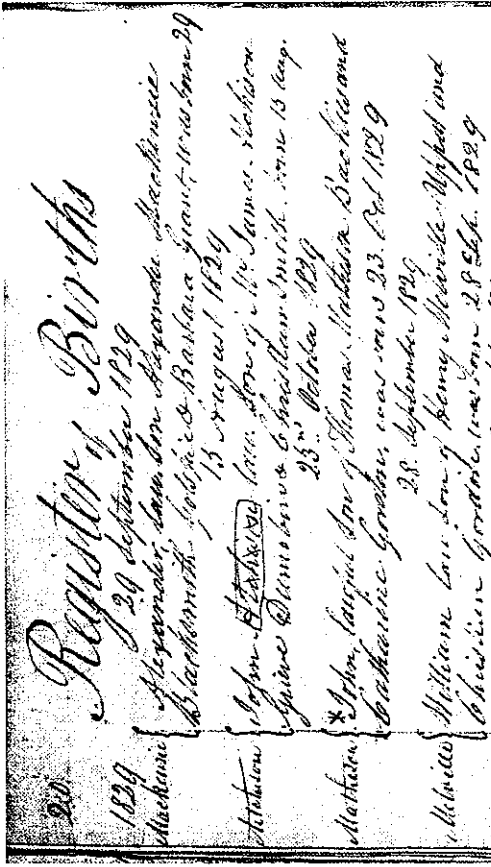
William Melville 1829 – 1897



Annie Melville (ms McDonald) 1834 - 1859

William Melville was born at Uppat, Golspie, Sutherland on 28 September 1829. He was the seventh of ten children, and fourth son, of Henry Melville and Christina Gordon. His father was described in the 1826 Golspie Militia list as being 'over 30 – children and poverty'. In the 1841 Henry was at Uppat Farm and in 1851 there and described as a farmer of 5 acres. William was a scholar in 1841 but by 1851 appears to have attained a good position in Brora as a Distillery Clerk at

Clynelish Distillery, which had been established by the Marquis of Stafford in 1819. He gave up his post only a year later and made his way to Australia.



William Melville emigrated to Australia, arriving in Victoria in October 1852 on the SS Delta and was not long there when he went into partnership in that year with William Bayles. A company was formed in Melbourne called Bayles and Melville and this was the start of an illustrious career in business and public life for William Melville.

There are various references in the press in Victoria to the business interests of William and his partner. In 1865 it would appear they invested in 'station property' relating to farming land. Part of this investment involved the purchase of Weerangout Station in Victoria, which later became the sole property of William Melville. The Hamilton Spectator mentions the receipt of tenders for the erection of a Bluestone Woolshed at Weerangout Station, Byaduk in 1867 and in 1870 it has three entries relating to the Station. The first states on 13 April 1870 – 'SALE OF WEERANGOURT due to the Expiration of Partnership of Bayles and Melville. 20,300 acres (about 10,000 acres freehold) Total of 19,348 sheep, 96 cattle, 17 horses, 20 paddocks watered by two streams, five roomed dwelling house, overseer's house built of bluestone, new woolshed also bluestone and roofed with iron.' Just three days later there is the announcement of the withdrawal of the sale and then in June 1870 a further entry states – 'Transfer of Land Statute. William Bayles in the city of Melbourne, Merchant and William Melville, of the same city, Merchant, have applied to bring the Land described under the above statute. Crown Pre-emptive Section A, 640 acres parish of Weerangout, county of Normanby'. The suggestion from all of this is that a sale was planned and then alternative arrangements were made to continue the Bayles and Melville partnership.

Another indication of the partnership's property holding is a reference to the sentencing of a thief in September 1876 to two years in prison for the theft of sheep skins from Bayles and Melville's station at Moyne Falls. A later press reference in 1884 to this station of 11,300 acres indicates its sale by Hon. William Bayles to a Mr John Robertson of 'Skene', Hamilton, Victoria. This report does not mention William so by that stage he may have already sold his stake to his partner. This sale to his partner could be related to a change at Weerangout Station in 1882 requiring redirecting of finance when the partnership lease of Bayles and Melville was cancelled and William Melville took sole control. An entry in the Hamilton Spectator of 28 February 1882 states, 'Stock and Stations – Sold

A/C Bayles and Melville, "Weerangourt Estate" 14,192 acres freehold, with stock - 15,505 sheep, 518 cattle, 27 horses, to Wm. Melville.

In 1858 William Melville had married Annie MacDonald the daughter of John MacDonald and Charlotte Fleming. Annie was born on 9 Oct 1834 in Golspie, Sutherland, Scotland, according to the IGI. Unfortunately, the marriage ended with the early death of Annie in 1859. She was aged 25 years but did leave a surviving son, William Henry Melville.

Though Annie's birth date has been submitted by a researcher to the IGI database and can be obtained through later records the event has not been found in the church records. Below the Old Parish Record of the birth and baptism of Annie's mother can be reproduced.

March 6 James Thompson Mason Golspie a Son born of this date James George Macdonald Balthazer Sumner a Daughter born May 24 1834 and Anne Sumner Sumner's daughter born 1834 also Catherine April 26 Hugh George Golspie had a Daughter born on 6th of August April 22 William Macdonald had a Daughter born on 1st of May April 30 Robert Murray Macdonald had a Daughter born on 1st of May May 1st of May had a Daughter born on 1st of May May 1st of May had a Daughter born on 1st of May May 1st of May had a Daughter born on 1st of May May 1st of May had a Daughter born on 1st of May

Annie had a number of brothers born in Golspie and the birth and baptism for each boy was recorded in the OPRs there although in the IGI submission the births are recorded also for Laig having been placed as a submission to the IGI database. This appears to be an error as there is no indication of the births or baptisms having taken place in Laig. Her brothers so far identified born in Golspie, Sutherland were James, Archibald, George and John. However, the following section of an obituary for Annie MacDonald's son, William Henry Melville, in the Hamilton Spectator in 1926 suggested at least one other family member and stated:

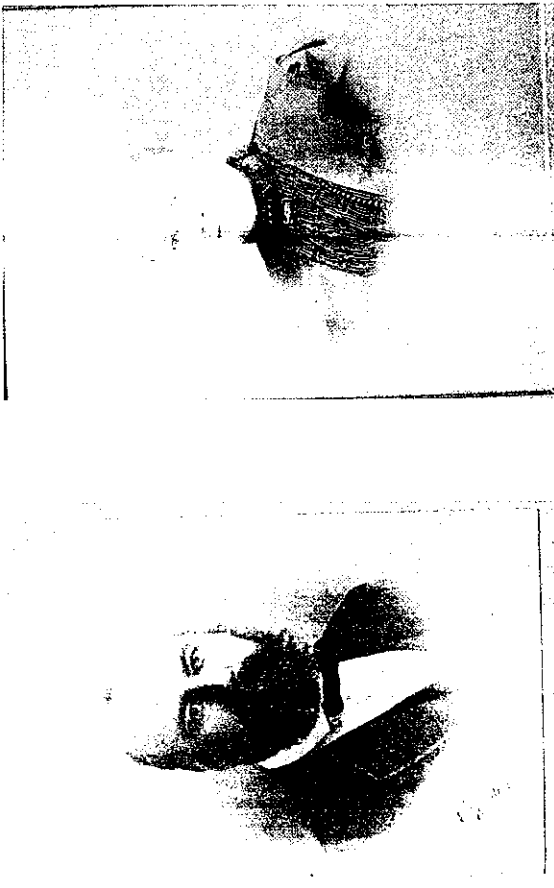
"After admission to the bar he (William Henry Melville) spent a year at Selbourne Chambers and in 1888 bought a practice at Hamilton, that in after years became a very extensive one, and in which he continued until December 1912. About the time of commencing business he inherited from his uncle, the late Mr W McDonald, the Charlotte Plains estate, Cunnamulla, Queensland. This at first was a doubtful acquisition, but as time rolled on conditions improved and Charlotte Plains yielded very handsome returns. So handsome that Mr Melville, already established successfully in his professional career, became a man of influence, and enabled to indulge in the wide and varied activities that occupied his attentions through life, and which few men are privileged to enjoy."

This suggests a brother for Annie with a forename starting with the letter 'W'. A search for this found no William, Walter or other brother to fit but an email to the present owners of Charlotte Plains in Queensland, Robyn and Reid Russell, proved enlightening. It appears the estate was owned by brothers Archibald and Peter McDonald, the sons of John McDonald and Charlotte Fleming. They are buried on the estate and the dates of their death, their ages, and the time spent in Australia indicate that Peter was born around 1848, and that the whole family probably moved to Australia around that time, and certainly before the 1851 census. The McDonalds are in the 1841 Scottish census but not to be found in 1851.

It would appear that the estate inherited by William Henry Melville was from one of those two uncles. Archibald died in 1886 aged 46 years and Peter in 1890 aged 42 years. The former was estimated to have been in Victoria, NSW, and Queensland for 46 years, and Peter spent about 39

years in those states. There are other McDonalds in Cunnamulla near to Charlotte Plains, but to date if they are connected to the family under consideration has not been confirmed.

On 18 April 1867, William Melville, William Henry Melville's father, married for a second time to Annette Margaret Bayles. They were married at the residence of her father James J. Bayles Esq., J.P., 'Rokeby', Macquarie River, Tasmania. William was described as being of Weerangourt Station, Victoria. The details were given in the Hamilton Spectator of 1 May 1867.



William Melville in more prosperous times in later life and his wife Annette Melville (Bayles)

Between 1868 and 1884 the Hamilton Spectator reported the birth of seven children to the couple as below, though this is an abridged version of the announcements.

- 26 November 1868 at Weerangourt a daughter, Alice Eleanor.
- 14 February 1870 at Rokeby, Macquarie River, Tasmania a son, James Bayles.
- 6 September 1871 at Weerangourt a daughter, Florence Rosabell.
- 25 May 1873 at Weerangourt a son, Albert Emerson.
- 22 December 1875 at Weerangourt a son, Frederick Leslie.
- 1 September 1878 at Weerangourt a daughter, Annette Bayles.
- 28 July 1884 at Weerangourt a son, Gordon Arthur.

William Melville died on 7 September 1897 and his death was reported in the Spectator on 9 September. This followed a report two days earlier referring to an illness at his home in Macarthur - 'Macarthur. The serious illness of Mr Melville, which was reported here on Saturday, has aroused much sympathy for that gentleman, and anxious enquiries are constantly made as to his condition. The sanguine hope that he will make a good recovery is warmly cherished'.

A report of William Melville's funeral appeared in the Spectator on 11 September under the heading 'The Late Mr Melville'.

'The general esteem which the late Mr. William Melville of Weerangourt, was held, was amply

testified by the large concourse that attended on Thursday to pay the last token of respect. The cortege, even when it had reached Morivae, was a very long one, notwithstanding that several residing at a great distance from Hamilton had previously left it, and as it approached the town it continually received additions until finally there were between forty and fifty well-filled vehicles of all descriptions.

A noticeable and most commendable feature in connection with it was the great simplicity of the arrangements, no nodding plumes, no pall, in fact no show at all beyond an affectionate one furnished by the numerous wreaths and crosses, sent to the bereaved family by sympathisers.

On arriving at the cemetery, the coffin was carried to the grave by the four stalwart sons of the deceased gentleman, assisted by Mr. J.R. Learmonth and Mr. F.C. Cavenagh, who also lowered the coffin to its final resting place in the family burial ground, alongside the grave of a daughter of the deceased who died in 1890.

The Rev. W.C. Wallace officiated at the grave, and seldom has a larger crowd of mourners from all parts of the district assembled in the Presbyterian or any other division of our cemetery.

The will made by William was reported upon, again in the Spectator, on 14 October 1897 and shows the great extent of his estate and generosity of his final bequests.

"The will of the late William Melville, formerly of Weerangurt, in the county of Normanby, sheep farmer, was lodged with the Registrar of Probates on Tuesday. The deceased gentleman made his will on the 1st. August 1896, and died on the 7th. ult. The value of his estate is sworn at £36,951, consisting of real property valued at £49,776, and personally valued at £7,175. The testator made the following charitable bequests, directing that the legacy should be invested in Government securities, and the annual income paid in each case to the maintenance fund of the institution named: - Presbyterian Church, (Macarthur) £200, Church of England, (Macarthur) £100, Presbyterian Church, (Byaduk) £100, Hamilton Hospital and Benevolent Asylum, £200, Hamilton Ladies Benevolent Asylum, £100. To his nephew Henry Melville Turner, he bequeathed £100; and the residue of his estate to his widow and children."

The high esteem in which William Melville was held and his loss to his local church were evidenced by the erection of a mural tablet on the church wall and by the Spectator's report of the event.

'Unveiling the Mural Tablet in the Macarthur Presbyterian Church'

It is pleasing to record that the congregation of the Macarthur Presbyterian Church to which the Rev. W.C. Wallace, M.A. ministers, have not been unmindful of the services rendered by the late Mr. William Melville, than whom there was no more regular attendant, and whose death caused a gap that will take a great deal of filling.

A very handsome marble tablet has been erected on the south wall of the church, and a good number assembled on Sunday morning when the tablet was unveiled. At the close of the service the Rev. preacher said that he now had a duty to perform that was at the same time sad and pleasing. Sad inasmuch as it recalled the bereavement which the congregation and the whole community had sustained in the death of Mr. Melville.

This had felt to be a personal loss by almost every member of the community, and though a little over a year had passed since his death, it had only accentuated the sense of general loss.

They had had forebodings that his removal would have meant a severe loss to the church, and these fears were not groundless, but he (the speaker) reminded them that when God recalled servants from their work in the fields, it was not because the work was done, but in order to distribute it over the number who were left to work. He was glad to turn to the pleasing feature of his duty that day, viz:- the Mural tablet, which had been placed in the church.

This as he regarded it, was not really to commemorate the character and work of the late Mr. Melville, but also to be a reminder to them of all the increased obligation laid on them by his death to fill the blank, which it had caused. This was the one way in which they could truly commemorate his memory, by giving themselves more heartily to the work their late friend had so much at heart, and striving to cultivate the virtues he commemorated. Then, and only then, would the legend at the foot of the tablet "He being dead yet speaketh" become a reality.

The Rev. W. C. Wallace, then asked Mr. J. R. Learmonth, as Mr. Melville's oldest surviving friend, to unveil the tablet, which bore the following:-

In Memory of
WILLIAM MELVILLE ESQ
Of Weerangourt

A founder of this church, and for thirty-two years an active and generous benefactor of church and district, who died 7th. September 1897.

This tablet is erected by friends in affectionate remembrance of a valued friend and a worthy citizen. "He being dead, yet speaketh."

This tablet, which is of beautiful workmanship, was executed and supplied by Messrs. Ballantyne, of Swanston St., Melbourne, and was subscribed for by friends in and outside the congregation.

Annette Margaret Melville (ms Bayles), the wife of William Melville died on 8 July 1920 at 7 Irving Avenue, Armadale, Victoria. Her former address had been 'Rokeby', Hamilton and, as stated by her death notice, she was widow of the late William Melville of 'Weerangout' near Byaduk. She was a Presbyterian, born near Rokeby, Campbelltown, Tasmania. After her marriage to William she went to live at Weerangout. The funeral notice indicated her burial to be in Melbourne and listed her children as Miss Alice E. Melville, Mrs C E Nunn, James B Melville, Albert E Melville, Frederick Leslie Melville and Gordon A Melville.

Following the death of Annette Melville two reports in the Spectator (17 July 1920 and 23 October 1920) gave information regarding her bequests and the value of her estate.

'The late Mrs. William Melville, whose death we noted in a recent issue, was born at Rokeby near Campbelltown, Tasmania, nearly 79 years ago. The members of her family surviving her are Miss Alice E. Melville, and Mrs. C.E. Nunn, and Messrs. James B. Melville, Albert E. Melville, F.L. Melville, and Gordon A. Melville.'

During her sojourn at "Weerangout" and later in Hamilton where she lived for several years, the late Mrs. Melville took a quiet interest in everything that made for the progress and advancement of Byaduk, Macarthur, and Hamilton. This interest is emphasised by the following bequests under her will, namely:- Byaduk Mechanics Institute, £100, Macarthur Presbyterian Church, in aid of the endowment fund for the minister's stipend, £100, Widows and Orphans Fund (Presbyterian Church), £30, Aged and Infirm minister's fund, £30, Hamilton Presbyterian Church Sunday School, £50, Hamilton Hospital and Benevolent Asylum, £25, and Christ Church Sunday School at Hamilton, £5.'

'The Union Trustee Company of Australia Limited, is making application for a grant of Letters of Administration, with the will annexed, in the estate of - Annette Margaret Melville, late of Irving Road, Armadale, and formerly of Hamilton, widow, who died on the 8th. day of July, 1920. Deceased left personal estate in Victoria valued at £7-13-7 (these figures are indistinct) which, after the payment of certain legacies, goes to her children in the terms of her will. There are also assets in Tasmania.'

BITS & PIECES

Bigamy, Fornication and Handfasting

Norma and Lucy Dickinson, the authors of the article with this title that appeared in the previous journal, sent in the following acknowledgements, which arrived too late to be included along with the article.

1. We would like to thank the Rev Leslie Goskirk of Rogart and Lairg for introducing us to and giving us copies of the Dornoch Presbytery proceedings.
2. We would like to thank Islay MacLeod for taking us round Thrumster House.

Merchant Navy Records and Maritime History

The following e-mail was received from member Wendy Brindle [e-mail: brindle@inet.net.au] from Australia: -

"I note with interest that your January topic is Merchant Navy Records and Maritime History. My great great Uncle John Paterson, born c1815, married Mary Ross in Ardersier - John was in the Merchant Navy. I found his wife Mary in the 1841 census living with Alexander & Elispet Ross in Ardersier.

The 1851 census has no sign of Mary, but her 2 sons, Alexander and John, aged 8 & 6 respectively, are living with their grand mother Elizabeth Ross in Ardersier. John Ross Paterson emigrated to Australia and his brother, my great grand father Alexander, married in Ardersier.

Their father, John Paterson, born c1815, is not found on any census but was in the Merchant Navy. As we have a family photo taken in Inverness of 'John Paterson's sister', I believe that John must have been widowed and then married again. I cannot find the death of his wife Mary.

Is there any way of researching these Merchant Naval records, or is there an historian I can contact regarding this?"

Street Names of Nairn

Member Irene Main Mackintosh has produced a very interesting booklet *Street Names of Nairn*, the net proceeds of which will go to Nairn Museum in order to help conserve some ancient documents in its archives. The information in the book has been obtained from a wide variety of sources and painstaking efforts have been made to present the information as accurately as possible. The following is an example of what you will find in this publication: -

CHURCH STREET runs at right angles to the High Street towards the River.

This street was known as Kirk Vennel and could be said to be one of the oldest streets within our town because it led to the Church and Churchyard at the River. The ruins which can be seen today were built on the site of a previous Church dating back to around 1680. It also led to the Town Mill and the collection of houses known as Milltown which today would be beside the Playing Fields at the River.

Rose of Broadley, another branch descended from the Roses of Kilravock built a fine mansion house in the 1700s at the top of Kirk Vennel. Today it is the Star Hotel, and over the years has been a school for young ladies, the home of the Sheriff Clerk and an Inn known as the Blackbull. The Star Hotel ground in the past was known as Falconers Park, an area of open ground used for many purposes before the links were cleared of whins. Great excitement was caused in the town at one time when the McArdie Circus decided to advertise their presence by driving a monster team of 20 horses up the High Street to the circus ground at the park.

In 1832 the British Linen Bank first made its presence known in the town on the site of the present day Nairn County Social Club building. This building in the past has also been home to two cinemas, the Palace and the Playhouse, and today is being considered as Nairn's first nightclub.

Further down the Vennel on the left was the house of Alexander Dallas of Cantray, whose Crest and Coat of Arms dated 1641 were incorporated into the front of the building. They became the property of the father of the Duchess of Portland when the house was demolished. The new building erected in its place was named Portland Terrace.

Weaving was a very important industry in the town in the 18th and 19th centuries. Weavers had their own vennel running off Kirk Vennel. One of the most prominent men of our past Captain James Rose RN can trace his family back to being weavers in the town.

Just before the turn off to the Riverside Church on your left was the site of the Church Street School built in 1875. In the same year an entry in the Burgh Minute books records the ground being sold for £280 by the Sheriff Substitute Alexander Falconer and his wife for a school playground and teacher's house. The building ended its days as Higgins & Co, furniture store, upholsters, and undertakers, and was destroyed by fire in the early 1980s. Tower Court was built in the 1990s on the same site.

You can visit the website at www.streetnamesofnairn.co.uk if you wish to pay using a credit/debit card. For those who prefer to pay by cheque the cost, including postage, is as follows: -

UK - £4.99 Europe - £5.70 Rest of World - £6.50

Copies at £3.99 each are available at Nairn PO, Strachans newagents and Nairn Museum.

Emigration from Rogart to New Zealand

New member Carolyn Craig, [e-mail: cmcpa19@aol.com], who lives in Gourrock, made the following plea for help in a letter that accompanied her application form: -

I have been researching my Cameron and Mackay roots for quite a while now, interspersed with other lines, of course, and periodically (as we all do in this hobby) come back to do some more. I was in Rogart recently, and was delighted to find some more information which I wasn't "ready" for during my last visit there.

I would love to access information (news cuttings etc.) to be found about some of the villagers from Rogart emigrating to New Zealand in the late 1850s. My ancestor's family are reputed to have gone there, but unfortunately they were caught up in the New Zealand wars around 1860, and were killed. I would like to be able to tie this legend up into fact, but don't

know how to go about finding out. The NZ archives department failed to provide me with any certificates (probably not as well organized as our Register House in Edinburgh) and were quite unhelpful, although I paid for some research to be done. If there was any advice for me regarding this, I would be grateful to hear from any member of the Society who had relatives from Rogart and who went over to New Zealand around that time.

GENFair Website Address

Many apologies to members Dr D Macdonald and Mrs Grace Stewart (and perhaps several more members who did not point out the problem to me), who attempted to pay their subscriptions for the current financial year using the web address www.GENFair.com. This was the website address for GENFair that was printed on the green reminder forms that accompanied the August journal and membership card. The address had changed during the past year to www.GENFair.co.uk and the layout of the form was not changed in error. I have now amended the form to show the correct website address and the same problem will not occur next year.

New Website

With the move from the temporary office in Albyn House in Union Street, Inverness to a permanent location in the new Highland Archive and Registration Centre about to come to fruition at last it was decided to take a look at how our existing website could be improved. Once the committee looked at what was currently on offer it was agreed that amending the existing website was going to be too difficult and perhaps a completely new website should be designed.

A sub-committee was set up to prepare a list of requirements and soon a draft website was created and this was shown to members at the Social Evening in September. The web designer was happy to design and then load up the new website, but he wanted someone else to be responsible for looking after it on a day-to-day basis. Our chairman Graeme Mackenzie asked for a volunteer at the Social Evening and Alex Wilson put his hand up. A lot of the information that was on our original website has been transferred to the new website, but some of the data will be presented in a different way.

For example, it has been decided to produce a new version of the index of the names of those found on the monumental inscription books that the Society has published. At present the current website (www.highlandfhs.org.uk) allows you to enter the surname that you are interested in and it then produces a simple index listing the following details: - **burial ground, county, number of stones with that surname to be found there**.

The new index will be much more useful as it will contain the following headings: - **surname, forename(s), year of death, age at death, burial ground**. From this index searchers will have a very good chance of identifying the burial ground in which their ancestor's headstone is to be found. A coordinator for this new index is yet to be identified. Volunteers could live anywhere as the task is relatively straightforward. Access to a PC will be required as it will involve looking at the inscription on each of the 11,652 stones so far recorded in the 23 publications produced by the Society and keying in data into the five fields identified above. Anyone who has already purchased one of our publications could work from their own copy. Those interested could e-mail me, John Durham, without committing themselves.

The new website (www.highlandfamilyhistory.org) was loaded for the first time today and should be available for viewing from tomorrow 24th November. Comments please!

HFHS PROJECTS

MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTIONS

By John Durham

Now that the days are drawing in and the weather is less clement, the recording of monumental inscriptions must cease for the time being. That does not mean that planning for the new season has stopped. Dennis and Jean Pettit have completed the first phase of transcribing the monumental inscriptions at Dunlichity Churchyard. Jean input the transcriptions into an EXCEL spreadsheet and has sent me the results. I will be converting the details into a WORD document before Graham Tuley and I start on the checking phase.

What can be determined now is which burial ground we should record next. A decision was made to record the monumental inscriptions in the Contin Old Churchyard. The main reason for selecting this particular burial ground was that we have received requests from at least three of our members to look at stones in it.

Flush from their success in Ardersier Cemetery, Patrick & Sandra Kelsey have volunteered to do the work at Contin. They made a preliminary visit to the churchyard and discovered that many stones have moss etc growing on them. It was also very apparent that there are a number of stones covered by grass which will require temporary removal of the turf in order to record the inscription hidden beneath. As the path from the gate to the door of the church has many such stones on both sides they were concerned that the congregation coming to a service may be wondering what was going on. It was felt they may be upset if they came upon the effects of our work without having been given prior warning of what was about to happen.

To resolve this problem a meeting with the new minister was arranged at which I joined Patrick & Sandra. The minister was quite happy for us to do the work and in fact appeared to be very keen that we did produce such a publication. Like other ministers, he gets requests from time to time from people who have relatives buried in the churchyard asking for details of possible inscriptions. He said that he would tell the congregation what was going on once we started on the recording stage.

He then took us into the church and after telling us a little about the history of the church on this site, which is in fact an island, he took us into the vestry. In there he rummaged about in a dilapidated box and produced two books with the comment "You will probably be interested in these". As they turned out to be a Lair Register and a Burial Register, we were very definitely interested in them. Most registers are either in the hands of the local authority or at the Church of Scotland headquarters in Edinburgh. We have borrowed both books on a temporary basis and that will allow us to transcribe all the details of the burials from 1906 to 1977 that had been recorded in the register. Unfortunately there is little useful information in the Lair Register which has many gaps.

Also in the vestry was a map enclosed in glass in a picture frame hanging on the wall. It was produced in the early 1900s and showed the outline of the burial ground with the church in the middle and all the lairs marked out around it. This map will hopefully be very useful in answering member's queries about possible headstones for their ancestors until we complete the transcriptions and publish our results.

In fact, could all of those members who contacted me previously asking about the churchyard please e-mail me again to remind me of the names of their family members to help locate the relevant headstone hopefully before we publish our results.

FAMILY NAME OF MUSTARD

By Capt John Mustard

I have an extensive file on the Mustard family. Most emigrated to Canada during the "Clearances", receiving land grants in York and Huron Counties, Ontario, Canada, for the most part. The emigration apparently began with George Mustard in 1794, and brother James in 1795. James made it to Canada, and was one of the first settlers in the area. Brother George was removed from his ship by the British Navy, and forced to serve as a Marine for several years, before making his escape and making his way to Canada. My 2nd Great Grandfather, Hugh "Old Hugh" Mustard, apparently emigrated about 1848, but not pinpointed to the ship. The last of his family left in 1855 on the Brig *Mary Morris*.

Some of the family did not leave Ross and Cromarty, including Catherine Mustard, who married John Watson, and they farmed Balmungie Farm. There were some others in the family that did not leave. Recently I had a DNA test on Alistair Mustard, living in Aberdeen. His wife, Diane, and I have been corresponding for several years, and finally he agreed to take the test. He matched me perfectly, 37/37 markers. I don't have a lot of data on those remaining in the Ross and Cromarty area.

Alistair's lineage is:

Father: John Badenoch Mustard: born 30 Sep 1914, Cullen, Banff-shire
married to Christina Gertrude Martin
Grandfather: John Mustard: born abt 1890, Cullen, Banff-shire
married to Catherine Gray Badenoch
GGGrandfather: William Mustard: born abt 1851, Cullen, Banff-shire
married to Isabella Innes
GGGrandfather: William Mustard: born 14 May 1815, Fortrose, ROC
married to Elizabeth Philip
GGGGGrandfather: Donald Mustard: born Abt 1792, Rosemarkie, ROC
married Ann "Annie" Fraser
GGGGGrandfather: Unknown

His 3rd Great Grandfather Donald would fit into my family as the youngest son of my 3rd Great Grandfather James Mustard b: 17 Jun 1732, Rosemarkie, and 3rd Great Grandmother Catherine Peddison b: Abt 1740. They had five known children - James, born 1768; Alexander, born 1776; Margaret, born 1784; Hugh, born 1789 and Catherine, born 1790. Donald, born 1792, would be the sixth child.

I would like to find someone who could prove this connection. I cannot find any birth records to that effect.

I also wish to thank Roddie Macpherson for his work in transcribing and photographing the gravestones of the Rosemarkie Parish Cemetery, and the Old Gaelic Parish Cemetery in Cromarty. His work has contributed greatly to my research.

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HOW FAR AWAY IS NEAR?

By John Durham

Member Donna Fraser recently purchased a copy of our latest publication of the monumental inscriptions for Ardersier Cemetery, along with that for Kirkton of Ardersier, located about a mile closer to Fort George. When I e-mailed her to tell her that the booklets had been posted to her, she replied as follows: -

"I know my family were buried at or near Ardersier per an obituary (see below) but I've tried in the past to find the headstone without any luck. If they're not in these booklets is there a council address that I can write to? Or perhaps there is a church burial register somewhere? The newspaper quotes that interment would be in the churchyard near Fort George. Perhaps he is buried at Ardersier near his son Donald, age 12, who died Aug 24 1872 at Campbelltown, Ardersier."

The Late Sergeant Mackenzie, Kingussie

Our Badenoch correspondent writes — After an illness lasting only two or three days Mr. Mackenzie, who has been for the last fourteen years Police Sergeant in Badenoch and part of Strathspey, died in his residence at Kingussie on Monday forenoon. The event has excited much regret, as the Sergeant, although well advanced in life, seemed likely to be hearty and active for many years to come. A circumstance that makes his unexpected demise peculiarly sad is that he contemplated retirement from the service (under the Superannuation Scheme) next autumn, after thirty-eight years of uninterrupted duty in the County Police force. By his death a conspicuous figure has been removed from the streets of Kingussie and the roads of the district.

Born at Altness, in Ross-shire, sixty-two years ago, he entered the Inverness-shire Police in 1853, being first stationed in Skye, whence he was transferred to Harris, then to Ardersier, and subsequently (fourteen years ago) to Kingussie. Upwards of six feet in height, and strongly and stoutly built in proportion, the Sergeant was a man whose burly form and kindly but energetic and thoroughly characteristic Highland countenance was fitted to inspire with wholesome dread such individuals as felt inclined to break the peace. Towering in stature above most of his fellows, the movements of his helmet could be detected in such noisy crowds as sometimes assemble on market days, and many a row has been prevented, and many a fistic encounter brought to a premature termination by the sudden appearance of the said helmet in somewhat undesirable proximity. A most capable officer, he exercised his functions without fear, favour, or hesitation when occasion really demanded, but his conduct as a constable was marked by much judiciousness, and many a petty quarrel and trifling incident that might have led to absurd appearances before the Sheriff were amicably settled through his good sense and prudence.

Sergeant Mackenzie was one of the county constables who were called upon to accompany Sheriff Ivory and the Glasgow police on the ill-starred expedition that resulted in what is known as the "Battle of the Braes" in Skye. Reticent about matters affecting his duties, he was not likely to speak very much about what really transpired during that wretched outcome of what many think was a piece of official bungling and imbecility -- this display of the "force" in the interests of order and resolute government against a few poor crofters resident in a remote district who have since been proved to have had a substantial grievance. But if the truth were known it would probably be discovered that the Sergeant did not

escape being made a target of the missiles showered down from the heights on that occasion. At all events, we can testify as spectators of that miserable business that, if he was not exactly struck by a boulder, he must have escaped by what is called the "skin o' the teeth". In any case, he like everyone else suffered from the fearful weather and exposure of the day, and he may probably have there contracted the cold which remained with him to the end.

As stated, he contemplated retirement on his well-earned pension towards the end of autumn, and there is an element of mournfulness in his demise just when he was on the point of enjoying the close of his days in peace after passing through a life of much activity.

His remains were conveyed from Kingussie on Wednesday morning for interment in the churchyard near Fort George amid many manifestations of sorrow, and by a remarkable coincidence what was mortal of the Sergeant left Badenoch exactly fourteen years from the day on which he assumed official duties in Kingussie. Mr. Mackenzie is survived by a widow and a grown-up family of sons and daughters.

With this information I quickly checked the indexes to both the booklets, which were already on their way and couldn't be recalled. Unfortunately it was apparent that the family headstone, if there was one, was not to be found in either Ardersier Cemetery or Kirkton of Ardersier. The latter burial ground is closer to Fort George than the former and it would be fair to assume it was the one referred to in the obituary. In an attempt to solve this problem of where Alexander was actually buried I noted the fact that Alexander's son Donald died, aged 12 in 1872, at Campbelltown, Ardersier. There is another burial ground in the area, but on the opposite side of Ardersier about 4 miles distant from Fort George. It is that for Brachlich, Gollanfield, which the Society had also transcribed and published. I looked up the index to it and struck lucky this time, as the headstone Donna had been looking for on previous visits to the area was in fact to be found (see photo) in Brachlich Cemetery.



The inscription reads as follows: -

Erected by Alex^x MACKENZIE I.C.P. in memory of his son Donald, who died at Ardersier the 24th August 1872, aged 12 years; also in memory of the aforesaid Alexander MACKENZIE, who died at Kingussie on the 4th May 1891, aged 62 years; and of his son Robert, who died at Aberdeen on the 26th June 1891, aged 20 years and 3 months; and his widow Helen ROSS, who died at Kingussie on the 25th November 1910, aged 82 years. (base) "Blessed be his name".

I then e-mailed Donna a copy of the inscription above along with, as attachments, four photographs I took at Brachlich. The one appearing above shows the headstone in relation to others in the small burial ground not far from the Gollanfield crossroads on the A96 between Inverness and Nairn. Donna then sent me more information about her 2xgreat grandfather Alexander, in particular from his personal record detailing his career as a policeman with Inverness-shire Constabulary. It is very interesting to see extracts from a new source of information that not many people have come across in their family history research. My great grandfather, a master shoemaker, is believed to have been a Special Constable for a short time in Caithness. A visit to the Wick Archives may uncover whether the family story is in fact correct.

"This family were my direct line - Alexander MackENZIE and Helen ROSS were my second great grandparents. It was their eldest daughter, Jessie, who came to Canada in the 1890s from whom I descend. When her father was a Police Constable in Campbelltown in the parish of Ardersier young Jessie met and married (1871) James Bowman NORRIE of Inverurie, who was stationed at Fort George at the time.

I also have this information on Alexander.

Info taken from Personal Record & Defaulters Register of the Inverness-shire Constabulary:

Surname: MACKENZIE Forenames: Alexander
 Trade: Labourer
 From/Born: Ross-shire
 1858 Mar 15 at Age: 28
 First Station: HARRIS
 Final Station: KINGUSSIE
 Final Rank: Sergeant Promoted (Yr): 1877
 Original Rank: Constable
 Left Force: 1891 May 04 Age:61 Reason Left: Died

Misc Inf:
 Taken On As 1st Class Constable;
 Promoted To Merit Class For Recovering Stolen Property To Merit Class Jan 1871;
 Promoted To Sgt 7 May 1877
 Transfers: Campbelltown May 1862;
 Kingussie May 1877

Note: He was one of the original intake of police officers taken on when the Inverness-shire constabulary was constituted and was the fourth officer entered into the Personnel Record book.

Shortly after his death, Alexander Mackenzie's widow (Helen) purchased a new four bedroom home in Kingussie with a maid's bedroom off the kitchen. She rented out the entire house during the summer months to rich families from the south, as did many residents of Kingussie. Her daughter, Isabella, inherited the house on her mother's death. An interesting

aside was that daughter Isabella married Simon FRASER, the policeman who replaced Alexander Mackenzie as Sergeant at Kingussie. Upon Isabella's death the house was left to Isabella and Simon Fraser's spinster schoolteacher daughter, Helen (Nellie), who lived in it until her death in 1965. I did a Google search and found that the house was a B&B with the original name - St. Helen's Villa. My husband and I stayed there a few years ago - we were thrilled at the opportunity to sleep in the house originally owned by my great, great grandmother.

When we were in Kingussie we met two of the local members of the constabulary walking the beat. One was the Traffic Warden who just happened to have the keys to the Court House and showed us where Alexander Mackenzie would have lived and the two jail cells that his wife would have provided the meals for. The two fellows were just wonderful and added significantly to our knowledge of the life of Alexander and Helen Mackenzie - just what we family historians dream about."

I was delighted to have solved the riddle of where Donna's family headstone was located, but this story only goes to show that one needs to be careful not to assume that if a burial ground is described as being near somewhere, it must be the nearest. A quick look at the local map shows that the distance of the three burial grounds from Fort George is - Kirkton of Ardersier, 1 mile; Ardersier Cemetery, 2 miles and Brachlich, 4 miles. From that it is not unreasonable to believe that the obituary was referring to the nearest of these, Kirkton of Ardersier, whereas the headstone was actually to be found in the one furthest from Fort George.

Just to add to the confusion about where those dying in and around the Ardersier area are buried, I noted the following inscription in Brachlich Cemetery. -

Erected to the memory of Kenneth S. MACKENZIE, Sergeant 78th Highlanders, who died at Fort-George on the 10th July 1875, aged 29 years.

As was pointed out in the previous journal no fewer than 72 headstones in Ardersier Cemetery contained inscriptions referring to families living in Fort George. It now appears that, if you believe that a family member may have died at Fort George, all three of these burial grounds should be looked at and not just that at Kirkton of Ardersier, the closest one to the Fort. Such are the joys of researching one's family history.

APPEAL FOR MORE ARTICLES

For this journal I was lucky that there were a reasonable number of items that could be included under the heading of Bits & Pieces. However, in spite of that, I have had to pen yet another article (above) in order to maintain the journal at the regular number of pages. To help me in this task of filling a fixed space I am once again asking members to consider sending in their contributions. They do not need to necessarily have to be the same length as the one Allan Lannon wrote and which appears on pages 2-7 of this journal. In fact, shorter articles can be used to follow the longer ones where the final page is not filled.

Norma Dickinson, who penned the article in the previous journal entitled Bigamy, Fornication and Handfasting has promised another article for the February journal, as has our chairman Graeme Mackenzie. So if you have some story that you think might be of interest to other members, please get to work and send in your contributions by the first week of February in time for the next journal.

HFHS STRAYS INDEX

By Alan Ross

Thanks once again to those who have contributed names for inclusion into the database. In this issue our STRAY's come from a few selected parishes across the Highlands.

An * by a females name denotes that that is her married surname not her maiden surname.

Surname	Forename	Cy	Birth Parish	Year	Age	Event	Source
BLYTH	Marion*	INV	Kingussie	1861	41	Census 1861	Census / Hamilton / LKS
MacPHERSON	Janet*	INV	Kingussie			Death	Descendant / VIC / Aus
ROBERTSON	Janet*	INV	Kingussie			Death	Descendant / VIC / Aus
McPHERSON	Alexander	INV	Kingussie	1851	60	Census 1851	Census / Dunning / PER
McPHERSON	Catherine	INV	Kingussie	1851	38	Census 1851	Census / Larbert / STI
McPHERSON	Donald	INV	Kingussie	1851	63	Census 1851	Census / Larbert / STI
McPHERSON	Helen*	INV	Kingussie	1851	66	Census 1851	Census / Larbert / STI
McPHERSON	Jannet	INV	Kingussie	1851	53	Census 1851	Census / Kirkmichael / PER
McRAW	John	INV	Kingussie	1851	42	Census 1851	Census / Kirkmichael / PER
GARDINER	Daniel	INV	Kingussie	1851	50	Census 1851	Census / Cargill / PER
							Census / Edinburgh St. Cuthberts / MLN
GUTHRIE	Hugh	INV	Kingussie	1851	42	Census 1851	Census 1851
McINTOSH	Ann	INV	Kingussie	1851	22	Census 1851	Census / Kirkmichael / PER
McINTOSH	Christy	INV	Kingussie	1851	24	Census 1851	Census / Kirkmichael / PER
McINTOSH	James	INV	Kingussie	1851	26	Census 1851	Census / Kirkmichael / PER
McINTOSH	John	INV	Kingussie	1851	66	Census 1851	Census / Kirkmichael / PER
McINTOSH	Margt.	INV	Kingussie	1851	21	Census 1851	Census / Kirkmichael / PER
McKERRICHER	Christlan	INV	Kingussie	1851	50	Census 1851	Census / Dull / PER
CLARK	Bell	INV	Kingussie	1851	32	Census 1851	Census / Dull / PER
McDONALD	Sarah	INV	Kingussie	1851	21	Census 1851	Census / Dull / PER
SCOTT	John	INV	Kingussie	1851	80	Census 1851	Census / Little Dunkeld / PER
McPHERSON	Alexander	INV	Kingussie	1851	88	Census 1851	Census / Little Dunkeld / PER
McPHERSON	Elen	INV	Kingussie	1851	92	Census 1851	Census / Little Dunkeld / PER
WARREN	Isabella	INV	Kingussie	1851	21	Census 1851	Census / Monzie / PER
McPHERSON	Murdoch	INV	Kingussie	1851	30	Census 1851	Census / Monzie / PER
McPHERSON	William	INV	Kingussie	1851	30	Census 1851	Census / Crieff / PER
McKAY	Ewan	INV	Kingussie	1851	30	Census 1851	Census / Forteviot / PER
McLEAN	Isabella*	INV	Kingussie	1851	37	Census 1851	Census / Methven / PER
CAMERON	Elsapat	INV	Kingussie	1851	68	Census 1851	Census / Methven / PER
McPHERSON	Alexander	INV	Kingussie	1851	29	Census 1851	Census / Methven / PER
GORDON	Janet*	INV	Kingussie	1851	22	Census 1851	Census / Methven / PER
GORDON	Janet	INV	Kingussie	1851	50	Census 1851	Census / Methven / PER
McPHERSON	Isabella	INV	Kingussie	1851	60	Census 1851	Census / Fortingall / PER
CAMPBELL	Donald	INV	Kingussie	1851	14	Census 1851	Census / Fortingall / PER
SINCLAIR	Jean*	INV	Kingussie	1851	29	Census 1851	Census / Fortingall / PER
McPHERSON	John	INV	Kingussie	1851	24	Census 1851	Census / Fortingall / PER
McPHERSON	Samuel	INV	Kingussie	1851	25	Census 1851	Census / Fortingall / PER
McINTOSH	Margret*	INV	Kingussie	1851	30	Census 1851	Census / Blair Atholl / PER
McPHERSON	Thomas	INV	Kingussie	1851	53	Census 1851	Census / Blair Atholl / PER
McGILLIVRAY	May	INV	Kingussie	1851	24	Census 1851	Census / Blair Atholl / PER
STEWART	Marjory	INV	Kingussie	1851	23	Census 1851	Census / Blair Atholl / PER
McFARLANE	Ann*	INV	Kingussie	1851	30	Census 1851	Census / Blair Atholl / PER
McDONALD	Mary	INV	Kingussie	1851	19	Census 1851	Census / Blair Atholl / PER
GORDON	Ann	INV	Kingussie	1851	18	Census 1851	Census / Blair Atholl / PER
CAMERON	Donald	INV	Kingussie	1851	22	Census 1851	Census / Blair Atholl / PER
McDAIRMID	Keneth	INV	Kingussie	1851	13	Census 1851	Census / Blair Atholl / PER
ROSE	Sarah	INV	Kingussie	1851	17	Census 1851	Census / Blair Atholl / PER
CATTANACH	Jean	INV	Kingussie	1851	35	Census 1851	Census / Blair Atholl / PER
STEWART	Ann	INV	Kingussie	1851	73	Census 1851	Census / Blair Atholl / PER

Surname	Forename	City	Parish	Year	Age	Event	Source
McINTOSH	Donald	INV Laggan		1851	49	Census 1851	Census / Blair Atholl / PER
BELL	William	INV Laggan		1851	37	Census 1851	Census / Blair Atholl / PER
BELL	Christian*	INV Laggan		1851	34	Census 1851	Census / Blair Atholl / PER
BELL	Isabella	INV Laggan		1851	9	Census 1851	Census / Blair Atholl / PER
McDONALD	Alexander	INV Laggan		1851	63	Census 1851	Census / Blair Atholl / PER
MacDONALD	Samuel	INV Laggan		1851	48	Census 1851	Census / Blair Atholl / PER
McPHERSON	Alexander	INV Laggan		1851	46	Census 1851	Census / Blair Atholl / PER
McDONALD	William	INV Laggan		1851	89	Census 1851	Census / Blair Atholl / PER
McDONALD	Alexander	INV Laggan		1851	35	Census 1851	Census / Blair Atholl / PER
McLENNAN	Catherine*	INV Laggan		1851	44	Census 1851	Census / Cromarty / ROC
McQUEEN	Elizabeth*	INV Laggan		1871	80	Census 1871	Census / Kirkhill / INV
McINTYRE	Mary	INV Laggan		1851	18	Census 1851	Census / Muthill / PER

Surname	Forename	City	Parish	Year	Age	Event	Source
McKENZIE	Maj. Hugh Grant	INV Beaulieu		1907	78	Death	M / London Rd / Salisbury / WIL
MUNRO	John	INV Beaulieu		1887	64	Death	M / Nundah / Brisbane / QLD / AUS
CAMERON	John	INV Beaulieu		1881	27	Census 1881	M / Brisbane / QLD / AUS
McPABELL	Isabella	INV Beaulieu		1851	19	Census 1851	Census / Dalrossie / INV
STEWART	Walter Dundas	INV Beaulieu		1851	48	Census 1851	Census / Crighton / MLN
MORRISON	Alexander	INV Beaulieu		1851	70	Census 1851	Census / Forras / MOR
MacLENNAN	Maggie*	INV Beaulieu		1901	40	Census 1901	Census / Kiltarity / INV
MacLENNAN	Barbara	INV Beaulieu		1901	19	Census 1901	Census / Kiltarity / INV
MacLENNAN	John	INV Beaulieu		1901	14	Census 1901	Census / Kiltarity / INV
MacLENNAN	Murdo	INV Beaulieu		1901	6	Census 1901	Census / Kiltarity / INV

Surname	Forename	City	Parish	Year	Age	Event	Source
McKENZIE	Catharine	ROC Applecross		1851	10	Census 1851	Census / Portree / INV
McDONALD	Kenneth	ROC Applecross		1851	19	Census 1851	Census / Edinburgh St. Cuthberts / MLN
McKYE	Cathina	ROC Applecross		1851	26	Census 1851	Census / Dalry / AYR
McKYE	Murdoch	ROC Applecross		1851	32	Census 1851	Census / Dalry / AYR
McKYE	Robert	ROC Applecross		1851	38	Census 1851	Census / Dalry / AYR
McLENNAN	Mary	ROC Applecross		1861	50	Census 1861	Census / Dingwall / ROC
McLENNAN	George	ROC Applecross		1871	40	Census 1871	Census / Dingwall / ROC
McLENNAN	Winney	ROC Applecross		1861	46	Census 1861	Census / Fodderly / ROC
McLENNAN	Robena	ROC Applecross		1851	21	Census 1851	Census / Fodderly / ROC
McLENNAN	George	ROC Applecross		1891	24	Census 1891	Census / Carnoch / ROC
McLENNAN	Mary	ROC Applecross		1891	64	Census 1891	Census / Wick / CAL
McLENNAN	Ann	ROC Applecross		1881	52	Census 1881	Census / Killearnan / ROC
McLENNAN	George	ROC Applecross		1891	76	Census 1891	Census / Killearnan / ROC
GILLIES	Duncan	ROC Applecross		1881	67	Census 1881	Census / Knockbain / ROC
McLENNAN	Jess	ROC Applecross		1851	13	Census 1851	Census / Urquhart / ROC
McLENNAN	Catherine*	ROC Applecross		1881	77	Census 1881	Census / Urquhart / ROC
McLENNAN	Catherine*	ROC Applecross		1871	14	Census 1871	Census / Urray / ROC
McGRIGOR	Mary	ROC Applecross		1871	30	Census 1871	Census / Urray / ROC
McLENNAN	Mary	ROC Applecross		1871	21	Census 1871	Census / Urray / ROC
MacLENNAN	Duncan	ROC Applecross		1881	59	Census 1881	Census / Urray / ROC
MacLENNAN	Mary*	ROC Applecross		1881	50	Census 1881	Census / Urray / ROC
McLENNAN	Catherine	ROC Applecross		1881	19	Census 1881	Census / Urray / ROC
McLENNAN	Annabella	ROC Applecross		1891	19	Census 1891	Census / Urray / ROC
McLENNAN	Alexander	ROC Applecross		1881	20	Census 1881	Census / Rosemarkie / ROC
MacDONALD	Kenneth	ROC Applecross		1939	81	Death 1939	Death / Family / London / ENG
MacDONALD	Donald	ROC Applecross		1939	60	Death 1939	Death / Family / Michigan / USA
MacDONALD	Murdo	ROC Applecross		1943	67	Death 1943	Death / Family / Michigan / USA

Surname	Forename	City	Parish	Year	Age	Event	Source
STEWART	William	INV Kingussie		1851	62	Census 1851	Census / Blair Atholl / PER
STEWART	Eliza*	INV Kingussie		1851	60	Census 1851	Census / Blair Atholl / PER
ROBERTSON	John	INV Kingussie		1851	25	Census 1851	Census / Blair Atholl / PER
STEWART	Margaret*	INV Kingussie		1851	27	Census 1851	Census / Blair Atholl / PER
McBARNET	Farquhar	INV Kingussie		1851	35	Census 1851	Census / Blair Atholl / PER
BROWN	Peter	INV Kingussie		1851	11	Census 1851	Census / Blair Atholl / PER
ROSS	Alexander	INV Kingussie		1851	29	Census 1851	Census / Blair Atholl / PER
ROSS	Eneas	INV Kingussie		1851	18	Census 1851	Census / Blair Atholl / PER
CAMPBELL	Duncan	INV Kingussie		1851	29	Census 1851	Census / Blair Atholl / PER
McDONALD	Elspeth*	INV Kingussie		1851	68	Census 1851	Census / Blair Atholl / PER
KENNEDY	Heleen	INV Kingussie		1851	23	Census 1851	Census / Blair Atholl / PER
McDIARMID	Isabella	INV Kingussie		1851	18	Census 1851	Census / Blair Atholl / PER
WARREN	Maria	INV Kingussie		1851	20	Census 1851	Census / Blackford / PER
PANTON	Isabella*	INV Kingussie		1851	60	Census 1851	Census / Cargill / PER
GARDNER	David	INV Kingussie		1851	50	Census 1851	Census / Cargill / PER
CAMERON	James	INV Kingussie		1851	70	Census 1851	Census / Scone / PER

Surname	Forename	City	Parish	Year	Age	Event	Source
McDONALD	Alexander	INV Laggan		1856		Marriage	PR / Nowra / NSW / AUS
CAMPBELL	Rev. Archibald	INV Laggan		1856		Marriage	PR / Nowra / NSW / AUS
MacPHERSON	Jessie	INV Laggan		1871	20	Census 1871	M / Skagway / Alaska / Can
McLEAN	Janet*	INV Laggan		1871	80	Census 1871	Census / St. Andrew & St. Leonard / FIF
RITCHIE	Elizabeth	INV Laggan		1851	55	Census 1851	Census / St. Andrew & St. Leonard / FIF
ROBERTSON	Janet	INV Laggan		1851	21	Census 1851	Census / Bonhill / DNB
SCOTT	Janet	INV Laggan		1851	54	Census 1851	Census / Glasgow Inner High / LKS
SCOTT	Mary	INV Laggan		1851	44	Census 1851	Census / Perth St. Pauls / PER
McPHERSON	James	INV Laggan		1851	54	Census 1851	Census / Edinburgh St. Mary / MLN
McKILLOP	Mary	INV Laggan		1851	22	Census 1851	Census / Perth St. Pauls / PER
McDONALD	John	INV Laggan		1851	55	Census 1851	Census / Perth St. Pauls / PER
McLAREN	Margret*	INV Laggan		1851	40	Census 1851	Census / Dull / PER
McPHERSON	Lachan	INV Laggan		1851	40	Census 1851	Census / Dowally / PER
McPHERSON	Elizabeth	INV Laggan		1851	35	Census 1851	Census / Little Dunkeld / PER
DUFF	Margaret*	INV Laggan		1851	44	Census 1851	Census / Little Dunkeld / PER
McPHERSON	Margaret	INV Laggan		1851	44	Census 1851	Census / Little Dunkeld / PER
McPHERSON	Jannet	INV Laggan		1851	78	Census 1851	Census / Little Dunkeld / PER
McPHERSON	Samuel	INV Laggan		1851	17	Census 1851	Census / Little Dunkeld / PER
McPHERSON	Angus	INV Laggan		1851	22	Census 1851	Census / Little Dunkeld / PER
MacINTOSH	Jean	INV Laggan		1851	66	Census 1851	Census / Kenmore / PER
McDONALD	Catherine*	INV Laggan		1871	9	Census 1871	Census / Kenmore / PER
McDONALD	Margaret	INV Laggan		1851	80	Census 1851	Census / Fodderly / ROC
McDONALD	Ronald	INV Laggan		1851	54	Census 1851	Census / Crief / PER
McDONALD	Donald	INV Laggan		1851	32	Census 1851	Census / Crief / PER
McGREGOR	Mary*	INV Laggan		1851	56	Census 1851	Census / Methven / PER
WILSON	Betsy	INV Laggan		1851	52	Census 1851	Census / Fortingall / PER
WILSON	Margaret	INV Laggan		1851	28	Census 1851	Census / Fortingall / PER
McKENZIE	Donald	INV Laggan		1851	28	Census 1851	Census / Fortingall / PER
McKENZIE	Sarah*	INV Laggan		1851	5	Census 1851	Census / Fortingall / PER
McKENZIE	Ewen	INV Laggan		1851	3	Census 1851	Census / Fortingall / PER
McLEISH	John	INV Laggan		1851	25	Census 1851	Census / Fortingall / PER
CAMPBELL	Isabella	INV Laggan		1851	42	Census 1851	Census / Fortingall / PER
CAMPBELL	Christian	INV Laggan		1851	35	Census 1851	Census / Fortingall / PER
CAMPBELL	Duncan	INV Laggan		1851	25	Census 1851	Census / Fortingall / PER
McPHERSON	John	INV Laggan		1851	35	Census 1851	Census / Blair Atholl / PER
ROBERTSON	Alexander	INV Laggan		1851	68	Census 1851	Census / Blair Atholl / PER

McLEOD	Lexy	ROC	Applecross	1881	31	Census 1881	Census / Rosolis / ROC
McLENNAN	Kenneth	ROC	Applecross	1891	23	Census 1891	Census / Rosolis / ROC
FERGUSON	Grace*	ROC	Applecross	1881	48	Census 1881	Census / Roskeen / ROC
McLENNAN	Kate	ROC	Applecross	1901	60	Census 1901	Census / Roskeen / ROC
McLENNAN	Catherine*	ROC	Applecross	1891	53	Census 1891	Census / Fearn / ROC
GILLANDERS	Margaret	ROC	Applecross	1891	20	Census 1891	Census / Fearn / ROC

McLennan	Forename	Cty	Parish	Year	Age	Event	Source
GRANT	Donald	MOR	Dyke	1851	20	Census 1851	Census / Roskeen / ROC
FRASER	Jess	MOR	Dyke	1851	27	Census 1851	Census / Roskeen / ROC
MALCOLM	James	MOR	Dyke	1851	79	Census 1851	Census / Contin / ROC
FRASER	Ann	MOR	Dyke	1851	25	Census 1851	Census / Murros / ANS
McINTOSH	Alexander	MOR	Dyke	1851	17	Census 1851	Census / Moulin / PER
McINTOSH	William	MOR	Dyke	1851	22	Census 1851	Census / Moulin / PER
McLENNAN	Elizabeth*	MOR	Dyke	1861	59	Census 1861	Census / Rosolis / ROC
McLENNAN	Elizabeth*	MOR	Dyke	1871	68	Census 1871	Census / Rosolis / ROC
McLENNAN	Elizabeth*	MOR	Dyke	1851	48	Census 1851	Census / Kilearn / ROC

McCulloch	Forename	Cty	Parish	Year	Age	Event	Source
McCULLOCH	Catherine	ROC	Kintail	1851	20	Census 1851	Census / Portree / INV
McGREGOR	Christy	ROC	Kintail	1851	30	Census 1851	Census / Urquhart & Glenmorrison / INV
McMILLAN	Farquhar	ROC	Kintail	1851	20	Census 1851	Census / Portree / INV
McMILLAN	Isabella	ROC	Kintail	1851	22	Census 1851	Census / Portree / INV
McRAE	Alexander	ROC	Kintail	1851	40	Census 1851	Census / Portree / INV
McRAE	Anne	ROC	Kintail	1851	50	Census 1851	Census / Portree / INV
McRAE	Christy	ROC	Kintail	1851	20	Census 1851	Census / Portree / INV
McRAE	Christy	ROC	Kintail	1851	58	Census 1851	Census / Portree / INV
McRAE	Christy	ROC	Kintail	1851	40	Census 1851	Census / Urquhart & Glenmorrison / INV
McRAE	Farqu	ROC	Kintail	1851	52	Census 1851	Census / Portree / INV
McRAE	Alexander	ROC	Kintail	1851	60	Census 1851	Census / Glenisiel / ROC
McCAULY	Murdoch	ROC	Kintail	1851	39	Census 1851	Census / Kirkmichael / PER
MacLENNAN	Roderick	ROC	Kintail	1881	78	Census 1881	Census / Kiltarity / INV
MacLENNAN	Roderick	ROC	Kintail	1861	58	Census 1861	Census / Kiltarity / INV
McLENNAN	Mary	INV	Kintail	1861	64	Census 1861	Census / Kiltarity / INV
McLENNAN	Mary	ROC	Kintail	1851	27	Census 1851	Census / Kiltarity / INV
McLENNAN	Murdoch	ROC	Kintail	1851	48	Census 1851	Census / Kiltarity / INV
PATERSON	James	ROC	Kintail	1881	34	Census 1881	Census / Kiltarity / INV
McLENNAN	Mary*	ROC	Kintail	1871	28	Census 1871	Census / Kiltarity / INV
McDONALD	Duncan	ROC	Kintail	1851	52	Census 1851	Census / Urquhart / ROC
McDONALD	Margaret*	ROC	Kintail	1851	52	Census 1851	Census / Crief / PER
McREA	Isabella	ROC	Kintail	1851	22	Census 1851	Census / Crief / PER
McLENNAN	John	ROC	Kintail	1851	44	Census 1851	Census / Cromarty / ROC
McLENNAN	Kenneth	ROC	Kintail	1851	44	Census 1851	Census / Roskeen / ROC
RANKIN	Mary*	ROC	Kintail	1881	50	Census 1881	Census / Kilmorack / INV
McLENNAN	Christy	ROC	Kintail	1881	40	Census 1881	Census / Kilmorack / INV
McCHARLES	Christy	ROC	Kintail	1851	30	Census 1851	Census / Kirkhill / INV
McLENNAN	Christy	ROC	Kintail	1861	37	Census 1861	Census / Kirkhill / INV
McLENNAN	Christina*	ROC	Kintail	1871	49	Census 1871	Census / Kirkhill / INV
McLENNAN	Christina*	ROC	Kintail	1881	38	Census 1881	Census / Kirkhill / INV

May I close by wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and thank you for your continued support over the past year.

MEMBERS' RESEARCH INTERESTS

Additions/amendments:

2285. Mrs Sheila Mitchell, 7 West Chapelton Avenue, Bearsden, Glasgow G61 2DJ. Researching **GRANT** in Alvie, 1760-1800; **McLEAN** in Insh, 1760-1860; **McPHERSON** in Insh, 1770-1836; **WATSON** in Alvie, 1760-1860 – All Inverness-shire.

New Members:

2407. Mrs Elsie Andrew, 5a Cessnock Avenue, Hurford, Kilmarnock, Ayrshire KA1 5DL. Researching **CAMERON** and **MACDONALD** in Duirinish, Isle of Skye 1781-1960.

2408. Mrs Mary Crichton Macdonald, 13 Ash Hill, Evanton, Ross & Cromarty IV16 9XB. Research not specified.

2409. Mrs Anita Flint, Upwey House, 30 Sherbourne Drive, Maidenhead, Berks SL6 3EP. Researching **ELLIOT** in Lochbroom, Ross-shire 1830-1840; **MILLER** in Greenlaw, Berwickshire pre-1765; **MACDONALD** in Kilmorack, Inverness-shire 1750-1850; **OLIVER** in Berwickshire pre-1750; **TURNBULL** in Berwickshire pre-1765.

2410. Mrs Anna Buttery, 3 Bafford Grove, Charlton Kings, Cheltenham, Glos. GL53 0JE. Researching **MUNRO** in Ainess, Ross-shire 1819+; also in Dornoch, Sutherland c1879 and 1915-1940; **McKAY** and **McLEOD** in Assynt, Sutherland pre-1800.

2411. Mr Nicholas G. Sutherland, Benlord House, 43 Benlord Lane, Myocum, NSW 2481, Australia. Research not specified.

2412. Mr Ian Finlayson Mackay, 4 Woodrow Place, Glasgow, Lanarkshire G41 5QA. Researching **FINLAYSON** in Latheron 1870-1930; **MACKAY** in Lybster 1850-1930 – both Caithness.

2413. Mr & Mrs R. Bruce, 52 Hawthylands Road, Hailsham, East Sussex BN27 1HA. Research not specified.

2414. Ms Estelle Quick, 6 High Street, Cromarty, Ross-shire IV11 8UZ. Researching **BALLIE, ROSS** and **THOMSON** in Tain, Ross-shire 1700-1800.

2415. Mr David Bain, 18 Redwood Avenue, Milton of Leys, Inverness IV2 6HA. Researching **BAIN, McBAIN** and **McBEAN** in Kiltarity, Inverness-shire pre-1800.

2416. Mrs Judith Sutton, 'Sloibcoyle', Edderton, by Tain. Ross-shire IV19 1LQ. Research not specified.

2417. Ms Stephanie Lind, 2s291 Pine Row Court, Elburn, Illinois 60119, U. S. A. Researching **MANSON** in Reay, Caithness any date.

2418. Mrs Margaret Shenton, 4 Westfield Grove, Ingbirchworth, Penistone, Sheffield, S36 6GS. Researching **CAMPBELL** in Sutherland 1800-1820; **GUNN** in Sutherland c1775-1820; **McDONALD** in West Rogart pre-1800, Durness 1800-1890 and Tongue 1800-date – all Sutherland; **MACKAY** in Creich and Thurso, Caithness 1800-1890; **McLEOD** in Durness pre-1800; **MORRISON** in Sutherland 1800-1890; **SUTHERLAND** in Tongue 1800-1950.

2419. Mr Eoin Mac Ruari, 105 Church Street, Glen Innes, NSW 2370, Australia. Researching **CAMPBELL** and **McARTHUR** in Spean Bridge, Inverness-shire; **DALLAS**, **GOLLAN** and **HENDERSON** in Urray, Ross-shire – all 1700-1850.
2420. Mr Alan McCrudden, 17 Kingsley Avenue, Sowerby Bridge, Halifax, W. Yorkshire HX6 1DJ. Researching **HYLTON** and **MACDONALD** in Nairn and Nairnshire, any date.
2421. Mr Desmond Newman, 997 Aikenhead Road, Kings Park, Glasgow, Lanarkshire G44 4QJ. Researching **SHEARER** in Wick, Caithness pre-1880.
2422. Mrs Marion Wakeford, 14 Wintercorn Row, Werrington Downs, NSW 2747, Australia. Research not specified.
2423. Mr Fred Lane, 65 Morningside Road, Aberdeen AB10 7NX. Researching **MACASKILL** in Glenelg, Inverness-shire pre-1841.
2424. Miss Gillian Hutcheson, Peeshill Farm Cottage, Drumclog, Strathaven, ML10 6RQ. Researching **CAMERON** in Milton of Petty 1850-1900 and **McSWEEEN** in Isle of Skye 1800-1900 – both Inverness-shire.
2425. Mrs Valerie Muller, P. O. Box 413, Kyabram, Victoria 3619, Australia. Researching **FRASER**, **HOLM**, **McALLAN** and **WILLIAMSON** in Cromarty, Ross & Cromarty 1750-1850.
2426. Mrs Margaret Straube, Kinmylies Cottage, Inverness IV3 8PL. Research not specified.
2427. Mrs Maureen Foster, 10 Wellside Place, Balloch, Inverness IV2 7GT. Researching **BAIN** in Gairloch, Ross-shire 1750-date; **BEGG** in Dunnet, Caithness 1775-date; **CALDER** in Dunnet and Olig, Caithness 1750-date; **GRANT** in Gairloch pre-1820; **GRIGOR** in Avoch, Ross & Cromarty pre-1870; **MURCHISON** in Kinlochewe, Ross-shire pre-1880; **MACDONALD** in Alness, Ross-shire pre-1850; **MACKENZIE** in Gairloch 1775-1920; **MACLEAN** in Gairloch 1865-1880; **ROSS** in Avoch and Rosemarkie pre-1835; **SIMPSON** in Dunnet and Olig pre-1860; **SWANSON** in Dunnet 1775-date; **TAYLOR** in Avoch, Cromarty and Fortrose 1775-date; **WATERS** in Dunnet and Olig pre-1800.
2428. Mrs Sheila A. Forrest, Hillside Orchard, Rectory Farm Lane, Orwell, Nr. Royston, Cambridgeshire SG8 5RB. Researching **CAMPBELL** in Caithness c1740; **FORBES** in Caithness 1777+; **MURRAY** in Caithness 1798+; **MACKAY** in Latheron 1767-1860 and in Reay and Thurso pre-1760 – all Caithness; **SUTHERLAND** in Watten, Caithness 1835+.
2429. Ms Christine Campbell, 43 Arcon Drive, Broomfield, Christchurch, Canterbury 8042, New Zealand. Researching **CAMPBELL** in Killeaman, Ross-shire 1600-1800 and Dores, Inverness-shire 1800-1920; **FRASER** in Dores, Inverness-shire 1600-1880; **GRANT** in Glenurquhart, Inverness-shire 1600-1850; **McALISTER** in Tarbert, Argyll 1600-1860; **McDONALD** in Killeaman, Ross-shire 1600-1880; **McKINNON** and **McNAB** in Dalbeg, Isle of Skye, Inverness-shire 1600-1800; **RITCHIE** in Perth, Perthshire 1600-1860.
2430. Mrs Christina D. Patterson, 35 Leachkin Road, Inverness IV3 8NN. Research not specified.
2431. Mr Donald Mackay, 83 Miller Street, Inverness IV2 3DN. Researching **FERGUSON** in Lochs, Isle of Lewis 1800-1850; **MACKAY** in Isle of Lewis 1770-1780 – both Ross-shire.

2432. Ms Jean Sinclair, The Neuk, 142 High Street, Invergordon IV18 0AE. Researching **BEATHUNE** pre-1820 and **FRASER** 1820-1860 – both in Inverness, Inverness-shire.
2433. Mrs Carolyn Craig, 10 Firth Crescent, Gourrock, Inverclyde PA19 1EW. Researching **CAMERON** in Black Isle and Strathconon, Ross & Cromarty 1848-1942; also in Inverness, Inverness-shire 1880-1977 and Rogart, Sutherland 1880-1892 and **MACKAY** in Rogart 1820-1926 and New Zealand 1855-1861.

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1115. **MACDONALD/MACLEOD/NICOLSON:** Seeking information on my great-great grandfather Andrew MACLEOD (labourer) and his first wife MARY MACDONALD in Nairn 1775-1825. They were the parents of John MACLEOD (labourer), who married Elizabeth MACDONALD. Her father was Alexander MACDONALD, a teacher in Nairn. Andrew MACLEOD's second wife was Christian NICOLSON from Nairn. They had two daughters - Anne and Grace Rose. It would appear that either Andrew or Christian worked for the MACKINTOSH's of Geddes, as they were both witnesses at the baptism of Grace Rose. Perhaps there are some descendants living in Nairn? - Margaret Moodie, 35 Inverarish Terrace, Isle of Raasay, by Kyle, Ross-shire IV40 8NS.
1116. **MACKENZIE:** - Looking for descendants of Murdo MACKENZIE and Johanna ROSS, who were married on 18th April 1861 at Scourie. Murdo appears on the 1871 census for Ullapool along with his three children - William, Murdo Alick and Jessie Helen. There is no sign of their mother, Johanna, whom I cannot find. Has anyone come across this family? - Mrs Flora Campbell, 1 St Clement Avenue, Dunblane, Perthshire FK15 9DG. {e-mail} macdof@tiscali.co.uk.
1117. **ROSS:** Johanna ROSS was the daughter of Murdo ROSS and Dolina MACKAY. She had siblings, both born in Eddrachillis - Alexina Johanne in 1832 and John Mackay in 1838. I am looking for descendants, if any, of both these children. - Mrs Flora Campbell, 1 St Clement Avenue, Dunblane, Perthshire FK15 9DG. {e-mail} macdof@tiscali.co.uk.
1118. **SUTHERLAND:** William SUTHERLAND (Catechist) and Elizabeth ROSE had five children - Margaret, Jane, Georgina, Hughina and Barbara all born in Duirinish, Skye. They appear in the 1881 census at the Old Schoolhouse, Achmelvich, by which time Margaret was married to John MACLEOD (shepherd). Elizabeth ROSE died in 1882 and William then married Dolina MACLEOD, Badcaul, Scourie in 1883, but there were no children from this marriage. William himself died at Scouriemore in 1900. I cannot find out what happened to this family and wondered if someone reading this has any knowledge of them. - Mrs Flora Campbell, 1 St Clement Avenue, Dunblane, Perthshire FK15 9DG. {e-mail} macdof@tiscali.co.uk.
1119. **CROSS:** Seeking information on the family with links to Auchederston, Urray and Garve, Contin about 1841. Family names were Donald, William, Thomas, Ann and Janet. - Mr Alistair Cross, 1 Silverdale Road, Brightons, by Falkirk FK2 0TH.