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Society Reports, News and Information

Interim Chairman's Report

Stuart Petrie had kindly agreed to stay on as caretaker Chairman after our AGM had to be postponed from mid-March as Covid-19 restrictions hit. I found myself hosting online Zoom meetings for local-area groups and then for the Committee, who have now co-opted me as Interim Chairman. Stuart continues as a Committee member, and we thank him for his service. He also continues to give members valuable help with their research.

King Street refurbishment resumed

Bert Lawrie was featured in the last Journal: profiled on p. 3, and boiler-suited on p. 4 as project manager and organiser of our Research Centre refurbishment. With huge energy and great logistical skills, he has continued during “lockdown” to drive this project. The back office in 164 King Street has been transformed, and most of the volunteer teams and individuals who are based there have now resumed operations. In fact, most of them never stopped: they continued to offer a service to members by working from home and/or while observing due protocols and social distancing in other parts of our Centre.

Bert is also co-opted to the Committee, filling the Vice-Chairman role that had long been vacant. When retirement from work becomes permanent in 2021, he hopes to be in a position to become Chairman. Meanwhile, we very much welcome him on board.

Reopening King Street

The Committee and other Key Contacts have been working on plans for reopening our Research Centre on a phased basis. The back office is proving a good testing ground for our Covid-19 Safety Policy and the associated protocols and procedures. These safety measures are listed on our website and are displayed prominently in our Research Centre for all to read and observe.

By the time UK members receive this Journal in the week of Monday 3rd August, we plan to have reopened our Centre for business – not quite “as usual”, but recognisably. This will be on an appointments system initially; please see guidelines on page 3. Members can book slots to visit in person, or for an online consultation with a volunteer helper.

Members' meetings (online)

For the time being, our local-area Groups are continuing to hold meetings online using Zoom. It is hoped to be able to resume scheduled meetings from mid-September onwards in the usual venues, but we remain prepared to switch to online sessions if needed.

To replace some meetings that had to be cancelled in the March-to-May period, we have arranged some extra Zoom sessions in late July and during August. These have been advertised to members in the relevant areas; and details can be found, as ever, on the Journal's Diary page and kept up to date on the Society's website.

Notice of online AGM

The Society's Annual General Meeting is now rescheduled as a Zoom session, to be held on Sunday 6th September 2020. It'll be “doors open” at 1:30pm BST, ready to begin the AGM at 2pm BST. After formalities and Q&A are concluded, members are welcome to stay online for further chat in a Q&A format.

Attendance at our online AGM will need to be by pre-registration only, so that we can ensure we have the right technology in place. If you would like to e-attend, please contact me on the “Chairman” e-mail address only (below). Near to the AGM date, you’ll then receive an invitation link to click on to join the meeting. Please also state whether you would like to participate in a “dry run” beforehand to ensure that you’re happy using the technology. In the week leading up to Sunday 6th September, we’ll schedule a few practice sessions for any members requiring them.

The future for our Society

We are well aware of Covid-19’s direct and indirect negative effects on many members and their families and friends worldwide, and we send our condolences to everyone who has suffered unduly. Meanwhile, ANESFHS as a Society remains in good health, and our volunteers continue to try to offer you the best service we can. The clue is in the name – “Society” – and we look forward to seeing many of you in virtual and real meetings, and to welcoming visitors back into our King Street premises, just as soon as possible.

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King Street Reopens for Business

As mentioned in the Chairman’s Report, we have arranged to reopen our Research Centre from **Monday 3rd August**. The necessary Covid-19 safety precautions have been put in place and tested out by our volunteers, and the guidelines can be viewed on our website. A lot of work has gone into these preparations, and we thank all volunteers involved.

King Street is reopening on a phased basis, using an appointments system initially. You can book slots to visit in person, or for an online consultation with a volunteer helper. To discuss your requirements and make an appointment, please **telephone our Centre during opening hours**, Monday to Friday (see Journal back cover), and we will do our best to help you. We can accommodate a limited number of Centre users up to safe levels.

An appointment will last for up to 2½ hours: 10:15am to 12:45pm, or 1:15 to 3:45pm, Monday to Friday, with cleaning to take place at the beginning and end of each session. In certain circumstances, a morning appointee may be permitted to return in the afternoon if a slot is still free and if there are enough volunteer helpers on duty that day. Please bear in mind that not all of our usual rota of helpers may be available.

Before making your appointment, it will be helpful if you have a clear idea of what you want to look for. The library catalogue is available in our Centre, and our volunteers can fetch books and other materials that you may require, but our basement library is closed to other visitors as we seek to minimise risks. **Face masks** should be worn on coming into the Centre and when moving about, but may be removed when working at the computer.

Until further notice, we will also have to maintain certain other restrictions. The bookshop area in our Centre will be closed for browsing, though purchases may still be made (see “Publications for Sale” on our website). Centre users are of course allowed to access the toilet, but the kitchen area may remain closed, though drinking from personal water bottles will be permitted as per the published guidelines.

We look forward to welcoming you back to our Family History Centre.

Barbara Lamb (Centre Manager) No. 20206

Meet the Gang: Margaret Vieira

One of the first volunteers I met when I became involved with ANESFHS was Margaret Vieira (no. 3106). She has been a regular helper on Monday mornings for many years, and is another good example of how much you can help in a Family History Society even if your own background is not local. Margaret is a Shetlander by birth and came south in the late 1950s to attend pre-nursing college and to complete her nursing training.

After a short, unhappy first marriage, Margaret met and married Joseph Vieira, a chef from Madeira. Drawing on her own experiences, she quickly recognised the lack of support for women caught up in difficult marriage and family situations. She set up and ran nurseries and playgroups, and in 1977 founded the Grampian Women's Aid, which is still active today. She quickly became involved in many different aspects of life in the North-East (drama groups, Altens Community Centre, Citizens' Advice Bureau etc.). She has been a JP and was made a Burgess of the City of Aberdeen several years ago. The list goes on and on!



Family history has been one of Margaret's life-long passions. As a child growing up in Shetland, she heard her mother (née Hay) talking about their neighbour, Captain John Hay of Delgaty Castle, who had a property in Shetland. Margaret's mother was convinced that there was a family connection despite her equal conviction that her ancestry, like that of many Shetlanders, was pure Scandinavian. Margaret resolved to investigate the mystery. She soon discovered there was *no* connection with the Hays of Delgaty (sorry, Margaret, but no chance of an invitation to afternoon tea at the castle!). Margaret's Hays were in fact Scandinavian and were originally Heay or Hayson.

She started coming to King Street in order to research her ancestry, and was helped and influenced by Rosemary Baxter (no. 225). I know from my own experience that research in Orkney and Shetland is different to the North-East. Margaret has traced one of her lines back to 1698 and was delighted when a distant cousin investigated DNA and discovered a link with Greenland and the north of Europe. Although Margaret has a wide knowledge and a vast experience of helping people with all areas of research, she is always delighted to come across visitors who have a particular interest in the Northern Isles.

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Ordinary	£25 per annum (and institution)	Family	£30 per annum
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We value all our members, and we hope you will want to stay with the Society. A few members still pay by **Standing Order** – and a few of those folk have not yet registered with our website, and/or have not given us an e-mail address. If this is you, please make sure the amount set up for your subscription payment is correct for your membership type.

Only you, or your bank (when authorised by you), can amend the Standing Order. If the amount is incorrect, then we cannot update your membership, and your subscription will lapse. It also causes a disproportionate amount of work for our Finance Team volunteers. So, please, do check that your Standing Order is correct for your subscription.

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Andrea Grant (1945–2020)

ANESFHS volunteers were saddened to learn on 16th July that Andrea Grant (née McKay) had died that morning in Roxburghe House, Aberdeen's specialist palliative care unit. Andrea (no. 9227) joined the Society in 1998 and was one of our most regular visitors, often on a Saturday morning.

Along with Margie Mellis (no. 7145), I first met Andrea at secondary school in our first year, and we were all together through school and university. After graduating with an Honours degree in Psychology, Andrea taught for several years at St Margaret's School before being appointed Educational Psychologist for Aberdeenshire.

After she retired, I tried (as the then Chairman) to persuade her to join the Society's Committee, but family commitments made it difficult for her. She would have been an excellent addition, with her lively mind and keen sense of humour – not to mention her practical common sense and her down-to-earth approach to any and every problem.

Andrea was an enthusiastic and knowledgeable family historian, and was delighted in 2009 when the ubiquitous Ivor Normand (no. 4161) got in touch to share research, being her husband Eddie's fifth cousin once removed. The world is truly a small place!

Andrea married Eddie in 1966, and they had two sons and four grandchildren. We think of them at this sad time and send our deepest sympathy to them all, as well as to Andrea's sister Kathy Diez (no. 8917), who is one of our regular volunteers and a much-valued member of our research team.

Andrea will be sadly missed not only by her family and close friends but by all who came into contact with her.

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Editorial

Lockdown has spurred an increase in prospective Journal contributions from members. These are always welcomed, though there's then the problem of what to include and what to hold over until next issue. Journals have long been set at 44 pages to keep within a limit for increasingly expensive postage, as most members still prefer the printed Journal. I try to keep contributors informed about the progress of their submitted items. We now have quite a few articles awaiting editorial close attention.

Key Contacts

Page 44 of each Journal shows the Key Contacts among volunteers at King Street and in the Society's various departments. These details are kept as up to date as possible. Some volunteers who normally work in King Street are still at home in these Covid-19 times, and there may be delays in responses to e-mails.

There are some changes in this Journal to the Key Contacts list: the Centre Manager now appears; and Membership is now shown as one team with one e-mail address. As roles have evolved, Anne Park now has less involvement in Membership but is still very much at the heart of the Society's volunteering and communications. ANESFHS has active



presences on social-media platforms, and Anne is a core member of this team. She is also our valued expert on the Gordon Highlanders (and is a volunteer at their Museum) as well as being *the* expert on North-East Scottish casualties of the First World War.

In a separate development, some ANESFHS volunteers are involved in the creation of a database of North-East Scottish casualties of the Second World War. It's always worth exploring the Links pages (under Information) on our Society's website. Also, remember that the members-only area of our website contains gems like the Unpublished MIs list.

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Moray/Banff Group Report

Having had our April and May meetings cancelled during Covid-19, we were encouraged by Ivor to try out our June meeting online with Zoom. After plenty of practice we went ahead with this, and it was very successful. We had 28 participants, including some from abroad and several from various corners of the UK in addition to many of our regulars.

We focused on getting acquainted with our out-of-area members, encouraging them to tell us about their surname and placename interests in case we could see any potential matches among other attendees. Rather surprisingly and excitingly, several people found surnames and places in common, and I was able to put these folk in contact with each other after the meeting. Many participants later submitted their interests, together with permission for me to circulate the details, and all this information was then shared with the whole group. Just before the end of our meeting, we looked at a few websites, in particular the National Library of Scotland maps and the Statistical Accounts of Scotland.

Elgin Library closes at 4pm on Saturdays, so there is always a rush to be out on time, but with no deadline for our virtual meeting we were still busy chatting as it approached 5:30!

We don't usually meet in July or August, but there was considerable enthusiasm at the end of the June meeting for another one in July – this time drawing 35 keen participants. With several new attendees, we began the meeting in the same way, asking people about their Moray/Banff links. This time we ended up with 14 potential links within the meeting, and some of these had more than two people involved, which was both interesting and helpful.

We then moved on to useful websites. After our quick look at NLS maps in June, we had some requests for a more in-depth look at this site. We browsed the fascinating collection, in particular the 1st Edition 6-inch OS maps where you can use the blue “slider” at the side to overlay a modern Google aerial map – a great way to find out if the family farm is still there today. We then looked at a range of other useful websites, some Scottish, some purely local. Yet again, we were still talking as 5pm came and went. Before we parted company, we had planned another meeting for the first Saturday in August!

Both meetings were lively and interesting – and, despite the numbers and the fact that it was all online, everyone was very well disciplined, waving their wooden spoons when they wanted to speak, so the conversation was able to flow uninterrupted.

It will be good when we can return to face-to-face meetings in Elgin Library, hopefully in September, but I would like to be able to keep up at least some Zoom meetings for those members who cannot be there in person. It's always thoroughly enjoyable!

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Edinburgh Group Report: Members' Day Online

2nd May 2020

Since March, all venues had been closed under Covid-19 restrictions. In the spirit of The Show Must Go On, we moved online and all “met” from our homes via Zoom technology. Having held “dry run” sessions beforehand for our local committee and then for others interested, we were delighted to see 27 members tuning in on the day. These included two of our new Southern Ontario Group’s co-organisers by invitation, as well as several in our wide catchment area who had yet to make it into Edinburgh for one of our meetings. In the adverse circumstances, it was great to be able to see each other and chat together.

Our Members' Day theme was to have been “Experiences of genealogical DNA-testing” – and our discussions ranged more widely but did explore this theme to a useful degree. Danny Cordiner (no. 16783), one of our more DNA-knowledgeable members, talked us through some aspects of the Genebase website, which we could all see via screen-sharing. Some weblinks for topics that were mentioned in this e-meeting were later posted on the Society’s Facebook page (whatever that is?).

Zoom Group Chat, in a window down the side, is useful for pasting weblinks and sending messages to anyone/everyone in the session. Among the information shared in our group:

- A lot of ancestral DNA results are posted by, or on behalf of, folk who are interested barely or not at all, and who got the test as a present from someone else who is. Same with a lot of family trees on Ancestry: not everyone is an actively interested researcher.
- Moray & Nairn FHS have published the Poor Register for Mortlach parish (£8 + p&p).
- Scottish Indexes Conferences (free) online are very good and increasingly popular.
- Local library cardholders may get free access to FindMyPast during Covid-19 closures.
- https://www.listennotes.com/podcasts/scottish-ancestral-records-lisa-may-young-IQEH0S_3C54/ is a podcast featuring Ken Nisbet (Scottish Genealogy Society).

Beforehand, we had agreed on our Zoom etiquette: for ease of conversation, the host kept everyone muted except for one or two at a time, and we had all brought our biggest wooden spoon to wave when we wanted a turn to speak. It worked very well, and is to be recommended – at least in settings as informal and friendly as a family-history meeting.

It seems a long time ago already. The Royal Scots Club has reopened, and we hope to hold our next scheduled meeting there on 12th September. Any changes will be advertised on the website and by e-Newsletter. Meanwhile, an extra meeting will have been held on Sunday 26th July online, and a report will appear in the next Journal.

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Glasgow Group Report: Members' Day Online

“Breaking Down Brick Walls”, 16th May 2020

The theme of our Q&A problem-solving workshop was especially apt, given the need to beat lockdown by meeting online. We had held some prior dry runs, and it’s amazing the breadth of Zoom experience in just a few weeks: 45 members e-turned up for a highly enjoyable and chatty meeting. Our usual invitation catchment includes all of south-west Scotland, but Dumfries & Galloway is usually too far from Glasgow to make attendance

feasible – until we go online. We welcomed several members for the first time, from our “local” area but also from North-East Scotland and even Lincolnshire. One enterprising member was at work and unseen but watching our Zoom Group Chat with no sound on.

Ian Beaton (no. 8352) got us started with a screen-shared five-minute video presentation he had recorded. Mary Evans (no. 1975), experienced genealogist and convenor of our Moray/Banff Group, had kindly agreed to join us, as our topic was a follow-up to her excellent talk at our February meeting. Ken Nisbet (SGS – and lapsed ANESFHS co-founder) was also present to lend his expertise. Helen Taylor (no. 7363) of Inverurie, avid attendee of Society Zoom meetings across the world, had sent a link that was circulated: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLXwn9GRubrx8IH_JUclorQ/videos, from Dr Don Carney, for viewing heritage videos from North-East Scotland. These are free to view, and the short clips give an insight into the full-length videos available for download.

Graham Robertson (no. 11685), our ever-inventive quizmaster, had set a family-history-themed word puzzle that we found tough. Can you score full marks? Answers on p. 15.

By popular request, on 15th August we’re holding another online session. After that, our next scheduled meeting is on 3rd October, and we have fingers crossed for meeting in the Renfield Centre. Any changes can be found on the Events pages of our Society’s website.

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The answers are all connected with genealogy. If you get them right, they should be in alphabetical order. Ones marked (*) are two words.

1. Found among France’s tortoises. _____
2. Four enter the vaults. _____
3. Confused fog follows on roll. _____
4. Can’t get around it? Little Richard West in the dance! (*) _____
5. [This one’s for regulars at our Glasgow Group meetings:]
Sounds as if the bees love this horticultural location. (*) _____
6. Sounds as if they feel our presence. _____
7. Employin’ in a lettuce. _____
8. Whatever way you look at it, this is a useful document. _____
9. AND all shook up. _____
10. European Monetary Institute allowance. _____
11. Kin, could be elder. (*) _____
12. They sound like more than Goldilocks had to deal with. _____
13. The Queen follows impressive flying insect. _____
14. Serious lapidary. _____
15. Sounds as if it’s for weaving one of the elements. _____
16. Royal Road to HQ. (*) _____
17. An Enterprising captain sitting. (*) _____
18. Old vehicle loses a hundred and gains a thousand. _____
19. 78s, LPs, EPs. _____
20. For these people, rearrange trial nose. _____
21. Among beasts, as in elephants. _____
22. Relative pawnbroker. _____
23. Appraisal performs revolutions. (*) _____
24. The Bard, to his friends. _____
25. North-East Scotland is surrounded by what we should keep about us. _____

London-Area Group Report

16th May 2020

Via Zoom on our devices, we met electronically as scheduled, 12 noon to 2pm, and it was great to see everyone again. We had 23 attendees – three of whom were Scottish-based and left our session early to log into the Glasgow Group e-meeting at 2pm.

We covered the subject we had planned anyway, had we been meeting in the church hall: “Websites and how to ...”. We came up with a great list of sites useful to newbies and more experienced genealogists alike. The Journal editor gave a short talk on ANESFHS’s website and on developments in the Society. Many attendees have visited our Society in King Street, and urged the others to go whenever they have a chance post-lockdown.

We then had a “how to” session: members asked how to do something, and then anyone who knew how to do it, or had an idea how to, chipped in. It was 2pm before we knew it.

We hope to be able to meet again in person on 19th September, when we will discuss some more “how to” questions and ideas.

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Brisbane-area Group Report: Newspapers

16th May 2020

This was our first Zoom online meeting. We had 21 attendees, including two members in Scotland who had stayed up late just for us, which we appreciated. Many of us said it was lovely to hear Scottish accents. It is so lovely to put faces to names too.

We spent a little time playing with Zoom so that we knew how to vote yes/no, write things in the Chat box and mute our sound. Then we had a quick one-minute-each introduction before Kate Brial (no. 13272) gave us a really useful presentation on using newspapers for family-history research: “Never underestimate newspapers”.

Kate suggested some useful strategies, like opening a Word document so you can copy and paste what you find, along with the citation documentation. She ran through a group of useful places to look:

Internet Archive (free) – <https://archive.org>

This site contains some digitised editions of the *Aberdeen Journal* – Notes and Queries. This contains epitaphs and monumental inscriptions, and obituaries of notable people, as well as queries and answers.

British Newspaper Archive (subscription) – <https://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/>

This site allows three articles for free; however, some libraries and FHSs have a subscription that you can access. The newspaper archives contain a special section on Scottish genealogy research, travel and migration and shipping titles.

Libindx (Moray) (free) – <http://libindx.moray.gov.uk/mainmenu.asp>

This is the Local Heritage Service index to sources of information about people, places and subjects related to Moray. The People index contains over 200,000 names.

Newspapers.com (subscription; “free trial”) – <https://www.newspapers.com>

Associated with Ancestry, and allows you to load newspapers snippets direct to your Ancestry tree.

Trove (free) – <https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper>

This contains the digitised newspapers from the National Library of Australia. It was not uncommon for Australian papers to be requested to copy deaths in the UK for when family had migrated to Australia.

Nucleus (free) – <https://www.hIGHLIFEHIGHLAND.com/nucleus-nuclear-caithness-archives/>

This contains the historical archives of the county of Caithness (as well as the archives of the UK civil nuclear industry) and can be e-mailed to request copies.

Am Baile: Highland History and Culture (free) – <https://www.ambaile.org.uk/>

This contains information on the Highlands and Islands and has a newspaper index.

Papers Past (free) – <https://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/newspapers>

This is the newspaper archive for New Zealand, which is searchable for free. Many of our Australian Scots spent time in, and had relatives in, New Zealand.

Several members soon contacted me to say that they had already used what they learned and had found valuable family records, which is great.

Following Kate's presentation, we all hung around in the Zoom room and chatted, and "ate" some of Jenny Davidson's fabulous virtual mango-and-coconut slice, which she had thoughtfully provided a photo of beforehand. No calories at all in that one.

I have had a few people let me know that if online was the usual meeting mode then they would be able to attend more regularly. Many of you travel far to attend meetings (Dalby 175km, Toowoomba 101km, Wurtulla 90km, Gold Coast 70km). It is easy enough to set up an online meeting, regardless of whether we meet physically as well or not.

We have a private Facebook group, ANESFHS Brisbane – search Fb and send us a join request. Posted on our Fb page, we also have a Word document with all our surname interests, which other FHSs we belong to, and which family-history software we each use.

Our next session will be another Zoom meeting, on Saturday 15th August at 10am.

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Melbourne-area Group Report

9th May 2020

Covid-19 lockdown meant that we, like everyone else, had to be resourceful and to meet online. We had at least 17 participants on screen at once, including one member in Scotland who had got up early, and we enjoyed a good couple of hours' chat – mainly about family history! Some of our discussion was on the hot topic of DNA-testing for genealogy. In the Zoom Chat text screen, Heather Mackay (no. 22521) shared a useful link: https://isogg.org/wiki/Autosomal_DNA_statistics (those are underscore characters), which gives very clear explanations for beginners and anyone else.

More recently, I greatly enjoyed participating in an online meeting of our Society's Moray/Banff Group, who were kind enough to invite me. I learned a lot about accessing

maps, and have been put in touch with other members who share my surname interests. This really is a great way to share knowledge with like-minded folk around the globe.

As this Journal goes to press in late July, Melbourne is under a second lockdown, and so our meeting on 8th August will also take place online. We'll report in the next Journal.

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Southern Ontario Group Report

3rd June 2020

We have spent a few months establishing the foundation for our Group. This has included getting everyone comfortable using Zoom technology (a necessity during this period of isolation). Under Rod Coates's leadership, we had held four online mini-meetings in small groups, seeing each other face to face for the first time. Our first official Group meeting also took place via Zoom, with 27 in "attendance". Focusing on Family-History Resources, we had three members share some of their favourite resources for research.

Susan Brouwer (no. 20475) discussed the interactive and learning benefits gained by belonging to Facebook groups, especially the Society's. The "Scotland's Places" website brings to life the reality of her ancestors' environment. Another favourite website is "Doric Columns", as Susan has a breadth of knowledge about North-East Scotland and is especially attracted to and knowledgeable about Aberdeen's architecture.

Barb Dawes (no. 7287) spoke excitedly about Kirk Session and Poor Law records, citing several entertaining entries from Kirk Session minutes that also have value for family historians. Poor Law records reveal more than just names, also containing genealogical data. Barb and her husband spent a week last summer combing through these records, and she provided us with a basic outline about how to approach and record information.

David Joiner (no. 16651) outlined ways and benefits of searching old British newspapers for genealogical nuggets. He cited particular papers and family references. David also talked about Scotland's People and about the Big Tree project in Family Search, and mentioned the interesting but cautionary elements of that feature.

We have also established our own Google Group. Paul Fraser (no. 22722) outlined the structure and purpose of Google Groups, and explained the technical steps for accessing our private site, where we have our list of "local" members and their ancestor charts, a resource package and an events page. We are aiming for 100% membership involvement in our Google Group, which we see as our website and forum.

To end our meeting, Lorna Weber introduced two new projects to provide resources on Monumental Inscriptions and DNA. Both are now complete and on our Google Group site. The list of MI booklets shows who owns each booklet, so that members can ask each other for look-ups. The DNA guide lists books, websites and blogs as recommended by our more active DNA users, and has a brief introduction to genealogical DNA-testing.

We would like to meet three to four times per year, so we are looking at options and venues for September, though there may still be official restrictions by then. Meeting online has allowed members from all across our area to "attend", and we are delighted.

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and co-organisers Lorna Weber (No. 21787) and Rod Coates (No. 18349)

100 Club News

The 100 Club gives our members the opportunity to win a cash prize while also supporting the Society's work. All you need is a UK bank account, wherever you live. The fee for each number held is £12 per annum and is payable annually, in May, by banker's order.

The payout is always 50 per cent of the income, and there are four prizes in the monthly draw (1st 20 per cent, 2nd 15 per cent, 3rd 10 per cent and 4th 5 per cent of the income). **You must be a current member of the Society.** If you decide not to renew your ANESFHS membership, please **also cancel** your standing order for the 100 Club.

The draw takes place monthly, and **we now pay winners via online banking. We need to be kept up to date with any changes to 100 Club members' bank-account details.** Winners are also announced in the Journal. For further details, please see the current Information Booklet on our website. If you'd like to join, then please e-mail me (below).

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Book Reviews

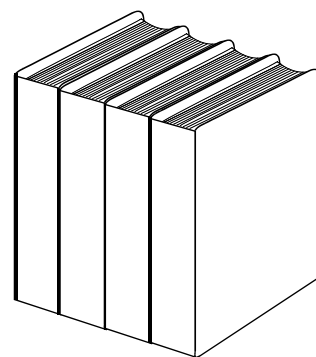
The Sterling Affair: A Genealogical Crime Mystery.

A Morton Farrier, Forensic Genealogist story (8th in the series)

by Nathan Dylan Goodwin, 2019 (ISBN 9781696700252).

Website and newsletter: www.nathandylangoodwin.com

As with all good crime-story writers, the characterisation and role of the principal detective is paramount in setting the scenario for this story. Morton Farrier is a likeable young family man whose home-based work as a genealogist naturally involves a deal of armchair detective work, using online skills and familiarity with national repositories and libraries in London and the Home Counties.



There is complexity in time settings, with genuine historic episodes, for example the spread of Communism and the 1956 Suez Canal blockade. Together with the range of characters fictional and real, the *modus operandi* in usage of library and research materials, and the attitudes of over-protective staff, it all adds a whiff of a bygone era – but one that this reviewer can vouch for having lived through (as a lowly civil servant in the Foreign Office in London in the late 1950s and later in the Home Counties throughout the 1960s). As a whole, the background story is authentic, gripping and utterly believable. Even the cover photograph adds to that sense of place and time.

The genealogical skills used are woven neatly into Morton's processes and skills in his investigation, and they highlight various useful avenues for information-seeking so that, of

course, a satisfactory outcome is achieved for both detective and client. In addition, the author has provided further useful information (pp. 373–9): historical, bibliographic, acknowledgements and further information.

Sadly, this series of books is not available at my local libraries for download to iPad; I'd like to read an earlier "Morton" to see what other genealogical skills he has deployed.

One criticism: a preponderance of arcane grammar did sometimes jolt the flow in reading. Watch out for "that which" and "whomever"!

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Bygone Bridge of Don, compiled by A. Gordon Pirie (Catrine: Stenlake, 2019). ISBN 9781840338560. Paperback. £10.95. 210 grammes. ANESFHS code: LT018.

This is an eclectic assortment of 54 photographs provided by Gerald Joss, John Alsop, Brian H. Watt, George Mauchline, Murcar Golf Club and Grampian Transport Museum. It concentrates on the period 1890–1947, illustrating the interwar changes. Aerial photos feature the old and new bridges before the housing developments. There are photos of Balgownie House, Balgownie Lodge, Denmore House and Scotstoun House, all now demolished, after which the housing estates were named. Spectators are pictured in 1961 at the Northern Open at Murcar Golf Club. Children feature in pictures of the Balgownie Hall Mission and of the Scotstoun Moor Camp for ailing children. Salmon fishing at the river mouth includes views of the Cruives of Don from the period 1910–18.

Local industry is represented by the Seaton Brick & Tile Co. Ltd, which operated first at Seaton, then at Torry, before setting up the brickworks at Blackdog in 1898. It had its own train running between Blackdog and Links Road, and permitted Murcar Golf Club to use the line for their "carrie" to transport golfers. This tramcar continued until 1949. The company ceased trading in 1924, and John Joss & Sons acquired the land for their garage, now Joss Court. The garage was damaged when the Gordon barracks was bombed in an air raid on 21st April 1943 that killed 27 servicemen and injured 26 more. A large group of men poses at the Brig o' Balgownie in late 1914, some in full uniform. The book includes before-and-after pictures of the barracks, with the cookhouse replaced by Nissen huts. A Remembrance Day parade to the war memorial (which was later moved to accommodate the Ellon road), the post office and the Don Bank tearooms also feature.

For those with a local interest, the Bridge of Don History Group produced an earlier booklet, *Brig o' Don: A Collection of Memories*, featuring Buckie Farm, Bellfield Farm, Greenhole Croft, Upper Westfield Farm, life at Cottown, schooldays, tattie holidays, growing up, recreation, the SWRI and St Columba's Church of Scotland.

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1871 Census Puzzle

Here's a just-for-fun puzzler to get your grey matter working after months of lockdown. Below are details from a transcription that appears in Ancestry (their spellings!) and in FindMyPast but isn't showing in Scotland's People.

I saw this request on a Facebook group, where they couldn't find the entry. How long will *you* take to find it in Scotland's People *without* using credits to view any images? If you

e-mail me with what the problem is, and how long it took you to solve it (starting from when you'd logged into the site), all will be revealed in the next Journal. It took me longer than it should have done. Happy sleuthing!

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Registration district:	Tradeston	County:	Lanarkshire
Address:	6 Ritchie St	Enum. Dist.:	62
Household schedule no.:	14	Roll:	CSSCT1871_140

Name	Age	Occupation	Where born
William Rice	35	Head	Wersted Factory Worker
Janet Rice	25	Wife	Worsted Workers Wife
John Rice	3	Son	Dunbarton, Dumbartonshire
William Rice	1	Son	Glasgow, Lanarkshire

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Answers to quiz (from page 9)

1. **Ancestor** – Found among France's tortoises
2. **Archives** – iv (= 4) inside arches
3. **Baptism** – roll = bap, followed by anagram of mist
4. **Brick wall** – Rick W inside ball
5. **Buzzy Garden** (who chairs our Glasgow Group) – bees buzz in a garden
6. **Census** – sounds like “sense us”
7. **Cousins** – usin’ inside cos
8. **Deed** – reads the same back or forwards
9. **DNA** – anagram of AND
10. **Emigrant** – European Monetary Institute = EMI, allowance = grant
11. **Family tree** – kin = family; and elder is a kind of tree
12. **Forebears** – sounds like “four bears”; Goldilocks faced three
13. **Grandmother** – impressive = grand; flying insect = moth; the Queen = ER
14. **Gravestone** – serious = grave, lapidary = stone
15. **Heirloom** – heir sounds like “air” (one of the four elements) + loom for weaving
16. **King Street** – headquarters of ANESFHS
17. **Kirk session** – Captain Kirk of the *Enterprise* (*Star Trek*) + sitting = session
18. **Marriage** – take C (= 100) from carriage and replace it with M (= 1,000)
19. **Records** – 78s, LPs, EPs are all types of musical record
20. **Relations** – anagram of trial nose
21. **Sasine** – Among beasts, as in elephants
22. **Uncle** – slang term for a pawnbroker
23. **Valuation rolls** – appraisal = valuation, performs revolutions = rolls
24. **Will** – the Bard is Will(iam) Shakespeare
25. **Witness** – NES (North-East Scotland) inside wits (keep our wits about us)

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Letters to the Editor



Dear Editor,

A Round-the-World Thank You

I wish to thank the Society for its ability to connect people all around the world. I spent some of my early years in Stonehaven and went to school there before we emigrated to Australia. My paternal line, from Catterline, was primarily fisher folk and Episcopalian. Our surname is common in North-East Scotland, and I have been researching for 30 years.

I attend our Melbourne-area Group, and at our February meeting I asked about finding Episcopalian church B/M/D records prior to Scottish statutory registration in 1855. I had sought records that may have been held in the diocese of Brechin and had found that they are supposedly at the University of Dundee Archives, but have had no luck there.

The Group report in Journal 155 (p. 11) was spotted by Joan McCausland (no. 12504), in Toronto. She contacted the Journal editor and advised that she had a lot of information on the Episcopalian churches around Stonehaven that she would be happy to share.

I contacted Joan and told her of my search and of my family's connections to Catterline and St Philip's church. My father was born in the schoolhouse there, as my grandmother was the cook for the rector and dominie, and she used to walk from the family home at house 13 in Catterline – now part of the Creel Inn – every day.

Joan had also grown up in Stonehaven and had played the organ at St James' church there and at St Philip's. She has provided me with lots of information that I have yet to finish going through, but it gives me lots of validation to my research. I have also worked out that Joan and I are related by marriage.

So, from a group meeting in Melbourne, Australia, via the Journal editor in Edinburgh to Toronto in Canada, lots of information has been shared – hence my thanks to the Society.

In addition, Lorna Burns Weber (no. 21787), who co-convenes our Southern Ontario Group, is a proven sixth cousin; and my two first cousins live 1½ hours from Toronto.

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Gartly

The Melbourne Group report in Journal 155 mentioned John Gartly, clockmaker. The late James Grant of Kennethmont, Aberdeenshire did some research on the family as follows.

It is said that in 1633 a baby boy was found abandoned at Millhill farm, near Gartly kirk. The practice in those days was to name a foundling after the parish, and, if a boy, after the minister. This baby was therefore named George Gartly. He grew up to become a farm servant, and then secured a smallholding, and then a farm at Brawlandknowes, and then a farm at Drumblade. He was an ancestor of the Gartly family of shopkeepers in Keith, and also a great-grandfather of the famous Aberdeen clockmaker John Gartly (c. 1749–1827).

Gartly is variously spelled Gartley or Gairtly (a lot to do with the local Doric accent!). My father, John Gartly Simpson, was born in Gartly but always pronounced it "Gairtly".

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Online Meeting: Brick Wall Broken Down

I thoroughly enjoyed our Glasgow Group's Zoom meeting on 16th May, and am grateful for the invitation. I haven't been able to travel to meetings in Glasgow for ages, and I do miss them. It always motivates you when you are with a group of fellow enthusiasts.

It was an unexpected bonus to break down my brick wall in the meeting. Working on my husband's family, I had become intrigued by three siblings who were in Scotland at the 1861 census but then all vanished – James, Francis and Margaret. Several years earlier, I had found all of that generation's births in the front of a large, tatty, coverless family Bible which no-one else wanted. Much later, tucked into the Bible's pages, I discovered three pages of a letter written by James's daughter in the USA, asking for details of her father's birth. What a find! (Later, I discovered why she was asking: in every census he had given a different age, getting younger each time!) James had settled in Iowa, and I found his marriage and children, and his daughter's marriage and children. (Someone must have replied to her letter, because very recently I found James's death, complete with the correct date of birth.)

I had thought Frank and Margaret might have emigrated with James and be in Iowa, but I found nothing. At the Zoom meeting, I waved my wooden spoon as requested, really to find out how to trace people who had emigrated in the 1860s. And hey presto, a couple of minutes after I had asked my question, a lady had found them in the 1870 US census! They were all together in Illinois. She said that the Castle Garden website might give more information; but it wasn't working at the time (or any time I have tried since).

To date, I have found Frank's marriage, his occupation, the births of his two children, his daughter's marriage, and his and his wife's deaths. He died in 1937, aged 94, just two years before my husband and I were born! I still have nothing on Margaret, though. My information was all found on familysearch.org. I'm not very proficient at using that site, and every search takes me ages. Hopefully a day will come when my online time isn't spent hunting for supermarket delivery slots and filling out food orders.

I'd love to be kept in mind for any further online members' meetings. Thank you again.

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Why I Joined ANESFHS

When I was a child, my father told me so many stories about his family, both in Scotland and in the USA, that I became curious to know more about their origins. Fortunately, our ancestors came from Aberdeenshire and lived in the areas where ANESFHS has collected many records. How lucky for me! I am so thankful to the Society for all the wonderful information they have provided and the guidance offered for successful research.

As to advice to researchers, I would tell them to expect some difficulties but not to be discouraged. All the digging and hunting and checking is well worth the results. And in the course of the search there is such pleasure and satisfaction!

My favourite ancestor to research has been my great-great-grandfather, George Bruce, the miller of Aberdour, whose family goes back in Scotland to 1690 and forward in Illinois, USA, to 1852 and beyond. Our 11th generation is appearing in 2020!

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Aberdeen Combworks

Do any members have an interest in Aberdeen Combworks, late of 40 Hutcheon Street, Aberdeen? Established in 1835, the factory was a major source of employment for the next 100 years and was still providing local employment until the late 1990s. In recent years, information and artefacts held in private hands have formed the basis of a website: <https://www.aberdeencombworks.co.uk>.

Discussions continue with local resources on providing links to and from the website. Documents have been donated to the local archives, and a major donation was made to Aberdeen Art Gallery and Museums.

Most Aberdonians will recognise the company and its products. We are looking to expand the history by adding personal stories from former employees, or those who had ancestors or extended family who worked there. Censuses show many families who worked at the factory living in all the surrounding streets.

Over many years, Aberdeen Combworks exhibited at international exhibitions. Do you have examples of the work done there? Do you remember staff being photographed – and, if so, do you have copies of photographs? Any information would be much appreciated.

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Aberdonians in Nagasaki

I have been transcribing a 200-year-old diary by Ann Napier of London, who had North-East Scottish connections (see article, pp. 40–41). I found out about ANESFHS through publications held in the London library of the Society of Genealogists, where I am a member. I joined ANESFHS a year ago and looked through old Journals, hoping to find possible matches to names in Ann's diary. I didn't find many clues to help with the transcription, but I did find in Journal 120 (August 2011, pp. 45–47) an article by Brian Burke-Gaffney about "Aberdonians in Nagasaki", where in 1862 my great-great-uncle, William Napier Bickham (b. 1834 in Lancashire), died of cholera, having worked for Johnson & Co. in Shanghai during the Taiping Rebellion.

Brian's article, with its mention of the International Cemetery, led me to find his contact address and ask him if Napier Bickham's grave was still there. Last August, Brian found and photographed the grave, which I was delighted to see was in remarkably good condition and instantly recognisable from the sketch that I have. He also did some research which is in his blog, "Nagasaki Perspectives", 2nd May 2020, available online.

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Queries

- 156/1 *ANDERSON / PETRIE*: Seeking info. on parents of Robert Anderson (bapt. 15 Sep 1700 Strichen) and his wife Agnes Petrie (b.c. 1700). Agnes aged 60 and their dau. Mary aged 17 both d. 3 Jul 1761. Robert d. 29 Jun 1751 aged 50. They and three generations of descendants are buried in Strichen kirkyard (stone 169, unpublished MIs on ANESFHS website).

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- 156/2 *McKENZIE / CRUICKSHANK / BRUCE*: Seeking info on John Cruickshank's family and ancestry. Mary Ann McKenzie was b. illegit., 4 Jul 1882, Peterhead, to Christian McKenzie (née Bruce). Kirk Session records at NRS show the father was John Cruickshank, who admitted paternity in May 1883. He lived at Blackhill, a farmtoun near Peterhead. From checking statutory and census records, I believe John Cruickshank and Christian McKenzie did not marry or live together. Nor have I been able, from checking census records, to trace John with any certainty.

Mary Ann McKenzie used the surname Cruickshank in certain documents. In the 1901 census, she was "Mary A. Cruickshank", a servant in Burns Road, Aberdeen. She was "Mary Cruickshank" when she m. William Gauld, 26 Oct 1906; her father was "John Cruickshank, Insurance Agent" (not shown as deceased). On her d. cert. in Feb 1979 at age 96, she is recorded as "Mary Ann Shinnie Cruickshank Gauld".

The only will I can find relating to John Cruickshank, Insurance Agent, concerns a death on 9 Mar 1888. Either it is unrelated, or he left nothing to Christian McKenzie or to Mary Ann McKenzie/Cruickshank.

Christian's ygr sister, Margaret, m. William *PRESSLEY*, 10 Dec 1881 at Glendaveny, Peterhead; he was s/o John Pressley and Jane (née Cruickshank). One witness was John Cruickshank, who I suspect was related – but there were so many Jane and John Cruickshanks in Aberdeenshire that I have not been able to confirm this. I feel there must be some connection, as one of my uncles was given the middle name Pressley.

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Instructions for Queries

Queries are accepted from paid-up Society members free of charge. Non-members should donate £1.00 per query (or postage stamps). Up to four queries per person will be accepted per calendar year. The parts of a multi-part query count as separate queries. Each query will show the submitter's name, e-mail address and membership number. The query service is intended for ancestor research and *not* as a finding service for recent or living relatives. We will omit parts of a query which we consider too recent, or which have no North-East Scottish content.

If you have asked the Society for research, you'll receive an answer eventually. Please don't duplicate requests by asking for research on the same question as a Journal query.

In each Journal, we include all the queries that are ready. Queries received close to our publication date will appear in the following Journal.

If you resubmit or update an old query, *please annotate it accordingly*. Journal queries should be sent separately from other correspondence, with your name and membership number on each request, to: queries@anesfhs.org.uk

156/3 *LOW / SMITH*: Has any member researched any of these lines? My wife's granny, Christina Low (b. 22 Dec 1871; d. 1954), m. John Adam Fraser Smith, 5 Apr 1895, Aberdeen. Her mother, Christian *COLLIE* (b. 10 Aug 1845), m. George Low, Nov 1864, Belhelvie, and d. 1 Nov 1919 at 76 Broomhill Road, Aberdeen. George was b. 1843 in Udny, where his parents had moved from Carmyllie, Angus, for farm work.

John was b.c. 1862 to Leslie Smith and Elspeth *FRASER* (not m.). Leslie (d. 1907 aged 70) came from Monymusk and later was m. three times and was a successful builder in Aberdeen. Elspeth may have lived in the Banchory area, as John was b. there. John seems to have spent some of his childhood years in Monymusk with his paternal grandparents, Peter Smith and Margaret (née *ADAM*).

Christina and John had two chn: my wife's mother (also Christina), and James Allan Smith, who emig. c. 1930 to the USA with a good friend called Jim *MEARNS*.

Christina had 10 siblings, mostly b. Aberdeen: Alexander Collie Low (b. 1864 Belhelvie), Mary Ann (1866; emig. to NZ?), George (1867), David (1869), William (1872), James (1876), John (1878), Robert (1880), Margaret (1882), Andrew (1890).

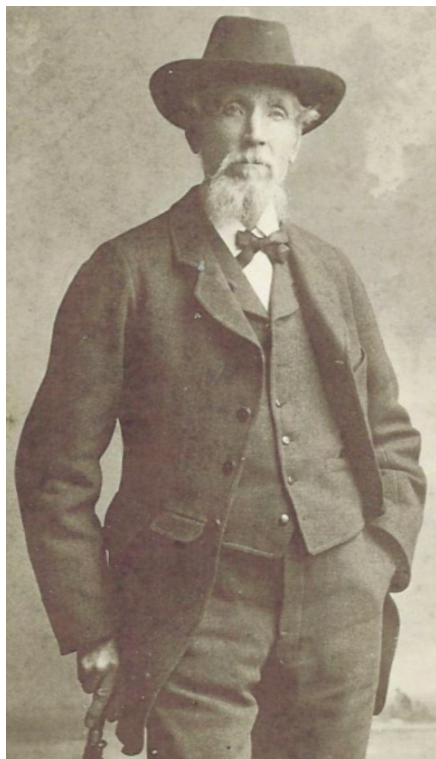
Alex, a keen socialist, worked in London. A dau. of his, Christina Collie Low, m. financier Harley *DRAYTON*. David was a diver by profession. John (Jack) trained as a tailor, and in Canada worked in Toronto at Eaton's stores. Robert (Bob) worked in the Co-op at Berryden. His son John at one time owned the Bon Accord Hotel in Aberdeen. Another son, Robert (in the RAF), d. in Ireland during WW2. Margaret lived at 25 Rosemount Place and m. George *CRAIG*, a barber. They had sons Leslie and Andy and a dau., Margaret. Andrew Low m. Mina *CAMPBELL* and worked in the harbour commissioners' office. A Low family lived at "Summerside", Inverurie.

In this photo (1920s/30s?), the man on the far left may be Andy Low, Christina's youngest sibling – but can anyone identify (him and) any others? We also think John A. F. Smith is on the far right, and Christina is seated second from right in the car.



- 156/4 **SCROGGIE / TASKER**: These photographs were taken probably mid- to late 1800s. They are likely to be relatives/descendants of Andrew Scroggie (b. 1816, Banchory Ternan area). He m. 1849 Grace Tasker (from Cargill near Perth), and c. 1854 they left for Canada (later settling in the USA) with his wife's parents, George Tasker and Christian (née *BROWN*). Can anyone shed light on any of the photographs?

On the back of the first photo is printed: "PHOTOGRAPHERS and MINIATURE PAINTERS **WOOD & C^o** SUCCESSORS TO *Mess^{rs} Low* 79 PRINCES STREET EDINBURGH". On the back of the second: "E. R. YERBURY Photographer, 3 SOUTH HANOVER STREET, EDINBURGH". On the back of the third: "**A. DINNIE** PHOTOGRAPHER Bridge Street *AND* Bridge Place **ABERDEEN** 1881".



Alexander Dinnie is recorded in Richard Torrance's *Photographers in North-Eastern Scotland to 1914* (SGS, 2001) as operating between 1866 and 1892 in Aberdeen. From 1880 to 1890 he was at 3 Bridge Street, concurrently with being at 3 Bridge Place between 1881 and 1892.

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- 156/5 **LAMB / KENNEDY**: My 2g-gp^s William Lamb (d. 1893 aged 76) and Ann Kennedy (d. 1895 aged 75) both d. at Seafeld Street, Cullen, Banffshire. Their son Alexander d. 1883. The Moray Burial Ground Research Group sent me a photograph of a stone in his memory in Cullen cemetery, but no mention of William and Ann being buried in the same grave. Their daughter Jannet Ann d. 1863 aged 13, also in Cullen.

I have looked at Libindx, and I have the d. certs from Scotlands People. Can anyone suggest how I might find where ancestors are buried when there is no memorial inscription on a grave? Any suggestions would be appreciated.

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Place Maryculter, Kincardineshire
Married 26 April 1922
Place Murtle, Peterculter, ABD
Died 13 January 1934
Place Aberdeen
Occup. Farmer

Your Father

1 **Harvey Murray Stewart**
Born 5 May 1927
Place Murtle, Peterculter, ABD
Married 2 July 1954
Place Peterculter, Aberdeenshire
Died 6 July 2007
Place Banchory
Occup. Farmer

Your Father's Mother

4 **Elspet Ewen Murray**
Born 18 November 1886
Place Drumoak, Aberdeenshire
Died 19 February 1976
Place Aberdeen
Occup. Farmer's wife

You

Laurence James Stewart
Born 20 March 1955
Place Aberdeen
Married 21 April 1984
Place Aberdeen
Occup. Chartered Engineer

Your Mother's Father

5 **Alfred Jamieson**
Born 27 October 1910
Place Lumphanan, Aberdeenshire
Married 27 June 1931
Place Peterculter, Aberdeenshire
Died 1 February 1969
Place Maryculter, Kincardineshire
Occup. Papermill worker

Your Mother

2 **Brenda Jamieson**
Born 13 May 1933
Place Drumoak, Aberdeenshire
Died
Place
Occup. Home Economics teacher

Your Mother's Mother

6 **Jane Rannie Emslie**
Born 5 February 1908
Place Peterculter, Aberdeenshire
Died 23 April 1994
Place Aberdeen
Occup. Nurse / shop assistant

Please send in your known pedigree chart, with extension sheets as required. Don't worry about leaving gaps, but try to fill in as many as you can.

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 158-164 King Street,
 Aberdeen AB24 5BD.

7	James Stewart	<i>Born</i>	Abt. 1849	15	Andrew Stewart			
		<i>Place</i>	Kincardine O'Neil, ABD		<i>Born</i>	Abt. 1804	<i>Place</i>	Birse, Aberdeenshire
		<i>Married</i>	13 June 1884		<i>Married</i>	[not found]	<i>Place</i>	[not found]
		<i>Place</i>	Maryculter, Kincardineshire		<i>Died</i>	14 November 1891	<i>Place</i>	Kintore, Aberdeenshire
8	Elizabeth McPherson	<i>Died</i>	2 February 1933	16	Mary Duncan			
		<i>Place</i>	Murtle, Peterculter, ABD		<i>Born</i>	26 January 1810	<i>Place</i>	Kincardine O'Neil, ABD
		<i>Occup.</i>	Shepherd / Farmer		<i>Died</i>	9 September 1898	<i>Place</i>	Aberdeen
		9	George Murray		<i>Born</i>	24 July 1857	17	Hugh McPherson
<i>Place</i>	Durris, Kincardineshire			<i>Born</i>	20 July 1822	<i>Place</i>		Strachan, Kincardineshire
<i>Died</i>	13 December 1929			<i>Married</i>	14 December 1848	<i>Place</i>		Echt, Aberdeenshire
<i>Place</i>	Murtle, Peterculter, ABD			<i>Died</i>	4 November 1871	<i>Place</i>		Maryculter, Kincardineshire
10	Margaret Marr	<i>Occup.</i>	Farmer's wife	18	Elizabeth Hall			
		<i>Born</i>	30 July 1857		<i>Bapt.</i>	4 June 1826	<i>Place</i>	Echt, Aberdeenshire
		<i>Place</i>	Durris, Kincardineshire		<i>Died</i>	11 June 1889	<i>Place</i>	Maryculter, Kincardineshire
		<i>Died</i>	23 January 1923		19	John Murray		
<i>Place</i>	Drumoak, Aberdeenshire	<i>Born</i>	24 December 1816	<i>Place</i>		Fetterosso, Kincardineshire		
<i>Occup.</i>	Crofter	<i>Married</i>	12 August 1844	<i>Place</i>		Durris, Kincardineshire		
11	Alexander Jamison	<i>Place</i>	Drumoak, Aberdeenshire	20		Christian/Christina Watson		
		<i>Occup.</i>	Crofter		<i>Died</i>	12 May 1875	<i>Place</i>	Cookney, Kincardineshire
		<i>Born</i>	25 July 1847		<i>Born</i>	20 August 1826	<i>Place</i>	Durris, Kincardineshire
		<i>Place</i>	Durris, Kincardineshire		<i>Died</i>	30 December 1858	<i>Place</i>	Fetterosso, Kincardineshire
12	Ann Jarvis	<i>Died</i>	21 April 1923	21	George Marr			
		<i>Place</i>	Drumoak, Aberdeenshire		<i>Born</i>	24 April 1829	<i>Place</i>	Durris, Kincardineshire
		<i>Occup.</i>	Crofter's wife		<i>Married</i>	20 May 1848	<i>Place</i>	Durris, Kincardineshire
		13	Thomas Emslie		<i>Place</i>	Drumoak, Aberdeenshire	22	Mary Aberdein
<i>Occup.</i>	Crofter's wife			<i>Died</i>	13 January 1864	<i>Place</i>		Durris, Kincardineshire
<i>Born</i>	30 July 1857			<i>Born</i>	20 January 1821	<i>Place</i>		Durris, Kincardineshire
<i>Place</i>	Durris, Kincardineshire			<i>Died</i>	28 January 1893	<i>Place</i>		Durris, Kincardineshire
14	Agnes McFarlane	<i>Died</i>	23 January 1923	23	John Jamieson			
		<i>Place</i>	Drumoak, Aberdeenshire		<i>Born</i>	Abt. 1840	<i>Place</i>	Newhills, Aberdeenshire
		<i>Occup.</i>	Crofter's wife		<i>Married</i>	25 July 1863	<i>Place</i>	Skene, Aberdeenshire
		15	James Stewart		<i>Place</i>	Murtle, Peterculter, ABD	24	Sophia Booth
<i>Occup.</i>	Shepherd / Farmer			<i>Died</i>	31 January 1918	<i>Place</i>		Alford, Aberdeenshire
<i>Born</i>	24 July 1857			<i>Born</i>	26 May 1843	<i>Place</i>		Skene, Aberdeenshire
<i>Place</i>	Durris, Kincardineshire			<i>Died</i>	30 April 1932	<i>Place</i>		Alford, Aberdeenshire
16	Mary Duncan	<i>Died</i>	9 September 1898	25	Charles Jarvis			
		<i>Place</i>	Kincardine O'Neil, ABD		<i>Born</i>	Abt. 1844	<i>Place</i>	Banchory, Kincardineshire
		<i>Occup.</i>	Crofter's wife		<i>Married</i>	7 February 1874	<i>Place</i>	Banchory, Kincardineshire
		17	Hugh McPherson		<i>Born</i>	20 July 1822	26	Charlotte Mitchell
<i>Married</i>	14 December 1848			<i>Born</i>	Abt. 1849	<i>Place</i>		Banchory, Kincardineshire
<i>Died</i>	4 November 1871			<i>Died</i>	13 July 1928	<i>Place</i>		Banchory, Kincardineshire
18	Elizabeth Hall			<i>Place</i>	Maryculter, Kincardineshire	27		William Emslie/Elmslie
		<i>Occup.</i>	Agricultural labourer	<i>Born</i>	13 May 1846		<i>Place</i>	Torry, Kincardineshire
		<i>Bapt.</i>	4 June 1826	<i>Married</i>	12 September 1868		<i>Place</i>	Torry, Kincardineshire
		<i>Died</i>	11 June 1889	<i>Died</i>	9 April 1929		<i>Place</i>	Torry, Kincardineshire
19	John Murray	<i>Place</i>	Echt, Aberdeenshire	28	Jane Rannie			
		<i>Place</i>	Maryculter, Kincardineshire		<i>Born</i>	24 January 1844	<i>Place</i>	Slains, Aberdeenshire
		<i>Occup.</i>			<i>Died</i>	16 March 1911	<i>Place</i>	Aberdeen
		20	Christian/Christina Watson		<i>Place</i>	Cookney, Kincardineshire	29	James McFarlane
<i>Occup.</i>	Farmer			<i>Born</i>	Abt. 1865	<i>Place</i>		probably Lanarkshire
<i>Born</i>	20 August 1826			<i>Married</i>	31 December 1886	<i>Place</i>		Glasgow, Lanarkshire
<i>Died</i>	30 December 1858			<i>Died</i>	Aft. 1920	<i>Place</i>		probably Lanarkshire
21	George Marr	<i>Place</i>	Durris, Kincardineshire	30	Catherine McNab			
		<i>Place</i>	Durris, Kincardineshire		<i>Born</i>	14 March 1864	<i>Place</i>	Glasgow, Lanarkshire
		<i>Place</i>	Durris, Kincardineshire		<i>Died</i>	25 December 1888	<i>Place</i>	Glasgow, Lanarkshire
		<i>Occup.</i>	Agricultural labourer		<i>Occup.</i>		<i>Occup.</i>	Biscuit-packer
22	Mary Aberdein	<i>Occup.</i>	Farmer's wife	31	James McFarlane			
		<i>Born</i>	20 January 1821		<i>Born</i>	Abt. 1844	<i>Place</i>	Banchory, Kincardineshire
		<i>Place</i>	Durris, Kincardineshire		<i>Married</i>	7 February 1874	<i>Place</i>	Banchory, Kincardineshire
		<i>Place</i>	Durris, Kincardineshire		<i>Died</i>	10 February 1913	<i>Place</i>	Banchory, Kincardineshire
23	John Jamieson	<i>Occup.</i>	Farmer's wife	32	Charlotte Mitchell			
		<i>Born</i>	20 January 1821		<i>Born</i>	Abt. 1849	<i>Place</i>	Banchory, Kincardineshire
		<i>Place</i>	Durris, Kincardineshire		<i>Died</i>	13 July 1928	<i>Place</i>	Banchory, Kincardineshire
		<i>Place</i>	Durris, Kincardineshire		<i>Occup.</i>		<i>Occup.</i>	
24	Sophia Booth	<i>Place</i>	Skene, Aberdeenshire	33	William Emslie/Elmslie			
		<i>Place</i>	Alford, Aberdeenshire		<i>Born</i>	13 May 1846	<i>Place</i>	Torry, Kincardineshire
		<i>Occup.</i>	Crofter's wife		<i>Married</i>	12 September 1868	<i>Place</i>	Torry, Kincardineshire
		25	Charles Jarvis		<i>Place</i>	Cookney, Kincardineshire	34	Jane Rannie
<i>Occup.</i>	Farmer			<i>Born</i>	24 January 1844	<i>Place</i>		Slains, Aberdeenshire
<i>Born</i>	20 August 1826			<i>Died</i>	16 March 1911	<i>Place</i>		Aberdeen
<i>Died</i>	30 December 1858			<i>Died</i>	9 April 1929	<i>Place</i>		Torry, Kincardineshire
26	George Marr	<i>Place</i>	Durris, Kincardineshire	35	James McFarlane			
		<i>Place</i>	Durris, Kincardineshire		<i>Born</i>	Abt. 1865	<i>Place</i>	probably Lanarkshire
		<i>Place</i>	Durris, Kincardineshire		<i>Married</i>	31 December 1886	<i>Place</i>	Glasgow, Lanarkshire
		<i>Occup.</i>	Agricultural labourer		<i>Died</i>	Aft. 1920	<i>Place</i>	probably Lanarkshire
27	Mary Aberdein	<i>Occup.</i>	Farmer's wife	36	Catherine McNab			
		<i>Born</i>	20 January 1821		<i>Born</i>	14 March 1864	<i>Place</i>	Glasgow, Lanarkshire
		<i>Place</i>	Durris, Kincardineshire		<i>Died</i>	25 December 1888	<i>Place</i>	Glasgow, Lanarkshire
		<i>Place</i>	Durris, Kincardineshire		<i>Occup.</i>		<i>Occup.</i>	Biscuit-packer
28	John Jamieson	<i>Occup.</i>	Farmer's wife	37	James McFarlane			
		<i>Born</i>	20 January 1821		<i>Born</i>	Abt. 1844	<i>Place</i>	Banchory, Kincardineshire
		<i>Place</i>	Durris, Kincardineshire		<i>Married</i>	7 February 1874	<i>Place</i>	Banchory, Kincardineshire
		<i>Place</i>	Durris, Kincardineshire		<i>Died</i>	10 February 1913	<i>Place</i>	Banchory, Kincardineshire
29	John Jamieson	<i>Occup.</i>	Farmer's wife	38	Charlotte Mitchell			
		<i>Born</i>	20 January 1821		<i>Born</i>	Abt. 1849	<i>Place</i>	Banchory, Kincardineshire
		<i>Place</i>	Durris, Kincardineshire		<i>Died</i>	13 July 1928	<i>Place</i>	Banchory, Kincardineshire
		<i>Place</i>	Durris, Kincardineshire		<i>Occup.</i>		<i>Occup.</i>	
30	Sophia Booth	<i>Place</i>	Skene, Aberdeenshire	39	William Emslie/Elmslie			
		<i>Place</i>	Alford, Aberdeenshire		<i>Born</i>	13 May 1846	<i>Place</i>	Torry, Kincardineshire
		<i>Occup.</i>	Crofter's wife		<i>Married</i>	12 September 1868	<i>Place</i>	Torry, Kincardineshire
		31	Charles Jarvis		<i>Place</i>	Cookney, Kincardineshire	40	Jane Rannie
<i>Occup.</i>	Farmer			<i>Born</i>	24 January 1844	<i>Place</i>		Slains, Aberdeenshire
<i>Born</i>	20 August 1826			<i>Died</i>	16 March 1911	<i>Place</i>		Aberdeen
<i>Died</i>	30 December 1858			<i>Died</i>	9 April 1929	<i>Place</i>		Torry, Kincardineshire
32	George Marr	<i>Place</i>	Durris, Kincardineshire	41	James McFarlane			
		<i>Place</i>	Durris, Kincardineshire		<i>Born</i>	Abt. 1865	<i>Place</i>	probably Lanarkshire
		<i>Place</i>	Durris, Kincardineshire		<i>Married</i>	31 December 1886	<i>Place</i>	Glasgow, Lanarkshire
		<i>Occup.</i>	Agricultural labourer		<i>Died</i>	Aft. 1920	<i>Place</i>	probably Lanarkshire
33	Mary Aberdein	<i>Occup.</i>	Farmer's wife	42	Catherine McNab			
		<i>Born</i>	20 January 1821		<i>Born</i>	14 March 1864	<i>Place</i>	Glasgow, Lanarkshire
		<i>Place</i>	Durris, Kincardineshire		<i>Died</i>	25 December 1888	<i>Place</i>	Glasgow, Lanarkshire
		<i>Place</i>	Durris, Kincardineshire		<i>Occup.</i>		<i>Occup.</i>	Biscuit-packer
34	John Jamieson	<i>Occup.</i>	Farmer's wife	43	James McFarlane			
		<i>Born</i>	20 January 1821		<i>Born</i>	Abt. 1844	<i>Place</i>	Banchory, Kincardineshire
		<i>Place</i>	Durris, Kincardineshire		<i>Married</i>	7 February 1874	<i>Place</i>	Banchory, Kincardineshire
		<i>Place</i>	Durris, Kincardineshire		<i>Died</i>	10 February 1913	<i>Place</i>	Banchory, Kincardineshire
35	John Jamieson	<i>Occup.</i>	Farmer's wife	44	Charlotte Mitchell			
		<i>Born</i>	20 January 1821		<i>Born</i>	Abt. 1849	<i>Place</i>	Banchory, Kincardineshire
		<i>Place</i>	Durris, Kincardineshire		<i>Died</i>	13 July 1928	<i>Place</i>	Banchory, Kincardineshire
		<i>Place</i>	Durris, Kincardineshire		<i>Occup.</i>		<i>Occup.</i>	
36	Sophia Booth	<i>Place</i>	Skene, Aberdeenshire	45	William Emslie/Elmslie			
		<i>Place</i>	Alford, Aberdeenshire		<i>Born</i>	13 May 1846	<i>Place</i>	Torry, Kincardineshire
		<i>Occup.</i>	Crofter's wife		<i>Married</i>	12 September 1868	<i>Place</i>	Torry, Kincardineshire
		37	Charles Jarvis		<i>Place</i>	Cookney, Kincardineshire	46	Jane Rannie
<i>Occup.</i>	Farmer			<i>Born</i>	24 January 1844	<i>Place</i>		Slains, Aberdeenshire
<i>Born</i>	20 August 1826			<i>Died</i>	16 March 1911	<i>Place</i>		Aberdeen
<i>Died</i>	30 December 1858			<i>Died</i>	9 April 1929	<i>Place</i>		Torry, Kincardineshire
38	George Marr	<i>Place</i>	Durris, Kincardineshire	47	James McFarlane			
		<i>Place</i>	Durris, Kincardineshire		<i>Born</i>	Abt. 1865	<i>Place</i>	probably Lanarkshire
		<i>Place</i>	Durris, Kincardineshire		<i>Married</i>	31 December 1886	<i>Place</i>	Glasgow, Lanarkshire
		<i>Occup.</i>	Agricultural labourer		<i>Died</i>	Aft. 1920	<i>Place</i>	probably Lanarkshire
39	Mary Aberdein	<i>Occup.</i>	Farmer's wife	48	Catherine McNab			
		<i>Born</i>	20 January 1821		<i>Born</i>	14 March 1864	<i>Place</i>	Glasgow, Lanarkshire
		<i>Place</i>	Durris, Kincardineshire		<i>Died</i>	25 December 1888	<i>Place</i>	Glasgow, Lanarkshire
		<i>Place</i>	Durris, Kincardineshire		<i>Occup.</i>		<i>Occup.</i>	Biscuit-packer
40	John Jamieson	<i>Occup.</i>	Farmer's wife	49	James McFarlane			
		<i>Born</i>	20 January 1821		<i>Born</i>	Abt. 1844	<i>Place</i>	Banchory, Kincardineshire
		<i>Place</i>	Durris, Kincardineshire		<i>Married</i>	7 February 1874	<i>Place</i>	Banchory, Kincardineshire
		<i>Place</i>	Durris, Kincardineshire		<i>Died</i>	10 February 1913	<i>Place</i>	Banchory, Kincardineshire
41	John Jamieson	<i>Occup.</i>	Farmer's wife	50	Charlotte Mitchell			
		<i>Born</i>	20 January 1821		<i>Born</i>	Abt. 1849	<i>Place</i>	Banchory, Kincardineshire
		<i>Place</i>	Durris, Kincardineshire		<i>Died</i>	13 July 1928	<i>Place</i>	Banchory, Kincardineshire
		<i>Place</i>	Durris, Kincardineshire		<i>Occup.</i>		<i>Occup.</i>	
42	Sophia Booth	<i>Place</i>	Skene, Aberdeenshire	51	William Emslie/Elmslie			
		<i>Place</i>	Alford, Aberdeenshire		<i>Born</i>	13 May 1846	<i>Place</i>	Torry, Kincardineshire
		<i>Occup.</i>	Crofter's wife		<i>Married</i>	12 September 1868	<i>Place</i>	Torry, Kincardineshire
		43	Charles Jarvis		<i>Place</i>	Cookney, Kincardineshire	52	Jane Rannie
<i>Occup.</i>	Farmer			<i>Born</i>	24 January 1844	<i>Place</i>		Slains, Aberdeenshire
<i>Born</i>	20 August 1826			<i>Died</i>	16 March 1911	<i>Place</i>		Aberdeen
<i>Died</i>	30 December 1858			<i>Died</i>	9 April 1929	<i>Place</i>		Torry, Kincardineshire
44	George Marr	<i>Place</i>	Durris, Kincardineshire	53	James McFarlane			
		<i>Place</i>	Durris, Kincardineshire		<i>Born</i>	Abt. 1865	<i>Place</i>	probably Lanarkshire
		<i>Place</i>	Durris, Kincardineshire		<i>Married</i>	31 December 1886	<i>Place</i>	Glasgow, Lanarkshire
		<i>Occup.</i>	Agricultural labourer		<i>Died</i>	Aft. 1920	<i>Place</i>	probably Lanarkshire
45	Mary Aberdein	<i>Occup.</i>	Farmer's wife	54	Catherine McNab			
		<i>Born</i>	20 January 1821		<i>Born</i>	14 March 1864	<i>Place</i>	Glasgow, Lanarkshire
		<i>Place</i>	Durris, Kincardineshire		<i>Died</i>	25 December 1888	<i>Place</i>	Glasgow, Lanarkshire
		<i>Place</i>	Durris, Kincardineshire		<i>Occup.</i>		<i>Occup.</i>	Biscuit-packer
46	John Jamieson	<i>Occup.</i>	Farmer's wife	55	James McFarlane			
		<i>Born</i>	20 January 1821		<i>Born</i>	Abt. 1844	<i>Place</i>	Banchory, Kincardineshire
		<i>Place</i>	Durris, Kincardineshire		<i>Married</i>	7 February 1874	<i>Place</i>	Banchory, Kincardineshire
		<i>Place</i>	Durris, Kincardineshire		<i>Died</i>	10 February 1913	<i>Place</i>	Banchory, Kincardineshire
47	John Jamieson	<i>Occup.</i>	Farmer's wife	56	Charlotte Mitchell			
		<i>Born</i>	20 January 1821		<i>Born</i>	Abt. 1849	<i>Place</i>	Banchory, Kincardineshire
		<i>Place</i>	Durris, Kincardineshire		<i>Died</i>	13 July 1928	<i>Place</i>	Banchory, Kincardineshire
		<i>Place</i>	Durris, Kincardineshire		<i>Occup.</i>		<i>Occup.</i>	
48	Sophia Booth	<i>Place</i>	Skene, Aberdeenshire	57	William Emslie/Elmslie			
		<i>Place</i>	Alford, Aberdeenshire		<i>Born</i>	13 May 1846	<i>Place</i>	Torry, Kincardineshire
		<i>Occup.</i>	Crofter's wife		<i>Married</i>	12 September 1868	<i>Place</i>	Torry, Kincardineshire
		49	Charles Jarvis		<i>Place</i>	Cookney, Kincardineshire	58	Jane Rannie
<i>Occup.</i>	Farmer			<i>Born</i>	24 January 1844	<i>Place</i>		Slains, Aberdeenshire
<i>Born</i>	20 August 1826			<i>Died</i>	16 March 1911	<i>Place</i>		Aberdeen
<i>Died</i>	30 December 1858			<i>Died</i>	9 April 1929	<i>Place</i>		Torry, Kincardineshire
50	George Marr	<i>Place</i>	Durris, Kincardineshire	59	James McFarlane			
		<i>Place</i>	Durris, Kincardineshire		<i>Born</i>	Abt. 1865	<i>Place</i>	probably Lanarkshire
		<i>Place</i>	Durris, Kincardineshire		<i>Married</i>	31 December 1886	<i>Place</i>	Glasgow, Lanarkshire
		<i>Occup.</i>	Agricultural labourer		<i>Died</i>	Aft. 1920	<i>Place</i>	probably Lanarkshire
51	Mary Aberdein	<i>Occup.</i>	Farmer's wife	60	Catherine McNab			
		<i>Born</i>	20 January 1821		<i>Born</i>	14 March 1864	<i>Place</i>	Glasgow, Lanarkshire
		<i>Place</i>	Durris, Kincardineshire		<i>Died</i>	25 December 1888	<i>Place</i>	Glasgow, Lanarkshire
		<i>Place</i>	Durris, Kincardineshire		<i>Occup.</i>		<i>Occup.</i>	Biscuit-packer
52	John Jamieson	<i>Occup.</i>	Farmer's wife	61	James McFarlane			
		<i>Born</i>	20 January 1821		<i>Born</i>	Abt. 1844	<i>Place</i>	Banchory, Kincardineshire
		<i>Place</i>	Durris, Kincardineshire		<i>Married</i>	7 February 1874	<i>Place</i>	Banchory, Kincardineshire
		<i>Place</i>	Durris, Kincardineshire		<			

156/6 *FIDDES / RITCHIE*: My gf Gavin Muir *AIRD* (b. 1897 Tarbolton, Ayrshire) farmed at Kilwinning with his father, Hamilton Aird, until he went into the army (Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders) in WW1; then he lived in Airdrie and then England.

From my grandparents, I have a Bible inscribed as belonging to Maggie S. Fiddes of Fiddesbeg near Cultercullen, Foveran parish, Aberdeenshire. It contains numerous pressed flowers and leaves, personal prayers and cards from friends, and newspaper clippings of these events:

- James Fiddes d. aged 48, Mains of Edingight, Keith (handwritten date 9 Jun 1900)
- double wedding in Airdrie of Rachel and Elizabeth Ritchie, daughters of James Ritchie, manager at Gartness Colliery, to James *THOMSON* and James Fiddes
- the birth of a daughter to the wife of James Fiddes, commercial traveller, at 76 Flower Hill Street, Airdrie.

There is also a printed announcement card for the Ritchie/Thomson/Fiddes weddings dated 13 Jun 1900.

There is a printed memorial card for "our [Maggie's?] dear father John Fiddes", who d. 5 Nov 1891 at Aberdeen aged 69, with an Aberdeen studio photo (of John?).

I know of no connection between the Fiddes or Ritchie families and my own, except that my grandparents lived in Airdrie in the 1920s. I would love to know if and how these families are connected with my own, and to see if there is a descendant of the Fiddes/Ritchie families who would like to have the Bible.

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156/7 Does any member have a copy of *Reflections of Time: A History of the Royal Municipality of Albert* (Tilston, Manitoba; ISBN 0-88925-387-0), published by the municipality in 1984? It was researched and compiled by descendants of settlers, many from North-East Scotland, who had arrived in Manitoba in the 1880s. Many were recruited under the British Bonus Allowed Scheme (Journal 155, pp. 35–37).

The book's publishing costs were met by grants and donations from the Cultural Affairs and Historic Resources Branch, Albert Municipal Council, and from Tundra Oil, which had purchased mineral rights during the Depression. Similar projects may have existed elsewhere in the province of Manitoba.

Apart from my relatives who went to Manitoba, and their stories, I am interested in how they were recruited. Was the British Bonus Allowed Scheme successful in the numbers it attracted, and why did it stop? I am surmising it was similar to the "£10 Pom" scheme that recruited migration to Australia in the 1950s. I am seeking evidence of Canadian Railway involvement, in that settlement followed the railway tracks, as did the Home Children's dispersal. The decision to close railway tracks in the 1970s led to these communities' decline, similar to the effects of Beeching in the UK; however, most of these communities in Canada are now disappearing, with only cemeteries to show they ever existed.

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Diary

8th August 2020**ANESFHS Melbourne Group e-meeting***Winter e-meeting*2pm–4:30pm online via Zoom; contact
*melbourne@anesfhs.org.uk***15th August 2020****ANESFHS Brisbane Group e-meeting***Winter e-meeting*10am–12:30pm online via Zoom; contact
*brisbane@anesfhs.org.uk***15th August 2020****ANESFHS Glasgow Group e-meeting***Extra summer e-meeting*2pm–4pm online via Zoom; contact Ivor on
*glasgow@anesfhs.org.uk***22nd August 2020****ANESFHS Aberdeen e-meeting***Extra summer e-meeting*2pm–4pm online via Zoom; contact Ivor
(temporarily) via *syllabus@anesfhs.org.uk*

From September, we hope meetings can return to their usual venues. Schedules are as below, but meetings may have to be held online. Up-to-date details are on the Society's website. Please note that the AGM will be held online via Zoom on Sunday 6th September.

5th September 2020**ANESFHS Moray/Banff Group e-meeting***Bring along a brick wall*2pm–4pm, Activities Room, Elgin Library – or
maybe online; *moray.banff@anesfhs.org.uk***Sunday 6th September 2020****ANESFHS Annual General e-Meeting***Rescheduled from March 2020; followed by
optional general discussion*2pm–4pm online via Zoom; to register, please
contact *chairman@anesfhs.org.uk***12th September 2020****ANESFHS Edinburgh Group meeting***A monumental miscellany – MIs and more*
Gavin Bell

2pm, Royal Scots Club, 29 Abercromby Place

19th September 2020**ANESFHS London-area Group meeting***"How to": questions and ideas*12 noon, Church of Scotland hall, Russell St,
London (use side door on Crown Court)**19th September 2020****ANESFHS Aberdeen meeting***Topic TBA – see website*

2:30pm, Unitarian Church, Skene Terrace

3rd October 2020**ANESFHS Moray/Banff Group meeting***Bits of Latin and other necessary vocabulary*

2pm–4pm, Activities Room, Elgin Library

3rd October 2020**ANESFHS Glasgow Group meeting***The Stewarts and Gordons of Birkenburn*Gary Lawrie (ANESFHS), genealogist
2pm, Renfield Saint Stephen's Church Centre,
260 Bath Street, Glasgow**17th October 2020****ANESFHS Aberdeen meeting***Topic TBA – see website and next Journal*

2:30pm, Unitarian Church, Skene Terrace

7th November 2020**ANESFHS Moray/Banff Group meeting***What can your DNA tell you?*

2pm–4pm, Activities Room, Elgin Library

7th November 2020**ANESFHS Edinburgh Group meeting***Going beyond names, dates and places*Ken Nisbet (SGS), genealogist
2pm, Royal Scots Club, 29 Abercromby Place**14th November 2020****ANESFHS Melbourne Group meeting***Spring meeting*2pm–4:30pm, Baillieu Library, Melbourne
University**21st November 2020****ANESFHS London-area Group meeting***Topic TBA – see website*12 noon, Church of Scotland hall, Russell St,
London (use side door on Crown Court)**21st November 2020****ANESFHS Aberdeen meeting***Topic TBA – see website and next Journal*

2:30pm, Unitarian Church, Skene Terrace

5th December 2020**ANESFHS Aberdeen Meeting***Christmas Social*Bring the family, and meet other members
2:00pm, 136 King Street

Articles

Memories of an 1856 Emigration

My 2g-grandparents, Roderick Ross and Ann Spark, were married on 22nd June 1834 in Foveran parish, Aberdeenshire, and were said to have had 15 daughters and a son. There must have been confusion with another family, perhaps from a different generation. In fact, research has turned up eight children: four daughters, then four sons. Only the two youngest have indexed births/baptisms: John in 1848 and James in 1851 (both Peterhead).

In April 1856, the entire family emigrated to North America. One daughter was Sarah (1842–1938), my great-grandmother, who wrote extensively of their voyage by sailing ship across the Atlantic. Below is a letter she wrote apparently from childhood memories. A cousin-in-law sent it to me years ago. I have only added some words and corrected a bit of grammar for clarity's sake. The grandparents' farm was Knockhall, Foveran, halfway down the coast from Blackhills in Peterhead parish to Aberdeen.

I remember I was at home and Charley was a baby. I think I was between 4 and 5 years old (and babysitting Charley while mom walked 3 miles to go shopping). Before I was 13 I was hired out to nurse and do chores. That was in the fall of 1854. I went to a girls' school 3 miles from home and went there until spring. Then I was hired for a year not far from home. The man worked in a quarry. They had 3 children and 3 cows. I had a lot to do.

By the time my year was up the family was nearly ready to start for Canada. We started on April 5, 1856 by horse and cart. There were no trains in those days. We stayed the first night at Grandfather and Grandmother Spark. Grandmother was sick in bed and died the next spring. We were in Aberdeen for some days before we sailed. Everyone was seasick at first but we all got over it soon but for Mother. She was in bed most of the time. We were 6 weeks on the ocean and two or three times it was so rough they shut down the hatches and the cooking was all to be done on deck. We got fresh water, beef and split peas for soup and ships biscuits and I don't mind [remember] what other things every morning. When it was rough, one of the sailors, Frank Mitchell, always helped Mary to get something cooked. When it was fine they had music and we danced on the deck.

Two of the women took smallpox. Their berths were right behind ours. When we got to Quebec and had to land I saw a sailor with one of them wrapped in a blanket and strapped to his back coming down the rope ladder. We were all quarantined there and had to wash our clothes. Johnnie was the only one in the family who had not been vaccinated and he took the smallpox. All the way coming up the country Father had to sleep with him in the stable or some outhouse but it was warm there. I don't remember what kind of conveyances we had.

We were in Detroit [I think this could be incorrect] over Sunday. It was not much of a place then. My mother's brother, Uncle Willie, had been there a while before and had bought that lot that Richard Thompson lived on and had a log shanty built on it and was living in it. He got Mr McCormick to meet us at Durham Rd with his oxen and jumper, a kind of rough sleigh with runners. It was the middle of summer and we got to Uncle's shanty right in the bush. Us girls soon got away. Annie went to Bob Lamont's father on the 10th Con. [concession] and Mary went to Tinsdale near Malcom. I don't mind where Betsy went.

Six Ross Brothers: Identification of Photograph

This photograph (in the form of a postcard – photographer unknown) was probably taken around the beginning of the First World War in Aberdeen.

The brothers were the sons of William Oliver Ross (b. 1850, Perth) and Ann (née Perfect, a Londoner), who lived in the early 1900s in Hutcheon Street, Aberdeen. The boys were all born in Grimsby, Lincolnshire, where William Oliver Ross had been a successful fisherman and skipper owner of a smack (after a career in the Navy). The family had moved to Aberdeen in 1902 as a result of the strike and lockout at the Grimsby fish docks.



*Back row: Alec Ross (b. 1894), George Roland Ross (b. 1892),
Thomas Swinley Ross (b. 1889)
Front row: Ernest Oliver Ross (b. 1887), William Alexander Ross
(b. 1881), Horace Perfect Ross (b. 1884)*

William died in 1905 aged “56”, and his widow Ann lived on at 5 Richmond Terrace and then back in Hutcheon Street

(d. 1935). All the brothers served in the Great War – five in the Royal Naval Reserve, and one, Ernest Oliver Ross, in the Royal Army Medical Corps as an ambulance driver.

In the *Evening Express* of Friday 12th November 1915, an article appeared about the brothers (photographs of the six in uniform were included, but too faint to reproduce):

Another Patriotic Aberdeen Family

Mrs Ross and six sons in service

Few counties in Scotland can show such a record as Aberdeen in the matter of whole families serving at the front. Another list falls to be added to the glorious record.

Mrs Ross, 160 Hutcheon Street, Aberdeen and her six sturdy sons are depicted above.

Five are serving in the R.N.R. and one is a member of the R.A.M.C.

One brother, Horace Perfect Ross, was my maternal grandfather. He was a Warrant Officer in the RNR and skipper of a trawler which was requisitioned by the Admiralty, employed in the Patrol Service. His name appeared in the Navy List. Although he and his wife and family had a home in a Skene Square tenement in Aberdeen, they all moved to Holyhead in Anglesey, north-west Wales, where he was based.

All six brothers survived the war, and I have traced them in Aberdeen, where four of them died. My grandfather died in 1949 back in Grimsby. I cannot trace Alec (b. 27 Sep 1894). His name appears as Alec on his birth certificate, but he seems to have changed it to Alex or Alexander. His RNR record shows that he was demobilised and discharged to shore on 15th May 1919 in Kirkwall, Orkney, from a ship *Victorious*. He was still receiving Royal Naval prize money in December 1923. I haven't found any record of him beyond that. My mother said he died young. Does anyone know what happened to Alec/Alex Ross?

The Tales of Two Headstones

My father and I were travelling in Fife between St Andrews and Newport-on-Tay when suddenly he pointed to a small church (Vicarsford) on a hill and casually said “Many of our relatives are buried up there”. Probably like most 11-year-olds, I did not consider asking more questions on the topic – but somehow the information and the sight of that distinctive church struck a chord and stayed planted somewhere in my memory.

Regrettably, it was only after my father died that I started to research our family history. I now live in the Netherlands, but during a visit to Scotland I decided to visit Vicarsford church. True to what Dad had said, many gravestones turned out to commemorate people in our wider family. Standing there among the gravestones, it somehow brought these relatives closer and gave my hobby a meaning I had not felt before.

One of those graves was that of my great-grandparents, Charles Alfred Scroggie and Mary Barclay Willock. At the time, I promised myself to find and visit Charles’s father’s grave.

Charles’s father was David Scroggie (d. 1866), a tenant farmer in the Mearns, married to Catherine Vallentine, who was herself from a tenant farming family in the same area. The Scroggie and Vallentine families became quite intertwined, but that is another story. Research indicated that David would probably have been buried in Laurencekirk. So, on a visit there with my wife, Maureen, we fruitlessly searched the large main cemetery. We then moved on to the smaller but older cemetery at the Church of Scotland. The moment we found David’s grave was delightful; somehow a unique sense of satisfaction goes right through you. David and Catherine had a son James, who died one year earlier than he did, aged 9, and it was understandable to see that they were buried together.

At that moment, I remember thinking “Can we realistically find the graves of the next generation back?” That would be Robert Scroggie, a tenant farmer at Odmoston in the parish of Fordoun, and his wife Isabella, my 3g-grandparents. My gut reaction was something like “I will try, but because of the extra added years, the chance of success has to be close to zero”.

After spending some time at David and James’s grave, and reading the text over and over again, Maureen and I moved on among the remaining stones in the churchyard. You can imagine the shock and excitement when, within the next 20 minutes, we came across the stone which listed David’s mother. It was on a stone which mainly pertained to the Hunter family, but clearly added on the bottom was “Isabella Scroggie, widow of James Hunter, died 7th April 1883 aged 91 years”. This was the exact same name and date of death that I had in my records. The earlier thought of finding a grave for the next generation back had been answered so quickly – something of a Eureka moment.

Isabella’s remarriage was new to me. This led to many more hours of family-tree work, all of which have been fruitful and fun. Robert had died on 30th January 1826 when their three children were 3½, 2½ and 1 year old; life must have been very difficult for mothers in this situation. One can only wonder about the decisions she would have had to make.

Still on my “to do” list are tracking down the grave of Catherine Scroggie (née Vallentine, d. 1900), which is somewhere in the very large Balgay Cemetery in Dundee, and finding the grave of Robert Scroggie (d. 1826), which will be somewhere in the parish of Fordoun.

Communion Set: a Durris Kirk Mystery

For over 400 years, the Kirk Session for Drumoak–Durris has owned a rare silver communion plate and two goblets with an unexplained dedication and an unknown benefactor – Thomas Fraser. In 2018, the minister and the session clerk asked if I could find out more about Fraser. While I have come tantalisingly close, I have yet to find the clinching evidence. And it is here the genealogical knowledge and experience of readers of this Journal, familiar with the long-established families of North-East Scotland, may hold the key to unlocking this final mystery.



Silver communion set: Durris Kirk

When was the set made, and by whom?

From the hallmarks, it is known that the communion set was made in London in 1694. The hallmarks reveal:



- a *lion passant*, which indicates it is English silver and the duty has been paid
- a *leopard's head*, which is the London Assay Office
- a date letter of a *small gothic* “r”, which indicates 1694.

Unlike other hallmarks of this period, there are no initials of the maker; but close inspection of the maker's mark appears to show a *rose*, which may be that of Henry Rose, a silversmith apprenticed from 1684 to 1691 to Thomas Cory, who had a workshop in Warminster and London. Whoever purchased the communion set would have had to be wealthy.

What does the dedication on the communion plate mean?

Given to the Church of Durris by Mr Tho. Ffraiser Chapline & Judge Advocate Aboard the English Admirall obit in the Straits of Gibralterr the 19 of Feby 1694

In the 17th century, the flagship of any naval fleet was called “the Admiral”, whatever the ship's actual name. In October 1693, Sir Francis Wheler was promoted to *Rear Admiral of the Red* (the foremost squadron) and ordered to the Mediterranean as commander of a fleet. His flagship, the *Sussex*, had been launched at Chatham Dockyard on 11th April and was the pride of the Royal Navy. The *Sussex* set sail in December 1693, escorting 48 warships and 166 merchant ships to the Mediterranean. From the Admiralty Entry Book:

Instructions for Sir Francis Wheler, knight, commander-in-chief of a squadron fitted out for the Straits. As soon as you join the Spanish armada, pursuant to the instructions of the Lords of the Admiralty, you shall act as most advisable for the annoying of the French, and shall give the Duke of Savoy notice of your arrival in the Mediterranean; and in case he desire your co-operation in any design against the French, you shall use your best endeavours to bring the same to a happy issue. During your stay in the Mediterranean you are to correspond as frequently as you can with Viscount Galway,



our envoy extraordinary to the Duke of Savoy; and, as far as may be consistent with the service you are employed in, to act according to the advices you shall receive from him.

At that time, Britain was part of an alliance – the League of Augsburg – to thwart the expansionist plans of King Louis XIV of France. To achieve that aim, it was necessary to secure the support of the small but strategically placed state of Savoy on the south-east border of France that held the key to capturing Paris. The Duke of Savoy was nominally on the League's side but was notoriously fickle and by late 1693 appeared to be wavering.

To secure the Duke's support, King William ordered the Exchequer to transfer to the fleet £1m sterling in coins equal to 10 tonnes of gold and 100 tonnes of silver. After being delayed in port by contrary winds, Wheler's fleet sailed in late December and reached Cadiz on 19th January 1694. On 10th February, Wheler tried to bring the fleet through the Strait of Gibraltar but was prevented by contrary winds. He tried again on 17th February but was again forced back by the winds, which rose to hurricane force early on the 19th. Wheler attempted to tack into the wind and head back behind Gibraltar, but in the process water entered the open gun ports, and the ship swiftly sank.

The loss of the *Sussex* with Rear Admiral Wheler and all hands – including Thomas Fraser – confirmed conclusions newly reached by naval administration officers as to whether the structure of 80-gun ships with only two decks was dangerously weak, and whether this weakness could be overcome by building them with three decks.

Who was Thomas Fraser?

His will has been located but provides no direct information about him! Nevertheless, the content of the will is of great interest, as it provides possible clues to his identity:

In the name of God Amen

If I should not return to London I appoint this as my last will ... I owe no man any money except three or four pounds to Mr Robison for letters and at present I have a bond of Mr Chalmers writing master for seventy pounds English with bonds. Mr Robison has in keeping at this present time. The King owes me for my service aboard the St Michael 130 pounds which by his proclamation is to be paid Martinmas next. So at present I have of money two hundred pounds which after my decease I order to be distributed as followeth in primis fifty pounds of the first and best money to be given to the Church Of Doors [Durriss]. Thirty pounds for buying two silver cups and a silver "bason" to serve at the Sacrament of the Lords Supper and the other twenty pounds which remains to be secured and the interest may annually be divided among the poor of the parish.

- **Item:** *fifty pounds to be given to my parents if both or either them is alive and if neither, to be given to my elder brother and if he is not alive to be mortified for the use of the poor of the parish of Doors.*
- **Item:** *to my Lady Fraser a piece of plate worth six pounds of what fashion she pleaseth.*
- **Item:** *to Madam Scarburgh six pounds for a piece of plate of what fashion she pleaseth.*
- **Item:** *to Kilmundie a ring of twenty shillings value*
- **Item:** *to Balbridie a ring of the same value*
- **Item:** *to Robin Fotheringham a ring of the same value*
- **Item:** *to my brother Simon a ring of the same value*
- **Item:** *to John Fraser of Milton of Balladrum a ring of the same value*

- **Item:** to John Reid, Minister of Doors appoint my books to be given and a ring of twenty shillings value and a silver tobacco bag of thirty shillings value
- **Item:** to Mrs Reid the said Mr John Reid's wife three pound for a petticoat of what she pleaseth and a ring of twenty shillings value
- **Item:** to Balbridie's daughter Mrs Elizabeth a ring of twenty shillings value and ... of forty shillings value
- **Item:** to Mr George Fraser, Sub Principal of King's College of Aberdeen and who was my Regent and a ring of twenty shillings value
- **Item:** to Robin Fraser late living in the parish of Doors a tobacco bag of twenty shillings value and these pounds in money
- **Item:** to Alexander Reid living there if either he, his wife or his son Peter be alive forty shillings in money
- **Item:** to Mr Robison periwig maker in the Pall Mall five pounds for a piece of plate ----- reasonable charge for performing this Will also a ring of twenty shillings value
- **Item:** to the poor of the parish of Doors four pounds to be divided in years' time to the most necessitous
- **Item:** forty pounds for building of a stout bridge at the Mill of Balladrum or higher up if the landlord will suffer my name and coat of arms upon it, if not this money is to be secured that the interest of it may maintain the poor of the parish the management of this summer, whether it be employed for the building of the foresaid bridge or the use of the poor is left to Mr John Reid and if he is dead to the Minister of Doors and such of the ancientist Elders of the Session, he and the Minister is to have but one voice
- **Item:** for the maintaining of the fabric of the bridge and appoint seven pounds and if I live till more money is due appoint ten pounds that the interest of it may be laid out as the work require it & if the bridge for this foresaid reason is not built – appoint the said ten pounds for the foresaid person or persons to be settled for the use of the poor of the parish.
- **Item:** I appoint my watch to be given to Kilmundie and my two pair of Gold Buttons to Rear Admiral Hobson.

18th April 1694

I assume that this list has been presented in a particular order reflecting the status of the beneficiaries and their closeness in kinship to Thomas Fraser. The first beneficiaries are his parents – “if both or either of them is alive”. Had he been away from home for some time and perhaps lost touch? The identity of his elder brother is not disclosed.

“Lady Fraser” is almost certainly Mary (née Carey), second wife of Sir Alexander Fraser, who was a close confidant and personal physician to King Charles II. Both Samuel Pepys and John Evelyn make unflattering reference to Sir Alexander in their respective diaries. This may be because Sir Alexander appeared to have played more of a covert political than medical role in the Royal Court.

“Madam Scarburgh” would have been Catharine Fraser, daughter of Lady Fraser and Sir Alexander. Catharine had married Charles Scarburgh, son of the eponymous Royal Physician to King Charles II and a professional colleague of Sir Alexander.

In 1697, Charles Scarburgh jnr took up an important post within the royal household. In 1694, Scarburgh *may* have held a position where he could have exercised influence in making a recommendation for the appointment of Thomas Fraser as chaplain and judge advocate to the royal fleet in 1693. But this is speculation.

There is then a bequest to “Kilmundie”. It was customary to refer to a person of high standing by the name of the place with which they were associated. The Kilmundie cited here is almost certainly Kinmundy (as now spelled) between Newmachar and Dyce, so the bequest was to Fraser of Kinmundie.

An examination of the following three extracts from the Register of Burgesses for the City of Aberdeen is helpful, as reference is made there to a number of Frasers of Kinmundie.

8th November 1661

Andrew, lord Fraser; Patrick Barclay of Towie; Francis Fraser of Kinmundie, and Andrew Fraser, son of John Fraser of Kinmundie; Francis Fraser, servant to lord Fraser, and David Sinclair, servant to Patrick Barclay.

30th September 1668

Sir Alexr Fraser of Durris, first phisitiane in ordinary to the King's Majestie; James Chesses esquire, sone to his maties, chief apothecar; Andro Fraser, yor. of Nether Kinmundy; Alexr Fraser, nephoy to the sd Sir Alexr Fraser; Mr Robert Reid, minister at Banchory Trinity; William Irvine, sone to the deceast Mr Alexr I., somtyme minister at Longsyde, and Thomas Fraser, servant to the sd Sir Alexr.

10th February 1674

Kenneth Mackenzie, eldest son of Kenneth, Earl of Seaforth, Lord Mackenzie; Peter Fraser, son of Alexander F.; physician to the King, pupil; John Blackwell, son of Edward B., alderman of London.

Mr George Fraser, governor to the said Kenneth Mackenzie; Mr James Innes, tutor to the said John Blackwell; Mr Alexander Ramsay, governor to the said Peter Fraser; Robert Fodringhame, chirurgeon, servant to the said Alexander Fraser; and James Mackenzie, servant to the said Kenneth Mackenzie.

The Frasers of Kinmundie were related to Andrew Fraser of Muchall, later to be created Lord Fraser. (An Andrew Fraser of Kinmundie was Sheriff-depute of Aberdeen from 1687 to 1707.) From a Testament Dative dated 13th April 1683, the executor of Sir Alexander Fraser's will was an Andrew Fraser of Kinmundie. The fact that Andrew Fraser of Nether Kinmundy was made a burgess at the same time as Sir Alexander and Thomas Fraser (servant to Sir Alexander) appears to confirm a family link. It is not clear from Thomas's will which particular “Kilmundie” is the beneficiary. Also, a Sir Andrew Fraser of Kinmundie was a factor for the laird of Durris between 1666 and 1670.

- The wills of Thomas and of Sir Alexander Fraser refer to a Robin Fotheringham. He is described as a “servant” in Sir Alexander's will but a surgeon (Chyrurgion) in Thomas Fraser's papers. Given the fact that Sir Alexander was a Royal Physician, it is highly probable that he would have had as an assistant (servant) a medical practitioner.
- There is a bequest to George Fraser, Sub-Principal of King's College, Aberdeen. It has been confirmed that George Fraser held this post from 1679 to 1684.
- There is a bequest to Mr Reid and his wife. When the Fraser Aisle at Durris Kirk was undergoing repair, two mutilated gravestones were found with these inscriptions:

Here lyes ISOBEL FR...ER, spous..... aster John minister of Duries, who departed this life the 13 of May 1716, in the -2 of her age.

These were almost certainly the gravestones of Mr John Reid and his first wife, as it is known that he left a widow. Isobel Fraser may have been Thomas's sister.

A sizeable amount of money was bequeathed to construct "a stout bridge" at Balladrum over the Sheecho Burn. The nature of this bequest indicates familiarity with this location, which may have been near his home. The fact that he instructed that his name and coat of arms be placed upon the bridge indicates not only that Thomas Fraser was a person of high status but also that he wanted to leave his personal mark.

According to the Register of Testaments held by the Commissariat of St Andrews, there are records for the following Frasers in Durris:

Alexander Fraser, sometime in Balladroun, parish of Durris	18 July 1694
James Fraser in Easter Balbrydie, parish of Durris	6 May 1641

An Alexander Fraser lived at Balladroun (variously spelled Balladrum and Belladrum) adjacent to the site of the proposed bridge. The bequest by Thomas Fraser to "Balbridie" may have been to a descendant of the James Fraser of Easter Balbridie cited above. What remains unknown is the nature of the link between Thomas Fraser and these two families.

In these same records, there is reference to an Alexander Fotheringhame (Fotheringham) of Ballindron (testament dated 18th May 1624). Could Ballindron be an alternative spelling for Balladroun? And is it possible that Robert Fotheringham, Sir Alexander Fraser's professional assistant, was related to this Fotheringham family?

One of the final bequests was to Rear Admiral Hobson – a misspelling of Admiral Thomas Hopsonn, who had two lengthy commissions as captain of the *St Michael* (1690–93), on which Thomas Fraser had served. Why would Thomas Fraser bequeath him "two pair of Gold Buttons"? Gifts of moderate value *in memento mori* were not unusual in this period: rings were common, but gold buttons would have served the same purpose equally well.

The *St Michael* under Hopsonn's command took part in the battle of Barfleur (29th May to 4th June 1692) during the Nine Years' War in which the French were attempting to restore James II to the English throne. The claim has been made that the victory at Barfleur prevented any realistic prospect of a full-scale pro-Jacobite invasion, and constituted one of the most spectacular and complete British naval triumphs before the age of Nelson.

Roll of officers and graduates of Aberdeen University

Thomas Fraser was at Aberdeen University when George Fraser was Regent (1679–84). From an examination of the Roll, it is possible to identify the following Thomas Frasers who graduated from the University with a Master of Arts during that period:

Thomas Fraser, major	1682
Thomas Fraser, minor	1682

It is not clear what the "major/minor" distinction means here. Nor can we be certain that the University records are complete. It is highly probable that both these Thomas Frasers enrolled at Aberdeen University when they were quite young – possibly 14 years of age – as was the practice at that time. And they are likely to have studied for up to four years, graduating aged around 18 and hence born around 1664. If one of these two is "our" Thomas Fraser (d. 1694), then he will have died around 30 years of age.

The Register of Burgesses for 30th September 1668 has reference to a Thomas Fraser, "servant" to Sir Alexander Fraser. Could he have been the father of Thomas Fraser?

Naval record of Thomas Fraser

It can be confirmed that there is no reference to Thomas Fraser as a sea officer in the Navy according to *Commissioned Sea Officers of the Royal Navy, 1600–1815*. He could have served as a Captain's Servant, a first step towards being an officer. However, a check of Muster Rolls from April 1693 to January 1694 and Pay Books from 11th April 1693 to 19th February 1694 for the *Sussex* revealed no-one named as Thomas Fraser.

But the letter from Thomas Fraser which accompanied his will makes clear that he had been transferred to the *Sussex* from the *St Michael*, a 90-gun second-rate ship of the line which had been built by John Tippetts of Portsmouth Dockyard and launched in 1669. If Thomas Fraser was a chaplain, it is possible that ships of the class of the *St Michael* would have had one. The key point here is that the lead ship in a fleet – the *English Admiral* – would almost certainly have had a Judge Advocate aboard.

Conclusion

I approached no fewer than four genealogists, and I thank them all – but the identity of Thomas Fraser remains undiscovered. I hope one or more readers will spot something that I have missed or will point to an avenue I have yet to explore. I will not feel at ease until I can provide the minister and the session clerk with the answers that they seek.

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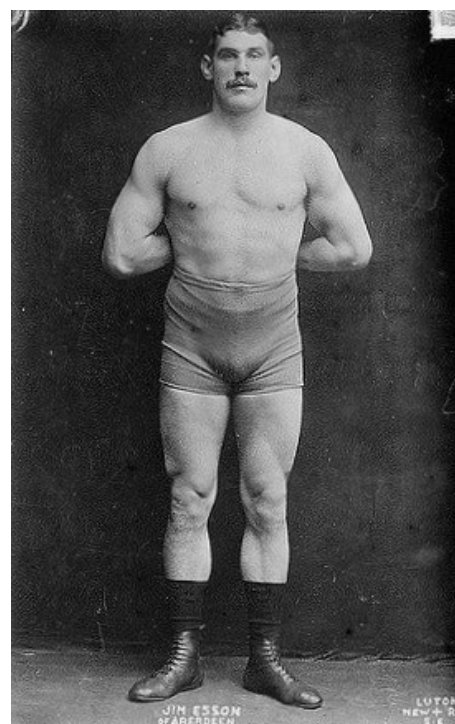
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Jimmy Esson, World Champion

Journal 126 (February 2013, pp. 30–31) had an article, “Sergeant Major James Esson”, by Anne Park (no. 3879), our Society's expert on North-East Scottish casualties of the First World War. Researching a war-memorials query that had given few details to work with, Anne had found a great deal of information about Jim Esson, born in the North-East, who had become a world-famous champion wrestler before serving in the First World War and dying of wounds. (Accompanying that article was this image, but stretched so that he looked even broader and stronger than he actually was!)

I am very grateful to Anne for her article, which provided my first clues to uncovering the career of James Esson – my second cousin twice removed, born on 18th October 1885 in St Peter's Terrace, Peterculter, eldest son of Robert Esson (1864–1951) and Ann Simpson Milton (b.c. 1864). The family relocated in the late 1890s to Dunipace, Stirlingshire; and James was not there in the 1901 census. He had enlisted in the 1st Bn of the Gordon Highlanders, an Aberdeen unit of the British Army. Records show he served four years and eight months. He must have looked older and larger for his age to pass as an adult, having joined up in time to serve during the Second Boer War in South Africa, which began in 1899.

The 1st Bn saw action in the Battle of Magersfontein in December 1899, then again at Doornkop in May 1900, and suffered heavy losses. The 1st Bn stayed until the war ended in June 1902, departing Cape Town in late September and arriving at Southampton in late



October. The battalion was then posted to Glasgow, where James may have completed his service before being discharged more than a year after returning to Scotland. For this war service, James received several medals, giving some idea of what he experienced. One was the Queen's South Africa medal with two clasps. The first clasp – Paardeberg – was for that battle in the Orange Free State, 17th–26th February 1900. The second was for the Battle of Belfast, 26th–27th August 1900 at Wonderfontein in the South African Republic. The King's South Africa medal was awarded to soldiers on active service during 1902 and who had served for at least 18 months by the last day of the war. With the King's medal came two clasps – one for service throughout 1901, and one for 1902.

At discharge, James may have already begun the wrestling career that made him famous. He was important in the history of free-style or “catch-as-catch-can” wrestling. James became Scottish amateur champion at the age of 19 (1904) and turned professional three years later. Known professionally as Jim or Jimmy Esson, his career covered at least 1906–15, and he toured frequently in Britain, North and South America, and Europe.

He peaked at age 22 when he was acclaimed World Heavyweight Champion in Free-style in 1908. He had won that year's Lonsdale Challenge Cup and the National Sporting Club's tournament held at the Alhambra in London. The competition included wrestlers from 12 countries, with so many entries that the contests took place over a period of two months. The Alhambra tournament victory made James the first genuine and officially recognised champion in any sport. After this win, he toured Europe, America and Latin America. He began 1909 with a tournament in January held in Vienna, Austria.

Late that year, Jim went on his first trip to the USA. He may have been visiting his father in Ireland when he embarked at Queenstown (Cobh) on 2nd December aboard the SS *Majestic*, which had departed Southampton a day earlier. In the ship's manifest, he is James Esson, age 24, occupation wrestler; last residence London; and his nearest relative was his mother, Mrs R. Esson, 6 Broad Street, Denny (Stirlingshire, near to Dunipace). He declared that he was carrying more than \$50, and it was his first visit to the USA. He gave as his destination Chicago, Illinois, planning to stay at the Saratoga Hotel; and the purpose was a wrestling tour. Born in “Aberdeen”, he was 6 feet 4 inches tall, with a fair complexion, fair hair and grey eyes. Jim arrived in New York on 10th December 1909.

It was not widely known that Jim ended the wrestling career and thereby resurrected the boxing career of Jack Johnson, who later became world heavyweight champion. Johnson had been matched against the “Scotch Giant” during a tournament in Paris. After the bout, Johnson remarked: “wrestling against monsters like him, I am going back to boxing”. Also called “Big Jim Esson”, he weighed 315 pounds – a very formidable opponent.

Jim continued to tour for several years in various places in Britain, South America, Europe and even in Algeria. His last professional tour was to Canada in 1915 to participate in wrestling bouts held mostly in Montréal, with one venue in Ottawa, between March and May. By then, his country was embroiled in the First World War; and, as he had done in 1899, he answered the call to military service. Jim took passage out of New York on the SS *Arabic*, arriving on 28th May 1915 at Liverpool. He is listed as James Esson, age 30, of Lockside, Mottram Road, Stalybridge, Cheshire, occupation wrestler, last permanent residence Canada, intended residence Scotland.

The address in Stalybridge (variously in Cheshire or Lancashire) was where James lived after marrying Ethel Eliza Stokes on 23rd December 1911. Ethel was a daughter of Harry

and Amelia Stokes, born on 10th February 1885 in Stalybridge. She was enumerated with her parents and younger siblings in the 1911 census as Ethel Esson, daughter, 26, married less than a year, living at 8 Thompson Cross, Stalybridge. I cannot explain how Ethel could be indicated as married at the census date (2nd April) if her marriage to James did not take place until December of that year. It may be that they were already engaged, so whoever dealt with the enumerator stretched the truth a bit for the sake of appearances. In any case, Ethel had a two-year-old daughter (also Ethel) from her marriage in 1908 to a Tom Norris Clay, who had very soon died aged 24. The names Norris and Clay would later cause some confusion on the part of government and military authorities when they were corresponding with Ethel.

Upon returning home in 1915 to his wife and stepdaughter in Stalybridge, having often been away on wrestling tours, James enlisted at Manchester in the Lancashire Territorial Force, a home-front militia, on 16th June 1915 for four years. He was promoted to acting Serjeant [*sic*] the same day, and his unit was part of the Army Service Corps (ASC). James remained stationed at or near home for the next two years while the war raged in France. He was promoted to Company Serjeant Major (CSM) on 5th May 1916 and transferred to Depot Park Royal on 15th August. His ASC unit was attached to the 12th Bn, King's Liverpool Regiment, which was shipped over to France on 11th July 1917.

On 30th November, during a German counter-attack at Cambrai, James was wounded in a shoulder and captured. He was taken to a field hospital in Le Cateau, where he died on 14th December 1917. His remains were transported the next day to the large German fortress hospital at Liège, Belgium, and he was buried in the Robermont Cemetery there. James was posthumously awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

James had served 2½ years during the First World War, only half the time he had been in the Army during the Boer War. His death at age 32 ended a great career as a professional wrestler. After receiving notification of her husband's death, Ethel waged her own war with the British military over her widow's benefits, which were based on James's time in service and his rank. There was a question of his rank as CSM when he died, because it affected the amount to be paid to his widow. In a letter of June 1918, Ethel disputed the Army's contention that James's rank was not CSM. She stated that he was promoted by Major McHarrison at ASC Park Royal, adding that she had a child to raise who was being well educated and that her late husband earned over £1,000 per year in his profession. An undated and unsigned memorandum to the Ministry of Pensions explained that the matter had been searched completely. It found that James Esson had held the unpaid local rank of CSM from 5th May 1916 until 14th October 1916, then had reverted to Acting Serjeant (A/Sjt) until the date of his death. Whether Ethel prevailed in her quest for what she considered as reasonable compensation is not indicated by the surviving records. She and James appear not to have had any children, and I do not know if she married again.

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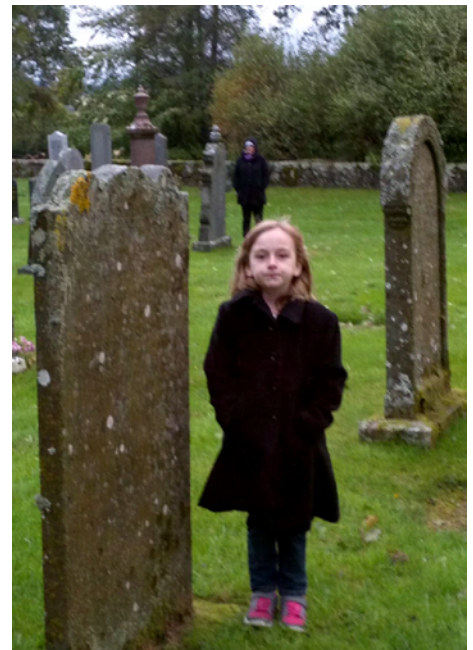
Towie Kirkyard: Another Eureka Moment

I read with increasing delight the article in Journal 155 (May 2020), “My Eureka Moment: Scottish Origins Confirmed”. A place, a name, and a spine-tingling moment in Towie churchyard – all ticked boxes for me. The writer told of finding her great-grandmother Elizabeth Grassick, who had died in Norfolk, mentioned on the gravestone of her parents, James and Isabella, in Towie churchyard, thereby providing a definite link to ancestors in this small western Aberdeenshire parish.

In my Australian family, the spine-tingling moment in Towie kirkyard belonged not to me but to my nephew and his wife. I have been researching our family history for 20 years, but it was some time before any of the next generation became interested. Having married and started a family, James wanted to know our origins. He solved one of my brick walls (McDonalds from Glasgow) and read with interest my reams of information about our ancestors from the adjoining upper Donside parishes of Strathdon and Towie. (My grandfather, James Coutts Kellas, was born in Strathdon in 1879, grew up near Aberdeen, married in Midlothian, then migrated to Australia with his family in 1911. His maternal grandparents, James Coutts and Barbara Riach, lived in Towie and are buried there.)

My nephew, James, then turned to his wife’s ancestors, who had also come from Scotland. He found that her great-grandfather, who also migrated to Australia in the early 1900s, was born in Towie in 1886. This astonished him, because he had already heard from me that this is a tiny area with a church and a few surrounding farms.

James and Louise eventually visited Scotland, with Towie a highlight. They each found the grave of their ancestors at almost the same moment, 20 yards apart. They took photos of each other and their daughter Jess beside the graves, and imagined their ancestors chatting outside the church after the service. They say their genes recognised each other! Jess is pictured standing beside her father’s Coutts ancestors, while her mother Louise stands beside her own ancestors, Robert McConnachie and Mary Hay.



And then there was the name. We too have an Elizabeth Grassick who has been a “brick wall”. She is buried with her husband Alexander Kellas in Strathdon churchyard; they had lived in Glen Nocht in Strathdon parish. (My grandfather James Coutts Kellas was their great-grandson). Elizabeth died in 1831, aged 81 according to the gravestone, so she was born around 1750. After much fruitless searching, I was grateful when another researcher suggested a possible birth record: in 1749 in the neighbouring parish of Logie Coldstone, James Grassie (a surname variant) had a daughter. Apparently neither the mother nor the female child warranted their name being recorded! Elizabeth and Alexander had several children, including a James, who could have been named after his maternal grandfather. And there our brick wall remains – there seems no way to confirm or disprove this entry.

With the names Elizabeth Grassick and James Grassick in common, and coming from this small rural area, it is very likely that the writer of the article and I are related. We have been corresponding and exchanging information, but have not yet been able to identify a definite link between our Grassick ancestors.

However, it appears that our families do have a more recent link, in the person of young Jess Aumend. On her father's side, she is descended from our Elizabeth Grassick Kellas. On her mother's side, her 3g-grandmother Mary Hay, buried in Towie churchyard, was a great-granddaughter of Alexander Grassick, born 1760 in Bellachailach, Strathdon.

Since Elizabeth Grassick Claxton, the subject of the May Journal article, also descends from this same Alexander Grassick, we have found a link between our families. We were looking for a link back in the 1700s, which probably exists but cannot be identified. Instead, we found a link in a 21st-century Australian girl.

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Wanted: Benjamin Sharp, Weaver, Supposedly in Aberdeen

The 1851 census revealed that my 2g-grandfather, Benjamin Sharp, was born in Hunslet (now within Leeds), Yorkshire. His wife's birthplace was recorded, maddeningly, as just "Scotland". Fortunately, in 1861 they were at the same Birmingham address, and now her birthplace was "Aberdeen". Benjamin Sharp and Jane Grant had married at Fintray in 1827. But what had taken Benjamin (b.c. 1804) to Aberdeenshire? To my Journal Query (90/20, Feb 2004), I received a very helpful reply from Margaret Cruickshank, a Society member. She told me that there had been a move to improve the quality of the cloth being produced in the Aberdeen area, and Yorkshire weavers were hired for their skill.

Even today, Leeds to Aberdeen is quite a journey, and I wondered how Benjamin might have travelled – by sea or by land? I looked for clues in copies of *The Leeds Intelligencer* of the 1820s, and also in a *Pigot's Directory* for Leeds. There were regular early-morning coaches to both Glasgow and Edinburgh. Further coaches would be needed to Perth and thence Aberdeen. Tickets were expensive, even for outside seats, and I can only guess that the new employer paid for what sounded like a nightmare journey.

But maybe this was the very "career move" Benjamin needed at the time. Old newspapers reveal all sorts of things, and, having entered his name in the search panel, I got a result. And what a result! Leeds Workhouse had a notice listing men who had not paid maintenance for their "BASTARD CHILDREN" – and among the 40 or so names was "Sharp, Benjamin". There was a £1 1s reward for information. Two years later there was another list, now with 72 names including "Benjamin Sharp, cloth weaver supposed in Aberdeen".

Far away from Leeds, Benjamin and his wife seem to have settled at Cothal Mills, Fintray; and children were born, and survived: five in the first six years of their marriage. I have not found a baptism for Mary, the firstborn, doomed to be a "char" all her working life. The next four children were all baptised in Fintray. Then suddenly the family left Fintray, and the sixth child was born in Wakefield, Yorkshire. They moved on to Warwick, where Benjamin was a toll-house keeper, then to Halesowen, where he was a stone dresser in a quarry, and finally to Birmingham, where the youngest child, Jane, my great-grandmother, was born in 1848. Benjamin was now a paving agent, and they lived by the Granville Street bridge (which is still there) over the Worcester & Birmingham Canal.

If Benjamin's original journey north had been arduous, then the return south, with small children and the family's belongings, must have been horrific. So, why did they leave Cothal Mills some time after July 1833 when son Robert was baptised in Fintray? In the Leeds Workhouse Overseers' "wanted" list published in February 1834, Benjamin was still among the (now 92) non-payers and now described as "weaver, Leeds". This suggests

that the family left Fintray in the second half of 1833. It seems that they did not linger in Leeds, because the next child was born in 1835/6 in Wakefield.

From the Leeds newspaper notices, it is clear that Benjamin's movements were known about. Could it be that his past had caught up with him and had come to the notice of the Kirk elders in Fintray? I know that church elders took a dim view of "fornication", and failing to support a resulting child would no doubt compound the sin. Or was there some problem at Cothal Mills? Or perhaps it was merely that his agreement to work there had been for a number of years only, and this had now concluded? Yet something made Benjamin leave Scotland altogether and abandon his skills in the weaving industry. I would be very pleased to hear from anybody who can think what this could have been.

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How Many Ways Can One Say "Fornication"?

Anyone who has spent time reading 18th- or earlier 19th-century Kirk Session records will be aware of the space taken up with matters of sexual misbehaviour. This problem was clearly of great concern to the Kirk, for which, bizarrely, it raised welcome and regular revenue for parish purposes from the fines imposed. In this respect, North-East Scotland, whether fairly or unfairly, has gained an unenviable reputation.

Searching for just such an event in the books of St Andrew's-Lhanbryd parish, near Elgin, I came across notes of five cases within the 18-month period (1832–3) during which the happening I was seeking must have occurred. (Very surprisingly, "my" event was *not* recorded – which would have made the count six.) And the relevant entries were in no way dry or monotonous; far from it. For the scribe in this case – the Rev. William Leslie, parish minister, then in his mid-80s – was well known, locally and further afield, for his imaginative and flowery prose.

The first entry actually notes a cash *grant to* a single mother:

To the Bastard Child of John McLennan ... having himself Absconded – to its mother Helena Forsyth Suffering for pleasures – 7/6d

The other four involved *fines payable to* the Kirk:

... by James Sinclair for the dispelling of the Scandal by his gratification mutual of the Lust of the Flesh with Jean Findlay – 2.0.0.

Donation to the Parochial Poor by George Christie & Ann Allan conjoined, on the consideration of their union in the production of an immortal Soul without the Tye of the Knot Conubial – 2.0.0.

(It may be of interest to any descendants of the persons named above that Ann Allan's sister, Elizabeth, had also given birth to an illegitimate son five years earlier, and that the father of that son, James Reid by name, actually fathered two "natural children" within a few months that year. He must have been a busy man!)

The Rev. Leslie continued:

John Williamson & Jane Alexander in paying (?) off the Scandal of having Conjoined in the mutual gratification by which, under the great arrangement of their Creator the number of the Elect is increased; increased also the Poores Fund by the addition thereto of – 1.0.0.

To a Donation to the Poor by poor John White for his sexual gratification with Sally Rhind producing thereby in Secondary cause an Immortal Being to fulfill its destiny as the decree of providence hath foreordained – 1.0.0.

The decree of providence indeed. So, how many ways can one say “fornication”? In the Rev. William Leslie’s prose, it seems, more than most.

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Diary of Ann Napier: A Visit to Scotland in 1808

Ann Napier, aged 19, had been invited to stay with the Scott family in Aberdeen for the summer of 1808. Her father, William, had been baptised in 1758 in Kincardineshire, son of William Napier snr and Mary (née Beattie). William jnr worked with his brother-in-law William Harvey running a wharf on the River Thames at Whitefriars, upstream from London Bridge. Once a year, Alexander Scott, an Aberdonian upholsterer, would visit London to purchase goods for his business.

On Sunday 10th April, the *Thetis* caught the tide, with Ann and her companions aboard, and anchoring on the way where necessary. At Berwick-upon-Tweed, Mr Scott decided to continue the journey by coach – to Ann’s huge relief. Ann soon regained her composure; and, after a day spent in Edinburgh, they caught the 9 o’clock mail coach to Aberdeen.

Thursday 21st April 1808 Aberdeen

Arrived at Aberdeen after having come near six hundred miles!! Not much fatigued – the roads were in general very good except in one stage that is not turnpike and there the snow was so deep, as to render it almost unpassable – and the preceding Monday the mail was obliged to wait a few miles this side of Aberdeen till the road was out – I was received with great affection by Mrs Scott and family –

I was much disappointed in the town as I had an idea – the buildings were fine and much larger but the houses in general are rather shabby – outside – but Union and King Streets when finished will be very handsome – as will the House of Correction – a large stone building – a little distance from the town – at the entrance there is a very fine bridge over the Den Burn only one and, I believe it is second largest in Europe – but I was surprised when expecting a fine view to see a little stream – with the old women washing their linen in it – it is the same in Edinburgh, they are built over vallies [sic] – so that instead of water, you look down on houses.

The Scott family lived at 4 Queen Street near Correction Wynd and the recently completed Union Bridge with its 130-foot span built using the local granite. Alexander and Catherine Scott had two sons and eight daughters. The eldest son, John (aged 24), was a journalist and editor in London and had been at school in Aberdeen with Lord Byron. John had recently married Caroline Colnaghi, daughter of a successful West End printseller. Margaret Scott, the eldest daughter, was 21, followed by Nancy, Kate, Jane, Marion, Helen, Elizabeth and Hannah Kenton; the younger son was Alexander Dick Scott.

Friday 22nd –

Drank tea with Margaret, Nancy, Kate and Jane Scott at Miss Stewart’s in Marischall Street – two Miss Gardeners, two Miss Andersons and Miss Davidson, were of the party – I was delighted with the familiarity of the Scotch Ladies – they received me not as a stranger, but as a

dear friend – they were all genteel figures, but Miss Anderson beautiful, and elegant, her sister Clementina little inferior – after tea we amused ourselves by dancing – Miss Stewart played the piano – I rather shy to exhibit. Parted about eight – a wet eveng’

Saturday 23rd –

Called on Miss Watt and Miss Campbell, both very much rested since I last saw them – Miss Watt being much taller – and Miss C not so genteel as I imagined – they are very pleasant girls – in the eveng’ took a walk in Union Street – the normal promenade – thought the gentility of the Ladies more dashing than genteel – and don’t like the fashion of not taking hold of the gentlemen’s arm when walking.

Sunday 24th –

Went in the morning to Mr Glass heard Mr Archer (Mr G being out of town) – in the afternoon heard Dr Brown of the West Kirk – and in the eveng’ Mr Kennedy of Belmont Street – much struck with appearance of the old women who had on small white caps called muches and above tartan plaids that cover the head and shoulders – they appeared the principal of the congregation which was very large.

The Kirk of St Nicholas was the local church, but the Scotts often held family marriage and baptism services at home, with the Rev. Mr Lawrence Glass officiating as minister of the Associate Congregation Correction Wynd. In London, William Napier was a deacon at the Eagle Street Baptist Church; he would also attend fund-raising events at the Scots Corporation, whose headquarters were in Crane Court off Fleet Street.

On 7th April 1812 at St Bride’s Fleet Street, Ann Napier married her first husband, Robert Tebbitt; and they became my 3g-grandparents.

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158 King Street: Family Connection

ANESFHS's Aberdeen address has a special meaning to my family. My mother's roots are in Fittie; most of my ancestors were whitefishers and harbour pilots. We've been able to research as far back as my 6g-grandfather Alexander Allan, born about 1709 in Nigg. My grandparents moved in 1930 to Glasgow, where my mother was born. I was born there too; then in 1966 we moved to Ontario, Canada. We kept in touch with many of our Aberdeen relatives but unfortunately lost touch with some others.

About 15 years ago, I became interested in researching our family tree. I signed up with Ancestry, hoping it would help me connect with cousins. In January 2016, I got a pleasant surprise: a message from my Mom's first cousin, Michael Allan (Society member no. 21669), as a direct result of an Ancestry "Tip". He explained our connection – and pieces of the puzzle all began to come together. His father and my grandmother were siblings.

We exchanged information, enjoyed getting to know each other, and met in 2017 when I visited Scotland. We also met a few other relatives and discussed the possibility of having an Allan family reunion. We eventually chose the weekend of 12th to 14th July 2019.

A few relatives had a family group portrait photograph, probably taken in 1919, of our side of the family, including my grandmother, Janet Allan, and her parents and siblings. Most of the people at our reunion were direct descendants of my great-grandfather and his children, so the portrait was a pivotal tool in helping us to learn who was who.

I took the portrait out of its frame and noticed a studio name and address in the bottom corner: "David Milne 158 King St. Aberdeen" – now (of course!) the ANESFHS Family History Centre's address. Mike had taken me to King Street in 2017, and I'd quickly learned how much I could gain by joining. I took out a membership during that visit.

I contacted Mike about the address, and he was as intrigued as I was. We began talking about a re-enactment, hoping it would be possible for each individual's descendants to stand in for their parents/grandparents. We contacted the various family members, and all were happy and willing to do so. We got a photographer to aid us with some creativity with the backdrop, and then ANESFHS kindly gave us permission to use the location.

It was very hard to find an open spot for our large group to pose, so we ended up taking two portraits: one at King Street, and one at the hotel where our reunion event was to take place. The photographer used the one taken at the hotel to Photoshop in the background from the 1919 photograph. From left to right:

Original: Janet Allan (my grandmother), Andrew Allan, Christina Allan
James Burr Allan, James Allan, Jess Allan, Lena Allan, Christina Allan (née Baxter)

Modern: Lorna Weber, Ian Burns, Alison Milne
Allan Melville, Michael Allan, Jim Scott, Pat Stoney, Margaret Adams.

The father was registered as James *Burr* Allan at birth in 1873, but Mike has found that his marriage certificate in 1897 shows James *Beat* Allan, as do the 1911 census and some of his children's birth certificates. Mike says: "My dad had said Burr was a registrar's error. There were Baxters in the tree too. Was his dad inebriated and slurring his speech, trying to say Baxter and it sounded like Burr? God forbid!" James B. Allan was a carpenter (or shipwright), and his tee-name was Stovies Jim according to Mike's cousin Allan Melville. There are no other Burrs or Beats in our tree, so the middle name remains a mystery.

I'm Lorna Weber (of Elmira, Ontario), standing in for my grandmother, Janet Allan. Ian Burns (of Elora, Ontario, 20 minutes from me) is my brother. He's standing in for our great-uncle Andrew Allan, who had no children.

Alison Milne (of Cove) is standing in for her grandmother, Christina Allan.

Allan Melville (of Aberdeen) is standing in for his grandfather, James Burr Allan.

Michael Allan (of Westhill) is standing in for his father, James Allan.

Jim Scott (of Glasgow) is standing in for his mother, Jess Allan.

Pat Stoney (of Cumbria, England) is standing in for her mother, Lena Allan.

Margaret Adams (of Inch; sister of Michael Allan) is standing in for her grandmother, Christina Allan (née Baxter).

Our reunion weekend was a great success, with around 80 people attending from Scotland, England, Canada and Australia.

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