



Moray & Nairn Family History Society

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Welcome to the latest edition of the Moray & Nairn FHS Newsletter.

MNFHS Chairman's Report

The Society has now been active for over three years, and has made considerable progress with membership numbers continuing to gradually rise.

It has not been possible to take up the proposed Great North of Scotland Family History Fair on 29 September in the Eight Acres Hotel, Elgin that was announced in our last newsletter. Not enough FHS or heritage groups signed up prior to the deadline for the deposit and myself and the Committee felt that we would have been conducting a fair at a very great loss. It is unfortunate that this has to be undertaken, especially after the success of the fairs in Elgin in 2009 and Nairn in 2010.

Bruce B Bishop

Auldearn Monumental Inscriptions

A team of MNFHS recorders are continuing the recording of the MIs of Auldearn Churchyard. Work last month was stopped on the 13th of May due to bad weather but work between the 20th May and the 7th June saw about 160 stones around the church being recorded with now only about 220 stones left to do out of an estimated 750 stones on the whole site!

It should be possible to have rest completed in the coming months and be published by the end of the summer!

The next Newsletter will be published in September 2012. Will members please submit articles to the Editor:

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MNFHS Publications

New Publication

**Poor Register for the
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Moray Miscellany

Death Notices Edinburgh Advertiser Newspaper

31 July 1772, Francis Stewart of Lesmurdie

Tuesday se'enight died at Elgin, in an advanced age, Francis Stewart of Lesmurdie, Esq;

03 December 1776, Barbara Robertson (m/s Brodie)

On the 1st curt. died at Elgin, Mrs. Barbara Brodie, widow of the late James Roberson, of Bishopmiln, Esq. It is hoped her friends and relations will accept of this notification of her death.

18 May 1781, Alexander Brodie of Windyhills

Died at Elgin, on the 18th current, Alexander Brodie of Windyhills, Esquire in the 80th year of his age.

27 January 1784, James Hay, Minister of Elgin

On the 22nd inst. died at Elgin, the James Hay, one of the ministers of that

20 April 1784,y Charlotte Sutherland

On the 17th instant died at Cross, near Elginy Charlotte Sutherland, second daughter ofes Lord Duffus, and spouse of John Innes, Esq; Merchant in Elgin.

03 August 1790, Robert Paterson, Minister of Spynie

Died at the manse of New Spynie, near Elgin, upon the 31st July last, in the sixty-sixth year of his age, the Rev. Mr. Robert Paterson, minister of the gospel of that parish, universally regretted. It is hoped his relations and friends, will accept of this as a proper notification of his death

25 June 1793, Mrs Margaret Strachan

Died on the 23d curt; at Elgin, Mrs Margaret Strachan, daughter of the late Alexander Strachan, of Tarrie, and relict of John Innes, Esq; of Dunkinty. Her Friends and relations will please accept of this notification of her death.

19 July 1793, Christina Teresa Grant

On Tuesday the 16th inst. died at Elgin, Miss Christina Teresa Grant, daughter of Sir James Grant, of Grant, Bart.

11 July 1794, Elizabeth Tulloch

On the 6th inst. died at Elgin, Miss Elizabeth Tulloch, youngest daughter of the deceased Alexander Tulloch, Esq; of Tannachie.

26 April 1796, Margaret Rose (m/s Leslie)

Died at Calcutta, East Indies, in September 1795, Mrs. Margaret Leslie, widow of John Rose, Esq; and daughter of Charles Leslie, Esq; Elgin.

13 January 1797, Elizabeth Robertson

Died at Elgin, on the 10th inst. Miss Elizabeth Robertson, second daughter of William Robertson of Auchinroath, Esq; merchant in Elgin.

26 October 1798, James Grant, Minister of Urquhart & Glenmoriston

Died at Elgin, on the 15th current, the Rev. Mr. James Grant, minister of Urquhart.

10 February 1801, Alexander Allan, Writer

At Elgin, the 5th inst. Mr. Alexander Allan, Writer there.

06 March 1801, Jean Wilson (m/s Paterson)

At Aughnacloy Island, on Wednesday the 25th ult. Mrs Jean Patterson, the wife of Mr. Alexander Wilson, Surgeon, Elgin Regiment. If a good heart, an ingenious mind, easy and conciliating manners are to be admired, her's were. She has left a kind and indulgent husband, numerous friends and acquaintances to lament her early death.

26 May 1801, James Walker, Physician

At Sheriffmilne, near Elgin, on the 21st curt. Dr James Walker, Physican.

19 February 1802, David Taylor

At Elgin, at a very advanced age, David Taylor, (otherwise known by the name of Gay) by profession a Gardener, who during the greatest part of his life, held himself out to be only thirty years of age. He was five time joined in the hold bands of matrimony, and after he had carried his fifth wife to her long home, he has been often heard exultingly to say, that he expected to lead a sixth one the same road; although at this time he was known to be upwards of five score years. This remarkable man was never heard to complain of illness during the while course of his life, till his last indisposition, and his faculties were

unimpaired to the day of his death.

04 August 1809, John Forsyth, Merchant

At Sheriffston, John Forsyth, Esq; late Merchant and Agent of the Bank of Scotland, Elgin.

19 September 1809, Elizabeth Smith

At Edinburgh, on the 29th ult. Miss Elizabeth Smith, daughter of the late Mr. Robert Smith, Writer, Elgin.

13 October 1809, Charles Leslie, Laird of Findrassie

At Elgin, Charles Leslie, Esq; fifth son of the late John Leslie, Esq; of Findrassie, in the 82d year of his age.

05 December 1809, Duff Grant

At Elgin, Mr Duff Grant, of the Post-office there, much regretted.

12 December 1809, Joseph King, Laird of Newmill & Provost of Elgin

At the Grey Friars, near Elgin, on Monday the 4th inst. Joseph King, Esq; of Newmills, gentleman universally regretted.

12 November 1811, Robert Haig, Writer in Edinburgh

At Elgin, Mr Robert Haig, Writer in Edinburgh

17 March 1812, Ann Margaret Grant

At Elgin, Ann Margaret Grant, fourth daughter of Lieut-Col. A. Grant.

16 June 1812, John Mavor, Manufacturer

At Elgin, Mr John Mavor, Manufacturer in Inverness.

03 July 1812, Jean Ray

Lately, at Knockando, in the county of Elgin, Jean Ray, aged 70. For the last 50 years of her life she had dressed herself in male attire, obstinately denied her sex, and worked as a day-labourer.

06 April 1813, Thomas Cumming

At Elgin, Tho. Cumming, Esq; of Demerara.

02 January 1816, Thomas Dunbar, Major General

At Elgin, Major-General Thomas Dunbar, Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Forces in the Island of Tobago.

13 August 1816, James Robertson

At his house, College, Elgin, James Robertson, Esq. late Naval Officer of Jamaica in the 81st year of his age.

10 September 1816, Alexander Young, Brewer

At Elgin, Mr. Alexander Young, Brewer.

25 July 1817, Harriet Hagar

At Elgin, Harriet, youngest daughter of Captain Hagar.

06 February 1818, Ann Garrow

At Mimbean, in the parish of Elgin, on the 22d ult. Ann Garrow, at the very advanced age of 105 years.

17 July 1818, Elizabeth Shand (m/s Munro)

At Elgin, Mrs. Shand, relict of Mr. James Shand, Banff.

17 July 1818, Rev Thomas Duncan, Pastor

At Elgin, the Rev. Thomas Duncan, who had been for about 48 years Pastor of the first Associate Congregation there.

04 December 1818, George Duff, Laird of Milton & Captain

On the 25th November, at Elgin, the Hon. George Duff of Milton, third son of William, Earl of Fife, in the 83d year of his age.

08 January 1819, James Bain, Assistant Surgeon

At Almorah, in India, on the 27th May last, James Bain, from Elgin, Surgeon in the Hon. East India Company's service, in his 27th year.

11 May 1819, Thomas Stephen, Physician

At Elgin, on the 6th inst. Dr. Thomas Stephen, Physician, aged 75.

04 June 1819, Margaret Munro

At the house of Greyfriars, near Elgin, on the 22d ult. Mrs. Munro of Newmill.

18 September 1821, John Gordon, Surgeon

Killed in the engagement with the Arabs, at the capture of Beni Bocali, in the Persian Gulf, Mr. John Gordon, Assistant-Surgeon in the service of the Hon. East India Company, son of the Rev. W. Gordon, Minister of Elgin.

06 September 1822, Alexander Clark

In the parish of New Spynie, Elgin, on the 1st ult. Mr. Alex. Clark, at the advanced age of 101 years.

13 September 1822, George Shirley McAndrew

At Goshen, parish of St. Ann, Jamaica, on the 27th June, Mr. George Shirley McAndrew, late of the Royal Navy, and son of James McAndrew, Esq. of Elgin.

20 September 1822, Henry Hannah, Collector of Excise

At Huntly, on the 7th inst. Henry Hannah, Esq. Collector of Excise, Elgin.

07 October 1823, Lewis Carmichael, Major, R.A.

At Morriston, near Elgin, on the 21st ult. Major Lewis Carmichael, R. A.

27 July 1824, Lewis Gordon, Minister of Drainie & Elgin

At Burghead, on the 28th ult. The Rev. Lewis Gordon, D. D. one of the Ministers of Elgin.

04 January 1825, Louisa Macdonnell

At Pittendreich, near Elgin, on the 21st ult. Louisa, youngest daughter of the late Rev. Mr. Macdonnell of Forres.

21 July 1826, William Grant, Major General

At Tannachy, near Forres, on the 2d inst. Major-General William Grant, aged 78.

12 September 1826, Elizabeth Proctor

At Glamis, on the 4th inst. Miss Elizabeth Proctor, daughter of the late John Proctor, Esq. sheriff-substitute of the shires of Elgin and Nairn.

22 December 1826, Margaret Brodie

At Elgin, on the 15th inst. Mrs. Margaret Brodie, relict of James Brodie, Esq. of Muirensk.

20 November 1827, Ann Margaret Grant

At Grant Lodge, Elgin, on the 3rd inst. the Right Hon. Lady Anne Margaret Grant, eldest daughter of the late Sir James Grant of Grant, Bart. and sister to the Earl of Seafield.

19 February 1828, James Thomson, Writer

At Elgin, on the 30th ult. James Thomson, Esq. writer there.

05 May 1829, Alexander Barron

At Forres on the 9th ult. Alex. Barron, M. D. late of Dunkeld, aged 23.

09 June 1829, Janet Brodie

At Elgin, on the 14th ult. Miss Brodie, daughter of James Brodie, Esq. of Spynie; and sister of the late James Brodie of Brodie, Esq. &c.

Contributed by Doug Stewart

Members Interests

The Editor of the Newsletter would like to ask members of the MNFHS if they would like to contribute a note of their interests for inclusion in the next newsletter. Details should be sent to:

newsletter@morayandnairnfhs.co.uk

JAMIESON's of Bellie parish descended from the John Jamieson and Mary Gray who married in Bellie on 17th March 1796 ... and families with whom those Jamiesons married, particularly Gray, Kemp, Knight, McKay, Olive, Pirie and Taylor.

Tom C. Graham

Member no.33. tcgtroon@gmail.com

FRIDGE - My research is mainly into the Fridge family of Moray. The name is also recorded as French. I started it because I was struggling with my own surname. I didn't realise how extensive it was in the beginning so I looked up everyone with the surname and have most of the people with the surname.

John R Welsh

Web Page Miscellany

On an Indian theme here are a few sites you might find of interest:

1 – Families in British India Society - <http://www.new.fibis.org/> has a searchable database, you are even able to download photos of headstones.

2 – British Association for Cemeteries in South Asia <http://indian-cemeteries.org/bacsa/index.html> has publications of cemetery records and monumental inscriptions.

3 – The British Library holds the records of the India Office <http://indiafamily.bl.uk/UI/> and has a searchable database of Birth, Marriages and Deaths, and Biographies.

Moray Miscellany

Professor John ‘Old John’ Shand, C.M.G., LL.D, M.A., 1834 – 1914 by Douglas G J Stewart



Early in 2011, I came across an entry in the National Library of New Zealand’s Papers Past website that took my attention because of the combination of the surname SHAND and the place-name ELGIN.

From there, I learnt of the death of John Shand, M.A., LL.D., Professor of Natural Philosophy at Otago University, Dunedin, New Zealand.

The obituary told me that John Shand was born at Elgin, Morayshire, 82 years ago, and had been appointed to the Chair of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy there in 1870.

Born on 22nd January 1834, John was the second child of four and second son to Alexander Shand, farm steward and Isabella McKenzie at the farm of Westertown, near Elgin, Moray.

Educated in Elgin Academy and Aberdeen University, where he obtained his M.A. degree in 1854, John Shand’s first appointment was as tutor in Donald Morrison’s boarding establishment in connection with Elgin Academy.

In 1856, however, John Shand moved to the Military Mathematical Department of the Royal Naval and Military Academy, Gosport and in 1858 he was appointed to the position of Mathematical Master in Ayr Academy. By 1868, John Shand had taken up the same position in Edinburgh Academy.

In September 1869, it was announced in New Zealand that John Shand was to be appointed Professor of Mathematics in the new University of Otago.

John and his new wife, Annie Bell, left Glasgow on 22nd March 1871 aboard the ship *Wild Deer*, bound for New Zealand, where they arrived at Port Chalmers, near Dunedin on 21st June.

During his early years in Dunedin John Shand involved himself in other areas; often to be found examining mathematics taught at local schools; an active member of the Otago Institute; sitting on the committee formed to consider a reference library for the University; and, was involved with mathematical competitions organised by the Chamber of Commerce and the Caledonian Society.

In 1876, John Shand was elected to the Education Board of Otago and in 1877 he was appointed a member of the High School Board of Governors. That same year, he was chosen as first President of the Educational Institute of Otago; and, in 1878, was appointed a Fellow of the New Zealand University.

When the university made the decision to split the Chair of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy in 1886, John Shand opted for the latter, and assumed the position of Professor of Natural Philosophy in Otago University.

After a long and distinguished career, most of which was spent at Otago University, John Shand

resigned his position at a University Council meeting in April 1913.

John Shand died at 73 St David Street, Dunedin, on 30th November 1914, and is interred at the Northern Cemetery, Dunedin.

More detailed notes on the life and family of John Shand can be found on the Moray & Nairn FHS website, at <http://www.morayandnairnfhs.co.uk/moray.asp>.

Contributed by Doug Stewart

Moray Miscellany

Elgin and Forres Journal 29 Apr 1830

Sale of Furniture and other Effects.

There will be sold by Public Roup, at Lossiemouth, on Tuesday the 4th day of May next, the whole Household Furniture and other effects which belonged to the deceased Mr. John Riach, late Feuar and Vintner there; consisting of bedsteads, feather beds, blankets, bed and table linen, chairs, tables, mirrors, chrystal and stoneware, several chests of drawers, bureau and bookcase, an eight-day clock, kitchen furniture, and a variety of other articles too numerous to mention. There also be sold, either by Public Roup or Private Bargain, about 62 gallons of excellent old Whisky, and 7 gallons of gin. The Roup is to commence at 11 o'clock forenoon, and credit will be given in terms of the articles of Roup.

Elgin 27th April 1830.

Contributed by Stuart Farrell

Ongoing Projects – Upcoming Publications

This is a small introduction to ongoing research work, which will become probably become future publications of the Society:

1 – Elgin and Nairn Militia – Records of the Elgin and Nairn Militia from 1798-1814. These include the Allowances to Wives and Family of Militiamen Elgin 1810–1812; Moray & Nairn Casualties of the Gordon Highlanders 1811-1814; and Nairnshire Voluntary Infantry, Pay Lists & Officers' Returns 1798 & 1808. These will hopefully be published later this year.

2 – Nairn Congregational Church – Baptisms

and Marriages of the Nairn Congregational Church of 1847-1872 and membership lists from 1847 (these sometimes note when they left the church either by death or emigration). Currently the Births and Marriages have been transcribed and work is ongoing on the membership lists.

3 – Nairn Poorhouse – Unfortunately the Register of Nairn Poorhouse does not survive (it was probably lost in a fire that occurred in the Nairn Town Council Clerk of Works Office in the late 1960's) though the Minute Books survive mostly for those parishes that used Nairn Poorhouse, these include the parishes of **Abernethy, Ardclach, Ardersier, Auldearn, Cawdor, Cromdale, Croy, Duthil, Dyke, Edinkillie, Nairn** and **Petty**, though again those for Nairn do not survive, again probably for the above reason. At the moment only one Parish is left to read and take notes and hopefully the results will be published early next year. An article on Poor Law will appear in a future newsletter.

4 – Poor Registers – The Register of the Poor in Moray. Under the Poor Law Act of 1845 registers of poor receiving relief were maintained, these can include not only details of a pauper but their family as well. Currently copies of some of these registers are held in Elgin for which the **Parish of Bellie** the MNFHS have now published. Work is underway for the **Parish of Alves**, so watch out for future publications.

5 – Monumental Inscriptions – As noted on page 1 of this newsletter work still continues at **Auldearn Churchyard** and hopefully this will be finished shortly. It is likely that our next project will be **Cawdor Churchyard & Cemetery** which would also include the stones at **Barevan**, the former parish church of Cawdor, the latter of which has only about 100 stones.

Contributed by Stuart Farrell

New Publication Forres Cluny Hill Cemetery

The Moray Burial Ground Research Group has published the Monumental Inscriptions from Cluny Hill Cemetery, Forres (Parish of Forres, Moray). The cemetery dates back to 1849. Published in an A4 format of 210 pages and with 3 colour plates.

See the Moray Burial Ground Research Group web page www.mbrg.org for details on how to order.

Garvie, Charlotte Bapt 8 May 1881
James & Isabella Garvie, Forres, Ploughman
2½ years old Roman Catholic

Garvie, Annabella Bapt 8 May 1881
James & Isabella Garvie, Forres, Ploughman
5 years old Roman Catholic

Holmes, Maggie Bapt 26 May 1881
Thomas & Alice Holmes, Forres, Railway Porter
Born 9 May

Tulloch, Flora Bapt 17 Jul 1881
James & Flora Tulloch, Forres, Mason
Born 30 Mar

Williamson, Thomas Bapt 21 Aug 1881
Charles & Elizabeth Williamson, Forres, Hawker
Born 9 Jul

Robertson, Jessie Bapt 20 Aug 1881
Sween & Mary Robertson, Forres, Telegraph
Overseer
Died same day

Tulloch, Richard Bapt 17 Sep 1881
Maggie Tulloch, Forres, Servant
Illegitimate

Williamson, Elizabeth Bapt 18 Sep 1881
Alec & Margaret Williamson, Forres, Hawker
Born 31 Aug

Lorimer, George Bapt 9 Oct 1881
Alexander & Margaret Lorimer, Forres, Servant
Born 11 Sep

Hobb, George Bapt 13 Nov 1881
William & Ann Hobb, Forres, Hawker

Williamson, William Bapt 4 Dec 1881
George & Jane Williamson, Forres, Horse-Dealer

Allen, Robert Bapt 12 Mar 1882
John & Christina Allen, Forres, Chimney Sweeper
Born 7 Feb 1882

Henderson, Georgina Morgan Bapt 4 Jun 1882
Eliza Henderson, Forres, Domestic Servant
Born 13 Feb 1880
Illegitimate

Ross, George Bapt 4 Jun 1882
Ebenezer & Jessie Ross, Forres, Mason
Born 25 Jan 1882

Brodie, Ellen Bapt 11 Jun 1882
James & Susan Brodie, Forres, Hawker
Born 18 May

Ball, Rosanna Bapt 2 Jul 1882
William James & Ferne Ball, Forres, Late
Serjeant 99th Regt. Born 1 Apr

Fraser, Jessie Bapt 13 Aug 1882
Alexander & Elizabeth Fraser, Forres, Fireman in
Highland Railway. Born 4 Jul

Mackintosh, Jessie Bapt 8 Nov 1882
Lily Mackintosh, Auldearn, Domestic Servant
Born 11 Jun. *Illegitimate*

Ross, Sophia Isabella Bapt 19 Dec 1882
Frederic & Isabella Ross, Forres, Labourer
Born 7 Jul

Canmell, Arthur Francis Bapt 19 Dec 1882
Florence Canmell, Attadale House

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Moray Miscellany

Elgin Courant 8 Jan 1836

To be Sold.

That Granary at Burghead, which belonged to the deceased Mr. John Grigor, late farmer at Burnside. It consists of two commodious lofts, and a lower flat, which is partly fitted up as a Dwelling House. The property will be sold for a price which will ensure a good return to a purchaser.

For further information, apply to Mr. William Ross, Shipowner, Burghead, or to Grigor & Young, Writers, Elgin.

Elgin 5th January 1836.

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