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 Parish of Bellie 1845-1897.
Compiled by Stuart Farrell

78 Pages, entries A-Z. £5.
ISBN 978-0-9561750-6-9
P & P costs on application.

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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 ……

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 Aucharroth, 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 Augnaclay 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 Sherffmillne, near Elgin, on the 21st curt. Dr James Walker, Physician.

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 Bocai, 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 Glammis, 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 Muiresk.

20 November 1827, Ann Margaret Grant
At Grant Lodge, Elgin, on the 3r 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 form 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


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.
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

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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

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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, Duthill, 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.mbgrrg.org for details on how to order.
Forres Episcopal Church  
Baptisms 1877-1882

Chisholm, Marianne    Bapt 3 Jun 1877  
Jessie Chisholm, Burnside Forres, Domestic Servant  
Illegitimate

MacDonald, Ada    Bapt 12 Aug 1877  
Ada MacDonald, Edenfaith Keith, Domestic Servant  
Illegitimate

McCook, George    Bapt 12 Aug 1877  
Jessie McCook, Forres, Domestic Servant  
Illegitimate

Davidson, Maggie Ann Perry    Bapt 19 Aug 1877  
Alexander & Maggie Davidson, Aberdeen, Carpenter

Tulloch, John    Bapt 19 Sep 1877  
James & Flora Tulloch, Forres, Mason

Ogston, Elisabeth    Bapt 23 Sep 1877  
William & Elisabeth Ogston, Findhorn, Baker

Mackenzie, Hugh Swan Frederic    Bapt 23 Sep 1877  
Hugh & Edith Mackenzie, Park Mount Forres, Lt Colonel 2nd Bengal Fusiliers

Harris, Robert    Bapt 8 Feb 1878  
Richard & Jane Harris, Earnhill, Farmer

Masson, Mary    Bapt 17 Feb 1878  
John & Ellen Masson, Forres, Wheelwright

Gordon, John Henry    Bapt 26 Mar 1878  
Margaret Gordon, Forres, Domestic Servant  
Illegitimate

Cookes, Alice Florence    Bapt 2 Jun 1878  
William & Maggie S Cookes, Coltfield, Farmer

Thurlow, Edmund Sigurd    Bapt 24 Sep 1878  
Thomas & Elma Thurlow, Dunphail, Landed Proprietor

Macintyre, Albert Henderson    Bapt 13 Oct 1878  
Duncan & Jane Macintyre, Broom of Moy, Butler

Dickson, Herbert    Bapt 13 Oct 1878  
William Dickson & Julia Cruickshank, Tealfor Place Forres, Banker

Langford-Brooke, Lilian    Bapt 3 Nov 1878  
Harry L. B & Elizabeth Langford-Brooke, Dunmduan, Capt late 60th Regiment

Dalgluish, Gwendoline Margaret    Bapt 3 Nov 1878  
James Dalgluish & Eleanor P M Kellie  
MacCallum, Brake Castle Perthshire, Late Lieut 79th Highlanders

Tulloch, Joanna Ruth    Bapt 8 Jun 1879  
James & Flora Tulloch, Forres, Mason  
Note in Margin Ms Kynoch Maggie Harris

Holmes, Frank Wilson    Bapt 29 Jun 1879  
Thomas & Alice Ann Holmes, Forres, Porter

Ogsten, George    Bapt 30 Nov 1879  
William & Elizabeth Ogsten, Findhorn, Baker

Brodie, Marianne    Bapt 28 Jan 1880  
James & Susan Brodie, Cuper Angus, Hawker

Craib, Charles    Bapt 7 Feb 1880  
Jessie Craib, Keith, Domestic Servant  
Illegitimate

McQueen, Margaret    Bapt 17 Feb 1880  
Jessie Ann McQueen, Forres, Domestic Servant  
Illegitimate

Maculloch, Mary Ann    Bapt 8 Apr 1880  
Richard & Jane Maculloch, Dundee, Hawker

Robson, John    Bapt 1 Sep 1880  
Edward & Jane Robson, Gateshead N. Tyne, Coachbuilder

Wiseman, Thomas    Bapt 16 Sep 1880  
Bridget McCarrigal widow of Thomas Wiseman, Forres, Hawker  
Illegitimate

Wilson, James    Bapt 16 Jan 1881  
Margaret Grant Wilson, Forres, Domestic Servant  
Illegitimate

Mackintosh, James Park    Bapt 8 Mar 1881  
Jessie Ann Mackintosh, Auldearn, Farm Servant

Mackay, Alexander    Bapt 19 Apr 1881  
Jessie Mackay, Arpafoalie, Domestic Servant  
Illegitimate

Brodie, Agnes    Bapt 1 May 1881  
James & Susan Brodie  
Roman Catholic

Garvie, James    Bapt 8 May 1881  
James & Isabella Garvie, Forres, Ploughman  
2 months old Roman Catholic
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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.

Contributed by Stuart Farrell

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