



Moray & Nairn Family History Society

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**W**elcome to the latest edition of the Moray & Nairn FHS Newsletter.

## MNFHS Chairman's Report

At the end of January we held our AGM and at that time our Chairman Bruce Bishop stood down after 4 years, as did his wife Janet Bishop, our former Secretary, from the Committee. To both I would like to give them my thanks and hope they will continue to help where possible with the Moray & Nairn FHS. As a new chairman I will probably be asking Bruce for help over a few things over the coming years, he cannot escape that easily.

New additions to the web page, by Sarah Brodie, include rentals for the Estate of Lethen for 1829 and a list of Poor in Ardclach for 1838.

Stuart Farrell

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## MNFHS Publications

### New Publication - Nairn Congregational Church

Births & Baptism 1847-1872, Marriages 1859 – 1872 and membership lists 1847-1891 (the latter includes some dates of death and when they removed from Nairn with dates and location).

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## Scottish Association of Family History Societies Conference

The annual SAFHS conference is to be held on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2013 in Galashiels with the topic of the conference to be Migration and Scotland. Tickets for delegates are £15.

See [www.safhs.org.uk](http://www.safhs.org.uk) or [www.bordersfhs.org.uk/BFHSConference.asp](http://www.bordersfhs.org.uk/BFHSConference.asp)

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## Member's Interests

Moray / Banffshire:- Walker family of Blacks Boat farm, Inveravon parish; also in Knockando parish, Moray including Delvenvan farm on bank of the Spey - all from mid 1700s to 1900; may have had earlier origins in New Spynie (lack evidence for this). Their Walker sons and grandsons who were distillers, drapers, farmers and later local publishers during 1800 – 1900s in Elgin. The principal Elgin address of this family during much of time from 1830's to 1870's was at 167 High Street, Elgin – Walkers Close or Court; later some in South Guildry St. In last half of 1800s had farms Kintrae in New Spynie and Mains of Leuchars in Fochabers.

McDonald of Knockando – 18<sup>th</sup> Cent.

McDonald, Thomson, McWilliam, Miller (Millar), Hay of Inveravon and Knockando in C18 and early C 19.

John Grant – of Bridgehaugh, Morinsh (or Morange) in Glenlivet – house now gone and a new one on site in last 10 yrs.

John Farquharson – first headmaster of the RC school at Chapelton, Braes of Glenlivet, from around 1834 until c. 1844 – buried in Chapelton churchyard cemetery. Originally from Kirkmichael parish – prob. born at Auchriachan. Likely son/grandson of last of Farquharsons expelled from Auchriachan tenancy (farm tenanted for 150 + yrs. by Farquharson family, just out of Tomintoul) after 1746 – but 'hung around' for a generation or so.

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## Moray Miscellany

### Grant vs Fife, 1820 Elgin

or

### Political Corruption, What's New?

In 1820, the process of the election of a member of parliament was different to how it is today. In Elgin, for example, only 17 men were entitled to vote - these being the members of the town council: Provost, 4 x Bailies, Dean of Guild, Treasurer, 7 x Merchant Councillors, Convener of the Trades and 2 x Trades Councillors.

Together with the burghs of Cullen, Banff, Inverurie & Kintore, this small number of voters elected an MP to represent burghs in the Houses of Parliament.

Of the five burghs, Cullen was very much pro-Grant; Banff, on the other hand, was strongly Fife; Inverurie also supported the Fife cause; but Kintore's favour lay with Grant. So, the state of play, with only the vote from Elgin to be determined, was 2 - 2. Elgin would have had the deciding vote when the burghs were due to meet at Cullen at the end of March 1820.

In the 1820 election, the candidates were Archibald Farquharson of Finzean, supported by the Earl of Seafield - the 'Grant' party; and, General Alexander Duff, supported by his older brother, the Earl of Fife - the 'Fife' party.

The town council of the burgh of Elgin, at that time, consisted of 17 men. Before the election, the votes of these men would have been as follows:

*Provost:*

Sir Archibald Dunbar - Grant

*Bailies:*

Francis Taylor - Grant

Robert Joss - Grant

Alexander Innes - No Vote

Joseph Collie - Grant

*Dean of Guild:* William Gauldie - Grant

*Treasurer:* John Russell - Grant

*Merchant Councillors:*

Peter Nicholson - Fife

Robert Dick - Grant

James Murray - Fife

Charles Fowler - Fife

Lewis Anderson - Fife

Col. Francis William Grant - Grant  
Peter Brown - Grant

*Convener of the Trades:*

Alexander Dick - Fife

*Trades Councillors:*

James Culbard - Fife

Alexander McIvor - Fife

Had the full council met, the 'score' would have been 9 - 7 in favour of the 'Grant' party. The council would have cast their vote in favour of Archibald Farquharson and the election would have been 'won' 3 - 2 in favour of that candidate.

Francis Grant was absent at the time of the election - somewhere in Italy - so the vote would have been closer at 8 - 7, but still in favour of the 'Grant' cause. And, although Alexander Innes had no vote, that doesn't mean he didn't support one of the parties; he wasn't allowed to vote because he hadn't taken his oath as councillor by the time of the election - he took it in June!

The 'Fife' party, to win the vote, had either to persuade one 'Grant' supporter to switch their allegiance or talk two 'Grant' supporters into not voting at the meeting.

They seemed not to be able to do the former so, in the period leading up to the meeting, Joseph Collie - a 'Grant' supporter - was approached by Peter Nicholson - for the 'Fife' cause - about allowing himself to be 'taken away' from Elgin, that he might be absent at the time of the meeting and - therefore - not be able to vote.

The same sort of thing had happened with Robert Dick, who did agree to go away. This was so contrived that Dick was ready and waiting with an overnight bag when he was 'kidnapped'.

Joseph Collie had been asked to allow the same to happen to him and Collie may have led Nicholson to believe he would also agree to be 'taken away' - anyway, he seems not to have said, 'No'. This is why, on the Friday afternoon, Collie panicked when he saw two men watching his shop on the High Street. Later that evening, he visited his fellow-councillor Francis Taylor at his house and asked to be let secretly out through his garden that he might gain access safely to Grant Lodge free from his watchers.

Early on Saturday morning, Francis Taylor went to the foot of his garden to look for Collie returning from Grant Lodge. After wandering along the passage a little, he became aware of some men watching him. He decided he wouldn't

be able to return to the safety of his garden and, for some unknown reason, he decided not to continue towards Grant Lodge - and safety there. Instead he set out north across a field - which is now part of the Cooper Park - where he met a ploughman by the name of George Winchester. Winchester advised Taylor he might head towards the public road leading from Bishopmill to Elgin as the safest way for him to get home. The men watching Taylor also headed in that direction and, before the bailie could get safely home, he was intercepted on that road by those men and a mob of other people.

At just about the same time, Francis Taylor younger - the 14 year-old son of the bailie - had gone into the family garden to call his father in to breakfast. He saw his father walking towards Elgin on the road from Bishopmill. The boy ran towards his father on the road and as he reached him he saw him surrounded and struggling to get away, but men held on to him.

Taylor was then taken to a public house in Bishopmill and guarded by several men for about a quarter of an hour until a carriage came from Elgin. With a man holding him by each arm and one at his back by way of forcing him in against his will, Taylor was put into the carriage. Also put in the chaise was young Francis Taylor, who didn't want to be separated from his father.

The party proceeded to the house of William McKimmie in New Duffus where they stayed for about an hour. Next was Hopeman, to the house of the son of the McKimmie in New Duffus - where they stayed for some time before moving on again to William Henderson's inn at Burghead. After dinner there, Taylor was taken to the beach where a boat lay waiting to transport him to Sutherland.

Earlier in the day, Robert Dick had been taken away that way but his boat, however, had long gone. What was left was a boat that had lain for months on the beach - it's even supposed to have had a hole in it! Taylor, his son, his captors and a crew of six or seven men set off towards the coast of Sutherland. They proceeded so far with a favourable wind but when it became quite dark it began to blow a hurricane which drove them to a lee shore on the coast of Sutherland, but they weren't quite sure where. They decided the safest option was to drop anchor and wait for daybreak.

During the night, the wind grew stronger and broke the cables. The crew rowed for their lives, to keep the boat from being dashed against rocks on this unknown coast. At daylight, they found themselves about two miles from Brora, but the storm was so great they couldn't make the harbour

and had to run the boat ashore on the beach. They party arrived at the house of James Scott, a vintner in Brora, and the father-in-law of the captors between 6 and 7 o'clock on Sunday morning.

Meanwhile, in Elgin, the occupants of Grant Lodge were getting a little worried about their safety. In residence at Grant Lodge at that time were the sisters of the Earl Of Seafield. The ladies, especially Anne Grant, were keen politicians, and the interest they took in the contest was strongly resented by the people of Elgin; they could scarcely appear in the streets without being annoyed by the rabble. Given what had happened to the two Grant councillors, they may now have feared for their own safety. A messenger was sent to Strathspey to summon help. He reached Cromdale on Sunday, just as the congregation was leaving the church, and many men immediately started for Elgin, others being instructed to follow.

On Monday morning, the party arrived at Elgin - probably marching up what is now Moss Street - and settled themselves on the lawn in front of Grant Lodge. Reports as to the number of men range from 300 to as many as 700 highlanders. During the morning various local dignitaries - including the minister and the sheriff - visited Grant Lodge and managed to persuade Anne Grant that she was not in any danger and that the men should be asked to return peacefully to their homes. After being fed and watered, this is what they did. There were no reported problems other than a panic that the men had returned that night when noises were heard in nearby woods - but that turned out just to be some locals up to no good there.

Also on that Monday, Francis Taylor started his leisurely journey home to Elgin, but not before he visited the coalworks at Brora, which he had heard much of.

With Dick and Taylor absent, and Grant out of the country, the vote - were it to be held that day - would have been 7 - 6 in favour of the 'Fife' candidate. The only problem was that of legally calling a meeting of the Council.

At around mid-day on Monday, the 'Fife' councillors called on Sir Archibald Dunbar, the provost, asking him to call a meeting of the town council for 2 o'clock that day. They wanted to start the proceedings for election of a delegate to attend Cullen, to vote for a member of parliament. Dunbar stated that he was not in possession of the precept - the written order from the sheriff for an election - it had been served on Francis Taylor and, as he was absent, no meeting could be called.

Nevertheless, the 'Fife' councillors put in motion the process of calling a meeting of the town council for 4 o'clock that same day. Requisitions - or, orders to attend - were delivered to all the 'Grant' councillors. Between 2 and 3 o'clock, some of the 'Fife' councillors called at the office of Patrick Duff, the town clerk, and requested that he attend the meeting. Duff refused, saying that only Francis Taylor could call such a meeting, so the meeting must be illegal. A meeting was held at 4 o'clock. All the 'Fife' councillors attended; none of the 'Grant' councillors were present; nor was the town clerk. The councillors present set the date of the meeting to elect the delegate to attend the Cullen as 12 o'clock, Wednesday.

At some time after 9 o'clock on the Wednesday morning, the 'Fife' councillors again went to the office of Patrick Duff and asked him to attend the meeting called for 12 o'clock that day, and to take with him the common seal of the burgh and the council book of record. Duff refused to attend, saying he thought the meeting called was illegal - which it probably was. There was a meeting held at 12 o'clock that day. Again, only the 'Fife' councillors were present. They resolved that Major A F Taylor of Monaughty, residing at Rothiemay, would be their delegate - and, of course, to vote for the 'Fife' cause at Cullen. These councillors dismissed Patrick Duff as town clerk and appointed Alexander Brown in his place. They then ordered Brown either to obtain from Duff the common seal of the burgh or get a replacement made as soon as possible so that it might be affixed to the commission to be given to Major Taylor.

There may have been a meeting of members of the town council some eight days later. This time, only the 'Grant' councillors seem to have attended. At this meeting, Francis Taylor said that he had been served with the sheriff's precept on the Thursday before his abduction but that he had not had time to call the required meeting of the town council before he had been taken away - Taylor was absent for 4 days. Robert Dick, who was also taken on the same day as Taylor, returned only after 5 days. At this meeting, Sir Archibald Dunbar was appointed delegate - and, of course, to vote for the 'Grant' cause at Cullen. Importantly, the meeting may have taken place in Grant Lodge - outside the royalty of the burgh!

Other 'so-called' meetings were held over the next few days; both appointees attended Cullen, with claims to represent the burgh of Elgin. At Cullen, the voting from the other burghs was as expected: Cullen voted 'Grant'; Banff voted 'Fife'; Inverurie also voted 'Fife'; and Kintore voted 'Grant'. The state of play was 2 - 2, with only Elgin's vote to be

counted. Both Taylor and Dunbar presented their cases for Elgin - both were rejected! With the state of play at 2 - 2, the decision - that is, the casting vote - lay with Cullen. So, the 'Grant' candidate was elected.

In September 1820, at the Circuit Court held in Inverness, James Grant, a shoemaker; James Farquhar, a carrier; Alexander Christie, a butcher; and William Brander, a square-wright all in Elgin were charged with stellation and real injury - that is, kidnapping. However, due to an error in the indictment, the case was not heard - and was later abandoned.

Also in September, the new town council was appointed; the balance of power had shifted to the 'Fife' cause 12 - 5.

With the Reform Act of 1832, such nonsense was swept away, each councillor had a vote and that vote was counted. Had the Act been in place in 1820, Elgin would have voted 8 - 7 in favour of the 'Grant' cause - and that would have been that!

## Sources

The primary sources are minutes of town council meetings for the burghs for Elgin & Cullen in 1820 and, from the burgh court records of Elgin in 1820, a court action against James Grant, James Farquhar, Alexander Christie and William Brander for kidnapping Francis Taylor:

In addition, letters and articles published from the *Aberdeen Journal*, *Caledonian Mercury*, *Edinburgh Advertiser*, *Glasgow Herald*, *Inverness Courier* and *The Scotsman* - all in 1820 and 1821.

Details were also gleaned from *Annals of the Parish and Burgh of Elgin* (1879) by Robert Young; *Elgin Past and Present* (1914) by H B Mackintosh; *Social Life in Former Days, Second Series* (1866) by E Dunbar Dunbar; *A Century of Wit and Wisdom* (1888) by W Ross Mackenzie; and, *Transactions of the Gaelic Society of Inverness, Vol XXI*.

Contributed by Doug Stewart

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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](mailto:newsletter@morayandnairnfhs.co.uk)

## Nairn Miscellany

### Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve

A number of men in Nairn were part of the Inverness District RNVR, of which their service cards are to be found in the Highland Council Archives D31. Most of these men were fisherman and only joined the RNVR for the annual bounty or if they served long enough the award of a long service medal.

Surviving cards are as follows:

Baillie, James Main  
Born 1884, 26 Park Street, Nairn

Baillie, John  
Born 1861, 1 Society Street, Nairn

Bain, David Main  
Born 1860, 9 Union Street, Nairn

Bain, John  
Born 1865, 34 Park Street, Nairn

Barron, Alexander  
Born 1865, 34b Park Street, Nairn

Barron, James  
Born 1869, 28 Park Street, Nairn

Barron, John  
Born 1860, 15 Park Street, Nairn

Barron, John  
Born 1863, 33a Union Street, Nairn

Barron, William  
Born 1859, 29 Union Street, Nairn

Bunker, Isaac Main  
Born 1869, 5 Society Street, Nairn

Bunker, William Main  
Born 1886, 38 Park Street, Nairn

Cameron, William  
Born 1860, 79 Harbour Street, Nairn

Chisholm, James  
Born 1886, 39 Society Street, Nairn

Cullil, James Main  
Born 1864, 21 Park Street, Nairn

Davidson, William  
Born 1869, 41 Park Street, Nairn

Duggie, Isaac Main  
Born 1864, 14 Park Street, Nairn

Duggie, William Main  
Born 1884, 56 Park Street, Nairn

Ellen, Alexander Main  
Born 1863, 42 Park Street, Nairn

Ellen, Isaac Main  
Born 1888, 30 Park Street, Nairn

Ellen, James  
Born 1882, 30 Park Street, Nairn

Ellen, William Main  
Born 1867, 34 Society Street, Nairn

Findlay, William  
Born 1884, 98 Harbour Street, Nairn

Finlayson, Isaac  
Born 1889, 4 Park Street, Nairn

Finlayson, Robert  
Born 1861, 3 Society Street, Nairn

Fraser, John  
Born 1865, 37 King Street, Nairn

Hogg, Alexander  
Born 1869, 7 Park Street, Nairn

Jamieson, Alexander  
Born 1861, 11 King Street, Nairn

Jamieson, David  
Born 1876, 39 Society Street, Nairn

Jamieson, James  
Born -, 7 Union Street, Nairn

Jamieson, John  
Born 1884, 39 Society Street, Nairn

Jamieson, Thomas  
Born -, 7 Union Street, Nairn

Jamieson, William  
Born 1870, 11 Society Street, Nairn

Long, Hugh Main  
Born 1864, 48 Park Street, Nairn

Main, Donald  
Born 1882, 2 Society Street, Nairn

Main, James  
Born 1870, 3 Union Street, Nairn

Main, William  
Born 1870, 53 Park Street, Nairn

Malley, James  
Born 1885, 5 Union Street, Nairn

McIntosh, Alexander  
Born 1865, 9 Society Street, Nairn

McIntosh, Isaac Main  
Born 1864, 20 Park Street, Nairn

McIntosh, Isaac Main  
Born 1864, 33c Park Street, Nairn

McIntosh, John Main  
Born 1863, 15 King Street & 46 Park Street, Nairn

Milne, Isaac  
Born 1867, 25 Society Street, Nairn

Milne, James  
Born 1864, 35 Society Street, Nairn

Preston, James  
Born 1865, Albert Villa, Nairn

Ralph, David  
Born 1865, 26a King Street, Nairn

Ralph, Isaac  
Born 1855, 52 Park Street, Nairn

Ralph, James  
Born 1882, 42 Society Street, Nairn

Smith, John William  
Born 1865, 67 Harbour Street, Nairn

Storm, James  
Born 1865, 25 Union Street, Nairn

Wallace, Alexander Main  
Born 1861, 65 Society Street, Nairn

Wallace, Daniel Main  
Born 1869, 29 Park Street, Nairn

An example of details on a card are as follows:-  
Smith, John William born 1865, height 5ft 9¾in, complexion dark, black hair and eyes, J.W.S on right arm, Number – 3912, Date – 22.10.02, Gratuity of £50 9696, Long Service Medal granted 16/7/10. Also notes dates between 1905 & 1909 when he continued registration.

Some of these men made the supreme sacrifice during the Great War, as can be seen in the following obituary from the *Nairnshire Telegraph* of 5<sup>th</sup> October 1915 of:

‘The Loss of a Nairn Drifter – The Nairn Drifter Greatheart, engaged in Admiralty Service, which was recently sunk, had on board, as stated last week, six men belonging to Nairn, namely, Skipper William Davidson, Robert Finlayson, William Bochel, John Storm, William Allan (engineer), and Alexander Sutherland. The only one saved is William Bochel, who is in hospital and getting on well.

Robert Finlayson, who resided at Society Street, was part owner of the drifter. His body was recovered, and taken to Nairn for internment. The funeral took place from his home to the Nairn Cemetery on Thursday, and there was a very large attendance of friends desirous of paying their last tribute of respect to the deceased. The Rev David Ross, Rosebank U F Church (of whose congregation the deceased was an esteemed member), conducted the service in the house, and Rev Dr Piries at the grave. Sir Robert Finlay was amongst those at the funeral. Mr Finlayson was long a member of the Committee of Management of the Seaman’s Hall, and was a great friend of the temperance cause. He was much esteemed in the community. He leaves a widow and five children to mourn his loss.’

If any member wants a copy of a relative’s card, please contact the editor.

Contributed by Stuart Farrell

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## Forres Episcopal Church Baptisms 1897-1900

Stevens, Edward                      Bapt 28 Feb 1897  
Mary Stevens, Domestic Servant  
*Illegitimate*

Ross, Ebenezer                      Bapt 17 Apr 1897  
Ebenezer & Jessie Ross, North Rd Forres, Mason  
Born 11 Jan 1888

Ross, William Mathieson      Bapt 17 Apr 1897  
Ebenezer & Jessie Ross, North Rd Forres, Mason  
Born 13 Dec 1890

Watson, William                      Bapt 4 Jul 1897  
James & Grace Watson, North Rd Forres,  
Shoemaker                              Born 17 Apr 1883

Watson, Daniel                      Bapt 4 Jul 1897  
James & Grace Watson, North Rd Forres,  
Shoemaker                              Born 27 Sep 1885

Watson, James                      Bapt 4 Jul 1897  
James & Grace Watson, North Rd Forres,  
Shoemaker                      Born 29 Apr 1887

Watson, Jane Anna              Bapt 18 Jul 1897  
James & Grace Watson, North Rd Forres,  
Shoemaker                      Born 15 Jan 1889

Watson, Jessie                    Bapt 18 Jul 1897  
James & Grace Watson, North Rd Forres,  
Shoemaker                      Born 23 Jul 1890

Watson, Elspit MacDonald      Bapt 18 Jul 1897  
James & Grace Watson, North Rd Forres,  
Shoemaker

Watson, Mary                    Bapt 18 Jul 1897  
James & Grace Watson, North Rd Forres,  
Shoemaker

Watson, John                    Bapt 18 Jul 1897  
James & Grace Watson, North Rd Forres,  
Shoemaker

Cameron, Alexander          Bapt 18 Jul 1897  
William & Johan Cameron, Tolbooth St, Dustman

Ross, William                  Bapt 8 Aug 1897  
John & Mary Ross, Mydes Wynd, Shoemaker

Dummas, Mary                  Bapt 8 Aug 1897  
Alexander Dunbar & Margaret Dummas,  
Tolbooth St, Tailor

Dummas, James Davidson      Bapt 8 Aug 1897  
Alexander Dunbar & Margaret Dummas,  
Tolbooth St, Tailor

MacGillivray, Sarah Percy    Bapt 5 Sep 1897  
William & Alise MacGillivray, Moy, Tailor

Kain, Elizabeth                 Bapt 5 Sep 1897  
Elise Murdoch & James Kain, 33 High St  
*Illegitimate*

Watson, Elizabeth              Bapt 5 Sep 1897  
James & Jane Watson, North Road, Shoemaker  
Born 13 Dec 1871

Baptised as Adult

Kynoch, Jane                  Bapt 18 Oct 1897  
George Kynoch & Jessie Gregor  
Born 2 May 1881 *Illegitimate*

Christie, Andrina Elizabeth    Bapt 5 Dec 1897  
Andrew Christie & Elizabeth Millar, 35 Urquhart  
St Forres,                    Born 20 Oct 1897  
Insurance Agent

Tulloch, Mary Orroch         Bapt 30 Apr 1898

James & Alexandrina Margaret Preston Tulloch,  
House Farm Grange Forres, Grieve

Farquhar, Williamina         Bapt 29 May 1898  
Elspet McLean & William Farquhar, North Rd  
*Illegitimate*

Selwood, Arthur Richard      Bapt 26 Jun 1898  
Richard & Flora Selwood, Findhorn, Coachman  
Born 26 Apr

Williamson, Mary Anne        Bapt 26 Jun 1898  
Thomas & Margaret Williamson, North Rd,  
House Maker                   Born 7 Apr 1898

Simpson, Marianne            Bapt 15 Feb 1899  
John Simpson & Charlotte McNab, Batchen St  
Born 17 Jan 1899 *Illegitimate*

Astell, Alice Frances         Bapt 9 May 1899  
Godfrey & Emily Astell, Moy House, Colonel  
Born 10 Apr 1899

King, Isabella                 Bapt 11 May 1899  
James & Marianne King, Long Row Forres,  
Carter                         Born 19 Mar 1892

King, Maggie Anne            Bapt 11 May 1899  
James & Marianne King, Long Row Forres,  
Carter                         Born 29 Nov 1898

Molison, Robert Carl Arwid Colvin  
Bapt 15 Aug 1899  
Colvin Buchan Molison & Helena Augusta Smith,  
High St Forres, Medical Practitioner

Wick, Jessie                  Bapt 22 Sep 1899  
Alexander Wick & Isabella McRae, North Rd  
Forres, Servant               Born 26 Feb 1899  
*Illegitimate*

Wyman, George Herbert        Bapt 29 Sep 1899  
William Monger & Phoebe Anne Wyman, Smith  
St Forres,                    Born 4 Mar 1880  
Organist St John Church  
*Adult. Witnesses William G Robertson, William G  
Lentile, Emily Donile(?)*

Ross, Margaret Anne         Bapt 8 Oct 1899  
John & Mary Ross, Hiylas Wynd Forres,  
Shoemaker                    Born 21 Aug 1899

Watson, Robert                Bapt 8 Oct 1899  
James & Jane Watson, North Rd Forres,  
Shoemaker                    Born 22 Jul 1899

Smith, Elizabeth              Bapt 20 May 1899  
George & Elizabeth Cecilia Smith, Alness,  
Engine Driver  
*14 years old Adult*

Sinclair, Florence Clunie   Bapt 24 Feb 1900  
John & Caroline Sinclair, Market St Forres,  
Coachman                       Born 26 Dec 1899

Matheson, Lillian Jessie   Bapt 25 Mar 1900  
Jessie Black Matheson, Ross Place Elgin,  
Domestic Servant           Born 6 Apr 1892  
*Sponsor sister Cleantace*

Mackinnon, Mary McElason   Bapt 25 Mar 1900  
Jessie Mackinnon & \_\_\_\_\_ Rose, 71c High St  
Forres,                       Born 18 Sep 1888  
Gutdon Worker  
*Sponsors Miss D Nicol, Jas Thompson*

Tuff, Harry Cecil Redrow  
  Bapt 30 Mar 1900  
Henry Thomas & Mary Magdalene Tuff, Castle  
Hotel Caroline   Born 24 Feb 1900  
St Forres, Proprietor

McEwan, James                Bapt 25 Apr 1900  
William McEwan & Elizabeth Sharp, High St  
  Born 1 Sep 1889  
*Sponsors G A Thula, G H Wyman Illegitimate*

McEwan, Williamina         Bapt 25 Apr 1900  
William McEwan & Elizabeth Sharp, High St  
  Born Dec 1892  
*Sponsors G H Wyman, T Douglas Illegitimate*

Contributed by Stuart Farrell

The full list of baptisms from Forres Episcopal  
Church from 1856 to 1900 is now available on the  
Moray & Nairn FHS Web Page as a PDF.

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## Moray Miscellany

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*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 5<sup>th</sup> January 1836.

*Elgin Courant* 29 Jan 1836

### To Creditors

The Trustees for the Creditors of Mr Alexander  
Cosmo Brander, Bookseller in Elgin whose Trust  
Disposition is dated the 19<sup>th</sup> of September last,  
have now completed a settlement, was all the  
Creditors whose claims were lodged; and they  
give this notice, that they mean to denude  
themselves of the Trust, in favor of Mr Brander,  
on the expiry of 14 days from this date. Several  
accounts are outstanding, which should be paid  
immediately, either at the shop, or to Geo Leslie,  
Agent for the Trustees.

Elgin 9<sup>th</sup> Jany 1836

*Elgin Courant* 12 Feb 1838

### Notice

To all Debtors and Creditors of the deceased  
William Laing, lately Farmer, Glenchapel, Birnie.  
The Creditors of the said deceased William Laing  
are hereby requested to meet in the house of Mr  
Robert McIntosh, Vintner, Elgin, on Friday the  
26<sup>th</sup> day of February current, at eleven o'clock  
forenoon, when payment will be made to all those  
who have their claims properly vouched. Such as  
are still indebted to the said deceased are  
requested to make payments of their accounts, to  
prevent prosecution, on or before Friday the 19<sup>th</sup>  
current, either to John Anderson Junr, Elgin; or  
John Miller, Farmer, Kellas, who are authorized  
to discharge the same.

Elgin 4<sup>th</sup> February 1836

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### Notice to Creditors

All persons having claims against the Estate of  
Mr. Robert Hardy, late Wine Merchant in Forres,  
are hereby requested to lodge notes of the same,  
properly verified, in the hands of Robert Watson,  
Writer in Forres, agent for the Trustee, on or  
before the first day of February next, certifying to  
those who shall fail to do so, that they will be  
excluded from participating in the Trust Funds.

Forres 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan 1843

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