



Moray & Nairn Family History Society

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

MNFHS Chairman's Report

Moray & Nairn Family History Society attended the SAFHS conference this year at the end of April in Dunfermline, for which we had a good day with lots of interest in the society and we sold a few of our publications, a few members even came along and said hello. We will be attending the Lanarkshire Family History Fair in Motherwell in August (see details below). We also will be attending the Stirling family day at the Tolbooth, Stirling on the 13th of September and the following week on the 20th the Fife Family day at the Rothes Halls, Glenrothes.

This year sees the Society working on a number of future publications to include Barevan Churchyard and Records related to Nairn Poorhouse. I would welcome any comments or ideas on the society's future publications. Please tell us what you want!

Stuart Farrell

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Upcoming Event

Lanarkshire Family History Society are holding a Local & Family History Fair in Motherwell Civic Centre on Saturday 23rd August 2014, 9.30am - 4.30pm.

Please visit our dedicated website for the Fair for more information. This is updated regularly as more items and Exhibitors are confirmed: www.lfhsshow2014.weebly.com

MNFHS Publications

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Nairn Miscellany

Marriages from the *Nairnshire Mirror*
Newspaper:

11 Jan 1845 – At the Manse of Nairn on the 9th inst; by the Rev. Colin McKenzie, Minister of Petty, the Rev. Peter Mackenzie, Minister of Urquhart (Ferintosh) to Margaret, only daughter of the Rev. James Grant, Minister of Nairn.

25 Jan 1845 – At Daudaleith, Morayshire, on the 21st inst; by the Rev. J A Cruickshank, Minister of Mortlach, John Grigor Esq Surgeon, Nairn to Jane, second daughter of John McInnes, Esq.

25 Jan 1845 – At Viewhill, Inverness, on the 15th inst; by the Rev. James Stewart of Abernethy, Francis Turnbull Md. H.E.I.C.S, to Eliza, third daughter of the late John Mitchell, Esq. Civil Engineer.

8 Feb 1845 – At Elgin on Tuesday the 4th inst; by the Rev. Francis Wylie, Mr John Adam, saddler to Margaret, eldest daughter of Mr J Steven, portrait painter.

Contributed by Stuart Farrell

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Accidentally Breaking Through a Brick Wall

I had just completed a major project for the Society (Forres Gazette Deaths and Obituaries), and was casting around for a possible follow-up. I made a bad choice, but rather than waste the effort I had made, I decided to delve deeper into a nice story - if that's the right phrase to use for a murder and a hanging - which lead me to read the *Crimes And Punishment In Old Days* chapter in Lachlan Macintosh's book, *Elgin Past and Present*.

In that small chapter, Macintosh talks briefly about the executions of Kenneth Leal (1773), Alexander Gillan (1810) and William Noble (1834), and he ends the chapter with a little story - almost a footnote, really - which reads:

“A curious coincidence connected with this murder was that the granddaughter of the post-boy Smith, who was waylaid and robbed of the mails by Kenny Leal, was the principal witness against William Noble. The family of Smiths bear a very good record in the burgh. Alexander Smith, father of John, the post-boy of the year 1772, was a burgess and a blacksmith in Elgin. He owned almost all the property adjoining the Union Bank, and now called ‘Hay’s Close,’ near the centre of which stood his workshop. John, the post-boy, followed the same occupation as his father, and in 1779 was created a free burgess by the Town Council ‘on account that he industriously follows his occupation, and for the regard they bear to him on that account.’ He was Deacon of the Hammerman’s Incorporation from 1790 to 1802, and died rather suddenly in 1807. His son and grandson - both named John - occupied the same premises as blacksmiths and bellhangers - the latter, who died about 1859, being the fifth generations of Smiths and blacksmiths who owned that property.”

I knew about the link to Jessie Smith, but didn't know that the post-boy's name was John Smith, and that in later life he became a blacksmith in Elgin.

I have an ancestor called John Smith, who was a blacksmith in Elgin. His workshop was in Hay's Close, he died in 1807, and he had a son called John, who also had a son called John - who died on Christmas Day, 1858.

By some fluke, I had stumbled across links to my family pointing to connections with two of the last three public hangings in, or around, Elgin.

Purely by accident, I'd given myself a new area of

research in a line I thought had come to a dead end. I didn't know I'd done it, but I'd just smashed through a brick wall.

Contributed by Doug Stewart

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Doug Stewart, one of our Committee members who compiled the deaths and obituaries from the *Forres Gazette*, also minded to extract those marriages listed.

Marriage Strays 1837-1850

Although the majority of marriage announcements found in the *Forres Gazette* of this time were performed locally there were a significant number of notices of weddings that took place elsewhere – that is, in neither Moray nor Nairn – but involved bride and/or groom with a local connection. The list of overseas marriages has been separately compiled, and can be found in other newsletters, here are the ‘strays’:

Married, at View Park, Lasswade, on the 6th ult., Mr **Robert Mathie**, Lieth, to **Catherine**, eldest daughter of the late Major **McKenzie**, Elgin. (October 3, 1837)

Married, at Edinburgh, on the 28th ult., **John Callum**, Esq., (late Grocer, &c., Elgin,) Commercial Agent, to **Agnes Syme**, only daughter of the late **M Hill**, Esq., Surgeon, Royal Navy. (December 5, 1837)

Married, at Edinburgh, on the 19th ult., Mr **Robert Russell**, Grocer, Elgin, to **Isabella**, eldest daughter of the late Mr **Kemp**, Clothier, College Street. (August 1, 1838)

Married, at Edinburgh, on the 10th ult., by the Rev John Bruce, **Robert Warden Suter**, Esq., late of Seapark, to **Louisa**, second daughter of the late Captain **Suter**, of the 44th Regiment. (August 1, 1838)

Married on the 10th June, at London, **Letitia Elizabeth Landon**, the celebrated poetess, L E L, to **George Maclean**, Esq., Governor of Cape Coast Castle, eldest son of the Rev **James Maclean**, Minister of Urquhart, near Elgin. (August 1, 1838)

Married, at 74, Great King Street, Edinburgh, on the 3d ult., **G D Robertson**, Esq., 42d Royal Highlanders, only son of Major General **Robertson** of Strowan, to **Mary Stuart**, eldest daughter of Major **Menzies**. (May 1 1839)

Married, at Aberdeen, on the 14th ult., Mr **James Allan**, Bookseller, Elgin, to **Mary**, youngest daughter of the late Mr **William Leslie**, Shipmaster. (July 3, 1839)

Married, at Aberarder, on the 9th ult., **Alex Watson**, Esq., Bank Agent, Grantown, to **Jane**, youngest daughter of the late **Wm Fraser**, Esq., Tacksman of Borlum. (May 6, 1840)

Married, at 5, Queen's Square, Edinburgh, on the 1st ult., by the Rev John Browne, L D., Mr **William Grant**, tailor, Forres, to **Margaret**, only daughter of Mr **H McLeod**, Bookbinder. (May 6, 1840)

Married, at Inverness, on the 11th ult., by the Rev James Scott, Mr **James Hamilton**, merchant, Forres, to **Jessie**, daughter of the late Mr **James Walker**, Barrhead. (April 7, 1841)

Married, at Ballachraggan, Ross-shire, on Friday the 30th April, by the Rev Alexander Flyter of Alness, **Robert Urquhart**, Esq., Writer in Forres, to **Elizabeth**, eldest daughter of the late Mr **Alexander Forsyth**, Kinloss, Morayshire. (May 5, 1841)

Married, at No 18, Rutland Square, Edinburgh, on the 3d ult., **Frederick Will Dunbar** of Boath, Bart., to **Caroline Marie**, daughter of the late **William Gordon**, Esq., of Millrig. (June 3, 1842)

Married, on the 12th ult., at 6 Dewar Place, Edinburgh, **James Adam**, Esq., merchant, St John's, New Brunswick, to **Georgina**, youngest daughter of the Mr **Robert Cruickshank**, Forres. (June 3, 1842)

Married, at Charleston of Aberlour, on the 21st ult., by the Rev John Wink, Minister of Knockando, Mr **John Johnston**, Merchant, Elgin, to **Nancy Malcom**, eldest daughter of Mr **Wm Peddie** of the Excise. (July 6, 1842)

Married, at 5, James's Square, Edinburgh, on the 9th ult., by the Rev Mr Kirkwood, **James Simpson**, Esq., stationer, Poet Laureate of the Edinburgh Morayshire Mechanics Society, to **Janet**, eldest daughter of Mr **James Robb**, farmer, Kirkhill, Duffus. (August 5, 1842)

Married, at Huntly Place, Inverness, on the 9th ult., by the Rev Simon McIntosh, Mr **P Christal**, Burghead, to **Mary Ann**, second daughter of the late Mr **George McDonald**, Cromarty. (September 7, 1842)

Married, at Spring Gardens, Edinburgh, on the 14th ult., by the Rev John Freneli, the Rev **Adam**

Lind Simpson, Forres, to Miss **Ann Nicolson**, daughter of Mr **David Nicolson**, merchant, Canongate. (October 6, 1842)

Married, at Fettes Row, Edinburgh, on the 3d ult., the Rev **Robert C Graham**, Minister of Aberfoyle, to **Henrietta Clark**, daughter of Mr **Francis Clark**, Elgin. (February 2, 1843)

Married, at Inverury, on the 19th ult., by the Rev Robert Lessel, Mr **James Nicol**, Forres, to **Jane**, eldest daughter of Mr **Alex Bisset**, Artannies, Inverury. (May 3, 1843)

Married, at Gellymill Cottage, Banff, on the 15th ult., by the Rev R Blackwood, Mr **Thomas Shier**, Bookseller, Banff, to **Mary**, eldest daughter of the Mr **Peter Fraser**, Gellymill. (July 6, 1843)

Married, at Cromarty, on the 9th ult., by the Rev Alexander Stuart, Mr **George Dickson**, Accountant, Caledonian Bank, Elgin, to **Anne**, daughter of the late **James Thomson**, Esq., Cromarty. (July 6, 1843)

Married, at Torry Street, Huntly, on the 13th ult., by the bride's father, Mr **Wm Russell**, M A, Teacher, Elgin, to Miss **Catherine**, eldest surviving daughter of the Rev **James Miller**, Huntly. (August 4, 1843)

Married, on Thursday the 31st ult., at Great Ayton, **Richard R Burgess**, Esq., of the National Provincial Bank of England, Stockslay, to **Sarah**, the eldest daughter of the late **James Allan**, Esq., R N of Forres. (December 6, 1844)

Married, at Great Ayton, Yorkshire, on the 20th inst. [sic], by the Rev Joseph Ibbetson, A M, Mr **John Grant**, Wood Street, London, to **Jessie Catherine**, second daughter of the late **James Allan**, Esq., R N, of Forres, N B. (February 8, 1845)

Married, at Edinburgh, on the 25th ult., Mr **Alex Urquhart**, confectioner, Elgin, to **Agnes Williamson**, only daughter of the late Mr **Archd Elder**, Terrace, Edinburgh. (April 4, 1845)

Married, at Glasgow, on the 12th ult., Serjeant **James Stewart**, to **Isabella**, youngest daughter of Mr **Alexander Urquhart**, builder, Elgin. (June 5, 1845)

Married, at Inverness, on the 2nd ult., the Rev **D Macdonald**, minister of the Free Church, Edinkillie, to **Fanny**, youngest daughter of the late Lieutenant **Moodie**, R N. (June 5, 1845)

Married, at Dunnet, on the 3rd ult., Mr **Alex Sime**, teacher, Burghhead, to **Catherine**, youngest daughter of the late **John Sinclair**, Esq., of Banock. (July 7, 1846)

Married, at Surrey, by licence, on the 22nd ult., **J J Bateman**, Architect, Birmingham, to Miss **Mary M Culbard**, grand-daughter of **Alexander Culbard**, Esq., Burgess of Elgin. (May 6, 1847)

Married, at Edinburgh, on the 21st ult., the Rev **W C A Maclaurin**, M A, Elgin, to **Harriet**, daughter of the late Colonel **Stewart**, of Strathgarry. (May 6, 1847)

Married, at Portsoy, on the 2d inst., by the Rev John Innes of Fordyce, **William Ogilvie**, A M, parochial schoolmaster of Dyke, to **Joan**, third daughter of the late Mr **Arthur Forbes McQueen**, Portsoy. (September 9, 1847)

Married, at 13 Elm Row, Edinburgh, on the 9th ult., by the Rev James Thomson, Keith, **Donald C Grant**, Esq., writer, Forres, to **Margaret**, only surviving daughter of the late **Alexander Burges**, Esq., Thornhill, Forres. (October 8, 1847)

Married, at Glasgow, on the 29th ult., Mr **Robert Black**, compositor, late of Forres, to **Betsey**, daughter of the late Mr **Henry Smith**, Sandend, Banff. (October 8, 1847)

Married, at Tealby, Lincolnshire, on the 8th ult., by the Rev J Hull, **Alex Lawson**, Esq., Oldmills, Elginshire, to **Elizabeth**, eldest daughter of Mr **George Fraser**. (April 7, 1848)

Married, at Inverness, on Friday last week, by the Rev David Sutherland of the East Church, Mr **Paul McPherson**, confectioner, &c., Forres, to **Margaret**, youngest daughter of Mr **John Calder**, corn-merchant in Inverness. (July 8, 1848)

Married, at Marylebone church, on the 12th ult., **Robert Grant**, Esq., of the Madras Civil Service, to **Isabella Charlotte**, second daughter of **James William Grant**, Esq., of the B C S, and of Elchies, Morayshire, N B. (October 9, 1848)

Married, at Tain, Ross-shire, on the 21st ult., Mr **A McLean**, baker and confectioner, Forres, to **Isabella**, eldest daughter of Mr **Chisholm**, baker there. (October 9, 1848)

Married, at Edinburgh, on the 16th ult., Mr **Robert Munro**, saddler, to **Elizabeth**, daughter of Mr **A Taylor**, house carpenter, Elgin. (November 7, 1848)

Married, at Tilliedron, Old Aberdeen, on the 8th ult., Mr **George Forbes**, merchant, St Nicolas Street, to **Sarah**, daughter of the late Mr **Alex Murray**, cabinet-maker, Forres. (January 9, 1849)

Married, at St James's Church, Curtain Road, Shoreditch, London, on the 5th ult., Mr **Robert Ross**, fourth son of Mr **Hugh Ross**, mason, Forres, to **Barbara**, eldest daughter of Mr **Joseph Gardiner**, farmer, Kirkwall, Orkney. (January 9, 1849)

Married, at Tain, by the Rev John Macdonald, Mr **A U Miller**, baker and confectioner, Forres, to **Christina**, daughter of Mr **Abner Macdonald**, shoemaker, Tain. (March 7, 1849)

Married, at Edinburgh Castle, on the 12th ult., by the Rev Dr Grant of St Mary's, **Alexander Mann**, Esq., Nairn, to **Mary Ann**, eldest daughter of the Rev **Wm Grant**, minister of Duthel, Strathspey. (November 7, 1849)

Married, at 5, St Bernard's Crescent, on the 20th ult., **William Stevenson**, Esq., Bengal Medical Services, to **Anne Forbes**, widow of Captain **Wm Grant**, 27th Reg., B N I, eldest daughter of Captain **Gordon** of Ivybank, Nairn. (January 5, 1850)

Married, at 118, Crown Street, Aberdeen, on the 10th ult., by the Rev Alexander Spence, the Rev **Alexander Topp**, Elgin, to **Jane Mortimer**, relict of the deceased **John Clark**, Esq., manager of the Aberdeen Assurance Company. (February 7, 1850)

Married, at Kennington Church, London, on the 10th ult., the Rev **Adam Lind**, of the United Presbyterian Church, Elgin, to **Jessie**, only daughter of the late Mr **Alexander Millar**, Kirkliston. (July 6, 1850)

Married, at Easton, near Stamford, Lincolnshire, on the 23d ult., by the Rev Gregory Bateman, M A, **William Paul**, Esq., of Kilnflat, Morayshire, to **Mary Ann**, only daughter of the late Rev **Gregory Batemen**, rector of the former place. (August 6, 1850)

Married, Clifton Church, on the 13th ult., the Rev **Alex Wishaw**, Vicar of Chippingham Norton, Oxfordshire, to **Helen Ann**, youngest daughter of **Patrick Sellar**, Esq. of Westfield, Morayshire. (October 7, 1850)

Married, at 23, Oxford Street, Glasgow, on the 18th ult., by the Rev Dr Anderson, Mr **William Raff**, merchant, Forres, to **Janet**, daughter of the

late **Wm Watson**, Esq., manufacturer, Glasgow.
(November 6, 1850)

Married, at Cross Street, Wallacetown, on the 22d ult. Mr **James Gordon**, Elgin, to **Margaret**, daughter of the late Mr **James Hill**, manufacturer, Ayr. (November 6, 1850)

Contributed by Doug Stewart

Nairn Miscellany

The following obituary is from *The St. Ninian Press and Nairnshire Advertiser*, a small weekly newspaper in Nairn which was only printed between 1892 and 1917.

Recovery of the Missing Nairn Man. On Tuesday evening last the body of Charles MacDonald, shoemaker, Nairn, was found lying on the moor, at the Carse of Ardersier, near the march dividing the counties of Inverness and Nairn, and within 500 yards of a farm dwelling. MacDonald, it will be remembered, went down to Fort George several weeks ago. He left the Fort for home in the evening, and was last seen by a resident at the Fort, going in an eastward direction, evidently with the intention of walking to Nairn. The unfortunate man not having come home when expected, it was at first surmised that he had gone to Inverness to pay a visit to friends in that town, but on enquiry having been made by his relatives it was found that he had not called. Information was then lodged with the authorities, and bills were issued containing a description of the missing man. For some unaccountable reason the search was abandoned, and the body was only discovered by two young men from Campbelltown, who accidentally came upon it. This afternoon (Friday) the remains were conveyed to the Nairn Cemetery for interment. Much regret is expressed at the untimely death of one who was a great favourite with his acquaintances. (6 Jan 1894)

Contributed by Stuart Farrell

[MNFHS will hopefully start to publish the deaths and obituaries from this newspaper next year]

The next Newsletter will be published in November 2014. Will members please submit articles to the Editor:

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St. Margaret's Episcopal Church, Aberlour Baptisms 1890-1900

KEMP, David MacDonald Bapt 1 Jan 1890
Jane Kemp, Dufftown

STEWART, William Bapt 16 Jan 1890
John & Sarah Stewart, Aberlour, Brewer

MUNRO, John Gordon Bapt 24 Jan 1890
John Gordon Munro & Jane McWilliam,
Aberlour, Labourer

FARQUHARSON, Jessie Bapt 19 Jan 1890
Isabella Farquharson, Dufftown

CLARK, Elizabeth Ann Bapt 26 Jan 1890
Henry & Ellen Clark, Dufftown

OGLIVBY, Mary Bapt 2 Feb 1890
Mary Oglivby, Dufftown

MORGAN, Thomas Bapt 17 May 1890
Aberlour

MORGAN, Harriet Bapt 17 May 1890
Aberlour

DOW, Margaret Helena Bapt 20 May 1890
James Dow & Lizzie Sainster, Aberlour, Doctor
of Medicine, Brigade Surgeon

MACDONALD, Jessie Ellen Bapt 13 Jul 1890
Lachlan & Margaret MacDonald, Aberlour,
Gardener

KELMAN, George Bapt 7 Sep 1890
Jessie Kelman, Dufftown

KELMAN, Willie Bapt 7 Sep 1890
Jessie Kelman, Dufftown

MCGREGOR, Gordon Bapt 9 Nov 1890
Peter McGregor & Marid Guthrie, Aberlour

HAY, Charles Bapt 10 Apr 1891
Alexander & Isabella Hay, Aberlour, General
Labourer

PILMRICH, William Bapt 10 Apr 1891
Aberlour

SMITH, May Bapt 17 May 1891
Aberlour

MCLENNAN, James Grace Jessie McLennan, Aberlour	Bapt 17 May 1891	MUNRO, Lewis George Jane Munro, Aberlour	Bapt 16 Mar 1894
SINCLAIR, William Silvina Sinclair, Aberlour	Bapt 23 Aug 1891	JAMIESON, Mary Ann Mary Ann Jamieson, Aberlour	Bapt 16 Mar 1894
STUART, John Annie Stuart, Aberlour	Bapt 12 Nov 1891	JAMIESON, Elizabeth Mary Ann Jamieson, Aberlour	Bapt 16 Mar 1894
JOHNSON, William Annie Johnson, Aberlour	Bapt 6 Mar 1892	HAMILTON, Alexander Margaret Hamilton, Aberlour	Bapt 16 Mar 1894
MACKENZIE, Alexander Annie Mackenzie, Aberlour	Bapt 24 Jul 1892	MCDONALD, Charles Jupp Lachlan & Margaret McDonald, Aberlour, Gardener	Bapt 3 May 1894
MCGREGOR, Alexander Peter Kinmylis [?] & Margaret McGregor, Aberlour, Shoemaker	Bapt 4 Sep 1892	DUNCAN, Helen Gray Robertson Margaret Duncan, Aberlour	Bapt 12 May 1894
MORRISON, Catherine William & Ann Morrison, Aberlour, Groom	Bapt 18 Sep 1892	MCGREGOR, James Russell Peter Kinmylis [?] & Maria John, Aberlour, Shoemaker	Bapt 30 Sep 1894
GRIERSON, George Michael Aberlour	Bapt 29 Sep 1892	BURNS, John Gildowie John & Mary Burns, Aberlour, Plumber	Bapt 4 Dec 1894
DOW, Jamesina Agnes James Dow & Lizzie Sainster, Craigellachie, Physician & Surgeon	Bapt 26 Oct 1892	ROBERTSON, Elsie Margaret & James Robertson, Aberlour, Mason	Bapt 18 Mar 1895
HAY, Thomas Alexander Sellar Alexander & Isabella Hay, Aberlour	Bapt 14 Apr 1893	KIRKTON, Henry Williamina Kirkton, Aberlour	Bapt 31 Mar 1895
MCDONALD, Elspet Christina Lachlan & Margaret McDonald, Aberlour, Gardener	Bapt 28 Apr 1893	MACKIE, William James & Annie Mackie, Craigellachie, Shoemaker	Bapt 10 Apr 1895
DI VERI, Charles Bertie Charles Bertie & Kate Francis Di Veri, Aberlour, Professor of Music	Bapt 11 May 1893	DOW, James James Dow & Lizzie Sainster, Craigellachie, Physician & Surgeon	Bapt 12 Feb 1896
GALL, John Alexander Martha Gall, Aberlour	Bapt 21 May 1893	DI VERI, Arthur Bertie Charles Bertie & Kate Francis Di Veri, Huntly, Professor of Music	Bapt 4 Jun 1896
NELSON, Mary Ellen Aberlour	Bapt 21 May 1893	RITCHSON, Alexander Margaret & James Ritchson [?], Aberlour, Mason	Bapt 13 Jun 1896
RITCHIE, George Morrison Jane Ritchie [?], Fochabers	Bapt 9 Aug 1893	GORDON, Louis Thomas Gray Annie Gordon, Aberlour	Bapt 30 Aug 1893
NICOLS, Ellen Frances Frances Gustavus Nicols & Sarah Lillina, Dufftown, Gentleman	Bapt 1 Nov 1893	SHARP, Elsie Stewart Maria Sharp, Inveravon	Bapt 27 Oct 1896
LESLIE, Margaret Elizabeth Elizabeth Leslie, Aberlour	Bapt 8 Dec 1893	JAMIESON, Edward William Sharp Mary Jamieson, Aberlour	Bapt 6 Oct 1896
EVANS, Mary Elizabeth Aberlour	Bapt 16 Mar 1894		

MACDONALD, Elizabeth Bapt 4 Apr 1897
Lachlan & Margaret MacDonald, Aberlour,
Gardener

MACKIE, Annie Bapt 9 Jul 1897
James & Annie Mackie, Craigellachie,
Shoemaker

BURNS, Liliás Isabella Bapt 22 Aug 1897
John & Mary Burns, Aberlour, Plumber

GILL, Margaret Phoebe Bapt 28 Oct 1897
Andrew John Mitchell Gill & Margaret Kindace,
Auchinroath, Rothes, Gentleman

ROBERTSON, Margaret Mackay
Bapt 28 Nov 1897
Robert & Margaret Robertson, Aberlour, Mason
Private Baptism

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Robert & Margaret Robertson, Aberlour, Mason
Private Baptism

WILSON, Robert Bapt 5 Feb 1898
Isabella Wilson, Aberlour

THOMSON, Janet Bapt 24 May 1898
Mary Ann Thomson, Aberlour, Labourer

WILLIAMSON, John Bapt 17 Jun 1898
Isaac & Jane Williamson, Aberlour, Horse Dealer

MACDONALD, Lachlan Bapt 3 Jul 1898
Lachlan & Margaret MacDonald, Aberlour,
Gardener

DUNCAN, William Bapt 13 Nov 1898
William Duncan & Mary Ann Lawson Gordon,
Aberlour, Fisherman

DAVIDSON, Alexander Bapt 2 Apr 1899
Alexander & Maggie Davidson, Aberlour, Carter
Private Baptism

WATSON, William Robert Bapt 8 May 1899
Robert & Catherine Watson, Macallan, Baker

GILL, Marjorie Lindsell Bapt 5 Jul 1899
Andrew John Mitchell Gill & Margaret Kindace,
Auchinroath, Rothes, Gentleman

LUNSDALE, Kathleen Isabella Hlyard
Bapt 24 Aug 1899
Napier & Mary Craig Lunsdale, Craigellachie,
Factor

BARRON, Ethel Muriel Bapt 3 Nov 1899
William & Ada Barron, Rothes, Inland Revenue
Private Baptism

MALCOLM, John Eustace Bapt 8 Apr 1900
James & Mary Ann Malcolm, Ballindalloch,
Merchant

ROBERTSON, John Bapt 5 May 1900
James & Margaret Robertson, Aberlour, Stone
Mason

FORBES, Henry Bapt 15 Jun 1900
Mary Forbes, Aberlour

GREIG, George Bapt 15 Jun 1900
William & Rebecca Greig, Aberlour

GREIG, David Bapt 15 Jun 1900
William & Rebecca Greig, Aberlour

GRANT, Mary Bapt 15 Jun 1900
Mary Grant, Aberlour

MCQUGOG, Margaret Bapt 15 Jun 1900
Margaret McQuogog [?], Aberlour, Mason

PORTEOUS, Euphemia Bapt 15 Jun 1900
James & Euphemia Porteous, Aberlour

ROBERTSON, James Bapt 15 Jun 1900
Maggie Robertson, Aberlour

PARTRIDGE, Ermess [?] Bapt 15 Jun 1900
Frederick & Eliza Emma Partridge, Aberlour

EDGAR, Lizzie Bapt 15 Jun 1900
John & Eleanor Francis Edgar, Aberlour

BROWN, John Bapt 15 Jun 1900
Aberlour

BOYD, Ann Bapt 15 Jun 1900
James & Jane Boyd, Aberlour

GRAHAM, William Bapt 15 Jun 1900
Catherine Graham, Aberlour

LESLIE, Alexander Bapt 7 Sep 1900
Agnes Leslie, Aberlour

DIVERI, Mary Margaret Bapt 26 Dec 1900
Charles Bertie & Kate Francis Diveri, Huntly,
Professor of Music

Contributed by Stuart Farrell

Moray Miscellany

The following entries are taken from the Elgin Burgh Court Book of 1794, where the court held an inquest to recognise someone as an heir. Both entries have been transcribed by Graham Wilson, Archivist, Elgin Archives.

In the claim of General Service at the instance of Anne Blenshal residenter in Elgin lawfull daughter of William Blenshal Taylor in Elgin John Purse merchant in Quebec lawfull son of Isabel Blenshal also daughter of the said William Blenshal his grandfather Jean Brander spouse to Robert Muterer merchant in Forres lawfull daughter of Phillis Blenshal also lawfull daughter of the said William Blenshal her grandfather Elizabeth Harper residing in Glasgow lawfull daughter and heir of William Harper wright in Edinburgh who was lawful son and heir of Janet Blenshal another lawfull daughter of the said William Blenshal her great grandfather and the said Robert Muterer for himself his own right and interest as nearest and lawfull heirs Portioners in General of the sad deceased William Blenshal the Claimants served and appointed to be retoured.

[The above mentioned Robert Muterer, Merchant was married to a Jean Brander, 1780 and died c1832 – see Moray libindx entry NM039444]

In the claim of General Service at the instance of Barbara McKain residing in Elgin lawfull daughter and only child of the deceased Barbara McKain residing in Elgin who was one of the daughters of the also deceased John McKain merchant in Elgin who was son of Robert McKain merchant in Elgin brother of the deceased James McKain merchant in Elgin her great Grand Uncle and Elspet McKain relict of the deceased George Anderson cabinetmaker in London the other Grand Neice of the said deceased James McKain as nearest and lawfull heirs portioners in General to the said deceased James McKain Great Grand Uncle to the said Barbara McKain and Grand Uncle to the said Elspet McKain, the claimants served and appointed to be retoured.

Contributed by Graham Wilson.

On a Wooden Leg Contributed by Ken Nisbet

Composed by Charles Millar, 1st Black Watch, awarded first prize at Old Mill Hospital Aberdeen.

Here you will find if to read you're inclined,
My views an a leg that is wooden,
But don't think that mine, is a leg made of pine,

It's a real ain, a long ain and a good ain.

The advantages of a wooden leg:-
I your leg's made of wood , and you liked , then
you could,
Find it usefull at all times and seasons,
So appended below, I am trying to show,
A few of its numerous reasons.

Should you married be then, it will come in ye
ken,
To roll dough or stir up the porridge,
For breaking up coal, or if the wife's up the pole,
Just use it for cooling her courage.

When the man calls for rent, risk the leg being
bent,
By dotting him one on the scuppers
And I think that it would keep the baby quite
good,
While you and your wife had your supper!

Should a mad dog give chase, you need not go the
pace.
You could just stand and let the dog chew it,
Then just kick off his head, leave the beggar for
dead,
And ther's only the bow- wow would rue it.

And the wooden leg too, would not bother you,
With chilblains, or corns or bunions
Then a great thing you know, you'll n'er have to
go,
Fe'r to France with a leg that would splinter.

In the darned Dardenelles, you will not hear the
yells,
And in Serbia you'll not spend the winter,
But you'll stop here at hame, and though out of the
game,
You'll be honoured and also respected.

And you'll not be called slack, for you've done
your whack,
And the thought shouldn't leave you dejected,
So if any of you, for a wooden leg woo,
Just wander down to the theatre,
And the doctor will remove, the leg you don't
love, Though given you by your Creator.

But I never shall beg, for a different leg,
Or pine for a leg that is wooden,
With the leg I was born, I shall not feel forlorn,
It's a real ain, a long ain and a good ain.

So we'll think now and then of the wooden legged
men,
Who for his love of his homeland and beauty,
All so willingly fought, and the cost counted
nought. How nobly they've all done their duty.