



Moray & Nairn Family History Society

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

MNFHS Chairman's Report

On the 23rd April 2016 the Society attended the Scottish Association of Family History Societies Conference at New Lanark, it was not a bad day – lots of enquiries and the setting in a World Heritage Site made it a great day, well worth the visit.

As previously mentioned in our last newsletter our latest publication in two parts is of Deaths and Obituaries from the Elgin Courier newspaper from 1827 to 1834. (See details on this page and on our web page) Current publication work underway for 2017 includes Forres Free Church and records relating to Lhanbryde, with work underway for 2018 on records relating to the parish of Boharm and to those relating to the parish of Dallas.

As I often mention, I would welcome any comments for future publications or material that we can use in our newsletter or on our web page.

Stuart Farrell, Chairman

The next Newsletter will be published in October 2016. Will members please submit articles to the Editor: newsletter@morayandnairnfhs.co.uk

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Burghead Free Church Baptisms and Marriages, 1850 - 1854 and **Rafford** Free Church Roll of Original Communicants, 1843, compiled by Douglas Stewart, 60pp. £4.50 now FREE p&p.

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Deaths and Obituaries from the Elgin Courier Newspaper 1827-1834

This is a complete transcription of each death or obituary from the Elgin Courier Newspaper with an index of surnames.

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Moray Miscellany

Associate Congregation of Forres, Baptisms & Births, 1772-1792.

A Secession congregation is thought to have been established in Forres in 1768. The first minister, Mr William Bennet, from Milnathort was not, however, ordained until August 1774. Session minutes survive from this date till 1794, and include a register of baptisms – now available on the Society website on the Moray Miscellany page.

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Moray Miscellany

List of Persons in The Burgh of Forres who are entitled to vote at The Election of Councillors. According to the Town Clerk's Roll, Made up on 15th Sept 1836.

George Adams, Surgeon, Forres.
Lieut. James Allan, R.N. residing in Forres.
James Anderson, Butcher in Forres.
John Anderson, Merchant in Forres.
Robert Anderson, Farmer, Grieveshop.
Walter Anderson, Painter in Forres.
James Anderson, Farmer, Grieveshop.
John Austin, Baker and Vintner in Forres.
Alexander Anderson, Butcher in Forres.
Richard Baker, Vintner in Forres.
John Baxter, Mason, Forres.
James Bell, Surgeon, Forres.
Alexander Bisset, Shoemaker, Forres.
Robert Abercromby Brands, Writer in Forres.
James Bremner, Merchant, Forres.
Alexander Baxter, Shipmaster, Forres.
Alexander Bain, Boot and Shoemaker, Forres.
Archibald Duff Brands, Surgeon in Forres.
Sir W. G. G. Cumming, Bart., of Altyre.
John Cumming, Banker, Forres.
Robert Crookshanks, Carpenter, Forres.
James Campbell, Gardener in Forres.
James Campbell, Vintner in Forres.
Capt. Samuel Colberg, residing in Forres.
William Cumming, Merchant in Forres.
David Cooper, Tailor in Forres.
Samuel Davidson, Cartwright, Forres.
William Dickson, Merchant, Forres.
William Donaldson, Labourer, Forres.
William Downie, Spirit Dealer, Forres.
Thomas Davidson, Merchant in Findhorn.
Alexander Eddie, Hair-dresser, Forres.
John Forsyth, Writer in Forres.
John Fraser, Merchant, Forres.
Robert Fraser, Tailor, Forres.
David Falconer, residing in Forres.
Colonel Simon Fraser of Drumduan.
James Fridge, Carrier in Forres.
James Gill, Merchant, Forres.
James Gillan, Farmer, Longley.
James Gillan, jun., Merchant, Forres.
John Gillam, jun., Merchant, Forres.
Donald Grant, Innkeeper, Forres.
Rev. Duncan Grant, Minister of Forres.
James Grant, Cabinetmaker, Forres.

James Grant, Carrier, Forres.
William Grant, Shoemaker, Forres.
Lewis Grant, Writer in Forres.
John Gillan, Wine Merchant in Forres.
John Gowans, residing in Forres.
William Grig of Lingiestown.
Alex. Hendry, jun., Merchant in Forres.
William Hendry, Wright in Forres.
James Hunter, Tailor, Forres.
Alexander Harrold, Cabinetmaker, Forres.
George Hendry, Merchant in Forres.
James Hutchison, Merchant in Forres.
John Hendry, Tinsmith, Forres.
James Hutchison, at Moss-side of Rafford.
John George Innes, Surgeon, Forres.
Charles Kay, Merchant, Forres.
William Kerr, Butcher, Forres.
John Kerr, Merchant, Forres.
James Key, residing in Forres.
John Kynoch, Grocer & Leather Merchant, Forres.
Alex. Kerr, alias Carroch, residing in Forres.
James Laing, Wright, Forres.
James Laing, Vintner in Forres.
William Laing, Merchant in Forres.
Alexander Lillie, Farmer in Forres.
William Logie, residing at Blackhillock.
Francis Lauder, Shoemaker, Forres.
John Longmuir, Anderson's Institution, Forres.
Hugh Duff McQueen, Hotel Keeper, Forres.
William McKerron, Merchant, Forres.
John McCulloch, Carrier, Forres.
James Miller, Cartwright, Forres.
Alexander Milne, Bookseller, Forres.
George Morrison, Gardener, Forres.
Robert Munro, Merchant, Forres.
George Munro, Flesher, Forres.
John Munro, Butcher in Forres.
Alexander Munro, jun., Flesher in Forres.
Lauchlan Munro, Butcher in Forres.
John Murdoch, Baker in Forres.
John Murdoch, Vintner and Flesher, Forres.
Roderick McDonald, Brewer, Mills of Forres.
John Macrae, Confectioner, Forres.
John Mutterer, residing in Forres.
James Grant Manford, Writer, residing in Forres.
Charles McDonald Fisher, residing in Forres.
Wm McLellan, Pensioner, residing at Bulletloan.
Malcolm McKenzie, residing in Forres.
William Mitchell, Carrier in Forres.
Alexander McKenzie, Plasterer, Forres.
James McPherson, Blacksmith in Forres.

William McGarrow, Merchant, Forres.
Alexander McLean, Baker in Forres.
Pearce William Maund, residing in Forres.
James Miller, Merchant in Forres.
Duncan Nairn, Plaster in Forres.
Peter Nairn, Farmer, Brenchill.
Alexander Naughty, Gardener, Forres.
Lieut. Evelyn Norrie, R.N. residing in Forres.
Richard Paxton, Schoolhouse, Conicavel.
William Purse, Merchant in Forres.
Robert Paxton, Wright at Logie.
James Raff, Saddler in Forres.
James Ramsay, Blacksmith, Burnend.
Rev. Dun. Robertson, Andersons Institution,
Forres.
Alexander Rose, Baker and Farmer.
John Rose, Merchant, Forres.
George Ross, Merchant, Forres.
Hugh Ross, Mason in Forres.
Thomas Ross, Merchant in Forres.
James Russell, Farmer, Forres.
Alexander Reid, Merchant in Forres.
Peter Riach, Merchant in Forres.
Thomas Russell, residing in Forres.
John Seal, Merchant, Forres.
John Sinclair, Mason, Forres.
Alexander Smith of Bogton.
Alexander Smith, Farmer, Balnageith.
William Smith, Blacksmith in Forres.
Rev. Thomas Stark, residing in Forres.
Robert Sim, Farmer, Wards of Alves.
Alexander Smith, Saddler, Forres.
James Smith, Wright in Forres.
Lewis Smith, Farmer at Milltown of Grange.
James Stalker, Farmer at Greens of Tomnamoon.
William Souter, Road Contractor, Forres.
Alexander Smith, House Carpenter in Forres.
Robert Smith, Farrier in Forres.
Peter Thomson, Wright, Forres.
James Torrie, Wright in Forres.
Alexander Tulloch, residing in Forres.
James Urquhart, Wright, Mills of Forres.
Alexander Urquhart, Architect, Mills of Forres.
George Urquhart, Brewer, Mills of Forres.
Robert Urquhart, Writer, Forres.
Alexander Urquhart, Writer, Forres.
Alexander White, Merchant, Forres.
Alexander Watson, Banker, Forres.
David Watson, Merchant, Forres.
Alex. Williamson, residing near Trafalgar Place.
John Wilson, Bookseller, Forres.

Nicholas Young, Carding Miller and Dyer,
Forres.

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See Moray & Nairn FHS Web Page for list of
electors for 1851, 1856, 1868, 1873, 1892 and
1913-14.

Moray Miscellany

A Link to The 18th Century

I reckon I've met someone, who'd met someone
born in the 18th century - and it's a family link!

One of my great-grandfathers, John Donald
Shand, died aged 93 in 1973 - when I was 16 years
of age. I didn't appreciate it at the time, but it
probably is quite unusual for someone to know
one of their great-grandparents.

A thought recently occurred to me; would John
have met any of his great-grandparents?

The answer surprised me, because he most
probably did.

John Shand was born at Macduff Street,
Lossiemouth on 2nd May 1879. At that time, his
great-grandparents, John Shand & Margaret
McAndrew, were living at Muirton Smithy, little
more than 1¼ miles away.

I've no proof that they did ever met each other, but
suppose they had - and I don't see why a new
great-grandchild wouldn't be taken to visit his
great-grandparents, or his great-grandparents
wouldn't have attended his baptism.

From Drainie OPR I learn that John Shand, smith
in Muirton and Marjory Barry had a son born 6th
March 1796, and named John; and, also from the
same source, William McKenrich in Blackmire
and Catherine Anderson had a daughter born 3rd
August and baptized 10th August 1798, and named
Margaret.

If the meeting ever took place, that would mean
I'd met someone, who'd met someone born in the
18th century - and a family link to boot!

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Moray Miscellany

Nameless Deaths Elgin Courier 1827-1830

No. 10, Friday, September 14, 1827

The inhabitants of Forres and its neighbourhood were yesterday thrown yesterday into a state of confusion in consequence of a report that a mother had murdered her own child. We are not yet certain of the particulars respecting this atrocious crime; but so far as our information goes, the unhappy mother confesses that it was committed about two weeks ago. According to report, the unfortunate woman stated, in the first instance, that her murdered child would be found on the estate of Waterford, and afterwards on the estate of Hedgefield, but it was ultimately found in a park a little westward of Forres, at present in the possession of Archibald Rhind, Esq. Allarburn. An investigation into the unhappy circumstance is, we understand now going on.

No. 11, Friday, September 21, 1827

In our Paper of last week, we mentioned a report, that a woman in the neighbourhood of Forres has confessed having had an illegitimate child, and of having afterwards murdered it. We have since learned that the latter clause is not correct. The child, it appears, was still born; and the woman is only blamed for the concealment of pregnancy. This contradiction to a former report, we feel it our duty to give.

No. 46, Friday, May 23, 1828

On Sunday last, while two boys were amusing themselves at Covesea, one of them fell over a precipice of great altitude. He is so seriously injured that he has not been able to speak since the accident happened; and, we regret to say, doubts are entertained of his recovery.

On Monday last an old pensioner in Forres, of the name of Urquhart, attempted committing suicide, by cutting his own throat. He is, we believe, still in life; but no hopes are entertained of his recovery. We have not heard any particular cause assigned for the unhappy man's wishing to terminate his own existence.

No. 47, Friday, May 30, 1828

The unhappy man mentioned in our last as having cut his throat in Forres on the preceding week, is, we understand, still in life.

On Wednesday last, while two children in this

place were amusing themselves at the fire, one of the accidentally overturned a kettle of boiling water, the contents of which having been poured on the other, it was so dreadfully scalded, that doubts are entertained of its recovery.

No. 84, Friday, February 13, 1829

At a court held in Keith on the 10th inst., a woman of the name of Sophia Kynoch residing in Bridge Street was placed at the bar accused of concealment of pregnancy and child-murder. Presumptive evidence being brought forward sufficient to commit her, the Justice felt justified in granting a warrant to commit her to Banff gaol, there to wait her trial in April, at Aberdeen, before the court of Justiciary. *Correspondent.*

No. 93, Friday, April 17, 1829

A young man of the name of Paul who was lately, in Gray's Hospital, labouring under mental aberration but who had experienced a temporary cure, left his father's house on Friday morning last, to work in the Garden of Alexander Forteach, Esq. of Newton; but not having returned, search was made for him when he was traced as far as Cullen; but no further accounts have been yet heard of him.

No. 102, Friday, June 19, 1829

On Monday evening last, about the hour of ten o'clock, two men, who had been previously drinking together, in the most friendly manner, it is said, were observed going up the street, the one having a hold of the other. In the course of a few minutes afterwards, one of them was seen lying motionless on the ground opposite Batchen's street; and was carried by the spectators into a neighbouring house. He was taken to the hospital on the following day, where he lies dangerously ill, not having spoken a word since the circumstance happened. The affair will no doubt undergo judicial investigation, and then the public will be put in possession of the facts concerned with it. The man's name is Fraser; and he belongs either to Inverness or to its neighbourhood. Since the above was in type the other young man has been placed in custody.

No. 120, Friday, October 23, 1829

It is with regret that we have to state that upon Tuesday the 20th, while Mr George McLean, son of the Rev Mr McLean of Urquhart was leaving Elgin, riding a young horse, the animal was frightened by some rubbish being thrown from the roof of an old house, and became so unmanageable, that when near the bridge on the

Turnpike road over the Tyock, the animal ran with such force against a cart, that horse and rider were thrown to the ground, and Mr McLean was much hurt, and having been carried to the nearest house, lies dangerously ill.

No. 126, Friday, December 4, 1829

Our readers will perceive from the subjoined paragraph, which we extracted from a private letter written by a gentleman belonging to Elgin, to a relation in the neighbourhood – that there has been a tremendous and destructive storm at sea last week. He was a passenger on board the *Duke of Wellington* steam vessel, on her last voyage to London, and writes thus:- “London, Nov 28, 1829 – After a long and tedious passage, we arrived about an hour ago (four pm). We sailed on Sunday last about half past 10 am and got as far as the Humber (the passage up to Hull) by Monday, at half past 2 pm, when we were obliged to take shelter, and remained there until Thursday, when we again sailed and got last night, within 80 miles of London, where we were obliged to anchor till this morning. Such a storm has not been at sea within the recollection of any of our crew. On Thursday morning, within three hours, we saw 30 vessels all driven to pieces; and had we not got into the Humber, we must have shared the same fate.”

No. 143, Friday, April 2, 1830

On Wednesday last while a man belonging to Orbliston was holding his horse at the Back-street till something in the cart would be adjusted, the animal became frightened at some object, and having upset the man in struggling to retain his hold, the cart went directly over his breast. The unfortunate man was carried to the house of John Brands where he lies seriously hurt.

No. 147, Friday, April 30, 1830

On Tuesday se’ennight a very distressing accident occurred in the vicinity of Castle Grant. A young man of the name of Donald Bruce, having gone out early in the morning to shoot, espied two objects on a field which in the partial darkness, he thought was a dog worrying a sheep. He accordingly discharged his gun with an unhappy precision of aim. He heard a human shriek follow the firing of his piece; and on running to learn the matter, made the appalling discovery that he had lodged the contents of his gun in the body of fellow being of the name of William Mackenzie, an intimate acquaintance of his own. The dog has only been amusing himself with his master, when Bruce imagined he was worrying sheep. Medical aid was procured with the utmost possible

despatch; but the nature of the unfortunate man’s wounds preclude all hope of recovery.

No. 159, Friday, July 23, 1830

On Monday last a melancholy accident occurred at the Lime Quarry in the Burgh Moor, in consequence of the premature blasting of the rock. The name of the sufferer is James Younie; and his hands and face, and several parts of his body are dreadfully injured by splinters of the stone. He is now in Gray’s Hospital in a somewhat doubtful state. The accident occurred in consequence of working with what is technically termed a “needle,” or iron, instead of copper or brass. This needle is used for the purpose of forming a channel through which the match may be conveyed to the powder, preparatory to explosion; and when it comes in forcible contact by hammering or otherwise with any hard or flinty stone, it emits a spark of fire, and hence a premature explosion occurs. No fewer than nine similar accidents, some of the attended with most melancholy consequences, have occurred from the same cause, in the immediate neighbourhood, within the last few years. And strange to say, our quarries still persist in the use of an iron instrument, notwithstanding the disasters of which it is ever and anon productive, although one made of brass or copper would answer all purposes equally well, and would be attended with no danger whatever. We cannot account for such gross infatuation.

No. 162, Friday, August 13, 1830

In the afternoon of Friday last while **John Hay**, an elderly fisherman, was assisting others to put some herring nets into a boat, at Cullen, he lost his balance and fell over the pier into the boat. He alighted on his head and fractured his skull. He is still in life; but is considered in a dangerous state.

No. 169, Friday, October 1, 1830

On Saturday, while the *Star Coach* was passing through Fochabers, a poor woman was run down, and considerable hurt. We understand, however, that no blame attaches to the Guard.

No. 196, Friday, April 8, 1831

Some days ago a young woman residing in Turriff, cut her throat under the following circumstances:- She was to have been married two or three months ago, but her lover having heard reports not favourable to her character, put it off from time to time in order to ascertain whether these were true or no. The sequel confirmed the suspicions of the young man, who forthwith

abandoned her. This, it is supposed, induced her to commit the rash act. The wound was sewed up, but so intent was she on self destruction that she tore it open. Our correspondent adds, he had not heard whether she was still alive at the time he wrote.

No. 201, Friday, May 13, 1831

Yesterday afternoon between the hours of one and two o'clock, David Smith, who for some years part has been waiter at the Gordon Arms Inn, made an attempt on his own life. He had gone down to Lossiebanks, Burrow Briggs, where he endeavoured to accomplish his rash purpose by cutting his throat by means of a razor. Immediately after the dreadful incision was made he waded over to the other side of Lossie, with the view, it is supposed, that he might not be discovered before his death. A person who was at a little distance having observed and known him, hastened to the spot on the Bishopmill side where he then lay down, and was horrified at the dreadful state in which he then found the unfortunate lad. The alarm was immediately given, and the unhappy young man was carried to the Hospital in a most precarious state. In one of his pockets was found a letter, which we have seen, requesting that whoever should find his body would carry it to Mr Webster's, and that his watch should be given to his brother. It also mentioned that the money in his pocket (amounting to £47 2s 3d.) belonged to Mr Webster. To the letter was appended the following postscript:- "I take the blame from every one for this rash act: wishing all my friends well, and in the hands of God. Mr [blank] was the last man who shook hands." The young man quitted Mr Webster's service yesterday se'ennight.

No. 202, Friday, May 20, 1831

On Saturday last while two farm servants were employed in loading their carts from an ash-pit in the Boyndie Road, Banff, they discovered the body of a child. Two medical gentlemen inspected the body, and gave in as their opinion that it was a seven months child, and that it had been still-born.

No. 217, Friday, September 2, 1831

On Monday last, some fishermen at Macduff having quarrelled, owing to some trifling dispute concerning the lateness of breakfast, proceeded from high words to blows, when one of them of the name of Macfarlane, from the Isle of Skye, in endeavouring to get out of the house, was struck on the forehead with a stone, by another fisherman named Cowie from Buckie. The blow laid Macfarlane prostrate at the feet of him who

inflicted it. McF was instantly carried to a neighbouring house, and medical aid procured, when it was found that the skull was fractured. The medical gentleman considering the wound to be dangerous, Cowie was instantly apprehended and put into Banff Jail. A precognition is now going on before the Sheriff and Fiscal. The man is still alive, but little hopes are entertained of his recovery.

No. 248, Friday, April 6, 1832

The *Caledonian* Coach, on her way from Inverness to Edinburgh by the Highland road, was last week upset at the bridge of Slochmuich, when several of the passengers, six in number, were rather seriously injured. The guard was so much hurt, that doubts are entertained of his recovery. We believe no blame attaches to the driver, the accident having occurred from the restiveness of one of the horses.

No. 291, Friday, February 1, 1833

On Sunday morning, a girl having left Cromdale to visit her friends in Kirkmichael, was found by people going to the church of that parish, near Inverloch, lying insensible at the foot of a precipice, over which, owing to the slipperiness of the path she must have fallen. Dr Stewart of Grantown was called to see her, but it is not yet certain that she can recover. *Inverness Courier*.

No. 297, Friday, March 15, 1833

The Late Sir Wm Forbes, Bart. Banker in Edinburgh - When I was residing in Edinburgh I lodged with an old man who had been for many years a private Teacher in genteel families; but from old age, and having brought up a large family, some of whom were in the profligate order, was quite reduced in circumstances, and consequently was induced to keep boarders and lodgers. His housekeeper was one of his daughters who was very ambitious of having a respectable appearance in life, notwithstanding of her poverty; she took a large house at a rent of £30 which was very well fitted up for boarders, &c. I took a room at 7s per week, and continued with them for some months; and indeed I believe I was the only constant lodger that they had all the winter. When Martinmas came the landlord naturally expected one half-year's rent, but there was no means to pay it; he was, however, prevailed on to give them indulgence to the term of Whitsunday, in the hopes that the house would be filled with students, &c. through the winter, by which they would be enabled to pay the rent. But Whitsunday came and found the poor old teacher and his daughter as unable to pay their rent as they

were at Martinmas. The rapacious landlord was now determined to rouse everything to pay his rent, and there was no means to prevent such a calamity from taking place. The daughter came to me entreating that I would try what I could do; but I said all that I could procure for her was only a few pounds to which she would be very welcome, but which I was afraid would not prevent her furniture from being roused. In these distressing circumstances, I strongly advised her to let their case be known to Sir Wm Forbes, the Banker; and got the daughter prevailed on to write a letter to him, and said I would deliver it to him, (altho' I had not the honour of being known to Sir Wm) which I trusted would have made a happy result, from the many humane and benevolent actions I had heard of that gentleman performing. Accordingly I went with the letter to deliver it to him at the Bank; after he read it, he asked me some questions, and was deeply affected with the distress of the poor old man, and desired me to order him and the daughter to call at the Bank next day, and he would see what could be done. They went next day, when, to the praise of his memory be it told, he made a present of Thirty Pounds stg to the old man to pay his rent. (We have inserted the above communication of the generous disposition of the late Sir Wm Forbes, Bart. exactly as we received it; as we have every reason to believe that the person who handed it to us is the identical person who delivered the letter to the worthy Baronet. - Ed.)

No. 301, Friday, April 12, 1833

On Monday last a boy of the name Fenton Petrie was engaged in racking a quantity of wood, in the Coach Yard of Mr Dallas, when one of the supports appearing too weak, he commenced nailing another piece to strengthen it, the still proving too weighty, fell down upon him, and although there are no external marks of injury, he was so seriously bruised internally as to cause his removal to the Infirmary where he lies very ill.

No. 302, Friday, April 19, 1833

We understand that Grieve, who was sentenced to be executed for rape on Wednesday week, but who was respited for fourteen day, who received a commutation of his sentence, and is to be transported for life.

No. 304, Friday, May 3, 1833

Inverness Circuit Court - Rape - James Newlands from Speymouth, Morayshire, was put to the bar, charged with having violated the person of a young woman named Jane Ross, servant to John Inglis, farmer at Westerton. The prisoner pleaded

not guilty. This case was as usual tried with closed doors. The unfortunate woman is only 17 years of age. It appears the prisoner had in company with Jane Ross and several other young persons, been returning from Elgin Feeing Market; they stopped at a public house at Langbryde, and had a glass or two of spirits. Newlands (who is about 30 years of age and unmarried) then advised Jean Ross to walk on before him, and take a different road from the rest of the party, stating that they would speedily rejoin them, at a place where the two roads met. He had no intention of rejoining the company, but violated the person of the poor girl, and brutally attacked her three different times. On reaching her master's house, she informed the mistress of the ill treatment she had experienced, and next morning she acquainted her relations of the fact. The case was fully established by the evidence of a young woman and other witnesses. It engaged the court from about 3 o'clock to half-past 2 o'clock on the Sabbath morning. The jury returned a verdict of Guilty of the crime libelled, but from the previous good character of the prisoner, unanimously recommended him to mercy. The address of Mr Macdougall, Advocate, on behalf of the panel, and the charge of Lord Moncrieff, were both highly powerful and impressive. The Court deferred pronouncing sentence till Monday morning, Monday, April 29. At 9 o'clock this morning the Court assembled, James Newlands was placed at the bar, and Lord Medwyn addressed brother Judge, Lord Moncrieff, at some length, on the heinous nature of the crime of which the jury had found the panel guilty, after a painful and patient examination. He felt it his duty to propose, in the aggravated circumstances of the case, nothing less than the punishment of death. His Lordship therefore proposed that the prisoner at the bar be executed on the 25th of May. Lord Moncrieff put on the black coif, and the prisoner having stood up, proceeded in a most impressive manner to deliver the sentence proposed by Lord Medwyn. His Lordship referred to some of the leading circumstances of the case, exhibiting the malignity of the prisoner's intentions, and the cruelty of his purposes. After a patient examination, said his Lordship, a jury of your own countrymen by a plurality of voices have found you guilty, but with those feelings of humanity which characterise the jurors of this country, have recommended you mercy; you may relay that that communication will be speedily forwarded to the proper quarter; but along with, and accompanying it will be forwarded the notes of the evidence taken on this trial. From your years and other circumstances you were calculated to be the protector rather than the destroyer of the young woman, whom you have so deeply and irreparably injured. After she had cast herself upon your

confidence and protection you have planted in her heart a wound which she herself has declared was more painful to her than death itself. When our Creator presented to man his lonely and unfallen state, woman, to be a comfort and a blessing He did not give her for the gratification of passions degrading in themselves, or like that of brutes that perish, but for the perpetuation & preservation of our species. The God of Nature has implanted in the constitution of women, principles and feeling which are calculated to exalt and improve our condition, and has given to our sex, affections and privileges, which woman, in her proper place, can well estimate and repay. But for you, unfortunate man, you have violated the laws of God and nature, and with a determination and recklessness degrading to our sex, for the gratification of your selfish passions, turned a blessing into a bitter curse. Your days are now numbered, and it becomes you to apply to that fountain of mercy, which is able to render you acceptable to God; and one of the first visible evidence of your repentance will be, to banish from your mind all feelings or resentment towards that young woman, whose happiness you have destroyed, and by every means by which the law permits, and you have in your power, to endeavour to restore to her, what character which, in the course of your defence, you have attempted to deprive her of, by throwing out insinuations as to her piety. I would not advise you said his Lordship emphatically, to build much hopes on the recommendation to mercy, to which I have referred, but would recommend you to prepare your mind to meet that God before whom you must so speedily appear. May the God of peace, that brought again from the dead that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, grant you the salvation of which you stand so much in need. His Lordship then read the sentence of the Court, which directed the prisoner should be taken from the bar to the tollbooth of Inverness, and there detained until the 25th of May, and to be then hung by the neck on a gibbet by the hands of the common executioner between the hours of 2 and 4 o'clock afternoon, till dead. The prisoner seemed little affected during the delivery of this solemn address, and at the conclusion, when about to be removed, turned round as if he had forgot something, and exclaimed in a moderately firm voice - "I declare before God and man, and this Court, that I am innocent." Newlands is of a middle stature, fair complexioned, and a little marked by the small-pox, with rather a good natured expression of countenance, not indicating an excess of passion one way or other.

Contributed by Doug Stewart

**John Paul and Elspeth (Elsie) Ogilvie, m
23 Oct 1862**

Looking for contact with Descendants of:

John Paul Shoemaker b. 1836 Paisley, Renfrewshire – d. 14 Sep 1914 Crook of Alves parents John Paul & Margaret Sellar m 2 March 1826 Elgin.

Elsbeth (Elsie) Ogilvie b. – d 1891 Crook of Alves, parents George Ogilvie and Elspeth McKissoch m. 17 July 1862.

John and Elsie had 6 children:

Mary Ann, b 5 Aug 1863, d. 10 Oct 1913 Crook of Alves, age 50, Occupation Teacher, worked at Bayhead Public School North Uist and Haskier Island School Hebrides. Trained in School of Cookery. Success in cooking and laundry Classes.

John Leslie 24 Jun 1865, d at Sea 1893, m Mary Elizabeth Allan Sim.

Eliza Jane b. 26 Oct 1867, m James Milton 1904 Emigrated to Cairns Queensland (QLD), Australia (AU).

Elsie Sellar b. 22 Jan 1870 m James Grant Gordon 1894, Emigrated to Cairns, QLD, AU 1894, d Cairns 1936.

John Ogilvie, 10 Mar 1872, m. Margaret Ann Mackay.

William Mackie, 14 Aug 1874, emigrated to Cairns QLD, Australia, 1895/96? m. Mary Rhodes, Cairns, QLD, Au, 9 April 1902. (My grandparents).

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