



Moray & Nairn Family History Society

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

MNFHS Chairman's Report

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 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

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Moray Miscellany

Keith Heavy Death Rate

Mr James Kelman, registrar, has kindly favoured us with the following figures, showing the very high death rate which has occurred in Keith during the three months now ended. In January (9), February (11) and March (27) 1893, the total deaths number 47, March heading the list with 27. In that month measles followed by bronchitis or pneumonia was the cause of nine deaths, one occurring at the age of 35. For the same period last year there were 20 in January, 17 in February

and 18 in March – total 55. That three months were exceptionally heavy once owing to the prevalence of influenza. Taking an average year such as 1891, we find the first three months total 21 deaths. The first three months of 1892 had the highest death rate in the last 25 years.

Banffshire Herald 1893

Contributed by Janet West

[See list of Deaths from *Banffshire Herald* for 1893 on our web page]

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Notice to the Debtors and Creditors of the Deceased Lachlan Munro, Flesher in Forres.

All persons having Claims against the deceased, are requested to lodge them with ROBERT MUNRO, Flesher in Forres, who will pay the same, if properly authenticated; and all persons Indebted to the deceased are requested to pay the same to the said Robert Munro, who is fully authorised and empowered to receive and discharge.

In reference to the above notice, the said ROBERT MUNRO, in offering his most grateful thanks to the friends and customers of his Father, takes the liberty of intimating that he is now and on his own account, continuing his late Father's business, in the same premises as those that were occupied by the deceased; and he trusts by a steady adherence to the principles which guided his Father in all his transactions, to merit a continuation of that patronage which it was, for so many years, his Father's good fortune to enjoy. Forres, 13th July, 1840.

Forres Gazette 5 August 1840.

Contributed by Stuart Farrell

Moray Miscellany

Some Forres Chelsea Pensioners

Recently posted on our web site was the Voters Roll's for Forres which listed a few Pensioners, and I thought it might be worth giving some more detail to some of those Pensioners listed, and a few others listed in the Moray Council Libindx.

The Royal Hospital at Chelsea was founded by King Charles II in 1682 for veterans. During the reign of King William III and Queen Mary II, the Royal Hospital was still under construction so a system for distribution of army pensions was introduced in 1689. The pension was to be made available to all former soldiers who had been injured or who had served for more than 20 years. Eligible ex-soldiers who could not be housed in the Hospital were termed out-pensioners, receiving their pension from the Royal Hospital.

Records of service are held in the National Archives at Kew (WO97).

Alexander Fletcher

Born c.1816. Married to Christina McWilliam. Died at 53 Tolbooth Street 23rd December 1874 aged 58 years.

Death Certificate records he was the son of William Fletcher, Jobbing Gardener and Annie Hay (both deceased), cause of death given as Consumption. Informant was his son Alexander Fletcher of 47 Burnside Street, Glasgow.

Death Notice in the *Forres Gazette* of 30th December 1874 of the following: 'At 53 Tolbooth Street, Forres, on the 23rd inst, Mr Alexander Fletcher, Chelsea Pensioner, aged 58 years.'

Service Papers (WO97/1660/111) indicate he attested in the 93rd Highlanders at Elgin on 29th September 1834 aged 18 where he stated he was born in the Parish of Rafford with an occupation of Labourer. Served a total of 22 years and 51 days with service no.914. Private 29 Sep 1834 to 28 Sep 1856. In 1841 he was stationed at Drummondville & Toronto, Canada. Served in North America 10 years, in Eastern Campaign (Crimea) 2 years. Discharged due to being unfit for service due to fatigue. Noted as being 'in the possession of four Good Conduct Badges with Pay.'

John Gilchrist

Son of John Gilchrist, Miller. Married to Catherine Sutherland, father of John & George Sutherland. Formerly Police Sergeant and Prison Keeper. In October 1849 he was stabbed by a John Munro, Labourer of Forres.

Death Certificate records he was the son of John Gilchrist, Miller (deceased) mother's name not

stated, cause of death given as Retention of urine and enlargement of prostate. Informant was his son George Gilchrist of 5 Broadley Street, Blandford Square, London. Certificate states he was 69 years of age.

Death Notice in the *Forres Gazette* of 4th October 1865 of the following: 'Died at Burnside, Forres, on the 1st instant, Serjeant John Gilchrist, after a short illness, in the 72nd year of his age, greatly regretted.'

Reported in the same edition of the following: 'Death of Serjeant Gilchrist. We regret to announce the death of Serjeant John Gilchrist, Keeper of the Public Buildings here, on Sabbath morning last, after a brief illness.

Serjeant Gilchrist was born at Kildonan, near Helmsdale Sutherlandshire, about the year 1793. He enlisted when quite a youth into the 93rd Sutherland Highlanders, in 1812, and served with the Regiment at home and abroad for about a quarter of a century, rising from the ranks by steady conduct and strict attention to his duties, to the position of a non-commissioned officer. In 1836, he was presented with a massive silver snuff-box, which bears the following inscription: "Lieut.-Colonel McGregor, and the Officers of the 93rd Sutherland Highlanders, to Colour-Serjeant John Gilchrist, in approbation of his zealous and faithful service during 24 years, Newry, November 1836." On the following year he obtained a large silver medal "for long service and good conduct" – an honourable acknowledgement which was awarded to him before he petitioned for his discharge.

On 20th November, 1844, Serjeant Gilchrist was selected from several other candidates and appointed Superintendent of Police of the Burgh of Forres – the duties of which officer he discharged for nearly twenty years with the greatest prudence and circumspection. He was subsequently elected jailer of the local Prison, Keeper of Public Buildings and Weighing Machine; Billet Master, &c., in all of which appointments he continued to give unqualified satisfaction to the authorities.

Serjeant Gilchrist was a universal favourite in the community. He was most correct in the discharge of his duties, and polite and obliging in his manners and intercourse with all. During his best days in the Town's service, his cleanly and respectable appearance, stalwart figure, and soldierly bearing, as he paraded in front of the Court House or did duty within, attracted the attention and admiration of strangers. Of late years, age was creeping on; still he did his duties to the end, and may be said to have died in harness. Thursday evening last found him at his accustomed post in the Public Buildings. On Friday night he had an attack of illness, and he continued to sink till Sabbath morning, when he

passed tranquilly away. He lived respected as a public servant and a citizen, and died regretted by all who knew him.'

Service Papers (WO97/1016/83) indicate he attested in the 93rd Highlanders at Inverness on 4th October 1812 aged 18 where he stated he was born in the Parish of Kildonan with an occupation of Labourer. Served a total of 24 years and 238 days with service no.19. Private 2 Oct 1812-4 Feb 1815, Corporal 5 Feb 1815-23 May 1822, Serjeant 24 May 1822-14 Sep 1831, Colour Serjeant 15 May 1831-27 Oct 1836. Served in Newfoundland 1 year and 4 months, in West Indies 1 year and 2 months (7 Feb 1835-6 Apr 1836), the remainder at home (UK and Ireland). Discharged due to tumours on his legs making him unfit for service. Noted as being of the 'highest character for sobriety, zeal and correctness of conduct in every respect.'

Recorded on family headstone in Forres Clunyhill Cemetery –'1867. Sacred to the memory of John Gilchrist, late of the 93d Regt., who departed this life 1st Oct 1865 aged 70 years. And his wife Catherine Sutherland, died 23rd Nov. 1882, aged 84 years. This stone was erected as a tribute of affection by his beloved wife and family.'

William Smith

Born c.1790 son of William Smith, Carrier, Forres. Died 13th October 1853. Interred in Forres Churchyard.

Reported in the *Forres Gazette* of 17th October 1853 of the following: 'Sudden Death – William Smith, Pensioner, belonging to this town, was in his usual health on Thursday. He, in the company of some acquaintances, had been in several public houses in course of the day, and returned home at night rather the worse of liquor, the housekeeper untied his handkerchief, and he requested to be left in his chair. In visiting him in two or three hours afterwards, life was found to be quite extinct.'

David Young

Born c.1796. Died at North Back Street 23rd February 1876.

Death certificate records he was the son of Thomas Young, Canvas Weaver (deceased) mother's name not stated, cause of death given as Disease of Heart, Dropsy, Asthma. Informant was his wife Margaret Young. Stated he was married twice – 1st wife's name not stated but deceased, 2nd to Margaret Downie.

Death Notice in the *Elgin Courant* of 17th March 1876 of the following: 'At North Back Street, on the 9th inst. David Young, Chelsea Pensioner, aged 80 years.'

Recorded on family headstone in Forres Clunyhill Cemetery –'Sacred to the memory of David Young 1st Regt died 1875 aged 80. And of

Margaret his wife died 1st September 1881, aged 81. "*In that day the deaf shall hear the words of the Book, and the eyes of the blind shall see out of obscurity*".'

William Young

Born c.1804. Died at South Back Street 15th August 1870. Listed in Voters Roll of Forres for 1868 as being resident at 16 South Back Street.

Death Certificate records he was married to Catherine Stronach, the son of James Young, Tailor and Euphemia Gordon (both deceased), cause of death given as Cancer of Tongue. Informant was a neighbour Jane Grant of 16 South Back Street, Forres. Age stated as 67 years.

Death Notice in the *Forres Gazette* of 17th August 1870 of the following: 'At South Bank Street, Forres, on the 15th inst. Mr William Young, Pensioner, aged 67 years.'

Recorded on family headstone in Rafford Churchyard –'Erected by Catherine Young, in memory of her beloved husband William Young who died 15th Aug 1870, aged 66 years, and the above Catherine Young, died 3rd Feby 1883 aged 75 years.'

Contributed by Stuart Farrell

Nairnshire Miscellany

The Story of Rural Cottages – Foxmoss, Cawdor.

Last year whilst surveying the monumental inscriptions at Barevan Churchyard at Cawdor, I noticed on the current Ordnance Survey map the remains of a dwelling and enclosure to the SE of the church named 'Foxmoss' and wondered who had lived there.

Principally I looked at the Census – Not located on the 1841 Census, not found on the 1851 Census but I found it on the 1861 Census; however the 1861 Census showed 2 families named Sinclair and a recheck of the 1851 Census revealed it was then named Newland of Achindown. The 1851 Census shows that there were 3 households as follows:

Donald McPherson, 44, Day Labourer

Margaret McPherson, 35, Wife

Margaret McPherson, 11, Scholar

Donald McPherson, 9, Scholar

John McPherson, 6, Scholar

Ann McPherson, 4, Scholar

Janet McPherson, 9m

(In 1841 Census as living at No.31 in the village of Cawdor)

William Sinclair, 50, Weaver handloom
Janet Sinclair, 54, Wife
W Sinclair, 10, Scholar
Ann McGillivray, 81, Mother, On Bed

John Sinclair, 53, Weaver handloom
Ann Sinclair, 33, Wife
John Sinclair, 2
William Sinclair, 3 days (unbaptised)
Catherine McKenzie, 38, Wife's Sister

By 1861, now being named Foxmoss, the 3 households had changed dramatically, with all the heads of the households now being widows:

Janet Sinclair, 64, Weaver's Widow (Born Cawdor)
Donald Sinclair, 31, son, House Carpenter (Born Cawdor)

Margaret McPherson, 48, Agricultural Labourer, Widow (Born Does)
Margaret McPherson, 21 (Born Cawdor)
John McPherson, 16 (Born Cawdor)
Ann McPherson, 14, Scholar (Born Cawdor)
Janet McPherson, 10, Scholar (Born Cawdor)
Jane McPherson, 8, Scholar, (Born Cawdor)

Ann Sinclair, 43, Woollen Weaver's Widow (Born Ardersier)
John Sinclair, 12, Scholar (Born Cawdor)
William Sinclair, 10, Scholar (Born Cawdor)
Ann Sinclair, 7, Scholar (Born Cawdor)
Margaret Sinclair, 4 (Born Cawdor)
Mary Sinclair, 1 (Born Cawdor)

By 1871 the 3 households were the same, though reduced in size and that two of the heads of the households were now listed as Paupers:

Margaret McPherson, 59, Pauper (Born Does)
Margaret McPherson, 30, Seamstress (Occasional) (Born Cawdor)
Donald McPherson, 4, Grandson (Born Cawdor)

Janet Sinclair, 74, Formerly Weaver's Wife (Born Cawdor)

Ann Sinclair, 49, Pauper (Born Ardersier)
William Sinclair, 20, Forrester (Workman) (Born Cawdor)
Mary Sinclair, 10, Scholar (Born Cawdor)

A search of the Parish Parochial Board Minutes (These survive from only 1874) revealed that Widow McPherson was on the Roll of Paupers at 2/6 per week from 12 January 1874 until 11 June 1889 when noted as died. Minute of 29 Dec 1875 – Admitted Widow McPherson's daughter at Foxmoss at a separate allowance of 5/- per week

during her illness – also to be examined by the Medical Officer to her sanity. 24 July 1876 – Widow McPherson who is now allowed 2/6 per week, and her daughter referred in said minute although found not insane and to be allowed 2/- per week in account of her disability; only in 1889, when she was still on the Roll, was it noted that her disability was a disabled arm.

7 July 1876 – Widow Sinclair, Janet McPherson (Is it possible the two families were related?), Foxmoss admitted at 1/- per week, increased to 2/6 per week in December 1877, not listed on Roll of 27 March 1880.

Ann Sinclair appears on Roll of Paupers as of 31 December 1876 – Ann Sinclair No.67 Record of Applications admitted at 3/- per week, listed as resident at Torrich on Roll of 26 May 1883.

Donald McPherson – 7 May 1879 of Smith Close, Nairn with wife one daughter 2 years of age dependant admitted at 5/- per week, house at Blairnadergid to be repaired for his reception, by 19 July 1879 he is listed as Foxmoss and on Roll at Foxmoss until 26 May 1883 when listed at Budgate.

By 1881 there are now 4 households, still the McPherson's and Sinclair's:

Donald McPherson, 39, Woodcutter (Unemployed) (Born Cawdor)
Margaret McPherson, 33, Wife (Born Monivaird, Perthshire)
Mary McPherson, 4, Scholar (Born Fowlis Wester, Perthshire)

Margaret McPherson, 69, Pauper (Born Does) (Listed as Foxmoss Cottage)
Margaret McPherson, 40, Pauper (Born Cawdor)
Jane McPherson, 27, Domestic Servant (Unemployed) (Born Cawdor)

Ann Sinclair, 62, Pauper (Born Ardersier)
John Sinclair, 30, Labourer in Woods (Born Cawdor)
William Sinclair, 28, Labourer in Woods (Born Cawdor)
Ann Sinclair, 26, Formerly Domestic Servant (Born Cawdor)
Margaret Sinclair, 24, Sewing Maid (Born Cawdor)
Mary Sinclair, 21, Housemaid (Unemployed) (Born Cawdor)

William Sinclair, 44, General Labourer (Born Cawdor)
Margaret Sinclair, 44, Wife (Born Daviot)
Janet Sinclair, 12, Scholar (Born Petty)
Andrew Sinclair, 10, Scholar (Born Petty)
Donald Sinclair, 8, Scholar (Born Ardclach)
Marjory Sinclair, 6, Scholar (Born Nairn)

Alexander Sinclair, 2 (Born Nairn)

By 1891 there was again only 3 households, with one household being a McKenzie having married a McPherson:

William Sinclair, 50, Farm Servant (Born Cawdor)
Margaret Sinclair, 50, Wife (Born Daviot)
Jessie Sinclair, 20 (Born Petty)
Marjory Sinclair, 16 (Born Nairn)
Alexander Sinclair, 12, Scholar (Born Nairn)

Ann Sinclair, 70 (Born Ardersier)
William Sinclair, 38, Forester's Labourer (Born Cawdor)
Margaret Sinclair, 33, Dressmaker (Born Cawdor)

Jeannie McKenzie, 38, Farm Servant's Wife (Born Cawdor)
Hector McKenzie, 7, Scholar (Born Croy)
Maggie McKenzie, 6, Scholar (Born Croy)
Catherine McKenzie, 4 (Born Croy)
Jessie McKenzie, 1 (Born Daviot)
Christina McKenzie, under 1m (Born Cawdor)
Maggie McPherson, 50, Annuitant, sister (Born Cawdor)
(Listed in Poor for Parish for 1892 as aged 53 with a disabled arm)

By 1901 there were now only 2 households:

Roderick McKenzie, 47, Day Labourer (Born Gairloch, Ross-shire)
Jeannie McKenzie, 47, Wife (Born Cawdor)
Jessie McKenzie, 11, Scholar (Born Daviot)
Christina McKenzie, 10, Scholar (Born Cawdor)
Donald J McKenzie, 9, Scholar (Born Cawdor)
Roderick McKenzie, 6, Scholar (Born Cawdor)
Maggie McPherson, 61, Pauper, step-sister (Born Cawdor)

William Sinclair, 64, Day Thatcher 'Houses' (Born Cawdor)
Margaret Sinclair, 60, Wife (Born Daviot)
Jessie Sinclair, 30 (Born Petty)
William Topple, 12, Grandson (Born England)
George Topple, 10, Grandson (Born England)

Lastly in 1911 there were the same 2 households again reduced in size:

Margaret Sinclair, 75 (Born Daviot)
Jessie Sinclair, 41 (Born Petty)
Jeannie Sinclair, 9, Scholar, Granddaughter (Born Cawdor)

Roderick McKenzie, 55, Roadman County Council (Born Gairloch, Ross-shire)
Jane McKenzie, 57, Wife (Born Cawdor)

Donald McKenzie, 17, Apprentice Tailor (Born Cawdor)

William McKenzie, 8, Scholar, Grandson (Born Cawdor)

Roderick McKenzie was admitted to Cawdor Free Church Congregation on 23 Jan 1890. His son Donald appears in Cawdor Roll of Honour for Dec 1914 as serving with the Highland Light Infantry.

Valuation Rolls for the property show it was owned by Earl Cawdor:

1915-1916 – Tenant – Roderick McKenzie, Road Section Man, rent 5s.

Tenant – Repts of William Sinclair, Occupant Mrs Wm Sinclair rent £0.7.6

Same shown for 1919-1920, 1925-1926 shows only Roderick McKenzie, other house vacant, same in 1930-1931 and 1935-1936 shows only one house occupied other ruinous, neither house is listed for 1940-1941.

Monumental Inscriptions from Cawdor Churchyard give the following:

In loving memory of WILLIAM SINCLAIR who died 9th Dec 1925, aged 74 years. Also his sister MARGARET who died 6th Jan 1911 aged 54 years.

Erected in memory of WILLIAM SINCLAIR, Weaver Auchindown, who died 9th Fby 1857 aged 56 years. This tribute to the worth of a loving (husband) and affectionate parent, erected by his loving widow and his affectionate children.

In loving memory of JOHN SINCLAIR, who died at Foxmoss Cawdor, 23 February 1861 aged 63, also his daughter ANN who died at Foxmoss 8th April 1881 aged 27, also his wife ANN MACKENZIE, who died at Foxmoss, 27 Dec 1899 aged 85.

In loving memory of WILLIAM SINCLAIR died at Foxmoss, 17th March 1906. His wife MARGARET MCPHERSON, died 19th Sep 1924. Also their daughters JANET, died 24th Jan 1929. MARGARET, died at Perth 19th March 1933.

Erected by their family in memory of DONALD MCPHERSON who died at Foxmoss 25th Decr 1854, aged 45 years. MARGARET MCKAY his wife who died at Foxmoss 6th June 1889, aged 77 years. DONALD MCPHERSON their son who died at Cawdor 17th March 1887, aged 45 years. Also his wife MARGARET COMRIE who died at

Cawdor 17th Sepr 1893 aged 43 years. Also their daughter MARGARET MACPHERSON, who died at Foxmoss 21st May 1903 aged 61 years. Their daughter JANE MCPHERSON beloved wife of RODERICK MACKENZIE who died 11th May 1926 aged 73 years. Also the said RODERICK MACKENZIE who died at Foxmoss 12th January 1935 aged 79 years. *Who are kept by the power of God, through faith unto salvation, ready to be revealed in the last time.* Letters 1 & 5.

In memory of DONALD J. MACKENZIE Foxmoss, Cawdor, died 5th Dec. 1970, aged 78 years.

Cawdor Churchyard Burial Records for 1930-1970 give the following:

SINCLAIR, Donald Died 30 Sep 1933
Foxmoss, died at Royal Northern Infirmary,
Inverness Buried 3 Oct 1933

MACKENZIE, Roderick Died 12 Jan 1935
Foxmoss, Cawdor Buried 15 Jan 1935

MCKENZIE, Rod Died 26 May 1941
Late of Foxmoss, died at Mid Urchany
Buried 29 May 1941

Foxmoss is depicted on the 1st edition Ordnance Survey map of Nairn (sheet VII.2) of 1871 (surveyed 1869) as 3 roofed terraced-buildings and 2 smaller buildings in front of these with enclosed area to rear of houses possibly garden, named in the Ordnance Survey Name Book (1869, volume 4, page 6) as 'Applies to building of three tenements, one storey high thatched & in fair condition. Property of the Earl of Cawdor.' 2nd edition Ordnance Survey map of Nairnshire (sheet VII.NW) of 1906 (revised 1904) shows single row of buildings with garden divided into two, only one building to front but a well is depicted. Only well shown on Ordnance Survey map of 1961 (NH84 1:25,000). Remains of building shown on current Ordnance Survey Map (NH 84117 47086).

Woods planted to area of buildings in the 1950's. A site visit (2 May 2016) revealed remains of 3 buildings c32m by 5m, though east most building has been damaged by creation of forestry track, planted with trees but central gables standing over 1.5m high, enclosing wall to rear in places 1m high topped with turf but very denuded in places.

In summary, the buildings of Foxmoss seem to have been built in the 1840's and last almost 100 years when the last tenant died in 1941 and after that the cottages seem to have fallen completely

out of use. The Tenants all seem to have been directly related, even being inter-married.

Contributed by Stuart Farrell

Moray Miscellany

Parish of Elgin Poor Registers 1845-1891

The Moray & Nairn Family History Society earlier this year published the Poor Register for the Parish of Elgin from 1845-1891 (published in 3 parts 1845-1871, 1871-1881 & 1881-1891) which is a complete transcription of the Register for each pauper who was accepted to be given Poor Relief under The Poor Law Act of 1845 which ended the relief of the Poor by charity, ie by church collections, and made it possible for more financial support to be raised.

They note in detail the change in circumstances of the person named, who had to have been born in Elgin or whose father or husband was, and sometimes their family's circumstances, including any increase or decrease of relief given, occasionally entry into the poorhouse and often their date of death. Over 970 individuals are listed in the Register of paupers.

Here are some examples of those registered and the details therein:

BAXTER, JANE - Residence: Blackhills; Age: 44; Date of Minute of Parochial Board authorising relief: Sep 1845; Amount and Description of Relief: 9d per week; Country and Place of Birth: Elgin; Religious Denomination: Protestant; Condition: Single; Trade or Occupation: Fieldwork; Wholly or Partially Disabled: Partially; Description of Disablement: Illegitimate child; Wholly or Partially Destitute: Partially; Earnings: 6d per day when employed & has a free house; Nature of Settlement: Birth & Residence; Name & Age of Wife, Children: James Baxter or Walker 10; Name, Age and Weekly Earnings of Husband, Wife, Child: In 1873 son above alluded to is in Aberdeen, and sends no aid to his mother; Other Information: This woman is of a very violent temper and very few will employ her; Register: Nov 1862 – Her allowance was increased to 2/- per week, 13 Dec 1873 – Has been sick and in bed and some small extras given, illegitimate son James Walker at Devenha Distillery Aberdeen made responsible for all outlays, 6 Oct 1875 – Admitted to Poorhouse 18 Sep 1875, - Dec 1875 – Died 16 Nov 1875 and buried by Parish.

GILL, WILLIAM - Residence: Morningside Asylum, Edinburgh; Age: 34; Date of Minute of Parochial Board authorising relief: 14 Jul 1880; Amount and Description of Relief: Residence in Asylum of Elgin; Country and Place of Birth: Elgin; Religious Denomination: Protestant; Condition: Single; Trade or Occupation: Painter; Wholly or Partially Disabled: Wholly; Description of Disablement: Insanity; Wholly or Partially Destitute: Wholly; Earnings: None; Nature of Settlement: Birth; Other Information: Son of James Gill, Baker in Elgin and for some years residing at 2 Pitt Street, Edinburgh. Patient has been in Asylum in London and it is believed that drink is the cause of his insanity, Became chargeable in Edinburgh on 23 May 1880 and removed to Elgin 9th July thereafter; Register: 6 Apr 1881 – Discharged cured from Asylum on 24 Mar.

INNES, WILLIAM - Residence: 207 High Street, Elgin; Age: 67; Date of Minute of Parochial Board authorising relief: 2 Apr 1873; Amount and Description of Relief: Poor House; Country and Place of Birth: Kirkmichael, Banffshire; Religious Denomination: Protestant; Condition: Married; Trade or Occupation: Slater; Wholly or Partially Disabled: Partially; Description of Disablement: Old fracture of thigh bone; Wholly or Partially Destitute: Partially; Earnings: Keeps a shooting gallery & occasionally does a little work from both of which he must earn a little; Nature of Settlement: Residence; Name & Age of Wife, Child or Children: Wife Margaret Grant 60½; Name, Age & Weekly Earnings of Husband, Wife, Children: John 39 Slater, Paisley said to be going to America, William 22 Slater 23/- per week, Alex 17 Clerk £20 per annum, two daughters married in humble life; Other Information: Pauper lame and unable from effects of accident; wife and two sons at home; able-bodied and in a position to support; Register: 2 Apr 1873 – Poor House not accepted, was not admitted on Roll.

MCKENZIE, ISOBEL
or MCKAY. Residence: 287 High Street, Elgin; Age: 35; Date of Minute of Parochial Board authorising relief: Aug 1857; Amount and Description of Relief: 3/- per week; Country and Place of Birth: Duthil; Religious Denomination: Protestant; Condition: Widow; Trade or Occupation: None; Wholly or Partially Disabled: Partially; Description of Disablement: Young Children; Wholly or Partially Destitute: Partially; Earnings: None; Nature of Settlement: Residence & Marriage; Name & Age of Wife, Child or Children: Elspeth McKenzie 13, Isabella McKenzie 10, Margaret McKenzie 8, Alexr McKenzie 5, William McKenzie 2½; Name, Age

& Weekly Earnings of Husband, Wife, Children: John McKenzie 18 Labourer, Jessie McKenzie 16 in service; Other Information: This woman is the widow of the late Alexr McKenzie Sawyer who was a pauper for 2 years before his death; Register: Apr 1861 – Reduced to 1/- per week and a house at £2.16.0 per annum, May 1865 – House rent struck off, Feb 1866 – Offered Poor House, 1 Jan 1872 – Off Roll, 1873 – Offered Poor House not accepted, 1 Apr 1874 – Offered Poor House, not accepted, nd – Dead.

MILLER, JANE
Residence: Lunatic Asylum; Age: 37; Date of Minute of Parochial Board authorising relief: Oct 1845; Amount and Description of Relief: Board in Asylum; Country and Place of Birth: Elgin; Religious Denomination: Protestant; Condition: Single; Trade or Occupation: House Servant; Wholly or Partially Disabled: Wholly; Description of Disablement: Lunatic; Wholly or Partially Destitute: Wholly; Earnings: None; Nature of Settlement: Birth; Other Information: This woman was in the Asylum at the expense of the Parish before there was a Parochial Board; Register: Oct 1860 – Boarded by sanction of the Board of Lunacy with Mr Cumming Redevie at 4/6 per week & clothing, 4 Dec 1872 – Allowance increased to 5/- per week and clothing, 1 Apr 1874 – Died 15 Mar 1874. Funeral expenses repaid by James Grant, Esq. lately Editor of the Morning Advertiser.

REID, ISOBEL or CRUICKSHANK - Residence: Lady Lane, Elgin; Age: 37; Date of Minute of Parochial Board authorising relief: Aug 1860; Amount and Description of Relief: £18 per annum; Country and Place of Birth: St. Andrews; Religious Denomination: Protestant; Condition: Married; Trade or Occupation: Attending her family; Wholly or Partially Disabled: Wholly; Description of Disablement: Lunatic; Wholly or Partially Destitute: Wholly; Earnings: None; Nature of Settlement: Residence; Other Information: This woman is the wife of William Cruickshank Labourer who has 4 children under 9 years of age and unable to pay any part of her board in the Asylum; Register: 5 Aug 1874 – Allowed to leave Asylum for six months with sanction of Board of Lunacy; 7 Oct 1874 – Board of Lunacy grant leave to Medical Officer and Inspector to suspend their visits during her six months' probation, nd – Now self-supporting and struck off.

STEWART, JAMES
Residence: Elgin; Age: 41; Date of Minute of Parochial Board authorising relief: Nov 1860; Amount and Description of Relief: 1/- per week; Country and Place of Birth: Elgin; Religious

Denomination: Protestant; Condition: Single; Trade or Occupation: Strapper; Wholly or Partially Disabled: Partially; Description of Disablement: Of a silly mind; Wholly or Partially Destitute: Partially; Earnings: He goes through the country selling tack & old books also begging; Nature of Settlement: Birth; Other Information: This lads mother is a pauper on the Roll and entirely confined to bed; In November 1874, this man goes under the name of "Boxie" from a "peep-show" which he exhibits through the country – silly; Register: Jan 1862 – Allowance increased to 2/-, 4 Nov 1874 – Removed from Nairn to Forres and allowance of 2/- per week continued, 5 Dec 1877 – Allowance increased to 2/6 per week, in respect of failing health, 3 Nov 1880 – Inspector instructed to inquire as to report that James is possessed of money, 5 Jan 1881 – Board resolved to test James's case, and to offer him relief in the House only, 2 Feb 1881 – Application for out-allowance refused, 2 Mar 1881 – Entered Poor House on Feb 15, and disappeared on 19, 6 Apr 1881 – Re-entered the House, March 4, 4 May 1881 – Discharged April 7, 8 Jun 1881 – Readmitted May 21 and discharged 30 of same month, 7 Dec 1881 – Sent to Poor House Nov 12, 4 Jan 1882 – Left Poor House on 5th and readmitted 15 Dec. Appeared before Board, and was refused out-door allowance struck off, 1 Nov 1882 – Allowed 1/6 per week, 2 May 1883 – Allowance increased to 2/- per week, 5 Dec 1883 – To be paid in Keith if he goes to reside there, 1 Sep 1886 – Allowed a pair of shoes, 2 Nov 1892 – Increased to 5/- and boarded in Keith, 3 Apr 1894 – Continued at 5/- in Huntly, 11 May 1894 – Reduced to 4/-, 10 Jul 1894 – Increased to 5/- pauper having returned to Keith, 7 May 1895 – Continued at 5- per week, 3 Dec 1895 – Continued at 5- per week, 6 Dec 1895 – Continued at 5- per week, 4 Jul 1896 – Died 14 Jan 1896.

URQUHART, JOHN

Residence: New Elgin; Age: 65; Date of Minute of Parochial Board authorising relief: 4 Jan 1871; Amount and Description of Relief: 2/- per week; Country and Place of Birth: Resolis; Religious Denomination: Protestant; Condition: Married; Trade or Occupation: Labourer; Wholly or Partially Disabled: Partially; Description of Disablement: Rheumatism; Wholly or Partially Destitute: Partially; Earnings: Makes a little as Labourer; Nature of Settlement: Residence; Name & Age of Wife, Child or Children: Catherine McDonald 58; Name, Age & Weekly Earnings of Husband, Wife, Children: Pauper has six of a family 5 married in humble life and a daughter 17 in farm service; Other Information: Pauper suffers from chilblains in feet especially in winter. Keeps a grandchild (illegitimate) for whose maintenance

rent 5/- which is paid by mother married in Glasgow; Register: 5 Mar 1873 – Able to do some work; allowance of 3/- reduced to 2/- or Poor House, 7 May 1873 – Allowance withdrawn and Poor House offered, 4 Jun 1873 – Application for out-door allowance refused, 3 Sep 1873 – Allowed 1/6 per week in respect of reports by Inspector and Medical Officer, 6 May 1874 – Ill and allowed small sum extra, 2 Jun 1875 – Allowance increased to 2/- per week in respect of weak health, 3 May 1876 – Allowance reduced to 1/6 per week, 3 Jan 1877 – Allowance increased to 2/- per week, 9 May 1877 – Allowance continued at 2/- per week, 1 Dec 1879 – At this date his family are as under: Margaret wife of James Allan, Carpenter 5 children; Isabella wife of James Bruce Carter Buckie 7 children; Alexander Engine-man, Newton Colliery, Glasgow, keeps no communication; Thomas Labourer, Cambuslang 5 children; Eliza wife of Alexander Anderson, Farm Servant, Wester Alves 2 children; 3 Dec 1879 – Allowance increased to 2/6 per week in respect of increasing infirmity, 5 Jan 1881 – Allowance increased to 3/- per week owing to his wife is sickness, 8 Jun 1881 – Wife dead this date, 1 Apr 1885 – Dead 9 Mar.

WILSON, ISOBELLA

Residence: 41 High Street, Elgin; Age: 25; Date of Minute of Parochial Board authorising relief: 3 Apr 1866; Amount and Description of Relief: Admitted with her children to Poor House; Country and Place of Birth: Elgin; Religious Denomination: Protestant; Condition: Single; Trade or Occupation: House Servant; Wholly or Partially Disabled: Wholly; Description of Disablement: Two Illegitimate Children; Wholly or Partially Destitute: Wholly; Earnings: None; Nature of Settlement: Birth; Name & Age of Wife, Child or Children: Isobella Wilson 2, Jane Wilson 5m; Other Information: Applicant is the daughter of the late Alexander Wilson Shoemaker – She was brought up in Anderson's Institution her oldest child seems deaf; Register: Nov 1867 – Gone to service & allowed 1/6 per week during winter for her youngest child the father having taken the other, 7 Dec 1872 – Sent to Poor House, along with her children, aged 7 & 3 respectively; 26 May 1873 – Left Poor House and one child boarded out, the other being supported by herself. See Min. of Supply No.2254 4 Jun 1873, 7 Oct 1874 – Allowance of 2/9 for child continued during winter, 2 Jun 1875 – Allowance continued in respect that she is unable to maintain both her children, 4 Sep 1878 – Child Jane being nearly 13 ordered to be sent to service, 4 Dec 1878 – Struck off Roll.

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