



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 I send this out the Moray and Nairn Family History Society is 9 years old – and I would like to thank all our members and Committee for their continued support – Thank you.

This year in April Moray & Nairn FHS will be attending the 29th SAFHS Annual Conference and Fair at The Rothes Halls, Glenrothes, Fife on the 21st April 2018. See SAFHS web page for details.

This year publications will be Boharm – everything you wanted to know – Free Church Baptisms; details of the men on the war memorial from both world wars, Roll of Honour of 1915 and the Parish Poor Register (which follows on our recent work on Elgin Poor Register) – what more could you ask for! Later this year we will publishing details from the parish of Urquhart.

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 July 2018. Will members please submit articles to the Editor: newsletter@morayandnairnfhs.co.uk

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MNFHS Publication

Available Soon!

Boharm

Baptisms from Boharm Free Church; Details of the names from the War Memorial with newspaper extracts etc; Boharm Roll of Honour of 1915, Poor Register of the Parish 1845-1880 giving details of payments, family, circumstances and even dates of death.

118 pages, ISBN - 978-1-909887-18-3

£8; Postage & Packing costs on application.

Keep an eye on the website for news when its available.

Special Offer! – Free Book!

At our recent AGM it was agreed by the Committee to make the following offer to Members of the Moray & Nairn Family History Society –

Spent £15 on books from the Society and receive the following free book –

'Pre-1855 Deaths as Reported in Nairn Newspapers 1845-1854'.

Alphabetical list of entries from the *Nairnshire Mirror* and *Nairnshire Telegraph* newspapers. 90 pages.

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Nairnshire Miscellany

Nairn County Press Deaths 1900-1903

The Nairn County Press and Advertiser newspaper was published by John Fraser, 102 High Street, Nairn, and was issued weekly on a Saturday. First issue was on the 17th July 1897 and ceased trading at the end of July 1917.

Campbell – The Late Mr T. D. Campbell, Inverness. On Thursday morning Mr T. D. Campbell a well-known citizen of Inverness, died after a brief illness. Mr Campbell was a member of the late firm Cumming and Campbell, drapers, Inverness, and retired from business about 8 years ago. During a busy life Mr Campbell took an active interest in the social and religious welfare of the community in which he dwelt for so long a period. In politics he identified himself with the Liberal party, and only the other week accompanied Mr Price who gave a political address in the Nairn Public Hall. He was a keen golfer and played frequently of our Western course. His sudden demise will be deeply regretted by a wide circle of friends and acquaintances. (2 May 1903)

Cruickshank – Death of an Old Northern Farmer. Many in the north-eastern counties of Scotland will regret to hear of the death of Mr James Cruickshank, late farmer at Millfield, Monquitter. He was engaged in farming operations for considerably over half a century. He passed away on Sunday morning at his residence, 35 Mile-End Avenue, Aberdeen, in his 92nd year, being within two months of celebrating his 92nd birthday. Deceased was a native of the parish of Dallas in Morayshire where he was born on 12th March 1808. He was a little over seven years of age when Waterloo was fought and had some recollection of the state of affairs at that time. In his younger days he leased the farm of Millhill on the Boath Estate, Auldearn, and from that he went to the farm of Upper Brogan, in the parish of Slains, where he remained for over nineteen years. Mr Cruickshank's next farm was Millfield, Monquitter, from which he retired after another "nineteen" about five years ago, being then in his 88th year, and having been actively engaged in agriculture for over sixty years. He was well known to farmers of the north-east of Scotland, being a regular attender at markets. He is survived by his widow, to whom he was married in 1834, and by three sons and five daughters. (13 Jan 1900)

Cunningham – At the Castle Garden, Darnaway, Forres, on the 4th inst., Katie, youngest daughter

of D. Cunningham, aged 19 years – much regretted. (12 Nov 1904)

Dallas – Military Funeral. On Friday the remains of Sergeant Dallas of the Nairn Volunteer Artillery, were interred in Nairn Churchyard with military honours. There was a large muster of volunteers under the command of Captain J. F. Macintyre, with other officers. The cortege was also accompanied by many citizens and friends of deceased. The remains were conveyed on a gun carriage drawn by a pair of horses, and preceded by the Band which played the Funeral March. The pall-bearers were his comrades, the sergeants, and who laid a handsome wreath on the grave. After the internment three volleys were fired, the kettle drums were beat, and the "Last Post" sounded. Sergeant Dallas was for many years a most enthusiastic volunteer and wore the long service decoration. He rendered valuable service to the local corps in many capacities and will be much missed by his comrades and friends. (5 Sep 1903)

Davidson – Death of Mr Davidson, Farmer, Courage. We regret to announce the death of this respected and well known farmer at the advanced age of 83 years, after a brief illness. A native of Morayshire, Mr Davidson in early life was appointed land steward to the Duke of Sutherland, a position he filled with acceptance for a number of years. Over 40 years ago deceased entered upon the tenancy of the farm of Courage, on the Brodie estate, and he soon became recognised as a practical and skillful agriculturalist. His services were in frequent request throughout the county as a crop and land measurer; and in the exercise of these delicate duties he always retained the full confidence of all parties concerned. Although naturally of a quiet and retiring disposition, deceased's high character and many sterling qualities were responsible for his being elected to local positions of prominence and public trust. (1 Mar 1902)

Davidson – Memorial to an Inverness Man in Nigeria. A Celtic cross about nine feet high in height, has been forwarded from Inverness to Jebba, Northern Nigeria, to be placed over the grave of the late Mr Alastair Davidson, advocate, who held the appointment of Chief Justice of Northern Nigeria. The cross is a reproduction, in dressed Peterhead granite, of St Martin's Cross in Iona, and the quaint and beautiful carving has been faithfully copied in relief. Mr Davidson, who was 36 years of age at death, was a son of Sheriff-Substitute Davidson, Fort William. (14 Jun 1902)

Contributed by Stuart Farrell

Moray Miscellany

The Grants of Prospect Lodge, Elgin Part 1

Within the records of Army Service of the late 18th/early 19th Centuries held in the National Archives at Kew are the Description and Succession Books (WO25). These detail in particular officer's promotions and when restored to service from being on half-pay, they can also give details of date of marriage and birth dates and name of children. Ordinary ranks can be found sometimes under regiment.

The books though free to download from the National Archives are extensive and not indexed – volumes are by regiment number or surname – sometimes there are more than one volume. Please be aware they are very large and will take some time to go through – be warned! I thought it might be useful to take one officer and see what is given and the story of his family from this and other records.

Alexander Grant (WO25/760) indicates at age 16 became an Ensign in the 55th Regiment on 10th December 1779 which was obtained without purchase being a Volunteer in 73rd (now 71st) Regiment; Lieutenant 3rd December 1781 55th Regiment by promotion without purchase; Half Pay 13th March 1789 55th Regiment – by exchange without the difference having contracted severe liver complaint on service in the West Indies; Restored to Full Pay 20th October 1790 Lt-Col Robertson's Company of Royal Indt Invalids – restored from half-pay without the difference, 13th July 1791 Captain Burtons Company R. I. Invalids - removed, Capt. Cravens Company R. I. Invalids – removed, nd – Royal I. Invalids, Stirling Castle – removed; total service 49 years of which 1 year and 7 months was half-pay. I currently have been unable to find his promotion to Lieutenant-Colonel, though this may have occurred when he commanded the Elgin Militia. Married Elizabeth Fraser on 1 December 1787 at Elgin, OPR entry of 'There married were Lieut. Alexr Grant of the 55th Regiment of Foot & Miss Elizabeth Fraser daughter of the deceased Capt. Thomas Fraser late of Royal Navy by the Rev. William Gordon Minister of Elgin before a competent number of witnesses.' He is recorded in the 1841 Census at Prospect Lodge, Elgin as follows: Alexander Grant 70, Independent, James Grant 51, Helen Grant 87, Margaret Grant 45, Jane D Grant 45, Jemima Grant 25, Elizabeth Grant 16, Josephine Grant 14, Ann Grant 25, Margaret Grant 22, Jane Duffus 18, Servant, Catherine Glass 20, Servant and Elspet Asher 19, Servant.

Death Notice in the *Elgin Courant* of 20th August 1841 of 'Died – At Prospect Lodge, on the 15th August, Lieutenant-Colonel Alexander Grant, in the 78th year of his age.' Buried at Elgin Cathedral, no headstone (which I find surprising).

Wife Elizabeth Fraser born 12 June 1769 in Elgin, OPR entry of 'Captain Thomas Frazer in Elgin and Sophia Shepherd spouse had a daughter born and baptized June 12th by Mr Lachlan Shaw Minr at Elgin name Elizabeth. Witnesses Mr William Robertson Merchant in Elgin and Mr James Forteith son to Baillie Forteith, Miss Rachel Rose and Mrs Forteith.'

Died 7 December 1839, Death Notice in the *Forres Gazette* of 1st January 1840 of 'Died, at Prospect Lodge, Elgin, on the 7th ult., Mrs Elizabeth Grant, wife of Lieutenant Colonel Alexander Grant.' Buried at Elgin Cathedral – no headstone.

Children

Anne Margaret Grant – Born 1801, baptised at Elgin 3 September 1801.

OPR entry of 'Lieut. Alexander Grant R. Independent Invalids & Elizabeth Fraser his spouse had a child born & baptised at Elgin called Anne Margaret. Witnesses the Revd Mr John Grant & Mr Peter Duff. Elgin.'

Death in the *Edinburgh Advertiser* newspaper of 17 March 1812 of 'At Elgin, Ann Margaret Grant, fourth daughter of Lieut-Col. A. Grant.'

Elizabeth Grant – WO25/760 states born 3rd September 1788. Baptised 3 September 1788 in Elgin, OPR entry of 'Lieut. Alexr Grant R. Independent Invalids Elgin & Elizabeth Fraser his spouse had a child baptised Elizabeth. Witnesses Mr Peter Duff, Elgin & Mr John Grant, Easter Elchies.'

Married Alexander Bremner on 23rd July 1823 at Elgin, OPR entry of 'Were married here by the Rev. William Gordon, Alexander Bremner Esq. (late of 3rd Foot) Surgeon in Keith & Eliza Grant eldest daughter of Lieut.-Colonel Alexr Grant before a compellant number of witnesses.'

In 1841 Census at Moss Street, Keith as follows: Alexr Bremner 47, Surgeon Army H P, Elizabeth Bremner 45, Ann Margaret G Bremner 15, Alexr Bremner 14, Eliza Bremner 13, James Bremner 12, Robert Barron 26, Male Servant, George McKay 16, Male Servant, Elizabeth Kerr 26, Female Servant, Isobel Johnstone 18, Female Servant and Margaret Smith 18, Female Servant.

In 1851 Census at Cuthel Street, Keith as follows: Alexander Bremner 59, Asst Surgeon Army Half Pay College of Surgeons London, General Practitioner/Farmer, Born Halifax Nova Scotia, Eliza Bremner 62, Surgeon's Wife, Ann M Bremner 26, Surgeon's Dau, Alex Bremner 25,

Son, Clerk, Eliza Bremner 24, Surgeon's Dau, Peter McConachie 41, Farm Servant, George Black 13, Farm Servant, Jane Dunbar 21, House Servant and May Dustan 20, House Servant.

Death Notice in the *Elgin Courant* of 19th December 1856 of 'Died - At Keith, on the 12th inst., aged 67, Eliza, wife of Alex Bremner, Esq. surgeon there.'

Her husband Alexander Bremner also appears in the WO25 records as a former Army Surgeon. His records (WO25/751/202) note aged 20 when commissioned 6 July 1810 as Hospital Assistant, 3 September 1812 - Assistant Surgeon 3rd Foot or Buffs, 24 Feb 1819 - Assigned to Half Pay. Noted as 'Unable to serve from ill health contracted on service in the Peninsular and also he having partially lost the use of left leg from suspected attack of syphilis - in consequence of which was examined by the Army Medical Board in June 1824 and June 1829.' On Full Pay 8 years 7 months, Half Pay 8 Years 10 months - total service 17 years and 5 months. Noted in *Roll of Commissioned Officers in the Medical Service of the British Army* (W. Johnston, 1917) as born 6 December 1790, died 9 April 1864, retired Half Pay 25 December 1818.

In 1861 Census at Cuthel Street, Keith as follows: Alexander Bremner 69, Army Surgeon College of Surgeons London, General Practitioner, Ann M G Bremner 36, Surgeon's Dau, Alexander G Bremner 35, Son, Commission Agent, Eliza G Bremner 34, Surgeon's Dau, Isabella Benzies 21, Domestic Servant and Margaret Humphray 20, Domestic Servant.

Death Notice in the *Elgin Courant* of 15th April 1864 of the following: 'At Keith, on the 9th instant, Alexander Bremner, Esq. surgeon, formerly of the Buffs.' Headstone in Keith (Old) Cemetery of 'Dr. Alexander Bremner, died Keith 9.4.1864 aged 71. His wife Eliza Grant, who died 12.12.1856 aged 68. Their eldest daughter Anne Margaret Grant Bremner who died 12.5.1875 aged 50.'

Children - Ann Margaret Grant Bremner - WO25/751 states born 18 October 1824, Baptised at Keith 17 November 1824 OPR entry of 'Anne Margaret Grant Bremner lawful daughter to Mr Alexander Bremner Surgeon and Mrs Eliza Grant in New Keith was born on the 18th ultimo and baptised this day. Witnesses Miss Jean Grant & Col. A. Grant Elgin, Mrs Doctor Gordon, Miss Helen Grant & Miss Angus, Fife Keith, and Mr Robert Green Writer and Mr & Mrs Low in New Keith.'

In 1871 Census at Land Street, Keith as follows: Ann Margaret Bremner, 45, Stock Holder, Eliza Bremner, 43, Surgeon's Dau and Helen Ogilvie, 19, General Servant. Died 12 May 1875.

Alexander Grant Bremner - WO25/751 states born 24 October 1824, Baptised at Keith 25 November 1825 OPR entry of 'Alexander Grant Bremner lawful son to Mr Alexander Bremner and Mrs Eliza Grant in New Keith was born on the 24th ultimo and baptised this day. Witnesses Miss Margaret Grant & Col. A. Grant Elgin, Mrs Doctor Gordon, Miss Helen Grant & Miss Angus, Fife Keith, and Mr & Mrs Low in New Keith.' Death Notice in the *Northern Scot* of 8th April 1911 of 'Bremner - On 25th March, in the Prince Edward Island Hospital, Charlottetown, Alexander G Bremner, eldest son of the late Dr Alex. Bremner, of Keith, aged 86 years.'

Eliza Grant Bremner - WO25/751 states born 25 February 1827, Baptised 31 March 1827. Keith OPR entry of 'Eliza lawful daughter of Alexander Bremner Surgeon and Mrs Eliza Grant in New Keith was born the - Feby last and baptised this day. Witnesses Colonel William Grant in Pitdirie and Mr and Mrs Low in New Keith.'

Married 26 October 1899 to James Packer Cooke in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. James Packer Cooke, aged 64, born Liverpool, England son of Charles & Eliza Cooke.

James John Lachlan Bremner - WO25/751 states born 23 May 1828, Baptised at Keith 21 June 1828 OPR entry of 'James John Lachlan lawful son to Alexander Bremner Surgeon and Mrs Eliza Grant, New Keith was born on the 23rd ultimo and baptised this day. Witnesses Miss Grant of Gullovie Elgin and Thomas Johnston Esq and Mrs John Balderston and Mrs Robert Green in New Keith.' Died 21 February 1921 at 135 South Park Street, Halifax, buried at Camp Hill Cemetery, Halifax, Nova Scotia. Colonel in 66th Regiment or The Princess Louise Fusiliers formed at Halifax Nova Scotia on 18 June 1859. Listed as Lt-Colonel in 1877. Took part in the North-West rebellion of 1885 in Canada. In 1885 listed as officer of the Dominion Board of Trade, member of the North British Society since 1854, later becoming its Treasurer. Director of the Bank of Nova Scotia 1871-1884.

Married Caroline Margaret Desbarres 11 August 1857 in St. George's, Falmouth, Nova Scotia with occupation given as Inspector of Customs. Caroline was born c1837 in Falmouth, Hants County, Nova Scotia (daughter of William Frederick Debarres & Cillaria Sophia Cutler. Died 13 August 1892 aged 58 years.

Children - Allan Pollock Bremner (25 March 1867 - 10 September 1945), Arthur Grant Bremner (13 June 1867 - March 1950), Harold Augustus Bremner (died 5 January 1877 aged 7 years) and James Alexander Bremner (1861 - died 12 Mar 1898 aged 37 years) and William Frederick Desbarres Bremner (29 April 1859 - 4

March 1931) and Josephine Grant Bremner (27 December 1873/9 – 9 March 1935).

James Grant – WO25/760 states born 25th September 1789. Baptised 20 September 1789 in Elgin, OPR entry of ‘Lieut. Alexander Grant R. Independent Invalids in Newton of Blackhall & Elizabeth Fraser his spouse had a child baptized called James. Witnesses Mr Peter Duff & the Revd Mr John Grant Elgin. Lieut. Grant was late of the 55th Regt.’

James Grant owned Lochiel Estate 1826-1833 (Jamaica Almanac 1827-1833 – UCL Legacies of British Slave Ownership) and had been joint owner of Savana La Mer Wharf 1817-1834 with a John Pritchard (Ibid), Worked in Jamaica as an attorney. Owned 12 slaves in 1827, 19 in 1828, 24 in 1829, 37 in 1831 and 6 in 1832. Was granted 3 awards in 1835-1836 of £317.13.8 (13 slaves), £68.15.7 (4 slaves) and £64.2.9 (4 slaves) for holdings in Westmoreland, Jamaica. Was also attorney/executor to the following claims paid £1685.6.8 (Amity Estate), £1609.9.2 (Long Pond), £656.1.6 (Long Pond), £507.19.11 (Carawina) and £1332.5.7 (King’s Pen) in the period 1837-1838 in Westmoreland, Jamaica. (UCL – Legacies of British Slave Ownership)

Married Mary Hall Williams, date unknown, possibly in Jamaica. Daughter of James Williams and Frances Cecilia Stone (Owned plantations of Anglesey Pen, Carawina and Cairn Curren in Westmoreland, Jamaica) died 27 November 1828. Her brother Joseph Stone Williams (c1778 – 6 February 1836) mentioned in his will his brother-in-law James Grant and nieces Elizabeth Lachlan Grant and Josephine Mary Grant, leaving them ‘£2800 currency at age 21 or marriage; the interest to pay for their maintenance in the meantime.’ (UCL - Legacies of British Slave-ownership). Her Sister Elizabeth Lewis Williams (c1776 – 11 September 1833) claim by Joseph Stone Williams, as the executor and heir at law of Elizabeth Lewis Williams. Adjudged to Joseph Stone Williams, but amended to James Grant, as the executor of Joseph Williams of £507.19.11 on 11 April 1836. (ibid).

In 1841 Census at Prospect Lodge, Elgin (see above). In 1851 Census – Prospect Lodge, Elgin as follows: James Grant 61, Retired from Jamaica, Elizabeth McLachlan Grant 26, Josephine Mary Grant 24, Ann Grant 35, Margaret Grant 32, Jessie Elson 35, House Servant, Helen Miln 26, House Servant and Jessie McGillivray 19, House Servant.

In 1861 Census – Prospect Lodge, Elgin as follows: James Grant 71, Fundholder (Retired from Jamaica), Josephine M Grant 34, Ann Grant 47, Jessie Paul 57, House Servant, Ann McKenzie 34, House Servant and Christina Falconer 16, House Servant.

Death Notice in the *Forres Gazette* of 11th January 1865 of ‘Died, at Prospect Lodge, Elgin, on the 8th inst., James Grant, Esq., aged 75 years.’

Prospect Lodge was within a few days of James’s death put up for sale. With the following advert in the *Elgin Courant* of 20 January 1865 – ‘Residence In Elgin For Sale. For sale, by Private Bargain, the commodious and comfortable Residence of Prospect Lodge, Elgin, belonging to the Heirs of James Grant, Esq.

This property is situated at the South-West side of the Town, having an access from public roads. The House is substantially built, is in excellent order, and fitted up with every convenience that a Family can require. The public rooms are handsome, and the other accommodation ample. The Ground is held in Free Burgage. The Garden is well enclosed, and in prime order. Access to the whole may be had at Whitsunday next.

The premises may be seen, and all information obtained, by applying to Alexander Cooper, Writer in Elgin. Elgin, 16th January, 1865.’ [House bought by Captain Frederick Prescott Forteach (1833-1907)]

James Grant’s Will (SC26/38/10) – ‘At Elgin the fourteenth day of March in the year One Thousand eight hundred and sixty five. I James Grant residing at Prospect Lodge in Elgin having being resolved to settle my affairs so as to prevent disputes after my death in regard to the succession to my moveable Means, and Estate to Nominate Constitute and Appoint my Dear Daughter Elizabeth Lachlan Duff and Josephine Mary Grant together with my Son in Law Doctor George Duff, the Reverend John Walker Minister of St Andrews Lhanbryde and Alexander Cooper Esquire Writer in Elgin and the Survivors of them accepting to be my Executors of this Last Will and Testament to whom I commit jointly till the powers of intromissions and management of my Personal Estate competent by Law to the Office of Executor to the exclusion of all others and I empower them or any of them accepting of this First immediately after my decease to enter into provision of my said personal and Moveable Estate to give up inventories thereof expedite confirmation and to do and perform evert Act and Deed requisite and necessary for vesting the same in their persons so as to enable then to fulfil the ends and purposes following:- First – Out of my first and readiest of my said Means and Estate to pay my just and lawful Debts, Deathbed and Funeral Expenses.

Secondly. Being my own desire that provision should be made for the maintenance and support of my natural Daughters Ann Grant and Margaret Grant (now Mrs Margaret Jack) my Will and meaning in that my Lawful Daughters Elizabeth Lachlan Duff and Josephine Mary Grant should

come under engagement to pay to Ann Grant an Annuity not exceeding Thirty Pounds Sterling per Annum during her natural Life and to Margaret Grant now Margaret Jack an Annuity not exceeding Twenty Four Pounds Sterling per Annum during her natural life (the said Margaret Jack having lately married against my Will and consent and put me to considerable expense and annoyance) the Annuity to Ann to be paid half yearly and to make the first payment thereof at Whitsunday or Martinmas that shall happen after my decease and so forth yearly at the same terms. The Annuity to Margaret I should wish to be paid on the first day of every months Two Pounds to herself alone and not in any way to be subject to the control of her Husband or to his jus marili or subject to arrestment for Debt and shall be purely alimentary and her receipt alone to be taken for it. These Annuities are only to be paid to Ann Grant and Margaret Jack on condition that they shall accept of these Annuities in full of any claims or demands they may have against me or my Estate of whatever nature or kind and each of them must grant a Release to that effect of the one or both of them refusing so to do to forfeit all claim to the said Annuity.

Thirdly. It being my fixed intention and desire that my two lawful daughters Elizabeth Lachlan Duff and Josephine Mary Grant, should succeed equally share and share alike to the net or exact residue of my Property of whatsoever Kind and having bound myself to that effect as a party to the Antinuptial Contract of Marriage entered into between my said Daughter Elizabeth Lachlan Duff and George Duff Doctor of Medicine then residing in London of date third day of January Eighteen hundred and fifty three I hereby ordain and desire my said Executors or Executor to fulfil and carry out my obligations therein contained to its full and legitimate extent and with regard to the half which shall appertain to my other Lawful Daughter Josephine Mary Grant it is my desire that the same rule of succession shall be applied to her case in certain events that was adopted in the case of her married Sister Elizabeth Lachlan Duff contained in the said Marriage Contract in the event of her being married, and in the event of her dying single that her provision shall be at her absolute disposal, and failing her bequeathing the same to descent to her said sister Elizabeth Lachlan Duff and Heirs whomsoever And as the outfit of the said Elizabeth Lachlan Duff for her Marriage has amounted to the sum of One Hundred and Fifty Pounds Sterling (as per statement put up among my papers) in order to make both sisters equal should Josephine Mary Grant not be married till after my decease an equal sum must be deducted from the general Estate and paid to the said Josephine Mary Grant and in the same was any money I may have advanced to the

said Elizabeth Lachlan Duff and her said Husband George Duff or I may hereafter advance the same amount must – first be paid to the said Josephine Mary Grant from a division of the residue of the Property.

Fourthly I hereby authorise and empower my said Executors or Executor to disburse and pay out of my said Personal Estate whatever sums shall be absolutely required for investing my said two lawful Daughters in such Heritable property as I may die possessed of either for the purpose of effecting a sale thereof or if it cannot be advantageously disposed of for conveying it to either of them to be counted at its estimated value as so much of her equal share as before provided and generally to defray all necessary charges and expenses that shall fall justly due in the course of their or his management declaring hereby that each shall be held answerable only for his own actual intromissions.

And lastly I hereby revoke and annul all Testaments executed by me prior to the date hereof but reserving power to alter this Deed should circumstances require it at any time during my lifetime but always without limiting or infringing on the obligations I have come under as contained in the Marriage Contract of my said Daughter Elizabeth Lachlan Duff as before mentioned. And I consent to the Registration hereof for preservation in any Judges Books competent and there constitute.

My Procurators &c &c In witness whereof I have written this Last Will and Testament with my own hand on this and the three preceding pages of paper and subscribed the same at Elgin the twenty second day of December One Thousand Eight Hundred and sixty years before these witnesses John Cruickshanks and Robert Green both Clerks to the said Alexander Cooper Writer in Elgin witnesses also to my signing the marginal note on page second also written by myself (signed) James Grant; John Cruickshank Witness; Robert Green Witness.

Elgin 10 March 1965. This is the Last Will and Testament of James Grant Esq referred to in my Affidavit on the Inventory of his Personal Estate of this date (Signed) Duff Will Grant J.P.’

Part 2 in next newsletter.

Contributed by Stuart Farrell

Nairnshire Miscellany

Nairnshire Mirror Marriages 1849

14 Jul 1849 - Here on the 6th inst., by the Rev. James Grant of the Established Church, Mr Robert Fraser, Shoemaker to Margaret, only daughter of the late Mr George Petrie, Blacksmith, and stepdaughter of Mr Hector McBean, Flesher, Nairn.

14 Jul 1849 - At Forres on the 15th ult., Mr A Stewart, Golford to Jessie, daughter of the late Mr Robert Simpson, Mason, Forres.

14 Jul 1849 - At Forres, on the 5th ult., Mr James Shanks, Cabinetmaker to Jane, daughter of Mr James Bluntach, Inspector of Poor, Forres.

28 Jul 1849 - At St. George's Church in the East, London, on the 23d ult., Mr Charles C. Skene, of H.M. Customs to Harriet, only daughter of T Alexander, Esq. Cannon Street.

11 Aug 1849 - At Inverness, on the 10th instant, Alex. Simpson, Blacksmith, Nairn to Catherine Matheson, eldest daughter of Evan Matheson, Gardener, Kirkhill, Inverness-shire.

11 Aug 1849 - At 93 Hill Street, Garnethill, Glasgow, on the 19th inst., by the Rev. Dr Henderson, Mr Hugh McGillivray to Joanna, youngest daughter of the late Syme Tod, Esq. Collector of Customs, Stornoway.

11 Aug 1849 - At the Manse of Keith, on the 9th inst., by the Rev. Lewis W Forbes of Boharm, James Greig Mackenzie, Esq. Surgeon to Margaret, second daughter of the Rev. James Thomson, Minister of Keith.

11 Aug 1849 - At Moffat on the 12th ultimo, the Rev. D Walker, of the Free Church of Cromarty, to Jessie Falconer, relict of the late Peter Grant, Esq. of Demerara.

25 Aug 1849 - At the Free Church Manse, Alness, on the 15th inst., the Rev. A. D. Mackenzie, Free Church, Kilmorack to Margaret, youngest daughter of the Rev. Alex. Flyter of Alness.

25 Aug 1849 - At Inverness on the 5th inst., by the Rev. Alex Clark, Mr Robert Clark to Jane, second daughter of the late Mr Alex. Strachan.

8 Sep 1849 - At Bught, near Inverness, on the 28th inst., Arthur Forbes, Esq. of Culloden, to Louis Sarah Georgina, second daughter of the late Alexander Warrand, Esq. Honourable East India Company's Service, and grand-daughter of the

late Hugh Robert Duff, Esq. of Muirtown, Inverness-shire.

8 Sep 1849 - At Leith on the 28th ult., by the Rev. Dr Harper, A. F. Mackenzie, Esq. Kessock, Inverness to Eliza, third daughter of George Stenhouse, Esq. Merchant, Leith.

8 Sep 1849 - At Forres on the 28th ult., William Forbes, Esq. of Castletown, to Jane Duff Grant, eldest daughter of Robert Watson, Esq. Banker.

22 Sep 1849 - At Girvan, on the 28th ult., by the Rev. Adam Blyth, Mr Gilbert Graham, of the Nairn Free Church Institution to Agnes, youngest daughter of Joseph Chalmers, Esq.

22 Sep 1849 - At Grantown, on the 13th instant, by the Rev. James Grant, Cromdale, James Edward, Esq. M.D. to Margaret, eldest daughter of Mr John Gordon, Spirit Merchant.

22 Sep 1849 - At Midcoul, Parish of Petty, on the 8th instant, James Falconer, Esq. Parochial Schoolmaster Croy, to Sarah, eldest daughter of the late John Allan, Esq. Midcoul.

22 Sep 1849 - At the Manse of Ardclach, on the 20th instant, by the Rev. James Grant of Nairn, Samuel Chapman, Esq. late of Buenos Aires, to Rose, eldest daughter of the Rev. Hugh MacBean, Minister of Ardclach.

6 Oct 1849 - At Dores, on the 21st instant, by the Rev. Mr Macpherson, Free Church, John Colvin, Tacksman of Elrigg to Helen, only daughter of Mr Alex Shaw, Tacksman of Cluae, Parish of Dores.

6 Oct 1849 - At Greenock, on the 13th inst., Mr Robert Semple, Parochial Schoolmaster of Ballantrae to Agnes, youngest daughter of Mr A Dunbar, Granton, Inverness-shire.

6 Oct 1849 - At Paisley, on the 24th ult., the Rev. Matthew Armour of the Free Church, Sanday, Orkney, _____ only daughter of Mr William Thompson, Merchant. [Bride's name missing]

20 Oct 1849 - At Aberfoyle, near Vittoria, by the Rev. John Bell, on the 16th inst., John Lowe, Esq. Civil Engineer, Toronto to Miss Eliza Taylor, daughter of the late Dr John Taylor, of Fort William.

3 Nov 1849 - At Poyntzfield House, Cromarty, N.B. on the 25th ult., by the Rev. Mucklestone, M.A. Wor. Cell. Oxon. Major Angus Mackay, of the 21st Royal Fusiliers to Mary Magdalene Poynts, eldest daughter of Major Sir George Gunn Munro of Poyntzfield House.

3 Nov 1849 - At Aird House, Gruinard, on the 18th ult., by the Rev. John Campbell, Gairloch, the Rev. John Mackay, to Mary Ann MacGillivray, eldest daughter of Lieutenant Loban.

3 Nov 1849 - At Montreal on the 19th ult., Corporal William Bain, of the 71st Highland Light Infantry to Margaret Bain, daughter of the late Mr Alexander Bain, Elgin.

17 Nov 1849 - At Staxigoe, Wick, on the 14th inst., by the Rev. Mr Syme, Mr James Smith, Mason, Nairn to Charlotte, eldest daughter of the late Mr John McLeod, Cooper, there.

17 Nov 1849 - At Holme, Inverness-shire, on the 6th instant, by the Rev. Hugh Francis Rose, M.A. Bernard Brocas, Esq. of Beaurepaire Park, Hants, late Carbiniers to Jane Lilly, youngest daughter of Lieut.-General Sir John Rose, K.C.B. of Holme.

17 Nov 1849 - At 9 Petty Street, Inverness, on the 1st inst., by the Rev. Joseph Thorburn, Mr Kennedy Macnab, Ivy Cottage to Margaret, eldest daughter of Mr John Fraser, Baker.

1 Dec 1849 - At Rosemount, Inverness, on the 27th ult., by the Father of the bride, the Rev. John Primrose Millar, Carnoustie to Elizabeth Millar, second daughter of the Rev. J. Scott, Inverness.

1 Dec 1849 - At Westfield, Ross-shire, on the 21st ult., by the Rev. John Swanson, of the Free Church, Nigg, Mr Finlay Fraser, Pitcalnie to Ann, only daughter of the late Alexander Fraser, Farmer.

17 Dec 1849 - At Lynville, on the 20th ult., Mr Donald Morrison to Miss Isabella Mackenzie, Rothiemurchus.

17 Dec 1849 - At Edinburgh, on 29th ult., by the Very Rev. Dean Ramsay, John Douglas, Esq. of Scatwell, to Miss Jemima Mansfield, youngest daughter of the late John Mansfield, Esq. of Midmar.

29 Dec 1849 - At 5 St. Bernard's Crescent, Edinburgh, on the 20th curt., William Stevenson, Esq. Bengal Medical Service to Anne Forbes, widow of Captain William Grant, 27th Regiment, B.N.I. eldest daughter of Captain Gordon of Ivybank, Nairn.

29 Dec 1849 - At the Manse of Ardclach, on the 27th inst., by the Rev. James Grant of Nairn, Patrick James Dewar, Esq. to Margaret Duguid, daughter of the Rev. Hugh MacBean of Ardclach.

29 Dec 1849 - At Balluchulchaich, on the 28th instant, by the Rev. Alexander Mackenzie, of the Free Church, Nairn, Mr Alexander Stewart, Farmer, Lyne of Urchany to Janet, youngest daughter of Mr Alexander MacDonald, Balluchulchaich.

29 Dec 1849 - At Campbelltown, on the 21st inst., Mr John Smith, Shoemaker to Caroline Grant, daughter of Mr Thomas Grant, Tailor there.

29 Dec 1849 - At the Congregational Manse, Forres, on the 14th inst., Mr James Calder, Wood Merchant, Findhorn to Matilda Wilson, Forres.

29 Dec 1849 - At Huntly on the 12th inst., Mr James Middleton, Baker to Catherine, second daughter of the late George Calder, Thurso.

29 Dec 1849 - At Dantsey, Wilts. on the 13th inst., Mr George Shand, Merchant, Glasgow to Margaret Mortimer, only daughter of Mr Lewis Stewart, Banff.

29 Dec 1849 - At Abernethy, Strathspey, on the 20th inst., Mr William Mackay, Mason to Elizabeth, daughter of Mr Robert Murray, Farmer, Tiornlascar, Abernethy.

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