



Moray & Nairn Family History Society

# NEWSLETTER

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

## MNFHS Chairman's Report

This year's latest publication is now available – Urquhart – Details of the men on the war memorial from both world wars, and the Parish Poor Register (which follows on our work on other Poor Registers).

This summer the Society made a start on recording the next section of Nairn Cemetery, with over 2000 stones, so far about half of the stones have been checked so we are well on to have this published next year.

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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The next Newsletter will be published in February 2019. Will members please submit articles to the Editor: [newsletter@morayandnairnfhs.co.uk](mailto:newsletter@morayandnairnfhs.co.uk)

## Moray Miscellany

**Daniel Munro, Tailor.**

Respectfully intimates to the Gentlemen of Forres and its vicinity, that he has commenced business in the above line, and intends carrying it on in all its branches, in that House immediately below the Post Office.

D. M. having acquired an extensive knowledge of his business in London, and other places, he hopes, by good workmanship, and strict attention to the orders who may employ him, to obtain a share of public patronage.

The newest fashions will be regularly procured and acted on as soon as published.

Forres July 3 1837

*Forres Gazette* 1 August 1837.

Contributed by Stuart Farrell

## MNFHS Publication

**Available Now!**

### *Urquhart*

*Details of the names from the War Memorial with newspaper extracts etc; Poor Register of the Parish 1845-1906 giving details of payments, family, circumstances and even dates of death.*

119 pages, ISBN - 978-1-909887-17-6

£9; Postage & Packing costs on application.

## Special Offer! – Free Book!

The Moray & Nairn Family History Society make the following offer to Members –

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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## Moray Miscellany

### The Grants of Prospect Lodge, Elgin Part 3

#### Family related to Alexander Grant

Sister (?) Helen Grant (1753 – 8 Jan 1842) See above for entry in 1841 Census at Prospect Lodge. Death recorded in the *Inverness Journal* of 21 Jan 1842 of 'At Prospect Lodge, Elgin, on the 8<sup>th</sup> instant, Miss Helen Grant, only surviving daughter of the late John Grant, Esq. Gallovie, in her 88<sup>th</sup> year.'

Cousin (?) James Colquhoun Grant (? – 18 July 1822) attended baptism of Alexander Grant's youngest child Jemima, whose middle name was Colquhoun at Elgin in 1811. Owner of Brighton Estate in Westmoreland, Jamaica 1817-1822 and attorney on several estates in Jamaica. Died on voyage from Jamaica to Greenock, 18 July 1822. Had a long-term partner Ann Wilson, a free woman of colour, and seven reputed children by her, the only beneficiaries of his will. Owned a house in New Keith, which he bequeathed for the use of Ann Wilson in her lifetime and afterwards to his daughters. (UCL - Legacies of British Slave Ownership)

Ann Wilson born c1787, 'relict of James Colquhoun Grant' died in Glasgow 21 August 1845, aged 58 (*Perthshire Advertiser* 4 September 1845).

In 1841 Census in Gorbals, Lanark of the following:

Ann Grant	50	Independent
Lachlan Grant	30	
Elizabeth Grant	20	
Alexander Grant	25	
James Grant	20	
Mary Grant	30	
[All above stated as born abroad]		
Penuel Sutor	12	
Ann Sutor	10	
James Sutor	8	
Joseph Sutor	3	

[Above 4 children possibly her grandchildren by daughter Mary]

**Alexander Grant** (3 April 1815 - ?) Entry in OPR for Glasgow May 1823 of 'James Colquhoun Grant, Attorney in the Island of Jamaica & Ann Wilson a law son Alexander bo 3 April 1815, a law son David bo 14 August 1817 & a law son James Jackson bo 4 April 1820. Wit. James Jackson & Dr William Taylor Jnr.'

**Ann Grant** (1813 - ?) Baptised Westmoreland, Jamaica 18 December 1813 aged 8m.

**David Grant** (14 August 1817 - ?) Entry in OPR for Glasgow May 1823 of 'James Colquhoun Grant, Attorney in the Island of Jamaica & Ann Wilson a law son Alexander bo 3 April 1815, a law son David bo 14 August 1817 & a law son James Jackson bo 4 April 1820. Wit. James Jackson & Dr William Taylor Jnr.'

**Elizabeth Grant** (1810 - ?) Baptised Westmoreland, Jamaica 18 December 1813 aged 3.

**James Jackson Grant** (4 April 1820 - ?) Entry in OPR for Glasgow May 1823 of 'James Colquhoun Grant, Attorney in the Island of Jamaica & Ann Wilson a law son Alexander bo 3 April 1815, a law son David bo 14 August 1817 & a law son James Jackson bo 4 April 1820. Wit. James Jackson & Dr William Taylor Jnr.'

Possibly in 1881 Census as Boarder at Burghope, Pencombe, Herefordshire aged 67, occupation General Labourer. Place of Birth stated as Elgin. In 1891 Census as Boarder at Brook House, Pencombe, Herefordshire aged 77, occupation General Labourer. Place of Birth stated as Elgin.

**John Grant** (1808 - ?) Baptised Westmoreland, Jamaica 18 December 1813 aged 5½.

**Lachlan Grant** (1809 – 24 November 1856) Baptised Westmoreland, Jamaica 18 December 1813 aged 4½. Lachlan Grant, Gentleman (married) died 24 November 1856 at Glassford Street, Glasgow, age 47, son of James Colquhoun Grant, Gentleman (deceased) and Ann Grant nee Wilson (deceased). The informant was John Bain of 26 Scotia Street. Cause of death stated as pneumonia several weeks. He was buried at Sighthill Cemetery, Glasgow. Possibly Married Martha Main on 15 December 1844 at Gorbals, Glasgow. Barony OPR records him as Lachlan Grant, Farmer, Barony Parish & Martha Main residing in Gorbals.

**Mary Grant** (1805 – 12 May 1849) Baptised Westmoreland, Jamaica 18 December 1813 aged 8. Married Mr Joseph Sutor, Writer, Glasgow at Crossbank, Glasgow on 4 December 1826 (*Glasgow Herald* 8 Dec 1826). Died 12 May 1849 at Union Street, Glasgow (*Glasgow Gazette* 19 May 1849).

Will PROB 11/1662/208 (National Archives Kew)

James Colquhoun Grant of the parish of Hanover Esquire.

Payment of just debts and funeral expenses.

To my housekeeper Mrs Ann Wilson a free woman of colour now residing with me £150 sterling yearly for the term of her natural life. For

the payment of the said annuity I make liable all my estate real and personal whatsoever and wheresoever.

To the sons of Mrs Ann Wilson, £100 sterling to be payable immediately after my decease, also all my liquors, all provisions, horses, mules, carriages, all my wearing apparel for the use of her children reputed by me.

To each of my five reputed sons by Ann Wilson named John Grant, Lachlan Grant, Alexander Grant, David Grant and James Jackson Grant £1500 sterling at age 21, the interest in the meantime applied to their maintenance and education and it is my desire that as they arrive at a proper age they may be sent to some service and credible profession by which they may be entitled to form a subsistence.

To each of my two reputed daughters by Ann Wilson named Mary Grant and Elizabeth Grant £750 sterling at age 18 or at marriage with the consent of two of their guardians hereinafter named of whom Miss Elizabeth J. Allen be one of the two, the interest in the meantime applied to their maintenance and education.

If any sons die before 21 or daughters before 18 without issue then the legacy be equally divided between the survivors.

These bequests and the principal sum from which the annuity for Ann Wilson is to arise be placed out on the very best and safest British Security but on no account in Jamaica.

To my reputed son John Grant by Ann Wilson my gold watch, chain and seals.

To my executors all the household furniture, china, linen etc in my house and freehold in the village of New Keith in the County of Banff, N.B. in trust for Ann Wilson to possess and enjoy during the term of her natural life but not to be subject to any debts she may contract and form and immediately after her decease then in trust for the use and behoof of my reputed daughters Mary Grant and Elizabeth Grant and their heirs and assigns forever.

To my beloved nephew Mr James Grant of the parish of Westmoreland my horse named Will and my gold snuff box.

All the rest, residue and remainder to be divided between my five reputed sons and two reputed daughters in the proportions of four sixth parts amongst the sons and two sixth parts between the daughters.

My friends James Jackson McLachlan now or likely residing in Edinburgh Esqr., Dr David Mason in the parish of Westmoreland, my nephew Mr James Grant executors and guardians of my reputed children. Also Miss Elizabeth J. Allen now or likely residing at Garbraid near Glasgow a guardian of my aforesaid two reputed daughters.

No person may have access to my books or papers but in the presence and with the consent of my nephew Mr James Grant.

It is my desire that in the event of my departing this life before I can put my intention of leaving the Island in execution that my housekeeper Mrs Ann Wilson do go home in the Jamaica Capt. Alexander for Greenock with the children and remain in Britain and to be addressed by my nephew Mr James Grant to the care of my worthy friend James Jackson McLachlan one of my executors and I hereby corgiere[?] him by the friendship which has so long subsisted betwixt us to pay every attention to her and her children and afford them his protection. I desire that the expense of their passage may be paid out of my general estate and that they may have the [?] accommodation of the stock and provisions of every description for [?] stores which I had provided for myself.

Signed 30/05/1822. Witnesses Wm Brebner, John Grant, D. Grant, Archd. Alexander Master of Ship Jamaica. Thomas Andrew Mate of Ship Jamaica. Proved at London 15/10/1822 by the oaths of James Jackson McLachlan Esquire and David Mason, two of the executors.'

I have been as yet unable to ascertain the relationship of Alexander Grant and James Colquhoun Grant; hopefully someone who is researching Grant's might be able to help me fill in the gaps.

Contributed by Stuart Farrell

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## Nairnshire Miscellany

### Nairn Naval Funeral

'On Monday afternoon a distressing accident occurred on board the battleship H.M.S. Prince George while it was at torpedo practice opposite Nairn. While on duty at barbette, Ezra Thomas Aylesbury, able seaman, over-balanced himself, and fell into the hold, a distance of forty feet, death ensuing almost instantaneously. The remains were interred in the Nairn Cemetery on Wednesday afternoon with naval honours. Captain Stokes, other officers of the ship, and about 300 seamen were present. As the cortege passed down the High Street it was witnessed by an enormous number of spectators, who respectfully saluted as the coffin, borne on a gun carriage and covered with the Union Jack, passed by on the route to the Cemetery, the ship's band played the funeral march and other appropriate music. The impressive Burial Service of the Church of England was conducted at the grave,

and hereafter three volleys were fired by the escort, and the buglers sounded last post.

Editors note – We understand Captain Stokes, H.M.S “Prince George” has sent a communication to Provost McIntosh expressing his appreciation of the excellent police arrangements made for the funeral.’ *Nairn County Press* 11 August 1906

Seaman Aylesbury was buried in the ‘1918’ Section of Nairn Cemetery, with his gravestone inscribed as follows: ‘In loving memory of Ezra Thomas Aylesbury A.B H.M.S. Prince George killed on board 6 August 1906 aged 28 erected by his shipmates.’

In the following week’s edition it was noted that a Stoker Charles Robert Hopkins was drowned by an accident from H.M.S. Prince George and that his body was not found. Death certificates for both men don’t exist on Scotland’s People.

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## Nairnshire Miscellany

### Nairnshire Mirror Marriages 1850

Published fortnightly by Charles MacWatt with office in Church Street, and who resided in Douglas Lane, Nairn. The paper’s last issue was on the 11<sup>th</sup> of October 1854 and was absorbed into the *Nairnshire Telegraph*.

**12 Jan 1850** - At Banff on the 27<sup>th</sup> ult., by the Rev. R Brymer, **Wm Coutts**, Esq. Solicitor, Banff to **Helen**, daughter of **Wm Hossack**, Esq. Shipowner, Banff.

**12 Jan 1850** - At Leamington, on the 27<sup>th</sup> ult., Lieut.-Colonel **Forbes**, late of the Coldstream Guards to **Lucy Georgiana**, youngest daughter of the late **Thomas Whitmore**, Esq. of Appley Park, Shropshire.

**26 Jan 1850** - At Inverness on the 14<sup>th</sup> instant, by the Rev. Mr Mackay, Mr **William Mackenzie**, Lieutenant of Police, Glasgow to **Margaret**, youngest daughter of the late Mr **Alexander MacBean**, Inverness.

**26 Jan 1850** - At High Street, Wick, on the 10<sup>th</sup> instant, the Rev. **William Phin**, Minister of Olrig to **Mary Anne**, only daughter of **Alexander Adam**, Esq. Banker.

**26 Jan 1850** - At 118 Crown Street, Aberdeen on the 10<sup>th</sup> inst., by the Rev. Alexander Spence, the Rev. **Alexander Topp**, Elgin to Jane **Mortimer**,

relict of the deceased **John Clark**, Esq. Manager of the Aberdeen Assurance Company.

**26 Jan 1850** - At St. Columba Church, Edinburgh, on the 22d instant, by the Rev. J Alexander, **Charles Greenshields** Esq. younger of Grangehill, Writer to the Signet to **Georgiana**, daughter of **John Jardine**, Esq. Sheriff of Ross & Cromarty.

**9 Feb 1850** - At Corry, in the Isle of Skye, on the 31<sup>st</sup> ult., by the Rev. John Mackinnon, Minister of Strath, **G. B. Rutherford**, Esq. Commander, Royal Navy to **Annabella Catherine**, eldest daughter of **A. R. Mackinnon**, Esq.

**9 Feb 1850** - At Leamington Priors, on the 28<sup>th</sup> ult., **George**, second son of the late Sir **Thomas Dick Lauder**, Bart., of Fountainhail to **Antoinette Amelia Barclay**, eldest daughter of the late **James Macpherson**, Esq.

**23 Feb 1850** - At Gartmain, Island of Islay, on the 5<sup>th</sup> instant, by the Rev. Alexander Stewart of Bowmore, **John Charles Grant Mackintosh**, Esq. Officer of Inland Revenue to **Jessie**, third daughter of **John Gray**, Esq. Gartmain.

**23 Feb 1850** - At Sluie, near Forres, Mr **Jas Masson**, Farmer, Morayscairn to Miss **Mary Petrie**.

**23 Feb 1850** - At Keith, on the 2d instant, Mr **James Barlow** to **Mary**, daughter of Mr **Joseph Committee**.

**9 Mar 1850** - At Aslisk, Alves, on the 8<sup>th</sup> ult., Mr **James Matthew**, Carpenter, Forres to **Margaret**, daughter of the late Mr **James Miller**, Farmer, there.

**9 Mar 1850** - At Drummond, on the 27<sup>th</sup> ult., by the Rev. Mr Macpherson, Dores, **Margaret**, eldest daughter of Mr **William Fraser**, Farmer to Mr **Duncan Fraser**, Farmer, Kindrummond.

**9 Mar 1850** - At Moy Carse, on the 28<sup>th</sup> ult., by the Rev. Mr Aitken, Free Church, Minister of Dyke, Mr **Alex Ogilvie**, Farmer, Invernairn to **Ann Munro**, eldest daughter of the late Mr **James S. Munro**, Farmer, there.

**23 Mar 1850** - At Arungabad, on the 14<sup>th</sup> of January, Captain **James Rose**, 15<sup>th</sup> Regiment Bombay N.I fourth son of the late Colonel **Hugh Rose** of Kilravock to **Anna Maria**, daughter of Colonel **Twemlow**, Bengal Artillery.

**23 Mar 1850** - At Torrich, Nairn on the 14<sup>th</sup> inst., by the Rev. Charles Grant, **Charles A. Gordon**,

Esq. M.D. Surgeon 57<sup>th</sup> Regiment to **Ann**, third daughter of **John Mackintosh**, Esq.

**23 Mar 1850** - At Inverness, on the 7<sup>th</sup> inst., by the Rev. Mr Scott, Mr **Angus Mackintosh**, Gardener, Leys Castle to **Jessie**, third daughter of the late Mr **Alexander McCallum**.

**23 Mar 1850** - At Dulsie Bridge, on the 22d instant, by the Rev. H MacLeod, Free Church Minister of Ardclach, Mr **Archibald Cattel**, Farmer, Coulmony to **Margaret**, eldest daughter of Mr **Angus Macpherson**, Farmer, Dulsie.

**6 Apr 1850** - At St. Lucia, on the 21<sup>st</sup> February at Prospect Lodge, by the Rev. E. J. Hawkins, Mr **Charles Wells**, Proprietor and Editor of the Palladium to **Helen**, eldest daughter of **Alexander McCombie**, Esq. Manager of the Caledonian Bank in the island.

**6 Apr 1850** - At Edinburgh, on the 25<sup>th</sup> ult., Mr **John Mackay**, Knockglass, Sutherland-shire to **Christina Matheson**, Manchester.

**6 Apr 1850** - At George's Place, Edinburgh on the 26<sup>th</sup> ult., Mr **John G Stewart Paton**, Carver and Gilder to **Catherine**, daughter of the late **John Thomson**, Esq.

**20 Apr 1850** - At Campbelltown, on the 12<sup>th</sup> inst., Mr **Wm Campbell**, for upwards of thirty years Gardener to the late Mr Macpherson of Ardersier to **Catherine Mackenzie**, Cawdor.

**20 Apr 1850** - At the College, Elgin on the 10<sup>th</sup> inst., the Rev. **Charles W Barclay**, of the Free Church, Enzie to **Helen**, second daughter of the Rev. **G. Innes**, of the Free Church, Deskford.

**4 May 1850** - At Rafford, on the 35<sup>th</sup> ult., Mr **James Campbell**, Ardersier to **Christina**, daughter of Mr **Wm Hendry**, Farmer, Rafford.

**4 May 1850** - At Dingwall, on the 30<sup>th</sup> ult., by the Rev. John Kennedy, of the Free Church, **James MacLean**, Esq. St. Martins to **Barbara**, second daughter of the late **Harry Munro**, Esq. Dingwall.

**4 May 1850** - At Macduff, on the 30<sup>th</sup> ult., Mr **Alexander Dallas**, Wood Merchant to **Eliza**, eldest daughter of Mr **George Grant**, Fishcurer, Banff.

**18 May 1850** - At Cross Roads, on the 17<sup>th</sup> inst., Mr **John Mackintosh**, Contractor, Flemington to Mrs **Ann Falconer**, relict of the late **Alexander Tolmie**, Vintner.

**18 May 1850** - At Invergordon Chapel, by the Rev. D Carment, **B. Mackenzie**, Esq. New Orleans to **Joanna**, eldest daughter of Mr **Donald Fraser**, Merchant, Invergordon.

**18 May 1850** - At Stirling on the 22d ult., **John Campbell**, Esq. Wine Merchant, Glasgow to **Elizabeth Hunter**, eldest daughter of Mr **Colin Munro**, Publisher of the *Stirling Journal*.

**4 Jun 1850** - At Dalvey House, on the 1<sup>st</sup> ult., by the Rev. Mark Aitkin of the Free Church, Dyke, Mr **John White**, Farmer, Broombank to **Mary Noble**, Dalvey daughter of the late **Alex Noble**, 5 Grey Friars Street.

**4 Jun 1850** - At New York, on the 24<sup>th</sup> April last, by the Rev. Mr McIllroy of the Scottish Church, Mr **McGlashan** to **Catherine**, youngest daughter of Mr **John Hutchison**, Mills of Moyness.

**4 Jun 1850** - At Newlands of Smithtown, parish of Ardersier, on the 31<sup>st</sup> ult., by the Rev. S. F. McLachlan, of the Free Church, Cawdor, Mr **John Campbell** to **Margaret**, youngest daughter of Mr **Alex. Falconer**, Farmer, Smithtown.

**4 Jun 1850** - At Fochabers, on the 28<sup>th</sup> May, by the Rev. Chas. Wagstaff, Mr **William King**, Cullen House to **Eliza Brodie Davidson**, Teacher, Infant School there.

**4 Jun 1850** - At All Saints Church, Paramatta, by special license, on the 26<sup>th</sup> November, by the Rev. R. Forrest, **Alfred** youngest son of the late **William Cox**, Esq. Fairfield, Windsor to **Mary**, second daughter of Major **Ewen Macpherson**, late of H.M. 99<sup>th</sup> Regiment.

**22 Jun 1850** - At Inverness on the 14<sup>th</sup> inst., by the Rev. James Scott, U.P.C. Mr **Daniel Falconer**, Miller, Midmills to **Isabella**, youngest daughter of Mr **James Robertson**, Mason, Stephen's Brae.

**22 Jun 1850** - At Rothesay, on the 5<sup>th</sup> inst., **Daniel Macbeth**, Esq. Sheriff-Clerk of Buteshire to **Mary**, eldest daughter of the late **Adam Dick**, Esq. Merchant, Rothesay.

**6 Jul 1850** - At Tain, [no date] the Rev. **John MacDonald**, of the Free Church, Fearn to **Martha Ross**, second daughter of **John MacLeod**, Esq. Merchant.

**6 Jul 1850** - At Aberdeen, on the 19<sup>th</sup> ult., the Rev. **Wm Burnet** of Chryston to **Forbes Burnet Craigie**, widow of the late **William Burnet Craigie**, Esq. of Linton, Aberdeenshire.

**20 Jul 1850** - At Kirkwall, on the 3d instant, Mr **John Taylor**, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, U.S.A to **Mary** daughter of Mr **W L Wishart**, of Kirkwall.

**20 Jul 1850** - At Forres, on the 18<sup>th</sup> instant, by the Rev. A L Simpson, of the United Presbyterian Church, Mr **William Smith**, Perfumer and Stationer, Nairn to **Isabella**, youngest daughter of Mr **George Hendry**, Merchant, Forres.

**20 Jul 1850** - At Inverness, by the Rev. W. Mackenzie, of the Established Church, Mr **John McGillivray**, Cabinetmaker, Nairn to **Marion**, eldest daughter of Mr **William Hillman**, Baker, Bradford, Wiltshire, England.

**20 Jul 1850** - At the Chapel of the Rue d'Angesseau, Paris on the 2d inst., **Frederick Locker**, Esq. son of the late **Edward Hawke Locker**, Esq. Commissioner of Greenwich Hospital, to Lady **Charlotte Bruce**, fourth daughter of the late Earl of Elgin.

**20 Jul 1850** - At Keith, on the 21<sup>st</sup> ult., Mr **John Gray**, Merchant, Fordyce to **Margaret**, youngest daughter of the late Mr **George Rennie**, late of Cairnton of Boyndie.

**20 Jul 1850** - At Forres, on the 13<sup>th</sup> ult., Mr **William Forsyth**, Clothier to **Janet**, eldest daughter of Mr **George Hendry**, Merchant.

**20 Jul 1850** - At Calcutta, on the 12<sup>th</sup> April, the Rev. **James Colley**, junior Chaplain of the Old Church to **Charlotte Mary**, elder daughter of **John Dougal**, Esq. of Glenferness, in the county of Nairn.

**3 Aug 1850** - At St. Andrew's Scotch Church, London on the 14<sup>th</sup> inst., by the Rev. A. P. Black, Captain **Raitt** to **Grace**, third daughter of Mr **K. Sutherland**, Helmsdale, Sutherland-shire.

**3 Aug 1850** - At Easton, near Stamford, Lincolnshire, England, on the 23d ult., by the Rev. **Gregory Bateman**, M.A., **William Paul** Esq. Kilnflat, Morayshire to **Mary Ann**, only daughter of the late Rev. **Gregory Bateman**, Rector of the former place.

**3 Aug 1850** - At Montrose on the 23d ult., by the Rev. Dr Smith, **James Smith**, Esq. Royal Navy, to **Eliza Napier**, only daughter of the late Captain **Thomas Whyte**.

**17 Aug 1850** - On the 8<sup>th</sup> inst., at Viewfield, Nairnshire, by the Rev. James Mackay, M.A., Minister of St. John's Chapel, Inverness, Lieutenant-Colonel **Aeneas Shirreff** of the Madras Artillery to **Eliza Claudia**, eldest

daughter of **James Augustus Grant**, Esq. of Viewfield, and formerly of the Bombay Civil Service.

**17 Aug 1850** - At Basildon Church, Berks., on the 7<sup>th</sup> instant, **J Grant**, Esq. eldest son of **J. M. Grant**, Esq. of Glenmoriston to **Emily** daughter of **James Morrison**, Esq. of Basildon Park.

**17 Aug 1850** - At Elgin, on the 12<sup>th</sup> inst., by the Rev. **William Merson**, Minister of Crail, Mr **Alexander Russell**, of the *Elgin Courant* to **Keturah**, youngest daughter of the Rev. **Peter Merson**, Mathematical Teacher of the Elgin Academy.

**17 Aug 1850** - At St. Vincent's, West Indies, on the 26<sup>th</sup> June by the Rev. Mr Ross, Presbyterian Clergyman, **Wm Mactavish** Esq. to **Anne Fraser**, second daughter of **Alexander Fraser**, Tacksman, Culaird, Inverness-shire.

**31 Aug 1850** - At the house of her grandmother, Mrs **Sackyville Sutherland**, Inverness on the 22d inst., **David Sinclair Wemyss**, Esq. of Southdun to **Elizabeth**, eldest daughter of the late Captain **Sutherland** of Aberarder.

**31 Aug 1850** - At Pennyland, near Thurso, on the 15<sup>th</sup> inst., by the Rev. W. Dalzell, **James Jones Ross**, Esq. M.D., Golspie to **Jane Williamson**, eldest daughter of the late **William Smith**, Esq. Pennyland.

**31 Aug 1850** - At 14 Elmbank Crescent, Glasgow, on the 14<sup>th</sup> inst., the Rev. **Thomas Davidson**, Free Church, Kilmaillie to **Florentia**, daughter of the late **Andrew Milne**, Esq. Merchant, Bo'ness.

**14 Sep 1850** - At Rosevalley, on the 23d ult., by the Rev. Mr Mackenzie, of the Free Church, **Andrew MacDonald** of Louisiana, America to **Anne**, third daughter of **William MacDonald**, Tacksman of Rosevalley.

**14 Sep 1850** - At Peterhead, on the 21<sup>st</sup> ult., the Rev. **William Mearns** to **Margaret**, youngest daughter of **John Soutter**, Esq. Merchant.

**14 Sep 1850** - On Tuesday the 10<sup>th</sup> inst., at Ellon, Aberdeenshire, by the Right Rev. Wm Skinner, D.D., Bishop of Aberdeen, Primus, the Rev. **George Kemp**, M.A., Curate of St. Dionis Backchurch, London to **Anna Margaret**, eldest daughter of the late **John Turner**, Esq. of Turnerhall, in the county of Aberdeen.

**14 Sep 1850** - At Mavisbank House, on the 5<sup>th</sup> instant, by the Rev. Thomas Guthrie, D.D., of Free St. John's, the Rev. **Louis Henry La Harpe**,

Professor of the Evangelical Society at Geneva, to **Georgina Christian Hay**, fourth daughter of the late **James Hay**, Esq. of Calliepriest and the Lady **Mary Hay**.

**28 Sep 1850** - At Nairn on the 25<sup>th</sup> instant, Mr **John Murray**, Carpenter to **Christina**, eldest daughter of the late **James Cameron**, Gardener at Viewfield.

**28 Sep 1850** - At Milton of Kilravock, on the 27<sup>th</sup> instant, Mr **McKenzie**, Carpenter, Evanton to **Mary**, eldest daughter of Mr **George McIntosh**.

**12 Oct 1850** - At Clifton Church, on the 13<sup>th</sup> ult., the Rev. **Alex Wishaw**, Vicar of Chippingham Norton, Oxfordshire to **Helen Ann**, youngest daughter of **Patrick Sellar** of Viewfield, Morayshire.

**12 Oct 1850** - At Ardersier, on the 4<sup>th</sup> inst., by the Rev. Wm Forsyth, Minister of the parish, Mr **James S. Allan**, M.A., Parochial Teacher to **Mary**, only daughter of the late Mr **Sutherland**.

**26 Oct 1850** - At Castle Street, on the 9<sup>th</sup> inst., by the Rev. Colin Mackenzie, Minister of Petty, **William Ray**, Esq. son of Lieu-Colonel **Ray**, Bishopmill, Elgin to **Jane**, eldest daughter of the late **Captain Walker**, Castle Street.

**26 Oct 1850** - At Culfearn, on the 4<sup>th</sup> inst., Mr **Alex Gordon**, Merchant, Helmsdale to **Elizabeth**, youngest daughter of the late Lieut. **Gordon Golyal**.

**9 Nov 1850** - At Peshawar, East Indies, on the 3d September, **Donald MacDonald**, Esq. M.D., 2d Regiment Irregular Cavalry, second son of the late Captain **MacDonald**, Coulnakyle, Morayshire to **Harriet Catharine**, youngest daughter of Lieut-Colonel **Griffiths**, Bengal Army.

**9 Nov 1850** - At Portsoy on the 17<sup>th</sup> ult., Mr **James Allan**, A.M. Parochial Schoolmaster, Deskford to **Cameron**, third daughter of Mr **Jacob Jack**, Portsoy.

**9 Nov 1850** - At Ayr, on the 22d ult., Mr **James Gordon**, Elgin to **Margaret**, daughter of the late Mr **James Hill**, Manufacturer, Ayr.

**23 Nov 1850** - At St. Pancras, London, on the 14<sup>th</sup> inst., **Lewis D B Mackay**, Esq. fourth son of the Rev. **Gordon Mackay**, D.D., Morayshire to **Emily**, youngest daughter of **Edmund Reid**, Esq. of Regent Square, London.

**23 Nov 1850** - At Union Terrace, Aberdeen on the 8<sup>th</sup> inst., Mr **George Petrie**, Shipbuilder, to **Ann**,

second daughter of Mr **Duncan Cumming**, Castletown of Braemar.

**23 Nov 1850** - At Davochbeg, Sutherland, on the 12<sup>th</sup> instant, Mr **George Bell**, Accountant, Wick to **Jessie Kennedy**, second daughter of the late Mr **Thomas Barclay**, Skelbo.

**7 Dec 1850** - At Greenock, on the 25<sup>th</sup> Nov on board the ship **Champion** of Greenock, by the Rev. Mr Martin, Mr **John Beakeen** to **Janet**, third daughter of the late **William Gardiner**, Esq. Greenock.

**7 Dec 1850** - At Denmore, on the 28<sup>th</sup> ult., **Joseph Dundas**, only son of Colonel **Dundas** of Carron Hall, Stirlingshire, to **Margaret Isabella Moir**, youngest daughter of **George Charles Moir**, Esq. of Denmore, Aberdeenshire.

**7 Dec 1850** - At Fordyce, on the 26<sup>th</sup> ult., Mr **Hugh Bremner**, Tailor to **Isabella**, daughter of the late Mr **Donaldson**, Farmer, Auchip, Fordyce.

**21 Dec 1850** - At Boharm, on the 9<sup>th</sup> inst., **James Taylor George**, Esq. M.D., Keith to **Helen**, daughter of Mr **William Rutherford**, Merchant, Craighead.

**21 Dec 1850** - At Edinburgh, on the 9<sup>th</sup> instant, Mr **Allan R. Brebner**, Civil Engineer to **Frances Anne**, third daughter of Mr **Robert Mackay**, Farmer, Forse, Caithness.

**21 Dec 1850** - At Mary Port, Cross Canonby, Cumberlandshire, on the 5<sup>th</sup> August (having been previously married according to the laws of Scotland on the 16<sup>th</sup> July) **Nathaniel Cameron**, Esq. lately Lieut-Colonel of the 79<sup>th</sup> Infantry or Cameron Highlanders, and son of the late Lieut-General Sir **Alan Cameron**, formerly Colonel of the same regiment to **Ann**, daughter of the late **Edward Shewell**, Esq. of Lewes, Sussex.

**21 Dec 1850** - At Blessington Church, County Wicklow, on the 5<sup>th</sup> inst., **James King**, Esq. of Humphreytown to **Anne**, youngest daughter of Colonel **Smith** of Baltibegs, and grand-daughter of the late Sir **John Peter Grant** of Rothiemurchus.

**21 Dec 1850** - At St. John's Chapel, Edinburgh, on the 12<sup>th</sup> instant, the Hon. **Charles A. Murray**, Consul-General for Egypt, second son of the late **George**, Earl of Dunmore, and nephew of the Duke of Hamilton to **Elizabeth**, only daughter of the late **James Wadsworth**, Esq. of Genesee, New York.

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## Moray Miscellany

### Death of Morayshire Farmer. Mr William Mustard, Easter Covesea.

Mr William Mustard, Farmer, Easter Covesea, Drainie, died there on Sunday last. His record of good health remained unbroken until about a year ago, when symptoms of a serious nature began to develop. Though he had been indoors since November last, he was not confined to bed until a few days before the end. Born at Paddockdale, Drainie (now merged in the farm of Muirton) in 1826, the year of the short crop, where his father was tenant at the time, he was 87 years of age. He succeeded his father in the farm of Sweethillock, Drainie, in the year 1867, where he remained till 1891, when he moved to Easter Covesea, afterwards in 1895 extending his interests in agriculture by acquiring a lease of the adjoin farm of Greens. These farms are all on the estate of Gordonstoun, so that his long life was spent on that estate, being at the time of his death the oldest tenant. Born and bred a farmer, he had a thorough knowledge of practical farming, and was a recognised judge of horses, in which he always manifested a peculiar interest and delight. In his earlier days many a fine young horse he reared on the small farm of Sweethillock. The writer remembers seeing him at the railway station one morning about forty years ago with a pair of beautiful colts, which had been sold to someone in the south. They were without saddle or bridle, and he was riding one, halters being the only means of control. The proud and radiant expression on his face as the spirited animals came prancing into the station was a sight for the gods. When he patted the young horses on the neck for the last time and turned to leave, tears were running down his cheeks. The price of the colts was £160! Not bad for a small farmer, as he was in those days. But that was only an instance of what he could do with horses.

Mr Mustard was keen in agricultural affairs, but he could never understand the commercial spirit so prevalent nowadays that pursues farming with excited haste and anxiety as a means of making money. He enjoyed farming for its own sake. He belonged to the class now, alas! becoming rare, represented by the "douce guidman that hands his plough." He was old-fashioned, it might be said, in some of his ideas. His feelings towards his "laird" and his family amounted to something like reverence. That may have been the result of his own experience of many acts of kindness and consideration, but be that as it may, he always maintained that the landlord had rights as well as the tenant, and he deprecated the policy of giving land to all and sundry whether they can work it or not. His sympathy with the struggling poor many

a time took practical form, though he held the view that generally speaking a man got what he worked for in this world. Among a large circle of acquaintances he was a great favourite, being of a singularly cheerful and kindly disposition. By them his inimitable style of speech or recital of anecdote, in language charged with ancient but quaint and pat expression, which might have been envied by a past master in diction, will long be remembered. To mourn his loss he leaves a widow, four sons and a daughter. The eldest son, John, succeeds him in the farms of Easter Covesea and Greens; William in tenant of Silverhills, Drainie; James is tenant of Easter Coltfoot, Alves; and Robert is an Officer of Excise at Invergordon. His daughter of the wife of Mr J. H. Glennie, solicitor, Lossiemouth.

The funeral took place on Wednesday to St. Michael's Churchyard (Ogston), Gordonstoun, there being present besides relatives a large gathering representative of friends and the general public. Services were conducted at the house and at the grave by Rev. John Wellwood, minister of Drainie. *The Northern Scot* 14 March 1914.

William Mustard died on the 8 March 1914 with cause of death stated partly as cardiac weakness. He was a son of Robert Mustard (c1794 – 11 October 1889) and Jean or Jane Anderson (25 June 1796 – 3 August 1878) and was born in the Parish of Drainie on 7 June 1826, his parents had married on 13 March 1819 in Drainie Parish Church. He was the second son of a family of six being James (20 October 1819 – 26 January 1913), Jean/Jane (15 April 1823 – 20 May 1890), Margaret (6 March 1829 – 31 January 1888), Isabella (1 June 1834 – 10 June 1928) and Ann (10 April 1842 – 27 February 1929). The latter two are both recorded as died at Rock Cottage, Clifton Road, Lossiemouth the same place where their parents died.

Married at Elgin on 22 June 1866 to Jemima Weir Grant, who was born in the parish of Drainie 7 April 1846, daughter of John Grant (? - ?) Innkeeper at Drainie and Margaret Mortimer (5 November 1816 – 30 July 1851) who had married in 1840 at Drainie. She died at Ardivot, Lossiemouth on 16 December 1935 aged 89.

Gravestone at Michael Churchyard is inscribed as follows: 'William Mustard, Farmer, Easter Covesea, Drainie, died 8.3.1914 age 87. His wife Jemima Weir Grant, died 18.12.1935 age 89.' Adjacent stone of his son 'William Mustard, Farmer in Muirton died 24.5.1934, his wife Eliza Janet Grant McCulloch died 29.9.1952.'

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