



Moray & Nairn Family History Society

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

MNFHS Chairman's Report

I do hope that this finds you a member of the Moray & Nairn FHS have not been too affected by the ongoing coronavirus crisis.

Challenging times, especially when I cannot get to the archives or library to do research! I am having withdrawal symptoms! Though I am sure this has given numerous people extra time to do their own research online.

The 31st SAFHS Annual Conference which was to be held on the 18 April 2020 at The Brunton, Ladywell Way, Musselburgh was cancelled due to ongoing crisis. But Moray & Nairn FHS will be in attendance at the 2021 conference to be held in Dundee on 24 April 2021 so make a note in your diary.

As mentioned in our last newsletter the recording of the '1918' section of Nairn Cemetery, with over 2000 stones has continued. I have managed to nearly finish the recording of the stones in the Cemetery as part of my 'daily walk'! Book should be completed soon and then get the book printed. Hopefully ready for Xmas!

As I mentioned in our last newsletter I am now the new Membership secretary and we have a new gmail account so please check your spam folder!

This newsletter has a Nairn bias, not done on purpose – just how the articles I have were available to use.

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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We are planning to have some online discussions ie members interests, helpful website (using zoom as its free) if are interested please get in touch.

The next Newsletter will be published in October 2020. Will members please submit articles to the Editor: newsletter@morayandnairnfhs.co.uk

Nairnshire Miscellany

Hugh Mann, Shipowner & Merchant, Nairn

The following obituary is from *The Nairnshire Telegraph* of 5 September 1894:

‘The Late Hugh Mann. One more notable citizen of Nairn, almost the last of the race, has passed away in the removal by death of Mr Hugh Mann, Elderslie Place. Mr Mann was the eldest of several brothers whose names have been associated with Nairn and its interests for a generation back. Although the senior member of the family, he was the longest lived, his brothers having all predeceased him, and up till a few months ago it could be said of him that his eye was not dimmed or his natural force abated. In January last he attained the patriarchal age of fourscore years, but right on through the spring and early summer months he was as active and strenuous as ever in his habits of life. But a change rapidly took place, and the strong lithe figure gave evidence of declining powers. For some little time he had withdrawn from public affairs, and for the last few weeks it was known that his state of health was exceedingly precarious. In the beginning of last week he was taken seriously ill, and on Thursday evening he passed peacefully away.

Mr Hugh Mann’s early life was begun just at the time when a spirit of enterprise had been awakened in the North, and he shared in it to the full. Timber was in demand in the coal ports of the North of England, and he purchased large tracts of wood on the neighbouring estates, had the wood cut and manufactured, and shipped off. Finding the trade a growing one, he and two of his brothers – Peter and David – to look after the disposal of timber in England, and they in turn settled down at Seaham, where they established an important firm of coalmasters. Not content with sending his cargoes to and from Sunderland in chartered ships, Mr Hugh Mann, following the example of some others, set up a shipbuilding yard at Nairn, and built his own vessels. The railways during their construction gave a further impetus to the local trade, and a large amount of shipping business was carried on by him and others in that connection. The coasting trade, however, was cut up as soon as through railway communication was established, and when that chapter of local enterprise was closed Mr Mann then betook himself to farming, having the fine farms of Meadowfield and Broombank in his hands. While the good times lasted he was as successful as a farmer as he had been as a wood-merchant and shipowner. Latterly, he restricted himself to Meadowfield, where he spent a portion of each year.

As a member of the Town Council, the School Board, and other public bodies, Mr Mann gave much useful service in his day. He was a powerful public speaker, and his advent on any platform meant a strong enthusiastic speech. He was a fearless, outspoken man, and it was not necessary to agree with all his opinions to feel admiration for and pride in him. Of strong religious feeling, he took part in evangelistic services, and gave many a powerful address. He was also a strong advocate of temperance and social reform, and on public platform or at licensing courts he was always in the forefront of the battle. With such a strongly-marked individuality, it was impossible but that he should arouse opposition, but somehow nobody ever resented Mr Mann’s denunciations, believing that he was contending for what he believed to be right, and had no personal animus or feeling under it. It was the same in politics. Whatever side Mr Mann took, he supported it with his whole heart and his whole ability. All the stress and storm of life is ended for him, and his fellow-citizens now think only of him as an earnest man who sought to do good throughout a long life.

The funeral, which took place on Monday, was attended by a large concourse of friends. The Magistrates and Town Council marched in front of the hearse, and it was followed by representatives of all sections of the community. Amongst those present were – Mr Gilbert Beith, M.P.; Sir Alexander Dunbar, Bart. of Bothy; Colonel Clarke of Achareidh; Colonel Fraser, Redhaugh; Major General Ketchen, R.A.; Mr Ronald Baillie of Lochloy; Mr Mackintosh-Walker of Geddes; Mr Peacock-Edwards, Commissioner for Lady Gordon Cathcart; Mr J. S. Robertson, factor for Cawdor; Rev. Mr Less, Rev. Mr Mackenzie, Westerlea; Rev. Mr MacMillan, U.P. Church, Rev. Mr Currie Martin, Congregational Church; Rev. Mr Bonallo, Auldearn; Rev. Mr McNeil, Auldearn; Rev. Mr McNeil, Cawdor, &c.

Mr Mann is survived by two sons – Dr H. W. Mann (Ex-Provost of Nairn), and the Rev. John Mann, U.P. Church, Langholm.

The Rev. Mr McNeil, F.C., Auldearn, on Sabbath made reference to the death of Mr Hugh Mann, bearing testimony to his devoted attachment to the Parish of Auldearn in all its interests, especially its spiritual welfare and the wants of the poor.’

Hugh Mann was born on the 17 January 1814 and baptised 1 February 1814 in the Parish of Petty. Entry in OPR reads: ‘February 1 1814 Then James Man Farmer in Balnaglaick and Betty Fraser his wife had a child baptised called Hugh (b. 17) The witnesses were Alexander Fraser in Kilravock & David Rose in Clephantown’. James Mann and Elizabeth ‘Betty’ Fraser had married 22

November 1805 at Petty. He married Margaret Wallace 15 December 1852 at Auldearn, died 30 August 1894 at Elderslie Place, cause 'Partly degeneration of Heart 3 years'.

Census Returns: 1841 Census: Meadowfield, Auldearn, James Mann 60, Elizabeth 55, Hugh 25, Elizabeth 20, David 15, Peter 13. In 1851 Census: Meadowfield, Auldearn, James Mann 72 Farmer of 21 acres, Elizabeth 69, Hugh 35 Shipowner, Elizabeth 32, John 28 Harbourmaster, Margaret Davidson 70 Visitor, James McCulloch 25 Servant Wood Driver, James Young 35 Wood Driver. In 1861 Census: Cumming Street, Nairn, Hugh 47 Shipowner, Margaret 41, James 7, Hugh William 5, John Wallace 1, William Mann 7 Visitor, Isabella Ross 37 General Servant, Mary McIntosh 16 General Servant. In 1871 Census: 2 Elderslie Place, Cumming Street, Nairn, Hugh 58 Magistrate Wood Merchant, Margaret 50, Hugh W 15 Scholar, John W 11 Scholar, Isabella Ross 46 Domestic Servant, Martha McIntyre 81 Boarder. In 1881 Census: Elderslie Place, Cumming Street, Nairn Hugh Mann 66 Farmer of 130 acres arable employing 4 men, Margaret Mann Wife 62. In 1891 Census: Cumming Street, Nairn, Hugh 67 Farmer, Jessie Carter 82 Sister, Margaret W Mann 4 Granddaughter, Isabella Ross 67 Housekeeper, Maggie McGillivray 12 General Servant.

Stone in Nairn Cemetery (Victorian section) - Left panel – Here are interred the mortal remains of Margaret Wallace, the beloved wife of Hugh Mann who died 25th May 1885. And James Wallace, their eldest son who died 2nd Sept 1867. To the memory of Alexander David Mann Sec Lt 1/6 Seaforths youngest son of H W & Mary M Mann killed in action near Cambrai, France, on the morning of Nov 20th 1917, aged 23 years. “*There fore are they before the throne of God.*” Hugh H Mann who died 21st Oct 1971. Right panel – Here also lie interred the mortal remains of Hugh Mann, ship-owner & wood merchant Nairn and for over sixty years farmer at Meadowfield, Auldearn who died at Elderslie Place 30th August 1894. “*Fervent in spirit, serving the Lord*”. To the dear memory of Mary McLean beloved wife of H W Mann who died at Elderslie, Nairn 23rd Oct 1938. And their daughter Mary 15th Dec 1935. Dr Hugh W Mann who died 4th Feb 1940. Cross to front – John Wallace infant son of H W & Mary Mann died 20 March 1896.

Contributed by Stuart Farrell

Nairnshire Miscellany

The Macrae Family's Military Service

When I am asked why I have such a great interest in Military Family History I can point to my own family's military service from the Napoleonic wars and colonial wars of the 19th century to the two major conflicts of the 20th century. The aim of this article is to examine the military service of those families who lived in Inverness-shire, Nairnshire and Morayshire being descended from William Macrae and Isabella Mackenzie.

William Macrae (McRae) and Isabella Mackenzie who were married at a date currently unknown in the 1830's had nine children Alexander, John, Donald, William, Roderick, Kenneth, Archibald, Charles, and Margaret the youngest child born 24 August 1856 at Drakies in Inverness Parish. William died on 10 April 1882 at Lochdu Nairn Parish where he was the farm grieve, his wife Isabella died due to the effects of a house fire on 6 November 1895 at the Town & County Hospital Nairn. Of their children, John, William and Archibald served in the army, Kenneth became World Champion in the Heavy Events for the Highland Games and Margaret died in 1925 when the dam at Dolgarrog, Conway Wales burst.

John McRae was born circa 1838 in Inverness Parish, the 1851 census shows him as employed as Herd at Culrain Farm Daviot Inverness-shire. On the 4 December 1854 he enrolled as a volunteer in the 76th Highland Light Infantry Militia at Inverness He was 5ft 7in height with hazel eyes and auburn hair. At Nairn on 12 December 1855 he joined the 92nd Regiment of Foot (Gordon Highlanders and received a bounty of nine pounds, John signed his attestation form with his name showing he was literate. He was awarded his first good conduct badge on 1 March 1860 but this was forfeited on 29 September 1860 and then restored 29 September 1861 and he gained a 2nd G.C. Badge on 13 December 1863 and was discharged on 12 December 1865 having served exactly 10 years. He then transferred to the army reserve. The 92nd foot was sent to India in January 1858 to aid in the suppression of the “Indian Mutiny” and returned home in January 1863.

John married Elspet Rees on 14 December 1866 at Findhorn and the couple had 16 children. John died 3 March 1911 at 63 Caroline Place Forres and having a military funeral there was an article in the *Forres Gazette*:

Death of an Indian Mutiny Veteran

Very few of the soldiers who served our country in the dark and bloody days of the Indian Mutiny survive, most of them having passed away. One of the two sole remaining veterans in Forres, who

took part in that terrible war, has answered the last roll-call, in the person of Mr. John Macrae, late of the 92nd Gordon Highlanders, who died at Caroline Place here on Friday morning at the age of seventy-two, after three months painful suffering from catarrh. The other survivor is Mr. John Fraser, late porter of Leancoil Hospital here, who is happily still with us and in the enjoyment of wonderful health.

A native of Inverness, Mr. Macrae enlisted in 92nd Gordon Highlanders at Nairn on the 12th December 1855 at the age of eighteen, a year after the memorable battles of the Alma, Balaclava and Inkerman and the subsequent siege of Sebastopol. In 1858 he sailed for India with his regiment and fought throughout the whole of the mutiny enduring all the hardships that were suffered by our soldiers on the burning plains of India, in that campaign of carnage and treachery and hereby earning the Indian Mutiny Medal. After ten years' service in the army, during which he held a reputation as a capable marksman, being the best in his company, he joined the reserve in which he served for twenty one years.

He spent the last thirty-two years of his life in Forres, and about two years' ago was he was granted a pension out of Lord Robert's Veteran Fund. He leaves a widow and five daughters and six sons, the survivors of a family of sixteen, to who sympathy is extended in their bereavement. Deceased was buried at Cluny Hill Cemetery on Sunday afternoon with military honours' the mournful and impressive funeral being witnessed by large crowds of the public as it slowly wended its way to the burying ground, to the weird and solemn strains of the pibroch. The procession was headed by a firing party of the Forres Territorials, followed by the band and pipers, and then proceeded by Mr. John Fraser, was the coffin draped with the Union Jack and borne on the shoulders of the members of Forres Soldier's Association who wearing their medals paraded in full force to pay a last tribute of respect to their departed comrade. The rear was brought up by a large gathering of the general public and a company of territorials under the command of Lieut. G.W. Asher and Second Lieut. A.D. Macdonald. Rev. A.C. Buchanan conducted the burial service at the house and grave. The devotions at the cemetery were followed by three volleys, the pipes playing "Lochaber No More" after which the Last Post was sounded on the bugle.

Several of John and Elspet's children and grandchildren served during the Great War and the war of 1939-1945.

Their oldest daughter Isabella born 7 July 1868 at Loch Flemington Petty, married Alexander Fraser

on 1 February 1898 at 51 High Street Elgin. This couple's eldest son John Alexander Fraser born 18 January 1898 at 56 Huntly Street Inverness was killed in action during the Battle of Arras on 9 April 1917 whilst serving with the 7th Battalion Seaforth Highlanders. He is buried at St. Catherine British Cemetery and is commemorated on the Inverness War Memorial.

William McRae born 19 December 1874 at Loch Flemington Petty, was a housepainter who married Isabella Jane Matheson on 26 July 1907 at Resolis Ross-shire and they had five children. William was conscripted for Military service with the Royal Engineers in 1918 but did not serve overseas.

John McRae born 2 January 1877 at 16 Caledonian Street Nairn, was a Labourer who emigrated to Australia he was 5ft 8 and half in height with blue eyes and brown hair, he enlisted in the Australian Regiment at Sydney on 13 August 1917. He only served in Australia as a guard at a prisoner of war camp.

Elspet McRae was born 5 February 1884 at Forres. She married Robert Davidson on 24 June 1910 at 63 Caroline Place Forres. Robert who worked as a surfaceman for the Highland Railway Company served as a Sergeant with the Royal Artillery during the Great War. He and Elspet had 7 children five of whom served in the 1939 – 1945 conflict and two of whom were killed.

The *Forres Gazette* of 3 July 1940 under the headline War Casualties Missing reported:

Deep sympathy is felt in the town for the many families, some of whom after a period of waiting and anxiety have been notified that their husbands or sons had been posted as missing.

Two sons of Mr & Mrs Davidson, 14 Tulloch Park have been reported missing news to that effect was received on Monday morning. They are Roderick and Duncan Davidson. The former 24 years of age was serving with the Seaforth highlanders. He joined the local Territorials two years ago and was called up in September, going to France with the B.E.F. in January. He had a job at Kinloss prior to the outbreak of hostilities. Duncan the elder son is married and resided with his wife and two of a family at 3 Railway Cottages Bowhill Fife. In peacetime he served for a number of years in the Regular Army with the Black Watch. At the outbreak of war he was completing his service as a reservist, Duncan who was a postman in Fife, has been in France since September.

The same newspaper on 17 July 1940 reported: In the service roll this week, we include a family

who has four sons in the Khaki uniform of H.M. Forces. Anxiety is felt however for the safety of two of the lads, who were recently posted as missing. They are the sons of Mr & Mrs Davidson, 14 Tulloch Park, Forres. The four sons were on active service in France, going across the channel in January. Donald Davidson (20) is serving with the Seaforth Highlanders is now stationed in this country. He has been for five years a member of the local Territorial Army and was called up at the outbreak of war. After leaving Forres Academy of which he was a pupil, he was employed for a time at Blair's Dairy and later with S Marin Grocer. Latterly he was serving his apprenticeship as a painter with Col. A.D. Macdonald, Forres. Kenneth Davidson (31) is also with the Seaforth's. He is married and has three of a family and resides at Orchard Road. He joined the Territorials 13 years ago and is a transport driver. He was on the Somme front and was among the last of the British Troops to leave France. He was employed before the war for a long time at the Bone Mill, Forres but latterly was engaged in work at Kinloss. Roderick and Duncan the other sons are posted as missing. The latter who is married resides in Fife, he served with the Black Watch. Roderick was in the Seaforth Highlanders.

On 16 September 1942 the newspaper reported: Now that the ball has been set a rolling it appears that quite a number of people can lay claim to the honour of having their whole family or the greater part of it in the forces. Worthy of note is the contribution of Mrs E. Davidson, 14 Tulloch Park, Forres who has six sons and a son in law in the Army, and whose late husband Mr Robert Davidson saw service as a sergeant in the R.A. in the last war. Four sons were at Dunkirk, when one was killed and another taken prisoner of war. Mrs Davidson's fighting sons are Fred McRae (37) C.M.P.; Sgt. Kenneth Davidson (33) was at Dunkirk with Seaforth's; L. Cpl. Duncan Davidson (30) Black Watch, Prisoner of War; Private Rhoddie Davidson (25) Seaforth's killed; L. Cpl Donald Davidson (22) Seaforth's who service at Dunkirk and Madagascar; Dvr. Eddie Davidson (19) R.A.S.C. and Mrs Davidson's son in law Sgt. James Sutherland of the South Staffordshire's who was in India.

Frederick Pither Macrae born 11 February 1906 at 25 North Street Forres was Elspet McRae's oldest male child and he served with the Corps of Military Police and died 28 August 1957 at 54 Burdshaugh Forres.

Kenneth McRae Davidson was born 5 March 1909 at 25 North Street Forres and died 10 April 1983 at Leancoil Hospital Forres. He worked as

a civilian worker at R.A.F. Kinloss and was very involved in the local Royal British Legion branch being both secretary and treasurer and was on the national executive of the R.B.L.

Duncan Davidson was born 4 March 1911 at 59 Caroline Place Forres and died 14 May 1986 at Fife West Hospital and was employed as a postman. He was a pre-war regular with the Black Watch and captured in 1940.

Roderick Mathieson Davidson was born 21 March 1916 at 16 Murdoch's Buildings Forres. Serving with the 6th (Morayshire) Battalion Seaforth Highlanders he was killed in action on 25 May 1940 and is buried in Bedford House Cemetery near Ypres Belgium.

Donald Davidson was born 15 February 1920 at 16 Murdoch's Buildings Forres. He served with 5th Battalion Hampshire Regiment and was killed in action whilst serving as a Corporal near Garigalino Italy on 17 October 1943 and is buried in Minturno War Cemetery.

Frederick Macrae Davidson was born 23 March 1923 at 16 Murdoch's Buildings Forres. He served with the Royal Army Service Corps and died as a civilian worker at R.A.F. Kinloss on 17th February 1983.

Returning to the children of John McRae and Elspet Rees:

Donald McRae was born 27 March 1893 at 4 Bridge Street Forres. He married Isabella Reid in 1920 and died 21 March 1933 in hospital in Inverness. He enlisted on 12 September 1914 and went overseas on 10 May 1915. He was wounded 2 August 1915 at Festubert in the left arm with a GSW wound and treated at No 2 General Hospital Calais for 2 days and then transferred by hospital ship to the UK. He was further wounded on 8 September 1916 at Vimy serving with A Company 9th Battalion Seaforth Highlanders. He was entitled to the Victory and War Medals and 1914 – 1915 Star. He was awarded the Silver War Badge and discharged 24 December 1918.

William McRae was born 19 September 1843 at Strathglass and baptised 25 September 1843 at Eskadale Roman Catholic Chapel. William joined the Inverness and Highland Light Infantry Militia on 29 October 1858, he was 5ft 9in height with grey eyes and of a fresh complexion. He then joined the regular army serving with the 71st Foot (Highland Light Infantry) from 17 July 1860 to 16 February 1866. He spent three and half years in India and had suffered from dysentery for 18 months before his discharge. He was awarded the North West Frontier Medal having seen service at

Cumberland Pass for which he was awarded Prize Money. The address to which his medal was to be sent in June 1872 was Newton of Cawdor by Nairn.

Kenneth (Kenny) McRae was born circa 1849 and worked as a farm worker, in the whisky industry, as a Gas Worker and finally in the forestry industry but he was better known as a Professional Highland Games Athlete. Although Kenny as he was known did not serve in the army several of his descendants from both his marriages did. Kenneth died 25 August 1929 at 40 Old Edinburgh Road Inverness. As was mentioned he was married twice his first wife Elspet Fraser was from Nairnshire and born circa 1850 and they married on 9 December 1870 at Cawdor Free Church and she died 10 August 1874 at Upper Drumin Glenlivet Banffshire. They had two sons neither of whom served in the army but some of Kenny and Elspet's grandchildren saw military service. Peter Alexander Macrae born 1 August 1904 at Burkhall Auldearn was a regular soldier serving as a Piper with the 2nd Battalion Seaforth Highlanders. He was killed in action at St. Valery on 11 June 1940 and is buried in Grave B.47 St.Valery-En-Caux Franco British Cemetery. He is commemorated on the Nairnshire War Memorial. Peter's twin brother William George Macrae also served with the Seaforth Highlanders and was taken prisoner of war in 1940 and imprisoned at Stalag 20B at Marienburg Danzig.

Kenny McRae's second wife was Anne McQueen from Croy, and they married at Glackton Petty on 3 October 1879. Out of four sons, three served in the Great War. James the eldest son was born 12 August 1880 and died 13 January 1951 at Queen Mary Veteran's Hospital Montreal Quebec Canada. A joiner he enlisted at Halifax on 15 November 1914. He was awarded the Military Medal 8 September 1917 for service at Cite St Laurent (Lens) on 21 August 1917. He was awarded a bar to the Military Medal on 13 August 1918. He was wounded 9 August 1918 at Guillaucourt in the Right Shoulder. He was promoted Lance Corporal 23 December 1917, Corporal 5 May 1918 and Sergeant 30 May 1918. He was discharged from the Battalion 23 April 1919. He was wounded in the right shoulder on 9 August 1918. He served with the C.M.P.C. 15 July 1919 to 30 April 1920. The citation to his first military medal states.

For gallantry and devotion to duty on August 21st 1917. When a Lewis Gun crew were out of action this man manned the gun, and although bombed by the enemy, from the trench and NO MAN'S LAND he held back their second wave until all the Germans who had entered his trench were killed. It was undoubtedly owing to this man's gallantry

that our garrison was not overwhelmed by superior numbers. His disregard of personal danger, coolness and courage assisted in greatly saving the situation.

Brodie Macrae was born 29 March 1884 at Easter Glackton Petty Inverness-shire. His first military service was with the Scottish Light Horse in South Africa from 3 June 1901 to 3 September 1902. He was awarded, The Queen's South Africa (QSA) Medal Clasps: Cape Colony, Transvaal, South Africa 1901, South Africa 1902. He enlisted in the Scots Guards 4 November 1903 and transferred to the Reserve on 4 November 1906 having served with the 2nd Battalion Scots Guards. He was mobilized 7 August 1914 and served with 1st Battalion from 26 August 1914 to 8 November 1914. He was wounded in the right foot with a gunshot wound at Gheluvet on 2 November 1914. He served in Belgium and France from 6 February 1915 to 3 July 1915 and 9 June 1917 to 16 March 1919. He was transferred to the Guards Machine Gun Regiment 12 March 1918 as a member of Vickers machine gun crew. He married Mary Finlayson on 5 May 1911 at Petty and died 30 June 1971 at Craig Dunain Hospital Inverness. During the Second World War from 1940 he served as a Sergeant with the home service (6th) Battalion Cameron Highlanders. Brodie and Mary's son Brodie Kitchener Macrae born 3 September 1915 served as Motor Bike Despatch Rider with the Royal Corps of Signals during World War II and was wounded when his bike was involved in a crash. His Brother in Law Robert Alexander Macpherson (1904-1985) who was a Cawdor Estate Gardner and lived at the Neuk Cawdor Village also served with R.C.S. as a lance corporal.

Frederick Burdorf Macrae was born 13 July 1895 at Cairnglass Croy Nairnshire, the youngest son of Kenneth Macrae and Anne Macqueen. He enlisted 28 February 1916 and served with the 15th Battalion Royal Scots C Company 10th Platoon and was discharged on 12 August 1919 due to sickness. He was wounded at Croissille and on the Somme and taken Prisoner of War on 22 March 1918. He was imprisoned in Germany at Parchim POW Camp. He was awarded the Silver War Badge on 16 September 1919. Family stories state that he never really recovered from his military service. He died on 23 March 1978.

The second youngest son of William Macrae and Isabella Mackenzie was Archibald Macrae. He was born 5 October 1851 and served with the Inverness Militia. He enlisted in the Royal Artillery 12 March 1868. He was 5ft 9in height with Grey eyes Dark Brown Hair and of a Fair Complexion. His Home Service was to 12

October 1868, Ceylon 13 October 1868 to 24 April 1872. Home Service 25 April 1872 to 14 June 1876, St Helena 15 June 1876 to 11 February 1879, Cape of Good Hope 12 February 1879 to 20 August 1879, St. Helena 21 August 1879 to 28 July 1880, Mauritius 29 July 1880 to 8 November 1882. He was sent home suffering from poor health then served at home, he was discharged at Cork 30 April 1892 having served 24 years 50 days. He gained Medal and Clasp for service in 1877-78 against the Gaiikas and other Kaffir Tribes in South Africa with No. 8 Battery 7 Brigade RA. After leaving the Army he worked as a labourer at Brackla Cawdor and then lived at 17a Simpson Street Nairn. He married Ann McNeill on 27 January 1898 at Nairn Roman Catholic Chapel and died 13 June 1927 and is buried in Nairn Cemetery.

Archibald and Ann's son William John McRae was born 19 March 1899 at 17 Wilson Street Nairn. He was employed as a Golf Caddie at Nairn Golf Course before joining the army and lived at 17a Simpson Street Nairn. He married Ruby V Mitchell and died at Huron Missouri USA on 21 December 1979. He was entitled to the Victory and War Medals and Territorial Forces War Medal. Although he enlisted on 16 February 1914 and was embodied on 5 August 1914, he was underage to go overseas when war was declared. He was treated for scabies in Hospital from 29 January to 5 February 1916. He embarked at Southampton and disembarked at Alexandria on 22 February 1916. He was wounded with a Gunshot Wound to his right shoulder at Romani Palestine on 4 August 1916. Initially treated at 26th CCS he was admitted to No.1 Hospital Train. He re-joined his unit on 29 September 1916. He was appointed acting Bombardier 13 August 1917 and posted to 18th Brigade Ammunition Column on 11 October 1917. He was reduced to Gunner for an offence carried out on 18 March 1918. He was tried and convicted by general Court Martial and sentenced to 60 days field punishment No.2 for disobeying a lawful instruction given by his superior officer on 30 November 1918. He embarked for the UK from Port Said on 25 February 1919 and was disembodied on 10 April 1919. He served as a Mess Cook at H.M. Dockyard Invergordon 22 March 1919 to 29 January 1920.

Contributed by Ken Nisbet

Nairnshire Miscellany

Nairnshire Mirror Marriages 1852

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 11th of October 1854 and was absorbed into the *Nairnshire Telegraph*.

3 Aug 1852 - At Trinity Church, Marylebone, London, on the 13th ultimo, by the Rev. **H G Pretyman, Charles E Fraser Tytler**, Esq. second son of **William F Tytler**, Esq. of Balnain and Burdsyards, N.B., to **Harriet Jane**, daughter of the late Rev. **J Pretyman**, Rector of Sherrington, Bucks, and Presbytery of Lincoln.

3 Aug 1852 - At Bunny, Notts, on the 13th ultimo, by the Rev. J T Beetham, **George Alexander Forsyth**, Esq. of Newton, Morayshire, N.B., to Mrs **Harriet Burst**, of Bunny Park, Notts.

3 Aug 1852 - At Biloxi, U.S., on the 29th June, **Thomas Sellar**, Esq. eldest son of the late **Patrick Sellar**, of Westfield to **Adele Leonide**, fourth daughter of the late **John Blyth Byrnie**, Esq. of New Orleans.

17 Aug 1852 - At Lethen Mill, on the 3d instant, by the Rev. Robert Dunbar, Pluscarden, Mr **Donald Clark**, lately Farmer at Golford to **Ann**, eldest daughter of the late Lieutenant **John Leslie**, Drumlothan.

17 Aug 1852 - At Dyke, on the 6th instant, by the Rev. Mr Aitkin, Mr **George Cumming**, Carpenter, Nairn to **Elizabeth**, second daughter of the late Mr **Kenneth Cameron**.

31 Aug 1852 - At St. George's, Hanover Square, London, on the 19th inst., Captain **Lloyd**, Grenadier Guards, of Aston Hall, Shropshire to the Lady **Frances Hay**, third daughter of the Earl and Countess of Kinnoull.

31 Aug 1852 - At the Manse, Golspie, on the 19th instant, by the Rev. Farquhar Matheson, **Patrick Plenderleath Sellar**, second son of the late **Patrick Sellar**, Esq. of Westfield to **Agnes**, second daughter of the Rev. Dr **Macpherson**, Minister of Golspie.

14 Sep 1852 - At Sinclairtown, Kirkcaldy, on the 30th ultimo, by the Rev. Charles Jamieson of the Free Church, Mr **John Fraser**, Merchant, Nairn to **Helen**, eldest daughter of Mr **Alexander Blythe**, Linen Manufacturer, Sinclairtown.

14 Sep 1852 - At Grantown, on the 9th inst., by the Rev. Donald Fraser, of the Free Church, Mr **Robert Grant**, Cabinetmaker to **Jessie**, daughter of Mr **Grigor Grant**, Slater, there.

14 Sep 1852 - At Gask, parish of Daviot, by the Rev. Mr Cook, of the Free Church, Mr **William Squair**, Farmer, Rosevalley to **Janet**, daughter of the late Mr **Evan Mackintosh**, Farmer, Doghill, Bunachton, parish of Dores.

28 Sep 1852 - At Alves, on the 8th inst., Mr **John Harrold**, Cabinetmaker to Miss **Jane Thain**.

28 Sep 1852 - At Banff, on the 17th inst., by the Rev. Mr Inglis, Mr **A Munro**, Hairdresser, to **Mary**, youngest daughter of Mr **McLennan**, Farmer, Knockbain, Ross-shire.

12 Oct 1852 - At Dyke, on the 7th inst., by the Rev. John MacEwen, Minister of the Parish, **John Cruickshank**, Esq. Farmer, Cloves to **Margaret**, second daughter of the late Mr **William McDonald**, Parochial Schoolmaster of Abernethy, Strathspey.

12 Oct 1852 - At Ivy Cottage, Stotfield, on the 27th ult., by the Rev. James Weir, Drainie, Mr **Alex Farquhar**, Merchant, Forres to **Charlotte Elizabeth**, youngest daughter of the late Mr **John Reid**, formerly of Brulach Mills, Beauly.

26 Oct 1852 - At Auldearn, on the 13th instant, by the Rev. James Reid, Mr **William McHardy**, Merchant, Aberdeen to **Isabella**, youngest daughter of Mr **James Dick**.

26 Oct 1852 - At Geddes, on the 20th inst., Mr **John Hossack**, Brewer, Forres to **Christina**, eldest daughter of Mr **Alexander Morrison**, Farmer, Allanaha, near Nairn.

9 Nov 1852 - At Raddery House on the 18th ult., by the Rev. Alex. Wood of Rosemarkie, **James Cameron**, Esq. Aberdour, Aberdeenshire to **Margaret Gillanders**, eldest daughter of the late Major **Donald Mackay**, of the 70th Regiment, and of Bighouse.

9 Nov 1852 - At Edinburgh, on the 26th ult., by the Rev. James McLetchie, Mr **Alexander Campbell**, Falcon Square, London to **Jane**, eldest daughter of Mr **Hugh Ross**, Forres.

23 Nov 1852 - At Lethen Mills on the 2nd instant, by the brides uncle, the Rev. **Robert Dunbar**, of the Free Church, Pluscarden, Mr **Alexander Fraser**, Cabinetmaker, Inverness to **Georgina**, youngest daughter of the late Lieutenant **Leslie**, Drumlochan, Nairnshire.

7 Dec 1852 - At Seaham Harbour, on the 24th ult., Mr **David Mann**, Merchant to **Annie**, youngest daughter of **E Wight**, Esq.

7 Dec 1852 - At 4 Gloucester Place, Edinburgh, on the 20th ult., by the Rev. Mr Gillies of Free St. Stephen's, Mr **Kenneth Mackenzie**, Builder, Fowlis to **Jessie**, second daughter of Mr **Findlay Macrae**, Abertaff Mill, near Fort Augustus.

7 Dec 1852 - At Benares, on the 2nd October, **J Fullerton**, Esq. 16th Grenadiers to **Elizabeth Forbes**, second and **K. B. Pollock**, Esq. Civil Service to **Janet Justina**, youngest daughter of John **Davidson**, Esq. Bengal Medical Service.

21 Dec 1852 - At Nairn on the 15th instant, Mr **Hugh Mann**, Shipowner to **Margaret**, eldest daughter of Mr **James Wallace**, Merchant.

21 Dec 1852 - At Forres, on the 8th instant, **William Fleming**, Esq. Banker, Grantown to **Christina Isabella**, sixth daughter of **Alex Cumming**, Esq. of Grisherufish, Skye.

21 Dec 1852 - At Albany Street, Leith, on the 9th instant, by the Rev. Alex Davidson of North Leith, **John Gillan**, jun. Esq. Merchant, Forres to **Sarah**, daughter of the late **Nathaniel Watson**, Esq. Leith.

21 Dec 1852 - On Thursday, on the 9th instant, at St. James's Church, Westminster, by the very Rev. the Dean of Ely, Lieut-Col. the Hon. **Alexander Gordon**, second son of the Right Hon. the Earl of Aberdeen to **Carolina Emilia Mary**, eldest daughter of **J F W Herschel**, Bart.

21 Dec 1852 - On the 7th December, at St. George's Church, Hanover Square, London, **Robert Roy Adams**, Esq. Bengal Army to **Francis Charlotte**, third daughter of Captain **Bollew**, Langley, Bucks and grand-daughter of the late **Robert Bollew**, Esq. Castle Martyn, Ireland.

21 Dec 1852 - At Charlotte Street, Glasgow, on the 19th ult., Mr **John Auckland**, Coach-Manufacturer, Forres to **Janet Mackean**, only daughter of the late **Alexander Bruce**, Esq. Merchant, Glasgow.

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