

The Grants of Prospect Lodge, Elgin

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 1865. 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.’

Headstone in Elgin Cathedral of ‘In memory of James Grant, Esquire of Prospect Lodge, who died 18th Jany 1865, aged 75 years. And of his daughter, Frances Cecilia, who died 17th June 1835, aged 12 years. And of his wife Mary H. Williams who died in Jamaica, 27th Nov. 1828. Also of his daughter Josephine Mary who died Elgin 10th July 1911 aged 84 years.’

Children - **Ann Wasel Grant** was born in Jamaica date unknown c1815. In 1841 to 1861 Census at Prospect Lodge. In 1871 Census at 26 Abbey Street, Elgin living on her own. Not located in 1881 Census. Not in Libindx.

Elizabeth Lachlan Grant born 4 January 1825, baptised 31 October 1825 Westmoreland, Jamaica (Church of England Parish Register 1664-1880).

OPR marriage 4 January 1853 at Elgin entry of ‘Mr George Duff, M.D. Upper Seymour Street, Portman Square, London and Miss Elizabeth Lachlan, eldest surviving daughter of James Grant Esquire of Prospect Lodge, Elgin, after being contracted and there was received being duly intimated in the Parish Church of Elgin were married at Prospect Lodge by the Reverend John Walker Minister of St. Andrews Lhanbryde in presence of a competent number of witnesses.’

Marriage Notice in the *Banffshire Journal* of 11th January 1853 as follows: ‘At Prospect Lodge, Elgin, on the 4th instant, by the Rev. John Walker, minister of St. Andrews Lhanbryd, George Duff, Esq. M.D. London, to Elizabeth Lachlan, eldest daughter of James Grant, Esq. Prospect Lodge.’

Death Notice in the *Elgin Courant* of 14th February 1896 as follows: ‘At Croft Cottage, Elgin, on the 12th instant, Elizabeth Lachlan Grant, widow of George Duff, M.D. Elgin. Funeral tomorrow (Saturday) at one o’clock to Cathedral Burying ground.’

Her husband George Duff – Born 14 September 1819. Recorded in Elgin OPR of ’24 Sept 1819. Major Robert Duff & Marjory Daun his spouse had a child (born 14th) baptised called George. Witnesses Robert Reid & John Duff.’ Died 11 January 1889.

Obituary in the *Moray & Nairn Express* of 12th January 1889 of the following: ‘The Late Dr Duff, Elgin. At a quarter past eleven o’clock last night, Dr George Duff, one of Elgin’s oldest and most respected citizens, peacefully passed away. This announcement will be received with very genuine and general regret by the widespread circle in Elgin and beyond it who learned to esteem the deceased for his gentlemanly demeanour and his sterling worth. His illness has been of short duration. The last time he was out was when attending the service in the Parish Church on New Year’s Day. The same evening he took ill with a severe attack of

erysipelas. On Thursday congestion of the lungs supervened, which, owing to his weak condition, he was unable to throw off.

Dr Duff was born in September, 1819, and was thus in his seventieth year. He was a son of the late Major Duff, and the representative of a family which has long been identified with Elgin. After receiving his early education in Elgin, he graduated in Aberdeen University in 1842, and entered the medical profession. When a young man, he practised in Genoa, where he had the honour of attending Daniel O'Connell, the famous Irishman, in his last illness. He then practised for some years in London, and finally settled in Elgin, not only for the sake of the family to which he belonged, but also for his own sake, he was held in high esteem. He was exceedingly courteous and almost courtly in his manner, and in every word and action acted the part of a thorough gentleman. He was greatly trusted by his patients, and day or night, was ever ready at their call. His many little deeds of quiet, unobtrusive kindness, unknown to the world, will long be remembered by many a grateful heart.

Deceased was an elder of the Elgin Parish Church. He took a great interest in the church, and was frequently sent by the Presbytery to the General Assembly. A mark of respect and esteem in which he was held by the congregation of the Parish Church was shown by his being appointed chairman of the Congregational Committee during the last two vacancies. For his services on these and other occasions he was presented by the congregation with a silver salver. He has been for many years president of the Elgin Literary and Scientific Association, in which he took a lively interest. He was a good judge of art, and was very fond of painting, and took a leading part in the management of the Science and Art classes, having acted for several years as chairman of the committee. He served also for years as a member of the Elgin Burgh School Board, and was a trustee of the Elgin Savings Bank. He has long been president of the Elgin Guildry Fund Society. For many years he acted as one of the medical officers of Dr Gray's Hospital, and as physician to General Anderson's Institution.

Dr Duff is survived by Mrs Duff, one son, who is connected with the New Oriental Bank Corporation in Tabreez, Persia, and two daughters, who will have the deep sympathy of many friends in their sorrow.'

Report of Funeral in the *Moray & Nairn Express* of 19th January 1889 of the following: 'The Late Dr Duff. The Funeral. On Tuesday last the funeral of the late Dr Duff took place, and was a large and representative one. The remains of the deceased were interred in the Cathedral burying-ground, and all the way between Croft Cottage and the Cathedral was lined with large numbers of sympathetic spectators. The hearse was preceded by the Kirk Session, of which Dr Duff was ordained a member in 1872, and large numbers from the town and outlying districts followed. The town bells were rung as the cortege moved slowly on, and a number of shops were closed. The coffin, which was covered with beautiful wreaths sent by sympathising friends, bore the following inscription:- "George Duff, aged 69 years." The pall-bearers were Mr Robert Duff, of Liverpool (brother of deceased); Mr Alex. Cameron of Highfield; Mr Hugh Duff, Kildary, Ross-shire; Rev. Dr Gordon, Birnie; Rev. Mr Macpherson, collegiate minister, Elgin; Rev. Mr Lawson, do; Dr Mackay, Elgin; and Mr R. B. Gordon, solicitor, Elgin. The funeral service was conducted at the residence of the deceased by the Rev. Messrs Macpherson and Lawson, and at the grave by the Rev. Mr Macpherson.'

Children - Robert James Duff – Born Marylebone, London Oct-Dec 1853 (Free BMD). Died 29 July 1889. Obituary in the *Moray & Nairn Express* of 3rd August 1889 of the following: 'Death of Mr R J Duff – We regret to announce the death of R. J. Duff, only surviving son of the late Dr Duff, Elgin, which occurred in Tabreez, Persia, where he occupied the position of manager of the New Oriental Bank Corporation. Deceased began banking in the office of the British Linen Bank in Elgin. He afterwards joined the Oriental Bank in London, and in 1881

went to Ceylon, where he remained until the close of the bank. He then went to Mauritius, and was bye-and-bye transferred to Hong Kong by the New Oriental Bank, where he remained until promoted last year as manager of the bank in Tabreez. He has been cut off at the early age of thirty-five, and every sympathy will be felt with his mother and sisters in Elgin, who have another sorrow added to their recent bereavement.'

George Alexander Duff – Born 15 December 1858 at 78 High Street, Elgin. Died 6 May 1862. Death Notice in the *Forres Gazette* of 13th May 1863 of the following: 'Died at 78 High Street, Elgin, on the 6th inst, George Alexander Duff, son of George Duff, Esq. M.D; aged 4 years and 5 months.'

Helen Elizabeth Daun Duff – Born 27 September 1864. Died 23 April 1881. Death Notice in the *Elgin Courant* of 26th April 1881 of the following: 'Duff – At 29 Queen Anne Street, Cavendish Square, London, on Saturday, April 23rd, Helen Elizabeth Daun, aged sixteen and a-half years, youngest daughter of George Duff, Esq. M.D., Elgin. Friends please accept this intimation.'

Mary Williams Duff – Born c1855. Died 23 January 1952. Died at Dunlarig, Stotfied Road, Lossiemouth, aged 97. Cause of death Fractured Femur and Senility.

Memorial tablet in Elgin Cathedral of 'In memory of George Alexander, youngest son of Dr George Duff, who died 6th May 1863, aged 4 years. Helen Elizabeth Daun, his youngest daughter died 23rd April 1881, aged 16 years. Also the said Dr George Duff, who died 11th Jany 1889, aged 69 years. And his eldest son Robert James Duff, who died at Tabriz, Persia, 29th July 1889, aged 35 years, and is buried there. And of Elizabeth Lachlan Grant wife of the said Dr George Duff, who died 12th Feb 1896 aged 71.' And an associated plaque of 'Also Mary Williams Duff daughter of Dr Gorge Duff who died 24th January 1952 aged 97 years.'

Frances Cecilia Grant born 30 October 1823, baptised 8 May 1824 Westmoreland, Jamaica (Church of England Parish Register 1664-1880). Died in Elgin 17 June 1835. Death Notice in the *Aberdeen Journal* of 24th June 1835 of the following: 'Died on the 17th instant, at Prospect Lodge, Elgin, the residence of her grandfather, Lieutenant-Colonel A Grant, Frances Cecilia Grant, eldest daughter of James Grant, Esq. of Lochiel, Westmoreland, Jamaica, aged 15 years – a most amiable and engaging child.'

Josephine Mary Grant birth date unknown, baptised 8 April 1827 Westmoreland, Jamaica (Church of England Parish Register 1664-1880). In 1841 to 1861 Census at Prospect Lodge. In 1871 Census at 29 Reidhaven Street, Elgin with Jessie Paul, 47, Cook and Annie McKenzie, 46, Housemaid. In 1881 Census at 29 Reidhaven Street, Elgin with Jessie Paul, 60, Cook and Christina Christie, 15, Housemaid. In 1891 Census at 29 Reidhaven Street, Elgin with Jessie Paul, 60, Cook and Margaret J McRae, 16, Housemaid. In 1901 Census at 29 Reidhaven Street, Elgin with Helen Bowie, 43, Lady's Maid and Mary Logie, 14, General Domestic Servant. In 1911 Census at same address with Helen Bowie, 54, Housekeeper and Mary MacGregor, 24, Housemaid.

Died in Elgin 10 July 1911. Death Notice in the *Elgin Courier* of 14th July 1911 as follows: 'Grant – At 29 Reidhaven Street, Elgin, on 10th July, Miss Josephine Mary Grant, aged 84 years.'

Margaret Grant was born in Jamaica date unknown. In 1841 and 1851 Census at Prospect Lodge. Married William Jack, Cabinetmaker, Elgin on 7 October 1859 at Prospect Lodge, Elgin.

Her husband was born c1833 and had married a Margaret Goldie in 1852. Marriage recorded in Dyke OPR of 'William Jack in Inverness and Margaret Goldie, in this parish, after proclamation of banns, were married 31 Augt 1852.' His first wife died at 211 High Street, Elgin on 4 December 1858. Death Notice in the *Forres Gazette* of 8th December 1858 of 'Died at 211 High Street, Elgin, on the 4th inst., Mrs Margaret Goldie, wife of Mr William Jack, Cabinetmaker.'

His Death Certificate indicates he was the son of James Jack, Grocer and ____ Jack ms Posh. (?) He died 29 January 1888 at Millerhill, Newton, Edinburgh. Cause of death was heart disease (supposed – not certified) informant was his wife Margaret Jack. Corrected entry gives address of The Cottage, Millerhill, aged 54, died of natural causes probably apoplexy. Buried Newton Churchyard.

Death Notice in the *Elgin Courant* of 3rd February 1888 of 'Jack – At Millerhill, Dalkeith, on the 29th ult. William Jack, cabinetmaker, late of Elgin, aged 54 years.'

In 1861 Census at Romilly Place, Edinburgh of

William Jack	30	Cabinetmaker	Born Elgin
Margaret Jack	39		Born Jamaica
William Jack	7	Scholar	Born Elgin
Jane K Jack	5	Scholar	Born Elgin
Alexander Mathieson	27	Lodger – Joiner	Born Kiltarlity
John Morrison	25	Lodger – Joiner	Born Perth

In 1871 Census at East Millerhill, Newton, Midlothian of

William Jack	40	Cabinetmaker	Born Elgin
Margaret Jack	44	Annuitant	Born Jamaica
William Jack	17	Saddler	Born Elgin
Jane Jack	15		Born Elgin

In 1881 Census at The Cottage, Millerhill East, Newton, Midlothian of

William Jack	49	Cabinetmaker	Born Elgin
Margaret Jack	55		Born West Indies

Died at Millerhill, Newton, Midlothian 3 March 1889, aged 60, widow of William Jack, Cabinetmaker, Dau of James Grant, Landed Proprietor (deceased), mothers name not stated. Died of Pleurisy.

Death Notice in the *Elgin Courant* of 8th March 1889 of 'Jack – At Millerhill, Midlothian, on the 3d of March, Margaret Grant, relict of William Jack, cabinetmaker, formerly of Elgin.'

Margaret Grant – WO25/760 states born 25th September 1791. Baptised 24 September 1791 in Elgin, OPR entry of 'Lieut. Alexander Grant R. Independent Invalids in Elgin & Elizabeth Fraser his spouse had a child baptised called Margaret. Witnesses Mr Peter Duff, Elgin & the Revd John Grant, Elgin. Lieut. Grant was late of the 55th Regt.'

In 1841 Census at Prospect Lodge (see above). In 1851 Census at 3 South College Street, Elgin of -

Margaret Grant	59	Fund Holder	Born Elgin
Jane Duff Grant	56	Fund Holder	Born Elgin
Jemima C Grant	39	Fund Holder	Born Elgin
Margaret Byron	25	General Servant	Born Elgin

In the 1861 Census at 5 South College Street, Elgin of -

Margaret Grant	69		Born Elgin
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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