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HIGHLAND GENEALOGY IN LOCAL PUBLICATIONS

STUDENTS of Scottish family history are well provided with guides to books on different names in Mrs Margaret Stuart and Sir James Balfour Paul's *Scottish Family History* (Oliver & Boyd, 1930) and Miss Joan P. S. Ferguson's *Scottish Family Histories held in Scottish Libraries* (Scottish Central Library, 1960). But there is much good material hidden away in magazines and periodicals, only a select few of which are indexed in Mrs Stuart's list.

Anyone interested in Highland families, for example, will find a mine of genealogical facts about lines both famous and obscure in the *Celtic Magazine* and *Celtic Monthly*. We hope that the index which follows will provide useful clues from their pages; it is appropriate also to include the *Transactions* of two Inverness groups, the Gaelic Society and the Field Club—both still active, we are glad to say, although the latter is not yet publishing again, and the former has some years' leeway to make up.

As a rough guide in deciding what to include and what to omit, we have used the yardstick that mention of at least three consecutive generations constitutes a genealogy. Sometimes, for one reason or another, we have thrown the net wider and included material which does not fall strictly within this definition (as for instance in families which have little yet in book form about them); and, to avoid burdening our list, we have sometimes ignored biographical articles about well-known figures such as the Lord Lovat of the '45 and Flora MacDonald, about whom and whose families so much has been published elsewhere.

To avoid disappointment, we should point out that some of the longer series in the following index represent the whole or part of such books as Alexander Mackenzie's famous clan histories, Charles Fraser-Mackintosh's *Minor Septs of Clan Chattan*, and Henry Whyte's *Martial Music of the Clans*, which were serialised before publication in book form. Even in such cases, the reader will find deviations and omissions which may prove significant.

In addition to strictly genealogical material, there are some other articles (not listed here) which would prove useful to the family historian. In the *Celtic Monthly*, for example, we noted "Scottish Regimental Literature" by R. M. Lawrance (in vols. xiii and xv), and lists by the same compiler of Mackay and Innes burials in Spital and Footdee churchyards, Aberdeen, 1769-1831 (vol. xxiv), and by W. Middleton-Stewart (in vol. xxv) of burials in the Snow churchyard, Aberdeen, 1776-1913, where many Roman Catholics are buried.

Finally, it should be noted that separate listing of the same family under more than one designation (c.g. Mackenzie of Kintail/Seaforth) does not necessarily signify anything beyond the title of the article indexed.

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of Glenbuckie, Cmon iii 22.
of Invernahyle, Cmon viii 86, xiii 83.
of Kynachan, GS xix 74.
pipers, Cmon x 131.

STRACHAN

of Culloden, Cmag iv 426.

SUTHERLAND

Duke of, Cmon iii 101.
pipers, Cmon xii 44.

URQUHART

of Cromarty, Cmag iv 187; Cmon, xxi 162; GS xxv 308, xxx 341, xxxi 290.
of Meldrum, Cmon vii 150, xxiii 207.

BURIAL GROUND INSCRIPTIONS

By J. F. MITCHELL

PART II *Method of Recording Inscriptions*

THE ideal method of recording is to copy out each inscription in full, and for those who can find the time and opportunity of doing so this method is to be recommended. A full copy gives a stronger impression of authenticity and reproduces sentiments and modes of expression which can be of great interest to the reader. Moreover, there is the possibility that the adoption of a summary method described below may lead to mistakes, unless great care is exercised. At the same time it must be recognised that a full transcript is a cumbrous way of reproducing the essential genealogical facts enshrined in an inscription and that, with seven-eighths of the field to be covered in this somewhat neglected sector of genealogical inquiry, there is something to be said for making known an alternative summary method, the use of which would not be such a deterrent to compilation as the more detailed method. It is a method which I have used in the compilation of over two thousand inscriptions, and I am quite sure that if I had had to copy out the inscriptions in full I would not have done half the number. To indicate the saving in clerical work (and printing costs, perhaps, where printing is undertaken) I find after careful calculations that the Scottish Record Society publication about inscriptions in St. Guthbert's, Edinburgh, would, using the same type, style, spacing, etc., require only one-third of the number of pages actually taken up.

The following shows in full a copy of a Greyfriars inscription :—

JAMES NEWTON, Esq.

Sacred to the memory of Christian Brown, his wife, who died 28th June, 1816, aged 46 years.

Abram Newton, their third son, who died 21st August, 1815, aged 14 years.

John Newton, their second son, died 17th Sept., 1826, aged 27 years.

Isabella Newton, their daughter, died 8th Dec., 1831, aged 26 years.

Also James Newton above mentioned, who died 14th December, 1844, aged 76 years. Also James Newton of Castlandhill, Writer to the Signet, son of the above James Newton, who died 18th June, 1861, aged 64 years.

Sacred to the memory of Abram Newton, merchant in Edinburgh, who died 25th April, 1828, aged 64 years.

This could be put in the summarised form :—

Jas Newton esq 14 Dec 1844 76, w Christian Brown 28 Jun 1816 46,
3s Abram 21 Aug 1815 14, 2s John 17 Sep 1826 27, da Isabella 8
Dec 1831 26, s Jas of Castlandhill WS 18 Jun 1861 64; Abram N.
mert 25.4.1828 64.

The more significant features of this method of transcription are—date is date of death and is followed by age in years or otherwise (two dates after a name would signify date of birth and of death respectively); suppression of surname where the expressed relationship leaves no doubt as to the surname; repetition of surname represented by initial letter where relationship not indicated and no ambiguity is involved; starting with head of household and showing relationship to him; use of abbreviations for the commoner christian names, relationships (eldest son being 1s, second son 2s, etc.), occupations and periods of time (m, w, d); restriction of punctuation to absolute necessity, the comma being used between related persons and the semi-colon between persons whose inter-relationship is not mentioned; non-repetition of name of the same person; omission of name of place in which the burial ground is situated (in above instance “Edinburgh” for Jas the merchant); in the “capital letter” and other abbreviations such as “WS” above for “Writer to the Signet” omission of the periods or full stops (thus one would put “HEICS” for “H.E.I.C.S.” or “Honorable East India Company Service”); omission of expressions like “Here lies the body of” and “In (loving) memory of” and of biblical quotations.

Generally, however, if it is thought that summarising may lead to ambiguities in particular cases, a fuller transcription is given.

It has generally been assumed in summary recording that the mother is the wife of the father when only parentage is mentioned.

One more example of a summarised inscription may suffice; it is from the Canongate Churchyard:—

mr John Carfrae coachbuilder 22 Apr 1831 78, w Jane Wilson 30 Jan. 1838 79, 1s Tho 6 Nov 1838 53 (inf da 21.9.1838, only s John 21.3.1843 10); Jane C. 18 Feb 1867 79.

Help for Recorders

Some of those who have not recorded inscriptions before may perhaps be disposed to help. They would probably find it an agreeable and interesting afternoon occupation during holidays to select some small country churchyard with about 50 old stones (say, of before 1860 or any other date thought appropriate) to make a record of the inscriptions in whatever form considered suitable. If they will send their notes to me at the address, 7 Randolph Cliff, Edinburgh 3, I shall make it my business to prepare an index of surnames and type two copies in summary form, one for the Society, the other for the contributor, who may find that a local library would be glad to keep it for public reference.

Finally, helpers may rest assured that any assistance which they can render in the matter of procuring a complete series of old inscriptions for any particular burial ground in Scotland will be cordially appreciated by the Scottish Genealogical Society.

SOME GREYFRIARS INSCRIPTIONS IN FULL AND IN SUMMARY

JOHN TURNBULL, Esq. The Burial-ground of John Turnbull, Esq., Chamberlain of the city of Edinburgh.

John Turnbull, Esq., died 5th October 1838, aged 63 years.

Euphemia Turnbull, relict of John Turnbull, died 28th August 1864, aged 82 years.

Elizabeth, daughter of John Turnbull and Euphemia Mackie, died 6th August 1817, aged 7 months.

Williamina Turnbull, daughter of John Turnbull, died 1st June 1862, in Melbourne, Australia; John Turnbull, their son, died 10th November 1865; Euphemia Turnbull, also their daughter, died 17th November 1865, and was buried at Echo Bank.

A. R. CARSON, Esq. The Burying-ground of A. R. Carson, Rector of the High School, Edinr.

John Irving Carson, died 13th Decr. 1817, aged 2 years. Annie Irving, wife of A. R. Carson, LL.D., died on the 11th September 1827, aged 47 years.

A. R. Carson, LL.D., died on the 4th November 1850, aged 71 years.

Sarah, eldest daughter of A. R. Carson, died on the 5th of April 1858, aged 54 years.

JAMES NEWTON, Esq. Sacred to the memory of Christian Brown, his wife, who died 28th June 1816, aged 46 years.

Abram Newton, their third son, who died 21st August 1815, aged 14 years.

John Newton, their second son, died 17th Sept. 1826, aged 27 years.

Isabella Newton, their daughter, died 8th Dec. 1831, aged 26.

Also James Newton, above mentioned, who died 14th December 1844, aged 76 years. Also James Newton of Castlandhill, Writer to the Signet, son of the above James Newton, who died 18th June 1861, aged 64 years.

Sacred to the memory of Abram Newton, merchant in Edinburgh, who died 25th April 1828, aged 64 years.

Summaries of the above Inscriptions

John Turnbull esq chamberlain of the city 5.10.1838 63, w Euphemia Mackie 28.8.1864 82, da Eliz 6.8.1817 7m, da Williamina in Melbourne 1.6.1862, s John 10.11.1865, da Euphemia 17.11.1865 bd at Echo Bank.

A. R. Carson esq LLD rector High School 4.11.1850 71, w Annie Irving 11.9.1827 47, lda Sarah 5.4.1858 54; s? John Irving C 13.12.1817 2.

Jas Newton esq 14.12.1844 76, w Christian Brown 28.6.1816 46, 3s Abram

21.8.1815 14, 2s John 17.9.1826 27, da Isabella 8.12.1831 26, s Jas of
Castlandhill WS 18.6.1861 64; Abram N. merr 25.4.1828 64.

Abbreviations

Christian names—Alex And Archd Chas Dan Edw Eliz Geo Hen Jas Jn Margt
Math My Pat Pet Robt Sam Tho Wm

Relationships—bro ch da er. (elder) gch gda gs s w wid yr (younger) yt 1da
(eldest daughter) 1s (eldest son) 1w (first wife) 2da (second daughter) 2s
2w, etc., for plural add s except for ch chn

Commissioned ranks—lt capt maj col gen adm

Other designations, ranks, etc.—bt (baronet) dr esq gent hon jun kt mr mrs
prof rt hon rt rev sen

Periods of time (for ages)—y m w d (day) 1d (one day) 2d (two days) etc.
5y 2m 4d (five years, two months, and four days)

Capital letter degrees, distinctions, honours, occupations, regiments, places, etc.
(See also list in Debrett)—

AAG ADC AM (Master of Arts) ARSA (Associate of the Royal Scottish
Academy)

BCS (Bengal Civil Service) BNI (Bengal Native Infantry) BoCS (Bombay
Civil Service) BoNI (Bombay Native Infantry)

CA (Chartered Accountant) CB CE (Civil Engineer) CMG CS (Clerk of
Session)

DAG (Deputy AG) DCL DCS (Deputy CS) DD DFC DSc DSO

EICS (East India Company's Service)

FRCP FRCPE (E for Edinburgh) FRCS FRCSE (FRCS Edinburgh)
FRGS (Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society) FRSE (Fellow of the
Royal Society of Edinburgh) FSA

HEICS (Honorable East India Company's Service) HLI HM HMS

ICS (Indian Civil Service) IMS (Indian Medical Service)

JP KC KCB KH (Knight of the Hanoverian Guelphic Order) KCH
(Knight Commander of the Hanoverian Guelphic Order) KSCI (Knight
Commander of the Star of India) KCTS (Knight Commander of the
Tower and Sword, Portugal) KTS (Knight of the Tower and Sword,
Portugal) KOSB

LA (Law Agent) LLD

MA MBE MCS (Madras Civil Service) MD MICE MNI (Madras Native
Infantry)

NI (Native Infantry) NSW (New South Wales)

OBE PRCPE (President of the Royal College of Physicians, Edinburgh)

PRSA (President of the Royal Scottish Academy) QC

RA (Royal Academician, for "Royal Artillery" write in full) RAF RAVC

RE RMC (Royal Military College) RN RNVR RSA (Royal Scottish Academician)
SL (Solicitor at Law) SPCK SSC
TD USA WS

Occupations—acct adv asst dep (deputy) mert min prof sec supt (superintendent)
(see also above)

Other Abbreviations—b (born) bd (buried) d (died) inf (died in infancy) div
(division) batt (battalion) regt (regiment) surg (surgeon) ed (erected)

Other Specimen Inscriptions (Edinburgh Burial Ground)

Here lies the body of John Smith, merchant, Edinburgh, who died on the 14th
January, 1814, in his seventy fifth year.

Summary of same—Jn Smith mert 14.1.1814 74

Erected by John Smith, merchant, Edinburgh, in memory of his wife Jane Ross
who died on the 10th of September 1805 in her sixty fourth year.

The above John Smith died on the 14th January 1814 in his seventy fifth year.

Summary of same—Jn Smith mert 14.1.1814 74, w Jane Ross 10.9.1805 63.

Other Specimen Summaries

(One generation) Jn Smith surg 1780 1840, w Margt Barr 1785 1835.

(Three generations) Jn Smith surg 1780 1840, w Margt Barr 1785 1835, s Jn
b 1805 d in Jamaica 1865 (w Eliz Reid b 1810 d in Jamaica 1855), s Robt
mert 1807 1875 (w Jane Dean 18.12.1870, s Jn 1825 1890), da Margt 1810
1880 (w of Jn Ross acct 1808 1870, s Jn 1835 1890).

ODDITIES FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Glasgow, Co. Lanark. Births.

7 Oct 1660. John Spittall and Agnes Greinlaw a lawful daughter Janet. Witnesses, John Young and Robert Park. The child precreat in fornication and legitimate by marriage following year.

Anworth, Co. Kirkcudbright. Births 1727-1820.

19 Dec 1774. John lawful son to David Maxwell of Cardoness and Mrs Henrietta Maxwell, baptised by Mr Brown, minister of Kirkmabrick. The former son of that name being dead. (Former John was born 2 July 1772. E.W.B.).

Old Machar, Co. Aberdeen, Vol. 3.

11 July 1729. Robert Cruickshank, maltman in Old Aberdeen, and Helen Laing, his spouse, had a daughter baptised by Mr William Murray, Episcopal minister, named Ann.

13 July 1729. The said day the within designed Robert Cruickshank and Helen Laing as are recorded in the end of the preceeding page had another child baptised by Mr William Smith, minister of the Gospel in Old Aberdeen named Margaret. N.B. A note in the Margin—"Twins, one baptised by a Nonjuror, and the other by a Presbyterian."

Logie, Co. Perth. Births.

30 June 1799. Born Isoble laful dawghter to Lawrence Townley and Mary Henderson. The Faither was a sowldier in the Lanky Sheir Dragowns.

Morton, Dumfries. Births.

9 April 1769. James Paterson and Jean Frazer in Thornhill had a daughter baptised before the Congregation called William-All-Mina.

St. Cuthbert's, Kirkcudbright. Deaths.

28 Nov 1792. William Marshall, tinker, aged 120 yrs., said to have married 17 times and to have had 4 children after reaching 100 years. One of his wives was Meg Merilees.

An entry in the Session Minutes of Foulis Wester, Co. Perth, talks of a happening "on Monday was a fortnight."

Also in Foulis Wester, Co. Perth.

25 Oct. 1705. Payd 4 pounds 16 shillings for deal to erect a seat of Separation (commonly called the REPENTANCE STOOL) for offenders and scandalous persons.

MACCORQUODALE OF PHANTILANDS & TROMLIE

A PEDIGREE ORALLY TRANSMITTED

J. HARVEY MACPHERSON

THE following account of the MacCorquodale family was recorded by the writer in 1926, from the dictation of his great-aunt Madge (Margaret) Campbell Macpherson, a Newfoundlander by birth, who had herself received it from her aunt, Barbara McCorquodale Campbell, who lived in Edinburgh.

Barbara *MacCorquodale* married Archibald *Campbell* and emigrated with him from Inveraray to Newfoundland, where they settled. They had one son, Archibald Campbell, who was born in 1798, was a plantation-owner in the West Indies and died at sea in 1845—reputedly murdered by his own men.

Barbara was the daughter of Duncan *MacGorquodale*, who came from Kilmaleu and who married Mary *Campbell* who was related to the family of Dunstaffnage.

Duncan was the son of Ewen, an Innkeeper in Inveraray, who claimed to be *de jure* Baron Phantilands and Tromlie.

Ewen was the son of Ewen, who escaped from the sack of Tromlie when the place was taken by Alasdair Colkitto in 1646. He was given the protection of Argyll and, in commemoration of this act of grace, built a pot and pan into the wall of Inverary Castle. (Note: the positions of this pot and pan were still quite clearly visible from their impressions a few years ago. The actual vessels had disappeared, and the writer was informed, verbally, in Inveraray that they had been destroyed by United States servicemen during the last war, who had used them for revolver practice!)

This earlier Ewen was the third son of Duncan *MacCorquodale* who was killed in the sack of Tromlie, together with his two elder sons, Archibald and ?, both of whom died without leaving heirs.

Duncan was the heir of Hugh *MacCorquodale*, Baron Phantilands and Tromlie, who married Margaret *Campbell*.

Hugh was the son of Duncan, who was the second son of Ewen *MacCorquodale* and who succeeded to the Baronies on the death without heir of his elder brother, Malcolm.

Ewen made submission to the Earl of Argyll. He was the son of Ewen, who was son of Malcolm, who was the son of Ewen *MacCorquodale*, Baron emigrant to Newfoundland from Inveraray.

The writer does not know whether there is any value in this tradition. It is interesting, however, inasmuch as it shows that the old custom of oral transmission of pedigree has still been maintained and passed on through some six centuries and, as far as is known, was not actually written until 1926. It will be of great personal interest if any reader can confirm or refute any steps in the genealogy or extend it in any way, particularly as regards Mary Campbell (of Dunstaffnage?) who married Duncan, and as regards Archibald Campbell, the emigrant to Newfoundland from Inverary.

HOUSTON SCHOOLMASTERS

By DONALD WHYTE

DURING a search of the Old Parish Registers of Houston, in Renfrewshire, some genealogical information relating to parish schoolmasters was extracted. The data covers the period 1723-1850, and is tabulated in the following notes:—

DAVID GUTHRIE, styled "precentor in Houston parish," m. at Houston, 11th April, 1723, Martha Watson, of East Kilpatrick parish. David is described as schoolmaster after 1728. They had issue:—

1. Margaret, bapt. 11th October, 1724.
2. Jannet, bapt. 8th February, 1727.
3. David, bapt. 24th August, 1729.
4. Elizabeth, bapt. 20th February, 1732.
5. Robert, bapt. 14th February, 1736.

PATRICK DOW, schoolmaster of Houston, had a dau. Margaret, bapt. 4th November, 1739. The name of his wife is not given.

WILLIAM STEWART, schoolmaster of Houston, m. 20th August, 1744, Jean, dau. of Robert Cummin, a resident of Houston Village. It seems probable that William was dominie at Kilmacolm after this time, but he was at Houston again in 1750. A marginal note in the Kilmacolm register states that "Mr James

Terbert was schoolmaster some time in Kilmacoll after Mr William Stewart, now schoolmaster in Houston, anno domini 1754." By Jean Cummin he had at least two children :—

1. William, b. 4th November, 1744.
2. James, bapt. 17th June, 1750.

William m. secondly, Janet Milne, with further issue :—

3. Katherine, bapt. 12th June, 1763.
4. James (secundus), bapt. 30th June, 1765.

ARCHIBALD MACLEAN is mentioned as schoolmaster in 1800. He m. Isobel Weir, and they had issue :—

1. James, b. 21st December, 1800.
2. Elizabeth, b. 10th November, 1802.
3. Alexander, b. 23rd February, 1805.
4. Ann, b. 4th March, 1807.
5. John, b. 13th May, 1809.
6. Archibald, b. 6th July, 1811.
7. Archibald (secundus), b. 1st December, 1812.
8. Charles, b. 4th July, 1818.

ARCHIBALD STEVENSON, schoolmaster at Houston, m. Christina Gardiner, and had issue :—

1. Margaret, b. 12th February, 1835.
2. Thomas, b. 11th October, 1843.

WILLIAM CARNDUFF, schoolmaster at Houston, m. Jeanie Thomson, with issue at least two children :—

1. Jane Thomson, b. 3rd May, 1854.
2. Hugh, b. 27th October, 1850.

Probably information from Kirk Session Records, Heritors' Records, etc., would supplement the above.

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6. Members shall receive one copy of each issue of *The Scottish Genealogist*, but these shall not be supplied to any Members who are in arrears.
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