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McLACHLANS AT SEA

By T. McLACHLAN

The popular clan maps of Scotland show a small patch on the east side of Loch Fyne as being the area where the McLachlans were once gathered. The patch roughly corresponds with the parish of Stralachlan wherein is Castle Lachlan, the seat for many years past of the clan's chief. Searches in parish registers and other sources for the last quarter of the eighteenth century and for the first quarter of the nineteenth, show the name to be well represented throughout Argyll and probably most common in Kilfinan parish immediately south of Stralachlan and at the end of the Cowal peninsular. At the time McLachlans were well established on both sides of the Clyde Estuary and those parts of Perthshire and Inverness-shire bordering on Argyll.

Some of the deficiencies of the records of the West Highlands and Islands are made up for by the comparatively good sources in nineteenth century shipping documents and publications. Many of Argyll's male population were employed at sea for at least part of their working lives. Many fished locally but a good proportion went to the Merchant Navy where some rose to become officers and sometimes part owners of ships. Lloyds Register (Annually) and Lloyds List (several times per week) showed the master's name every time a ship was mentioned. Port lists showed names, ages and places of birth of seamen embarking for and arriving from foreign-going voyages, and masters' and mates' certificates of competency gave even more detail and were generally quite accurate.

The 1851 census shows that in the parish of Kilfinan there were 113 persons named McLachlan and of 25 males aged 16 to 60 years, 13 were seamen or fishermen. Doubtless many more were away at sea on census day.

Shipping records have given much of the information to make up the four life histories that follow in brief.

Duncan McLachlan, described as being born on Luing in 1807, was already master of the "Eleanora," 117 tons of Irvine by 1833 and took over the "Jessie Ritchie" brig, 115 tons and also of Irvine, in the following year. Ritchie and Co. were the owners of both vessels but Duncan McLachlan held eight sixty-fourths in the latter. He moved to the barque "Hope," 529 tons, of Liverpool in 1840. In February 1843 he purchased a twelve sixty-fourths share in the ship and a similar amount four months later. The "Eleanora" was lost off the coast of Donegal in 1838, the "Jessie Ritchie" at Cuba in 1844 and the "Hope" was abandoned off Ireland's west coast about two years afterwards. No McLachlans are known to have been aboard when these incidents occurred.

Duncan was married in Liverpool in 1836 to Isabella daughter of David McDowell, master mariner. He became a partner in the firm of Wilson, McLachlan and Co. shipchandlers of 22, Upper Parliament St., Liverpool and he dwelt at 49, Hill Street, Toxteth Park in 1848. He died in 1851. One of his surviving children was Duncan Ritchie McLachlan who, after running a Liverpool tobacconist business, emigrated to South Africa, where his grandsons still dwell.

Dugald McLachlan is also described as being born on Luing and was the son of another Dugald, also a master mariner. He was presumably the brother of Duncan and followed him as master of the "Jessie Ritchie" on which he had earlier served as carpenter. He was later master of the "Arab," brig 184 tons, of Liverpool, the "Ellen" a barque, 397 tons and lastly "Culloden" before he died in Liverpool in 1857. In 1845 he married in Liverpool, Jane another daughter of David McDowell. In 1849 they lived at 49, Windsor Street, Toxteth Park, but were at No. 53 by 1851. Children alive at the time of that year's census were David aged three and Daniel aged two years. Duncan born in 1849 appears to have died by the time of the census.

Contemporaries of Duncan and Dugald were two other brothers Robert and Duncan McLachlan, sons of Duncan McLachlan described at various times as a farmer and as a fisherman. Duncan the younger was born about 1808 in North Bute, probably at Achavilly where his younger brothers and sisters were born. He was the Master of the schooner "Conservative" 188 tons of Cowes in 1837 and, although he was certified a master at Liverpool in 1851, he later served as master on the "Rowena" and died at sea in 1860. In 1837 he married Jane Matthews, a widow and grocer of Queen Street, Liverpool and a daughter of John Jones, master bricklayer. Later they moved to 77, Great Homer Street where in the 1851 census, surviving children William H. and Mary Ann were described as 9 and 5 years old respectively.

Robert McLachlan was the eldest child of Duncan McLachlan and Mary. McLachlan and was born at Auchagoyle, Kilfinan in 1801. The family moved to Bute about three years later. He became master of the brig "Alexander" 257 tons, of Kincardine-on-Forth in 1832. He appears to have served continuously with this ship until 1841 and is known to have voyaged to the Cape of Good Hope in 1834, St. Petersburg in 1837, and to Manila in the same year after a short spell ashore to marry.

In 1840 he was "entered inward" at the Port of London with a crew of 13 from Point de Galle and Colombo. Both his ship and his brother's were loading in London at the same time, "Alexander" for Sydney and "Conservative" for Malta, Constantinople and Trebizond. The "Alexander" was lost at Cape St. Vincent in 1843. In 1841 Robert was appointed master of a new vessel

"Britannia" 497 tons built in Sunderland and registered in Kincardine and was loading in the Thames for Calcutta when he transferred to the "Richard Webb" 486 tons. This vessel was fitted out at Greenwich as a convict ship and sailed with 32 men for Dublin, where 203 convicts were put aboard. They were taken to Hobart in 109 days and 4 convicts died on the way, a comparatively small number.

In 1843 he took over at Glasgow the "William Mitchell" a barque of 400 tons registered in Alloa and named after its owner, who seems to have been a baker, maltster and brewer in that town. He sailed his vessel first to Ceylon, later from Liverpool to China, then from London to China. While returning from Amsterdam to Leith in ballast in October 1847 the "William Mitchell" ran onto the Farne Islands and was lost. Robert McLachlan had his wife and daughter aboard at the time, but all were saved and made their way across the rocks to the lighthouse kept by William Darling, father of the much feted Grace.

This must have been a setback for the master as he never had as good a ship again. He took a master's examination voluntarily in London four months later and was granted certificate No. 652. In 1849 he took "Tom Cringle" 195 tons, of London from Liverpool to Palermo. Later in the same year he sailed "Alexander Robertson" 229 tons of London, from Liverpool to Buenos Aires, and then in 1851 from London to California. He died at sea off Central America in the Pacific in 1852 where his will was signed.

In 1837 he had married in London, Elizabeth daughter of Robert Jones, a customs tide-waiter, with whom they lived for a while at Gold Square, later demolished for Fenchurch Street Station. By 1841 they were at 6, New Suffolk Street, Stepney, later renumbered and renamed 40, Walden Street. Children of the marriage were Elizabeth Jane, 1838-1907, Robert 1841-1905, William Thomas 1843-1880, Mary Ann 1848-..... and Duncan 1850-1905. Robert became a mathematical instrument maker, and his descendants are known to live in London, Sydney and Los Angeles. William became a mercantile clerk and Duncan a mariner.

Other early certificated officers of the merchant service of whom rather less is known were:—

Frederick George McLachlan, who passed as 2nd mate in London in 1851. He was born at Southwark and his shore address was 31, Princes St., Southwark. In the years 1845-1851 he served as an apprentice on the "Romp" of Hull, "Valleyfield," "Mariner" and "Hercules" all of London, and as an A.B. on "Catherine Stewart Forbes" of London. His certificate was No. 5780.

Artt McLachlan was born in Glasgow in 1831 and in 1853 he lived at 73, Great Clyde Street in that city. He passed as mate at Liverpool in 1851 and

as master in Glasgow in 1854. His certificate number was 5283 and he served as mate, then was a master, on the "Hornet" of Liverpool. He was later master on the "Hibernia" 878 tons of Liverpool (built at Prince Edward Island). Journeys to Valparaiso and Bombay are recorded while he had charge of this vessel.

Hugh McLachlan was born at Greenock in 1827 and was awarded "Ticket" No. 5566 when he passed 1st mate at Glasgow in 1851. His address at the time was 29, Dalrymple Street, Greenock.

John McLachlan was born in 1828 at Tobermory and passed as master at Liverpool in 1852 (certificate No. 3408), when his shore address was 3, Conway Street, Birkenhead.

James McLachlan was born at Whitehaven in 1835 and passed as 2nd mate at Liverpool in 1853 when his address was 7, Grenville Street South, Liverpool. He served as a boy on "Salopian" and "Junior." His certificate was No. 8700.

Donald McLachlan was born at Corpach, Argyll in 1823 and was awarded certificate No. 11508 when he passed as a master mariner at Liverpool in 1854. His address was then 25, Blackstone Street, Liverpool.

Another Dugald McLachlan was born in 1820 at Greenock and passed as master there in 1858 (certificate No. 18109) when his address was 1, Stirling Street, Glasgow.

A record maintained at each port kept up-to-date changes in structure, ownership, and of masters of ships registered in the port. That kept at Greenock disclosed information on the following persons:—

- 1788 Daniel McLachlan merchant in Greenock owner of sloop "Joan" 31½ tons
- 1788 John McLachlan, master of sloop "Peggy and Ann" 57½ tons
- 1789 Charles McLachlan, master and part owner of sloop "Peggy" 24½ tons
- 1790 Duncan McLachlan, owner and master of schooner "Beatrix" 11½ tons
- 1791 John and Robert McLachlan, both merchants in Greenock, owners of sloop "Janet" 20½ tons
Hector McLachlan and Duncan McLachlan successively masters
- 1791 Daniel McLachlan, cooper, Charles McLachlan and Robert McLachlan, merchants all of Greenock, owners of sloop "Ursell and Mary" 28¾ tons
- 1791 Dougald McLachlan, master and part owner of brigantine "Calypso" 79 tons
- 1791 Peter McLachlan, baker in Greenock part owner of sloop "Johns" 56 tons

- 1792 John McLachlan, master of "Peggy" 43 tons
David McLachlan, master from 1794
- 1792 Daniel McLachlan, and John McLachlan, junior, both merchants in
Greenock, owners of sloop "Sally" 53½ tons
Master Lachlan McLachlan
- 1792 Colin McLachlan, merchant of St. Kitts, one of H.M. Plantations, part
owner of sloop "Polly" 105 tons
- 1792 Peter McLachlan, baker in Greenock, part owner of sloop "May" 58 tons
- 1793 Donald McLachlan, master of "Peggy" 18 tons
- 1793 Daniel McLachlan and John McLachlan junior, owners of "Mary Ann"
43 tons
- 1793 Daniel McLachlan, merchant in Greenock, part owner of "Molly" 44
tons
Alexander McLachlan, master

Under the Navigation Acts boys went to sea as apprentices, but records of seamen apprentices are not to be found readily.

The Registrar of Shipping and Seamen, Llantrisant Road, Llandaff, Cardiff is in possession of records disclosing most of the foregoing information.

QUERIES

KEITH.—Information welcomed on Keith family in Midlothian and Dalkeith (1790—1840).

WILMOT.—Information is also sought on the family of Wilmot or Wilemot.
—James Beckett, 34, Eastwood Avenue, Droylsden, Manchester.

GURLEY or GOURLAY.—Information wanted about William Gurley, said to have been born in 1665 in Inverness who emigrated to America in 1679 with the Reverend Solomon Stoddart.—Mrs Edith Downey, Grafton, Illinois 62037.

SKILES or SKYLES.—A member of this family lived near Dingwall in 1760. Can any member give any help in tracing the family?—Mrs Edith Downey.

SHARING OF INFORMATION.—Keith, Wilmott, Beckett, Carlisles in England, Deuchar, Campbell, Johnman, Donnat in Angus, Cook (Dundee and Fife), Gow.

Information about the above families will be gladly shared by James Beckett, 34 Eastwood Avenue, Droylsden, Manchester.

REPLY TO QUERY

VISITING CARDS (vol. i, Nos. 2/3, p. 36):—

The ancestry of picture postcards can be traced to the pictorial visiting cards of the 18th Century. These were usually delicately engraved, with a small space for the signature or a short message. Often the visiting cards of tradesmen indicated their type of business, and some carried a picture of the sign under which they traded.

With the introduction of the penny post by Rowland Hill in 1840, letter writing became cheaper and more extensive. Prepaid envelopes designed by William Mulready (1786-1863), depicting Britannia astride a lion, were now issued by the post office. Later, pictorial envelopes were published. The next stage in the evolution of picture postcards was the photographic *carte de visite*, patented by Andre Disderi in 1854. These were larger than previous visiting cards and closely resembled the picture postcard as we now know it.

The first cards in the U.K. were issued by the General Post Office on 1st October, 1870, at 6½d per dozen, and probably derived from cards issued the previous year in Austria. Although at this time trade cards printed with advertisements, and several G.P.O. commemorative postcards were published, pictorial cards were not permitted to be produced privately. In this respect the Continent again led the way, with Germany printing postcards as early as 1872. It was not until 1894 that the G.P.O. waived these restrictions.

In Scotland, the pioneer firm was James Valentine & Sons, Dundee, who became famous for their high-class reproductions of landscape views. They experimented with the German invention for colour reproduction—the Collo-type process—and introduced this method into the printing of their postcards in 1895. The firm became one of the leading picture postcard printers in the U.K. Their colour printing is now concentrated in two processes, from colours called Valuxe and Valcrome, and black and white postcards appear now to be outmoded.

D.W.

SCHOOLMASTERS OF ABERCORN PARISH

1646 - 1872

By Donald Whyte, F.S.A.Scot.

The scheme laid down by John Knox, the Scottish Reformer, for establishing a school in every parish, does not appear to have been well supported until it was given legal backing in 1616: even then many landowners were reluctant to support the enlightened project. In 1633 the Scottish Parliament ratified the act, commanding all the bishops "that they deale and travell with the parrochiners . . . to condescende . . . upon some certaine solide and sure course how the . . . school may be enterteyned," and granted powers to "stent every plough" for maintenance of the schools.

As a result of these efforts by the legislature there was considerable activity by the presbyteries and many schools were established. A new act was passed in 1646, which ordered the heritors in every parish to meet and "provide a commodious hous for the schoole and modifie a stipend for the schoolemaister," at salaries between 100 and 200 merks annually. The religious troubles of the latter half of the 17th Century caused a great deal of disorganisation, and although the 1646 act was renewed in 1696, the position was unsatisfactory—particularly in country districts—until well into the 18th Century.

It is uncertain when a school was established in the West Lothian parish of Abercorn—the seat of a bishoprick in the 7th Century—but there was a school previous to the act of 1646. From that year to the passing of the *Education (Scotland) Act* of 1872, we have traced a regular succession of schoolmasters. The following notes have been compiled from information contained in the *Session Records* of Abercorn Church, the *Heritors' Records* preserved in the Scottish Record Office, and from the *Dundas Manuscripts* in the National Library of Scotland. Where supplemented from other sources, references are given in footnotes.

1646. THOMAS CLERKE, schoolmaster at Abercorn, had a salary of £54 Scots paid in 1646 by the heritors from the crops of that year. In 1647 his salary was the minimum laid down by Parliament—100 merks, or £66 13s 4d. Scots. A discharge by Clerke dated 19th June, 1648, shows that the portion payable by Sir George Dundas of Dundas for 1646 was 40s 10d, and for 1647, £2 15s. He was schoolmaster until early in 1649 when he received payment of £1 15s from the laird of Dundas from the crops of 1648.

1649. THOMAS GILLESPIE succeeded Thomas Clerke. His name appears in a discharge by the Rev. Robert Row, M.A., minister at Abercorn (1642—1661), to the laird of Dundas, of £2 15s from the crop of 1649; Row being a lawful assignee constituted by Gillespie. From this discharge and others it appears that the minimum salary of 100 merks was paid until 1755, but probably this was supplemented by schoolfees and the session clerkship.

1653. JOHN REID was schoolmaster in 1653. This is evident from another discharge by the minister to the laird of Dundas, dated 7th December, 1655, again for £2 15s.

1655. PATRICK PEEBLES was schoolmaster at Whitsunday, 1655. On 8th November that year he discharged payment by Sir George Dundas, of £1 7s 6d, being "the just half" of the proportion due to Martinmas. Peebles appears to have left Abercorn about the end of 1655.

1656. THOMAS CREICHTOUNE was appointed schoolmaster early in 1656. On 18th August following, the Rev. Robert Row wrote to Dundas of that ilk, narrating that the heritors and elders of the parish had "a purpose to settle wt some grave man after harvest for teaching the children," and had resolved to give "to this younge man Thomas Creichtoune," half a year's salary, he having served for nearly eight months, "yet is he content to goe away with that and provyde for himself elsquhair." He commends him to Dundas and asks that the laird will further him on his way. Dundas paid the young and apparently unsuitable schoolmaster the sum of £1 7s 6d for the period Candlemass to Lammas, 1656.

1668. ROBERT SMITH, M.A., was schoolmaster in 1668. The time of his appointment does not appear. On 7th February, 1670, he discharged payment by the laird of Dundas, of £2 15s, the proportion of his salary due for the period Martinmas, 1668 to Martinmas, 1669. On the back of the receipt he is styled "precentor."

1671. WILLIAM STAIGE seems to have succeeded Smith about Whitsunday, 1671, and taught for only one year.

1672. JOHN HILSON became schoolmaster at Whitsunday, 1672, and taught at Abercorn until Whitsunday, 1674.

1674. JOHN HENDERSON was schoolmaster and church precentor from Martinmas 1674 until sometime after 6th February, 1678, when he gave a receipt for the £2 15s due from the estate of Dundas.

1680. WILLIAS PURVES, M.A., was schoolmaster in 1680, and probably succeeded Henderson. He was moreover, church precentor.

1686. DAVID NIVEN, M.A., was at Abercorn in 1686, and may have remained until 1689. A discharge by him, dated 15th December, 1687, of the £2 15s Scots from the estate of Dundas, is however, the last mention of him.

1689. JOHN REID, M.A., schoolmaster and church precentor, taught at Abercorn between 1689 and 1692.

1692. JOHN HARPER, M.A., succeeded Reid about Martinmas, 1692. His receipts for the Dundas proportion of his salary exist for the years 1692-1697. Shortly after his appointment a new school was built, but it was something less than the "commodious hous," ordered by the act of 1646.

1697. JAMES JOHNSTONE appears to have been appointed at Martinmas, 1697. In October, 1702, he was collector of proportionate sums from the heritors for the repair of the manse and school of Abercorn. The valuation of the parish in 1702 was as follows:—

DUDDINGSTON	L.	1800	00	00
ABERCORN		800	00	00
MORTON		266	13	04
HAWTHORNSIKE		466	10	00
DUNDAS		209	10	00
CRAIGTOUN		233	10	00
DOGLAND		058	00	00
BINNS		733	07	00
MEIDHOPE		750	00	00
PHILPSTOUN		743	06	08
DUNTARVIE		351	00	00
GALLOWSCROOK		133	10	00
MANNER		400	00	00
Total —		6945	07	00 Scots.

The school was evidently in need of repairs by 29th June, 1704, when the following entry appears in the *Session Records*:—

"The session considering that ye schoolhouse is not habitable in regard of ye backside of it is blown out and the rest of ye thaik rotten foind it necessarie yt ye samen should be repaired as soon as possible. And they

considering yt yr was ye sum of therteen pounds scots being a collection in order to repair a harbour which is been lying in ye box for a considerable time and was never required from us for yt effect and therefore ye session thought that if ye sum of therteen pounds might be employed for repairing ye school (which was done in manner follows, viz., for thatch, skennie, workmen, wages, and other things necessarie for repairing of the said school.)”

Further repairs were carried out by the heritors in 1715, when the portion paid by the laird of Dundas was 13s 2d Scots, and in 1725 when he paid £6 15s 1d Scots. Johnstone benefited from half a year's vacant stipend of the parish from Whitsunday to Martinmas, 1699. His discharges for the £2 15s annually from the estate of Dundas are extant for most years between 1698 and 1735.

1755. JAMES McDONALD, schoolmaster at Abercorn is mentioned in 1755, when he made an ignoble exit from the office, as appears from the following minute:—

“Novr. 27th, 1755

“The heritors book and all papers belonging to them being in the Custody of James McDonald, Schoolmaster, who had left the place for some time past and the doors of his house and Schoolhouse locked, application was made by the heritors to the said Robert Dick as sheriff-substitute of the district of Queensferry, who caused the same to be opened and there found the Book and all the papers.

“James McDonald having absconded since the month of September last and being always removable at pleasure the heritors resolved to proceed to the election of a new Schoolmaster.”

1755. WALTER GRAHAM, schoolmaster at Bothkennar, was appointed to Abercorn at Martinmas, 1755, on condition that “he shall not only teach all his scholars regularly the common church tunes gratis, but also give an separate hour at least three days a week for teaching the same gratis to all in the parish who shall choose to attend him.” The salary was increased from 100 to 150 merks, and the heritors reserved the right to have relief of their tenants for half if they thought proper, in terms of law. Graham was himself to supply the proper books for the music lessons. From this date a marked improvement in conditions is evident from the more settled attitude of the incumbents. Graham taught until his death in January, 1763.

1763. ROBERT DUNCAN, son of William Duncan in Echline, in the parish of Dalmeny, was elected schoolmaster in 1763, with a salary of 150

merks (£100 Scots or £8 6s 8d Sterling), and he agreed to give 50 merks to the widow of Walter Graham, or to her children. Duncan died in 1765.

1765. ROBERT MURRAY, "under teacher at Borrowstouness," was chosen schoolmaster by the heritors in 1765, and took up his duties at Martinmas. He was clerk to the heritors for some years. Murray seems to have been an excellent teacher and the school "attained a great reputation,"¹ in his time. He taught until 1802 and died in 1805, when he was buried at Abercorn.

1803. ALEXANDER McDONALD, schoolmaster at Kirkliston, 1801-1803, and previously at Liberton, in Lanarkshire, whose "success as a teacher" was well-known, took up the duties of schoolmaster at Abercorn in 1803. He left in 1806 to take up duties at Prestonpans.

1806. WILLIAM BROWN, elected schoolmaster of Abercorn in 1806, was a son of William Brown, tenant of Hardacres Farm near Spottiswoode, in the parish of Westruther, Berwickshire, by his wife Marion Nisbet, and was born there, 2nd May, 1776. He studied at the University of Edinburgh and graduated M.A. Brown was a brilliant linguist, proficient in Greek, Latin, French and Italian, and is said to have had some talent for poetry. He was assistant master at Musselburgh Grammar School previous to 1797; when he was elected schoolmaster at Culross. On 23rd April, 1799 he was chosen rector of Falkirk Grammar School.² He resigned in 1806 on being appointed schoolmaster of Abercorn. On 26th March, 1808, he was appointed rector of the Royal School, Dunkeld, where he taught with great success. About 1822 he settled in Edinburgh and founded a classical academy. He died at 84 Great King Street, Edinburgh, on 12th October, 1828.

1808. ARCHIBALD DOUGLAS, schoolmaster at Kells, was appointed to Abercorn on 28th April, 1808. He taught for 26 years, retiring in October, 1834, when he was to retain the full legal salary for life, and to remain in the school-house until Martinmas, 1834. His wife was Janet Cannon (1779-1853), and he had a son James Douglas (1810-1824). Archibald Douglas died on 26th June, 1850, aged 77 years and was buried at Abercorn.

1834. ROBERT JOHNSTON, "teacher of the parochial school at Ceres," in Fife, was appointed by the heritors on 25th November, 1834, to be assistant to Archibald Douglas. He taught at Abercorn until 1837.

1837. JAMES BOURDEN, schoolmaster at Denny, Stirlingshire, was chosen by the heritors in 1837, with a salary of £22 Sterling yearly. He was appointed schoolmaster of Old Monkland, Lanarkshire, in November, 1843. His eldest

son, the Rev. James Alexander Burden (1838-1905), educated at Glasgow, was minister respectively at East Parish, Perth (1863), Crawford (1870), and Lasswade (1876). The Rev. James married in 1872, Marianne, dau. of Peter Imrie, Perth, and had issue.³

1843. ROBERT BUCHANAN, teacher at Patna, in the parish of Straiton, Ayrshire, was selected out of 40 candidates for the post of schoolmaster at Abercorn, 1843, with entry to the house and garden. The legal salary of £34 4s 4½d Sterling, was reserved to Archibald Douglas for life, and he agreed to accept £22 yearly, which with schoolfees, clerkships, etc., brought him about £55. About 80 pupils attended at this time, most of them boys. A girls' school flourished at this period and was supported mainly by the Countess of Hoptoun, Robert Buchanan was appointed to the school of Cardross in 1845.

1846. CHRISTOPHER MURRAY DAWSON, son of Charles Dawson (1785-1860) and Virginia Murray Drummond (1789-1867), was appointed schoolmaster of Abercorn on 23rd April, 1846, out of 26 candidates. He had been assistant teacher of English at Madris Academy, Cupar-Fife, and had the "additional recommendation of possessing a knowledge of music." Dawson agreed to accept the £22 Sterling per annum, during the lifetime of Archibald Douglas. He was moreover, clerk to the kirk session, and had the schoolfees. Although offered posts at Oxford and elsewhere, Dawson preferred to remain at Abercorn, where he could indulge his love of the countryside. In 1891 he published *Avonmore and Other Poems*; this was followed in 1899 by *The Justice Stone and Other Poems*. Both books show that the author possessed poetic gifts of a high order. Throughout he displays an intense love of rural scenery, which he describes with great accuracy. The poems are generally written in a serious strain, but his quiet humour occasionally emerges. Take, for example, his lines written on the school blackboard intimating the New Year holidays:—

O Laddies aft you vex me sair,
An' for my tawse you dinna care,
To monkeys ye are brithers:
Now, up wi' caps, an' aff ye run,
For aucht braw days o' routh o' fun,
An' teesin' o' your mithers.

Christopher M. Dawson, who was a Fellow of the Educational Institute of Scotland, collected antiquarian relics and geological specimens, and his museum was bequeathed to the Burgh of Linlithgow. He was still schoolmaster when the *Education (Scotland) Act*, 1872, was passed by Parliament, and the management of parochial schools passed from the presbyteries, heritors and

SCOTTISH-AUSTRALASIAN HEIRS BEFORE 1860

The list below gives in alphabetical order the names of all residents in Australia and New Zealand mentioned in the Decennial Indexes of Returns of Heirs ("retours") before 1860. The general significance of such extracts is explained in "The Scottish Genealogist" of August 1966. For further details of any particular retour mentioned below reference should be made to the relevant manuscript volume in the Scottish Record Office. Photo-copies of any page in these volumes are obtainable at low cost from the Keeper of the Records, Scotland, Register House, Edinburgh.

Appropriate entries have been made in each case in the Dictionary of Scottish Emigrants maintained by our Society, but further information about any of these persons will be welcome.

The earliest entry is that of Barbara Skene, wife of John W. Sturgeon in New South Wales in 1829. Then come ten entries in the period 1830-39, namely James Haig 1830, Alexander Berry 1831, Alexander M. Campbell, William Dun, James Grant and John Thomson 1836, Ebenezer Fraser Monro and Barclay Brown 1837 and Charles Hastie and William M'Lean Stevenson 1838. Four of the names in this period were in Van Diemens Land (Tasmania). The years 1840 to 1849 produced twenty names and 1850 to 1859 over seventy.

There are fourteen New Zealand names, namely, William Trueman Buchanan 1840, Adam Keir 1848, Peter Cheyne 1853, James Auchenleck Cheyne 1854, Andrew Sinclair 1855, William Inglis 1856, John R. Johnston and John M'Glashan 1857, David Laing, John William Laing, William Melville Laing and Robert Baillie Lusk 1858, and John Grubb and Peter Wilson 1859.

The following publications are available in the Scottish National Library—

An Australian Biographical Dictionary by Fred Johns, 1934;

Dictionary of Australian Biography by Percival Serle, 1949;

Henderson's Australian Families by Alexander Henderson, 1941; and

Dictionary of New Zealand Biography edited by G. H. Scholefield, 1940.

Johns and Serle have Sir James M. Wilson and William Westgarth, Serle has Alexander Berry, and Scholefield has John M'Glashan, Robert Baillie Lusk, Peter Wilson and Andrew Sinclair.

The notes in brackets under "Wotherspoon" provide one more illustration of the outstanding amount of genealogical information provided by the publications of the Scottish Record Society concerning Edinburgh residents.

ROBERT ALISON in New South Wales to father Robert in Customs, Dundee, who died in 1855; 1859.

JAMES ANDERSON M.D., Melbourne, to sister Helen daughter of James A. teacher, Edinburgh; 1856.

Donald Anderson in Aucharran to brother JOHN ANDERSON in Victoria, Australia; 1858.

FRANK BAIRD merchant Melbourne to sister Sophia Isabella B. who died 20 June 1857 (houses in Edinburgh); 1858.

THOMAS BARKER in Botany, Sydney, see ELIZA TRAPP.

JOHN BECK in New South Wales to father William tenant of Balmangan; 1857.

ALEXANDER BERRY in Sydney New South Wales to father James tenant in Hilltarvel; 1831. (See Australian Biographical Dictionary, he left £100,000 to St. Andrews University and died age 93 in 1889. He was born in Cupar Fife.)

ADAM BORTHWICK shepherd South Australia to father Thomas shepherd Tweedsmuir; 1852.

JAMES BOYD mariner Australia and GEORGE M'LELLAN mariner Australia to Robert Threshie of Bloomfield and Marion T. wife of John M'Lellan grocer Dumfries; 1857.

ANDREW BRANDER carpenter Australia to brother Alexander in Buenos Ayres; 1856.

ALEXANDER BREMNER C.E. in Sydney to father James C.E. in Pulteneytown (Caithness?); 1857.

WILLIAM BROCK in Australia to mother Christian B. in Dunoon; 1856.

BARCLAY BROWN or MURDOCH in Van Diemens Land to father George at Capilrig, merchant, Glasgow; 1837.

JOHN BUCHAN merchant Melbourne to mother Elizabeth Innerarity in Brechin who died 2 Jan. 1857; 1858.

WILLIAM TRUEMAN BUCHANAN in New Zealand to grandmother Ann Morrison widow of William Trueman rope maker Glasgow (ground in Clyde St., Glasgow); 1840.

ANDREW BURNS merchant Melbourne to brother Ilay Ferrier B. in Glasgow who died 10 April 1855 (house in Edinburgh); 1856. Also an 1853 retour.

THOMAS BYATT in Sydney, see MARGARET TRAPP; 1851.

JOHN CALDER in Australia, see MARGARET WOTHERSPOON.

CATHERINE HELEN CAMPBELL wife of WILLIAM M. HUNTER in Australia, Alexander Hugh Munro C. in Ormidale and Emily Jessie C. wife of William Connal merchant Glasgow to father Lieut.-Col. Robert Nutter C. of Ormidale; 1859, and to uncle Alexander C. of Ormidale who died 30 Sept. 1856.

ROBERT MACKAY CAMPBELL in New South Wales to father Alexander collector of excise—service in Canongate; 1836. (The details of this retour give much family information—see also micro-film of the Scottish Excise Department in the Scottish Record Office. See also William Dun).

HENRY CARMICHAEL in New South Wales to sister Mary in Edinburgh; 1857.

JAMES AUCHENLECK CHEYNE in Dunedin, New Zealand, to father James Auchenleck C. of Kilmaron who died 21 June 1853 (lands in Kilcheran, etc., Argyleshire and houses in Edinburgh); 1854.

PETER CHEYNE merchant Leith then Wellington, New Zealand, to aunt Elizabeth C. or Duguid or M'Gilp in Glasgow; 1853.

JOHN CLARK in Australia to brother David surgeon H.E.I.C.S. who died 1 Feb. 1845 (Bridgend of Perth); 1859.

SKENE CRAIG once in Melbourne now in Aberdeen to uncle Adam C mason Aberdeen and to father James mason Aberdeen; 1855.

WILLIAM CUMMING in Melbourne to father Robert printer in Bonhill; 1842.

DAVID DAVIDSON slater Melbourne to father David slater Dundee who died 14 Dec. 1853; 1854.

DAVID DRUMMOND near Sydney, New South Wales, to father John banker Crieff; 1848.

WILLIAM DUN in New South Wales son of Rev. W. in Canongate to grandfather A. Campbell excise collector; 1836. (He is evidently nephew of ROBERT MACKAY CAMPBELL above, whose brother Murdoch died in New South Wales 15 Jan. 1833—"Scotsman".)

ROBERT THOMAS ELLIOT in Cape Town then Australia to father Rev. William in Andover then rector Simonburn; 1855.

JANET EWAN wife of THOMAS MIDDLEMISS in Melbourne, Helen E. wife of Andrew Davidson in Glentarkie and Ann E. wife of William M'Innes millwright Cultoquhey to their father Archibald Ewan at New Fowlis; 1851.

DAVID FALCONER in Australia and Robert F. writer Keith to William Grig of Lingieston who died in 1854 (property in Elginshire and Edinburgh); 1858.

WILLIAM FISHER in Sydney, see MARY MURRAY TRAPP.

MOSES GARDNER at Geelong, see GARDNER MILNE.

WILLIAM GEDDES in Canisbay, Caithness then in New South Wales to cousin Mary G. in Stirling; 1858.

WILLIAM GIBSON in Australia once in Edinburgh to father John ropemaker Edinburgh; 1858; and to uncle Alexander G. at Howgate who died 15.5.1829 (land in Penicuik); 1848.

JAMES GOODSIR in Melbourne to father James Tod Goodsir assistant commissary general Edinburgh; 1859.

SAMUEL GORRIE stockholder Victoria to father Samuel in Kingbarns, Perthshire; 1855.

JAMES GRANT in Hobart Town Van Diemens Land to father James wheelwright Nairn; 1836.

GEORGE GREENSHIELDS in Melbourne and Susan Paterson in Stewarton
 Wigton to James Thomson or Jamieson painter Edinburgh who died 24
 July 1849; 1856.
 JOHN GRUBB shipwright New Zealand to father David seaman Ferry-Port-on-
 Graig; 1859.
 JAMES HAIG miller Van Diemens Land to mother Helen Haig at Coldstream
 Bridge Toll; 1830.
 JOHN HARVIE in Australia to father William in Brackenhill Beith; 1855.
 CHARLES HASTIE baker New South Wales to brother Thomas baker Paisley;
 1838.
 ALEXANDER HAY engineer Australia to brother Joseph in Monkland; 1854.
 JOHN HAY stockholder New South Wales to uncle Lt.-Col. Peter Steinson
 H.E.I.C.S. who died 21 Nov. 1851 (land in Co. Elgin); 1859.
 JOHN HAY in Van Diemens Land, see MARGARET JOLLIE.
 GEORGE HENDERSON in New South Wales, ISABELLA HENDERSON at
 Manning River New South Wales and MARGARET HENDERSON wife of
 R. JOHNSTON in New South Wales to their mother Alison Johnson or H.
 in Edinburgh; 1850.
 ISABELLA HENRY wife of WILLIAM R. RAMSAY in Australia to father
 William H. bootmaker Edinburgh who died 25 March 1855 (house in
 Mansfield Place Edinburgh); 1857.
 Robert Henry seaman London to father JOHN HENDERSON HENRY in Sydney
 who died 7 Jan. 1856 (property in Lerwick Shetland); 1857.
 ANDREW HOGG brassfounder Australia, see PORTER.
 JAMES HOPE at Geelong Port Philip New South Wales to grandfather James
 Hope mason Morebattle; 1851.
 ELSPET HOWIE wife of THOMAS SWINTON enginer Hobart Town and others
 to uncle John Lindsay mason Aberdeen; 1853.
 WILLIAM H. HUNTER in Australia, see CATHERINE H. CAMPBELL.
 ELIZA IMRIE wife of ROBERT WATERSON in Sydney and Margaret I. in
 Edinburgh to their mother Elizabeth Bruce wife of James I. writer
 Edinburgh; 1856.
 WILLIAM INGLIS in Edinburgh formerly of Wellington New Zealand to
 brother James of Kirkmay who died 29 Mar. 1854 (land Sypsies in Crail,
 etc.); 1856. (For the Inglis family of Kirkmay, Crail see "The East Neuk of
 Fife" by Rev. Walter Wood, 1887, "Fifiana" by M. F. Conolly, 1869 and
 "The Statistical Account of Scotland" (II) vol. ix, page 952. Crail.)
 Thomas William Innes clerk Bank of England to brother DAVID NORMAN
 INNES of Glasgow once in New South Wales; 1857.
 JANE JAMIESON, see KILGOUR.

WILLIAM KERR JAMIESON in Australia to Alexander Kinnear banker Edinburgh; 1845.

DAVID JEFFREY farmer, Australia, see ISABELLA MACKIE.

JOHN R. JOHNSTON in New Zealand to father Rev. John in Edinburgh; 1857.

R. JOHNSTON in New South Wales, see GEORGE HENDERSON.

JOSEPH JOHNSTONE in New South Wales to uncle James Dalrymple portioner of Rigg, parish Graitney (Gretna); 1849.

WILLIAM JOHNSTON in Australia to father James meal dealer Edinburgh who died 28 Sept. 1847 and mother Isabella Scott who died 3 Feb. 1848; 1851.

MARGARET JOLLIE wife of JOHN HAY in Van Diemens Land to Jane J. in Chapelside Dundee; 1854.

JOHN THAIN JUST clerk South Australia to brother Thomas student Dundee; 1852.

ROBERT KEDDIE in New South Wales to father John candlemaker Edinburgh; 1840.

ADAM KEIR in New Zealand once brewer Edinburgh to mother Margaret Gray in Edinburgh; 1848.

PATRICK KILGOUR storekeeper New South Wales, Ann Jane K. wife of Andrew Thomson druggist Strichen and Helen K. in Old Aberdeen to their mother JANE JAMIESON wife of ROBERT KILGOUR manufacturer Millbank Australia; 1858.

DAVID LAING in New Zealand, FRANCIS GREGORY LAING in Sydney, JOHN WILLIAM LAING in New Zealand, WILLIAM MELVILLE LAING in New Zealand, Helen L. widow of Archibald S. Irvine in Crieff, Joanna Gregory L., May Melville L. and Wilhelmina Margaret L. in Edinburgh to their mother Jean Gregory wife of Rev. William Laing minister of Crieff; 1858. (See *Fasti Ecclesiae Scoticae* iv 266 which shows David born 1830 died 1879, Francis Gregory born 1823, John William born 1826 and William Melville born 1831 and died at Dunedin New Zealand 1860, the Australian-New Zealand connection of the first three not being mentioned.)

Robert Leask in Ireland to brother WILLIAM LEASK joiner Melbourne; 1859.

JOHN LINDSAY in Paisley then Victoria, James L. in 92nd Foot, Joseph, Thomas and Duncan Brown in Paisley, Mary M'Neil in Glasgow, Margaret M. in Paisley and Catherine M. in Helensburgh to their grandfather Duncan Macfarlane bleacher Paisley; 1853.

ROBERT LINDSAY in Melbourne and Elizabeth L. in Rothesay to their grandfather Archibald Cunningham merchant Rothesay; 1857.

William Lisle of Newington Edinburgh to brother JAMES LISLE of Yarrow Creek New South Wales and to brother Robert, Captain 97th Foot; 1848.

James Steuart Lithgow metal merchant Dundee to brother ROBERT LITHGOW in Melbourne who died 25 May 1855 (part of Blackness in Angus); 1857.

ROBERT BAILLIE LUSK in New Zealand to Mary Marion Lusk in Bute who died 24 March 1857 (property in Greenock;); 1858 (see Dictionary of New Zealand Biography, R. B. Lusk 1798-1891, for further details).

GEORGE SIMPSON LYELL in New South Wales to father George in Portobello who died 10 May 1832; 1859.

JAMES M'CALLUM in Melbourne and Duncan M. apprentice engineer Greenock to their brothers and sisters Mary died 1835, Ann died 1828, Alexander Gifford died 1828, John died 182- and Margaret died 182- in Greenock; 1852.

JAMES M'CALLUM in New South Wales to father Alexander merchant Greenock; 1852.

ELLIESON MACFIE wife of WILLIAM WESTGARTH merchant Melbourne, Annie M. wife of John McAndrew SSC Edinburgh, John M. in Inveresk, Marion M. widow of John Lothian SSC Edinburgh and William M. of Clermiston to their mother Alison Thorburn widow of John M. merchant Edinburgh; 1857. (See Australian Biographical Dictionary and Dictionary of Australian Biography—William Westgarth born Edinburgh 1815, son of Surveyor General of Customs, Scotland, reached Melbourne 1840, settled in London in 1857, died 1889—"Times" 31 October 1889).

JOHN M'GLASHAN, S.L., New Zealand, Mary Ann M., Peter M. and Thomas M. in Edinburgh to father John auctioneer Edinburgh who died 22 March 1845; 1857.

JAMES M'INTYRE in Australia to mother Ann Anderson in Glasgow; 1852, and to father James cooper Glasgow; 1857.

JAMES M'INTYRE in Australia and Margaret Jane M to father Robert clerk Glasgow; 1857.

GEORGE FARQUHAR M'KELVIE mariner South Australia to brother James mariner Greenock who died 5 March 1851; 1858.

DANIEL MACKENZIE in Craighieburn, Melbourne, now in Glasgow to aunt Janet M. in Acrehill, Glasgow; 1853.

ISABELLA MACKIE wife of DAVID JEFFREY farmer Australia to granduncle John Winchester fisherman Prestonpans who died 20 Jan, 1839; 1859.

DANIEL M'KINDLAY in Melbourne to father Andrew wright Colgrain parish Millriggs (Helensburgh?) Dunbartonshire who died Feb. 1838; 1852.

JAMES McLAREN smith Australia father James smith Bainsford; 1854.

GEORGE M'LELLAN mariner Australia, see JAMES BOYD.

THOMAS M'MEIKEN in Australia to grandfather John M. in Ringford Kirkcudbright; 1854.

ALEXANDER MACPHERSON in Australia to uncle John M. surgeon Inverness; 1856.

PETER MARTIN builder in Melbourne to father James builder in Kirkcaldy; 1858.

THOMAS MIDDLESMISS in Melbourne, see JANET EWAN.

Alexander Milne in Glasgow to brother MOSES GARDNER or GARDNER MILNE at Geelong Australia; 1846.

JANE MITCHELL widow of JOHN SPALDING in New South Wales, Catherina M. widow of Robert Ormiston baker Edinburgh, Elizabeth M. widow of Lewis J. Bulli in Edinburgh, Isabella M. wife of Anthony Lazzaroni in Edinburgh, Anes M. wife of George Thomson in Dublin, Sarah M. wife of Alexander S. Watson dentist in London and THOMAS WILSON MITCHELL plumber New South Wales to their father John M. tinsmith Edinburgh and mother Elizabeth Wilson; 1858. (see also Canongate Churchyard inscription no. 48.)

EBENEZER FRASER MONRO farmer Sydney to uncle Donald Munro grocer Invergordon; 1837.

ALEXANDER MORISON produce merchant Melbourne to uncle William M. saddler Glasgow who died 1830; 1859.

WILLIAM MORRIS in New South Wales to mother Jean Chalmers widow of James Morris weaver Dalry; 1859.

BARCLAY MURDOCH in Van Diemens Land, see BARCLAY BROWN.

Matthew Forster Conolly in Anstruther to uncle ANDREW MURRAY in New South Wales once in Crail and to mother Catherine M. wife of Matthew Forster Conolly in Anstruther; Marjory Brown or M. in Dundee, Margaret M. or Kay in Kenley, Mary M. or Archibald in Dundee and Eliza M. or Inglis in Dundee to their brother same ANDREW MURRAY; 1842. (Matthew Forster Conolly was the author of "Fifiana," 1869).

Alexander Nicholson ship carpenter in St. Clairtown to father JOHN NICHOLSON in Australia; 1852.

ANDREW NICOL mariner Australia to mother Elizabeth Kay wife of John N. in Carronshore; 1858.

JOHN OFFICER in Australia to father George merchant Fraserburgh; 1859.

WALTER OGILVIE stock farmer Melbourne to aunt Agnes M'Connal baker Gifford; 1853.

ALEXANDER CALDER OLIVER once in Oldham, in Australia to aunt Ann Calder widow of John Robertson in Edinburgh; 1855.

JOHN PETTIGREW merchant New South Wales, WILLIAM PETTIGREW land surveyor New South Wales and Adam P. merchant Ireland to their aunt Mary Joan Highet in Ayr; 1854.

JOHN PIPER in New South Wales once at Alloway Bank to father Hugh vintner Maybole; 1849.

FRANCES GREIG PORTER in Australia, MARGARET PORTER wife of ANDREW HOGG brassfounder Australia, Jane P. widow of Francis Sharp tailor Edinburgh, and Henry P. in North America to their father Henry Porter printer Edinburgh; 1856.

WILLIAM R. RAMSAY in Australia, see ISABELLA HENRY.

WILLIAM READ in New South Wales to father merchant Aberdeen who died 24 June 1841; 1854.

ALEXANDER REID in Australia to uncle John Reid stocking maker Crieff; 1858, and to father James in Auchinglen 1858.

JOHN RIGG in Port Philip, MARY RIGG in Port Philip, Margaret Rigg or M'Clymont in Slagnaw and Sarah Rigg or Turname in Balgerran to their mother Grizel M'Taggart or Rigg in High Banks; 1841.

ADAM SWANSTON ROBERTSON farmer Port Philip to aunt Helen R. widow of Daniel M'Leod engraver Edinburgh and to father James in Edinburgh; 1845. (see next).

ADAM SWANSTON ROBERTSON in New South Wales and James Cox in Falkirk to their grandfather James Kerr tailor Glasgow; 1852 (See previous).

MRS. MARGARET ROBERTSON wife of J. ROBERTSON in Melbourne to her father Alexander R. letter carrier Edinburgh who died 6 Oct. 1852; 1854.

DAVID ROSS in New South Wales to father William in Perth once farmer Lairwell who died 19 June 1854 and to uncle James Ross at Leitch Hill then at Stanley; 1855.

JOHN ROSS clerk Aberdeen then in Sydney New South Wales to father Robert brewer Old Aberdeen; 1853.

ELIZABETH SALMOND wife of WILLIAM WILSON in Australia, Ann S. in Edinburgh, Jane S. wife of Charles W. Currie in London, John S. writer Glasgow, Robina H.S. widow of Thomas Edington in Perth, William S. writer Glasgow and George S. writer Glasgow to Mary Duncan widow of John Keater merchant Glasgow who died 3 Nov. 1846 and William Hamilton writer Glasgow; 1859.

WILLIAM RANKEN SCOTT merchant Sydney to sister Jane Gibson Scott in Edinburgh; 1841.

JOHN SHIELDS baker Geelong Australia to father Thomas wright Pollokshaws who died May 1847; 1859.

James Miller at Legerwood to cousin ANDREW SIBBALD of Van Diemens Land; 1845.

ANDREW SINCLAIR in Auckland New Zealand to father John pattern drawer Paisley then thread manufacturer Glasgow who died 25 Dec. 1848; 1855. (See Dictionary of New Zealand Biography and Glasgow University Matriculation Album—Andrew S. 1796-1861, distinguished botanist and zoologist, surgeon; colonial secretary).

BARBARA SKENE wife of JOHN W. STURGEON in New South Wales and sister Eliza Skene wife of Rev. J. Thomson minister of Eccles to brother Captain Alexander S. of Markhouse R.N. (lands of Calmelly, Fowles and Mowat, Aberdeenshire); 1829. (See *Fasti Ecclesiae Scoticae* ii 14, Eccles, Elizabeth eldest daughter of James Skene of Aberdeen was wife of Rev. J. Thomson.)

JAMES SMITH surgeon Tasmania to brother John surgeon Dundee; 1859.

JOHN SMITH of Melbourne to father John tailor Aberdeen; 1835.

MALCOLM LAING SMITH at Seaford Van Diemens Land to father Allan in Turmiston who died Feb. 1800 (property in Orkney); 1845.

JOHN SPALDING in New South Wales, see JANE MITCHELL.

GEORGE STEVENSON in New South Wales to grandfather Andrew Small tidewaiter Dundee; 1858.

WILLIAM M'LEAN STEVENSON in Bathurst New South Wales to Janet Clark or Barrie in Dalkeith; 1838.

CHARLES HAGART STEWART in Melbourne, Archibald S., James Hinton S. and Nancy S. in St. Andrews, Patrick S. and William S. in Mexico, and Octavius S. to their grandfather James S. merchant in Mexico then of Wellhall, Hamilton; 1851.

GEORGE MURRAY STEWART in Australia, Helen S. in Hawick, Mary Ann S. or Fraser in Hawick and James Alexander S. in New York to their mother Helen Glass widow of Dr. John S. in Blair Athole then wife of John Fenwick in Hawick; 1853.

MAJOR GENERAL WILLIAM STEWART in Sydney to father William in Dounreay who died May 1815 (houses in Thurso); 1852.

JOHN STIRLING in Australia to grandfather John S. saddler Paisley; 1856.

JOHN STURGEON in New South Wales, see BARBARA SKENE.

THOMAS SWINTON engineer Hobart Town, see ELSPET HOWIE.

WILLIAM TAIT in Bibinlake Australia to father Captain Robert, R.N., of Pirn who died 17 Jan. 1850. (lands of Pirn, Lordship of Stow, Midlothian); 1854.

JAMES THOMSON in New South Wales to father James in London; 1854.

JOHN THOMSON in Van Diemens Land to brother Andrew of the ship "Roxburgh Castle"; 1836.

George Scotland Thomson in Edinburgh to uncle JOHN THOMSON veterinary Surgeon in Australia; 1857.

JOHN THOMSON in Australia to brother HENRY THOMSON veterinary surgeon New South Wales; 1854.

ROBERT THOMSON merchant Melbourne, WILLIAM THOMSON shipmaster Melbourne, Watson T. manufacturer Alloa, Andrew T. wood merchant Alloa, Barbara T. widow of Rev. Peter Bannatyne in Bothwell, David T. writer Montrose and Isabella T. wife of Alexander T. shipowner Leith to their father Andrew merchant Alloa who died 1829 and mother Jean Forrester who died 1856; 1857.

ROBERT THOMSON at Clyde Bank, Gipps Land, New South Wales to brother James at Laurieston Glasgow; 1851.

MARY MURRAY TRAPP wife of WILLIAM FISHER in Sydney, ELIZA TRAPP wife of THOMAS BARKER in Botany, Sydney, MARGARET TRAPP wife of THOMAS BYATT in Sydney and Mary Ann T. wife of James Smith in London to their father Michael fishmonger Perth; 1851.

DOUGALD TURNER in Australia to father Robert weaver Glasgow; 1858.

JOHN WARNOCK in Australia to father Andrew manufacturer Paisley who died 25 May 1853 (property Broomlands, Paisley); 1854.

ROBERT WATERSTON in Sydney, see ELIZA IMRIE.

George Wright Watson to mother JANE WRIGHT wife of GEORGE WATSON cooper New South Wales, once Aberdeen; 1846.

JAMES WEIR in New South Wales to grandmother Martha Lockhart widow of Thomas Inglis merchant Jamaica; 1857.

WILLIAM WESTGARTH merchant Melbourne, see ELLIESON MACFIE.

JAMES WHYTE merchant Australia now in Glasgow to sisters Janet and Isobel; 1842, and to sister Margaret Gray W. in Glasgow who died 22 Dec. 1847; 1850.

JAMES MILNE WILSON in Van Diemens Land to father John shipowner Banff; 1852. (Australian Biographical Dictionary by Fred Johns—Hon. Sir James M. Wilson in Kutbach, Tasmania, born 1812 son of John in Banff, emigrated to Tasmania 1829; premier 1869-72 president Legislative Council 1872-80, knighted 1873, died Hobart 1880—also in Dictionary of Australian Biography by Percival Serle, 1949).

PETER WILSON surgeon New Zealand to sister Margaret in Belhaven; 1859. (See Dictionary of New Zealand Biography, by G.H. Scholefield—Peter W. 1791-1863 was born at Dunbar and graduated in Medicine at Edinburgh, married Helen Ann Simpson in 1841, arrived at Wellington in 1847 and settled at New Plymouth.)

WILLIAM WILSON in Australia, see ELIZABETH R. SALMOND.

Agnes Wotherspoon wife of Rev. Samuel Smith of Borgue, Anne C. W. wife of Nicol Malcom in Innerleven, Charlotte Bruce W. in Bavaria, Hannah E. W. wife of Captain George Storey H.E.I.C.S. in Jersey and MARGARET WOTHERSPOON wife of JOHN CALDER in Australia to their brothers

JOHN WOTHERSPOON W.S. in Australia, OSWALD WOTHERSPOON in Sydney and James Dundas W. in New York; 1857. (From *Fasti Ecclesiae Scoticae*, History of the W.S. and various Scottish Record Society publications it is possible to get further information about the family, thus *Fasti* ii 397, Borgue, Rev. Samuel Smith married 1831 Agnes William daughter of William Wotherspoon one of the founders and first manager of the Scottish Widows' Fund; *History of the W.S.*, John W. admitted 1827 son of William accountant, died unmarried age 51 in 1852; *Edinburgh Burgesses*, William W. accountant made burghess as son of John W. printer in 1810; John W. printer made burghess in 1761 as apprentice to Thomas Lumsden printer; *Edinburgh Apprentices* John W. son of John W. baxter in Canongate apprentice to Thomas Lumsden printer 1754; *Edinburgh Marriages*, John W. printer and Janet daughter of deceased William Mitchell accomptant in the Bank in the Canongate proclaimed 1765; *Canongate Marriages*, John W. baxter and Catherine Robertson widow of Alexander Syme baxter married 1739.)

Malcolm Wright gardener Pollokshaws to brother DANIEL WRIGHT sailor Australia; 1844.

JANET WRIGHT, see GEORGE WATSON in New South Wales; 1846.

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THE ARMS OF MAXWELL OF CALDERWOOD

The article which appeared in the *Scottish Genealogist* Volume XIII No. 2 (October, 1966) should be amended in the following respects.

On the third page of the article, line thirteen from the top, there should be substituted for the words "(uncle of both James I and of Malise)" the words "(uncle of James I and great-uncle of Malise)".

On the fifth page, the ninth line from the bottom, there should be substituted for the words "dropped from his arms by 1842" the words "dropped from his arms by 1482".

On page thirteen the seventh line from the bottom should read "Marichall in 1316 (SAS No. 1446) while the pallets, with a bend surtout, appear in the arms of "(Edward Keith, etc.) Armorial de Ballenville should read "Armorial de Bellenville".

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