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HEADSTONES IN THE GRAVEYARD AT CLUNY

TRANSCRIPTS OF INSCRIPTIONS WITH DESCRIPTIVE NOTES By ALAN G. MACPHERSON

One of the most facinating parts of Alexander Macpherson's Glimpses of Church and Social Life in the Highlands (Blackwood, 1893) is to be found in his transcriptions and notes of forty-six headstones and flatstones in St. Columba's Graveyard at Kingussie.

The local history and genealogy to be gained from tombstones is of great value in studying the Highlands as an area of continuing social and economic change. The present writer has always thought it unfortunate that Alexander Macpherson restricted his attention to the old Kingussie graveyard, to the neglect of the numerous township-graveyards which are dotted around Badenoch. Most of these are as old as *Cladh Chalum-cille*, and most of them contain the dust of whole lineages of Macphersons associated with the farms on which they stand.

In August 1966, during the week of the Clan Rally, the writer spent some hours in the graveyard at Cluny (Cladh Chluanaidh) making transcriptions, in an effort to remedy this gap in our records. The results are listed below, in the same style as that used by Alexander Macpherson in the Glimpses. The descriptive notes are, for the most part, based upon material collated from the Laggan Parish Registers of Baptisms and Marriages, 1775-1854.

It is hoped that anyone who can add to these notes will communicate with the writer through the Editor of Creag Dhubh.

1. Headstone

Erected by a few of his sorrowing companions and pupils (chiefly in Portobello), in memory of John H. Tolmie, M.A., Divinity Student of the Free Church, and for five years one of the masters of the Academy, Portobello, who died in his father's house at Kingussie at the early age of 29 years, lamented by all who enjoyed the privelege of being acquainted with him.

In manner he was frank, affectionate and inobstrusive, in conduct upright and honourable; in piety pure and childlike; he walked honestly before men and humbly before God.

He was born on 21st April 1837, and calmly fell asleep in Jesus on 26th February 1867.

Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord. Rev. XIV, 13.

2. Headstone

Erected by Donald Tolmie in memory of his beloved spouse, Isabella Hutcheson, who died at Kingussie, 22nd Novr. 1869, aged 70 years. Donald Tolmie died at Kingussie, 29th June 1881, aged 81 years.

3. Headstone

Erected to the memory of Donald Tolmie, mason, who died at Croft. 13th March 1844, aged 73 years.

Also of his three sons who died in infancy.

These three headstones almost certainly refer to three generations of the same family. The grandfather, Donald Tolmie ((1770/1-1844) was undoubtedly closely related to Andrew Tolmie in Croft, who married Janet Macpherson, daughter of Alexander Macpherson in Drumgask, in 1828; Donald Tolmie in Croft in 1835; John Tolmie in Croft of Blargie between 1840 and 1846; and James Tolmie, mason in Croft, who married Christian MacDonald, Middleton of Gaskenloan, in 1845, and who subsequently lived at Catlodge until at least 1849. Other Tolmie families lived at Balgown, Gergask and Crathie between 1775 and 1854, as recorded in the Laggan Parish Register of Marriages and Baptisms. None of the Tolmies buried at Cluny can be identified in the Parish Register.

4. Headstone

Erected by Lachlan McBain in memory of his wife Ann McGregor who died at Ovie 8th April 1873, aged 76 years; also Lachlan McBain, died Sept. 1884, aged 83 years.

5. Headstone

Sacred to the memory of Malcolm MacGregor, farmer, Uvie, who died 27th Decr. 1812, aged 52 years, and Jane Macpherson, his spouse, who died 1st July 1839, aged 82 years; also their children

Gregor and James who died in infancy.

Gregor who died 5th Augt. 1834, aged 30 years,

Jane who died 21 Octr. 1837, aged 44 years,

Marion who died 28th March, 1848, aged 48 years;

and Gregor their grandson who died 12th April 1861, aged 22 years. This stone is erected as a tribute of affection by Margaret, daughter of the above Malcolm Macgregor, who died 10th Jany. 1869, aged 78 years.

This family was descended from MacGregors, originally related by marriage to the Macphersons of Crubinmore, Breakachie and Uvie, who had

taken refuge in Laggan during the proscription of Clann Griogair in the 17th century. Their original home was in Rannoch. The parents can be identified with Malcolm MacGregor in Uvie and his wife Jean Macpherson, who are recorded in the Parish Register as having had four children baptised in Laggan. These were Gregor (born, or baptised 5th Sept. 1792), Charles (born 24th May, baptised 24th June, 1795), Marjory (born 28th April, baptised 11th May, 1797), and Gregor (baptised 12th April, 1803).

Marjory can probably be identified with Marion on the headstone.

The omission of James, Jane and Margaret from the Baptismal Register may simply imply that these children were born and baptised in another parish, possibly Kingussie.

Discrepancies in dates of birth are of frequent occurrence when parish

registers are compared with information engraved on headstones.

Gregor, the oldest child, is the earliest person known by name to have

· been buried in the graveyard.

No MacBains (MacBeans) had any right of ancient possession to land in the parish of Laggan. Lachlan MacBain was probably related to Duncan Mac-Bean in Uvie, whose wife Isobel Macpherson gave birth to a son, Farquhar, at Uvie on 6th March, 1802. The MacBeans, like the MacGregors, undoubtedly owed their tenure in Uvie to the relationship which they bore, through their wives, to the Macphersons of Uvie.

Ann McGregor (Headstone No. 4) was probably the youngest daughter of Evan MacGregor and Margaret Leslie, who lived in Uvie between 1777 and 1779, in Nessintullich between 1781 and 1785, and again in Uvie in 1789 and 1796. The Parish Register records her birth on 23rd June and her baptism on 2nd July, 1796. Her eldest brother, Malcolm, who was baptised in 1777, may have been the head of the family who is recorded on Headstone No. 5. If this is so, the age on the headstone is incorrect.

6. Headstone

In affectionate remembrance of Catherine Munro, wife of Angus McPherson, piper to Cluny, who died at Cluny, June 1847; and of Mary McLeod his second wife, who died at Gaskmore, 1st May 1872, aged 52.

This family retainer of the Macphersons of Cluny was not a Badenoch Macpherson but was a son of Peter Macpherson in Idrigil of Trotternish, on Skye. Angus was born at Idrigil in 1800. He and his first wife were the parents of Calum Piobair, Malcolm the Piper, from whom the entire piping world of today has inherited something of the tradition of the Skye School, usually associated with the MacCrimmons of Boreraig. Malcolm's sons were John, Ewan, Norman and Angus, each of whom succeeded him in turn as pipers to Cluny. Angus Macpherson (Inveran) was father to the late Malcolm

Macpherson, himself a great piper, who died tragically in 1965 and lies buried in Laggan.

7. Headstone

This stone, lying immediately to the west of the graves of the Chiefs, bears no more than the date, "1755."

8. Headstone

This is a half-buried stone, bearing the name "Ewen McDonald."

9. Headstone

(sited together with No. 10, within the chained area in the NW corner)

In memory of Ewen McDonald who died 22nd Feb. 1851, and his wife Sarah McDonald who died at Crubin Moor (sic) Sept. 1835; their son Donald who died 27 Dec. 1879, aged 75.

This couple is recorded in the Parish Register as Evan MacDonald and Sarah MacDonald (maiden surname) in Balgown. Four children were baptised together in 1810, James (born 18 Jan. 1803), Donald (born 7 July 1805), Janet (born 25 Aug. 1807) and John (born 3 Mar. 1810).

Janet was the wife of Alexander Mackay in Uvie (1830 and 1831), in Balgown (1834) and in Crubinmore between 1837 and 1840. It would appear that Janet and her husband were, in fact, in Crubinmore by 1835, from the information on the headstone.

10. Headstone

In memory of Alexander MacKay who died at Milton, Nuide, on the 1st of June 1864, aged 57 years; also of his son Ronald who died 3rd June 1877, aged 28 years; also Janet McDonald the beloved wife and mother of the above, died 31st January 1888, aged 80 years.

In life respected and in death lamented. Erected by their daughter Ann. This is the couple who are referred to above, under No. 9.

The last of the MacKays in Milton of Nuide died in the early 1950s.

11. Headstones and Plaques of the Macphersons of Cluny

- a. In loving memory of Catherin Sarah Louisa, second daughter of Ewen Macpherson of Cluny Macpherson, C.B., Chief of Clan Chattan, born 24 February 1845, died 26 October 1901.
- b. To the memory of Albert Cameron Macpherson of Cluny, D.L., J.P., born August 25th 1854, died January 27th, 1932 youngest son of Ewen Macpherson of Cluny Macpherson, C.B.; also in memory of his wife Frances Eliza Raynsford Addington, born November 28th 1855, died October 22nd 1934.

"The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended."

c. In memory of Catherine Cameron, widow of the late Cluny Macpherson, Chief of the Clan Chatton, Lieut, Col. in the Scots Fusilier Guards, and daughter of Sir Ewen Cameron of Fassifern, Bart., who departed this life on the 20th January 1855, aged 82 years, this tablet is erected by an affectionate son and daughter-in-law; also in memory of Ewen Cameron, Lieut., Bengal Army, born 21st June 1806, died Oct. 1832; Louisa, born 15th March 1800, died on 29th July 1849; Catherine, born 10th March 1801, died on the 10th Oct. 1843; sons and daughters of the above;

and Archibald Fraser, Lieut. Col. 43rd Bengai Native Infantry, died 26th May 1877.

d. Sacred to the memory of Colonel Duncan Macpherson of Cluny, who, on the 1st of August, 1817, died at the age of 69, respected and beloved as a Highland Chief. He served his country upward of 30 years, during six of which he commanded, on active service in America, a battalion of the then 71st or Fraser Regiment, and this monument, to the memory of an affectionate husband and father, has been erected by his widow and children.

below

In memory of Colonel Ewen Henry Davidson Macpherson of Cluny, Chief of Clan Chattan, son of Ewen and Sarah Justina Macpherson, born 22nd January 1836, died 18th August 1900; served for 30 years in the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (93rd), was present with the Regiment in the Crimea, Indian Mutiny and North West Frontier; A.D.C. to Lieut. Governor of Bengal, 1859 to 1862; received reward for distinguished service, commanded the Highland Volunteer Infantry Brigade from 1890; also in memory of Mary, his wife, who died at Cheltenham 19th April 1900.

e. In loving memory of Colonel Duncan Macpherson of Cluny, C.B., Chief of Clan Chattan, son of Ewen and Sarah Justina Macpherson, born 9th Oct. 1833, died 3rd Oct 1886. Served for upwards of 30 years in the 42nd Royal Highlanders (The Black Watch), was present with the regiment in the Indian Mutiny 1857-8 and Ashanti campaigns 1874, severely wounded, commanded the regiment in Egyptian campaign 1882, mentioned in despatches, received reward for distinguished service in the field.

Erected by his widow.

f. (A Celtic Cross, in front of the Plaques)

Ewen Macpherson of Cluny Macpherson, C.B., Chief of Clan

Chattan, born 24 April 1804, died 11 January 1885.

His wife Sarah Justina, daughter of Henry Davidson of Tulloch,

born 25 October 1812, died 14 March 1886.

12. Headstone

Mary Grant, for many years nurse at Cluny Castle, died 26 December 1859.

13. Flatstone

To the memory of Isabella McPherson and John McPherson; his youngest daughter the remainder of this inscription is indistinct and will require careful deciphering.

14. Headstone

To the memory of John McPherson, late piper to Cluny, who died Nov. 8, 1834, aged 74 years.

John McPherson was the signatory of an "Agreement" in 1818 to perform the duties of Ground Officer, woodkeeper and gamekeeper on the whole estate of Cluny and Lochlaggan. This agreement, which is No. 716 of the Macpherson of Cluny Collection, was printed, together with a note by A. F. Macpherson, in Creag Dhubh No. 6, 1954. John McPherson was already piper to Cluny when, in February 1800. twin sons, James and Duncan, were born to him. He was probably a son of James McPherson, piper to Ewen Macpherson of Cluny during the Forty-Five. He would therefore have been brother of Jean Macpherson who married Angus Kennedy in Kylarchill on the 27th March 1782, and whose son John was born at Tirfadun in June 1790.

15. Headstone

Erected by Donald, Duncan, and Ewen McPherson, in memory of their beloved mother Ann McPherson who died at Drumgask on the 13th June 1841, aged 70.

Ann Macpherson came from Shiramore and was married at Dalchully on 16th January 1809 to Angus McPherson in Drumgask. The four children of the marriage, Donald, Duncan, Ann and Ewan, were all born at Drumgask between 1814 and 1821.

The second son became Duncan Macpherson of Glendoll after he had made a fortune in Australia, where he is reputed to have won fame by his capture of a notorious bushranger. He carried a right-of-way litigation to the House of Lords, but lost his case. He married Ann Cattanach, and there was one daughter born to the marriage. He died at Logierait, Perthshire, in 1893.

16. Headstone

Erected by Donald Macpherson, commission-agent, Arbroath, in memory of his father Peter Macpherson, late of the 92nd Gordon Highlanders, who died at Nessintully on the 27th February 1831 in the 60th year of his age. After serving his country for upwards of 30 years, both at home and

abroad, his mortal remains lies near this spot amongst the mouldering dust of his forefathers.

Also in memory of his mother Christian Ross who died at Edinburgh on 24th June 1846 in the 56th year of her age and is interred in the Grange Cemetery there.

17. Headstone

Erected by James Cattanach, tacksman of Laggan farm, in memory of his beloved wife Christian Mactintosh who died 25th September 1874 aged 63 years.

Also of their son Lachlan William who died 11th May 1875, aged 23 years. James Cattanach, tacksman, Laggan Farm, died 21st April 1884, aged 84 years.

"Mark the perfect man and behold the upright; for the end of that man is peace." Psalm 37th and 37th ver.

James Cattanach was the sixth child of Finlay Cattanach in Gaskmore (1784-89) and in Gergask (1793-99). Christian Macintosh was the daughter of Lachlan Macintosh in Presnacailich, in the parish of Alvie. They were married on 10th September 1832. Their ten children, born between 1833 and 1853, were Harry James, Mary, Ann, Elizabeth, Margaret, Grace, Christian. Alexander, Lachlan William (referred to on the headstone), and John.

James Cattanach's mother was Ann Macpherson in Biallidmore, who married Finlay Cattanach on 24th August, 1784. It may have been through her that the Cattanachs obtained the right of burial at Cluny.

It is sometimes asserted that this graveyard was the private burial ground of the Macphersons of Cluny, Chiefs of the Clan. An inspection of this list, however, shows that this was not the case. Apart from the group of retainers from Cluny Castle (Nos. 6, 12 and 14), the stones commemorate several families who had no connection with the Lairds of Cluny nor any apparent connection with the farmtown of Cluny. Geographical associations of the various families seem to point rather to the Croft of Blargie, to Uvie, Drumgask, Gaskmore and Gergask, all of which are within easy walking distance of Cladh Chluanaidh but are, in fact, closer to other graveyards. Of all these places, Drumgask alone lies on the Cluny Estate and it is therefore apparent that tenant-status with respect to the Macphersons of Cluny does not explain the presence of these families in the Cluny graveyard.

It cannot be said that Cladh Chluanaidh was used exclusively for the burial of clansmen of the Chiefs of Macphersons. Indeed, the majority of the people buried there belonged to other clans. The names of Tolmie, Cattanach, Macintosh, MacDonald, MacGregor and MacKay form a fairly representative cross-section of the whole community as it existed in the parish of Laggan at the end of the 18th century.

None of the Macphersons mentioned in the inscriptions on Nos. 5, 6, 13, 14, 15 and 16 was closely related to the family of the Chiefs, at least no more than were the rest of the clansmen in Badenoch.

Explanation of these apparent anomalies would seem to lie in an apparent lineage connection with the graveyard. The Tolmies of the Croft of Blargie were almost certainly a branch of the Tolmie family in Balgowan. Balgowan is the farmtown adjacent to Cluny and undoubtedly shared the graveyard. The MacDonalds also came from this farm. The MacGregors of Uvie, besides being related to the Macphersons of Crubinmore and Uvie, were probably related to the MacGregors who were millers at the Mill of Cluny. The MacKays were related to the MacDonalds in Balgowan and were also, probably, related to Alexander MacKay who was the waulkmiller at Cluny in 1745 and thereafter. It is clear, therefore, that the family of Macpherson of Cluny is merely one of a number of lineages possessing the right to bury in this graveyard.

In addition to the stones listed above, there is a number of crude flatstones in the cladh. None of these bears any discernible inscription, but almost certainly they mark the graves of earlier representatives of the same families. Amongst them may be the graves of the Chiefs in the original line of Cluny, which came to an end with the death of Duncan in 1722. At any rate, it can be assumed that Cladh Chluanaidh—like all the little country burial-grounds of the district—epitomises the community of Laggan as it was in the late

eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries.

(The above article from Creag Dhubh, vol. 3, no. 3 (1967), the annual of the Clan Macpherson Association, is republished by kind permission of the editor. It is of special interest in showing how something of the social and genealogical history of a rural locality can be developed from the tombstone inscriptions of a small grave-yard, read in conjunction with the old parochial records of births and marriages).

Where is the other side of the correspondence?—the letters of the toth Duke of Argyll to Herbert Campbell.

D.M.

AMOS.—Malcolm Amos, born circa 1789 in Scotland, Father of Joseph born October 31, 1811, Robert born 1815 and Margaret born 1816 or 1817. Family emigrated from Scotland to Prince Edward Island in 1819. Any Information concerning this family, particularly where they lived before emigrating, would be appreciated by M. Frederick Amos, 352 Blythewood Road, Burlington, Ontario, Canada.—M. Frederick Amos.

QUERY—There are at Inveraray seven typed volumes of Herbert Campbell's genealogical letters to the 10th Duke of Argyll.

REPORT OF COUNCIL, OCTOBER 1968

MEETINGS

The Society met eight times during the year 1967-68 and the Council met five times. The Lecturers were: "John MacNaughton & the Beggars' Benison" and "The Legend of Fiachra and the Red-haired Woman" by D. McNaughton, Esq., M.A., F.S.A.Scot.; "Symbols of Occupation on 18th century Tombstones" by J. F. Mitchell, Esq., C.I.E., and "Some Interesting Records from the Parish of Greenlaw, Berwickshire" by D. C. Cargill, Esq.; "Some Scots in Sweden" by D. Reid of Robertland; "Heraldry" by Mrs R. W. Munro; "The Scottish National Dictionary" by D. D. Murison, Esq., M.A., B.A.: "Family Origins in Cowal & Knapdale" by W. D. H. Sellar, Esq., M.A.; "The Siol Gorrie" by R. MacLagan Gorrie, Esq., D.Sc.; "The Important Influence of Ancestry on James 'Ossian' Macpherson (1736-96)" by James N. M. MacLean of Glensanda, Yr., B.Litt., Ph.D., F.R.Hist.S., F.S.A.Scot.

HON. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Hon. Treasurer reports that the Society has had a successful year. 46 new Members have been added to the Roll and we have also 21 new subscribers to the Journal.

There are now approximately 185 Members and 135 Subscribers to the Journal, apart from exchange arrangements with some 30 other Societies—largely in the United States of America. Inevitably we have had some losses through deaths and resignations but these are greatly outnumbered by the additions to the Mailing List.

SECRETARY OF STATE

During the year, an important descision of the Secretary of State for Scotland was the result of representations made by the Council concerning the destruction of the tombstones. many of them unrecorded, in three old burial grounds in Glasgow. The Secretary of State, in his letter of 24th January, 1968, replied: "In principle we agree that in future directions should provide for the acquiring authority making necessary transcripts and lodging them with the Registrar-General, who would welcome such records as an invaluable addition to the genealogial information available in his Office." The details of this case will be given at greater length in the Journal.

BURIAL GROUND INSCRIPTIONS

The Fourth List of burial ground inscriptions appeared in the Journal for November, 1967; since then there have been further contributions by Miss B. Fairweather, Messrs George Gilchrist and R. A. Shannon, D. C. Cargill,

R. W. Munro and Mr and Mrs J. F. Mitchell. An article entitled "Headstones in the Graveyard at Cluny" by Dr Alan G. Macpherson, which appeared in "Creag Dhubh 1967, the Annual of the Clan Macpherson Association," is indicative of the interest clansmen have in the subject. (A copy will appear in the Journal). Mr J. F. Mitchell and Mrs Sheila Mitchell have produced two volumes for the Society dealing with all known pre-1855 tombstone inscriptions in the Counties of Kinross* and Clackmannan* respectively, and have surveyed the inscriptions, in preparation for other volumes, in the Counties of Dunbarton, West Lothian and Renfrew; further information about these will appear later in the Journal.

The destruction, deterioration, defacement and concealment of tombstones by man and nature continues unabatedly. The Council will be glad to hear from anyone interested in recording monumental inscriptions and will be glad, so far as it is able, to offer information or advice on the subject.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS

The last review of the position regarding pre-1855 records of births, marriages and deaths, not in the custody of the Registrar-General, appeared in the Journal for October, 1967. Since then, no important developments have taken place. In the meantime, there is a slow stream of Church of Scotland records into the Scottish Record Office and a few of these have details of pre-1855 births, marriages and deaths.

LIBRARY

Some 36 volumes have been added to the Library during the year. The Library continues to be housed within the Scottish Central Library building and we are grateful for this privilege. Applications for books must still be made, however, direct to the Hon. Librarian. The Society now receives over 30 periodicals on an exchange basis, the most recent of these being "The Ontario Genealogical Society Bulletin." "Kansas Kin," the Wisconsin State Genealogical Society's "Newsletter" and the Californian Augustan Society's "The Augustan."

DICTIONARY OF SCOTTISH EMIGRANTS

Progress with the "Dictionary" has been satisfactory. Mr Mitchell now has 1,374 cards, comprising Asia 686, Europe 523, Africa 99 and Mexico and

^{*&}quot;Monumental Inscriptions in Kinross-shire"—8/6d. incl. postage.
"Monumental Inscriptions (pre 1855) in Clackmannanshire"—11/-6d. incl. postage; 9/- incl. postage to Members.

Central & South America (excluding the West Indies) 66; there were 35 additions during the year under "Asia," based mostly on information from tombstones regarding Scots in India. Mr McNaughton now has 852 cards for Australia and New Zealand and 846 for the West Indies.

The "Dictionary" editor, Mr Donald Whyte, has been revising the U.S.A. and Canadian sections, which now contain 4,350 and 2,500 cards respectively. At present the Council has under consideration a proposal for publication of these parts. For assistance with the Canadian section, Mr Whyte wishes to thank Mr A. A. MacNeil, Vancouver, B.C., Mr Earl Douglas, London, Ontario, and Mrs Nina G. Ross, Kamloops, B.C.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Lastly, the Council would like to take this opportunity of thanking the Lecturers. the Office-Bearers and the other Members who have contributed to the work of the Society, for their combined efforts to further the aims of the Society during the past year.

ADDITIONS TO PRINTED LISTS OF EDINBURGH MARRIAGES— SCOTTISH RECORD SOCIETY PUBLICATION

The three undernoted marriages have been found entered upside down on the back of a page in the baptismal register for 8th February. 1741 and they do not appear in the printed list of marriages. It is suggested that libraries and others holding the printed lists should make the necessary additions.

George Dallas, Writer and Margaret Sutherland, daughter to deceased Neil Sutherland, Shoemaker in Thurso, now in S.K. parish.

William Hay, Brewer in Orchardfield in West Kirk and Janet Craig, daughter to deceased Mr James Craig late one of the Ministers of this City in S.W. parish.

William Wood, Surgeon in N.E. parish and Helen Barclay, daughter to deceased Andrew Barclay, Writer in S.S.E. parish.

ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDING 30th SEPTEMBER, 1968

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advance.
The September issue of the Journal has not been paid for.
DAVID C. CARGILL, Hon. Treasurer.

QUERIES

ALLARDICE.—George Allardice, a naval cadet in the company of Colonel Brogg—the Scottish Brigade, born in Scotland about 1605, married 3.9.1641 Beatrice Lindsay of Scotland, widow of Michiel Duncombe at Rotterdam. He married 24.4.1650 at Swyndrecht Elisabeth Morton, young daughter of Scotland.

George had three brothers in Holland, named John, Robert and Peter.

Information required as to the birthplace and date of George Allardice, his parents and from his wife Elizabeth Morton. — Ivan Roosenvaal, Caderstraat 97 Alplenaan den Ryn.

- I.AWRIE.—Robert Black. Born in 1792, married Janet Thomson on 22nd September 1821 at St. John's Church, Edinburgh, and was a Shopkeeper at 267 Canongate, Edinburgh: emigrated to U.S.A. in 1822 and died at Apalatachicola, Florida, on 3rd July 1838. Information as to R. B. Lawrie's ancestors desired by George W. Cable, 2873 Foothill Drive, Vista, California 92083.
- McGREGOR—Patrick (Peter) McGregor was born in Ireland in 1768/1769. He became a general schoolteacher and married Mary Moore. They had four children all born in Ireland:—
 - 1. Mary McGregor (1808/12—1889) (Married 1st David Young in Ireland. 2nd Thomas Cuthbert at Mains Parish Church, Dundee, 1840. 3rd Patrick (Peter) McQuade at Mains Parish Church, 1853).
 - 2. Francis McGregor (1815-1890) (Married Catherine Scrimgeour at Mains Parish Church, 1840).
 - 3. Ann McGregor (1815/16—1896) (Married John (o') Rourke at Mains Parish Church, 1850).
 - 4. Patrick McGregor (1819-1900) Married 1st Catherine McAnally (McInally) at Mains Parish Church, 1840. 2nd Ramsay Mitchell Gibson nee Stewart in Dundee, 1874).

The family moved back to Scotland (Mains, Dundee) about 1835 where they went into the Jute and Linen Yarn industry. I would be most grateful to receive any information about this family including places of birth and residence in Ireland, and descendants. Any information about any McGregors in Ireland during the period 1780-1835 would also be most gratefully received.—Mr A. W. McGregor, I Balmoral Close, Billericay, Essex.

THE HOUSTOUNS OF HOUSTOUN

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I.—HUGO de PAD'INAN, ancestor of the Houstouns of Houstoun, was granted a charter of the barony of Kilpeter, in Strathgryfe, by Baldwin de Bigre,¹ towards the end of the reign of Malcolm IV. (1153-65), or very early in the reign of William the Lion (1165-1214). With Baldwin, Robert de Croc and others, he witnessed a charter to the Abbey of Paisley, by Walter, son of Alan, Steward to the King of Scots, of various lands and churches—including those of Strathgryfe (excepting Inchinnan)—between 1165 and 1173.² About 1177 he witnessed a charter by Walter the Steward, to Henrico de Sancto Martino.³ He was not, as stated by George Crawfurd⁴ and his continuators, a witness to the foundation charter of the Abbey of Paisley. Hugo witnessed a confirmation of the rights of the Abbey of Melrose, granted by Joceline, Bishop of Glasgow, about 1180.⁵ He had evidently held lands in Peebleshire, as in the deed by which Philip de Verner conveyed to the monks of Newbattle, the lands of Rumanoch, these are described as "that land which Hugo de Paduyan and his son Reinaldus, held of me and my father.6"

II.—REGINALD, son of Hugh, was knighted, and he had from Robert, son of Walden, son of Baldwin of Biggar, a charter ratifying the grant of the lands of Kilpeter.⁷

III.—HUGH, son of Reginald, received from Walter the Steward, as overlord of Strathgryfe, a charter confirming to him the lands of Kilpeter, afterwards known as villa Hugonis or Huwestoun. He witnessed, 1208-1214, a charter to the Abbey of Paisley, of the lands of Hyllington, and about the same time a charter to the same abbey, of the lands of Dalmulin, with the fishings between Ayr and Irvine. The latter was witnessed also by Malcolm, Earl of Lennox. Hugh was moreover, a witness to a charter of the lands of Drumgrane, Drumley and Petihauchingowan, and to the surrender of the Kirk of Neilston. In 1225 he had a dispute with the monks of Paisley regarding his lands of Auchinhoss, which they claimed belonged to the church of Killellan, and he finally agreed to pay the lordly ecclesiastics half a merk annually towards keeping the tomb of St. Mirin illuminated with wax candles. 12

IV.—ALEXANDER, son of Hugh, was present at the inquest by Papal delegates in 1233, on the lands of Monachkinaron, near Kilpatrick.¹³ He was probably the founder of the church of Houstoun.

V.—de HOUSTOUN.

VI.—FINLAY de HOUSTOUN, knight, signed the bond of submission to King Edward I. of England, at Berwick-on-Tweed. 28th August, 1298. His seal shows a bold fess chequy, with three (indecipherable) charges in chief. 14

Sir Finlay witnessed a charter by James, Steward of Scotland (succeeded 1283), to Stephen, son of Nicolas (ancestor of the Halls of Fullbar), of lands near the town of Paisley. About 1300 he witnessed a charter by Malcolm, Earl of Lennox, to Sir John de Luss, of the homage of the lands of Banwrith, with the isles of Innesconogaig and Ellenclew. Sir Finlay witnessed moreover, a charter by Walter, Steward of Scotland (succeeded 1309), to Gilbert, son of the deceased Uchtred Knox, of the whole of Sewingland, in the barony of Renfrew.

VII.—de HOUSTOUN.

VIII.—ROBERT de HOUSTOUN witnessed a letter of bailery by Robert, Steward of Scotland, to Alan de Lauder, dated 16th October, 1369.18

IX.—JOHN de HOUSTOUN, knight, who succeeded, married Mary Colquhoun, possibly a daughter of Sir Robert de Colquhoun, who married before 1368, the heiress of Luss. Sir John died in 1400 and his lady in 1405. They were interred in the old church of Houstoun, where memorial portraits within a large frame of wood, graced the south wall of the aisle. Sir John was shown in full armour, and in Old English characters the following inscription was cut above the portrait: 19

"Hic jacet Dominus Joannes Houstoun de eodem, miles, qui obiit anno Dom. M".CCCC"."

On the left hand, above the portrait of his spouse, appeared this inscription, again in Old English letters:

"Hic jacet Domina Maria Colquhoun, sponsa quondam dicti Domini Joannis, qua obiit septimo die mensis Octobris, an. Dom. M°CCCC° quinto."

The historian, John Pinkerton, in his Scottish Gallery, published at Edinburgh in 1799, quotes the inscriptions in his introductory remarks on the rise and progress of painting in Scotland, and says: "Thus it appears that in the commencement of the fifteenth century, A.D. 1400, 1405, painting was so prevalent in Scotland as to be employed in funeral monuments, not only of great peers, but even knights of no great eminence nor fame." Unfortunately, by the end of the 18th Century, the paintings in the church of Houstoun were so decayed that Pinkerton was unable to obtain drawings for his book.

X.—JOHN de HOUSTOUN, knight, the next on record, witnessed in 1405, an indenture between Sir Duncan, Earl of Lennox, on the one part, and Sir Robert de Maxwell de Pollok and Sir William de Cunningham de Kilmawris on the other.²⁰ In 1406 he witnessed a charter of confirmation by Robert,

Duke of Albany, of the lands and barony of Uchiltrie.21 Sir John married—Livingston, and died probably about 1425, leaving issue:—

- 1. Sir Patrick, his heir.
- 2. John.
- 3. Robert, who recovered from Andrew Crechtoun, in 1466, the lands of Little Blackburn. Possibly he was tutor during the minority of John. XIIth of Houstoun.
- 4. Ann, who married George, second son of Alexander, 1st Lord Montgomery, and had issue.²²

XI.—PATRICK HOUSTOUN, knight, styled "Lord of that Ilk," was on an assize at Edinburgh, 3rd January, 1429/30.23 On 15th May, 1438, he witnessed an indenture made at Houstoun between Alexander Montgomery, Lord of Ardrossan, and Alan Stewart, Lord of Dernley, for the marriage of John Stewart and Margaret Montgomery.24 Sir Patrick married Agnes, daughter of Colin Campbell of Ardkinluss.25 They were interred in the church of Houstoun, beneath a canopy of freestone, with lifesize effigies; the knight in a coat of mail, and both with hands raised as in the act of prayer. This fine monument, which is preserved in an aisle adjoining the present church of Houstoun, bore an inscription which is not now legible, but read, according to George Crawfurd:26

Here lies Patrick Houstoun, Lord of that Ilk, and Annes Campbell his spouse, who died 1456.

"In all probability," says a historian of Renfrewshire, "they fell victims to the plague, which in the year of their death was extremely virulent in all parts of the country.²⁷"

They left issue:—

- r. John, of Houstoun.
- 2. Patrick, alive in 1469.
- 3. Hugh, alive in 1472.
- 4. George, in Park of Houstoun.
- 5. Isobel, who married Malcolm, son of David Fleming of Bord. They had a charter of the lands of Boghall and Haddockstane, in Renfrewshire, 15th June, 1452.28
- 6. Janet, who married Sir William Montgomery of Giffen, in Kyle-Stewart, and had issue. She was a widow in 1471.29
- 7. Margaret, who married (as his second wife) Robert Crawford of Auchinames, Renfrewshire, with issue.

XII.—JOHN HOUSTOUN of HOUSTOUN had charters under the Great Seal, of the barony of Houstoun, in Renfrewshire, and of half of the lands of Lany (now Lennie), in Cramond parish, Mid Lothian, resigned personally, dated 12th November, 1468.³¹ On 10th October, 1473, he witnessed a letter by King James III., charging the tenants of Lennox to obey John, Earl of Lennox.³² He married before 1471 Lady Elizabeth Sinclair, daughter of William, 3rd Earl of Orkney,³³ by his second wife, Marjory Sutherland. Lady Elizabeth was the widow of Andrew, Master of Rothes, and the mother of George, 2nd Earl of Rothes. John Houstoun died before 6th June, 1491, having had a large family:—

- 1. Archibald,34 who appears to have died shortly before his father.
- 2. Peter, who succeeded his father.
- John, who married Margaret, daughter of Thomas Semple, sheriff of Lanark, by his wife Elizabeth Ross.³⁵ Margaret married secondly, Robert Crawford of Kilbirnie.
- 4. Robert, witness to a charter to William Cunningham of Craigends, 19th February, 1483/4.30
- 5. James, styled "Magistro" in the records. His seal, with the legend "S. M. jacobus houston," bears a fess chequy between three martlets, the two in chief respecting, a cinquefoil in middle chief. He was probably the father of James Houstoun, sub-dean of Glasgow, and founder there in 1525 of the collegiate church. The heraldic evidence seems conclusive as his seal shows a shield bearing arms: a chevron chequy between three martlets, the two in chief respecting, a cinquefoil in middle chief. His armorial bearings, with those of King James V. and Archbishop Gavin Dunbar, appeared over the gatehouse of Glasgow Castle. He was named as an executor in the will of Hugh, 2nd Earl of Elgintoun, in 1546, and he died about 1551. In 1598, Sir Patrick Houstoun, XVIth of that Ilk, claimed several endowments made by James to the Burgh of Glasgow, on the grounds that these had been diverted from the purposes of the foundation, but was unsuccessful.
- 6. Isobel, who married Hew Montgomerie of Thorntoun, in Kilmaurs parish, Ayrshire, who died before 1479, leaving issue.
- 7. Marion, who married William Fleming of Barrochan, Renfrewshire, who was killed at Flodden in 1513. They had a charter of the £20 lands of old extent of Barrochan, and others in Renfrewshire, 15th February, 1506/7.42

- 8. Agnes, who married (as his second wife) before 6th June, 1491, James, 3rd Lord Livingston. They had a charter of Slammananmure and other lands in Stirlingshire, 30th January, 1499/1500.⁴³ Lord Livingston died about 1503, and appears to have left issue by Agnes, as in 1512, Robert Callender, who had married Elizabeth, daughter of Lord Livingston by his first wife, Lady Elizabeth Fleming, had a gift of the marriage of their heir male.⁴⁴
- 9. Elizabeth, who married Cuthbert Montgomery of Skelmorly, near Largs, and had issue. He was slain at Flodden.
- , 10. Margaret, who married (as his third wife) Robert, 2nd Lord Lyle, with issue; secondly, before 6th February, 1500/1501, Lord Lyle's uncle, Andrew, 2nd Lord Gray, without issue. 55

XIII.—PETER HOUSTOUN of HOUSTOUN witnessed a charter to Robert, Lord Lyle, of the place and manor of Newark, in Renfrewshire, 16th May, 1494." Styled "of that Ilk" he witnessed on 30th January, 1496/7, a bond of reversion by Robert, Lord Lyle, to Matthew, Earl of Lennox, relating to the town and lands of Inchinnan. In 1502, styled "Schir Petyr Hustoun of that Ilk," he witnessed an indenture between John Stirling of Craigbernard and Alexander Crawford of Kylwynat.48 On 21st November, 1505, he signed a charter of tail to John Railton and his sisters, of five merklands of Easter Whitburn, and Crostmalloch, part of the same, in West Lothian.49 He was present at the admission of Patrick Colquhoun to the clerkship of Erskine parish, 30th January, 1507/8.50 In 1511, he witnessed a sasine to Matthew, Earl of Lennox, in the Earldom of Lennox,⁵¹ and during the same year witnessed a charter to Alexander, son and heir of Herbert Stewart of Galston, of the twenty merk land of Galston. He also witnessed in 1511 his charter of lands in Wester Whitburn, to John Fischare and Isobel Windyzettis his spouse.53 Sir Peter married before 1495, Mariot, daughter of Robert, 2nd Lord Lyle, by his second wife, Lady Elizabeth Douglas. According to Crawfurd 15 and others he married Helen, daughter of Sir James Schaw of Sauchie. Probably she was his second wife and had been previously married. Sir Peter was slain at Flodden, 9th September, 1513, fighting along with the men of Lennox on the right wing of the Scottish army.

His children were:—

- 1. Patrick, his heir.
- 2. John.
- 3. Alexander, of South-Bar, witness to a charter by John Semple of Carmicheal, confirmed under the Great Seal, 16th July, 1526.56
- 4. William.

- 5. George, progenitor of the Houstouns of Park of Erskine, near Bishoptoun. He was on an assize at Edinburgh, 5th October, 1532.⁶⁷ George married Janet, daughter and heiress of Robert Cunningham of Auchinharvie, Stevenson, Ayrshire, by his wife Christian, daughter and coheiress of William Park of Park.⁵⁸
- 6. Margaret, who married William Stirling of Glorat, who had a grant of the Park of Inchinnan, near North-Bar, by his "beloved kinsman," John, Earl of Lennox, in 1522. Margaret had a feu-farm charter of Arnbeg, in the Lordship of Menteith, Perthshire, 21st April, 1536. They left issue.
- 7. Elizabeth, who married Hugh Montgomery of Hessilhead, Beith, Ayrshire, and had issue.
- 8. Marion, who married John Smollet, burgess of Dumbarton, and had issue. They had a feu-farm charter of the lands of Kirktoun of Cardross, in Dumbartonshire, dated 21st August, 1528. 22

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