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SOME ENTRIES RELATING TO SCOTTISH MILITIA REGIMENTS IN THE SOUTH OF IRELAND DURING THE NAPOLEONIC WARS

Collected by ROSEMARY FFOLLIOTT

In the general movement of militia regiments that took place in the British Isles during the Napoleonic Wars, several Scottish regiments were sent to Ireland and some of these penetrated as far south-west as counties Cork and Limerick. Here the most numerous records are of the Caithness Fencibles, but there are also mentions of the Elgin Fencibles, the Perthshire Fencibles and the Berwickshire Horse. From the registers it appears that the Scotsmen were in counties Cork and Limerick between December 1796 and summer 1800.

The following collection of entries referring to these regiments has been extracted from registers of the Church of Ireland (Episcopal). Doubtless other references to these regiments are contained in the Catholic registers, but these have a deplorable habit of not specifying when a man was a soldier, still less his actual regiment. So far as is known there exists only one Presbyterian register covering this period in the two counties: this is the register of Prince's Street Congregation in Cork city.

Ballyhea parish (Charleville), Co. Cork

- 1796 December 16—buried William Shirdon Sherrard, a soldier Caithness Legion
- 1797 February 8—buried William Harrison of Caithness Legion
- 1798 (*torn*) . . . 9—baptised privately Belinda dau. of Humphry Minchin, Quarter-master of Midlothian Fencibles
- 1798 October 14—buried Elinor, dau. of Hugh McClaron, Elgin Fencibles
- 1798 November 29—buried James, son of James Kenny, Elgin Fencibles
- 1798 December 12—buried Christian, dau. of William McCloud; Elgin Fencibles.
- 1799 March 26—married William Brumble of Elgin Fencibles and Mary Riordan
- 1799 April 14—baptised William, son of William Brinfield, Elgin Fencibles
- 1799 June 14—baptised privately Elizabeth, dau. of James Bouchier of Elgin Fencibles

St Nicholas's parish, Cork city

Baptisms.

- 1797 July 12—William, son of John McDonnell and Phebe Burk, Elgin Fencibles, living in Maypole Road
- 1797 October 6—George, son of John and Margaret Jobson, Rothsay Fencibles
- 1798 December 2—Jane, dau. of Peter and Mary Rone, Berwickshire
- 1799 April 14—Daniel, son of John and Mary McKenzy, Caithness Legion
- 1799 August 18—Elizabeth, daughter of Benjamin and Issabella (*sic*) Patrick, Berwicks

Note: Neither the marriages nor burials in this parish were examined.

Cloyne Cathedral, Co. Cork

Baptisms.

- 1798 August 5—Hellen, dau. of John and Jannet Smeaton, serjeant in Rothsay and Caithness Regiment
1798 August 12—Henry, son of Thomas and Mary Noat, private in the Rothsay and Caithness Fencibles.
1798 August 19—James, son of William and Jane Patrick, corporal in the Rothsay and Caithness Fencibles
1798 October 7—William, son of Alexander Harper and Isabella his wife, private in the Rothsay and Caithness Fencibles
1799 January 13—Leanard, son of John Trowton, private in Rothsay and Caithness Fencibles.
1800 February 23—John, son of Hugh Morrison and Jennet his wife of Rothsay and Caithness Fencibles
1800 March 9—Catherine, dau. of Duncan Forbes and Jennet of the Rothsay and Caithness Fencibles
1800 March 9—Catharine, dau. of Thomas and Jennet Ross of the Rothsay and Caithness Fencibles

Marriages.

- 1798 September 6—Stewart Wilkey, private soldier in the Rothsay and Caithness Fencibles to Catherine Hallaran
Witnesses: Isaac Collins, George Deacrs
1798 September 12—Adam Nicholson, private soldier in the Rothsay and Caithness Fencibles, to Mary Meade, by licence
Witnesses: Isaac Collins, George Deacrs
1799 June 15—George McKinzie, soldier in the Rothsay and Caithness Fencibles Regt. and Margaret Manning, by licence
Witnesses: Robert Lindsay, George Deacrs
1800 May 29—Robert Tiller, soldier in the Caithness Highlanders Regiment and Ellen Mahoney, by licence
Witnesses: Robert Lindsay, George Deacrs

Ballymodan (south parish of Bandon), Co. Cork

Baptisms.

- 1798 December 10—Robert Allott of William Irwine, Berwick Fencibles
1799 September 22—Mary of Hugh Mackenzy, soldier, Caithness Legion
1799 November 10—John of Charles Sinclair, soldier, Caithness Legion
1799 November 10—Anne of John Love, soldier, Caithness Legion
1799 November 24—Jane of William Caldron, Caithness Legion
1799 December 6—Dongal of George Swan, Berwick Fencible Horse
1799 December 7—Elizabeth of Thomas Blyth, Caithness
1799 December 8—William of Samuel Judge, Caithness
1800 January 21—John of James Duck, Caithness
1800 February 1—Elinor and Barbara, twins of John Sinclair, Caithness

- 1800 March 4—Mary of Thomas McCoy, Caithness
 1800 March 13—Henry of Andrew Grant, Caithness Legion
 1800 April 19—Philladelphia Jane, dau. of Lieut. Colonel Monro, Caithness Legion, one month old.

Marriages.

- 1799 July 16—John Warren, soldier, Caithness Legion, to Mary Riordan
 1799 July 21—Andrew Flockhert, soldier, Caithness Legion, to Catherine Brien
 1799 September 8—Alexander Smart, soldier, Caithness Legion, to Catherine Neagle
 1799 September 8—Matt Reily, soldier, Caithness Legion, to Catherine Mahony
 1799 September 22—Thomas James, soldier, Caithness Legion, to Margaret Splane
 1799 October 29—Thomas Corkoran, Berwick Fencible Horse, to Mary Milworth

Burial.

- 1800 January 17—Catherine of Samuel Sudge, Caithness

Kilbrogan (north parish of Bandon), Co. Cork

Baptisms.

- 1799 August 18—James son of Donald and Alice Sutherland, private in the Caithness Legion
 1799 September 15—Isabella, dau. of David and Mary Smith, Captain in the Caithness Legion
 1799 October 27—James, son of George Bean of the Caithness Fencibles and Margaret his wife
 1799 December 22—Randall, son of John Bruce, private in the Caithness Legion and Johanna his wife

Marriages.

- 1799 September 15—John Gibbons, private in Caithness Legion, to Mary Hurly, by banns
 1799 December 22—James Thurrel, private in the Caithness Legion of Fencibles, to Ann Shorton of this parish, by banns
 1800 February 19—Richard Simpson, drummer in the Caithness Legion, to Mary Jervois, by banns

Burials.

- 1799 July 15—William Taylor, private in the Caithness Regiment of Fencible Infantry
 1799 July 20—Thomas McDowdal, private in the Berwickshire Fencible Cavalry
 1799 October 23—Thomas Wilson, private in the Caithness Fencible Infantry
 1799 December 28—John McKinsey, private, Caithness Legion
 1799 December 28—Joshua Eagleton, private, Caithness Legion

Ross Cathedral, Co. Cork

Baptisms.

- 1798 September 16—Susanna, dau. of George and Mary Farrel (soldier's child),
Caithness Legion
1798 September 16—George Turrel, soldier of the Caithness Legion
1799 June 14—Elizabeth, dau. of John and Honor Lithen of the Caithness
Legion
1799 June 24—Louisa, dau. of Joseph Yardley, Captain in the Caithness Legion.

Marriages.

- 1798 October 21—William Taylor, soldier, Caithness Legion, to Mary Shaw of
Ross
1798 December 24—Alexander Magrath, soldier, Caithness Legion, to Johanna
Martin of Ross, by Banns
1799 June 30—David Bruce, soldier, Caithness Legion, to Margret Salmis of
Ross, by banns

Christchurch or Holy Trinity, Cork city

Marriages

- 1797 June 20—William Banfield, soldier in the Elgin Fencibles, to Mary Alment,
by banns
1798 June 10—John Davidson, soldier in the Caithness Legion, to Esther Gray
by licence
1798 February 16—William Martin of the Elgin Fencibles to Honora Murphy,
by banns
1798 May 19—James Tutton, Lieutenant, Elgin Fencibles, to Grace Molloway,
by licence
1798 August 27—Alexander Reid, soldier in the Rothsay Fencibles, to Ellen
Maguire, by banns
1799 April 22—Mathew Hutchinson, farrier, Berwick Fencibles, to Ann Satter-
ford, by licence

Killeagh parish, Co. Cork

Baptisms.

- 1799 April 10—Andrew, son of George and Elizabeth McCreath, Rothsay and
Caithness Fencibles
1799 April 16—David, son of William and Ellen Grey, Rothsay and Caithness
Fencibles.
1799 July 9—Eleanor Mary, dau. of George and Margaret Atkinson, Rothsay
and Caithness Fencibles
1799 July 14—Donald and Alexander, twin sons of James and Christian Frazer,
Rothsay and Caithness Fencibles

Marriages.

- 1799 May 16—William Dann, Private in Rothsay and Caithness Fencibles, quartered in Midleton, to Eleonora Galloway
1799 June 16—Samuel Lee, Private of Rothsay and Caithness Fencibles, quartered in Castlemartyr, to Mary Brown

Clonmel (Cove, or Queenstown), Co. Cork

- 1798 October 16—baptised John, son of Charles and Jane Kitt, of the Rothsay and Caithness Fencibles

Youghal, Co. Cork

Baptisms.

- 1800 March 9—Elizabeth of George McKenzie, soldier of Caithness fencibles
1800 March 16—James of Daniel McDaniel, soldier of Caithness fencibles
1800 March 23—James of Ben Parker, soldier of Caithness fencibles
1800 May 7—Grace of John Tape, soldier of Caithness fencibles
1800 June 1—Alexander of Robert McDonel, Caithness Highlanders

Burials.

- 1800 February 27—John of John Tate, soldier of Caithness fencibles
1800 February 27—Christina of William Lowry, soldier of Caithness fencibles
1800 March 15—William of George Stephens, soldier of Caithness fencibles
1800 March 21—William Ross, soldier of Caithness fencibles
1800 April 2—Anne of John Owens, soldier of Caithness fencibles
1800 April 4—Ellenor of John Jack, soldier of Caithness fencibles
1800 April 5—John of David Manson, soldier of Caithness fencibles
1800 April 9—Anne of William Lowry, soldier of Caithness Highlanders
1800 May 3—Augustus of Hector McDonald, soldier of Caithness Highlanders
1800 June 24—John McDonnel, private, Caithness Highlanders

Note: The marriage register was not examined.

St Munchin's parish, Limerick city

Note: there is no baptismal register at this period, only a combined register of marriages and burials.

- 1799 September 3—married Robert Locket, soldier in the Elgant Fencibles to Mary Haring
1799 October 4—married Ralph Anderson, soldier in the Elgant Fencibles to Mary Hall
1799 October 10—married Corporal Adam Beverage of the Elgant Fencibles to Catherine Nugent, by licence
1799 December 23—buried Andrew Younger of the Scotch Fencibles
1800 January 9—buried a child of Thomas Kennedy, soldier in the Elgin Fencibles
1800 January 12—married George Eddie, soldier in the Elgin Fencibles, to Mary O'Brien of this Parish spinster, by banns

Rathkeale parish, Co. Limerick

Baptisms.

- 1798 October 9—Mary, dau. of William Pickford, corporal in the Perthshire Fencible Regt and Alice his wife
1798 October 11—Robert, son of Robert Bellany private in the Perthshire Fencibles and Bridget his wife
1798 November 25—Charles, son of Captain Charles Robertson, Perthshire Fencibles and Jane his wife
1798 December 9—Duncan, son of Captain Robert Robertson of the Perthshier (sic) Fencibles and Eliza his wife

Marriages.

- 1798 October 2—Thomas Smith, Corporal in the Perthshire Fencibles to Mary Staunton of Limerick
1798 October 14—Thomas Henson, Private in the Perthshire Fencibles, to Mary Costello of this parish
1798 October 28—William Smyth, private in the Perthshire Fencibles, to Anne Shouldice of this parish
1798 November 4—George Hugget, private in the Perthshire Fencibles to Honora Leonard of this parish
1798 November 18—William French, private in the Perthshire Fencibles, to Mary Sheghan of this Parish
1798 November 18—Thomas Lewis, private in the Perthshire Fencibles, to Mary McOwen of this Parish
1798 November 29—Joseph Scott, corporal in the Perthshire Fencibles, to Elizabeth Parkhouse
1798 November 29—Robert Carter, private in the Perthshire Fencibles, to Mary Madden, of this Parish

Burials.

- (no date—between Aug and Oct) 1798 Perthshire Fencibles, Rives, Aldridge and Haynes
1798 October 8—William Reeves, Private in the Perthshire Fencible Regiment
1799 January 2—Gregory Neekin, soldier of Perth Fencible Regimt
1799 January 17—Anthony Haywood of Perth: Fencible regimt

St Mary's Cathedral, Limerick city

- 1800 January 16—married Robert Fowles, Ensign in the Elgin Fencibles, to Elizabeth Watson, by licence

HISTORICAL NOTE

About the year 1790 Tormond Don'alich was born in Tolsta Chaolais on the west side of Lewis by Loch Roag. He was the son of a MacDonell of Keppoch whose name is at present unknown. How he came to be in Tolsta Chaolais is a

matter of conjecture. The probabilities are that Tormond's Grandfather had settled there.

About the 26th April 1746 the survivors of the MacDonells of Keppoch had returned from Culloden Moor with Prince Charles Edward. Some who had been wounded in the battle had not arrived, and Angus the 17th Chief was absent. Within a few days it was decided that the Prince should leave for the Isles, which he did. Some members of the Clan Keppoch, probably 4 or 5, accompanied him. Others dispersed later, some no doubt going to the Isles, and whether Tormond's Grandfather was one of these or of the party which set out with Prince Charles is at present unknown. He may have settled in Tolsta because there were MacDonalds living in Great Bernera, and indeed it seemed not unlikely that he took a wife or his son found a wife from that Clan, because the name Tormond is not uncommon amongst them.

About 1809 Tormond and his two younger brothers were rowing a boat across Loch Roag from Tolsta Chaolais to Great Bernera. They were intercepted by a ship of the Royal Navy and Tormond being the biggest and strongest of the three brothers was impressed into the service. He did not speak English but is reputed to have written Latin and possibly some Greek. He served at sea in the Royal Navy for 7 years before being landed again in the United Kingdom at Sheerness in the Isle of Sheppey in Kent. He had only his savings from his pay, but he had made the best of his fate and become a Ships' Carpenter during his service. He opened a Cooper's business at Sheerness and it prospered. By 1818 he had married his first wife Sarah Savory and a daughter had been born on the 5th February. His first wife did not survive long, but by the 8th April 1826 his eldest son John was born of his second wife, Elizabeth Knight. His name is variously spelt in the registers as McDonald, MacDonald, Macdonald and even as Mackdonald. His christian name is spelt sometimes as Norman, but more properly as Normand. The Gaelic speaking islander and the English Clerk seem to have had no very firm views on the translation of a Gaelic name. It is noticeable that Tormond was a dissenter.

When he had established himself he made the long journey back to Lewis, but it is uncertain whether he went any further than Stornoway on that occasion. He made enquiries and ascertained that he had been given up for dead. His father had already died and the estate had been divided amongst his younger brothers. Rather than disturb the situation he returned to England without making himself known. In his old age he repented of this decision and went again to Lewis, and on this occasion to his old home in Tolsta Chaolais. He sojourned there some time and every female relative knitted him a pair of socks so that he had a sufficient supply to last him the rest of his life. This story of the socks was still known in Uig as late as 1943.

John MacDonald had a son, John Normand MacDonald, who died in 1910. No doubt through the connection established by the Coopers' business the family had entered the Royal Dockyards. John Normand was an Analytical Chemist. Of his sons, two entered the Royal Navy Engineering College at Keyham.

The elder William Gordon was the senior Engineer Officer on board H.M.S. Vanguard when she was blown up at Scapa Flow in 1917. He was childless and his successor as head of the branch was George John MacDonald, F.I.E.E. (died

1968) whose only son George Alan MacDonald was born in 1909 and prepared this note.

There are no MacDonald's now residing in Tolsta Chaoilais who have been there for any length of time.

GEORGE MACDONALD.

RECORDING OF PRE-1855 TOMBSTONE INSCRIPTIONS

The following is a copy of a leaflet which has been circulated, with the approval of the Council, to various local history and amenity societies in Scotland:—

Members of the Scottish Genealogy Society and other interested individuals have for some years been making records of inscriptions on old tombstones and would invite others similarly interested to extend such surveys to their own localities. So far, surveys have been completed for the counties of Berwick, Clackmannan, Dunbarton, Fife, Kinross, Renfrew and Stirling, and much has been accomplished in Dumfriesshire by Messrs George Gilchrist, R. A. Shannon and C. H. Moore. In Angus and elsewhere also, some progress has been made and volunteers are therefore advised to consult either of the undersigned with a view to making sure that no duplication would be involved in what they propose to undertake.

The general object is to record every inscription which mentions a death before 1st January 1855, from which date the compulsory registration of all deaths, etc., came into force; any adjoining stones which obviously give further information about the same family should be included.

Some suggestions—to be adopted or not at the discretion of the recorder—are offered below regarding details.

Copy only the "essential" matter in an inscription, i.e., all names of persons and places, ages, dates of events, relationships, occupations, ranks, titles and addresses; use suitable abbreviations; indicate where there are gaps in the inscription through breakage, erosion or otherwise.

Remove moss or incrustation with a wire brush or by scraping with a piece of wood or slate; after reading any buried inscriptions replace carefully all earth removed at foot of headstones, or turf on partially covered flat stones; for partly eroded inscriptions rub over with a bundle of wet grass or moisten with water. Extreme care is required with sandstone liable to flake.

Give notice to the controlling authority (County Council, Town Council, District Committee, or Superintendent of Parks and Cemeteries, or others) of intention to record. It is suggested that it should be indicated that this type of work has been going on in many parts of the country for some years now. Inquire about location and disposal of keys of locked grounds.

Consider how to make it easier for visitors to the ground to locate any particular inscription; for small grounds no such help may be necessary; in other

cases adopt any of the following—indicate the general route round the ground; divide into sections; mark certain inscriptions as FS (flat stone), TS (table stone), ob (obelisk), on wall, etc.; make a sketch plan and go from row to row, west to east.

Consult local histories for relevant information; if a Report of the Royal Commission on Ancient and Historical Monuments for the area has been published it may be useful; all information so found, if not identified on the ground, should be recorded after the other inscriptions, with references.

Don't forget that with headstones the inscriptions are generally on the east side, a few are on the west side or both sides and these are very easily overlooked. A "4" can look very like a "1", all but the down stroke of the "4" being eroded; distinction between "3" and "5" and between "2" and "9" is sometimes difficult; put a doubtful figure or letter in brackets, e.g. "18(3)7", where the "3" is doubtful.

Volunteers for this work will be invited to place their completed lists in the hands of the Scottish Genealogy Society with a view to eventual incorporation in County Lists and possibly publication, but no doubt local libraries would be glad to have an opportunity to have copies of lists before they are sent in.

Either of the undersigned will be glad to reply to any inquiry which may arise.

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THE IDENTIFICATION AND LIFE OF THOMAS WILSON, COALMINER

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All of the following records are taken from the parish vital records of Newton, Midlothian. These parish records are considerably more informative than many other parishes of the 1700's in supplying names of witnesses, relationships, occupations and localities. The burial records from 1730-1771 incl., are excellent in this respect and sometimes give other interesting items such as the burial on 11th January 1749 of "Margt Mor a child who was nursing with James Brown's wife in Edmiston".

For a long time it was assumed that Thomas, son of Thomas and Margaret (Brown) Wilson, who was born 30th April 1766 at Cauldcoats, a coalmining community in Newton parish, was the correct ancestor. This was because the researcher at the Registrar General's Office in Edinburgh, who is human like the rest of us, had failed to note any other Thomas Wilson born around this period of time in Newton parish, when the search was originally requested. It was also believed that Newton parish was a good likely prospect of being the birthplace of the ancestor, as will be shown. Also the writer had searched other nearby

parishes without success; at least, it was felt that the above Thomas Wilson who was born in Newton parish, was the most likely prospect. This was because the known ancestor, Thomas Wilson, was buried in Newton parish, 5th December 1847, aged 82, and the above Thomas, son of Thomas and Margaret, would be 81 years and 7 months, and could easily be considered to be 82. Also Thomas, the known ancestor, was a coalminer, as was also the above suspected father, Thomas Wilson, and it was the general custom at this time for the son to follow the coal-mining occupation of his father.

The known ancestor, Thomas Wilson, was married to an Elizabeth Wilson, a distant cousin, and of their 8 known children there was only one male child and he was named William. Neither the above Thomas' father or Elizabeth Wilson's father was named William, so it was thought that the Scottish custom of naming the first male after the paternal grandfather was not followed here. Nor of the 7 daughters was there one named after Margaret Brown, the suspected mother of Thomas. This naturally puzzled the writer and encouraged the writer to search other nearby parishes for a Thomas Wilson, especially one whose father was a William. However, no success was encountered in this.

Then when the writer's searches took him to the Mormon Library in Salt Lake, the microfilm records, which are photographic copies of the original vital records in Edinburgh, revealed what is undoubtedly the correct ancestor and which the Registrar General's Office in Edinburgh, had previously failed to note. Here was a Thomas Wilson, born on 11th October 1765 in Newton parish, the son of William and Janet (Reid) Wilson. Figuring the age at 82 at the death of the known ancestor on 5th December 1847, this would be 82 years, one month, for this Thomas, compared with 81 years, 7 months, for the other Thomas. However, both are close enough to qualify in the matter of age alone. With the father's name being William, this fitted in with the first male child of Thomas being named William. The second female child of Thomas and Elizabeth Wilson was Janet, which also fits in with the Scottish system of naming their children, if the proposed parents are William and Janet (Reid) Wilson.

William Wilson and Janet Reid had their marriage proclaimed in Newton parish on 27th July 1764. Witnesses were James Shien (believed to be William's stepfather), and Thomas Reid (believed to be a brother of Janet). Their children were all born and baptized in Newton parish.

1. *Thomas*, subject of this paper, was born 11th October, bapt. 18th October 1765, residence Squaretown. Witnesses were James Shien and Richard Smith, the latter probably having a distant relationship to the mother, Janet.

2. Mary was born 30th October, bapt. 6th November 1767, residence Woolmet. Witnesses were Thomas Reid and John Reid, both believed to be brothers of Janet. She is believed to be the one who married irregularly James Pride at Newton parish on 22nd October 1788.

3. David was born 3rd March, bapt. 11th March 1770, residence Woolmet. Witnesses were Joseph Clark and William Wilson. Nothing further is known of David. He may have died in infancy as burial records are missing in Newton parish from 1772-1790. It is believed that the two witnesses to the baptism were distantly related by marriage to the mother, Janet Reid.

4. Christian was born and bapt. 25th January 1772, residence Woolmet. Witnesses were Alexander Moffat and David Wilson. Alexander Moffat is believed to have been distantly related to Janet Reid, and David Wilson is believed to have been a brother of William. Nothing further is known of Christian and she may have died in infancy, in view of the missing burial records already noted.

5. Margaret was born 19th June, bapt. 27th June 1774, residence Wester Engine. Witnesses were David Wilson and Alexander Moffat. Nothing further is known of Margaret and it is possible that she died as an infant.

6. Isobel was born 19th October, bapt. 27th October 1777, residence Redrow. Witnesses were David Wilson and John Reid. Nothing further is known of Isobel and it is possible that she died as an infant.

7. Adam was born 13th February, bapt. 21st February 1779, residence Redrow. Witnesses were David Wilson and John Reid. Nothing further is known of Adam, and it is possible that he died as an infant.

8. Grieve was born 24th February, bapt. 4th March 1784, residence Redrow. Witnesses were David Wilson and John Reid. Nothing further is known of Grieve and it is possible that she died as an infant.

The above residences were all small coalmining hamlets and indicate that the family moved around at least four times in the parish during the 19 years that William and Janet bore children. Also, of the 8 children they had, only two are known to have reached adulthood and married.

Thomas Wilson married Elizabeth Wilson on 22nd June 1787 in Newton parish. Witnesses were William Wilson (believed to be his father) and Andrew Wilson (believed to be the bride's father). It is interesting to note that the writer feels that he has established evidence that Thomas Wilson and Elizabeth Wilson had the same common ancestor, four generations back, in the person of David Wilson who was married to Margaret Nicholson.

The children of Thomas and Elizabeth Wilson were all born in Newton parish.

1. Marion was born 13th July, bapt. 20th July 1788, no locality or witnesses shown. Nothing further is known of Marion and it is possible that she died as an infant.

2. Janet was born 21st August, bapt. 28th August 1790, no locality or witnesses shown. She undoubtedly died in infancy since a child by the same name was later baptized.

3. Isobel was born 14th March, bapt. 25th March 1792, residence Kirkton, no witnesses shown. She may be the one who married James Greig in Newton parish, 27th March 1819.

4. *William*, the direct ancestor, was born 20th May, bapt. 26th May 1793, residence Claybarns, no witnesses shown. He married Isabella Lindsay in Newton parish, 19th March 1813. Both were of the parish of Newton at the time of marriage. He died 18th December and was buried 21st December 1849 in Newton parish, while living in Craighall, Inveresk parish. His age of 56 at death fits in with his birth above. The cause of death was asthma and his death was reported by Thos. Greig, a nephew.

5. Elizabeth was born 17th March, bapt. 29th March 1795, residence Claybarns. No witnesses were shown. She may have been the one who married James Philip in Newton parish 17th November 1821.

6. Clerk was born 30th March, bapt. 9th April 1797, residence Claybarns. Witnesses were Andrew and John Wilson, brothers of the mother, Janet. No further record is found of Clerk and it is possible that she died in infancy.

7. Janet was born 11th February, bapt. 23rd February 1799, no locality or witnesses shown. She may be the one who married George Brown in Newton parish, 24th February 1821.

It is interesting to note that in the names of the children described above, Elizabeth, the fifth child and Clerk, the sixth child, spell out Elizabeth Clerk. Elizabeth Clerk was the great grandmother of the above Elizabeth Wilson, wife of Thomas Wilson, and she was married to George Wilson. This will be discussed in a future paper.

In the 1841 census, Thomas is listed as living alone in Claybarns, where he was 75 years and a coalminer. The death record indicates that Thomas Wilson died of old age on 3rd December 1847 at Claybarns, Newton parish. His age at death was given as 82 and the informant at his death was Thomas Wilson, his grandson, who is the direct ancestor of the writer. Thomas was buried in Newton parish, 5th December 1847.

MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTIONS FOR ISLAND OF ISLAY

The following copies of monumental inscriptions have been donated to the Scottish Genealogy Society by the compiler:

1. Bridgend kirkyard, Kilarrow parish, Isle of Islay, Argyll. All tombstone inscriptions copied in 1947 by David Ensign Gardner, F.S.G., and others. (19 pages).
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SCOTS AND IRISH LIBRARY BEING PLANNED IN AUSTIN

Austin—Charles S. McNutt, executive director of the Clan MacNaughton Foundation, announces plans for a Scots and Irish library.

To be located in Austin, the proposed library including an archives, will be a depository of historical and genealogical information on families rooted in Scot-

land and Ireland, individual members thereof and their accomplishments throughout the world.

A non-profit undertaking, the proposed library has been chartered by the State of Texas. On October 5, 1970, Governor Preston Smith presented the chartering document to the executive director.

McNutt appeals to persons of Scots and Irish ancestry and to the general public for financial and literary donations to the project. He states that while works of general interest will be gratefully received, he is primarily concerned with acquiring manuscripts, printed and photographic material and artifacts pertaining in any way to Scotland and Ireland, their peoples and history. The completed library will be maintained as an open-to-all education service.

Interested persons are invited to contact: Charles S. McNutt, Executive Director, Clan MacNaughton Foundation, 5406 Pendleton Lane, Austin. Texas 78723.

CORSTORPHINE VILLAGE, EDINBURGH

A study is being conducted by Miss A. S. Cowper, B.A., F.L.A. (of 22 Balgreen Avenue, Edinburgh, EH12 5SU) of the parish and district of Corstorphine under the aegis of the Department of Extra Mural Studies of Edinburgh University. She is arranging a series of 8 evening walks over the district and aims at listing gravestone inscriptions. During the winter research projects adapted to individual interests and abilities will be planned. The origins of place names and streets are being investigated, and biographical and genealogical details of local land-owners searched out.

Mr Colin Forrester is compiling a history of the Forresters of Corstorphine, who later became the Lords Forrester and the Baillies of Lamington and Letham, which were entailed estates. He is also trying to ascertain the shape of the demolished Corstorphine Castle, to obtain what information he can for the fragmentary Baron Court Books, and to explain the history of Corstorphine Church.

Help with these projects would be welcomed, in particular the searching for information throwing light on these subjects in unpublished protocol books. Anyone who is willing to assist should contact Miss Cowper.

OBITUARY

MISS ELIZABETH MEIN

On 8th May, 1971, Miss Mein died after a short illness. She had been a member of the Council of the Society for over five years, and at meetings she could be relied on for short but very telling comments on the matters being discussed; she wasted no time on irrelevancies.

She was a member of the well-known Cranston family which has a history of service to Edinburgh and to the Temperance Movement. Her grandfather, Sir Robert Cranston, was a distinguished Lord Provost of the city and she herself served for more than fourteen years as a Progressive member of the Town Council. She was a past president of the British Women's Temperance Association, after being its secretary over a long period.

She will be much missed at meetings, and her knowledge of books and of local Edinburgh history will not be easily replaced.

QUERIES

ISOBEL or ISABELLA MITCHELL: Daughter of Alexander Mitchell and his wife, Ann Innes, of 'Earnfold' or 'Evenfold' in the parish of Mortlach.

Isobel, born about 1826, gave birth to a natural son, Alexander, April 1841, place of birth Rothiemay, who was raised by her sister, Elspet, wife of John McConachie, of 'Boghead', Mortlach.

The McConachies lived in Nelson St., Keith in 1851 and subsequently moved to The Lockers, by Keith, where they lived until 1871.

It is known that Isobel also lived in Keith and the father of her son was a farmer, William Edward, as recorded on Alexander's marriage certificate.

Any information regarding Isobel, whether she married and where and when she died, together with any information regarding William Edward would be appreciated by Douglas Edward, 124 Foley Road, Claygate, Esher, Surrey.

CUMMING, CUMING: Information desired about Cumming (or Cuming) families of Presley, Drummie, and Sluie in Morayshire, believed to be cadets of the Altyre family. Help or suggestions gratefully received by Mrs Fletcher King, 3801 Jackson Boulevard, Birmingham, Alabama, 35213, U.S.A.

McGREGOR: Thomas McGregor (1840-1882) married Mary Collins (b. 1840) at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Dundee, in 1864. They had five children, all born in Mains, Dundee:

1. Catherine McGregor (b. 1865)
2. Joseph McGregor (b. 1867)
3. William Louis McGregor (b. 1869)
4. John Charles McGregor (b. 1874)
5. James Thomson McGregor (b. 1877)

McGREGOR: William McGregor (b. 1859) married Catherine Littlejohn (b. 1859/60), in Dundee in 1887. A daughter, Agnes Laurence McGregor, was born in Dundee in 1888 and died in Glasgow in 1904. Later, after the death of his wife, William continued to live in Glasgow and, later, emigrated to Ontario, Canada, in the early part of this century.

McMAHON: Philip McMahon (b. 1836) married Mary McGregor (1841-1865) at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Dundee in 1860. They had a son John McMahon (b. 1863) in Dundee.

Any information about the above three families (McGregor, McGregor and McMahon) and their descendants would be gratefully received by Mr A. W. McGregor, 1 Balmoral Close, Billericay, Essex.

SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIAN GENEALOGISTS

We offer our congratulations to the Society of Australian Genealogists on the acquisition of its new headquarters in Sydney. The Society had to leave History House in Young Street last September as the area was being re-developed. It was evident that difficulty would be felt in finding suitable accommodation in a convenient locality at a price commensurate with the Society's ordinary resources and an appeal for funds was made. The results were highly gratifying. One generous member started with a gift of \$5000 and other members between them gave \$5000 more; the Government of New South Wales was approached and responded with a gift of \$7500. The Society has now bought a charming two-storey house in the city which is to be restored to look like the colonial house it was when it was built in 1873. The new address is Heritage House, 413 Riley Street, Surry Hills, New South Wales, 2010.

The Honorary Secretary, Miss Jean Watson, has expressed a warm interest in the compilations of monumental inscriptions sponsored by the Scottish Genealogy Society—"there are few Australians who have not some Scots blood so that they (the publications) are proving very useful to the majority of our members".

NOTICE

FORRESTER FAMILY—THE CORSTORPHINE BARON COURT REVIVED

"By Commission dated 6 June 1971, Colin Forrester, Hon. Secretary of the Forrester Family Association, was appointed Baron-Bailie of the Barony of Corstorphine by Dr Theodore Thomson of Corstorphine, with powers to call and hold the baron court. In the first instance the court will be used to regulate the ceremonies and affairs of the family association; in place of the usual Council, Rules, etc., there will be Court Officers, Statutes and Ordinances, and so on. Anyone knowledgeable in baron court procedures, or interested in such revivals, might contact Mr Forrester, c/o The National Westminster Bank, 65 Aldwych, London, W.C.2".

INTERNATIONAL GENEALOGICAL DIRECTORY

(Originally founded 1907)

The International Genealogical Directory was originally founded in 1907 by the late Charles Allan Bernau (1878-1961), a Founder Member of the Society of Genealogists, London, and went through several issues before the First World War intervened. Part of Mr Bernau's library and collections was acquired many years ago by Pinhorn and now, in collaboration with the Surname Archive, we are reviving the famous Directory in a streamlined form to meet modern needs and to fill the gap caused by the cessation of the worldwide Pedigree Referral Service of the Genealogical Society of Utah.

The principle of the Directory is the simple one of putting genealogists of all types, individual or institutional, in touch with others working on the same surnames, families, or individuals, thus avoiding the duplication of effort and expense all too common in a field which is subject to no overall discipline or direction.

The Directory is published regularly and each issue contains

- (a) *A List of Subscribers* with names and addresses and an identification number linking them to one or more entries in
- (b) *An Alphabetical List of Surnames, Families, or Individuals* giving country, county (or state), town, and period of interest.

In addition there will be

- (c) *A Query Section*, also linked to (a), covering more detailed problems than (b).
- (d) *A List of Addresses* useful to genealogists including news offices, local archaeological societies, etc.

Subscribers may publish their requirements as above and they, or other readers, may then write direct to the contacts given in Section (a), without further reference to the Directory. As an international publication circulating in all parts of the world and available in the leading libraries the Directory is of particular value in approaching the problems raised by emigration.

The Directory itself costs fifty new pence (\$1.25) and an entry in respect of any one surname, family or individual in any one location costs only 25p (75c). There is no charge for the subscriber's name and address, which appears in connection with both the Surnames, etc. List and the Query Section. Queries are charged as follows: For the first thirty words (or less): 50p (\$1.25). For each additional ten words (or less): 20p (50c).

All inquiries should be addressed to International Genealogical Directory, 108 Sea Lane, Ferring, Sussex, England.

THE SCOTTISH GENEALOGY SOCIETY

At a General Meeting of the Scottish Genealogy Society, the following Constitution was adopted on Saturday, 4th July 1953:—

- 1 The objects of the Scottish Genealogy Society are:—
To promote research into Scottish Family History.
To undertake the collection, exchange and publication of information and material relating to Scottish Genealogy, by means of meetings, lectures, etc., etc.
- 2 The Society will consist of all duly elected Members whose subscriptions are paid. A President and one or more Vice-Presidents may be elected at the Annual General Meeting.
- 3 The affairs of the Society shall be managed by a Council consisting of Chairman, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Editor, Honorary Librarian, and not more than twelve other Members. A non-Council Member of the Society shall be appointed to audit the accounts annually.
- 4 Office-Bearers shall be elected annually. Four Ordinary Members of Council shall retire annually in rotation, but shall be eligible for re-election. At meetings of the Council, a quorum shall consist of not less than one-third of the members.
- 5 An Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held at or about the end of October, on a date to be determined by the Council, at which reports will be submitted.
- 6 Members shall receive one copy of each issue of The Scottish Genealogist, but these shall not be supplied to any Members who are in arrears.
- 7 No alteration of this Constitution shall be made except at the Annual General Meeting of the Society, when a two-thirds majority will be required.

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