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BURGESS AND TRADES RECORDS

When the Westminster government passed the Burgh Reform Act in 1832, it went down in history as the most important piece of legislation of that century. Coming into effect the following year it swept away the centuries-old system of local government which had been used by Burghs. Under that system, only a Burgess could run a business or operate a trade in a burgh. Only a Burgess could sit on a town council. Some councils had a slightly different way of working, but they all had the same effect. A closed shop. For instance, in Annan, the town council elected two new councillors each year and then the full council, with the two new members, voted two members off. The townspeople had no say in the matter. Only the councillors voted.

So, what use is this to family historians? Well, there were two ways to become a burgess. 1) Purchase. This was quite expensive. But, if someone was a son or son-in-law of a Burgess, then there was a large discount. 2) Gift. A council could grant a Burgess ticket to someone for services rendered or to be rendered. Each Trade Guild elected a Deacon who had an automatic seat on the Council, and in Dumfries, the Seven Incorporated Trades elected a Convenor who also had a seat. This meant that the 'Trades' had at least eight seats on the council and often more, if the Provost or Boxmaster [Treasurer] was a Trades Burgess.

Each Burgh had their own rules, but basically something similar. In 1787, Dumfries was visited by the poet Robert Burns who was gifted a Burgess Ticket by Provost Clark. It was this and the Burgess privileges that accompanied the Burgess ticket, that made Robert decide to come and live in Dumfries two years later. The "Robert Burns" tourist trade is worth several million pounds each year to the local economy, making it

probably the best decision the Dumfries Town Council ever made!

The Burgess system was the 'normal' way of things prior to 1832. Without commenting on the rights and wrongs of such a system, we have to acknowledge it as a very useful genealogical record. It is possible to trace the ancestry of a Burgess back to the first member of the family to become a Burgess. This example from the Dumfries town council records shows how the Primrose family became Burgesses in Dumfries.

6/10/1777

"The said day Robert Primrose, Shoemaker in Bridge-End of Dumfries, was admitted Burgess and Freeman of the Burgh of Dumfries, and being present, gave his oath of Burgessship in common form ~ and promised to keep a sufficient gun and sword for the defence of the Burgh when called for by the Magistrates, and the said Robert Primrose payed forty pounds as his Burgess Commission. [sic]

10/8/1778

"Which day, Thomas Anderson, Shoemaker, Son-in-law of Peter Primrose, a Shoemaker and Burgess of the Burgh ~ and James Primrose, son of Robert Primrose a Shoemaker and Burgess of the Burgh were each of them admitted Burgesses and Freemen of the Burgh and gave their oath in common form, and each of them paid their commission, amounting both to eleven shillings and a penny. One third to the Chamberlain, and to be charged on his accounts".

In Dumfries, the "Seven Incorporated Trades" comprised the Fleshers, Smiths, Glovers and Skinners, Hammermen, Shoemakers, Weavers and Squaremen

(Wrights and Masons) Other smaller trades were amalgamated into the nearest similar trade. For example, the Cabinetmakers were joined with the Squaremen. Each trade operated in a similar way to the Burgesses. Members joined as Freemen in a similar fashion. Apprentices were booked with a tradesman for the set number of years, and then, having produced an 'essay' and judged competent, they became tradesmen. Not all of the trades records

have survived, but many have and if your ancestor was a tradesman or apprentice in the burgh of Dumfries, or any of the other burghs, it is always worth checking. All records in the Dumfries & Galloway collection can be found in the archives catalogue. Search online for Dumfries and Galloway Council Archives Catalogue.

Ian A McClumpha #906

BILL HOLLAND, PASSED AWAY 4TH MAY 2024



Rev, Bill Holland arrived in New Abbey and was inducted two days before Christmas 1971. A native of Upper Nithsdale, Bill began his working career with the National Coal Board as a Mine Surveyor. After studying in Glasgow to become a minister, he was called to be the associate minister at Mortlach & Carbrach, near Dufftown in Speyside, in the whisky centre of Scotland.

When he arrived in New Abbey he brought his young wife, Helen, and four children all age 10 and under to the New Abbey community where he served as minister until his retirement in 2009. Bill became

involved in many community organizations. Bill was a founder member of DGFHS and involved in the running of the society from the beginning in 1987.

He was Overseas Membership Secretary, Finance Committee Convener and a wise and steady influence on the Council. He could often be found in the Research Centre or Ewart Library on a Saturday morning doing research for overseas members. He was responsible for several publications, New Abbey Poors Fund 1820-1835 appeared in 1990, Waterloo Monument in 2015 and just recently worked with Terry Brown to produce Dumfries and Galloway Placenames by Parish, currently the bestselling publication on our list. Bill helped develop the formula used in our Memorial Inscription publications. He monitored the foreign currency exchange rates to set the subscriptions for overseas members until his illness took over.

Bill also served as Chaplain to the Royal Caledonian Curling Society from 1986-2015 and toured Canada with them in 1983. (Curling being the other serious pastime he enjoyed) He enjoyed taking time out to coach the younger generation. Bill was very much the elder statesman of the society. He will be missed by us all.

Ian A McClumpha #906

MICHAEL SHANNON

We were sorry to hear of the recent death of Michael Shannon, former solicitor in Annan. His father, Robert, better known as Archie Shannon, was one of the early founders of family history research in Dumfries & Galloway. He and George Gilchrist and Alex McCracken carried out the first surveys of Annandale and Eskdale graveyards in the 1960s. It was Michael who approached the family of George Gilchrist, who owned the copyright of the original publications, and asked if they would transfer the copyright

to the Friends of the Annandale and Eskdale Museums. They willingly agreed. The Friends cooperated with our society to republish these Memorial Inscriptions and make them available around the world. More recently, Michael donated his father's other research papers to the society. These contain a great deal of information about the genealogy of local families, especially Johnstones.

Eva Adamson # 16

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2023

2023 proved to be another successful year. We welcomed visitors from home and abroad throughout the summer and well into the autumn.

I thank all our members of the society, those present, those locally and abroad for their continuing support. Thank you to all who attend the talks, the volunteers who give of their time freely by volunteering in the Research Centre, and by contributing to the newsletter.

Thank you to our overseas agents who distribute the newsletters and deal with other matters to keep the society running smoothly.

Council continue to hold our meetings via Zoom which works well. Terry Brown hosted our meetings and talks. He intimated he would like to stand down from some of his tasks. Ian McClumpha kindly offered to take on hosting the meetings and the talks.

The Photographic Project and Photographic Transcriptions continue. The Online Shop is proving as popular as ever. Terry will update you on both. Our grateful thanks to Terry

for the positions he held and continues to hold.

I would like to extend my thanks to Kirsty Coltart our webmaster and Terry Brown assistant webmaster who keep our website up to date. Kirsty circulates the Mailing List, if you are not already on the list and wish to be, please check the website for details. Thank you to John Mills who took over from Terry keeping the computers, scanners, and printers in good working order.

We offer Find My Past to our members. John Mills is the liaison person with FMP.

Lilly Stevenson our treasurer who keeps our finances meticulously in order.

Dougal Coltart who looks after the maintenance of the property. Terry Brown for managing the Online Shop and Photographic Project and Photographic Transcriptions.

Our membership Secretaries' Beverley Thom UK and Hazel McMillan OS. Beverley intimated she would like to take a year's sabbatical. Janet Heal very kindly offered to stand in, my grateful thanks to Janet for the

efficient and professional way she has kept the records.

Ian McClumpha our syllabus secretary. Ian ensures we have interesting and varied topics for our Zoom talks. Ian also volunteered to be minute secretary. I am incredibly grateful to Ian taking on this position.

Elizabeth Hogg our Mailing Officer who deals with the mail orders.

Our window dressers Marion Matthews and Janet Heal for the spectacular window displays.

Pedigree Charts Officer Betty MacKenzie who ensures the charts are up to date.

Eva Adamson intimated she would like to stand down as Research Coordinator. Lynda Mackie kindly volunteered to take this position on, assisted by Elizabeth Hogg. They deal with research enquiries and assist people on how to start their research.

The editorial team Elizabeth Hogg, Lynda Mackie and Frances Dunse who endeavour to make the newsletter interesting for our members. Please support us by sending

articles. The newsletter belongs to the members.

Lynda Mackie and Dougal continue to look after the library. Lynda is in popular demand giving talks to groups in the area.

We recruited three new volunteers this year. Linda Bellwood, Joan Haining, and Marietta O'Toole.

I would like to express my thanks to all those who work in the background, and to those who I have never met, particularly the volunteers in the photographic and transcription project. Their work is much appreciated.

Our "thank you" lunch was held at Casa Mia and enjoyed by all.

We had new heaters installed in the Centre last year. The toilet which is outside desperately needed upgrading to meet standards. This was carried out recently and now looking very smart.

This concludes my report.

Frances Dunse # 1774

A small Scottish parish took on a new minister who rapidly set to work acquainting himself with the area and its people. And in a short time while on a trip round the graveyard he came across a very small simple headstone set into the wall of the church close to the East door with the initials "CWP" on it. The minister was fascinated by this and being something of a Genealogist he set out to try to determine the owner of this small monument. Being simple and small and nearly hidden he deduced it was probably the last resting place of a baby or small child. Long searches of the Parish records, the census records, and death records produced no results. The Minister was disappointed until on one of his visits to the local drinking hostel he got talking to the local village plumber and told him of his efforts.

"Ah" said his friend I know what that is. "It's the Cold Water Pipe"

Dumfries & Galloway Family History Society

Statement of Balances as at 31st December 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
Bank and cash		
Opening balance	48,570	44,889
Surplus for the year	6,642	3,681
Closing balance	<u>55,212</u>	<u>48,570</u>
Reserves		
General unrestricted funds:-		
Bank of Scotland	55,175	48,550
Cash on hand	37	20
Total funds	<u>55,212</u>	<u>48,570</u>
Assets		
Stock	Unrestricted 10,341	10,470
Land & Buildings - NBV	Unrestricted 25,730	26,560
Office Equipment - NBV	Unrestricted 2,766	3,458
Library - NBV	Unrestricted 1,314	1,460
Liabilities		
Independent examiner's fee	Unrestricted 804	750
Subscriptions in advance	Unrestricted 2,353	2,653

Approved by the Council Members on 25th March 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

Mrs Frances Dunse, Chair

Dumfries & Galloway Family History Society

Receipts and Payments Account (all unrestricted funds) for the year ended 31st December 2023

	2023		2022	
	£	£	£	£
<u>Receipts</u>				
Subscriptions	11,159		7,939	
Donations	766		338	
Gift aid reclaimed	695		291	
Find my Past	927		1,012	
Income from charitable activities				
Sale of goods and services	9,087		7,876	
Total receipts		22,634		17,456
<u>Payments</u>				
Charitable activities				
Cost of goods and services	1,355		1,880	
Members' newsletters	3,387		3,284	
Meetings	144		144	
Insurance	897		827	
Computer bureau costs	1,670		1,560	
Light and heat	757		1,072	
Cleaning	691		-	
Repairs and maintenance	1,940		681	
Office supplies	2,455		1,468	
Telephone	719		748	
Website costs	304		119	
General expenses	731		1,086	
	15,050		12,869	
Governance Costs				
Independent examiner's fee	792		756	
Telephone	50		50	
Office supplies	100		100	
	942		906	
Total payments		15,992		13,775
Net surplus for the year		6,642		3,681

A NEW BOOK ABOUT THE COVENANTERS

I was delighted when I found this new book in Waterston's Bookshop in Dumfries. It is called 'The Covenanters of the Glenkens', by David S Bartholomew, a former minister in this area. The book was just published in 2023. It is a timely reminder of an important part of Scottish history which we should remember more than we do.

The story of the Covenanters is long and complicated and covers most of the 17th century. When the Reformation took place in England in the 1530s, the King (Henry VIII) was in charge and quickly declared himself head of the new Protestant church. However, when the Reformation took place in Scotland in the 1560s, the Queen (Mary, Queen of Scots) was in prison in England, and her successor (James VI) was a small child. The men who were ruling the country decided to set up the new protestant church as a self-governing organisation, completely free from state control. They declared that it's only head was Jesus and the King was just an ordinary member. The new church was to be ruled democratically by a series of elected committees – Kirk Sessions, Presbyteries, Synods, and the annual General Assembly. This was called the Presbyterian system.

Unfortunately, when King James grew up and took charge of government, he tried to bring the church under his control. He started by appointing bishops to oversee church affairs in 1597. In 1603, he became King of England as well as Scotland, and he and his successors continued to try make the Scottish church more like the English one, despite constant protests from many of the church members.

David Bartholomew gives a brief history of the main events during this period, including ministers being banned from their churches, people refusing to attend

church, and holding secret services in out of the way places, soldiers coming to break up these meetings, covenanters being fined for not attending church or imprisoned or killed.

The name 'Covenanter' came into use after an incident in an Edinburgh church in 1637, when a woman called Jenny Geddes threw a stool at the minister, while he was attempting to use a Church of England style Prayer Book, as ordered by the King in his attempt to make the Scottish Church more like the English. Soon after this a document called the 'Covenant' was signed by people all over Scotland, promising to defend the Presbyterian style of church.

They started carrying weapons to protect themselves, were involved in many skirmishes, and eventually there was a whole army of them fighting against government armies. This army took part in the Civil War in the 1640s, which culminated in the execution of Charles I. The worst period of persecution was the 1670s and 1680s, during the reign of Charles II, known as the Killing Times. Many Covenanters were killed or transported as slaves to North America.

Although there were Covenanters in all parts of Scotland, there were more in Dumfries and Galloway than anywhere else. The parishes known as the Glenkens paid far more in fines than any others. These are the parishes beside Loch Ken – Dalry, Balmaclellan, Kells and Carsphairn. Three other neighbouring parishes were also very much involved – Balmaghie, Crossmichael and Parton.

In 1684, parish ministers were ordered to make lists of all their parishioners who were not attending church. These lists were later published in a volume of the Register of the

Privy Council of Scotland, where we can still access them today, and they are a valuable source of information for family historians. Mr. Bartholomew's book also contains information about many local people who may be our ancestors, describes some of the incidents they were involved in, and gives us a glimpse of life at that time.

In 1685, James II became King. He was welcomed at first by the Covenanters because he announced that people could set up any kind of church they liked. However, this was really an attempt to reintroduce Roman Catholicism, which had been banned at the time of the Reformation, and very few wanted that. Leading politicians in England asked William of Orange, the ruler of the Netherlands, to come to the United Kingdom as King. William accepted the invitation and James left the country. One of the first things William did was to establish a Presbyterian church in Scotland

in 1690, and it is still here today. This was a huge step towards recognising the right to religious freedom from state control both here and in America.

Today the Covenanters are remembered as martyrs who gave up their lives for their faith. There are many memorials to them in churchyards and in lonely places where they died among the hills. In Dumfries & Galloway they are still honoured by holding occasional church services in summer in remote places where 'conventicles' had been held

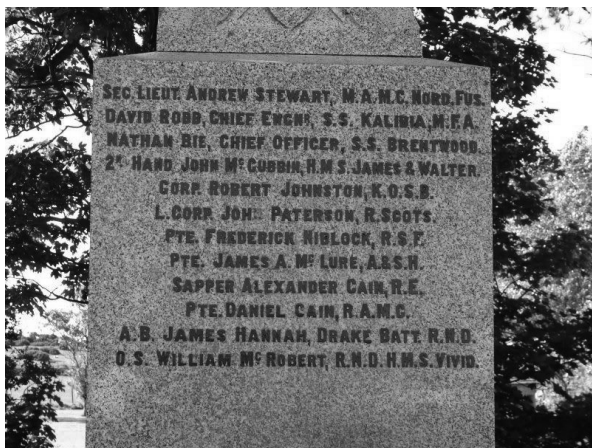
Mr. Bartholomew collected a list of other names of Covenanters, which is not included in the book. Unfortunately we don't have space to publish them this issue, but will publish them in the November issue.

Eva Adamson #16

A HISTORY OF TWO ISLE FAMILIES AND THE GREAT WAR

After a picture of some of the names on the Isle of Whithorn War Memorial appeared on the groups Facebook page, the Isle of Whithorn Heritage Group received an email from Canada.

"I found this tag in among my grandfather's things. I think it 'may' be connected to the Isle, (my Grandfather came from there), but we have no connection to the name Johnston". When asked we were told that Grandfather's name was Alexander Paterson.



Robert Johnston sadly died in WW1. His name is listed on both the Isle of Whithorn War Memorial, and on the Roll of Honour, in the Church.

But how did Robert Johnston's tag come into the hands of the Paterson family?



Robert, who was a corporal in the King's Own Scottish Borderers died on the 23rd July 1918 and was buried at Buzancy Military Cemetery, Aisne, France. His family lived in Tonderghie Row, Isle of Whithorn including his mother Helen and sister Isabella. His father had been a Mariner.

Alexander had been born to Janet Paterson, both living with his grandfather James and family in Physgill Row. James was a Deacon of the Free Church in the Isle from its inception in 1843 and acted as School Master for the Subscription or Committee School from 1838. (Note: not the Parochial School, which building we know as the School today). Sadly Alexander's mother died when he was a teenager but he remained living with the family in the Isle.

At 24, Alexander was now also living in Tonderghie Row, in Dunbar House, with the remaining family (two of his uncles and an aunt). All three men were employed as clerks in the Grain Merchants. At some point between 1911 and 1914 Alexander

went to Canada, to the Vancouver port region, possibly as part of the business, and when war broke out he signed up to join the Canadian Expeditionary Force and was eventually sent to France.

Both Robert and Alexander fought in some of the fiercest battle fronts in WW1 but where Robert sadly died, Alexander survived, eventually returning to Vancouver, Canada, beginning family life in the new country.

With whom? Well with Isabella of course! Almost as soon as Alexander landed in England in 1915 and headed for training he requested and was given permission to marry. Isabella, who was now 20 and still living just a few houses along from Dunbar House in Tonderghie Row, took the train to meet him and to marry before returning to her mother Helen in the Isle of Whithorn.

After the war had ended Isabella joined her husband in Canada and shortly thereafter her mother Helen Johnston emigrated and joined Isabella (now Mrs Paterson) and Alexander in Vancouver, taking her son Robert's precious tag with her.

As we hear so often, Alexander did not talk a great deal of his childhood or the war and our contact in Canada had no knowledge of the connection between these two families and their young sons.

But now he knows and has visited us since. He was very much welcomed and we were delighted when he gave the Heritage group the tag which he wanted to return "home" so it now has pride of place in our heritage display which is open daily in the church.

Dorothy McIlwraith # 6815
Chair Isle Heritage

POPULATION CHANGE IN ANNAN

In the November DGFHS newsletter I read Linda Herrman's account of her grandfather emigrating from Annan to Canada and joining the military there. Although he later returned to Annan, it got me thinking about the meaning of migration.

Defined as movement from one country, place or locality to another it doesn't specify that it must be permanent. What caused populations to increase or decrease?

As part of Annan the History Town group I began to look into population changes in Annan and try to relate this to events in the town. Did people come to the town because of job opportunities or were industries attracted because of the availability of a workforce? The coming of the railway brought investment and jobs, but it also meant things like cattle droving became a thing of the past.

Harbour improvements brought ship builders to the town and links to Liverpool increased the ability to export goods. Traditional small industries like bacon curing got a boost as bigger markets opened up. Farming benefitted from ideas brought by a new workforce and the import of minerals etc from around the world. A large industry associated with the production of manures and fertilisers flourished in Annan. The family concerned were also analytical chemists checking soil condition, producing crop-specific mixtures, and selling seed varieties to suit them!

A whole fleet of Morecambe Bay shrimp fishermen got caught in a storm in the 1800s and headed for the nearest ports along the Solway Firth. A few sheltered in Annan and decided the town could open up new resources for them and so they stayed and later brought their families to join

them. A lot of their surnames still survive locally: Baxter, Beattie, Willacy, Woodman, etc.

But were there enough jobs to go round? Newspapers carried adverts for farm workers in far flung countries. It wasn't the enforced migrations like the Highlands of Scotland but there were offers of land in Canada and USA and a wealth of jobs in Australia and South Africa. This led to many townships in those countries bearing names of their homeland. There are Annans and Annandales in Virginia, Nova Scotia, India and Australia.

More recently, the building of a nuclear power station in Annan brought an influx of people. Housing and new schools had to be built to keep up with this population increase.

Annan the History Town group are looking to stage an exhibition this summer celebrating population changes both away from and into the town also a Clan Gathering, open to all, of a few local Families (Carruthers, Armstrong, Irving, etc) . Like Linda Herrmann's relatives, there have been many who, after years away from their home town have decided to come back.

If you have any personal stories about families who emigrated from, or into, Annan, we would love you to get in touch and hear your personal stories rather than those told by 'History'. Contact can be made at info@annanthehistorytown.org

Peter Russell # 7099

NOURISH SCOTLAND

During WW2 the British Government set up restaurants to help feed people who had been bombed out, they were called British Restaurants. One such restaurant was built in Dumfries.

It was situated on a corner site where Catherine Street and Academy Street meet. Next to the Ewart Library.

The building, a Nissen hut on a reinforced concrete base, was designed by the Burgh Surveyor, R.S.Osborne. He also supervised the building which was carried out by local tradesmen. The Council ran the restaurant as agents of the Ministry of Food.

It was 50ft long and 33ft wide and had a seating capacity for 180-200 people.

Food was cooked at a Council soup kitchen which was in the area of Munches Street car park and was conveyed to the restaurant in insulated containers.

A three course meal was served at lunchtime costing 1shilling and 2 pence and a cup of tea cost 1penny extra.

The building was opened on the 24th October 1942 by Sir Henry Fildes, M.P.

The restaurant also supplied school meals for a time.

It was closed on 8th May 1947 and was used for a time as the Academy dinner hall. (the Academy was across the street).

The building was eventually demolished leaving only the concrete base for several years before it was turned into a car park for the Ewart Library.

A Heritage Project being run by Nourish Scotland is looking for people who either remember this restaurant or who have heard stories about them.

If you can help please contact jade@nourishscotland.org.uk
Or phone 07845430722

Elizabeth Hogg # 3796

THE EARLY WILSON FAMILY

The Wilson Family from the early 17th Century up to the mid-20th Century lived in Kirkcudbrightshire now part of Dumfries and Galloway, and worked in or associated with farming mainly cattle and sheep.

The Earliest record I found was of the birth of Margaret Hunter, daughter of James and Jan Hunter born 24th of February 1763 in the parish of Irongray nr. Shawhead. Where my Great Uncle James Learmont lived his life. She married a James Wilson I think he was from St John Dalry. There were three

James Wilsons born in Kirkcudbrightshire around 1755-60 and I have no way of checking which is the right James or if he came from another county.

Margaret gave birth to Alexander on the 29th April 1779 at Carsphairn, when she was just 16, the father being James Wilson. They had an irregular marriage on the 19th of August 1781 at Ochiltree in Ayrshire. (An irregular marriage was a civil ceremony, carried out not in Church and requiring only 2 witnesses).



On September 8th 1782 Margaret and James had a second son named James at Minnigaff. At the time his father James was farming or shepherding on the East side of the Cree. To date I can find no record of the father, James Wilson's death but he died before 1840. James Wilson, born 1782 is the younger brother of Alexander of Lorg farm.

The record of Alexander and his family at Lorg Farm on Lorg Hill comes from the family baptisms held at St John Dalry Parish Church in 1826. This is recorded on the Grave stone in the church yard.:

Alexander Wilson of Lorg Farm Born 1781
Died 1836 aged 55

Martha Seaton (Wilson) Born 1783/4 Died
1865 aged 81

Alexander and Martha Seaton, his spouse had 9 Children: 27/08/1800 a son named William. There is no trace of his death in

Scotland. On 16/03/1805, a son named John, of whom there is also no trace of his death in Scotland. A daughter named Janet Wilson who married William Lammie of Thornhill was born 10/02/1807 and died at Holm Hill aged 72 on 13/11/1880. A second daughter, Jean or Jane Wilson was born 17/6/1812 and died 10/02/1872 aged 57. A third daughter, Clark Wilson was born 28/07/1815 and died aged 61 08/05/1878. Their son James Wilson born 20/07/1818 died at Lorg Farm 06/01/1887 aged 67. Martha Wilson was born 25/03/1820. Their son, Alexander Wilson was born 09/04/1823 and died 11/12/1864. Andrew Wilson who was born 27/09/1828 died at Letterick Dunscore aged 72 on 08/04/1908.

On the back of the Gravestone in St John's Dalry are listed

Jane Wilson, 2nd daughter of Andrew Wilson, Died 6/03/1882 age 13. Martha 1st daughter of Andrew Wilson who Died 1/08/1880 age 22. Jane McTaggot, wife

of Andrew Wilson. Andrew Wilson junior, son of Andrew and Jane Wilson died 03/09/1913.

Living at Lorg Farm in 1841 were, Martha Seaton (Wilson) aged 58, James Wilson aged 24, Janet Wilson aged 18, Robert Wilson aged 14 and John Seaton aged 25.

At Burnbrae farm in 1841 were, James Wilson, younger brother of Alexander, who by then was already deceased. James aged 60 farmed at Burnbrae with his wife Margaret aged 45 and sons John aged 13 and James aged 11.

By 1851 Margaret (Seaton) Wilson was still resident at Lorg Farm with her son James aged 32, daughter Jane aged 37 together with her nephew John Seaton aged 34 and a visitor, James Scott who is shown as being a carrier to trade.

Ten years later Margaret Wilson, aged 76 and housebound, was still at Lorg Farm, but by then James Wilson had become head of the household aged 41. Janette Lammie aged 52, Jean Wilson aged 47 and Andrew Wilson aged 32, his siblings together with Andrew Lammie, a nephew aged 7, and a visitor John McMorrin were also in residence.

In 1861 Robert Wilson, a shepherd aged 34 lived at Carsphairn Parish Road Smeaton with his wife Isabella aged 28 and two sons Alexander aged 2 and William 4 months. Living with them was Janet Cowan, a dressmaker. By 1871 Isabella Wilson was a widow living in Carsphairn with her seven year old son John but her son Alexander aged 12 was living at Lorg Farm with his uncle James Wilson aged 51 and his aunts Janet Lammie and Jean Wilson. By the time he was 22 Alexander Wilson, son of Robert and Isabella had moved to Murrayton House Gatehouse of Fleet where he was a shepherd.

In the 1881 Census Isabella Wilson is living at Muirdrochwood? Carsphairn. She was born in Kincardine Ross and Cromarty and her son John aged 17 is a shepherd. Also resident are 2 servants: Ann Brodie general servant and Alexander Rowan shepherd.

1901 Census Stakeford Cottage, Lincluden Road Troqueer Maxwelltown

Maggie Wilson aged 38 wife of Alexander cattle dealer not at home for census
Robert John Wilson aged 1, Isabella Wilson Mother aged 67, John Wilson, brother aged 37 shepherd
and Janet Jackson aged 21 general servant.

1911 Census Troqueer Maxwelltown Sandside house

Alexander Wilson, aged 51 cattle dealer, Maggie Wilson wife aged 48, Robert, John Wilson's son aged 11, Daughter Maggie Wilson aged 9, Agnes McLellan servant aged 18 Mary Learmont servant aged 25, and Charles Wright aged 55 a visitor.

1921 Census Troqueer Maxwelltown Sandside house

This was a nine roomed house and had the following occupants, Alexander Wilson aged 61 a farmer and livestock agent born in Carsphairn, his wife Margaret Wilson aged 59 born in London their son Robert Wilson aged 21 born in Troqueer and two servants.

(Alexander) Brian Wilson

Abridged version due to lack of space. An extensive list of family names available, contact editorial team.

POWER OF THE MAGISTRATES IN STRANRAER IN 1688

This article was published in a short-lived publication called the Galloway Register. It appeared in the mid 1800s and the Ewart Library in Dumfries holds one copy. This is from that copy. It is a transcript of a record in the Stranraer Burgh Council minutes dated 19th January 1688. The spelling and grammar has been left as it was written.

“Court holden by Patrick Paterson, Provost. The whk day anent the theft committed by Alexander McClumpha in Stranraer in stealing from Wm Simpson, merchant, one barrell of herrings off the shore of Stranraer, in manner and according to his judicial confession upon the oyr, side, of the dait the 18th of January instant. And the said Alexander McClumpha being present did ratify the former confession. And the Magistrates and Council considering that they have not an executioner to stigmatize the said Alexander McClumpha, and considering the prejudice the Burgh sustained for want of an executioner to punish malefactors, and upon other considerations the Magistrates and Council have qualified and restricted the said Alexander McClumpha. His punishment to the conditions underwritten vizt. They do hereby Enact and Ordane that the said Alexander McClumpha during all the days of his lifetime shall be obliged to scourge and stigmatize all w....s. thieves and other malefactors that shall be found in tyme coming within this Burgh. And shall also put the sentence of death in execution against any Malefactors the Said burgh for the tyme shall enjoyne him: Which Act and conditions above wrn, then Said Alexander McClumpha accepts as one favourable sentence--- And obliges him that he shall not failze in any of the articles forsd, nor shall not, no tyme Absent himself from the Said burgh during his lifetime under the pains of death, to be inflicted upon him without douine, sentence or process of

law: And appoints two Shillings Std money to be given by each householder within this burgh to the Said Alexander McClumpha as common executioner of the burgh, and this to be paid yearly – and the Said Provost, baillies, counsell, and sd Alexr McClumpha hath subser, these presents day year and place fords, before these witnesses George Moore and Alexr Agnew burgesses of Stran:. And the Magistrates and Counsell expressly discharges any inhabitants or any other person within the burgh to trouble molest or utter any groundless expressions against the said Alexr McClumpha either anent his malefices or his office under pain to be punished at the Magistrates pleasure.

Signed: Eta est Alexr Paterson. Alexr McClumpha subscribed. George Moore and Alexr Agnew, Witnesses. Pa Paterson, And; Baillie, Hewgh Baird, Jo: Ross, Hendrie Kennedy and John Baird. [presumably Magistrates]. The Galloway Register made a comment that this sentence, would not have been appropriate in mid 1800s. . Another report in the Burgh records shortly afterwards relates that James McCubbin had beat and bruised Alexander McClumpha, the common executioner, to the effusion of blood and because McCubbin was in poor circumstances the Baillies mitigated his fine to 10 pounds Scots [less than £1] and ordained that for two years he had to repair all bridges, tollbooths or Kirk walls where they are ruinous, or any other work of, or concerning, his mechanic trade.

The report concludes “Desperate times these”.

Ian A McClumpha #806

UK NEW MEMBERS

- 7215** Gill **Butler-Orli** gillmb1@gmail.com **Brown**, around Closeburn, Thornhill, Troqueer, Twynholm. **McGuffie** family: Corses, Cumrue, Crossmichael, Urr, & Buittle (Kirkcudbright). 3xgt gf, **William McGuffie** b.1780 Urr – d.?. 4xgt gf, **John Brown**, b.1745 – Morton, Thornhill – d.?
- 7216** Alan **McKie** elamac1953@gmail.com **McKie, Riddick, Templeton, Walker**: Girthon, Kirkcudbright, Balmacellan
- 7217** John **Martin** john.gmartin@hotmail.co.uk My father, **Richard Wilson Martin**, b.18.06.1914 & lived in Dumfries. Siblings: **Tommy, Andrew, May & Peggy**. He settled in Abingdon after marrying my mother, **Ruth Edgington**, in May 1945 but sadly died 1955. I have no memories of him & have few details of his family. I would like to find my Martin cousins.
- 7218** William **Sloan** w_sloan@sky.com My paternal gt grandmother, **Elizabeth Sloan**, came from Leitrim, Ireland around 1860/70. She is on 1871 Census in Dumfries as a millworker. My grandfather, **James Sloan** b.1877 in Dumfries. Did she come to Dumfries because she already had family there?
- 7219** John **Stewart** john_the_vet@hotmail.com New Abbey Parish
- 7220** Rob **Murdoch** robmurdoch102@gmail.com Interested in my paternal heritage in Kirkbean. Gt grandparents **David Murdoch & Mary Stevenson** worked on adjacent farms near Kirkbean. I was born 1943 in Eaglesfield, attended Lockerbie Academy 1954-57 & Dumfries Academy 1957-60 if there's anyone out there from those times.
- 7221** Rosemary **Middleton** rosemarymiddleton31@gmail.com **Gray**: Dumfries, Thornhill, Carrutherstown, Amisfield & Kirkcudbright
- 7222** Nadine **White** nadinestahwhite@gmail.com **Halliday**, Dumfriesshire & Kirkcudbrightshire. **Brown** (Kirkcudbrightshire) **Heron** (Kelton and Lochrutton Kirkcudbrightshire) **Mundell** (Dryfesdale, Dumfriesshire)
- 7223** Sharon **Patterson**, spatterson27@btinternet.com **Johnstone, Jardine, Carruthers**, etc Parishes of Lochmaben, Dunscore, Applegarth, etc.
- 7225** Fiona **Hughes** fiughes@btinternet.com **Craig, Haining, Ronald, Ferguson, Wallace, Hathorn/Hawthorn, Kennedy, Hunter, Cairnachan, McCulloch, McCormick**. Wigtown, Stoneykirk, Stranraer, Kirkcudbright, Penninghame.
- 7227** Stephanie **Roberts** iroberts1964@sky.com **Cardy/Cardie**: Maxwelltown/ Dumfries
- 7229** Margie **Ferguson** margie_ferguson@outlook.com **Taylor, Angus**. Parishes of Inch, Stranraer & Leswalt, Wigtownshire.
- 7230** Moira **Macdonald** mooimac@gmail.com **Hyslop** (& variations), **Kerr, Copland, Blackthorn**: Durisdeer, Penpont & Sanquhar. I have traced my maternal ancestors back from South Africa, mid-1700's to a 5xgt grandmother, **Ann Hyslop**, B. bef. 1759 - D.1830, in Durisdeer.

- 7231** Kevin **Lingard** klinguard9@gmail.com
Maxwell family.
- 7232** Bob **Clarke** bob@aldsys.co.uk
Gretna marriages 1845-1855 (prior to compulsory registration). Researching alleged marriage of David **Mitchell** & Mary **Armstrong** in late 1840's
- 7234** Malcolm **Beattie** mao13@btinternet.com
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- 7235** Andy **Batchelor** andybatchelor@live.com **Maxwell**, Maxwelltown & **Edgar**, Lockerbie
- 7237** Stuart **Edgar** stuart.edgar2@btinternet.com
Edgar:
Annan & Kirkpatrick Fleming
- 7238** Susan **Berry** sue.berry@earthcaptures.com My 2xgt grandfather, **Thomas Gordon McQuie**, b.07.05.1854 in Anwoth, d.1917 Essex. **Cunningham**, **McTier**, **Gordon**: Anwoth, Gatehouse of Fleet, Mochrum, Girthon, Glenluce. **Lenaghan**, **Dougan**: Whithorn, Glasserton. **Blain**, Mochrum. **Cowan**, **Murray**: Dumfries.
- 7239** Alison **Dunse** alisondunse1966@gmail.com **Bell**, **Dunse**, **Graham**, **Helon** & **Wilson**. Parish of Troqueer, Maxwelltown, Kirkmichael. Other areas Kirkcudbrightshire, Dumfries, Lockerbie. Interested in history of Laurieknowe & Maxwelltown area; Nithsdale Rowing Club & the Nith & surrounding areas along its course.
- 7240** Dr Mike **Davies** mikewgoch133@gmail.com **Kerr**, **Stitt**: Durisdeer; **Richardson**, Lochmaben.
- 7241** Sandy **Cooke** sa_cooke@hotmail.co.uk My 4xgt grandfather, **Thomas Anderson**, 1794-1867 of Rae Street/Buccleuch Street, Moffat. His wife (or one of his wives) Isabella Donaldson, 1805-1857. Interested to find any children of either of these ancestors, even outside of this marriage. It would help with part of a DNA puzzle.
- 7243** Joe **Neilson** joe.neilson@btinternet.com **Neilson**, **McNaught** & **Rigg**. My 2xgt grandfather, **Charles Neilson**, was born at Irongray in 1838. He came to N. Ireland & started a branch of the Neilson family here. His parents were **William Neilson** & **Helen Austin**.
- 7244** Sandra **Davidson** sandav1945@yahoo.co.uk **Langton**, Leitrim, Ireland who married into **Craig** & **Cairns** family, Urr & Kirkmahoe. **Johnstone** family – joinery business in Powfoot – late 1800s. **Ann Burns**, Dumfries & **Charles Costeur**, Belgium (an attendant at S.C. Asylum, Dumfries) married: 7.06.1878 in St Andrew's Church Dumfries.
- 7245** Andrew **McDougall**, andy.madowal@gmail.com My 2xgt grandfather, **James McDowall** (1880-1886) m:1825 to Rebecca Waitt in Braunston, Northants. Lived Derby, London, Edinburgh & Glasgow. No birth, baptism or sibling details. All Censuses give Scotland as his birthplace. In 1843, name changed to McDougall & family moved to Liverpool. Was a tea dealer in Derby.

UK MEMBERSHIP REPORT 2023

2023 has been an interesting year for me as I agreed to cover the UK membership role for Beverley. Firstly I would like to thank Beverley for the very comprehensive information and instructions she gave me and the fact that she was always willing to assist and answer any queries, it was very helpful. Wow, it is said that you do not know what other people do until you step into their shoes, well that is certainly true. It has been challenging at times but also enjoyable, communicating with so many different people and hearing about their research, challenges and successful searching.

Due to the nature of the work we do our membership can change quite dramatically, as members achieve their aim and have a break from their research or it takes them to other areas of the country.

We started the year at 01-10-23 with 638 members and ended at 31-12-23 with 671, sadly seven of our members who had been long standing supporters of the Society, died and our condolences go to their families and friends. During the year we welcomed 122 new members.

386 received hard copies of the newsletter and 285 received e-journals, we are seeing a steady increase in the number of members receiving e-journals which is very helpful considering the increase in postage costs and printing.

Thank you to everyone for their support and kind messages over the year.

Janet Heal # 6162

A BOUQUET FROM BEVERLEY

A wee note with a HUGE thank you!

I would like to sincerely thank Janet Heal for keeping everything on an even keel for the last year and to acknowledge what a fabulous job she has done in managing the UK Membership Secretary's post! I couldn't have accomplished what I did in the last year without her!

There is much that goes on behind the scenes, by a small, valiant group of volunteers, of which you may not always be aware.

Beverley Thom # 5543

ARTICLES REQUIRED

Following our request for the Newsletter. We would like to thank those members who have responded to this request, we have enjoyed reading the interesting articles submitted. Keep up the good work, please keep sending anything you are researching.

Editorial Team

NEW OS MEMBERS FOR JULY 2024 NEWSLETTER

- 7257 Lisa **Lansink**, CAN, lisalansink@icloud.com, **Cowan Clingan Nelson Wilson** - Canonbie, Dumfries, Maxwelltown, Holywood
- 7258 Elizabeth **Klingler**, USA, klingler@yahoo.com, **Adair** – Portpatrick, Wigtown, Sanquhar
- 7260 Diane **Leighton**, NZ, disedbergh@icloud.com, **Leighton**
- 7261 Melissa **Mackey**, USA, mackey-melissa@yahoo.com, **Wilson** – Torthorwald, Mouswald
- 7262 Carol **Stewart**, AUS, bracas2011@gmail.com, **Stewart, Ferguson, Coltart, McLaurin**
- 7263 Vanessa **Wilson**, CAN, vwilson@outlook.com, **Wilson** – Newton Stewart, Penningham, Sorbie, Wigtownshire
- 7264 Ann **Munson**, USA, annmunson1@icloud.com, **McLean** – Wigtown, Kirkcudbright, Penningham. Also **McKie/Kief/Keefe**
- 7265 Peter **Nickolas**, AUS, peter@uow.edu.au, **Beddie, McMillan, Porteous** - Wigtown
- 7266 Paulette G **Lankford**. USA, twlankford@earthlink.net,
- 7267 Phil **Bowness**, CAN, philisms4u@gmail.com, Family member movement for employment. Interested surnames include **Bowness, Farish, Kellock, Tomlin**; parishes of Closeburn, Tinwall, Kirkmahoe. Interested in county development providing employment opportunities
- 7268 Ian **McKelvie**, CAN, reidsmills90@gmail.com, **McKelvie, Heron, Henderson, McClymont, McQuaker, Withers, Doak, Baird,**
- Burgess** -primarily in Wigtownshire.
- 7269 Val **van Raay**, AUS, valvr57@gmail.com, **Anderson** – Durisdeer
- 7271 Peter **Carson**, AUS, family@carsonsathome.org, My gr gr grandfather, John **Carson**. Seaman, born 1826, Gatehouse of Fleet to John **Carson** (Seaman) and Jane **Cameron**.
- 7272 Jane **Wallace**, CAN, ejwallace-brown@hotmail.com, **Oliver**
- 7273 Debbie **Blakely**, CAN, blakely1@protonmail.com, **Gilchrist, McIlhargey**
- 7274 Peter **Donelan**, NZ, mylesdone-lan@gmail.com, **Hunter, Wallace** – Glencairn, Thornhill, Monaive – Covenanters, Drapers & Shopkeepers
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- 7276 Chelsea **Schneider**, USA, chelseaschneider@gmail.com, **Jardine** – Annan
- 7277 Cory **Mackie**, USA, cory.mackie@comcast.net, **Mackie**
- 7278 Jo **Hanrahan**, AUS, johanrahan5087@icloud.com, **McGeoch, McKie, McDowall, McTier/Mactier, Kerr** in a variety of places - Wigtown, Penninghame, Stranraer, Glasserton, Kirkcowan, Inch, Old Luce, Glenluce and Stoneykirk.

OS MEMBERSHIP FOR 2023

Australia 100 Canada 66 New Zealand 25 USA 99 Total 290
Thank you to the agents for their help throughout the year:
AUS – Richard, CAN – Ethel, NZ – Elizabeth. USA - Joyce
Hazel McMillan # 2645

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Online Shop and Publications Report

Our Online Shop continues to develop with currently 410 books and newsletters available. The Online Shop started in May 2020 and we have now sold nearly 6,500 books and taken £25,200 in sales.

Worth a mention are our special successes of:

Our bestselling book is Dumfries & Galloway Placenames by Parish from the second half of the 19th Century. It was particularly pleasing as it was compiled by Bill Holland and myself, thank you Bill.

In December 2022 we released a set on 11 books of Deaths from Dumfries and Galloway Newspapers This series contains 42,700 deaths and since its release we have sold 251 books.

During 2023 we decided to release our 1841 Census Books on our Online Shop as some of our followers said it was cheaper to buy one of our books than to pay for images on ScotlandsPeople! Since then we have sold 335 of the 1841 Census Books.

Our Graveyard Project continues, with only 11½% of the graveyards still to be completed, most of which are in Wigtownshire. Of the 243 graveyards, we have now completely photographed 215 and accumulated over 143,000 photos.

The Graveyard Transcription project is going well having now transcribed 201 graveyards. We have now moved into the checking phase and have checked 63 of the 201.

Thank you to everyone for your support.
Terry Brown # 1397

PC UPDATE

DGFHS have recently received one new Family History Story donated to the society. From Peter Nickolas is the Story of 'William McMillan', born in Dalkeith, but died at Boghouse, Parish of Mochrum in 1867. This account is the story of Peter's research into this member of his family and his research into the family stories passed down. A lot of the story is based here in the South West of Scotland, predominately Wigtownshire. Peter supplied both a PDF and hard paper copy, the paper copy will be available in the Library, the PDF will be viewable on the society PCs. If you have a link to the family we will put you in touch with Peter.

John Mills # 6445

ZOOM TALKS

There aren't a lot of positive things to be said about the recent Covid pandemic. Many people sadly died, many businesses and organizations suffered, and the effects are still being felt to this day. However, we do have one positive thing to report ~ Zoom talks. In the early days of the pandemic, the Society purchased a Zoom subscription and that allowed us to run our council meetings remotely. It has also allowed us to run Zoom talks, which have been very well supported. These talks have been a mixture of instructional and entertaining presentations. Because of the world-wide nature of our membership, we have held some in the evenings and some in the mornings [UK times] which we hope will attract members to join in from whatever corner of the globe they reside. For those who cannot join in at the appointed time, a recording is made and sent out to them, which, provided they download the link within seven days, will allow them to view the presentation at their leisure.

In recent months, we have had talks on 'Names on Maps', the fascinating story of

Lady Florence Dixie, and 'Farewell Stranraer, America is Calling'. Our AGM was followed by 'How Healthy is your Family tree' which proved to be an interesting foray into the world of genetics and inherited illnesses. Later this year, we will hear from Fiona Chesterton giving tips from a published author, John Halliday with Ramsay's gentle shepherd in Kirkcudbrightshire and Ken Nisbet on the 1921 census.

To be included on the 'Zoom list', everyone was sent an email in January inviting them to email the Zoom Coordinator on zoom@dgfhs.org.uk If you didn't register, you can still do it just by sending an email. Please quote your membership number and say what country you reside in. The syllabus can be found at www.dgfhs.org.uk/syllabus Please check it out.

If someone has an interesting talk they would like to give, please email me on zoom@dgfhs.org.uk and tell me about it.

Ian McClumpha # 906



WE WON!

We have won First Prize for the Guid Nychburris window competition for The Robert the Bruce display which we took part in for the 750th anniversary events.

See the next issue (issue 110) for more!

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Could all members who pay by standing order please note they need to inform their bank the new subscription rate is £11 for a hard copy of the newsletter and £7.50 for an e-journal.

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