

The Story of
Donald GUNN

1853-1918

&

Helen BAIKIE

1858-1945

AND THEIR
ANCESTORS,
DESCENDANTS,
AND
EXTENDED FAMILY

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SECTION 1

INTRODUCTION

- ◆ **How The Story Began & Acknowledgements**
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INTRODUCTION - How The Story Began & Acknowledgements

We have been very fortunate in researching our Family Tree & our Scottish ancestors. There were 4 significant steps :-

- **Things originated with Malcolm's dad, Don Gunn**, who made the first rudimentary tree and made the initial contact with key cousins, and then provided continued support until his death.
- Malcolm went to the **Clan Gunn Reunion in 1985**, "armed" with the name of his great grandparents, Donald Gunn of Auckingill and Helen Baikie of Mey. There, he met **Dr. Colin Gunn**, the Clan Gunn historian - he was soon able to go back three generations to Peter Gunn and Alexandrina Robertson.
- Then Malcolm began to correspond with **Bernard Thompson**, of Kent England, & husband of Moira Carter, grand-daughter of Donald & Helen. This was the "turning point" for **it was Bernard who not only taught Malcolm genealogical research techniques, but he also did an enormous amount himself**. We were on our way !
- Then another turning point - **the "late great aunties" Marg. Threadgold and Flora Naylor became involved** They corresponded with many relatives, both Gunn and Baikie, back in the home country and they spent many hours with Malcolm talking into a tape recorder; supplying family details, anecdotes, photos, memorabilia; clearing up queries. The family tree started to get "some meat" and grew enormously.

Since then, the network of contributors grew (see over for "where they fit")...

- **Jean Davies** (Great Britain) and **James Waters** (Great Britain), grandchildren of Magnus Baikie, brother of Helen, were largely responsible for the growth of the Baikie & Geddes Tree. James also wrote the story of Pearl Cottage, "*Home of the Baikie's*" which gives a real insight into life in those days and is included in this story in its entirety.
- More overseas cousins including **June Hince and Marjorie Wedgwood**.
- Cousins **Doug Gunn and Robyn Gunn, Helen Millar, Moira Thompson, Margaret Dennis, Murray and Peter Hill, Jim Gunn and Kathryn Gunn, Keith Gunn, Bob and Judy Robertson, Gavin Martin and Di Schafrank, and Robert and Carol Schofield**, have also contributed a great deal.
- **Nan Cormack, Anne Dunnett, Nanette Lenton** who helped form the "Geddes Connection".
- Plus **many other cousins**, too numerous to name, who have helped just so much with their particular families - **there would be no biography without them**.
- Friends at Monteith in particular, **Roy and Grace Auricht, and Colin McRae**.
- Many others became involved including :-
 - **David Armstrong** who did a lot of research on the Baikie family..
 - **Harry Taylor** for his maritime research.
 - **Leslie Watts**, another distant Baikie cousin.
- A big thankyou to **Kathryn Gunn** for her proof-reading of the text.

Finally a huge thankyou for the continued support and encouragement to Malcolm's wife, **Jan Gunn**. She has had to endure many long hours of Malcolm "at the computer", jobs not being done, and many so called "holidays", chasing clues, visiting cemeteries, visiting local councils and libraries....

We cannot research much further than the late 1600's because Parish registers for the county of Caithness did not commence until 1701, so it will be rather difficult to go back any earlier, unless there are wills or else they appear on Family Trees of the Clan Gunn Society or other publications.

There are quite a few "gaps" & areas of further research.....however we thought it best to publish now.....The ancestral story still needs a lot more work and a trip back to the home country.

INTRODUCTION - Research Sources

Sources (See Appendices) include :-

- Births (C.= Christened), Deaths & Marriages
 - *Civil Registration Indexes (CRI's).....on microfiche
 - *B,D & M Surs Rev.....on microfiche
 - *Certificates / Extracts
 - *Pioneer Indexes
 - * South Australian Births, Deaths and Marriages...available on CD or book form
- Cemetery Indexes
- Cen = Censuses
- Church Records
- Diaries, Birthday Books, Xmas Card Books
- Family knowledge & recollections
- IGI - International Genealogical Index
- Internet
- Lands Dept. = Lands Departments Records
- MI = Monumental Inscriptions
- OPR = Old Parish Records
- Passenger Lists & Indexes
- Pat. Sub. = Patron Submissions
- School Registers

Places

- South Australian Church of Latter Day Saints (Mormons)
- Datapoint, Melbourne
- Genealogical Societies especially South Australian Genealogical & Heraldry Society
- Lands Departments especially South Australian Lands Dept.
- Libraries especially Mortlock Library of South Australia
- State Records of South Australia

References that have been useful include :-

Australia :-

- Abbott, Lucy - *Beyond the Rock : Memories of Monteith*
- Bray, A.M. - *Annals of the Port Adelaide Presbyterian Church*
- *Port Adelaide, 1836-1986 : Mudflats to Metropolis.*

United Kingdom :-

- Book Division, North of Scotland Newspapers, (42 Union St., Wick) - *Caithness From The Air.*
- Caithness Heritage Trust - *Life At Westside, Dunnet in the 1930's : The reminiscences of Donald (Dan) Calder, son of James & Mary-Ann Calder.*
- Geddes, J - *Caithness Spoken :A Selection Of Caithness Words & Expressions.*
- Pentland Press (c/- Caithness Books, 3 Mears Place Thurso) - *Caithness : Canisbay 1793 : A Reprint From The First Staistical Account Of Scotland.*
- Stell, G & Omand, D - *The Caithness Croft* - Laidhay Preservation Trust, Moravian Press Ltd., (31 South St. Elgin).
- Watson, G - *Caithness Place Names* - Caithness Books, (3 Mears Place Thurso).

"Codes"

- We have used the "**Henry Code**" and linked them to a **Generation Number**.
- Both are used to number each individual and to link the family together and locate exactly where each individual fits in the family.
- The **Henry Code** is used for the actual family trees...
 - Eg:- The earliest known Baikie descendant is given "B", his eldest child "B1", next child "B2"...
 - The children of "B1" = "B11", "B12", "B13"....
 - So Malcolm Gunn = "B31823111"
- The **Generation Number** is used in the autobiography for Donald & Helen's family, because the Henry Code number can become quite large...
 - So:- Donald & Helen were allocated "**Gen.** (= Generation) **0'**"
 - Their parents = "**Gen. -1'**", grandparents = "**Gen.-2'**", great grandparents = "**Gen.-3'**"...
 - So, Donald = both ("**G-1.4'**" = 4th child of generation -1) and "**Gen. 0'**"
 - And, Helen = both ("**G-1.3'**" = 3rd child of generation -1) and "**Gen. 0'**"
 - Donald & Helen's children = "**Gen. 1'**", grandchildren = "**Gen.2'**", great grandchildren = "**Gen.3'**"...
 - For Donald & Helen's brothers & sisters, we started with "**Gen.-1'**"
 - For the Geddes family, we started with "**Gen.-2'**"

INTRODUCTION - Key People & Where They Fit

“GUNN’S”

Gen.-5 Gen.-4 Gen.-3 Gen.-2 Gen.-1 Gen.0 Gen.1 Gen.2 Gen.3 Gen.4

-5	Charles GUNN / Margaret CORMACK										
-5	-4	Donald GUNN / Margaret KEITH									
-5	-4	-3	Peter GUNN / Margaret MANSON								
-5	-4	-3	-2	Gavin GUNN / Janet STEPHEN							
-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	Peter GUNN / Alexandrina ROBERTSON						
-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	Donald GUNN / Helen BAIKIE					
-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	Donald Murdoch GUNN / Ellen Royal McALLISTER				
-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	<u>Donald Allister GUNN</u> / Phyllis Jean TANK			
-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	<u>Donald Malcolm GUNN</u> / <u>Janice</u> Kay PIKE		
-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	<u>Catherine Jane</u> GUNN / James Laird <u>TROUP</u>		
-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	<u>Robert Allan GUNN</u> / Coralie May DANIEL			
-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	<u>Trevor John GUNN</u> / Pamela Kaye LOCKWOOD			
-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	<u>Douglas Gard GUNN</u> / Mavis Emmeline ELZE				
-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3Brian Douglas <u>GUNN</u> / <u>Robyn</u> Grace MALINS			
-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1James Benjamin Baikie GUNN / Elsie Glasson BRAY					
-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	<u>James Allen Baikie GUNN</u> / Maurine Lesley FINLAYSON				
-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	<u>Kathryn Margaret GUNN</u>			
-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	2Graham Samuel GUNN / Mary PURCHES					
-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1Cathrien Jenny (Jean) GUNN / William Alexander CARTER					
-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	<u>Helen Mary</u> CARTER / William George (Bill) <u>MILLAR</u>				
-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	<u>Margaret Alison</u> CARTER / Basil Edwin <u>DENNIS</u>				
-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	<u>Moira Jean</u> CARTER / <u>Francis Bernard</u> THOMPSON				
-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1Helen Alexandrina (Nell) GUNN / Peter Thomas ROBERTSON					
-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	<u>Robert Wallace (Bob) ROBERTSON</u> / <u>Judith</u> McDonald				
-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1Ronald Calder GUNN / Ella Lamont GRAY					
-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	<u>Marjory Helen</u> GUNN / James Alexander William <u>DRYSDALE</u>				
-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	<u>Archibald Keith GUNN</u> / Fay LEACH				
-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	2David Ronald Ian GUNN / Muriel GURR					
-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1Rhoda May GUNN / Claude Albert HILL					
-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	<u>James Arthur Murray HILL</u> / <u>Barbara</u> WENDELBORN				
-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	<u>Peter Gordon HILL</u> / <u>Nesta</u> May SWEENEY				
-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	<u>Margaret Isabella</u> GUNN / Robert George <u>THREADGOLD</u>					
-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2Mary Burns <u>THREADGOLD</u> / Thomas SCHOFIELD				
-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3 <u>Robert Swanson SCHOFIELD</u> / <u>Carol</u> Dawn RODGERS			
-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2Donald Calder <u>THREADGOLD</u> / Elspeth Edith PRICE				
-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3 <u>Ian Baikie</u> <u>THREADGOLD</u> / Ann COOMBES			
-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3 <u>Donald Jeffrey</u> <u>THREADGOLD</u> / Jane Marie HINCHLIFFE			
-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1Ann Dorothy Jemima GUNN / Audrey Frank Edwin MARTIN					
-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	<u>Gavin Douglas</u> MARTIN / Greta TULLY				
-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3 <u>Diana Fay</u> MARTIN / Bert <u>SCHAFRANEK</u>			
-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	<u>Ronald Angus</u> MARTIN / <u>Margaret</u> Robin TULLOCH				
-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	<u>Robert Edwin</u> MARTIN / Elizabeth <u>Anne</u> SIMPSON				
-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	<u>Flora Agnes</u> GUNN / Lawrence James <u>NAYLOR</u>					
-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	0Murdoch GUNN / Margaret SUTHERLAND					
-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1Murdoch GUNN / Margaret GEDDES					
-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2Murdoch (Murdo) GUNN / Elizabeth (Betty) Macleod				
-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3Maureen GUNN / ?? MILLER			
-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1Donald GUNN / Helen MOWAT					
-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2Ellen GUNN / Robert SHEARSMITH				
-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3Francis Robert GUNN			
-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3Lena SHEARSMITH / Alexander SMITH			
-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3Edward SHEARSMITH / Kitty FALCONERTo Australia			
-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	2Catherine GUNN / William GEDDES					
-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	0Alexandrina GUNN / George BREMNER					
-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1Annie Barneston BREMNER / Charles Thomas NELMES					
-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	<u>June</u> HELMES / Dennis <u>HINCE</u>				

INTRODUCTION - Key People & Where They Fit

“BAIKIES”

Gen.-5 Gen.-4 Gen.-3 Gen.-2 Gen.-1 Gen.0 Gen.1 Gen.2 Gen.3 Gen.4

-5George BAIKIE / Mary DUNNET
 -5 -4 -3George BAIKIE / Catherine DUNNET
 -5 -4 -3George BAIKIE / Margaret SUTHERLAND
 -5 -4 -3 -2James BAIKIE / Esther JOHNSTON
 -5 -4 -3 -2 -1James BAIKIE / Margaret CREAR
 -5 -4 -3 -2 -1 0Margaret BAIKIE / Murdoch CAMPBELL
 -5 -4 -3 -2 -1 0 1Margaret CAMPBELL / Robert MOIR
 -5 -4 -3 -2 -1 0 1 2Elizabeth MOIR / Leslie WATTS
 -5 -4 -3 -2Benjamin BAIKIE / Helen BARNESTON
 -5 -4 -3 -2 -1James BAIKIE / Catherine CALDER
 -5 -4 -3 -2 -1 0Jeannie BAIKIE / Thomas SWANSON
 -5 -4 -3 -2 -1 0 1Thomas SWANSON / Myra KNIGHTTo Australia
 -5 -4 -3 -2 -1 0 1 2James SWANSON / Nancy BURGESS
 -5 -4 -3 -2 -1 0 1 2 3James Howard SWANSON / Susan Joy RANDELL
 -5 -4 -3 -2 -1Helen BAIKIE / Donald GUNNTo Australia
 -5 -4 -3 -2 -1 0Georgina BAIKIE / John LEYLAND
 -5 -4 -3 -2 -1 0 1John LEYLAND / Sarah HARDING
 -5 -4 -3 -2 -1 0 1 2Marjorie LEYLAND / Reg WEDGEWOOD
 -5 -4 -3 -2 -1 0 1Etta LEYLAND
 -5 -4 -3 -2 -1 0Magnus BAIKIE / Jane GEDDES
 -5 -4 -3 -2 -1 0 1Bella BAIKIE / James WATERS
 -5 -4 -3 -2 -1 0 1 2James WATERS / Grace SHAW
 -5 -4 -3 -2 -1 0 1 2Jean WATERS / Bruce DAVIES
 -5 -4 -3 -2 -1 0 1 2Magnus (Mac) WATERS / Anne FINAN
 -5 -4 -3 -2George Baikie / Isobel Leveck
 -5 -4 -3 -2 -1John Baikie / Henrietta WaresTo South Africa.
 -5 -4 -3 -2 -1 0George BAIKIE / Mary Anne COVENTRY
 -5 -4 -3 -2 -1 0 1 2Eleanor BAIKIE / Arthur WRIGHT
 -5 -4 -3 -2 -1 0 1 2 3Enid WRIGHT / Charles PILCHER
 -5 -4 -3 -2 -1 0 1 2 3 4Jennifer PILCHER / Kurt STERN
 -5 -4 -3 -2Magnus BAIKIE / Catherine MALCOLMSON
 -5 -4 -3 -2John BAIKIE / Christina GRAY
 -5 -4 -3 -2John BAIKIE / Christina MALCOLMSON
 -5 -4 -3 -2 -1Margaret BAIKIE / John BRUCE
 -5 -4 -3 -2 -1 0John BRUCE / Alexina MALCOLMSON
 -5 -4 -3 -2 -1 0 1Alexander BRUCE / Edith HALCROTo Australia
 -5 -4 -3 -2 -1 0 1 2Margaret BRUCE / Bruce MILLER
 -5 -4 -3 -2 -1Ann BAIKIE / John STOUT
 -5 -4 -3 -2 -1 0Mary Ann STOUT / Alexander STEWART
 -5 -4 -3 -2 -1 0 1Annie STEWART / Sidney ARMSTRONG
 -5 -4 -3 -2 -1 0 1 2 3David ARMSTRONG

“GEDDES”

-4George GEDDES / Isobel
 -4 -3James GEDDES / Margaret BROTCHE
 -4 -3 -2John GEDDES / Jean HAM
 -4 -3 -2 -1James GEDDES / Helen BANKS
 -4 -3 -2 -1?? 0?? 1?? 2Jimmy CORMACK
 -4 -3 -2 -1John GEDDES / Christine FORSYTH
 -4 -3 -2 -1 0Anne GEDDES / Daniel DUNNET
 -4 -3 -2 -1 0 1William Francis DUNNETT / Elizabeth SUTHERLAND
 -4 -3 -2 -1 0 1 2Maragret Anne Geddes DUNNETT
 -4 -3 -2 -1 0Christina GEDDES / William CORMACK
 -4 -3 -2 -1 0 1William CORMACK / Harriet SKENETo Australia
 -4 -3 -2 -1 0 1 2Nanette Sinclair CORMACK / Dean LENTON
 -4 -3 -2 -1 0 1Alex CORMACK / Nan ROSIETo Australia
 -4 -3 -2 -1Christina GEDDES / Benjamin BAIKIE
 -4 -3 -2 -1Andrew GEDDES / Isabella JACK
 -4 -3 -2 -1 0Margaret GEDDES / George DUNNET
 -4 -3 -2 -1 0 1Willie DUNNET / Kitty GUNN
 -4 -3 -2 -1 0 1 2Catherine DUNNET / Grant KING
 -4 -3 -2 -1 0Jane GEDDES / Magnus BAIKIE
 -4 -3 -2 -1 0 1Bella BAIKIE / Jame WATERS...See “BAIKIE”
 -4 -3 -2 -1 0Isabella GEDDES / Robert SKENE
 -4 -3 -2 -1 0 1Bella SKENE / Alex McKENZIE
 -4 -3 -2 -1 0 1 2Sheila McKENZIE / George THOMPSON