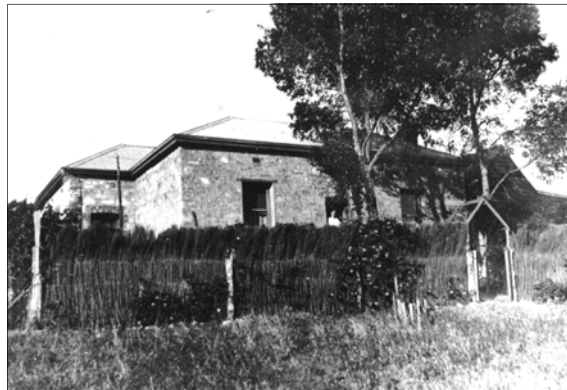


**FROM
CAITHNESS
SCOTLAND**



**TO
MONTEITH
SOUTH AUSTRALIA**



**REVISED
EDITION**

Often, apart from Common Ancestors, there are no unifying threads in a family history. Even when siblings have remained in touch, cousins have drifted apart.

There are unifying threads in this volume...

- **Donald and Helen's children maintained many and often close relationships with each other**, and with other members of the Gunn and Baikie Clans. These relationships survived absences at sea and over land.
- **There is an active involvement in church affairs**, especially the Presbyterian Church, and the Presbyterian Fellowship Association.
- The traditional Scottish professions of **engineering and education**.
- The traditional occupations of **farming and maritime pursuits**.

Donald and Helen's grandchildren have carried on that tradition. The links have perhaps not been quite as close, but they have remained aware of one another and their activities. Their interest in immediate family and the wider clan, has encouraged the great-grandchildren to maintain and re-develop some of those contacts.

Looking back has also enabled us to look forward to Donald and Helen's great-great grandchildren and beyond also maintaining those contacts and being aware of their heritage.

On the grounds that "*chan fhiosrach mur feoraich*" or "*nothing asked, nothing learned*", Malcolm, as the eldest son of the eldest son of the eldest son, inherited the task of "*seanachaidh*" or "*reciter / recorder of tales*".

Notes re the Revised Edition...

- ◆ It has been ongoing since April 2004.
- ◆ Revisions come from the family...births, marriages and deaths, as well as from queries on the Gunn website...www.ozgunns.com.au.
- ◆ The index will not be revised.
- ◆ Where pages have been altered needing extra pages, the letters "a, b, c..." have been added with original page number.
- ◆ A new section..."*Distant Cousins*" has been added.

Malcolm Gunn

The Story of
Donald GUNN

1853-1918

&

Helen BAIKIE

1858-1945

AND THEIR
ANCESTORS,
DESCENDANTS,
AND
EXTENDED FAMILY

By Malcolm GUNN
(With assistance from the Family)

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Donald GUNN



Helen BAIKIE



Photographs taken from framed photos originally held by Flora Naylor
and now held by grandchildren Bob and Judy Robertson

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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 Schafranek, and Robert and Carol Schofield**, have also contributed a great deal.
- **Nan Cormack, Anne Dunnett, and 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 trips 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).
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“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

“BAIKIES”

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

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

“GEDDES”

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

SECTION 2

OUR ANCESTORS

- ◆ **Introduction**

Location

“In a Nutshell”

**Donald & Helen’s Brothers & Sisters
Extended Family Relationships**

- ◆ **Gunn Ancestors**

Introduction

Charles Gunn & Margaret Cormack

Donald Gunn & Margaret Keith

Peter Gunn & Margaret Manson

Gavin Gunn & Janet Steven

Peter Gunn & Alexandrina Robertson

- ◆ **Baikie Ancestors**

Introduction

George Baikie & Mary Dunnet

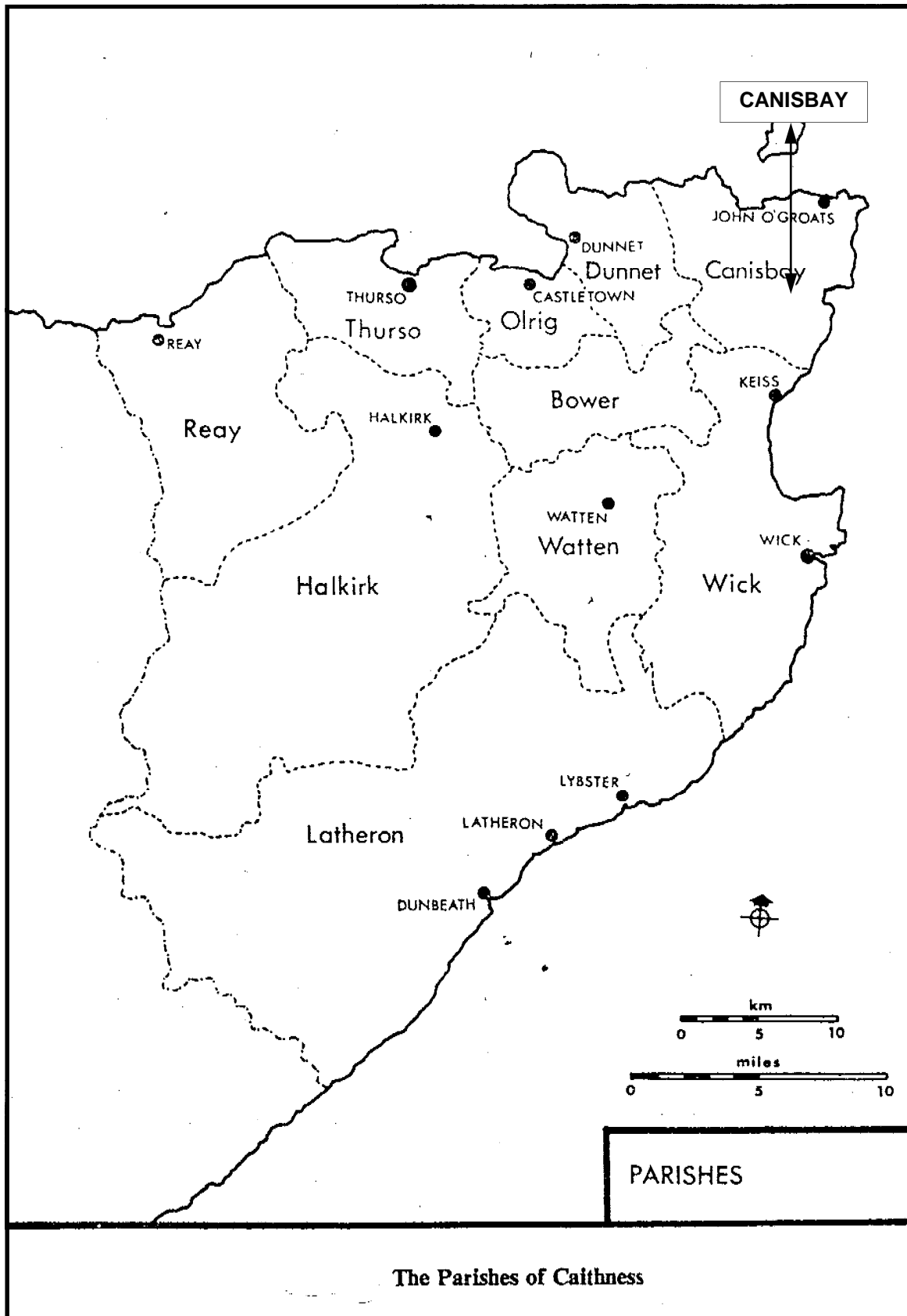
Walter Baikie & Katherine Dunnett

George Baikie & Margaret Sutherland

Benjamin Baikie & Helen Barneston

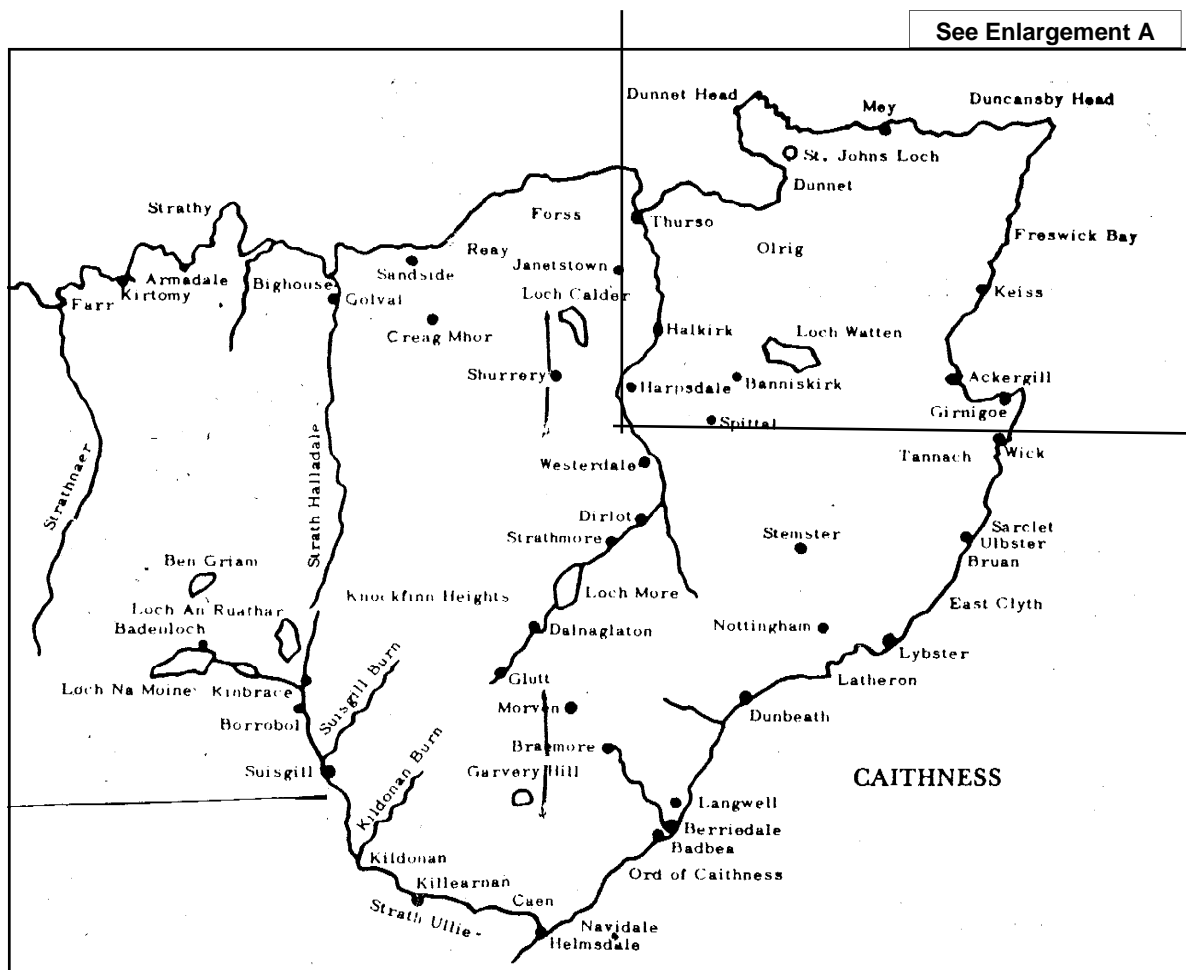
James Baikie & Catherine Calder

THE PARISHES OF CAITHNESS



ANCESTORS - INTRODUCTION - Location

CAITHNESS



In a letter to her daughter, Flora Naylor, Helen wrote..."Dad (Donald) was from near Wick ten miles along the coast towards Thurso, and about 20 from Wick and 21 from Thurso. I was from between Duncansbay Head and Dunnet Head, Dad was from between Duncansbay Head and Moss Head to the East, I a bit further west both from the coast on Pentland Firth".

RELEVANT LOCATIONS

Auckingill - A very small village north of Wick.....serviced by a bus in the morning & evening from Wick.

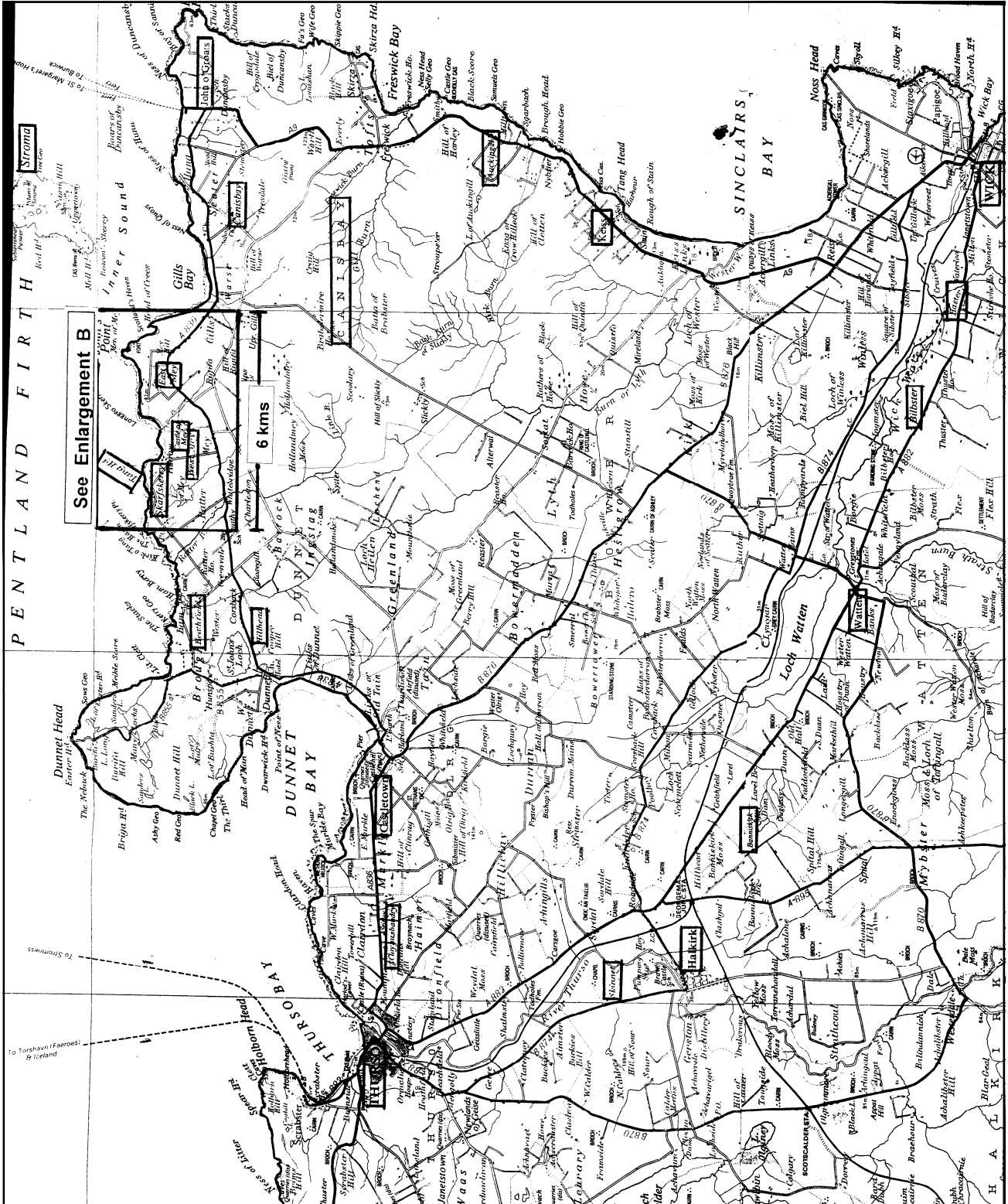
- Residence of **Donald GUNN & Margaret KEITH** (G-4) , from 1774 to unknown....Christening of their child, **Margaret** (G-4.1) in 1774.
- Residence of **Peter GUNN & Margaret MANSON** (G-3) , from 1782 - Pre 1851....Christening of their children, **Donald** (G-3.1) in 1782; **Gavin** (G-3.2) in 1785; **Margaret** (G-3.3) in 1787; **Helen** (G-3.4) in 1789; **John** (G-3.5) in 1792; **Gavin** (G-3.6; G-2.0) in 1794; **William** (G-3.7) in 1798.
- Residence of **Gavin GUNN & Janet STEPHEN** (G-2) , 1821-1828...Christening of their child, **Peter** (G-2.1; -1.0) in 1821.
- Residence of **Peter GUNN & Alexandrina ROBERTSON** (G-1), 1846 - 1910....Christening of their children, **David** (G-1.2) in 1846; **Margaret** (G-1.3) in 1849; **Donald** (G-1.4; 0.0) in 1853; **Murdoch** (G-1.5) in 1857; **Janet** (G-1.6) in 1860; **Alexandrina** (G-1.7) in 1864.....Death of **Peter GUNN** (G-1) in 1884; Death of Alexandrina in 1910.

⇒ **The cottages** (since demolished) of Peter & Alexandrina GUNN, Gavin & Janet GUNN, William & Janet GUNN - In 1989 Bernard Thompson met a Mrs Matheson, postmistress, who knew of their location. She also had photographs taken at the turn of the century.

⇒ **A bungalow** which has a plaque "WG 1906" on the side of it....prehaps where William GUNN lived ...quite likely a descendant of Peter or William GUNN, sons of William GUNN & Janet BAIN.

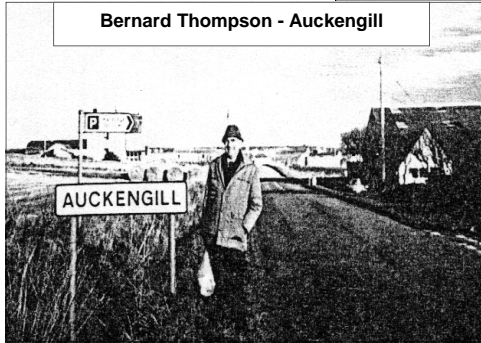
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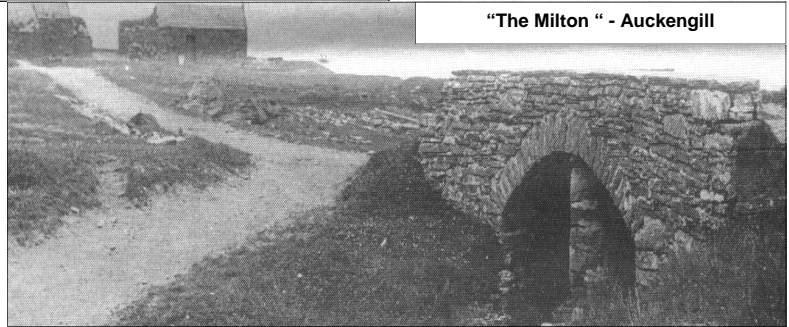


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RELEVANT LOCATIONS



Bernard Thompson - Auckengill



"The Milton " - Auckengill

Banniskirk Mains Farm

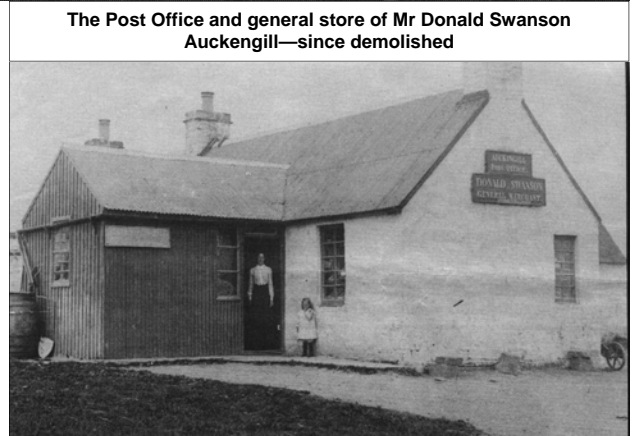
- Donald GUNN (G-1.5.1.2) worked there as grieve.

Barroqil Farm

- Mac WATERS (B-1.9.1.3.) worked there before going to Canada.
- Now part of the Queen Mother's estate.

Canisbay

- Marriage of Peter GUNN & Margaret MANSON, 1781 (G-3).
- Marriage of Gavin GUNN & Janet STEPHEN, 1820 (G-2).....
- Residence of George BAIKIE & Mary DUNNETT (B-5) , 1708 - 1721....Christening of their children, Agnes (B-5.1) 1708; John (B-5.2) 1711; Walter (B-5.3;-4.0) 1713; Magnus (B-5.4) 1716; Christian (B-5.5) 1721.



The Post Office and general store of Mr Donald Swanson Auckengill—since demolished

Dunfermline

- North of Edinburgh - Descendants of Janet GUNN / William BLYTH (G-1.6) ??.

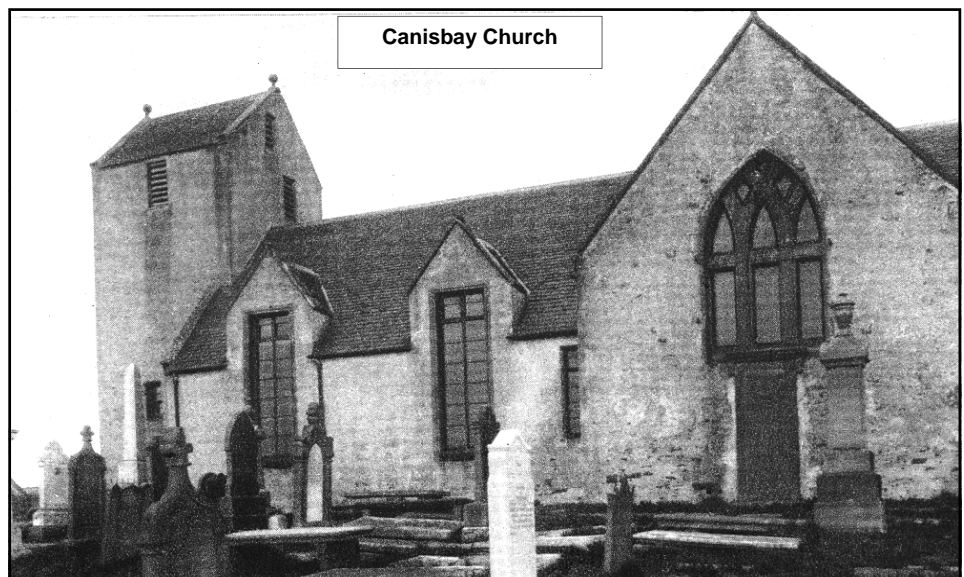
Dunnett

- Memorial to Thomas SWANSON (B-1.1).1881 & Burial of James SWANSON (B-1.1.2) 1891.
- (Hillhead)...Residence of Catherine BAIKIE & Capt. Alexander CALDER (??-??) (B-1.5).
- Burial of Catherine BAIKIE, 1938 & Capt. Alexander CALDER, 1925 (B-1.5).

Canisbay Church...

Buried here :-

- (No. 49) George Baikie (B-3) (1802).
- (No.50) James (1912) & Catherine (nee Calder...1921) Baikie (B-1) (1912), & their son, John (B-1.6), (1855) who died aged 17. Also mentioned was their eldest son, Benjamin Baikie (B-1.2), who was drowned in the Bay of Biscay (1877).
- (No. 139) Gavin (1828) & Janet (nee Stephen...1822) Gunn (G-2).
- (No. 140) Peter & Elizabeth (nee Bain) (G-3.7.2), and several of their family.



Canisbay Church



ANCESTORS - INTRODUCTION - Location

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Halkirk

- (Bower)...Marriage of **Peter GUNN & Alexandrina ROBERTSON** (G-1).....Residence of **Peter GUNN & Alexandrina ROBERTSON** 1844 - 1845....Christening of their child, **Gavin** (G-1.1;) 1845.
- Residence of **Margaret GUNN** (G-1.3)
- (51 Bridge St.)...Residence of **Donald GUNN & Helen MOWAT** (G-1.5.2) .
- Burial of of **Donald GUNN**, 1980, & **Helen MOWAT**, 1981, (G-1.5.2) .
- Other descendants of **Donald GUNN / Helen MOWAT & Murdoch GUNN / Margaret SUTHERLAND** here.



Halkirk Church & Churchyard



Keiss - around 1900

Keiss - About 2 miles SW from Auckingill....Just north of the village is the small cemetery.

- Burial of **Peter GUNN**, 1903 & **Alexandrina ROBERTSON**, 1910 (G-1).
- Burial (unmarked) of **Murdoch GUNN** (G-1.5) 1927.
- Burial of **Murdoch GUNN**, 1922 & **Margaret GEDDES**, 1952 (G-1.5.1).



Scarfskerry - The Linkmoor
wrecked at Scarfskerry Pier

Thurso - Clayhusbandry (E. of Thurso)

- Residence of **Catherine BAIKIE & Capt. Alexander CALDER** (B-1.5), (?? - 1925 / 1938)....died there .



Old Church. Thurso



High St., Thurso in 1900

Watten

- Residence of **Donald GUNN & Margaret KEITH** (G-4) , 1760-1772.....Christening of their children, **Peter** (G-4.7; G-3.0) 1762; **Donald** (G-4.8) 1765; **Ingram** (G-4.9) 1767; **John** (G-4.10) 1771.

Wick

- Marriage of **Charles GUNN & Margaret CORMACK**, (G-5) 1719.....Residence of **Charles GUNN & Margaret CORMACK**, 1720 - ??.....Christening of their children, **Katherine** (G-5.1) 1720; **Donald** (G-5.2;G-4) 1721; **George**, (G-5.3) 1723.
- Residence of **Donald GUNN & Margaret KEITH** (G-4) , 1749 -1759....Christening of their children, **John** (G-4.1), 1750; **William** (G-4.2) 1752; **Elsplet** (G-4.3) 1755; **Mary**, (G-4.4) 1755; **Elsplet** (G-4.5) 1756; **Charles** (G-4.6) 1759.
- Home of the HERITAGE CENTRE in Bank Row - the largest museum in the north of Scotland.

ANCESTORS - INTRODUCTION -Location

RELEVANT LOCATIONS

Mey

- Marriage of **Walter BAIKIE & Catherine DUNNETT**, 1749 (B-4).....Residence of **Walter BAIKIE & Catherine DUNNETT**, 1750 - 62.....Christening of their children, **George** (G-4.1;-3.0) 1750; **Katherine** (B-4.2) 1759; **Mary**, (G-4.3) 1762.
- (**Mill of Mey**)....Residence of **Katherine BAIKIE** (B-4.2) 1841; **Mary BAIKIE** (G-4.3) 1841.
- Marriage of **George BAIKIE & Margaret SUTHERLAND**, 1765 (B-3).....Residence of **George BAIKIE & Margaret SUTHERLAND**, 1765 - 1802.....Christening of their children, **Elsbet**,(B-3.1) 1766; **James**, (B-3.2) 1767; **Margaret**, (B-3.3) 1769; **Janet**, (B-3.4) 1771; **Charlotte**, (B-3.5) 1773; **Margaret**,(B-3.6) 1776; **John**, (B-3.7) 1778; **Benjamin**, (B-3.8;-2.0) 1781; **George**, (B-3.9) 1787.
- Residence of **Benjamin BAIKIE & Helen BARNESTON** (B-2) 1824 - post 1861....Christening of their children, **George**,(B-2.1) 1824; **James**, (B-2.2;-1.0) 1825; **Magnus**, (B-2.3) 1828; **Benjamin**, (B-2.4) 1828; **Helen**, (B-2.5) 1831.

North West of Mey - Harrow Harbour / Tang Head - see Enlargement B / aerial photograph for the location of the cottages, and each individual person's story for a photograph.

- **1. Castle Of Mey / Barrogill Castle** - "The Queen Mother's Caithness home lies in a secluded spot overlooking the Pentland Firth. It was built between 1566 & 1572 by the 4th Earl of Caithness, but had fallen into disrepair when the Queen Mother bought it in 1952, shortly after the death of King George VI. Since then she visited the castle annually. (From the Book "Caithness From The Air")
- **2. Harrow Farm** - Residence of the **HAM** family.
- **3. Rosebank** - Residence of **Margaret GEDDES & James GEDDES** (Ge.1.4.1.4).
- **4. Pearl Cottage** - Residence of **Magnus BAIKIE & Jane GEDDES** (B-1.9).
- **5. Lowland Cottage** - Residence of **John GEDDES & Christine FORSYTH** (Ge.1.4.2).
- - Now has a large extension on the right. The original cottage now a garage and store.
- **6. Rose Cottage** - quite near Pearl Cottage.....
 - ⇒ Residence of **James BAIKIE & Catherine CALDER** (B-1) 1854 - 1912 / 21 (Probably = "Field of Harrow" ...Christening / Birth of their children, **Jane**,(B-1.1) 1855; **Benjamin**, (B-1.2) 1856; **Helen** (Helen Millar, nee Carter, = "The house grandma was born in"), (B-1.3;0.0) 1858; **Georgina**, (B-1.4) 1860; **Catherine**, (B-1.5) 1862; **Jemima**,(B-1.6) 1864; **Isabella**, (B-1.7) 1866; **John Calder**, (B-1.8; 1868; **Magnus**, (B-1.9) 1870; **George**, (B-1.10) 1872.
 - ⇒ Residence of **George BAIKIE & Georgina WALLACE** (B-1.10) - 1935/1939.
 - ⇒ At the time of Helen Millar's visit in 1951, the **SIMPSON** family were living there - the Simpson boys were close friends of Mac. Baikie.
- **7. Tang Head** - Perhaps the residence of **Jane BAIKIE & Thomas SWANSON** (B-1.1), 1879 - 1880
 - Residence of **James BAIKIE & Margaret HAM** (B-1.9.2.).
 - Now the exterior is as it was, but painted white.
- **8. The Mill** - Owned & run by **John GEDDES & Jean HAM** (Ge.1.4. / Gen.-2).
William GEDDES & Isabella LEITH (Ge.1.4.2.11. / Gen.-2.2.11.).
 - Now converted to a dwelling.
- **9. Cliff Cottage** - Perhaps the residence of **Catherine BAIKIE & Capt. Alexander CALDER** (B-1.5).
 - Residence of **John GEDDES & Jean HAM** (Ge.1.4. / Gen.-2).
 - Residence of **William GEDDES & Bella LEITH** (Ge.1.4.2.11. / Gen.-2.2.11.).
 - On Bella's death it passed to his son, **Sandy GEDDES**, (Ge.1.4.2.11.4.), and on Sandy's death it passed to his sister, **Margaret DUNNETT** (Ge. 1.4.2.11.3.) in Orkney - they use it as a holiday cottage. It has been recently refurbished.
- **10. White Cottage** - Residence of **Andrew GEDDES & Isabella JACK** (Ge.1.4.8. / Gen.-2.8.)
- OR nearby ruins (See map).
 - Now has a new roof - used for storage / Berty Skene lives there ??
- **11. Residence of Margaret GEDDES & William DUNNETT** (Ge.1.4.8.5.).
- **12. Residence of Bella GEDDES & Robert SKENE** (Ge.1.4.8.8.).

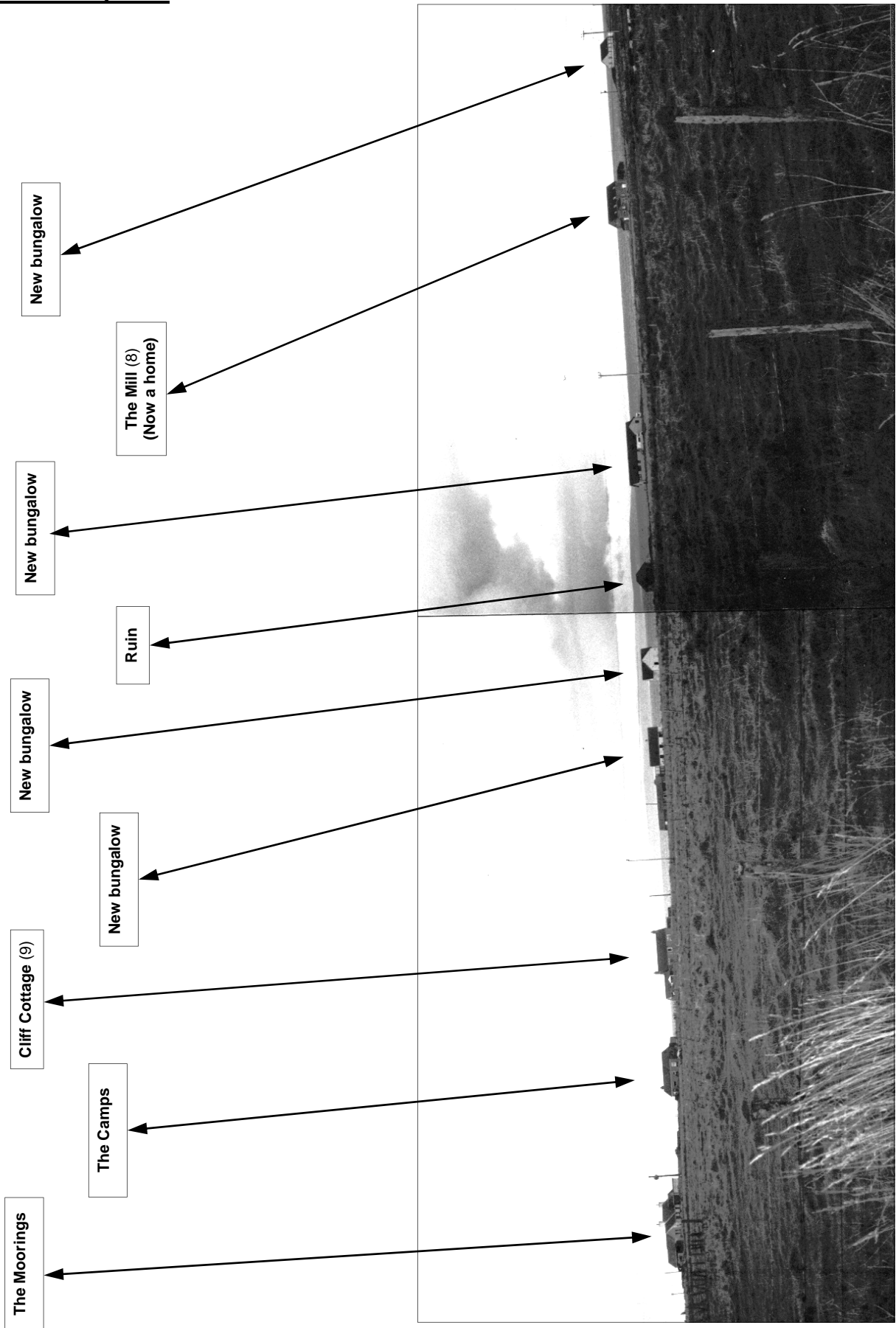
From the photo of the Mill of Mey area - See over ...

- **The Moorings** - Was the house of **Capt. George SUTHERLAND** (son of **Maggie LEITH**, a sister of **Bella LEITH** - Ge.1.4.2.11) & his wife **Mary FINLAYSON** (Bruce DAVIES, B.-1.9.1.2.,- aunt).
- **The Camps** - Was also the property of **Capt. George SUTHERLAND** & his wife **Mary FINLAYSON** - lies immediately across the road from The Moorings.
- There are a number of new properties in the area, and most belong to people not originally from the area, enjoying a quiet retirement.

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RELEVANT LOCATIONS

Mill of Mey area



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RELEVANT LOCATIONS

Harrow Harbour / Tang Head



(From the book "Caithness From The Air")

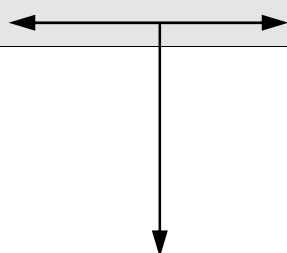
RELEVANT LOCATIONS

Castle of Mey



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Charles GUNN (1694 - ??) Margaret CORMACK (?? - ??)	(Circ. 1683 - ??) George BAIKIE (?? - ??) Mary DUNNETT
Donald GUNN (1721 - ??) Margaret KEITH (?? - ??)	(1713 - ??) Walter BAIKIE (?? - ??) Catherine DUNNETT
Peter GUNN (1762 - pre 1851) Margaret MANSON (circ. 1766 - pre 1851)	(circ. 1739 - 1802) George BAIKIE (?? - ??) Margaret SUTHERLAND
Gavin GUNN (1794 - 1828) Janet STEPHEN (1795 - 1822)	(1781 - circ. 1861) Benjamin BAIKIE (1789 - ??) Helen BARNESTON
Peter GUNN (1820 - 1903) Alexandrina ROBERTSON (circ.1823-1910)	(1825 - 1912) James BAIKIE (1831 - 1921) Catherine CALDER
Donald GUNN (1853 - 1918)	(1858 - 1944) Helen BAIKIE



CHILDREN
Donald Murdoch GUNN - Ellen Royal McALLISTER
James Benjamin Baikie GUNN - Elsie Glasson BRAY
William Garden GUNN - Arita CHANTRIL / Rae TURNBULL
Cathrien Jenny GUNN - William Alexander CARTER
Helen Alexandrina GUNN - Peter Thomas ROBERTSON
Jessie Georgina GUNN - William Albert Edgar NANKIVELL
Ronald Calder GUNN - Ella Lamont GRAY
Rhoda May GUNN - Claude Albert HILL
Margaret Isabella GUNN - Robert George THREADGOLD
Ann Dorothy Jemima GUNN - Audrey Frank Edwin MARTIN
Flora Agnes GUNN - Lawrence James NAYLOR

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Donald & Helens' Brothers & Sisters

GUNN

Peter GUNN & Alexandrina ROBERTSON had 6 children :-

NAME	BORN	MARRIED	DIED
**Gavin GUNN	08/01/1845	Jemima ELDER	09/06/1917
**David GUNN	Circ. 1846	Barbara McKAY	06/06/1908
**Margaret GUNN	Circ. 1849	—————	Not Known
Donald GUNN	04/10/1853	Helen BAIKIE	11/06/1918
*Murdoch GUNN	19/12/1857	Margaret SUTHERLAND	19/08/1927
**Janet GUNN	18/05/1860	William BLYTH	1944 - Emigrated to USA
*Alexandrina GUNN	05/12/1864	George BREMNER	07/03/1923

BAIKIE

James BAIKIE & Catherine CALDER had 10 children :-

NAME	BORN	MARRIED	DIED
*Jane BAIKIE	05/03/1855	Tom SWANSON	28/02/1902
**Benjamin BAIKIE	19/10/1856	—————	07/03/1877
Helen BAIKIE	30/12/1858	Donald GUNN	01/07/1944
*Georgina C. BAIKIE	05/11/1860	John LEYLAND	06/01/1937
**Catherine BAIKIE	04/07/1862	Captain CALDER	19/12/1955 - No Issue
**Jemima BAIKIE	10/04/1864	Henry GUNN	Post 1933
**Isabella BAIKIE	04/04/1866	John SINCLAIR	12/07/1929 - No Issue
**John Calder BAIKIE	30/06/1868	—————	17/10/1885
*Magnus BAIKIE	28/06/1870	Jane GEDDES	13/09/1955
**George BAIKIE	20/11/1872	Georgina WALLACE	23/12/1939 - No Issue

Research so far :-

- * = We have a tree and / or considerable biography.
- ** = We have a rudimentary tree and / or basic biography.

There is a lot of ancestral research still to do, necessitating a trip to Scotland. Malcolm & Jan visited Caithness in 2003 and 2010, and have considerable more information

It was with these “distant cousins” that correspondence, visits & friendships took place between cousins in the UK and Australia (see over), thus maintaining links with the “home country”, in particular through :-

Marg Threadgold
Flora Naylor
Helen Millar
Bernard Thompson
Murray Hill
Gavin Martin

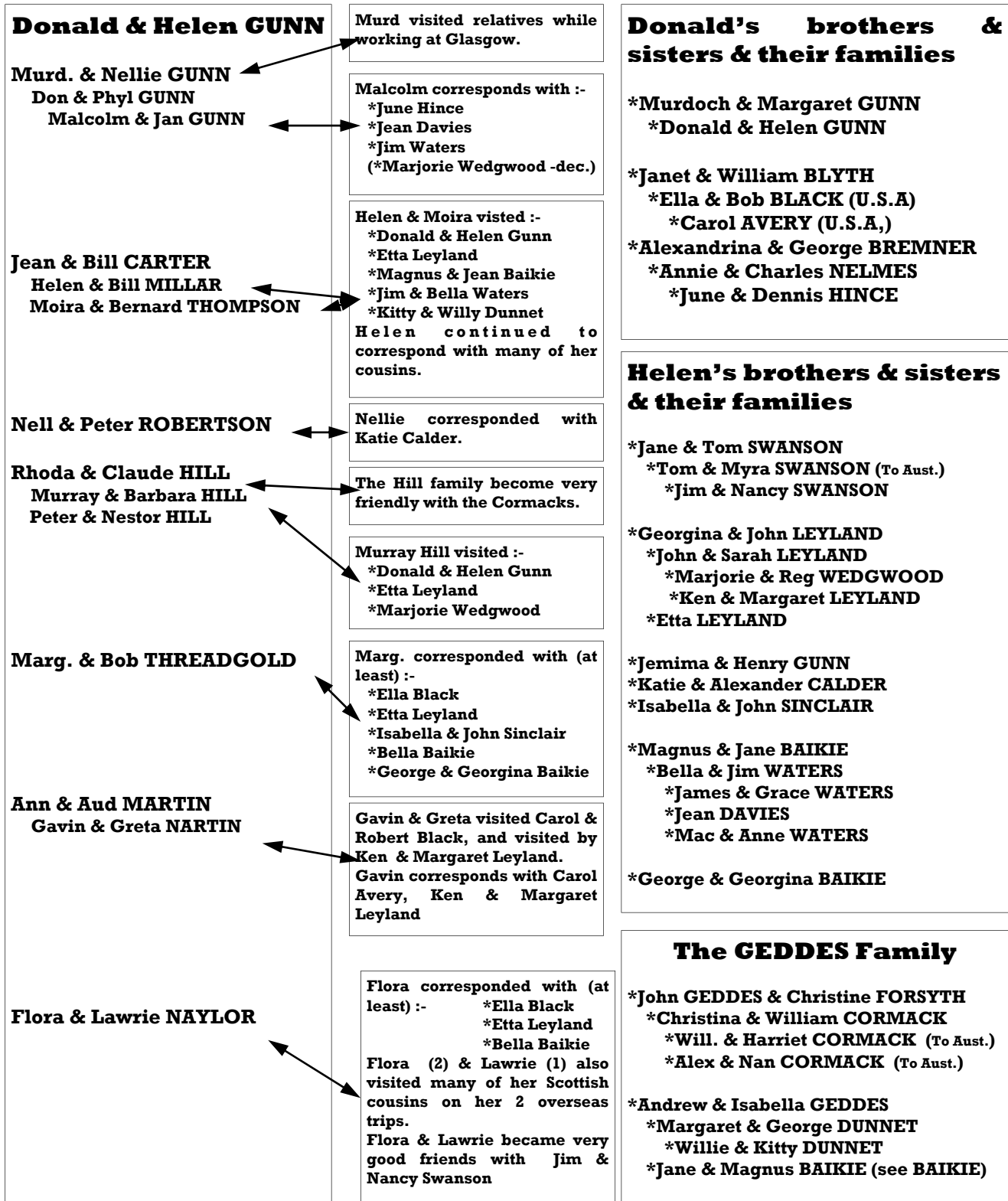
Unfortunately, as the older generations pass away, much of it will be lost - a good reason to “do a family tree” to remind us and our children / grandchildren of our roots.

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Extended Family Relationships

It was with many of our "distant cousins" that correspondence & visits took place between cousins in the UK & Australia.

Below is what we know of so far of Donald & Helen's family who corresponded with, or visited, or became friends with, of some of Donald & Helen's brothers & sisters as well as more distant Geddes cousins :-



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- The Gunn clan is of Norse - Gaelic origin.

- **Badge** :- Aitinn (Juniper) or Lus nan laoch (Roseroot).

- **Territory** :- The Gunns were a warlike clan mainly of the Highlands of Caithness & Sutherland. Their connection with the county as a distinct clan ended about 1619. (Henderson-"Caithness Family History", pp319)

- **The name** was derived from the Norse word "gunnr-war", "gunn-arr", "gunn-bjorn", "gunn-laug", "gunn-olfr". "Gunnr" is an old West Scandinavian personal name. The Norse diminutive is "Gunna", whence the Gaelic "Guinne", with adjectival "Gunnach".

INTRODUCTION



"Either peace or War"

The chiefship of the the Clan has been dormant for over a 100 years. The head of the Clan, in the absence of a recognized chief, is Iain Gunn of Banniskirk, who was appointed Commander (or "Ceann Cath") of the Clan Gunn in 1972 by the Lord Lyon King of Arms. At the present moment, petitions are with The Lord Lyon "trying to establish the best line" for the Clan Chief. (See also page 26a)

Naming children :-

- ⇒ Eldest **son** named after father's father.
- ⇒ 2nd eldest son named after mother's father.
- ⇒ 3rd eldest son named after father.

- ⇒ Eldest **daughter** named after mother's mother.
- ⇒ 2nd eldest daughter named after father's mother.
- ⇒ 3rd eldest daughter named after mother.

A full history of the Gunn's is pending the outcome of the petitions re the Chieftanship to the Lord Lyon, and ensuing publication of the History of the Clan Gunn by David Gunn. The following are some highlights taken mainly from "The Clan Gunn and its Country" published by the Clan Gunn Centre.

THE CLAN GUNN SOCIETY

The first Clan Gunn Society was founded in Caithness in 1821 as the Loyal and United Benevolent Society of the Clan Gunn. A second Society was established in London in the late 19th century and the present Society was **reconstituted in Edinburgh in 1960** with the following objectives:—

1. to promote a spirit of kinship amongst members of the Clan throughout the world.
2. to assist in establishing the chiefship of the Clan.
3. to establish a Clan Centre as a meeting place, library and museum.
4. to acquire and preserve places and relics of interest to the Clan.
5. to assist members of the Clan with genealogical research.
6. to publish a history of the Clan.
7. to encourage the recovery and settlement of Clan lands.

The Society has an elected Council which normally meets six times a year in London to administer the affairs of the Society. There are also local Councils in London and Edinburgh which provide activities for members in the areas. Close links are maintained with the Clan Gunn Society of North America and with clansmen in Canada, Australia and New Zealand.

An international Gathering of the Clan is held in Caithness every three/four years.

Iain Gunn of Swiney House, Banniskirk, is the **Commander of the Clan Gunn**.

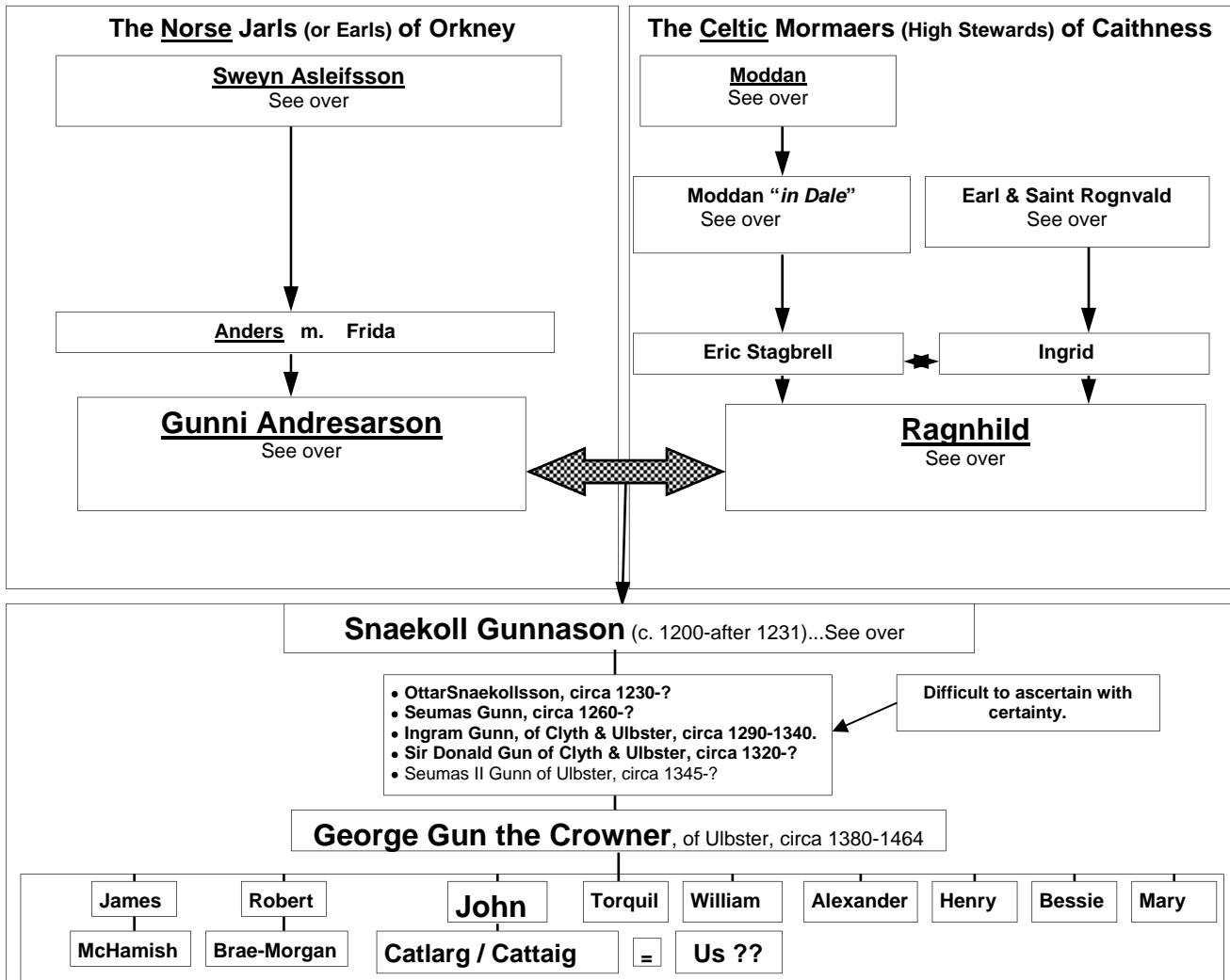
The Clan Gunn Heritage Centre is established in the Old Parish Church at Latheron in Caithness, and open to the public. The Centre which is administered by the Clan Gunn Heritage Trust, a charitable trust set up by the Society under the chairmanship of the Commander of the Clan, houses an exhibition describing the history of the Clan from its Norse origins to the present day and also a study area for members of the Clan who wish to examine the historical and genealogical records of the Clan.

The Gunn's were NOT descended from Olaf the Black as is part of folk-lore...From an article by Michael J. Gunn - "Olaf The Black and the Clan Gunn", in "The Gunn Herald", Sept. 2001 in which he refutes the origin of the Clan Gunn to a person named Gunni, who it is said was a son of Olaf the Black, Norse king of Man in the early thirteenth century, ...**"It may be stated with a good degree of certainty, that the Clan Gunn are descended from Gunnr Andresarson (died 1226), a great Caithness magnate whose wife, Ragnhild, was the youngest sister of Harald the Young, who was created Earl of Caithness by William the Lion, and a grand-daughter of Rognvald Kali Lolsson, Jarl of Orkney / Caithness. So do the Clan Gunn have any blood - connection with Olaf the Black ? The answer, is yes...Gunnr's sons, Snaekol and Andres Gunnasson were both fourth cousins once removed of Olaf the Black through their common descent from Thorfinn the Mighty, Jarl of Orkney / Caithness, who died in 1064. Thorfinn had two sons, Erlend and Paul; Snaekol's mother, Ragnhild, was g-g-granddaughter of Erlend Thorerinsson, and Olaf the Black was g-g-grandson of Paul Thorfinsson. Olaf the Black almost certainly met Gunnr Anfresarson during his sojourn at William the Lion's court, 1208- 1214; and he must have met Gunnr's son, Snaekol in bergen in 1231, when the latter was on trial for the murder of Jarl Jon of Orkney / Caithness"**.

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A Brief History

The Gunns were of Nordo-Celtic descent...successive intermarriage of the Norse with the Celts eventually produced a Clan more Celtic than Norse.



Pre 12th Century

- **The Picts**...inhabited the northern part of Scotland...
 - ⇒ They were of mixed descent from successive waves of Stone Age people.
 - ⇒ Lived in tribal groups...each had a chief or "Maor".
 - ⇒ Each province (Caithness & Sutherland called "Cait" or "Cat") called had a "Maormor".
- **563 on...St. Columba** from Iona spread the north of Scotland.
- **580...St. Donan** (an Irish Pict?) arrived from Ireland...**patron saint of the Clan Gunn**...
 - ⇒ His name from then on is evermore connected with the Gunns.
 - ⇒ He did make contact with St. Columba.
 - ⇒ He established his centre at Suisgill on the Helmsdale River...became a centre of Christianity north of the Clyde.
 - ⇒ **617**...April 17th..Norse pirates came to the church while Holy Communion was being celebrated...**St. Donan and his followers were killed and burnt alive.**
- **7th-11th Cent...the Viking Age** (Norwegians essentially, plus Danes)..."*pirates, plunderers, conquerors, colonisers*"...
 - ⇒ 793...attacked & burnt the church at Lindisfarne on the Northumbrian coast.
 - ⇒ **780-850** (approx.)...The Orkneys were settled by the Vikings...
 - ◊ No trace of Picts.
 - ◊ Norn became the language.
 - ◊ End of 9th Cent...the first earldom of Orkney.

"The history of Orkney and Caithness during the 10th to 14th centuries is one of savagery and barbarity, fights, feuds and hangings and the most appalling atrocities and mutilations. All walked constantly on the frontiers of life and death and neither prince, priest nor peasant could be sure of life from one moment to another" (Mark Rugg Gunn).

Much of the material has been adapted from...

- Mark Rugg Gunn..."*History of the Clan Gunn*", Scottpress, 1977.
- Clan Gunn Heritage Trust..."*The Clan Gunn and Its Country*"

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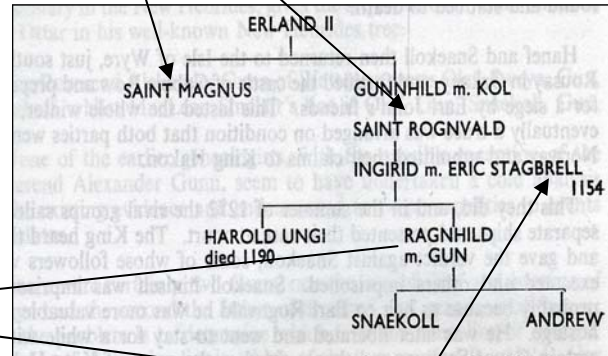
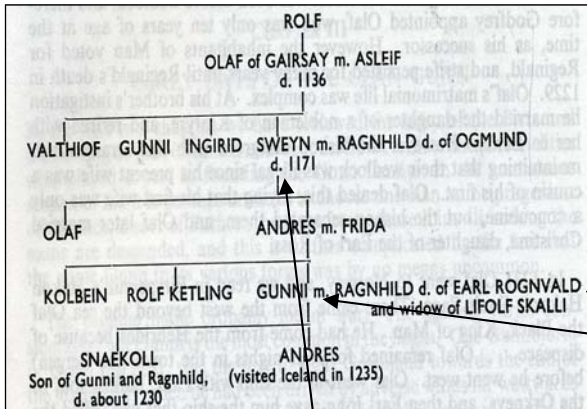
A Brief History

- 1116...**St. Magnus (another patron saint of the Gunns) died**...
 - ⇒ He was a peaceful devout man.
 - ⇒ He was related to the Gunns through his nephew, Earl and St. Rognvald's grand-daughter, Ragnhild, who married Gunni Andresarson, grandson of Sweyn Asleifsson.
 - ⇒ He was martyred...killed by his cousin Earl Hakon at Elgisay, Orkney..."his skull cleft by an axe".
 - ⇒ His tomb was at Birsay.
 - ⇒ 1135...**the sainthood of Magnus**...many churches named after him in British Isles.
- 1137...
 - ⇒ **St. Magnus Cathedral in Kirkwall was started** by Earl Rognvald Kolsson (grandfather of Ragnhild) in honour of his uncle Jarl Magnus...Rognvald was also canonized, and buried in St. Magnus Cathedral.
 - ⇒ Manus' remains transferred to the Cathedral at Kirkwall.

12th Cent...

By the time the Norse arrived from the Orkneys, the Scots spoke Gaelic...the Norse freely inter-married with the Celts.

The Gunn Norse Ancestry (from Mark Rugg Gunn)



Sweyn Asleifsson

- He was killed in 1160, during the sacking of Dublin.
- The "*Ultimate Viking*"...famed in the Sagas.
- He had 2 castles...
 - ⇒ **One on the island of Gairsay in the Orkneys**...the outlines of his long hall can still be discerned.
 - ⇒ **His mainland home in Caithness**..."*Lambaborg*" at **Freswick**, at Ness Head, a few miles south of Duncansbay Head...flanked by cliffs and difficult to conquer.
- He was the most powerful man then.
- He married twice...(1) Ragnhild - son Olaf; (2) Ingrid - son Andres.
- After his death his inheritance was divided between his 2 sons.
- **So, the Gunn's are a junior branch of the Swanson's.**

The account in the Orkneyinga saga (106) of Svein Asleifarsson's Viking exploits in the mid-twelfth century..."In the spring he had more than enough to occupy him, with a great deal of seed to sow which he saw to himself. Then when that job was done, he would go off plundering in the Hebrides and in Ireland in what he called his "spring-trip", then back home just after midsummer, where he stayed until the fields had been reaped and the grain was safely in. After that he would go off raiding again and never come back until the first month of winter was ended. This he used to call his "autumn-trip".

Gunni Andresarson

- **Name father of the Clan...1st Chief**
- **The principal Gunn lands were acquired through his marriage to Ragnhild** (widow of Lifolf "Baldpate").
- Grandson of Sweyn.
- **1190...Ragnhild becomes chief of the Moddan Clan & inherits estates in Caithness ("Katanes") and Sunderland ("Sundrlynd")** after the death in battle in 1190 of her brother Harald Ungi, Jarl in Orkney & Earl in Caithness.
- Gunni died 1226.

Dr. Anna Ritchie, writing for Historic Scotland in her book "*The Vikings in Scotland*", says this regarding the sagas..."The major historical source for the Norse Earldom of Orkney, Caithness, Shetland and the Western Isles lies in the Icelandic Sagas. Primarily Orkneyinga saga, but also Landnamabok, Egil's saga, Magnus' saga, and others. But the historical value of these sagas varies and is not always easy to define. At best they convey an impression of political life in the Eleventh and Twelfth centuries, at worst they may be misleading in failing to distinguish anachronistic oral tradition and contemporary society".

- "Attempting to trace the lineage of a clan that was primarily Norse and left no written records until the 13th-14th century, is very speculative work by its very nature.
- Therefore, we must use caution when taking the sagas as historical texts rather than as narrative political histories.
- The original history of the clan (the Olaf the Black theory) appears very flawed and unsupportable, but if one reads those early accounts it clearly states "Clan Gunn claims descent from" Olaf the Black, but it never confirmed it.
- The clan's early emblem was the galley (longship), the boat which symbolised their ancestral (Norse) mother-goddess Freya.
- Whatever the real origins of Gunni, we do know he existed, and he is the name-father of the clan and must have been a powerful man in Caithness...**the Gunn's are of Norse Viking descent and the name-father of the clan was one Gunni**".

The Gunn Celtic Ancestry

The Celtic Mormaers (High Stewards) of Caithness

Moddan

- Mormaer (regional ruler) of Caithness.
- Killed in 1040.

Moddan "in Dale" (upper reaches of Thurso River).

- He was wealthy...held land in Caithness & Sutherland.
- He had 2 daughters, Frakark & Helga, and a son, Ottar (Earl of Thurso)

Eric Stagbrell

ANCESTORS - GUNN

A Brief History

13th Cent...

- Circa 1200...Snaekoll Gunnason ("White Head")...2nd "chief"..
 - ⇒ Eldest son of Gunni Andresarson & Ragnhild.
 - ⇒ Snaekoll & his early descendants were Norseman speaking "Norm".
 - ⇒ When his father, Gun (Gunni) died he **became the chief representative of the Moddan family in Scotland, and the Orkney Earls**, and inherited the lands in Caithness.
 - ⇒ His rights to the Norse Earldom were, however, forfeited as he had murdered his cousin John, the then Jarl in Orkney.
 - ⇒ He returned to Caithness and **resided at Ulbster**.
 - ⇒ **Snaekoll or his son is reputed to have built Castle Gunn at Bruan, about 7 miles south of Wick at Clyth...thought to be the earliest known castle of the Clan Gunn...**
 - ♦ There is a tradition that Castle Gunn was destroyed by the King of Norway, whose daughter one of the Gunn chiefs had married, though he already had a wife at Castle Gunn.
 - When the second wife sailed to Caithness to join her husband, the Gunn clan arranged for the beacon to be placed on a dangerous rock at Ulbster and so wrecked the ship and all aboard were drowned.
 - The castle was destroyed in revenge and the Gunn chief and his retainers were slain.
 - ♦ The Castle may have been rebuilt after it's destruction by the King of Norway but it was eventually found to be too small and **was abandoned at the end of the 13th Century in favour of Castle Halberry, one mile to the South.**
 - ⇒ Snaekoll died about 1230.

- Circa 1230...OttarSnaekollsson...the Sagas inform us.
- **The line of descent from then on is difficult to ascertain...**210 years = perhaps 7 to 9 generations...
- See summary tree.

- Mid 13th Cent...the Gunns were essentially a Caithness family...at this time the Clan Gunn were at the height of their power...
 - ⇒ They appeared to possess much of Caithness, which was then passing from the influence of the Norse Earldom, to that of the King of Scots.
 - ⇒ Their property included west as far as and including Strathnaver, and south to Braemore and perhaps Kildonan.
 - ⇒ **These were the days when the Gunn's only had a few neighbours and proudly held almost all of the area.**
- Latter part of 13th Cent...Halberry Castle was built by the Gunn chiefs as their principal stronghold to replace Castle Gunn...
 - ⇒ it was **the stronghold of George Gunn, 8th Chieftain of the Clan Gunn and Crowner, of Caithness.**
 - ⇒ After the battle at Chapel of St. Tears in **1464** when George was killed, **the castle was abandoned.**
- David II (1320-1370)...introduced feudal barons...the first were the Cheynes who came over with William the Conquerer....granted lands in Caithness.

14th Cent...

- **Little is known of the history of the Clan during this century.**
- **During the 14th and 15th centuries the Gunns were gradually dispossessed of their lands in the fertile parts of Caithness by the Sinclairs, Keiths and others**, who obtained grants of land from the Scottish kings or by marriage, anxious to increase their influence over the fringes of their kingdom..
 - ⇒ The Norse influence gradually declined (1331, Magnus V, the last of the Norwegian Earls, died...no successor)...
 - * The Sinclairs (also Norman) claimed the Earldom.
 - * 1455...James II granted the Earldom of Caithness to William 3rd Sinclair Earl of Orkney.
 - ⇒ The people of Normandy began to infiltrate from the south, especially the Celtic-Teutonic-Norman clan Keith.
 - ⇒ The Celtic-Norse-Flemish clan Sutherland.
 - ⇒ The Celtic tribes were pushed to the west by the Sutherlands and McKays.
- **So, the Gunns were finding themselves sandwiched between powerful and numerically superior clans & families** and driven back into the mountains on the Caithness border for the next 4 centuries..
 - ⇒ Therefore it isn't surprising that the clan felt quite threatened by all the new arrivals.
 - ⇒ They were constantly forced to defend themselves against the invaders.
 - ⇒ **They held land in Caithness and along the Sutherland border...they defended it by "the sword".**

So, the Clan Gunn became a very war-like clan and had continual feuds / battles with their more numerous neighbours...

- ⇒ The history of the clan is filled with feuds, wars and conflicts with their neighbours and often, the much smaller clan of Gunn had **"their backs against the wall"**.
- ⇒ Sir Charles MacKinnon describes the Gunn's as "*survivors*" and this is most accurate
- ⇒ **The Gunn's reputation for being aggressive and war-like can be directly attributed to their geographical situation - hemmed in by sometimes-hostile neighbours.**

- **It was in the 12-15 Cent. that the Clan system emerged and survived for about 400 years until the battle of Culloden...**the feudal system based on the family and a chief..
 - ⇒ Family ties became very strong...all bore the same surname.
 - ⇒ The various smaller tribes with their chiefs owed their allegiance to the supreme chief.
 - ⇒ The land became the chief's land.

A Brief History

15th Cent...

The Gunns & the Keiths were forever in conflict; complete lawlessness existed throughout Scotland.

- ⇒ The Gunn's had been embroiled in combat and conflict primarily with the Keith's of Ackergill, newcomers to the area and who challenged the Gunn Chief's both for the political supremacy of the region and for the land itself...they obtained lands near and of the Gunn's by grants and inheritance through marriage.
- ⇒ They also feuded with the MacKay's & Sutherlands, but it was the Keith's with which the Gunn's would have the bitterest of troubles.
- ⇒ There were constant skirmishes and raids along the borders, especially in Strathnaver...Clan McKay.
- ⇒ **The conflict and tension that already existed between the Gunn's and the Keith's was about to escalate into a series of protracted feuds and battles that would last for many generations to come.**

• **1415** (between 1400 & 1420) **Helen Gunn of Braemore was abducted...which began the feud with the Keiths.**

- ⇒ Braemore was settled by the Gunns from a very early date, certainly before the Crouner, and was **the seat of the Robson Gunns otherwise known as the Gunns of Braemore.**
- ⇒ Lachlan Gunn of Braemore had an only daughter named Helen who was so striking a woman she was known as "*the Beauty of Braemore*".
 - * Helen was soon to marry Alexander Gunn, her cousin (common in those days), whom she'd known since childhood.
 - * The event was set, but fate intervened before the marriage could take place.
 - * Dugald Keith, factor of the district had other plans.
 - * Legend says he first glimpsed Helen one day when passing through Braemore and was immediately smitten by her beauty and charm.
 - * He'd made some advances to Helen, which she rejected.
 - * Spurned and angered by her rejection he set his plan to kidnap Helen in motion.
- ⇒ On the night before the wedding of Alexander and Helen, the Gunn's were gathered in Braemore for a celebration and feast.
- ⇒ Dugald Keith and some of his men came riding in, taking everyone by surprise, and to the shock and dismay of the Gunn's he took Helen and slaughtered several Gunn's who tried to stop him...her lover, Alexander, was one of the people slain by the Keith's.
- ⇒ Dugald Keith secluded Helen away in Ackergill Castle where she was a virtual prisoner.
 - * She was distraught at her capture and the death of her lover, Alexander, and did her best to deter the lustful advances of Dugald Keith.
 - * What actually happened to Helen during her imprisonment isn't really known, but the outcome is.
- ⇒ Knowing there was no escape and determined not to give herself to Dugald, she devised a plan to get to the top of the castle tower.
 - * One day she asked her keeper if he would allow her to go to the tower so she could look upon her 'new' land.
 - * The guard, charmed by her beauty, acquiesced thinking she could not escape...escape wasn't Helen's plan.
 - * Rather than become the victim of the advances of Dugald Keith, Helen threw herself from the tower and plummeted to her death.
- ⇒ **The Braemore estate passed from Gunn ownership in 1793 when it was sold by George Gunn-Munro of Braemore.**

- **1424**...James 1st passed laws forbidding war between private people and clans, and the Sheriffs were ordered to find out what land belonged to the king...many chiefs were killed, imprisoned or banished.
- **1426**...a desperate battle was fought between the two clans at Achardle, **Harpdsdale**, eight miles south of Thurso...the conflict was long, desperate and bloody, but indecisive.
- **1437**...Skirmish between the Mackays and the Gunns, in which the latter were out-numbered, and defeated at a small hill, Krosksrtanger, **Sandside**.
- **1438** (64?)...another encounter occurred ((the first recorded feud between the Keith's & the Gunn's)) on the Muir of Tannach, with great slaughter on both sides, and the Gunns were defeated...the **Battle of Tannach** (**Blare Tannie** or **Blar-Tannie**, [Scottish Gaelic](#): *Tannach Moor*) fought about 3 miles southwest of Wick...

- ⇒ Accounts of the Battle...
 - * **Sir Robert Gordon** (1580 - 1656) wrote an account of the battle in his book the "*Genealogical History of the Earldom of Sutherland*"..."About the year **1464**, some serious disputes had arisen between Keith of Ackergill and the Guns and other inhabitants of Caithness. The Keiths, mistrusting their own forces, they sent to Angus MacKay (the son of Niel-Wasse) entreating him to come to their aid; whereunto he easily condescended. Then did the inhabitants of Caithness convene in all haste, and met the Strathnaver men and the Keiths, at a place in Caithness called *Blare Tannie*, i.e. *The Moor of Tanach*. There ensued a cruel fight, with great slaughter on either side. In the end the Keiths had the victory, by the means chiefly of John-More-MacK-Ean-Reawich, who is very famous in these countries for his valour and manhood shewn at this conflict'.
 - * Another account of the battle was written in the book "*Conflicts of the Clans*" first published by the Foulis Press in 1764, written from a manuscript from the time of King James VI of Scotland (1566 - 1625)...In this account battle is dated as taking place in 1438..."About the year of God **1438**, there fell some variance betwixt the Keiths and some others of the inhabitants of Caithness. The Keiths, mistrusting their own forces, sent to Angus Mackay of Strathnaver (the son of Neil Wasse), entreating him to come to their aid, whereunto he easily yielded; so Angus Mackay, accompanied with John Mor Maclan-Riabhaich, went into Caithness with a band of men, and invaded that country. Then did the inhabitants of Caithness assemble in all haste, and met the Strathnaver men and the Keiths at a place in Caithness called *Blair-tannie*. There ensued a cruel fight, with slaughter on either side. In the end the Keiths had the victory, by means chiefly of John Mor Maclan-Riabhaich (an Assynt man), who was very famous in these countries for his manhood shown at this conflict. Two chieftains and leaders of the inhabitants of Caithness were slain, with divers others. This Angus Mackay, here mentioned, was afterward burnt and killed in the Church of Tarbat, by a man of the surname of Ross, whom he had often molested with incursions and invasions".
- ⇒ George the Crouner there?
- ⇒ **Consequences**...the Gunn's were defeated and some moved south to Braemore and the Strath of Kildonan (Strathullie)..

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• Date unknown (1460?)...Battle of Mannistanes...

- ⇒ "About 1438, there is a story of a Hugh Keith involved at the battle of Hallberry Castle, who allegedly captured several Gunns and "tore the eyes out of their sockets." The legend has it that the Keith's came back with a "huge raven" on their shoulders that it did the deed to the eyes of the captured Gunns. The Norse raven is a symbol Woden (Odin) and was the raven-banner of not only many Viking, but of the old Orkney Earls (Jarls). This is likely nothing more than a metaphor for some cruelty or feud, and perhaps only a legend".
- ⇒ Mark Rugg Gunn..."History of the Clan Gunn..."re the battle involving the Raven and the Big Keith"...After Tannach Moor (1438), the Battle of the Mannistanes & the black raven took place about a half a mile from Halberry Castle. The raven probably represents the raven flag, which to people of Norse ancestry, assures victory in battle. At Mannistanes the Keith had a champion of huge size and strength known as 'Caidh Mor' or Big Keith. He is said to have wielded a large claymore (broadsword) and killed 4 or 5 of the Gunn's but was himself wounded by an injured Gunn. One of the wounded Gunn's managed to draw a knife (probably a dirk) and sliced Big Keith's leg tendon thus disabling him and taking him out of the battle. After this the Keith's seem to have lost heart and leave the battle".
- ⇒ Moncreiffe..."the battle was won by the Keith's".
- ⇒ So perhaps it is best to look at this battle as a draw or indecisive.
 - * This battle seems to belong to tradition rather than historic fact.
 - * No date can be attributed to it & the outcome is different in two accounts.
 - * Nevertheless, there probably was some sort of skirmish between the two clans once again without any real conclusive results for either side.

• 1455...James 2nd invests William Sinclair as the Earl of Caithness.

• Mid 15th Cent...**George Gunn of Ulbster, Chief of Clan Gunn and Crowner of Caithness, held his main lands at Ulbster and Clyth** on the rocky coast of Caithness...

George Gunn, The Crowner...

- ⇒ The Crowner (an office of Warden or Steward) often spelt coroner, was the office George held...he dispensed the justice of the county before the Scottish King created the Earldom of Caithness in 1455
- ⇒ George's castle was at Hallburg or Halberry Castle in Mid Clyth, just north of Lybster...he is said to have held court in his castle in such splendour with his kinsfolk and followers as to rival any Highland chief.
- ⇒ He was "*more Celtic*" than Norse...
 - * He was known to wear a great silver badge of that office to signify his authority, which he used to fasten his plaid...that is how he acquired the nickname "*Am Braisteach Mor*" - this stood for '**the great broached one**'.
 - * He wore the Highland dress.
- ⇒ At this time, **the Gunns probably occupied** the highlands of Caithness, Braemore, Halkirk, Westerdale in the west, and south along the Sutherland - Caithness border...
 - * George also had a residence at Kinbrace (can still see the remains NW of the village), near Kildonan...spent summer there.
 - * **The main burial ground was at Spittal, south of Halkirk...**
 - ◇ Nearby, there was a hospital and a church, probably built by St. Magnus.
 - ◇ Snaekoll probably had lands in this area.
- ⇒ He was an exceptional man of considerable ability and a great commander who was respected.
- ⇒ He was married twice and had at least 9 children...
 - * Sons = James, Robert, John, Torquil, William, Alexander, Henry (aged 20+, 1456).
 - * Daughters = Bessie (lived near Loch More of Strathmore), Mary (married Hugh McDonald).

• 1464...Battle of Dirlot...the two clans fought again at Dirlot, resulting in massive casualties on both sides, the less numerous Gunn's losing the battle, but not before their archers inflicted heavy losses on the Keith's...see over under "*revenge*".

• 1464 (78?)...Battle at St. Tears Chapel (St. Tayres / Altnagown), Ackergill...the last stand of the Gunns...

- ⇒ **Background**...conflicts between the two clans over land claims were for the most part indecisive, and losses were numerous on both sides...
 - * So many Gunn's and Keith's had perished in the quarrelling and conflicts, especially the **Battle of Tannach**, 1464 or 1434 & **Battle of Dirlot** 1464, that followed the abduction of Helen, that farms were going untended and fallow.
 - * So it was decided (probably by agreement of George Gunn, The Crowner and his rival George Keith, Chief of the Keith's, to settle the whole matter in one equal meeting between the two clans with the two clan Chiefs in attendance.
 - * It isn't known if this was a meeting of reconciliation gone sour, or a "*battle of champions*" of equal numbers of men.
 - * It was agreed that 12 horsemen from each clan would meet at an arranged place, and if they could not settle their differences, they would resolve it with a battle of champions.
 - * The Gunn's, including George and many of his sons were to meet the Keith's outside the Chapel of St. Tears.
- ⇒ **The battle...**
 - * It took place at St. Tayre's Chapel at Ackergill was situated on the coast roughly equidistant from Ackergill Tower and Girnigoe Castle (It was said to have been pulled down about 1800...nothing now remains).
Note...some claim that the reconciliation meeting took place at Strathmore, in the interior of the County.
 - * The battle was to be between twelve men on horseback on either side but the Keith's arrived with two men on each horse.
 - * **George the Crowner was killed in the battle at the chapel, and later, Halberry Castle at Clythe abandoned.**
 - * **Several of his sons were with George...**
 - ◇ James, the eldest, was in Sutherland.
 - ◇ Robert & John were killed but left issue.
 - ◇ William & Henry survived.
 - ◇ Torquil may have survived but died of wounds later?
 - ◇ Alexander may have been killed but he left issue.

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• 1478 (64?)...Battle at St. Tears Chapel (St. Tayres), Ackergill...

- ⇒ **An account of the battle was written in the book *Conflicts of the Clans*, published by the Foulis Press in 1764, written from a manuscript from the time of King [James VI of Scotland](#) (1566–1625)...“About the year of God 1478, there was some dissention in Caithness betwixt the Keiths and the Clan Gunn. A meeting was appointed for their reconciliation, at the Chapel of St. Tayre, in Caithness, hard by Girnigo, with twelve horse on either side. The Crowner (chieftain of Clan Gunn) with the most part of his sons and chief kinsmen came to the chapel, to the number of twelve; and, as they were within the chapel at their prayers, the Laird of Inverugie and Ackergill arrived there with twelve horse, and two men upon every horse; thinking it no breach of trust to come with twenty-four men, seeing they had but twelve horses as was appointed. So the twenty-four gentlemen rushed in at the door of the chapel, and invaded the Crowner and his company unawares; who, nevertheless, made great resistance. In the end eight the Clan Gunn were slain, with the most of the Keith's. Their blood may be seen to this day [1764] upon the walls within the Chapel at St. Tyre, where they were slain. Afterwards William Mackames (the Crowner's grandchild) in revenge of his grandfather, killed George Keith of Ackergill and his son, with ten of their men, at Drummuny in Sutherland, as they were travelling from Inverugie into Caithness”.**
- ⇒ **Robert MacKay wrote an account of the battle in his book the *History of the House and Clan of the Name MacKay* (1829), quoting from historian Sir Robert Gordon (1580–1656 , 160 years after the event)...“After long quarelling between the Keiths and Guns, it was agreed that riders on twelve horses each side should meet at the Chapel of St Tayr, near Ackergill, to adjust all their differences. At the time appointed the chieften of the Guns with eleven men of his tribe attended; and as the Keiths had not arrived, they employed the intermediate time in devotion. At length the Keiths appeared on twelve horses, but with double riders on each, and immediately set upon the Guns, and killed ever man of them, but with the loss of the greater part of their own number. Sir Robert who relates to the tragedy, says their blood was seen on the walls of the chapel in his time. The chieften or coroner's son, James Gunn, then left Caithness with his clan, and settled in Sutherland, where they became wardens of that district. William, son of this James, and a number of his tribe, afterwards intercepted George Keith of Ackergill, accompanied by his son and twelve of their followers, on their journey from Inverguey to Caithness, and killed them all in revenge of the above massacre. This William was surnamed Mackamish, i.e. son of James; and thenceforward the chieften of the clan Gunn has always been titled Mackamishh”...bloodstains could be seen on the walls of the chapel for many years after the conflict.**
- ⇒ **The Gaelic accounts...“The battle of Altnagown or "Allt Nan Gamhna" which means “brook of the year-old calves”...“The Gunn's, led by their Chief, George Gunn "The Crowner", arrived first and went into the chapel to pray. The Keith's arrived slowly, and seeing the horses tied up outside the chapel, decided on an ambush. Using the words of author Sir Charles MacKinnon of Dunakin, "the Keith's played a dirty trick, mounting two men on each horse," giving them a 2 to 1 advantage over the Gunns. Led by their chief, George Keith of Ackergill and his 23 men, they fell upon the Gunns inside the chapel and a great and confused battle ensued. Claymore, dirks, swords and targes banged out a terrible sound of carnage as the battle spread from the chapel to the outside and all around. Considering they were so deviously outnumbered, the Gunn's fought bravely and killed many of the treacherous Keith's, before the sheer force of numbers overwhelmed them. The Gunn's were forced to make a retreat, but seven (some accounts say 8 or more) of the Gunn's lay dead as well as many Keith's, including the Gunn Chief, George the Crowner. Four of his sons were also killed and the Crowner's great silver brooch was stolen by the Keith's. The remaining four or five Gunn's found safe cover and hid in a glen near a stream in upper Strathnaver. There, they dressed their numerous wounds and burned with anger and revenge”.**

⇒ **“Revenge”...**

- * Most accounts agree it was **Henry Gunn** (and William?), **one of the sons of the slain Crowner, who followed the Keith's...**
 - ◇ Henry took with him several Gunn's and set up an ambush outside **Dirlot castle**.
 - ◇ Henry climbed up a steep and winding hill that eventually put him on a level with a window of Castle Dirlot, where he could see the Keith's celebrating inside.
 - ◇ Henry took aim with his bow and shot an arrow through the open window, striking George, the Chief of the Keith's, in the neck, thus killing him.
 - ◇ After this he is said to have shouted...“A Gunn's compliment to a Keith”, although another Gaelic translation is, “A Gunn's blessing to a Keith!”
 - ◇ The remaining Keith's ran towards to door to seek out the shooter, but were ambushed one by one by Gunn's hiding outside the door.
 - ◇ It is said that more Keith's were killed here at Dirlot castle than the Gunn's that died at St. Tears.
- * Another account, which appears to be verified by both Robert Gordon's writings and the Fraser Chronicles...
 - ◇ A **grandson of the slain George Gunn**, the Crowner, **William MacKames** (also spelled William MacHamish), waited for an occasion to take revenge on the son of the Keith Chief, (also named George Keith of Ackergill), his son Alexander and 10 Keith retainers.
 - ◇ It was apparently an ambush at Drummoy in Sutherland as they were travelling from Inverugie to Caithness.
 - ◇ William MacKames and his fellow Gunn's, ambushed with bow and sword, the Keith Chief (George Keith of Ackergill), his son and 10 men - killing them all.
 - ◇ The Keith's, expecting death, asked for time for prayers but were refused...William is reputed to have said, “Your father interrupted my grandfather at prayer in God's house” (St. Tears) and that he (William) would grant them no time for such devotion, since they denied it to his grandfather's men.
 - ◇ All of them were slain by the Gunn's.
- * According to Mark Rugg Gunn, the Castle Dirlot was occupied by one Alexander Sutherland a relative of the Dunrobin family...
 - ◇ It was said that it was he who welcomed the Keith's so cordially after the battle with the Gunn's at the Chapel of St. Tears.
 - ◇ This would explain why the Keith's went to Dirlot after the battle rather than to their Castle at Ackergill.

⇒ **The end of the feud...**

- * By the 1970s, with North American members of both clans on friendly terms, the feud between them was no longer an issue.
- * At the urging of their clan members, the Chief of [Clan Keith](#), [Sir James Ian Keith, Earl of Kintore](#), and the Commander of [Clan Gunn](#), Ian Alexander Gunn of Banniskirk, signed a “*Bond and Covenant of Friendship*” on 28 July 1978, at the site of St. Tears on the 500th anniversary of the battle there.
- * The treaty has since been celebrated by members of both clans at highland games and other common gatherings.

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- **After the death of George and some of his sons in 1478, the Crowner Clan became scattered, and split into three distinct families (= Septs)...most continued to live in the highland of Caithness...**

Note...

- * The Gunns were not a "united" family, because of the geography, and them being "underholders" to different lords.
- * The majority of the Sept names of the clan Gunn come from the sons of George Gunn, the "Crowner" of Caithness, circa 1464.

⇒ **James or Seumas**, the Crowner's eldest son, who survived the battle, moved with his family to **Kildonan** in Sutherland, subsequently known as "*Gleann na Guineach*" or "*Gunn's Glen*", where he obtained lands from the Earl of Caithness, and then the Earl of Sutherland.

- * They held the lands as vassals...**no legal titles to their lands**...although physically in possession of lands in Caithness from about the 12th or 13th century, no branch of the Gunn's had any legal tenure of land until the middle of the seventeenth century, so presumably they held their possessions by the sword.

* **James, succeeded to the Chiefship**...he died about 1517.

* **James was succeeded by his son, William** ("*Uilleam mac Sheumais*")...

- ◊ He led the Clan at Torran Dubh; and was responsible for killing Keith of Ackergill.
- ◊ He lived at Killearnen, and died about 1540.

* **Alexander was chief from about 1540 to 1580.**

* **William Mor was chief from about 1580 to 1615.**

* **John followed William Mor, about 1615-1660.**

* **Alexander, his son, followed, about 1660-1670...**

- ◊ He held lands in Killearnen & Navidale.
- ◊ There was issue with his first wife, but they died without issue.

◊ Alexander gave the Navidale to his 1st wife.

* **Donald Crottach**, born from Alexander's 2nd wife succeeded him about 1650-1723.

* **Alexander succeeded Donald, about 1723-1763...**

- ◊ Captain of the militia, 1745-1746.
- ◊ He distinguished in legal matters; he lived in "*pomp*" at Strathullie.
- ◊ **His 2 sons, Morrison & William, were killed on active service overseas.**

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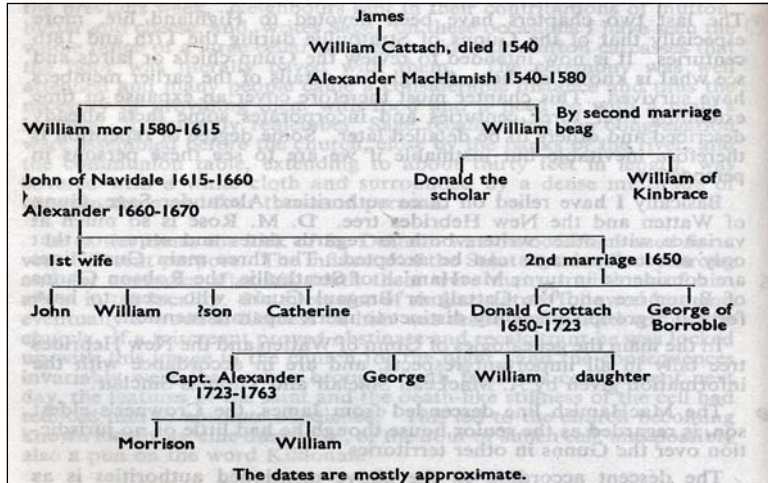
- ◊ Subsequent chiefs adopted the title "*McHamish*"...for 300 years their seat was at Killearnen & Kildonan in Strathullie.

◊ **The Mac Sheumais** (or McHamish...English = Jameson) Gunns continued to live in Strath Kildonan at **Killearnen until 1690**, when the house and family charters were destroyed by fire.

◊ As a result, they were forced to give up their lands at Killearnen and Kildonan and move to **Badenloch**, at the top of the Strath, where they remained until the chiefly line, Alexander McHamish, died there in **1763**.

◊ **Gunn clansmen lived in the middle of the glen from the mid 13th century up to the Clearances in 1819.**

* **On the death of the MacKeamish, Alexander, without an heir, about the middle of the 19th century, the Chiefship became dormant** and at present efforts are being made by the clan society to trace the next in line.



⇒ **Robert**, was killed at St. Tears, but he had 3 sons...**Donald**, John & Alexander (& Henry?)...

* **Donald** was famous for his strength & marksmanship -he was chief if **Braemore** and lived in splendour, and was buried at Spittal...

◊ Nothing is known of his son, **David**.

◊ The next chief, **Alexander** had to relinquish his seat in Braemore for a while...went to Kildonan, but got the lands back...he died about 1706.

◊ He was succeeded by his son, **George, the last chief of Braemore**...died about 1730.

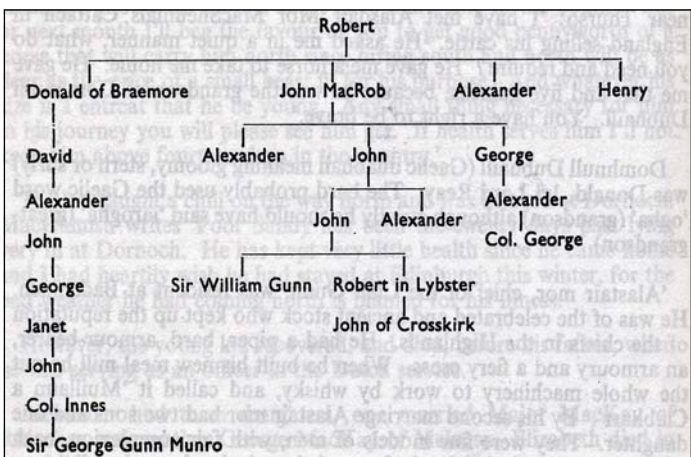
◊ The lands of Braemore were sold in 1793.

* Donald's brother, **John Gunn MacRob** became chief of **Strathy**...both known as the "**MacRob**s".

* While the chiefly line continued in the neighbouring county a very large section of the clan under the leadership of the "**Robson**" Gunns of Braemore continued to spread through the Highland parishes of Latheron and Halkirk in Caithness.

* Owing to this detachment they became to be recognised as almost a separate branch - Gunn of Braemore is frequently mentioned in history as Chief of the Gunns in Caithness.

* Note...the Gunns would have been in Braemore from an early date...occupied the area for nearly 400 years.



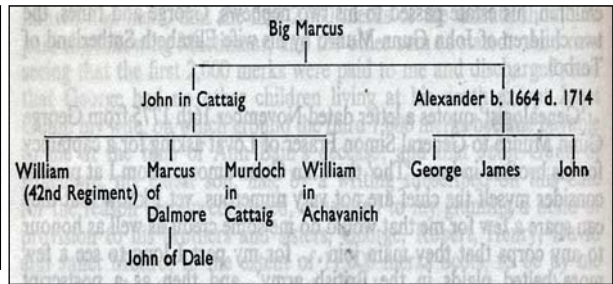
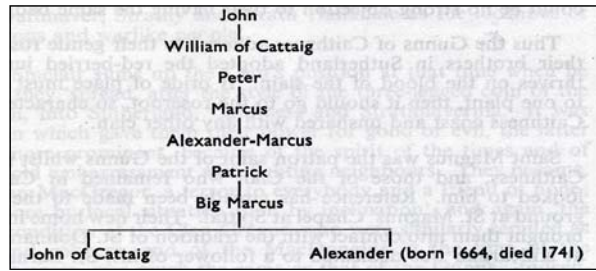
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⇒ **John** was killed at St. Tears, but he had a son, **William** ("*William of Cattaig*")...not the main line of the chiefs...

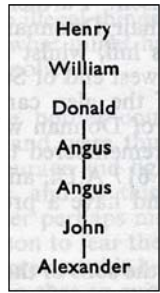


- * He settled in **Cattaig** or Bregual in Strathmore, in the higher reaches of the River Thurso above Westerdale.
- * He is the ancestor of the Gunn's of **Dale, Dalemore, and Camster**.

⇒ **Plus...**

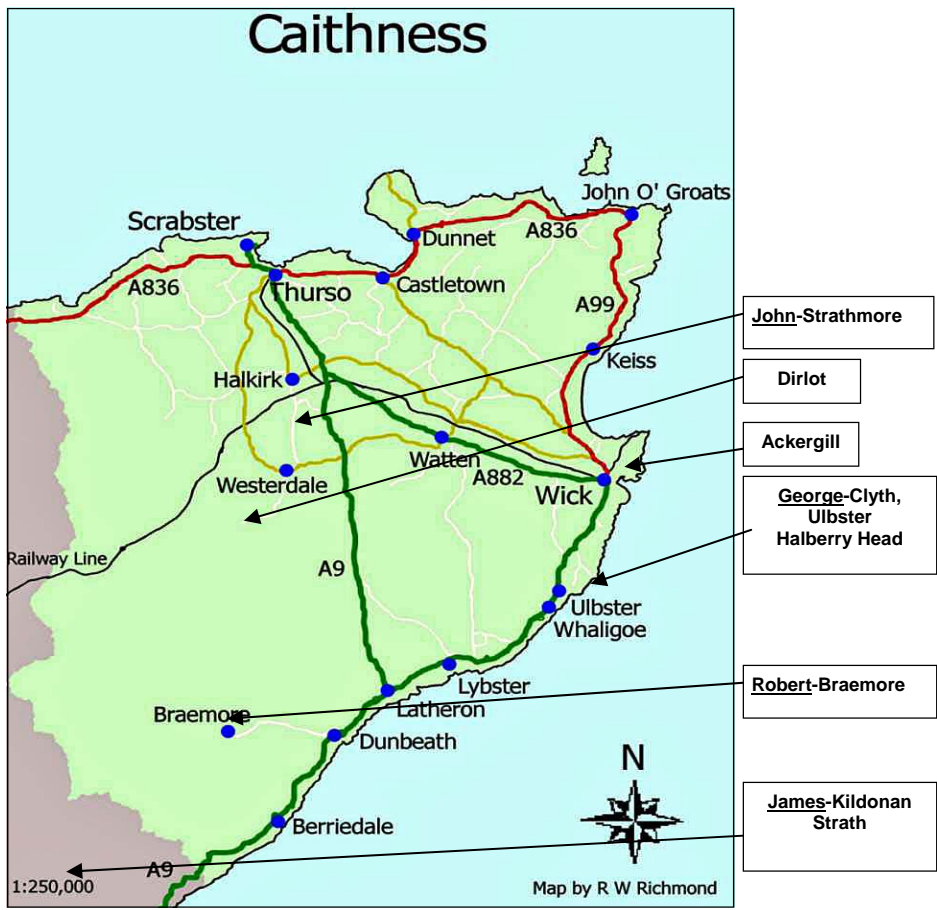
- * William moved towards Sutherland, and then to Strathullie...became independent of the McHamishes...ancestor of the Williamsons.
- * Henry also moved with William, but a "*family difference*", led him to around Halkirk...also became independent of the McHamishes...ancestor of the Hendersons.

⇒ **Note...**the McHamish chiefs had little or no jurisdiction over other Gunns.



- * **Other Gunn families established themselves at Crosskirk, near Forss, on the north coast of Caithness and in Reay, Strathy and Strath Halladale in the Mackay country...**
- * The various chieftains leased their lands from the Chiefs of Clan Sutherland and Clan Mackay and in turn sublet these to their immediate families who subdivided them among their families.
- * There was, however, **a surprising amount of movement from one part of the country to another** and so it cannot be assumed that all Gunns in one area were necessarily all of the same branch of the family.

All ancestral charts are taken from Mark Rugg Gunn..."History of the Clan Gunn".



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16th Cent...

- 1517...the Battle of Torran Dubh against the MacKays of Strathnaver...William McHamish with 100 Gunns "came to the rescue" of the Sutherlands.
- ("Shortly after")...William McHamish killed George Keith & his son (the male line then became extinct) of Ackergill, with ten men, at Drummay (9 miles west of Golspie) or the Helmsdale River...the "**final revenge**" for the **Gunn's** (now allied with the Sutherlands).
- 1585/6...
 - ⇒ **Altgowan/ Aldgowne**...the Gunn's and the Mackay's beat the combined forces of the Earls of Sutherland and Caithness at Altgowan...the Clan Gunn, who though inferior in force, had the advantage of the hillside at Aldgowne, and used their bows so well that Henry Sinclair was slain with 120 men, and the rest put to flight.
 - ⇒ **John Gunn, the Chief of the Gunns of Braemore** was hanged at the Sinclair Girnigoe Castle by the then Earl of Caithness in revenge for the defeat of the Caithness men at Altgowan by Clan Gunn.
- The Gunns were still a relatively strong clan, despite not holding lands from the king, and being scattered...they were allies to the Earls of Caithness who leased their property. However, they had to continually fight for their existence
- The Robson Gunns were "*a lawless set of thieves*" (Mark Rugg Gunn).

17th Cent...

- 1601...the Sutherland's, Mackay's and Gunn's put the Sinclair's to flight at **Ben Griam / Altgowan**...
 - ⇒ The McHamish was Alexander, Grandson of the Crowner.
 - ⇒ This is commemorated by the Cairn Teaghie.
- 1612...**William Angus Rory Gunn** escaped from the Sinclair Girnigoe Castle by jumping into the sea.
- 1615...the corn fields at Sandside were burnt by **John Robson, chieftain of the Clan Gunn** in Caithness at the instigation of the Earl of Caithness who had a vendetta with Lord Forbes who then owned the Sandside estate...but it **led to their temporary banishment from Caithness to allegiance with the house of Sutherland until the time of the clearances**.
 - ⇒ The Mackays dispossessed them of Dirlot, Strathy & Strath Halladale.
 - ⇒ The Earl of Caithness drove them from Braemore & his other estates.
- 1690's...Donald Crottach, the Mc Hamish at the time...**the charters** (legal rights to the holdings) of **Killearnen and Navidale destroyed by fire**...Lord Sutherland granted him Badenloch.

18th Cent...

- **The majority of the Gunns lived in Braemore, Strathullie, Strath Halladale & Upper Strathnaver** (Mark Rugg Gunn)...
 - ⇒ The main line was the McHamish in Strathullie.
 - ⇒ The Robsons of Braemore did not consider themselves subject to the McHamish.
- **Clan life** (see Mark Rugg Gunn, "*History of Clan Gunn*", Chapter 12)...
 - ⇒ The **chief**...granted land ("*wadset*" = mortgage, or lease) to the tacksmen.
 - ⇒ The **tacksmen**...
 - * Often related to the chief...obtained leases ("*tacks*") of land...then let their land to tenants who cultivated the land and paid rent.
 - * Had larger houses.
 - * Many continued to use the cemetery at Spittal and nearby Dirlot...often travelling great distances to get there.
 - ⇒ The **tenants** ("*cottars*")...
 - * Also required for military service, peat cutting, ploughing and harvesting.
 - * Lived in crofts, clustered in villages...2 roomed "*but and ben*" with stone wall and thatched roof with simple furniture, plus a "*byre*" (barn).
 - * Depended on cattle, grazed in the uplands; goats were common....diet was porridge, cabbage, oat cakes plus fish near the coast.
- **Other aspects**...
 - ⇒ There were no roads...horse tracks and the sea were used.
 - ⇒ There were itinerant tradesmen, shoemakers, tailors... the tenants were very hospitable.
 - ⇒ They were Gaelic speaking (until the clearances) and wore the kilt (forbidden between 1747 & 1782)...the ancient tartan of today close to the pattern.
 - ⇒ Little formal education.
 - ⇒ The rites of baptism, marriage and death were carried out in the home.
- 1746...**Battle of Culloden**...the final battle of the Jacobite Uprising of 1745/46...
 - ⇒ The army of Prince Charles Edward Stewart, consisting mainly of Highlanders, was soundly defeated by the Duke of Cumberland, bringing to an end the ambitions of the "*Young Pretender*" to recover the throne for the Stewart dynasty.
 - ⇒ Unlike some highland clans, **the Gunn's** did not rise under the standard of the Stuarts during the Jacobite Rebellion, and indeed **supported the government** in conflict of 1745, along with other Highland clans such as [Clan Munro](#), [Clan Campbell](#), [Clan Mackay](#), [Clan Sutherland](#) and [Clan Ross](#).
 - ⇒ The Clan Gunn came out for the government, led by the MacKearmish...there were about 120 men under arms, and they were attached to the Earl of Loudon's regiment.

19th Cent...

- 1819...The "**story**" of the **Clan Gunn** (not individual Gunn's) **ended as far as the lands were concerned with the evictions of the clearances** (see over + chapter 17 of Mark Rugg Gunn's book)...emigration, both forced and voluntarily.
- 1874...The "*nomina*" chiefship of the Clan had been dormant since the death of the son of George Gunn of Rhives in 1874.

20th Cent...

- 1960...The Clan Gunn Society was formed to promote a spirit of kinship amongst members of the clan throughout the world, and acquired the Old Parish Church at Latheron as a Clan Heritage Centre...the Clan gathers in Caithness every three years.
- The head of the Clan, in the absence of a recognised chief is Iain Gunn of Banniskirk, who has been appointed Commander of the Clan by the Lord Lyon King of Arms at the request of the landed and armigerous members of the Clan.
- 1978...the Earl of Kintore, Chief of **Clan Keith** and Iain Gunn of Banniskirk, the Commander of **Clan Gunn**, signed a

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A Brief History



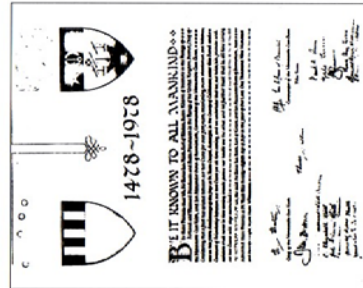
The Keiths, through marriage to the heiress of the Cheynes of Akerhill took Possession of lands in Caithness and so started a long and bloody feud with the Gunns. There were other clans they feuded with, the McKays and the Sinclairs but it was the Keiths and Gunns that fought longest and the hardest.

An attempt at reconciliation between the two clans proved unsuccessful. So a meeting was arranged at the little chapel of St. Tears in 1464. Between twelve horsemen from each clan. The Keiths, arrived two per horse and attacked the Gunns who had arrived earlier and were in the chapel. In spite of the unevenness of the numbers both sides fought desperately until most of the Gunns were dispatched. The Keiths retired severely depleted themselves. The surviving Gunns later followed the Keiths and killed more.

In 1978 at the Chapel of St. Tears a treaty was signed by the Chief of Clan Keith and the Commander of Clan Gunn to end this 500 year old feud



The late Chief of Clan Keith (left) & The Commander of Clan Gunn At St. Tears



The treaty signed in 1978

"Be it known to all Mankind...By these present that We, Sir James Ian Keth, Earl of Kintore, Baron Kintore of Inverune in the Peerage of Scotland, and Viscount Stonehaven and Baron Stonehaven in the Peerage of the United Kingdom, Baronet, Chief of the Honourable Clan Keith, and Ian Alexander Gunn of Banniskirk, Commander of the Honourable Clan Gunn....Considering that a feud has existed between our two Clans for over 500 years, occasioning much bloodshed and bitterness now on the 500th Anniversary of the fray at St. Tears Chapel, Ackerhill in the County of Caithness, enter this bond and Covenant of Friendship between the two Clans for all time coming, and we undertake that we, our heirs, friends and ?? Shall never in time coming invade, pusue nor trouble one the other, and we further trust that in all time coming our two clans will stay reconciled....

IN WITNESS WHEREOF we, the said James Ian Keith, Earl of Kintore, and Ian Alexander Gunn of Banniskirk have sunscribed these present at St. Tears the twenty-eighth day of July in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and seventy eight before these witnesses..."



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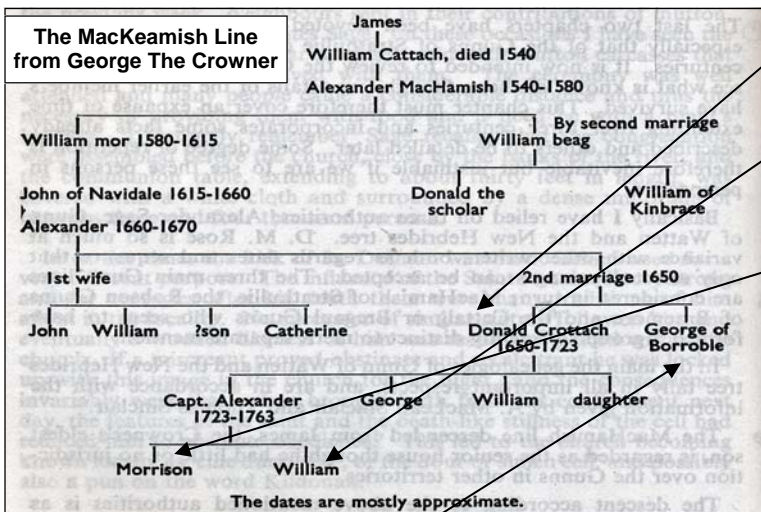
Septs

Many clansmen do not bear the surname of Gunn.

- Surnames were not commonly used until comparatively recent times.
- They would have been of little use where everybody was of the same clan.
- A man or a woman was therefore known as John or Jean mac Sheumais or mac Dhaidh, son or daughter of James or David, of Clan Gunn, and when a surname came to be used, many adopted their father's name and hence John or Jean Robson, Georgeson, Williamson etc.
- The Sept names recognized as being associated with the Clan Gunn are as below.
- Where Sept names are common to other Clans, it is likely that those who have a tradition of having originated north of the Caledonian Canal are Gunns.

Allisterson	Gaunson	MacComas	Mackeamish	Mains	Sandison
Anderson	George	MacCorkill	Mackean	Mann	Swan
Croner	Georgeson	MacCorkle	Mackendrick	Manson	Swann
Crownar	Henderson	MacCullie	MacMains	Maness	Swanney
Crowner	Inrig	MacDade	MacNeil	Manus	Swanson
Cruiner	Jameson	MacDhaidh	MacOmish	More	Thomson
Cruner	Jamieson	MacEnrick	MacRob	Neilson	Tomson
Eanrig	Jamison	MacGeorge	MacRory	Nelson	Will
Enrick	Johnson	MacHarnish	MacSheoras	Robinson	Williamson
Galdie	Keen	MacManus	MacWilliam	Robeson	Wills
Gallie	Keene	Maclan	Magnus	Robison	Wilson
Gailey	MacAllister	Mackarnes	Magnusson	Robson	Wylie
Ganson	MacChruner	Mackeamis	Main	Rorieson	Wyllie
Gauldie					

The Chieftanship



Both these chiefs died without [issue](#), resulting in the extinction of the direct male line of Donald Crottach, the sixth MacKeamish.

The eighth MacKeamish, **William Gunn** of Badenloch, son of Alexander, was killed fighting in [India](#) in [1780](#).

Upon his death the chieftanship passed to his brother, **Morrison Gunn** of Badenloch, the ninth MacKeamish, who was also serving with the [British army](#). Unfortunately Morrison died in [Gibraltar](#) in [1785](#) before he could assume the office of chief in any meaningful way.

- Some confusion was created in [1803](#) when the Countess of Sutherland, on whose lands the remnants of the clan resided at the time, decided that the heir to the chieftanship should be found.

- A sheriff's court was held on 31 May [1803](#) in [Thurso](#) to hear arguments from various claimants.

- The jury at this court finally decided that **Hector Gunn**, great grandson of **George Gunn** of Borrobol, the brother of the sixth MacKeamish, was heir male, which he was.
- However, they or someone else then proceeded to declare him chief of the clan, which they had no authority to do, as this decision could only be made by the Lyon Court when genealogical questions exist, and the Corrish Gunns had a rival claim at the time of the sheriff's court.
- There is no record that the Lord Lyon was consulted in the matter.
- Hector died almost immediately afterward.

- **Hector's son, George Gunn** of Rhives, was a protégé of the Countess of Sutherland, who had purchased a commission for him in the [Royal Marines](#). the estate of Rhives was also given to him by the Countess, who appointed him as an under factor at Assynt and later head factor at Dunrobin.
- In 1814, George was declared chief by someone, nobody seems completely sure who, but it was not the Lyon Court.
- It is probable that he simply assumed the role of chief due to the erroneous belief that his father was chief.
- It is doubtful that George Gunn was ever accepted as chief by many of the clan.
- **George died in 1859 and his two sons not long after.**

So, neither Hector nor George were legally chief of the clan because they were not declared so by the Lyon Court, in spite of their apparent descent from the brother of Donald Crottach, George Gunn of Borrobol.

In the absence of a recognized chief, Iain Gunn of Banniskirk was appointed Commander of the Clan in 1972 by the Lord Lyon King of Arms at the request of the landed and "armigerous" (= "entitled to bear heraldic arms") members of the Clan.

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Donald's Great, Great, Great, Grandparents (G.-5.)

CHARLES GUNN (b. cir1694) & MARGARET CORMACK

CHRONOLOGY

<u>CODE</u>	<u>WHO</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>WHEN</u>	<u>WHERE/COMMENT / SOURCE</u>
G-5.	GUNN, Charles	<u>Born</u>	Circ. 1694	Scotland.....OPR
		<u>Married</u>	22/01/1719	Wick, Scotland.....IGI - Pat Sub.No.7021714
		<u>Occupation</u>		Not Known
		<u>Residence(s)</u>		Halster, Scotland.....OPR
		<u>Died</u>	Not Known	
		<u>Buried</u>	Not Known	
	CORMACK, Margaret	<u>Born</u>	Not Known	Parents perhaps, George & Katherine Cormack....Clan Gunn Film
		<u>Occupation</u>		Probably Home Duties
		<u>Died</u>	Not Known	
		<u>Buried</u>	Not Known	

Parish registers for Wick, 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. If the Scottish tradition of naming the eldest son after his grandfather is followed, then Charles' father = Donald.

CHARLES & MARGARET GUNN - Their Family

CHRONOLOGY

<u>CODE</u>	<u>WHO</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>WHEN</u>	<u>WHERE / COMMENT / SOURCE</u>
G-5.1	GUNN, Katherine	<u>Born</u>	1720	Scotland.....OPR (Clan Gunn Film 1368497)
		<u>Christen.</u>	07/02/1720	Wick, Scotland.....IGI - Pat. Sub.No.7021714
G-5.2 (G-4.0)	GUNN, Donald	<u>Born</u>	1721	Scotland.....OPR (Clan Gunn Film 1368497)
		<u>Christen.</u>	31/07/1721	Wick, Scotland.....IGI - Pat. Sub.No.7021713
		<u>Married</u>		<u>Margaret KEITH</u> ...Rootsweb
G-5.3	GUNN, George	<u>Born</u>	1723	Scotland.....OPR (Clan Gunn Film 1368497)
		<u>Christen.</u>	17/02/1723	Wick, Scotland.....IGI - Pat. Sub.No.7027901
		<u>Married</u>	02/12/1748	Perhaps <u>Margaret CORNER</u> Wick, Scotland.....OPR (Clan Gunn Film 1368497)
G-5.3.1	GUNN, Charles	<u>Christen.</u>	17/04/1757	Scotland.....OPR (Clan Gunn Film 1368497)

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Donald's Great, Great, Grandparents (G.-4.) DONALD GUNN (b.1721) & MARGARET KEITH CHRONOLOGY

<u>CODE</u>	<u>WHO</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>WHEN</u>	<u>WHERE/COMMENT / SOURCE</u>
G-4. (G-5.2)	GUNN, Donald	<u>Born</u>	1721	Scotland.....OPR (Clan Gunn Film 1368497)
		<u>Christened</u>	31/07/1721	Wick,Scotland.....IGI - Pat. Sub.No.7021713
		<u>Married</u>	05/12/1749	Wick,Scotland.....IGI - Pat. Sub.No.7022213
		<u>Occupation</u>		Porbably a Crofter
		<u>Residence(s)</u>		1749-1762, Wick 1762-1774, Tails of Watten,Watten 1774-??, Auckengill, Canisbay.....OPR (Clan Gunn Film 1368497)
		<u>Died</u>	Not Known	
		<u>Buried</u>	Not Known	
	KEITH, Margaret	<u>Born</u>	Not Known	Perhaps, Father = John Keith.....IGI-Pat.Sub.No.7022213
		<u>Occupation</u>		Probably Home Duties
		<u>Died</u>	Not Known	
		<u>Buried</u>	Not Known	

DONALD & MARGARET GUNN - Their Family CHRONOLOGY

<u>CODE</u>	<u>WHO</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>WHEN</u>	<u>WHERE / COMMENT / SOURCE</u>
G.-4.1	GUNN,John	<u>Christen.</u>	14/01/1750 or 51	Monsequeoey,Wick,Scotland.....OPR (Clan Gunn Film 1368497)
		<u>Died</u>	Pre-1771	
G.-4.2	GUNN,William	<u>Christen.</u>	17/11/1752	Haster,Wick,Scotland.....OPR (Clan Gunn Film 1368497) / IGI - Pat. Sub. No. 7021713
	(?? William)	<u>Christen.</u>	06/12/1752	Olrig.....IGI - Pat. Sub. No.7611162
G.-4.3	GUNN,Mary	<u>Christen.</u>	05/02/1755	Haster,Wick,Scotland.....OPR (Clan Gunn Film 1368497) / IGHl - Pat. Sub. No.7211224
G.-4.4	GUNN,Elspet	<u>Christen.</u>	05/02/1755	Haster,Wick,Scotland.....OPR (Clan Gunn Film 1368497) / IGI - Pat. Sub. No.7021713 / 7211224
		<u>Died</u>	Pre-1756	
G.-4.5	GUNN,Elspet(h)	<u>Christen.</u>	04/05/1756	Haster,Wick,Scotland.....OPR (Clan Gunn Film 1368497) / IGI - Pat. Sub. No. 7211713
G.-4.6	GUNN,Charles	<u>Christen.</u>	10/06/1759	Bilpster,Wick,Scotland.....OPR (Clan Gunn Film 1368497 / IGI - Pat. Sub.No.721124
		<u>Married</u>	24/01/1783	Ann Nicholson.....IGI - Pat. Sub.No.721124
G.-4.7	GUNN,Peter	<u>Christen.</u>	12/08/1762	Tails of Watten, Watten,Scotland.....OPR (Clan Gunn Film 1368497 / IGI - Pat.Sub.No.7333419
G.-4.8	GUNN,Donald	<u>Christen.</u>	11/05/1765	Eastside,Watten,Scotland.....OPR (Clan Gunn Film 1368497 / IGI - Pat. Sub. No. 7333419
G.-4.9	GUNN,Ingram	<u>Christen.</u>	22/03/1767	Eastside,Watten,Scotland.....OPR (Clan Gunn Film 1368497 / IGI - Pat. Sub. No. 7333419
G.-4.10	GUNN,John	<u>Christen.</u>	27/04/1771	Coscride,Watten,Scotland.....OPR (Clan Gunn Film 1368497 / IGI - Pat. Sub. No. 7333419
G.-4.11	GUNN,Margaret 1368497	<u>Christen.</u>	10/05/1774	Auckengill,Canisbay,Scotland.....OPR (Clan Gunn Film / IGI - Pat. Sub.No.7518201

Donald & Margaret did not follow the traditional naming pattern for at least one of their children.....the Mormon film shows that Margaret's father was John Keith, but the John christened at Watten on 27/04/1771 was their 6th or 7th son. Their first son was William (not sure about the John christened 1750), but we do not know whether Donald's grandfather was called William. However, the Charles christened at Wick (?) on 10/06/1759 was the second son and so does follow the traditional naming pattern.

So the likely time sequence for Donald & Margaret is...

1721	Donald born at Wick - parents Charles Gunn & Margaret Cormack.
pre 1749	Donald living at Blinzery, Wickthen part of parish of Thurso ??
1749	Donald marries Margaret Keith at Wick .
1750-59	Donald (29 yrs. old) & Margaret living at Wick :- John born 1750 (baptised Monsequeoey) - died pre 1771 William born 1752 (baptised Haster) Mary born 1755 (baptised Haster) Twin Elspet also born 1755 but died before 1756 ?? Elspet born 1756 (baptised Haster) Charles born 1759 (baptised Bilpster)
1760-72	Donald (39 yrs. old) & Margaret living at Watten :- Peter born 1762 (Baptised Tails of Watten) Donald born 1765 (Baptised Eastside) Ingram born 1767 (Baptised Eastside) John born 1771 (Baptised Coscride of Watten)
1774-	Donald(53. yrs old) & Margaret living at Auckengill :- Margaret born 1774 (Baptised at Auckengill)

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Donald's Great Grandparents (G.-3.) Peter GUNN (1762 -1842) & Margaret MANSON (1755 - 1843)

CHRONOLOGY

CODE	EVENT	WHEN	WHERE/COMMENT / SOURCE
Gen-3	GUNN, Peter		
(G.2.7)	<u>Christened</u>	12/08/1762	Tails of Watten, Watten, Scotland... <i>OPR (Clan Gunn Film 1368497)</i>
	<u>Married</u>	07/12/1781	" <i>Matrimonially Contracted</i> ", Auckengill, Canisbay, Scotland... <i>IGI OPR</i>
	<u>Occupation</u>	Farmer... <i>Census 1841</i>	
	<u>Residence(s)</u>	Auckengill, Canisbay, Caithness, Scotland... <i>OPR / Census 1841</i>	
	<u>Died</u>	21/09/1842	Auckengill, Canisbay... <i>OPR / Census 1841 / 1851 / Family Bible</i>
	<u>Buried</u>	Not Known	
	MANSON, Margaret		
	<u>Born</u>	01/03/1755	Auckengill, Canisbay; Parents= Gavin Mason & Margaret Bain ... <i>OPR / Census 1841 / Family Bible / Rootsweb</i>
	<u>Occupation</u>	Probably Home Duties	
	<u>Died</u>	23/06/1843	Auckengill, Canisbay..... <i>OPR / Census 1841 / 1851 / Family Bible</i>
	<u>Buried</u>	Not Known	

Peter's parents, Donald & Margaret, moved from Watten to Auckengill in 1774

Gavin Mason (b. circa 1724) & Margaret Bain. Other child = Helen Manson, b. 25/11/1750, Canisbay...marr. John Mowat, 02/07/1776,

H.CODE	WHO	STATUS	1841 Census OCCUPATION NOTES	COUNTY	PARISH	WHERE(G2)
(G27)G-3	Peter GUNN	Head / 75	Farmer, Marr 1781, Canisbay	Caithness	Canisbay	Auckengill
G-3	Margaret	Wife / 85				
G274	Helen	D / 35				
G2761	Peter	S / 20	(Most likely.. <u>Grandson</u> ..parents Gavin & Janet Gunn died 1828/1822)			
G271	Donald GUNN	55	Pilot	Caithness	Wick	Staxigoe
G271	Alexina (Alexandrina)	55				
G27121	John	7	(<u>Grandson</u> - son of John GUNN / Ann SMITH)			

Child 1 (G.271), **Donald**, married, 1807, **Alexandrina** (recorded as "*Alexina*") Manson were living with their parents, **Peter & Margaret** and recorded in the Census.
 Child 2 (G.272), Gavin, died pre 1794.
 Child 3 (G.273), Margaret, married, 1815, John Bain.
 Child 4 (G.273), **Helen** Gunn living with her parents **Peter & Margaret** and recorded in the Census.
 Child 5 (G.275), John, married Jane Campbell.
 Child 6 (G.276), Gavin, married, 1820, Janet Stephen...he died 1828.
 Child 7 (G.277), William, married, 1825, Janet Bain.

Peter & Margaret died before the 1851 Census

THE LIKELY TIME SEQUENCE FOR PETER & MARGARET AND THEIR FAMILY

Gen. Code	NAME	Born	Marr.	1841 Census	1851 Census	1861 Census	1871 Census	Died	Buried
Gen.-3 G27	GUNN, Peter MANSON, Margaret	b.1762 Tails of Watten Circ,1766	(Peter 19, Margaret 26) 1781 Canisbay	75 (79) Farmer Auckengill 85 (86) Auckengill	_____	_____	_____	Age 80, 1842 Auckengill Age 88, 1843 Auckengill	
Gen.-2 G271	**GUNN, Donald MANSON, Alexandrina	b.Cir.1782 Auckengill C.1785 Canisbay	1807 Canisbay	55, Pilot Wick 55 Wick	68, Fisher Canisbay 65 Canisbay			Circ. 1870	
Gen.-2 G272	GUNN, Gavin	c.1785 Auckengill	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	Pre 1794	
Gen.-2 G273	GUNN, Margaret BAIN, John	c.1786/7 Auckengill	1815					Circ. 1869	
Gen.-2 G274	GUNN, Helen	c.1789 Auckengill	_____	35 (52), With parents	With (?)			Aged 83, 1872, Pauper Auckengill	Canisbay
Gen.-2 G275	GUNN, John CAMPBELL, Jane (Jean)	c.1792 Auckengill Circa 1799, Canisbay		40, Sherriff Wick 40, Wick				Age 71, 1863 Glasgow	Glasgow
Gen.-2 G276	GUNN, Gavin STEPHEN, Janet	c.1794 Auckengill C.1795	1820 (Fisher)	_____	_____	_____	_____	Age 32, 1828 Auckengill Age, 27, 1822	Canisbay Canisbay
Gen.-2 G277	GUNN, William BAIN, Janet	c.1798 Auckengill b. 1801 Canisbay	1825 Canisbay	40, Farmer Auckengill 30 Auckengill	52, Farmer Auckengill 48 Auckengill	_____	_____	Age 62, 1860 Auckengill Pre 1881 Auckengill	Canisbay

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Donald's Great Grandparents (G.-3.)

PETER GUNN (1762 -Pre 1851) & MARGARET MANSON (Circ. 1766 - Pre 1851)

CHRONOLOGY

<u>CODE</u>	<u>WHO</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>WHEN</u>	<u>WHERE/COMMENT / SOURCE</u>
G-3. (G-4.7)	GUNN, Peter	<u>Christened</u>	12/08/1762	Tails of Watten, Watten, ScotlandOPR (Clan Gunn Film 1368497)
		<u>Married</u>	07/12/1781	Canisbay,Scotland.....IGI
		<u>Occupation</u>		Farmer.....Census 1841
		<u>Residence(s)</u>		Auckengill,Canisbay,Caithness, Scotland.....OPR / Census 1841
		<u>Died</u>	Pre 1851	Auckengill, Canisbay.....OPR / Census 1841 / 1851
		<u>Buried</u>	Not Known	
	MANSON, Margaret	<u>Born</u>	Circa 1766OPR / Census 1841
		<u>Occupation</u>		Probably Home Duties
		<u>Died</u>	Pre 1851	Auckengill, Canisbay.....OPR / Census 1841 / 1851
		<u>Buried</u>	Not Known	

PETER & MARGARET GUNN - Their Family

CHRONOLOGY

<u>CODE</u>	<u>WHO</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>WHEN</u>	<u>WHERE / COMMENT / SOURCE</u>
G.-3.1	GUNN,Donald	<u>Born</u>	Circ. 1782	Auckengill,Canisb., Caithn., Scot.....Clan Gunn Film 1368497
		<u>Married</u>	04/05/1807	Alexandrina MANSONIGI
		<u>Died</u>	1870	88yrs.; Auckengill,Canisb., Scot.....IGI / Clan Gunn Film 1368497
G.-3.2	GUN(N),Gavin 1368497	<u>Christen.</u>	11/02/1785	Auckengill,Canisb., Caithn., Scot.....IGI / Clan Gunn Film
		<u>Died</u>	Pre 1794	2nd. Gavin born in 1794
G.-3.3	GUN(N),Margaret 1368497	<u>Christen.</u>	02/07/1787(6?)	Auckengill,Canisb., Caithn., Scot.....IGI / Clan Gunn Film
		<u>Married</u>	29/07/1815	John BAIN.....IGI
		<u>Died</u>	Circ.1869	Auckengill,Canisb., Caithn., Scot.....I.Aitchison
G.-3.4	GUN(N),Helen	<u>Christen.</u>	03/05/1789	Auckengill,Canisb., Caithn., Scot.....IGI / Clan Gunn Film 1368497
		<u>Residence</u>		With parents.....Census 1841 / 1851
		<u>Died</u>	04/05/1872	"Pauper"; Auckengill,Canisb.,Caithn, Scot.....OPR / Clan Gunn Film 368497
		<u>Buried</u>	??/05/1872	Auckengill,Canisb., Caithn., Scot.....35/17 - I.Aitchison
G.-3.5	GUNN,John	<u>Christen.</u>	06/01/1792	Auckengill,Canisb., Caithn., Scot.....IGI / Clan Gunn Film 1368497
		<u>Married</u>		Jane (Jean)CAMPBELL.....Perhaps 6 children...I.Aitchison
		<u>Died</u>	1863	Glasgow, Scotland.....OPR Clan Gunn Film 1368497
G.-3.6	GUNN,Gavin (G.-2.0)	<u>Christen.</u>	11/08/1794	Auckengill,Canisb., Caithn., Scot.....IGI / Clan Gunn Film 1368497
		<u>Died</u>	1828	Auckengill,Canisb., Caithn., Scot.....IGI / Clan Gunn Film 1368497
G.-3.7	GUNN,William	<u>Christen.</u>	09/06/1798	Auckengill,Canisb., Caithn., Scot.....IGI / Clan Gunn Film 136849
		<u>Married</u>	01/01/1825	Janet BAIN : Canisbay.....I. Aitchison
		<u>Died</u>	02/04/1860	Auckengill,Canisb.,Caithn., Scot.....OPR / Clan Gunn Film 1368497
		<u>Buried</u>	??/04/1860	Canisbay

ANCESTORS - GUNN

(Donald Gunn's great grandparents) **Peter & Margaret GUNN - Their Family**

CHRONOLOGY

<u>CODE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>WHEN</u>	<u>WHERE / COMMENT / SOURCE</u>
Gen.-2 (G.2.7.1)	<u>GUNN, Donald</u> <u>Born</u>	Circ. 1782	Auckengill, Canisb., Caithn., Scot... <i>Clan Gunn Film 1368497</i>
	<u>Married</u>	04/05/1807	Canisbay, Caithness, Scotland... <i>IGI</i>
	<u>Occupation</u>	Fisherman / Pilot	
	<u>Died</u>	Circ. 1870	Aged 88yrs.; Auckengill, Canisb., Scot... <i>IGI / Clan Gunn Film 1368497</i>
	<u>MANSON, Alexandrina</u> <u>Born</u>	Circa 1781	... <i>W. Pritchard</i>
	<u>Christened</u>	10/01/1785	Canisbay, possibly un-named daughter of John MANSON & Jean BAIN
	<u>Died</u>	20/01/1881	Staxigo, Wick, Scotland... <i>W. Pritchard</i>
Gen.-2 (G2.7.2)	<u>GUN(N), Gavin</u> <u>Christen.</u>	11/02/1785	Auckengill, Canisb., Caithn., Scot... <i>IGI / Clan Gunn Film 1368497</i>
	<u>Died</u>	Pre 1794	2nd. Gavin born in 1794
Gen.-2 (G2.7.3)	<u>GUN(N), Margaret</u> <u>Christen.</u>	02/07/1787(6?)	Auckengill, Canisb., Caithn., Scot... <i>IGI / Clan Gunn Film 1368497</i>
	<u>Married</u>	29/07/1815 <i>IGI</i>
	<u>Died</u>	Circ. 1869	Auckengill, Canisb., Caithn., Scot... <i>I. Aitchison</i>
	<u>BAIN, John</u> <u>Christen.</u>	03/05/1789	Auckengill, Canisb., Caithn., Scot... <i>IGI / Clan Gunn Film 1368497</i>
Gen.-2 (G2.7.4)	<u>Residence</u>	With parents... <i>Census 1841 / 1851</i>	
	<u>Died</u>	04/05/1872	" <i>Pauper</i> "; Auckengill, Canisb., Caithn., Scot... <i>OPR / Clan Gunn Film 368497</i>
	<u>Buried</u>	05/1872	Auckengill, Canisb., Caithn., Scot... <i>35/17 - I. Aitchison</i>
Gen.-2 (G2.7.5)	<u>GUNN, John</u> <u>Christen.</u>	06/01/1792	Auckengill, Canisb., Caithn., Scot... <i>IGI / Clan Gunn Film 1368497</i>
	<u>Occupation</u>	Sheriff Officer... <i>Census 1841 / 1851</i>	
	<u>Died</u>	1863	Glasgow, Scotland... <i>OPR Clan Gunn Film 1368497</i>
	<u>CAMPBELL, Jane (Jean)</u> <u>Born</u>	Circa 1799,	Canisbay, Caithness, Scotland... <i>Census 1841 / 1851</i>
Gen.-2 (G2.7.6)	<u>GUNN, Gavin</u> <u>Christen.</u>	11/08/1794	Auckengill, Canisb., Caithn., Scot... <i>IGI / Clan Gunn Film 1368497</i>
	<u>Married</u>	19/02/1820	
	<u>Residence</u>	Auckengill	
	<u>Occupation</u>	Fisherman	
	<u>Died</u>	1828	Auckengill, Canisb., Caithn., Scot... <i>IGI / Clan Gunn Film 1368497</i>
	<u>Buried</u>	1828	Canisbay, Caithness, Scotland, No. 120... <i>Canisbay Church</i>
	<u>STEPHEN, Janet</u> <u>Born.</u>	1795	Auckengill, Canisb., Caithn., Scot... <i>IGI / Clan Gunn Film 1368497</i>
	<u>Occupation</u>	Home Duties	
	<u>Died</u>	1822	Auckengill, Canisb., Caithn., Scot... <i>IGI / Clan Gunn Film 1368497</i>
	<u>Buried</u>	1822	Canisbay Church, Caithness, Scotland, No. 120... <i>Canisbay Church</i>
Gen.-2 (G2.7.7)	<u>GUNN, William</u> <u>Born</u>	07/06/1860	Auckengill, Canisb., Caithn., Scot... <i>IGI / Clan Gunn Film 136849</i>
	<u>Christen.</u>	09/06/1798	Auckengill, Canisb., Caithn., Scot... <i>IGI / Clan Gunn Film 136849</i>
	<u>Married</u>	01/01/1825	Canisbay... <i>I. Aitchison</i>
	<u>Occupation</u>	Farmer, Roadside (?), Auckengill... <i>Census</i>	
	<u>Died</u>	02/04/1860	Auckengill, Canisb., Caithn., Scot... <i>OPR / Clan Gunn Film 1368497</i>
	<u>Buried</u>	04/1860	Canisbay Church
	<u>BAIN, Janet</u> <u>Born.</u>	1801	Canisbay., Caithn., Scot...
	<u>Died</u>	pre 1881	... <i>Census</i>

Two of Peter & Margaret's children are of interest ...

- Their eldest son ,Donald, is of interest because of his family's connections with Australia - two of Donald and Alexanderina's children "*stretched*" to Australia...
- Their youngest son William, who married Janet Bain, is also of interest because it just happened that there is quite a lot of information available on this family and because of a trip Bernard Thompson made to Auckengill in 1989 where he met the postmistress Mrs Matheson.

See the Section on "*Distant Cousins*" for details.

ANCESTORS - GUNN

Donald's Grandparents (G.-2.)

GAVIN GUNN(1794-1828) & JANET STEPHEN(1801-1822)

CHRONOLOGY

CODE WHO EVENT WHEN WHERE/COMMENT / SOURCE

G-2. **GUNN,Gavin**

Born...05/08/1794, at Auckengill, Canisbay, Scotland...*J Fox / OPR*
Christened...11/08/1794, at Auckengill,Canisb.,Scotland.....*IGI / Clan Gunn Film 1368497*
Married...19/02/1820, at Canisbay,Scotland....*IGI / OPR (Clan Gunn Film 1368497)*
Occupation...Fisherman, Carpenter....*OPR (Clan Gunn Film 1368497) / Cert.*
Residence(s)...Auckengill, Canisbay.....*OPR (Clan Gunn Film 1368497)*
Died...1828, aged 34 yrs. : Auckengill
Buried...1828, Canisbay (No.139).....*Monumental Inscriptions*

STEPHEN,Janet

Born...01/11/1801, at Huna, Stroma, Scotland; Parents = Alexander STEPHEN & Katherine (Cath) McLEOD...*B. Thompson / J. Fox*
Christened...13/11/1801...*OPR*
Occupation...Home Duties
Died...05/06/1822, aged 21 yrs.....*Monumental Inscriptions*
Buried...1822, Canisbay (No.139).....*Monumental Inscriptions*

GAVIN & JANET GUNN - Their Family CHRONOLOGY

CODE WHO EVENT WHEN WHERE / COMMENT / SOURCE

G-2.1 **GUNN,Peter**
(G-1.0)

Born 21/12/1820 ...*Family Bible*
Christen. 11/01/1821 Auckengill,Canisb.,Scotland....*IGI / Clan Gunn Film 1368497*
Married 02/11/1844 *Alexandrina ROBERTSON* : Bower, Canisbay,Scotland*IGI / OPR Clan Gunn Film 1368497)*
Occupation Fisherman
Died 20/10/1903 Auckengill, Canisbay
Buried 10/1903 Keiss (No. 149).....*Monumental Inscriptions*

Gavin & Janet deserve a special place in the family tree, because they only had two years of married life and had only one son Peter (baptised 11/01/1821).

Gavin was born in 1794 at Auckengill, Caithness, while Janet was born in 1801 at Huna, Canisbay, her parents being, Alexander & Katherine (nee Mc Leod) Stephen. They were married in 1820, and had one child, Peter, born in 1821 at Auckengill. Gavin was a fisherman and carpenter.

However, tragedy struck, when **Janet died in 1822 at the early age of 21 and Gavin, just 6 years later, died in 1828 at the age of 34.**

In the **1841 Census**, there appears "**Peter**" aged 20 registered as "son" **living with Peter Gunn & Margaret Manson**, Gavin's parents...more than likely this is Peter & Margaret's grandson, and Gavin & Janet's only son Peter.

Gavin and **Janet were buried at Canisbay**, next to Gavin's nephew William Gunn.



Grave No. 139—
Gavin & Janet
Flat stone at Canisbay
Churchyard Cemetery
Next to No. 140

Grave No. 140
On top of a flat
stone.
Remembrance of
some of William
(Gavin's brother)
Gunn's eldest
son, Peter Gunn &
Elizabeth Bain's
family

"Gavin Gunn, Auckengill, 31 w Janet Stephen 5/6/1822, 27...Gunn"

ANCESTORS - GUNN

Donald's Parents (G.-1)...**PETER GUNN (1820-1902)** & **ALEXANDRINA ROBERTSON (1821-1910)**

CHRONOLOGY

CODE WHO EVENT WHEN WHERE/COMMENT / SOURCE

G-1. **GUNN, Peter**

Born...21/12/1820...Family Bible

Christen...11/01/1821...Auckengill, Canisb., Scotland...IGI / Clan Gunn Film 1368497

Married...02/11/1844...Bower North, ("Alexandrina Robison, in Wick"...OPR), Caithness(No.149)IGI / OPR (Clan Gunn Film 368497)

Occupation...Fisherman...Census

Residence(s)... "Roadside", Auckengill, Canisbay...PR (Clan Gunn Film 1368497) / Census 1851/61/71

1891...Near Nybster (see map) + not in 1871, 1881 Nybster Census...Mrs Matheson, Auckengill Post Office / Death Cert.

Died...09/11/1902, Aged 82, Nybster, Keiss, Canisbay, "natural causes, several years in old age, probably heart disease", Informant = Murdoch, son of Wester Cottage, Keiss...Family / Death Certificate

Buried...1902/03, Keiss (No. 149)...Monumental Inscriptions

ROBERTSON, Alexandrina

Born...09/08/1821, Bower Halkirk, Parents = David (mason, born Dunnet) & Margaret nee Swanson (died 15/05/1874)...Death Cert.

Died...23/09/1910, aged 90, of "Senile decay, Gangrene of foot, Exhaustion", at Nybster, Canisbay, Informant = Murdoch, son...Certificate

Buried...09/1910...Keiss (No. 149)...Monumental Inscriptions

"Roadside" - Peter & Alexandrina's croft- the Birthplace of Donald

"1st House, now demolished (approx. 1970) where Donald Gunn left for Australia"

Photo from Mrs Matheson,



"John O' Groats Road"

Cormack Family

Roadside - Donald Gunn's Birthplace

- Perhaps Gavin Gunn & Janet Steven lived here.
- (1851-1881)...**Peter Gunn & Alexandrina Robertson (G2761)**
- Mrs Matheson...sometime after 1891, Peter and Alexandrina moved to "near Nybster".
- The house was later occupied by..
 - ⇒ **Thomas Gunn (G2723)**
 - ⇒ **William & Janet's son, Peter Gunn (G2772)**, an unqualified teacher, and **Elizabeth Bain**.
- Now demolished.

Burnside House

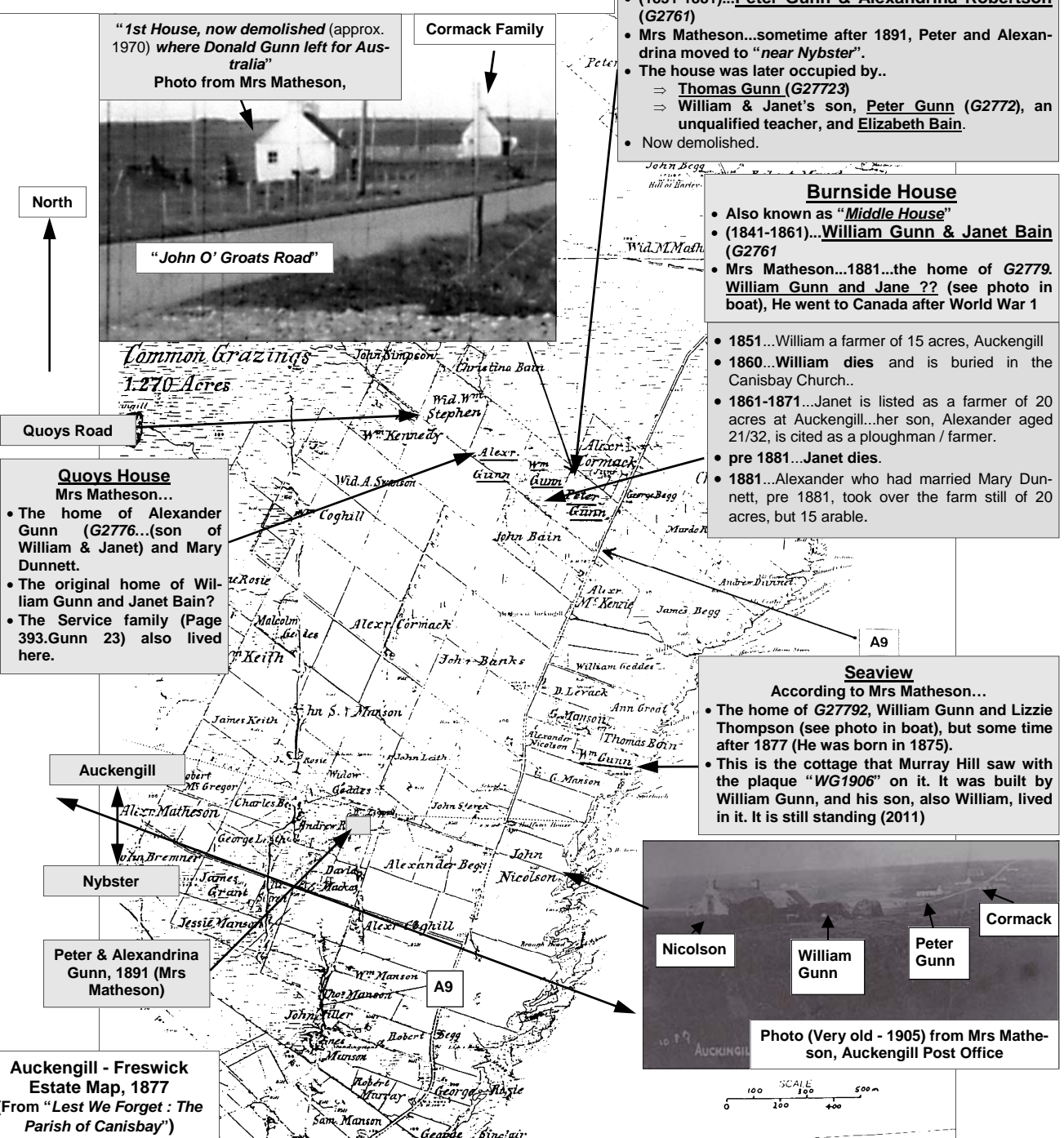
- Also known as "**Middle House**"
- (1841-1861)...**William Gunn & Janet Bain (G2761)**
- Mrs Matheson...1881...the home of G2779. **William Gunn and Jane ??** (see photo in boat), He went to Canada after World War 1

- 1851...William a farmer of 15 acres, Auckengill
- 1860...**William dies** and is buried in the Canisbay Church..
- 1861-1871...Janet is listed as a farmer of 20 acres at Auckengill...her son, Alexander aged 21/32, is cited as a ploughman / farmer.
- pre 1881...**Janet dies**.
- 1881...Alexander who had married Mary Dunnett, pre 1881, took over the farm still of 20 acres, but 15 arable.

Seaview

According to Mrs Matheson...

- The home of G27792, **William Gunn and Lizzie Thompson** (see photo in boat), but some time after 1877 (He was born in 1875).
- This is the cottage that Murray Hill saw with the plaque "**WG1906**" on it. It was built by **William Gunn**, and his son, also **William**, lived in it. It is still standing (2011)



Quoys House
Mrs Matheson...

- The home of Alexander Gunn (G2776... (son of William & Janet) and Mary Dunnett.
- The original home of William Gunn and Janet Bain?
- The Service family (Page 393.Gunn 23) also lived here.

Auckengill

Nybster

Peter & Alexandrina Gunn, 1891 (Mrs Matheson)

Auckengill - Freswick Estate Map, 1877
(From "Lest We Forget : The Parish of Canisbay")

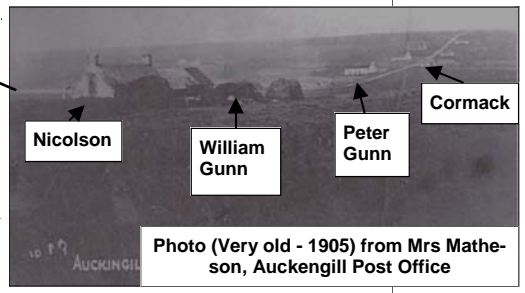


Photo (Very old - 1905) from Mrs Matheson, Auckengill Post Office

ANCESTORS - GUNN

Donald's Parents - PETER & ALEXANDRINA GUNN

From Peter's Bible (it is not his father's, Gavin, as he died in 1828)

Murray Hill in May 2005, found a very old bible in his shed. It is "well worn" and begins with the book of Jeremiah (earlier books destroyed or lost). Inside are the following entries...

Auckingill

Peter Gunn Born 21st December 1820

*Gavin Son of Peter Gunn & Alexandrina Robertson
Born November 30th 1844 Baptised By
Wm Smith 1844*

David Born 23 January 1848 Baptised By R. Stobie

Margaret Born 2nd December 1849 Baptised R. Stobie

Donald Born 4th October 1853

Murdoch Born 19th December 1857

Janet Born 18th May 1860

Alexandrina Born 5th December 1864

*Prayer thy father & Mother that
is the command of God Amen*

*Margaret Manson Born 1st March 1755
and died 23 June 1843*

Peter Gunn died 21 September 1842

Auckingill

Peter Gunn (G-1) Born 21st December 1820

Gavin (G-1.1) Son of Peter Gunn & Alexandrina Robertson. Born November 30th 1844. Baptised By Wm Smith..??

David (G-1.2) Born 23 January 1848. Baptised By R. Stobie (?)

Margaret (G-1.3) Born 2nd December 1849. Baptised R. Stobie (?)

Donald (G-1.4. / G.0.0) Born 4th October 1853

Murdoch (G-1.5) Born 19th December 1857

Janet (G-1.6) Born 18th May 1860

Alexandrina (G-1.7) Born 5th December 1864

(??) Thy father & Mother that is the command of the God Amen

Margaret Manson (G-3) Born 1 March 1755 and died 23 June 1843

Peter's grandparents

Peter Gunn (G-3) Died 21 September 1842

Peter Gunn Auckingill 1820

Gavin Gunn Son of Peter Gunn & Alexandrina Robertson Born 30th November 1844

Peter Gunn (G-1) 1820

Gavin Gunn (G-1.1) Son of Peter Gunn & Alexandrina Robertson Born 30th November 1844

December 12 1819
Mr Gavin Gunn (G-1.1) & Janet Steven Auckingill
Peter Son of Gavin Gunn
Was Born 1820

Peter Gunn (G-1) Auckingill 1837
Jeremiah 25

Peter Gunn Auckingill 1837

Jeremiah 25

December 12 - 1819

Mr Gavin Gunn & Janet Steven Auckingill Peter Son of Gavin Gunn

Was Born 1820

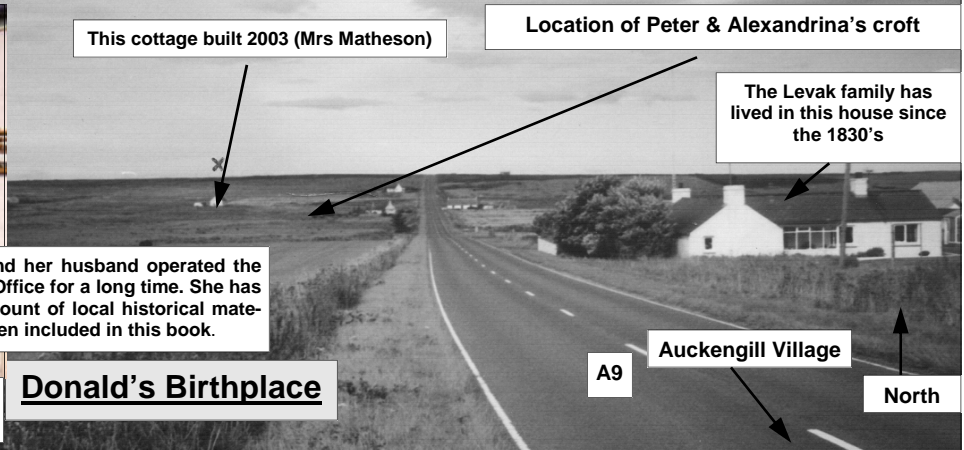
ANCESTORS - GUNN

Donald's Parents - PETER & ALEXANDRINA GUNN



Mt & Mrs Matheson outside the old Post Office at Auckengill, 1976

Mrs Matheson and her husband operated the Auckengill Post Office for a long time. She has an enormous amount of local historical material which has been included in this book.



Donald's Birthplace

PETER & ALEXANDRINA GUNN - Their Family CHRONOLOGY

CODE	WHO	EVENT	WHEN	WHERE / COMMENT / SOURCE
G.-1.1	GUNN,Gavin	<u>Born</u>	30/11/1844	...Family Bible
		<u>Christen.</u>	08/01/1845	Bower, Caithness, Scot...IGI
		<u>Married</u>	17/11/1876	Wardie Cottages, Wardie, Leith, Scot...Lesley
		<u>Occupation</u>	"Road Surfaceman"	
		<u>Died</u>	09/06/1917	Aged 71, Widower, at Westbanks, Wick...Lesley
	ELDER, Jemima	<u>Born</u>	22/10/1845	Tarbat By Fearn, Ross & Cromarty...Lesley
		<u>Died</u>	21/10/1904	Westbanks, Wick...Lesley
G.-1.2	GUNN,David	<u>Born</u>	23/01/1848	Auckengill,Canisbay, Caithness, Scot...Census / Family Bible
		<u>Married</u>	12/06/1868	Free Church, Watten...Marriage Records
		<u>Died</u>	06/06/1908	Aged 59, Wick...Death Record
	McKAY, Barbara	<u>Born</u>	1846	...Marriage Records
G.-1.3	GUNN,Margaret "Maggie"	<u>Born</u>	02/12/1849	Auckengill,Canisbay, Caithness, Scot...Census / Family Bible
		<u>Did not marry</u>		
		<u>Residence</u>	Halkirk	
		<u>Died</u>	Not Known	
G.-1.4	GUNN,Donald (G.0.0)	<u>Born</u>	04/10/1853	Auckengill,Canisbay, Caithness, Scot...IGI / Family / Bible
		<u>Married</u>	25/12/1882	Presbyterian Manse, Port Adelaide, South Australia...Family
		<u>Died</u>	11/06/1918	Monteith, South Australia...Family
		<u>Buried</u>	06/1918	Murray Bridge, South Australia...Family
	BAIKIE, Helen	<u>Born</u>	30/12/1858	West Mey, Caithness, Scot...Family / Diary
		<u>Died</u>	01/07/1944	Largs Bay, Adelaide, South Australia...Family
		<u>Buried</u>	07/1944	Murray Bridge, South Australia...Family
G.-1.5	GUNN,Murdoch	<u>Christened</u>	19/12/1857	Auckengill,Canisbay, Caithness, Scot...IGI / Census Bible
		<u>Married</u>	11/07/1884	...Family / Reg. Wick No. 28
		<u>Occupation</u>	Estate Mason; Piper...Family	
		<u>Died</u>	24/03/1935	Aged 77...Family
		<u>Buried</u>	03/1935	Keiss Cemetery...unmarked grave...Miss Bremner
	SUTHERLAND Margaret	<u>Born</u>	1865	Auckengill,Canisbay, Caithness, Scot...Census/Marr. Cert.
		<u>Died</u>	26/11/1925	Aged 57, at Keiss...Family
		<u>Buried</u>	11/1925	Keiss Cemetery...unmarked grave...Miss Bremner
G.-1.6	GUNN,Janet	<u>Born</u>	18/05/1860	Auckengill,Canisbay, Caithness, Scot...IGI / Family Bible
		<u>Married</u>	07/11/1892	James Place, Dunfermline...Family
		<u>Occupation</u>	Domestic Servant; Home Duties...Family	
		<u>Residence</u>	Dunfermline, Hyde Park Massachusetts, USA...Family	
		<u>Died</u>	1944	USA...Family
		<u>Buried</u>	1944	Mount Hope Cemetery, Hyde Park Massachusetts, USA...Family
	BLYTH, William	<u>Born</u>	1849	...Marr. Cert.
		<u>Occupation</u>	Railway Surfaceman...Family	
		<u>Residence</u>	Dunfermline, Hyde Park Massachusetts, USA...Family	
		<u>Died</u>	pre 1919	USA...Family
		<u>Buried</u>	pre 1919	Perhaps Dunfermline...Family
G.-1.7	GUNN, Alexanderina	<u>Born</u>	05/12/1864	Auckengill,Canisbay, Caithness, Scot...IGI
		<u>Married</u>	13/11/1894	Coghill Square, Wick...Family
		<u>Died</u>	07/03/1923	Netherton Broad St., Dunfermline...Family
	BREMNER, George	<u>Born</u>	15/06/1866	Olrig, Caithness...Family
		<u>Occupation</u>	Railway Linesman / Surfaceman...Family	
		<u>Died</u>	10/11/1910	Cottage Hospital, Dunfermline...Family

GUNN, Peter...Flora Naylor's travel diary had Peter as one of Donald's brothers. Murray Hill also met a Peter Gunn, overseer at the Vicker's Estate between Wick & Thurso. Murray thought it was a cousin of his grand father, Donald. However, Donald's father, also called "Peter", was an only child. There is no Peter Gunn, child of Peter & Alexandrina in the Gunn's Bible.

ANCESTORS - GUNN

Donald's Parents - PETER & ALEXANDRINA GUNN

From Census...

1851 Census...

Surname	First name(s)	Rel	Status	Sex	Age	Occupation	Where Born
GUNN	Peter	Head	M	M	30	Fisherman	Caithness, Auckengill
GUNN	Alexanderina	Wife	M	F	28	Fisherman's Wife	Caithness, Kirk
GUNN	Gavin	Son	U	M	6	Scholar	Caithness, Auckengill
GUNN	David	Son	U	M	3	Fisherman's Son	Caithness, Auckengill
GUNN	Margaret	Dau		F	1	Fisherman's Dau	Caithness, Auckengill

1861 Census...Address: Auckengill

Surname	First name	Rel	Status	Sex	Age	Occupation	Where Born
GUNN	Peter	Head	M	M	40	Fisherman	Caithness, Canisbay
GUNN	Alexanderina	Wife	M	F	38	Fisherman's Wife	Caithness, Bower
GUNN	Margaret	Dau		F	11	Scholar	Caithness, Canisbay
GUNN	Donald	Son		M	7		Caithness, Canisbay
GUNN	Murdoch	Son		M	3		Caithness, Canisbay
GUNN	Jessie (=Janet)	Dau		F	10m		Caithness, Canisbay

1871 Census

Surname	First name	Rel	Status	Sex	Age	Occupation	Where Born
GUNN	Peter	Head	M	M	50	Fisherman	Auckengill, Canisbay
GUNN	Alexandrina	Wife	M	F	49	Fisherman's Wife	Bower, Caithness
GUNN	Margaret	D	U	F	21	General Servant	Auckengill, Caithness
GUNN	Murdoch	Son	U	M	13	Scholar	Auckengill, Caithness
GUNN	Janet	Dau.	U	F	10	Scholar	Auckengill, Caithness
GUNN	Alexandrina	Dau.	U	F	6	Scholar	Auckengill, Caithness
	Helen	Lodger			84	Pauper	Auckengill, Caithness

1891 Census...Address: Auckengill

Surname	First name	Sex	Age	Occupation	Where Born; Remarks
GUNN	Peter	M	75	Farmer	Caithness
GUNN	Margaret	F	85(?)		Caithness
GUNN	Helen	F	35		Caithness; granddaughter
GUNN	Peter	M	20		Caithness; grandson
MANSON	Janet	F	12	Female Servant	Caithness
MANSON	Helen	F	10	Female Servant	Caithness

THE LIKELY TIME SEQUENCE FOR PETER & ALEXANDERINA AND THEIR FAMILY

Gen. Code	NAME	Born	Marr.	1841 Census	1851 Census	1861 Census	1871 Census	1891 Census	Died	Buried
Gen.-1 G0	GUNN, Peter	b.21/12/1820 Auckengill	(Peter 24, Alex.24) 02/11/1844 Bower North	20, with grandparents, Peter & Margaret	30, Fisherman Auckengill	40, Fisherman Auckengill	50, Fisherman Auckengill	75(?), Farmer Auckengill	Age 81, 09/11/1902 Nybster	Keiss (No. 149)
	ROBERTSON, Alexanderina	b. 1820 Bower, Halkirk			28, Auckengill	38, Auckengill	49, Auckengill	85 (?) Auckengill	Age 90, 23/09/1910 Nybster	Keiss (No. 149)
Gen.0 G-1.1	GUNN, Gavin ELDER, Jemima	b.30/11/1844, Auckengill b. 22/10/1845, Ross	17/11/1876, Leith	————	6, Scholar, Auckengill		(Marr., aged 22, 1876, Leith)	(Fisherman, aged 46, Wick) (Aged 45, Wick)	Age 71, 09/06/1917 Wick Age 59, 1904 Wick	
Gen.0 G-1.2	GUNN, David McKAY, Barbara	b.23/01/1848, Auckengill 1846	12/06/1868 Watten	————	3, Auckengill	1868 = Farm Servant, Bower 1868 = Lath- reron			Aged 59 06/06/1908, Wick	
Gen.0 G-13	GUNN, Margaret ("Maggie")	b.02/12/1849 Auckengill	Did not marry	————	1, Auckengill	11, Scholar, Auckengill	21, Servant Auckengill	Halkirk ?		
Gen.0 G-14	GUNN, Donald BAIKIE, Helen	b.04/10/1853 Auckengill 30/12/1858, West Mey	25/12/1882, Port Adelaide, SA	————	————	7, Scholar, Auckengill	(At sea?)	1878...to Adelaide, South Aust. 1882...to Adelaide, South Aust.	Age 65, 11/06/1918 Monteith, SA 01/07/1944 Adelaide, SA	Murray Bridge. SA Murray Bridge SA
Gen.0 G-15	GUNN, Murdoch SUTHERLAND, Margaret	b.19/12/1857 Auckengill 1865 (8?)	11/07/1884	————	————	3, Auckengill	13, Scholar, Auckengill		Age 77, 24/03/1935 Age, 26/11/1925	Keiss (unmarked) Keiss (?)
Gen.0 G-16	GUNN, Janet BLYTH, William	b.18/05/1860 Auckengill 1849	07/11/1892, Dunfermline	———— ————	———— ————	("Jessie") 10m Auckengill	10, Scholar, Auckengill	1919...to Boston, USA	1944 Pre 1919	Hyde Park, Massach. USA Dunfermline?
Gen.0 G-17	GUNN, Alexanderina BREMNER, George	b.05/12/1864 Auckengill 15/06/1866 Olrig	13/11/1894	————	————	————	6, Scholar, Auckengill		Age 58, 07/03/1923 Dunfermline Age 44, 10/11/1910 Dunfermline	

ANCESTORS - GUNN

Donald's Parents - PETER & ALEXANDRINA GUNN

So the time sequence for Peter & Alexandrina is :-

- 1820 Peter born at Auckengill, Caithness; Alexandrina Robertson / Robison born at Bower Halkirk
 1822 Peter's mother, Janet Stephen, dies...Peter aged 2.
 1828 Peter's father, Gavin, dies...Peter aged 8.
 1841 Peter, aged 20, living with grandparents Peter Gunn & Margaret Manson.
 1844 Peter, 24, marries Alexandrina, 21, at Bower Halkirk
- | | |
|------|------------------|
| 1845 | Gavin born |
| 1848 | David born |
| 1849 | Margaret born |
| 1853 | Donald born |
| 1857 | Murdoch born |
| 1860 | Janet born |
| 1864 | Alexandrina born |
- 1851 Peter, 30, fisherman, living at Auckengill with Alexandrina, 28, & children:-
 Gavin 6
 David 3
 Margaret 1
- 1861 Peter, 40, fisherman, living at Auckengill with Alexandrina, 38, & children :-
 (Gavin 16....where ??)
 (David 13.... where ??)
 Margaret 11, scholar
 Donald 7
 Murdoch 3
 Jessie 10m.(= Janet)
- 1871 Peter, 50, fisherman, living at Auckengill with Alexandrina, 49, & children :-
 (Gavin 26....where ??...1876: married Jemima Elder)
 (David 23....where ??)
 Margaret 21, general servant
 (Donald 17...probably at sea)
 Murdoch 13, scholar
 Janet 10, scholar
 Alexandrina 6, scholar
 Also living with them was Helen, "pauper", as a lodger = Peter's great aunt (sister of great grandparent Donald) ??
- 1891 "Sometime after 1891, Peter and Alexandrina moved to "near Nybster" (Mrs Matheson) / 1901 Census = "Peter Gunn / Head / aged 80 / Crofter; Alexandrina / Wife / 79...Parish of Keiss, Hamlet of Auckengill".
- 1902 Peter, 82, died at Nybster, and was buried at Keiss Cemetery, 2 miles south of Auckengill.
 1910 Alexandrina, 90, dies and was also buried at Keiss Cemetery.

But the tombstone says "Oct 20th 1903, aged 82"

Peter's Death Certificate...

Peter, crofter, died 09/11/1902, aged 82 years, at Nybster Keiss, of "heart disease of several years, old age". The witness was Murdoch Gunn, son, of Wester Cottage, Keiss.

Alexandrina's Death Certificate...

Alexandrina, died 23/09/1910, aged 90 years, at Nybster Keiss, of "senile decay, gangrene of the foot, exhaustion". The witness was Murdoch Gunn, son.

Later occupiers of Roadside...

Children shown in Auckengill School Photos (from "Lest We Forget: The Parish of Canisbay" living at Roadside

- 1900...Ina Nicolson, Alan Duchart, John Banks, Kate Nicolson. Willie Nicolson, Maggie Nicolson (teacher).
- 1912...Jackie Cormack, John Robertson
- 1923...James Cormack, Markie Levaoh, Jean Kennedy, Jack Steven, Tom Steven
- 1931...William Nicolson, Margaret Nicolson, Sandy Nicolson, William Nicolson, James Nicolson
- 1936...Angus Robertson, David Anderson, Margaret Nicolson, Don Robertson
- 1946...Murdo McLeod, David Cormack, Alistair Cormack, John Nicolson, Effie McLeod, Jean McLeod, George McLeod
- 1951...Barbara Manson, Murdo McLeod
- 1962...Yvonne Oag, Edith Nicolson, Ronald Oag

The house was later occupied by (Mrs Matheson)..

- Thomas Gunn (G27723)
- William & Janet's son, Peter Gunn (G2772), an unqualified teacher, and Elizabeth Bain.
- The McLeod's were the last to live in Roadside. They moved to a Council House in Auckengill. All died young.

An interesting later resident of Roadside...

Alexander Inrig Cormack...served in Boer War as a private in the Royal Scots...lost his left leg in WW1...volunteered for service during WW2, aged 61, but was turned down...joined the Home Guard instead. In peace time he worked as a crofter/fisherman. His son, David, was 12, when his father died.



To the memory of my parents Peter Gunn who died at Auckengill, October 20 1903, aged 82. And Alexandrina Robertson who died Sep. 23 1910

Peter & Alexandrina's grave Keiss Cemetery Note the Celtic Cross



ANCESTORS - BAIKIE

INTRODUCTION

From Dr. George Black - "Scottish surnames"...

- **The name** is from the old estate of BAIKIE in Angus
- In 1379, Henry St. Clair, Baron of Roslin, became Earl (or Jare) of Orkney. These Sinclairs had as an ancestor, the Fentons of Baikie, and may have taken some of these on their return to Orkney. Dr. Black states all Baikies can be traced to Orkney, but he did not know the Fenton of Baikie descent.
- Statements that Paul Baikie was King Haahon's pilot are wrong. The pilot's name was Paul Baekison, and his son would be called Paulson. Yet Magnus Baikie, founder of the main Baikie family, (Tankeners,cir. 1550), stated he was descended from Paul Balkison. He came from the district of BEAQUOY or BUCKQUOY in Birsay, and that is where Paul Balkison had his lands. He may have been descended in the female line. Also '*Beaaquoy/Buckquoy*' may originally have been '*Baikie-land*'.

From H.Taylor's research.....he has analysed the Canisbay/Dunnet Baikies...

- **From the IGI...** The dominant Christian name is George.....the earliest being 1708
Next is James.....the earliest being 1793
Next is John
A very early name is Harry, but he does not appear again.
- **These names are all Tankerness names**, except for a few coming in from the female side. The dominance of George may also suggest that they were Tankerness Baikies.
- **The Tankerness were a family of merchants**, later landed gentry, who date from about 1550 or so. They are now extinct in the male line in Orkney. There was a General Hugh Simpson-Baikie in New Zealand, about 1920...perhaps the last of them.
- **George Baikie of Tankerness**, 1640 -1720, was a "bad man". For the last 20 years of his life, the estate was out of his hands, probably through debt. He may have even been jailed. He had a large family and with the estate in debt, the younger sons would have had a hard time of it - no extra money for the young gentlemen to "lounge around". Being educated they would have made good tennants for large farms, and they may have been only too glad to cross over to Caithness from Orkney. The George, Harry, Henry of around 1710, born 1670-80 perhaps were sons of George Baikie of Tankerness.

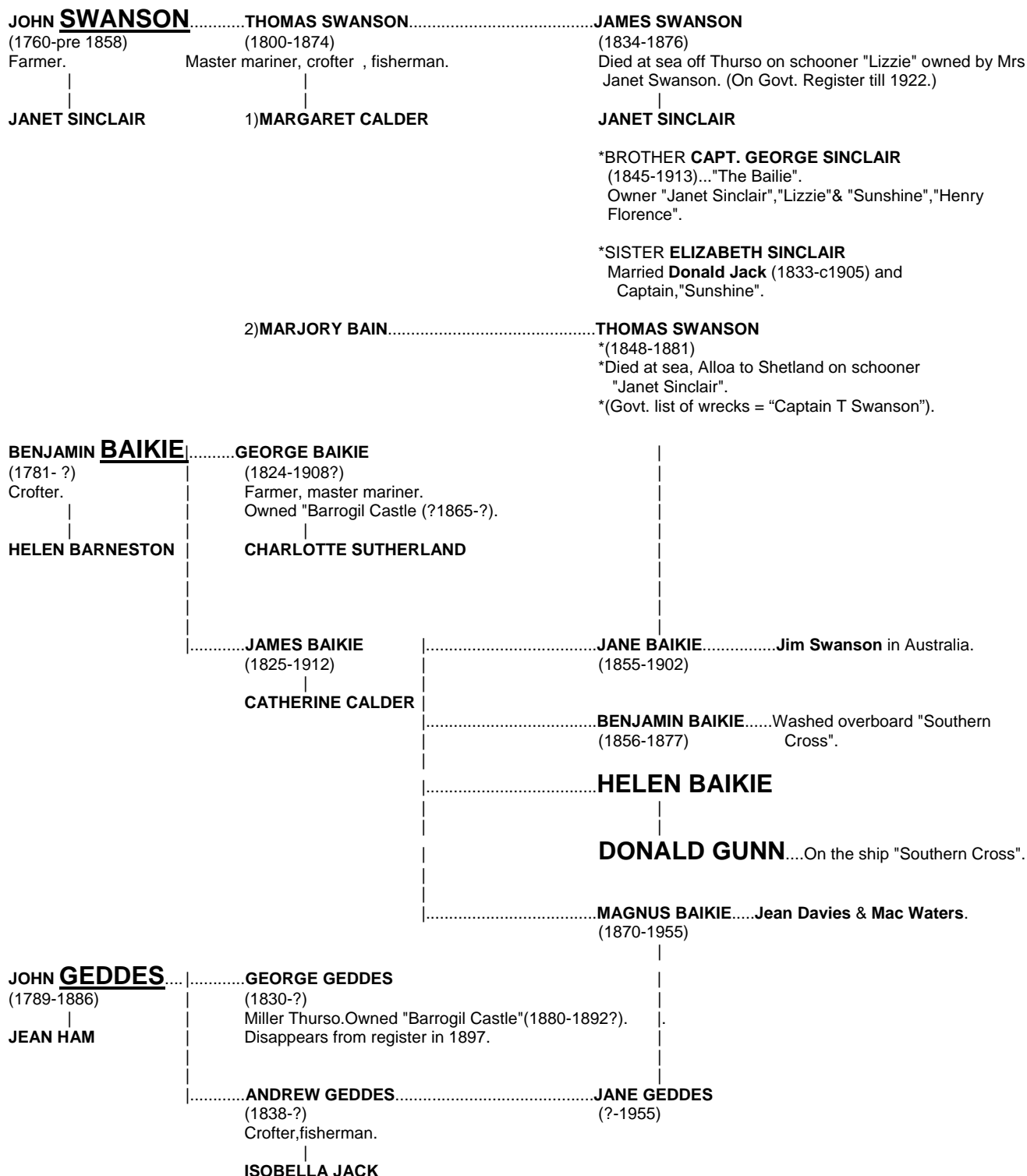
From "The Weekly Scotsman" 08/11/1951 :-

- This is **one of the oldest Orcadian names**. According to Torfaeus (An Icelandic Scholar and Antiquary, 1640-1719, studied at Copenhagen), Paul Baikie was King Haakon's pilot in 1263.
- The **present family trace their descent from Magnus Baikie**, who held **lands in Birsay in 1533**, and who claimed descent from the pilot.
- A **grandson of Magnus, James** born 1590, **acquired the property of Tankerness** which continued in the family's possession until it was sold in 1951.
- Many of the family have held public office....**Robert Baikie** was elected **M.P. for Orkney & Shetland** in 1780.
- **William Balfour Baikie** (1825 - 1864), was an Orcadian, born at Kirkwall in 1825, and surgeon in the Royal Navy. He was attached to the Niger Expedition in 1854, and ultimately commanded it - explored a great part of the Nile and Shadda country, opening the region up . He later published an account of the voyage.

ANCESTORS - BAIKIE

INTRODUCTION

“Maritime & Marital Connections” Of the **BAIKIE'S, SWANSONS, GEDDES (+ JACKS, SINCLAIRS)**



OUR BAIKIE ANCESTORS

Helen's Great Great Great Grandparents (B.-5.)...Not 100% sure GEORGE BAIKIE (b. circ. 1683) & MARY DUNNETT

CHRONOLOGY

<u>CODE</u>	<u>WHO</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>WHEN</u>	<u>WHERE/COMMENT / SOURCE</u>
B-5.	BAIKIE, George	<u>Born</u>	Circ. 1683D. Armstrong
		<u>Married</u>	Circ. 1708D. Armstrong
		<u>Occupation</u>	Not Known	
		<u>Residence(s)</u>	Not Known	
		<u>Died</u>	Not Known	
		<u>Buried</u>	Not Known	
	DUNNETT, Mary	<u>Born</u>	Not Known	
		<u>Occupation</u>	Probably Home Duties	
		<u>Died</u>	Not Known	
		<u>Buried</u>	Not Known	

Tracing our very early Baikie ancestors has been the result of many people contributing to what has been a fascinating "jigsaw puzzle" and a very large Baikie tree, so it is worth repeating here the key researchers (in bold & underlined) and where they fit. The "**Baikie mothers**" are in bigger print & italicised...

-5	George BAIKIE / Mary DUNNETT									
-5	-4	Walter BAIKIE / Catherine DUNNETT								
-5	-4	-3	George BAIKIE / Margaret SUTHERLAND							
-5	-4	-3	-2	James BAIKIE / Esther JOHNSTON						
-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	James BAIKIE / Margaret CREAM					
-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	Margaret BAIKIE / Murdoch CAMPBELL				
-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	Margaret CAMPBELL / Robert MOIR			
-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	Elizabeth MOIR / Leslie WATTS		
-5	-4	-3	-2	Benjamin BAIKIE / Helen BARNESTON						
-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	James BAIKIE / Catherine CALDER					
-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	Helen BAIKIE / Donald GUNN				
-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	Donald Murdoch GUNN / Ellen Royal McALLISTER			
-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	Donald Allister GUNN / Phyllis Jean TANK		
-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	Donald Malcolm GUNN / Janice Kay PIKE	
-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	Cathrien Jenny (Jean) GUNN / William Alexander CARTER			
-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	Moira Jean CARTER / Francis Bernard THOMPSON		
-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	Georgina BAIKIE / John LEYLAND				
-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	John LEYLAND / Sarah HARDING			
-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	Marjorie LEYLAND / Reg WEDGEWOOD		
-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	Magnus BAIKIE / Jane GEDDES				
-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	Bella BAIKIE / James WATERS			
-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	James WATERS / Grace SHAW		
-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	Jean WATERS / Bruce DAVIES		
-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	Magnus (Mac) WATERS / Anne FINAN		
-5	-4	-3	-2	George Baikie / Isobel LEVOCK						
-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	John Baikie / Henrietta WARESTo South Africa.					
-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	George BAIKIE / Mary Anne COVENTRY				
-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	Eleanor BAIKIE / Arthur WRIGHT		
-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	Enid WRIGHT / Charles PILCHER	
-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4	Jennifer PILCHER / Kurt STERN
-5	-4	-3	-2	Magnus BAIKIE / Catherine MALCOLMSON						
-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	John BAIKIE / Christina GRAY					
-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	John BAIKIE / Christina MALCOLSON					
-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	Margaret BAIKIE / John BRUCE					
-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	John BRUCE / Alexina MALCOLMSON				
-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	Alexander BRUCE / Edith HALCRO....To Australia			
-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	Margaret BRUCE / Bruce MILLER		
-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	Ann BAIKIE / John STOUT					
-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	Mary Ann STOUT / Alexander STEWART				
-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	Annie STEWART / Sidney ARMSTRONG			
-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	Sidney ARMSTRONG / Noreen CUNDY		
-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	David ARMSTRONG	

GEORGE & MARY BAIKIE - Their Family CHRONOLOGY

<u>CODE</u>	<u>WHO</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>WHEN</u>	<u>WHERE / COMMENT / SOURCE</u>
B.-5.1	BAIKIE, Agnes	<u>Christen.</u>	30/10/1708	Canisbay, Caithness, Scotland.....D. Armstrong
		<u>Died</u>	Not Known	
B.-5.2	BAIKIE, John	<u>Christen.</u>	06/01/1711	Canisbay, Caithness, Scotland.....D. Armstrong
		<u>Died</u>	Not Known	
B.-5.3	BAIKIE, Walter	<u>Christen.</u>	05/07/1713	Canisbay, Caithness, Scotland.....D. Armstrong
(B.-4.0)		<u>Married</u>	29/11/1749	Catherine DUNNETT , Mey Scot.....D. Armstrong
		<u>Died</u>	Not Known	
B.-5.4	BAIKIE, Magnus	<u>Christen.</u>	24/04/1716	Canisbay, Caithness, Scotland.....D. Armstrong
		<u>Married</u>	12/10/1735	Catherine MALCOLSON , Longhope, Orkney, Scot.....D. Armstrong
		<u>Died</u>	Not Known	
B.-5.5	BAIKIE, Christian	<u>Christen.</u>	01/06/1721	Canisbay, Caithness, Scotland.....D. Armstrong
		<u>Married</u>	12/10/1735	Perhaps Thomas DUNNETTD. Armstrong
		<u>Died</u>	Not Known	

ANCESTORS - BAIKIE

Helen's Great Great Grandparents (B.-4.) ...Not 100% sure !! WALTER BAIKIE (b.1713) & CATHERINE DUNNETT

CHRONOLOGY

<u>CODE</u>	<u>WHO</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>WHEN</u>	<u>WHERE/COMMENT / SOURCE</u>
B-4.	BAIKIE, Walter (BAIKY)	<u>Christen.</u>	05/07/1713	Canisbay, Caithness, Scotland..... <i>Scots Ancestry Research Society: 4 North David Street, Edinburgh 2, Scotland ...25th August 1954 - Report on the ancestry of John Baikie who married married Henrietta Wares in Wick 1846.</i> Mey, Scotland..... <i>Scots Ancestry Research Society</i>
		<u>Married</u>	29/11/1749	
		<u>Occupation</u>	Not Known	
		<u>Residence(s)</u>		Canisbay, Scotland.... <i>Scots Ancestry Research Society</i>
		<u>Died</u>	Not Known	
		<u>Buried</u>	Not Known	
	<u>DUNNETT,</u>	<u>Born</u>	Not Known	
	<u>Catherine</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	Probably Home Duties	
	(Katherine)	<u>Died</u>	Not Known	
		<u>Buried</u>	Not Known	

The further we go back with our research, the more difficult & less sure it becomes. So for Walter, The Scots Ancestry Research Society, in their research for Baikie ancestors, found that...

- "The records for Canisbay are unfortunately blank from 1722-47, the period during which George Baikie would most probably be born. They were, however, searched from 1747-50, and the following entry found :-
George, son to Walter Baikie and Katherine Dunnet in Mey born September 11th and baptised 1750.
Katharine Born 2nd Baptised 09:12:1759
Mary Born 17th Baptised 23:08:1762
- And their marriage was recorded in Canisbay thus :-
"October 10th, 1749 Walter Baikie and Catharine Dunnet in Mey contracted and married November 29th."

Now the evidence is somewhat sketchy for many reasons, including ...

- The Baikies have a Norse heritage, not Scottish.
- There are many gaps in the 18th century Parish Registers for various reasons.....loss, damage, destruction, religious disputes, the struggle between the Presbytery & Episcopacy in 17th/18th century.
- Leslie Watts, another distant Baikie cousin in England, found *"...The Church records in Inverness Library are almost unreadable prior to about 1750"*.
- The Scots Ancestry Research Society states *"The records for Canisbay are unfortunately blank from 1722-47"...destroyed or damaged or missing, the period during which George Baikie, would most probably been born."*
- This period is between the Jacobite rebellions of 1715 & 1745 when there was considerable support in the north of Scotland for the Stuart pretenders to the throne. Other reports have suggested that a number of the churches in the mid eighteenth century were in severe states of disrepair and there were no incumbent priest to perform marriages and baptisms.

So sometimes "a bit of luck" helps, and that came in the form of a "scrap of paper with a list of the **Baikie mothers**", from Jennifer Stern, a very distant Baikie cousin in Zimbabwe, who had in her possession amongst her family papers showing ...

- **Henrietta Wares**..(married John Baikie).
- **Isobel Levoch**..(married George Baikie).
- **Margaret Sutherland**..(married George Baikie).
- **Katherine Dunnet**..(married Walter Baikie).

ANCESTORS - BAIKIE

Helen's G. G. Grandparents - WALTER & CATHERINE BAIKIE

Now the first three "*Baikie wives*", Henrietta Wares, Isobel Levoch, and Margaret Sutherland can be independently corroborated....that would make the fourth, Katherine Dunnett, fairly certain. In addition, the I.G.I. shows that Walter Baikie is the only Baikie married to a Katherine Dunnett in the mid 1700's. We don't have evidence as to when Walter died.

There is little doubt that a Walter Baikie did have a son George baptised in 1750...

- If George was born on that date this would make him only 14 1/2 on his marriage to Margaret Sutherland in 1765.
- George's death records indicate he was born around 1739.
- There is also the possibility of another George about 1739 whose parents were not Walter Baikie and Catherine Dunnet.
- The problem of George being born around 1739 and so 10 years before Walter & Catherine's marriage in 1749, may be explained by "hand-festing"....a form of marriage recognized by the state as being legitimate, yet not being recognized by the church. Hand festing involved the couple holding hands over water (often on a bridge) and swearing their love for each other. The Kirk often refused to baptize the children of such marriages until the marriage had been confirmed in church, perhaps by an itinerant priest So George may have been baptised after his parents marriage, aged 10.

The "naming pattern does not help much either...Of the three named children of Walter Baikie...

<u>1st son</u>	= named after paternal grandfather	= George , but we have no record of Walter's father.
	If there were a...	
2nd son	= named after maternal grandfather	= We have no record of Katherine Dunnett's father.
3rd son	= named after father	= Perhaps would be named "Walter".
<u>1st daughter</u>	= named after maternal grandmother	= (K)Catherine , but we have no record of Catherine's grand mother
<u>2nd daughter</u>	= named after paternal grandmother	= Mary , but we have no record of Walter's father.
	If there were a...	
3rd daughter	= named after mother	= Perhaps would be named "Catherine".

Walter's sisters were both unmarried and lived together at Mill of Mey (1841 Census) both aged 80 (D.O.B. = 1861) . The 1841 Census does not give marital status, relationship to the head of the household, and ages are rounded down to the nearest 5. So their ages cannot be taken to be accurate at face value, nor are we totally sure whether the Katherine and Mary here are sisters, sisters in law or cousins, but it is a strong probability.

WALTER & CATHERINE BAIKIE - Their Family			
CHRONOLOGY			
<u>CODE</u>	<u>WHO</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>WHEN</u> <u>WHERE / COMMENT / SOURCE</u>
G.-4.1 (G.-3.0)	BAIKIE, George (BAIKY)	<u>Born</u>	11/09/?? Mey, Caithness, Scotland..... <i>Scots Ancestry Research Society</i>
		<u>Christen.</u>	1750 Mey, Caithness, Scotland..... <i>Scots Ancestry Research Society</i>
		<u>Married</u>	25/02/1765 Margaret SUTHERLAND, Canisbay, Caithness, Scotland..... <i>Scots Ancestry Research Society</i>
		<u>Died</u>	12/03/1802 63 yrs., Mey, Scotland..... <i>OPR / IGI</i>
G.-4.2	BAIKIE, Katherine	<u>Buried</u>	??/03/1802 No.49, Canisbay, Caithness, Scotland..... <i>MI</i>
		<u>Born</u>	02/??/?? Mey (?), Caithness, Scotland..... <i>Scots Ancestry Research Society</i>
		<u>Christen.</u>	09/12/1759 Mey (?), Caithness, Scotland..... <i>Scots Ancestry Research Society</i>
		<u>Residence</u>	Mill of Mey, Caithness (not married)..... <i>Census 1841</i>
G.-4.3	BAIKIE, Mary (BAIKY)	<u>Died</u>	Post 1841 <i>Census 1841</i>
		<u>Born</u>	17/??/?? Mey (?), Caithness, Scotland..... <i>Scots Ancestry Research Society</i>
		<u>Christen.</u>	23/08/1762 Mey (?), Caithness, Scotland..... <i>Scots Ancestry Research Society</i>
		<u>Residence</u>	Mill of Mey, Caithness (n.m. / With Katherine)..... <i>Census 1841</i>
		<u>Died</u>	Post 1841 <i>Census 1841</i>

ANCESTORS - BAIKIE

Helen's Great Grandparents (B.-3.) **GEORGE BAIKIE (Circ. 1739 - 1802) & MARGARET SUTHERLAND**

CHRONOLOGY

<u>CODE</u>	<u>WHO</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>WHEN</u>	<u>WHERE/COMMENT / SOURCE</u>
B-3.	BAIKIE, George (BAIKY)	<u>Born</u>	11/09/Circ 1739	Canisbay, Caithness,Scotland... <i>Scots Ancestry Research Society</i>
		<u>Christen.</u>	1750	Canisbay, Caithness,Scotland..... <i>Scots Ancestry Ancestry Research Society....see below</i>
		<u>Married</u>	27/01/1765 25/02/1765	"Matrimonially contracted"..... <i>Scots Ancestry Research Society</i> Mey,Scotland..... <i>Scots Ancestry Research Society / Patron Sub.IGI 7104027-Larson</i>
		<u>Occupation</u>		Farmer..... <i>Scots Ancestry Research Society</i>
		<u>Residence(s)</u>		Mey, Canisbay, Scotland..... <i>Scots Ancestry Research Society</i>
		<u>Died</u>	12/03/1802	Aged 62 yrs, Mey,Canisbay, Scotland.... <i>Scots Ancestry Research Society</i>
	<u>Buried</u>	??/03/1802	Canisbay, Scotland (No.49)..... <i>MI</i>	
	<u>SUTHERLAND,</u> <u>Margaret</u>	<u>Born</u>	Not Known	
		<u>Occupation</u>	Probably Home Duties	
		<u>Died</u>	Not Known	
		<u>Buried</u>	Not Known	

Reflections on George & Margaret's details.....again, it shows that we cannot always be 100% sure on family tree research...this is also the case with **George & Margaret...the data gathered so far...**

SCOTS ANCESTRY RESEARCH SOCIETY REPORT FOR DAVID H BAIKIE :-

*"Scots Ancestry Research Society: 4 North David Street, Edinburgh 2, Scotland.....25th August 1954
 Report on the ancestry of John Baikie who married Henrietta Wares in Wick 1846."*

- "The old parochial registers of Wick were then searched from 1780-95 for the birth of George Baikie, but this was not found to have been recorded there. The old parochial registers of the neighbouring parishes of Bower, Canisbay, Latheron and Watten were then searched from 1780-95, for his birth, which was found to have been recorded in Canisbay as follows...
 - ⇒ George son to George Baikie and Margaret Sutherland in West Mey born June 18th baptised 25th 1787.
 - ⇒ Other children found recorded to the above couple were...

James	born 19th	baptised 27:09:1767
Janet	born 18th	baptised 25:05:1771(died young?...another Janet born 1780)
Margaret	born 20th Apr.	baptised 04:05:1776
Catharine	born 22nd	baptised 24:10:1777...??
John	born 29th Oct	baptised 07:11:1778 (died young?...another John born 1793)
**Janet	born 02/ 01/1780 ??	
Benjamin	born 21st	baptised 24:11:1781
**Magnus	born 15th	baptised 21:12:1785...??
**John	born 15th	baptised 29:09:1793....??"

 (** See IGI records over page)

- "The marriage of George Baikie, senior, was then found to have been recorded thusJanuary 27th 1765 George Baiky and Margaret Sutherland in Mey were matrimonially contracted and married Feb 25th."

- "The records for Canisbay are unfortunately blank from 1722-47, the period during which George Baikie,junior would most probably be born. They were, however, searched from 1747-50, and the following entry found...
 - ⇒ George son to Walter Baikie and Katherine Dunnet in Mey born September 11th and baptised 1750."
 - ⇒ Two other children were recorded to this couple....Katharine born 2nd, baptised 09:12:1759 & Mary born 17th, baptised 23/08/1762 ."

ANCESTORS - BAIKIE

Helen's G. Grandparents - **GEORGE & MARGARET BAIKIE**

IGI Information...

- **Patron Submissions in IGI :-**

Name	Birth	Baptism	Batch No.	Patron
George Baikie married Margaret Sutherland			7104027	Larson
Baky, Elspet	18 Feb 1766	27 Feb 1766	7103901	Larson
Baky, James	19 Sep 1767	27 Sep 1767	7103901	Larson
Baiky, Margaret		10 Sep 1769	7103901	Larson
Baiky, Janet		25 May 1771	7103901	Larson
Baikie, Charlotte (mother=Janet)		13 Sep 1773	7112024	
Baiky, Margaret	20 Apr 1776	04 May 1776	7118225	Mackay
		04 May 1777	7104027	Larson
Baiky, John		07 Nov 1778	7104027	Larson
Baikie, Benjamin	21 Nov 1781	Nov 1781	7104027	Larson
Baikie, George		25 Jun 1787	7104027	Larson

- **From the IGI itself :-**

*There is a **George Baikie married to Margaret Baikie** at Canisbay 6/11/1776, children :-

Catherine	24:10:1777
**Janet	02:01:1780
**Magnus	15:12:1785
Elizabeth	06:12:1789
**John	15:09:1793

Also with this family, no support for the naming pattern....but **this could be the George born to Walter & Catherine.**

*Also there is a Harrie Baikie married to Christine Tennent with children all born at Canisbay...

Margaret	1710
George	09:11:1712
Hugh	22:01:1715

Naming Pattern...

It is a little surprising that none of George and Margaret's children were named Walter or Catherine. while his own son George was the fourth male when third place would have been expected, and Elspet, James and Margaret "don't fit". So the evidence regarding George's use of the naming pattern is ambiguous.

No evidence has been presented regarding George or Walter's occupation in their youth. A spell of service with the **Hudson Bay Company** is a possibility. It was a major employer of Orcadians in the 18th century with tours of duty in Hudson's Bay lasting 6 to 8 years. In 1800, some 80% of Hudson Bay employees in North America were Orcadians. The Hudson Bay Company or "The Bay" as it is known in Canada is the world's oldest company with a public share capital having been founded in 1670.

However the key piece of evidence is still the "scrap of paper with a list of the Baikie mothers" which Jennifer Stern of Zimbabwe has in her possession amongst her family papers showing...

"Henrietta Wares

Isobel Levoch

Margaret Sutherland

Katherine Dunnet"

ANCESTORS - BAIKIE

Helen's G. Grandparents - GEORGE & MARGARET BAIKIE

So, the following is a possible sequence for Walter & George / George & Margaret...

1713	Walter baptised.	Walter 0 yrs old.
1739	George born at Mey.	Walter 26 yrs old.
1749	George's parents,Walter & Catharine Dunnett married.	Walter 36 / George 10yrs old.
1750	George baptised (10-11 yrs old).	Walter 37 yrs old.
1759	George 's sister, Katherine baptised.	Walter 46 yrs old.
1762	George 's sister, Mary baptised.	Walter 49 yrs old.
1765	George, 26 yrs. old marries Margaret Sutherland	Walter 52 yrs old.
1766	George a farmer at Mey	
	1766 Elspet born	
	1767 James born....marries Esther Johnston.	
	1769 Margaret born.....dies pre 1776	
	1771 Janet born	
	1773 (?) Charlotte born	
	1776 Margaret born	
	1777 John born	
	1781 Benjamin bornmarries Helen Barneston	
	1787 George born.....marries Isobel Levock.	
1802	George, 63 yrs old, buried in Canisbay, Caithness....see the photo under Helen's parents, James and Catherine.....George's (and perhaps Margaret) grave next to his grandson ?	

GEORGE & MARGARET BAIKIE - Their Family CHRONOLOGY

<u>CODE</u>	<u>WHO</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>WHEN</u>	<u>WHERE / COMMENT / SOURCE</u>
B.-3.1	BAIKIE,Elspe(a)t (BAKY)	<u>Born</u> <u>Christen.</u>	18/02/1766 27/02/1766	Canisbay,Caithness,Scotland..... <i>Pat. Sub. IGI 7103901-Larson</i> Canisbay,Caithness,Scotland..... <i>Pat. Sub. IGI 7103901-Larson</i>
B.-3.2	BAIKIE,James (BAKY)	<u>Born</u> <u>Christen.</u>	19/09/1767 27/09/1767	Canisbay,Caithness,Scotland..... <i>Pat. Sub. IGI 7103901-Larson</i> Canisbay,Caithness,Scotland..... <i>Scots Ancestry Research Society</i>
		<u>Married</u> <u>Died</u>	Not Known Circ.1841	<u>Esther JOHNSTON</u> <i>D. Armstrong</i> <i>D. Armstrong</i>
B.-3.3	BAIKIE,Margaret (BAIKY)	<u>Christen.</u> <u>Died</u>	27/02/1766 Pre 1776	Canisbay,Caithness,Scotland..... <i>Pat. Sub. IGI 7103901-Larson</i> <i>2nd Margaret born</i>
B.-3.4	BAIKIE,Janet (BAKY)	<u>Born</u> <u>Christen.</u> <u>Residence</u>	18/04/1771 25/05/1771	Canisbay,Caithness,Scotland..... <i>Scots Ancestry Research Society</i> Canisbay,Caithness,Scotland..... <i>Pat. Sub. IGI 7103901-Larson</i> 79, "Pauper", Living with brother Benjamin, Mey..... 1851 <i>Census</i>
B.-3.5(?)	BAIKIE,Charlotte (mother =Janet??)	<u>Christen.</u>	13/09/1773	Canisbay,Caithness,Scotland..... <i>Pat. Sub. IGI 7112024</i>
B.-3.6(?)	BAIKIE,Margaret (BAIKY)	<u>Born</u> <u>Christen.</u>	20/04/1776 04/05/1776	Canisbay,Caithness,Scotland..... <i>Pat. Sub. IGI 7103901-Mackay</i> Canisbay,Caithness,Scotland..... <i>Scots Ancestry Research Society</i>
B.-3.7(?)	BAIKIE,John (BAIKY)	<u>Born</u> <u>Christen.</u>	29/10/1778 07/11/1778	Canisbay,Caithness,Scotland..... <i>Scots Ancestry Research Society</i> Canisbay,Caithness,Scotland..... <i>Pat. Sub. IGI 7104027-Larson</i>
B.-3.8(?)	BAIKIE, (B.-2.0) Benjamin	<u>Born</u> <u>Christen.</u> <u>Married</u> <u>Died</u>	21/11/1781 24/11/1781 1823 Pre 1851	Canisbay,Caithness,Scotland..... <i>Scots Ancestry Research Society</i> Canisbay,Caithness,Scotland..... <i>Pat. Sub. IGI 7104027-Larson</i> <u>Helen BARNESTON</u> <i>D. Armstrong</i>
B.-3.9(?)	BAIKIE, George	<u>Born</u> <u>Christen.</u> <u>Married</u>	18/06/1787 25/06/1787 12/12/1812	West Mey, Canisbay, Caithness, Scotland..... <i>Scots Ancestry Research Society</i> Canisbay,Caithness,Scotland..... <i>Pat. Sub. IGI 7104027-Larson</i> <u>Isobel LEVOCK</u> , Wick, Scotland..... <i>D. Armstrong</i>

ANCESTORS - BAIKIE

Helen's Grandparents (B.-2.) **BENJAMIN BAIKIE (Circ. 1781 - post 1861)** **& HELEN BARNESTON(1789 - post 1861)**

CHRONOLOGY

CODE	WHO	EVENT	WHEN	WHERE/COMMENT / SOURCE
B-2.	BAIKIE, Benjamin	<u>Born</u>	21/11/1781	Canisbay, Caithness, Scotland...../GI
		<u>Married</u>	Not Known	(A widower when married ? - A Benjamin Baikie married Margaret Baikie in 1817)...../GI
		<u>Occupation</u>		Crofter / Farmer, 12 acres.....Census
		<u>Residence(s)</u>		Mey, Canisbay, Scotland....Census
		<u>Died</u>	post 1861Census
		<u>Buried</u>	Not Known	
		<u>Christened</u>	12/07/1789/GI
		<u>Occupation</u>	Probably Home DutiesCensus
		<u>Died</u>	post 1861	
		<u>Buried</u>	Not Known	

CODE	WHO	EVENT	WHEN	WHERE/COMMENT / SOURCE
	BARNESTON, Helen	<u>Born</u>		
		<u>Married</u>		
		<u>Occupation</u>		
		<u>Residence(s)</u>		
		<u>Died</u>		
		<u>Buried</u>		

John Barneston	James Fubister
m	m
Helen Dunnet	Christian Swanson
↓	↓
James Barneston	m. Helen Phubister
(Helen's parents)	

BENJAMIN & HELEN BAIKIE - Their Family CHRONOLOGY

CODE	WHO	EVENT	WHEN	WHERE / COMMENT / SOURCE
B.-2.1	BAIKIE, George	<u>Born</u>	12/02/1824	Canisbay, Caithness, Scotland...../GI
		<u>Married</u>	30/01/1852	Charlotte SUTHERLAND, Canisbay...../GI
		<u>Occupation</u>		Master mariner, farmer.....Census
		<u>Died</u>	1881-1908	
		<u>Buried</u>	Not Known	
B.-2.2	BAIKIE, James (B.-1.0)	<u>Born</u>	29/12/1825	Canisbay, Caithness, Scotland...../GI
		<u>Married</u>	24/03/1854	Catherine CALDER, Canisbay...../GI
		<u>Occupation</u>		Fisherman, Farmer.....Census
		<u>Died</u>	20/10/1912	Canisbay
		<u>Buried</u>	??/10/1912	Canisbay (No.50).....Family Bible
B.-2.3	BAIKIE, Magnus	<u>Born</u>	23/11/1828	Canisbay, Caithness, Scotland...../GI
		<u>Residence</u>		1861=32 ,unmarried living with parentsCensus
		<u>Died</u>	14/02/1911	
		<u>Buried</u>	??/02/1911	
				(Wrote family details in the Family Bible ??)
B.-2.4	BAIKIE, Benjamin	<u>Born</u>	23/11/1828	Canisbay, Caithness, Scotland...../GI
		<u>Married</u>	21/04/1854	Christian GEDDES, Canisbay...../GI
		<u>Occupation</u>		Teacher, Freswick.....Census
		<u>Died</u>	Not Known	Perhaaps Canisbay
		<u>Buried</u>	Not Known	
B.-2.5	BAIKIE, Helen	<u>Born</u>	11/01/1831	Canisbay, Caithness, Scotland...../GI
		<u>Residence</u>		1861=30, unmarried living with parentsCensus
		<u>Died</u>	Not Known	
		<u>Buried</u>	??/02/1911	??

So, the following is the likely sequence for Benjamin & Helen...

- 1781 Benjamin born at Mey Canisbay
- 1789 Helen born
- 1823 Benjamin and Helen marry
 - 1824 George born...Farmer and Master mariner....married Charlotte Sutherland at Canisbay in 1852. Dies between 1881 & 1908.
 - 1825 **James born**..married Catherine Calder.....see next story
 - 1828 Magnus born...probably did not marry.....living with parents in 1861. ..the Family Bible still in existence (who with ?). Died in 1911.
 - 1828 Benjamin born...twin brother....married Christiana Geddes in 1854 at Canisbay. Was a teacher at Freswick.
 - 1831 Helen born.....probably did not marry.....living with parents in 1861.
- 1851 Benjamin, 69, a farmer at Mey of 12 acres. Living at home were his wife Helen 67(?) and.. Son, James 25 - fisherman.
 Son, Magnus 20.
 Daughter, Helen 20.
 Sister, Janet 79 - pauper.
- 1855 "Farm in Mey owned by the Earl of Caithness - Tenant, Benjamin Baikie - Rent valued at 10 pounds"...Valuation Rolls, Caithness; VR94/1 - 1855 to 1856, Canisbay Folio, No. 52
- 1861 Benjamin, 79, a crofter at Mey of 13 acres. Living at home were his wife Helen 71, and Son Magnus 32, Daughter Helen 30.

OUR BAIKIE ANCESTORS

Helen's Parents (B-1) **JAMES BAIKIE (1825 - 1912)** **& CATHERINE CALDER (1831 - 1921)**

CHRONOLOGY

<u>CODE</u>	<u>WHO</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>WHEN</u>	<u>WHERE/COMMENT / SOURCE</u>
B-1.	BAIKIE, James	<u>Born</u>	29/12/1825	Canisbay, Caithness, Scotland..... <i>IGI</i>
		<u>Married</u>	24/03/1854	Dunnet, Canisbay, Caithness..... <i>IGI</i>
		<u>Occupation</u>		Fisherman / Crofter / Farmer..... <i>Census</i>
		<u>Residence(s)</u>		West Mey, Canisbay, Scotland.... <i>Census</i>
		<u>Died</u>	0/10/1912	88 yrs old, Canisbay, Caithness, Scotland..... <i>IGI</i>
		<u>Buried</u>	?/10/1912	Canisbay Churchyard (No.50)..... <i>Family Bible / MI</i>
	<u>CALDER, Catherine</u>	<u>Born</u>	1831	Dunnet, Canisbay, Caithness..... <i>Census</i> Parents = John CALDER & Jean SWANSON... <i>Rootsweb</i>
		<u>Occupation</u>		Home Duties
		<u>Died</u>	31/07/1921	90 yrs old, Field of Harrow, Mey, Cathness..... <i>Newspaper</i>
		<u>Buried</u>	?/08/1921	Canisbay Churchyard (No.50)..... <i>MI</i>

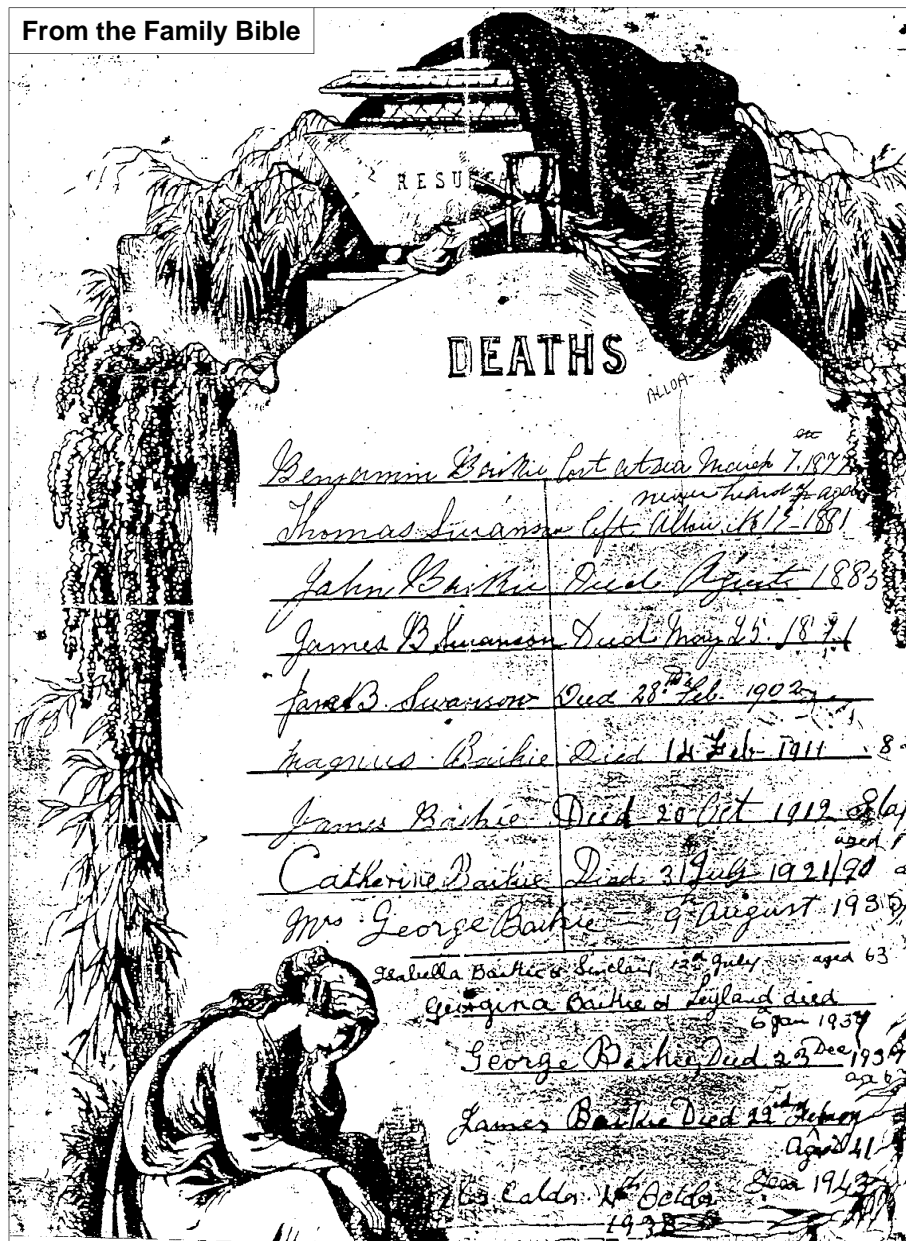
CALDER, John (b. between 1786-1791...Crofter, Westside, Dunnet, 1841 & 1851...d. between 1851 & 1861) & SWANSON, Jean (marr. between 1793-1796)...
Children = John (b. circa 1817); Isabella (b. circa 1819-1821); Margaret (b. 1822); Daniel (b. 1824); Elizabeth (b. 1826); Jean (b. 1828); Catherine; George (b. 1833)

So, the following is the sequence for James and Catherine...

- 1825 **James born at Mey Canisbay.**
- 1831 **Catherine born at Dunnet.** Her parents being John Calder & Jean Swanson.
- 1854 **James and Catherine marry at Dunnet...all children born at West Mey.**
- 1855 Jane (Jeannie) born...married Tom Swanson.
- 1856 Benjamin born...seaman....a very significant role in our family history....see Donald's story.....died at sea 1877 on the ship Southern Cross in the Bay of Biscay.
- 1858 **Helen born.....**see main story.
- 1860 Georgina Calder born.....married John Leylend.
- 1862 Catherine born.....married Captain Calder.
- 1864 Jemima born.....married Henry (Harry) Gunn...not related.
- 1866 Isabella born.....married John Sinclair....died in 1929.
- 1868 John Calder born...died in 1885.
- 1870 Magnus born.....married Jane Geddes.
- 1872 George born....married Georgina Wallace at Skarfskerry Dunnet in 1898...was a farmer and joiner...became mentally ill in late middle age..institutionalised...died in 1939.
- 1861 **James, 35, fisherman at Mey .** Living at home were his wife Catherine 31, and...
 Daughter, Jane 6.
 Son, Benjamin 4
Daughter, Helen 2.
 Daughter, Georgina 6m.
- 1871 **James, 45, fisherman / crofter at Mey .** Living at home were his wife Catherine 39 and...
 Daughter, Jane, general servant 16.
 Son Benjamin, scholar 14.
Daughter, Helen, scholar 12.
 Daughter, Georgina, scholar 10.
 Daughter, Catherine, scholar 8.
 Daughter, Jemima, scholar 6.
 Daughter, Isabella, 4.
 Son John C., 2.
 Son, Magnus 9m.
- 1912 **James 86 year old, dies and is buried at Canisbay.**
- 1921 **Catherine 90 years old, dies at "Field of Harrow", West Mey = probably Helen Baikie's birth place. "Field of Harrow" would then have been re-named "Rose Cottage". Catherine also buried at Canisbay.**

ANCESTORS - BAIKIE

Helen's Parents - JAMES & CATHERINE BAIKIE



Extracts of the deaths of the family of James & Catherine from the Family Bible (Now held by Mac Waters, grandson of Magnus Baikie)

* (Child 2)	"Benjamin Baikie	Lost at sea March 7th 1877"
* (Husband of child 1)	"Thomas Swanson	Left Alloa, never heard of again 1881"
* (Child 8)	"John Baikie	Died August 1885"
* (Son of child 1)	"James B. Swanson	Died May 25th 1891"
* (Child 1)	"Jane B. Swanson	Died 28th Feb. 1902"
* (Younger brother of James)	"Magnus Baikie	Died 14th Feb. 1911, aged 82"
* (James)	"James Baikie	Died 20th Oct. 1912"
* (Catherine)	"Catherine Baikie	Died 31st July 1921, aged 90"
* (Wife of child 10)	"Mrs George Baikie	9th August 1935"
* (Child 7)	"Isabella Baikie Sinclair	12th July, aged 63"
* (Child 4)	"Georgina Baikie Leyland	Died 6th Jan. 1937"
* (Child 10)	"George Baikie	Died 23rd Dec. 1939, aged 67"
* (Son of child 9)	"James Baikie	Died 22nd Feb 1943, aged 41"
* (Husband of child 5)	"Alex Calder	4th Oct. 1938?"

ANCESTORS - BAIKIE

Helen's Parents - JAMES & CATHERINE BAIKIE

Marg Threadgold had in her memorabilia a piece of paper....

"A letter written in 1908 by Captain Calder about Grandfather Baikie....

Grandfather he is really a wonderful old man - I think about 82 years of age & the picture of good health - red cheeks and strong body, getting rather stiff, but going down the hill, manfully, like a strong ripening stalk of corn."



James & Catherine Baikie - Their Home - Rose Cottage

On back of photo from Helen Millar = "The house Grandma was born in"



See "The Extended Family - Child 10 - George & Georgina BAIKIE"

JAMES & CATHERINE BAIKIE - Their Family CHRONOLOGY

<u>CODE</u>	<u>WHO</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>WHEN</u>	<u>WHERE / COMMENT / SOURCE</u>
B.-1.1	BAIKIE, Jane (Jeannie)	<u>Born</u>	05/03/1855	Mey, Canisbay, Caithness, Scotland
		<u>Married</u>	07/02/1879	Tom SWANSON, (Sea Captain, 1848-1881) West Mey, Canisbay
		<u>Occupation</u>		Dressmaker
		<u>Died</u>	28/02/1902	Gardner St., Partick, Glasgow
		<u>Buried</u>	1902	Dunbarton, near Glasgow
B.-1.2	BAIKIE, Benjamin	<u>Born</u>	19/10/1856	West Mey, Canisbay, Caithness, Scotland
		<u>Occupation</u>		Seaman
		<u>Died</u>	07/03/1877	Drowned, Bay of Biscay from ship, "Southern Cross"
		<u>Buried</u>	07/03/1877	Bay of Biscay.
B.-1.3	BAIKIE, Helen (B/G.0.0)	<u>Born</u>	30/12/1858	Mill of Mey, Skarfskerry, Canisbay, Caithness, Scotland
		<u>Married</u>	25/12/1882	Donald GUNN , Manse, Port Adelaide, Adelaide, South Australia
		<u>Occupation</u>		Home Duties
		<u>Died</u>	04/07/1945	Largs Bay, Adelaide, South Australia
		<u>Buried</u>	??/07/1945	Murray Bridge, South Australia
B.-1.4	BAIKIE, Georgina Calder	<u>Born</u>	05/11/1860	West Mey, Canisbay, Caithness, Scotland
		<u>Married</u>	10/04/1883	John LEYLAND,
		<u>Died</u>	06/01/1937	Rockferry, Birkenhead, England
		<u>Buried</u>	??/10/1937	
B.-1.5	BAIKIE, Catherine	<u>Born</u>	04/07/1862	West Mey, Canisbay, Caithness, Scotland
		<u>Married</u>	Not Known	Captain Alexander CALDER
		<u>Died</u>	19/12/1925	Clayhusbandry, Caithness
		<u>Buried</u>	??/12/1925	Dunnott Cemetery
B.-1.6	BAIKIE, Jemima	<u>Born</u>	10/04/1864	West Mey, Canisbay, Caithness, Scotland
		<u>Married</u>	Not Known	Henry (Harry) GUNN
		<u>Died</u>	Not Known	
		<u>Buried</u>	Not Known	
B.-1.7	BAIKIE, Isabella	<u>Born</u>	04/04/1866	West Mey, Canisbay, Caithness, Scotland
		<u>Married</u>	Not Known	John SINCLAIR
		<u>Died</u>	12/07/1929	Aged 63, Aultbea, South St., Milnathort, Scotland
		<u>Buried</u>	??/07/1929	
B.-1.8	BAIKIE, John Calder	<u>Born</u>	30/06/1868	West Mey, Canisbay, Caithness, Scotland
		<u>Died</u>	17/10/1885	
		<u>Buried</u>	??/10/1885	Canisbay Churchyard (No.50)
B.-1.9	BAIKIE, Magnus	<u>Born</u>	28/06/1870	West Mey, Canisbay, Caithness, Scotland
		<u>Married</u>	18/11/1898	Jane GEDDES
		<u>Died</u>	13/09/1955	West Mey, Canisbay, Caithness, Scotland
		<u>Buried</u>	??/09/1955	Canisbay Cemetery
B.-1.10	BAIKIE, George	<u>Born</u>	20/11/1872	West Mey, Canisbay, Caithness, Scotland
		<u>Married</u>	01/07/1898	Georgina WALLACE
		<u>Died</u>	23/12/1939	

ANCESTORS - BAIKIE

Helen's Parents - JAMES & CATHERINE BAIKIE

Both James and Catherine are buried in the Canisbay Churchyard....the tall monument reads :-

- "In loving memory of **James Baikie** died at West Mey 20 Oct. 1912 aged 86 years"
- "Also his sons..**Benjamin** officer on ship "Southern Cross" lost at sea 7 March 1877 aged 20 years.
John died 17 Oct. 1885 aged 17 years"
- "**Catherine Calder** beloved wife of James Baikie died at West Mey 30 July aged 90 years"

The stone at the left is broken and only the top part remains...it reads "A memorial over the dust of **George Baikie** farmer in Mey who died March 9 1802" (died 12/03/1802 - James' grandfather who married Margaret Sutherland)

Monument No. 50, Canisbay Churchyard
James & Catherine BAIKIE



Catherine's death was reported in John O'Groats Journal Fri August 12th 1921.
"MRS BAIKIE, MEY"
Her Death Notice :- "**Baikie - At Field of Harrow, Mey, on 31st July 1921, Catherine Calder, wife of the late James Baikie aged 90 years - dearly loved and sadly missed (Australian and American papers please copy)**".

James BAIKIE - Funeral Card

In Loving Memory
OF
JAMES BAIKIE,
The Beloved Husband of Catherine Baikie,
Who fell asleep in Jesus on 20th October, 1912,
AGED 86 YEARS.
INTERRED IN CANISBAY CHURCHYARD.

This loving flower the Gardener plucked,
This garden He hath pruned;
But bear in mind 'tis all through love,
And love can heal the wounds.
Weep not, dear friends, his soul has left
This earthly house of clay,
And God it safely has secured
Until the judgment day.

"A much esteemed member of an honourable and respected family has passed from our midst in the person of Mrs James Baikie, Field of Harrow, Mey. Mrs Baikie's illness confined her to bed for a considerable time, and her period of suffering was one of pious resignation to the Supreme Will, so that her passage was calm and hopeful. Her genealogy embraced members of remarkable longevity, herself being a nonagenarian. A benevolent and amiable neighbour, a devout Christian, and an affectionate and wise spouse and mother, Mrs Baikie was venerated in the district by a wide circle whose appreciation of her exemplary character was well manifested by word and deed.

Mrs Baikie's father, the late Captain John Calder, West Dunnet, experienced an eventful life. His personality and masterful grip of navigation raised him to a high station in his vocation, in which capacity he was always generously disposed to impart to rising aspirants his exceptionally comprehensive knowledge of nautical attainments within his province, with the gratifying result that not a few of those who thus enjoyed the tutoring of such a successful navigator attain distinction in their profession. The late Captain John Calder, Castletown, had this worthy progenitor as his grandfather. Mrs Baikie's father had, in addition to many other experiences, the honour of taking his share in some of the great sea fights of Nelson's record, and on occasion, while engaged in bringing a prize of war into Portsmouth Harbour, the crew of the prize-bearer, of which Captain Calder, then a young man, was a member, were captured and consequently the future captain was interned in France for seven years. Another brother, Captain George had also a name of honour and distinction but which was cut off in the prime of life by a lamentable boating accident in Dunnet Bay. Of a family of ten, Mrs Baikie is survived by seven, who mourn the loss of a kind and loving mother. Mrs Baikie was predeceased by her husband a few years ago."

