

MAYBOLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Hon President : J. Murray Cook

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THE SOCIETY'S FIRST HONORARY MEMBERS



Rich Pettit



David Hunter

It with great pleasure and appreciation for their work that the Committee of the Society is pleased to announce the award of the first Honorary Life Memberships of the Society.

Rich Pettit is probably the least well known face to members but his work on the web-site, especially on the historical aspect, is appreciated by all our members and many thousands of others throughout the world. Rich has done more to take the history of Carrick to the world than anyone else. David Hunter has given freely of his knowledge and time to lead the society members on a number of walks and train a few to take over his tours of Maybole Castle and town. Last, but certainly not least, Peter and Patti Kewney have opened their home to the society as a most spectacular and appropriate venue for talks and social nights.



Peter and Patti Kewney in Drumellan with Helen McAdam, Murray Cook and speaker James Hunter Blair

FAMILY HISTORY CONFERENCE

Application forms are now available for anyone wanting to attend this conference on Saturday, 26th April 2003. The cost is £10.00 per delegate plus £10.00 for lunch (if required).

Scottish Association of
Family History Societies
14th Annual Conference –
'On The Move'

Bonar Hall, Dundee University,
Dundee

Further details from Dave Killicoat or
book direct with :

Mrs D M Henderson, 2003
Conference Secretary/Treasurer, 3
Lammerton Terrace, DUNDEE, DD4
7BP. (e-mail
tvfhs@tayvalleyfhs.org)

OUR APOLOGIES!

Due to the extreme weather on 3rd February and other factors which are completely outwith our control, the programme for the spring is in some disarray. Dane Love will be asked to give us his talk on the Covenanters as soon as practicable and we hope that we managed to contact most of our members by phone prior to the meeting so that they were saved a wasted journey.

Next Meeting
From Footsteps
to Fingertips
How your local history is
discovered and presented
to you – with our very
own "Time Team"
Monday 3rd March 2003
7.30 p.m.
MAYBOLE TOWN HALL

If you have any requests for particulars

Maybole Historical Society

All communications to the society
may be addressed to :-

**The Local & Family
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Committee

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Willy Connolly
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David Kiltie

Any member who would like to join the
committee or help the society in any other
way please contact any one of the above.



Our provisional programme for this year's
History Month and Museums & Galleries Month
in May which coincide with the Burns An' A'
That Festival (3rd-11th May) and Adult Learning
Week (11th-17th May) is as follows :-

HISTORY/MUSEUMS & GALLERIES MONTH

- Saturday 3 STRAITON -**
Demonstration &
Display 13.30 - 16.30
McCandlish Hall
- Sunday 4 MAYBOLE -**
Castle Tours &
Exhibition 14.00 - 16.00
- Monday 5 Historical Society
Meeting & AGM**
- Saturday 10 MAYBOLE -**
Castle Tours &
Exhibition 14.00 - 16.00
- Sunday 11 KIRKOSWALD -**
Demonstration &
Display 13.30 - 16.30
Richmond Hall
- Saturday 17 KIRKMICHAEL -**
Demonstration &
Display 13.30 - 16.30
McCosh Hall
- Tuesday 20 MAYBOLE -**
Castle Tours &
Exhibition 14.00 - 16.00
- Saturday 24 DUNURE -**
Demonstration &
Display 13.30 - 16.30
Kennedy Hall
- Sunday 25 MAYBOLE -**
Castle Tours &
Exhibition 14.00 - 16.00
- Saturday 31 CROSSHILL -**
Demonstration &
Display 13.30 - 16.30
Venue t.b.a.

In addition the Society will be producing a
double sided A3 sheet with map and detail
showing North Carrick's connection with our
national bard Robert Burns and watch out for
posters showing other local events.



NEW PUBLICATIONS



Alloway and Southern Ayrshire Family History Society have recently published two new complete volumes of monumental inscriptions from Carrick.

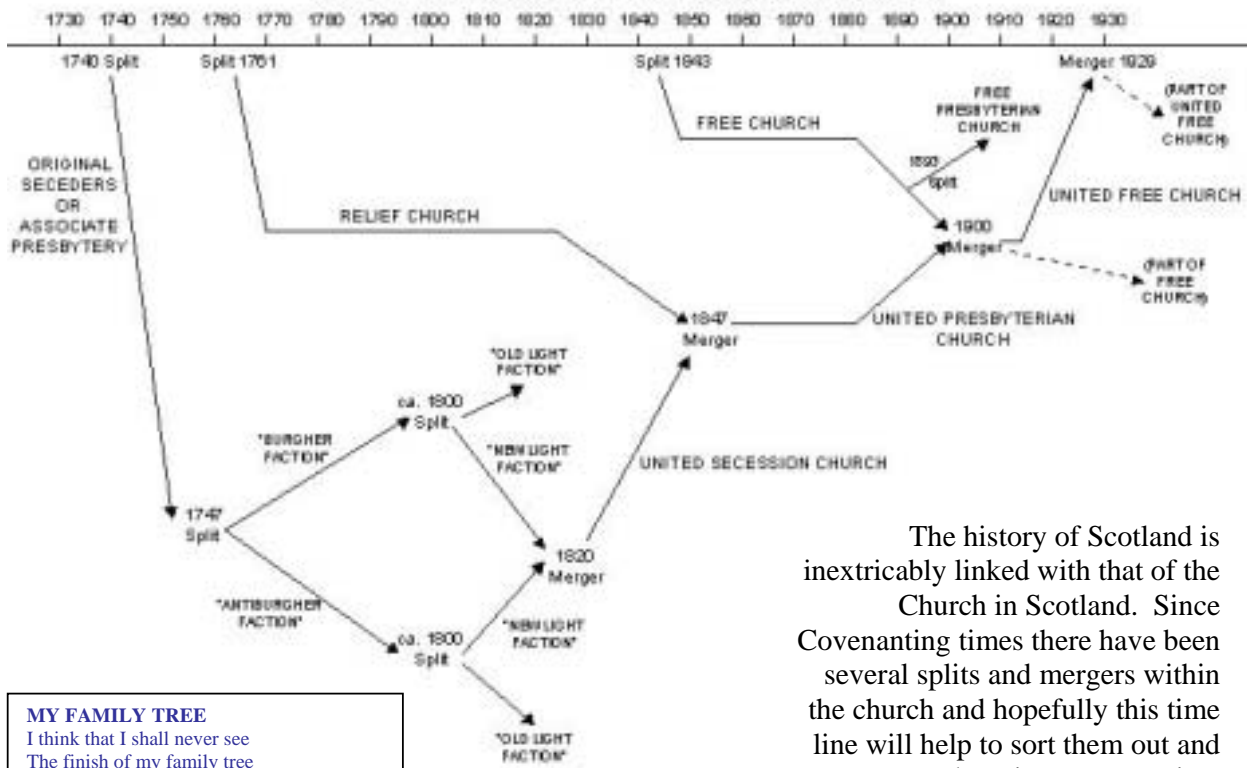
Colmonell Kirkyard Monumental Inscriptions (ISBN 0-6542897-1-4 UK price £6.00 inc. p&p) contains over 400 inscriptions and includes the War Memorial, inscriptions within the church and inscriptions from the memorials within the Knockdolian Vault.

Barrhill was also in the parish of Colmonell but due to the position of the parish church, only three miles from the west end of a parish nearly twenty miles long, a quod sacra church was built at Arnsheen and this eventually became the Parish of Arnsheen and Barhill in 1930. Barrhill Old Cemetery Monumental Inscriptions (ISBN 0-9542897-2-2 UK price £4.50 inc. p&p) contains nearly 200 inscriptions and includes those from the War Memorial, the Martyr's Tomb and Pinmore Church, Laighaldons.

The books can be ordered from the Society c/o Alloway Public Library, Doonholm Road, Alloway, Ayr, KA7 4QQ.

Also available from the Alloway & Southern Ayrshire FHS are :- Alloway Churchyard Monumental Inscriptions (Note – this is the Churchyard round the new church and not Alloway Old Kirkyard) UK £3.30 inc. p&p Overseas £4.25 inc. p&p. and Ballantrae Old Churchyard Monumental Inscriptions UK £5.00 inc. p&p Overseas £6.00 inc. p&p.

THE CHURCH IN SCOTLAND



The history of Scotland is inextricably linked with that of the Church in Scotland. Since Covenanting times there have been several splits and mergers within the church and hopefully this time line will help to sort them out and put them in to perspective.

MY FAMILY TREE

I think that I shall never see
The finish of my family tree
As it forever seems to grow
From roots that started long ago
Way back in ancient history times,
In foreign lands and distant climes;
From them grew trunk and branching limb
That dated back to times so dim.
One seldom knows exactly when
The parents met and married then,
Nor when the twigs began to grow
With odd-named children, row on row.
Through verse like this made by me,
The end's in sight, as you can see.
'Tis not the same with family trees
That grow and grow through centuries.

By W. Neel Jackson,
The Pennsylvania Packet, Summer 1992.

MEMBERSHIP - ALL MEMBERS WHO LAST PAID PRIOR TO 1ST FEBRUARY 2002 PLEASE NOTE THAT THEIR SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE DUE FOR RENEWAL. Membership for all who pay their subscriptions after 1st February 2003 will be valid until 1st September 2004. Membership is only £10.00 and covers individuals or couples staying in the same household. Anyone in full time education can join the society free of charge. Please send all membership applications (with the appropriate fee) to The Honorary Treasurer at the address overleaf.