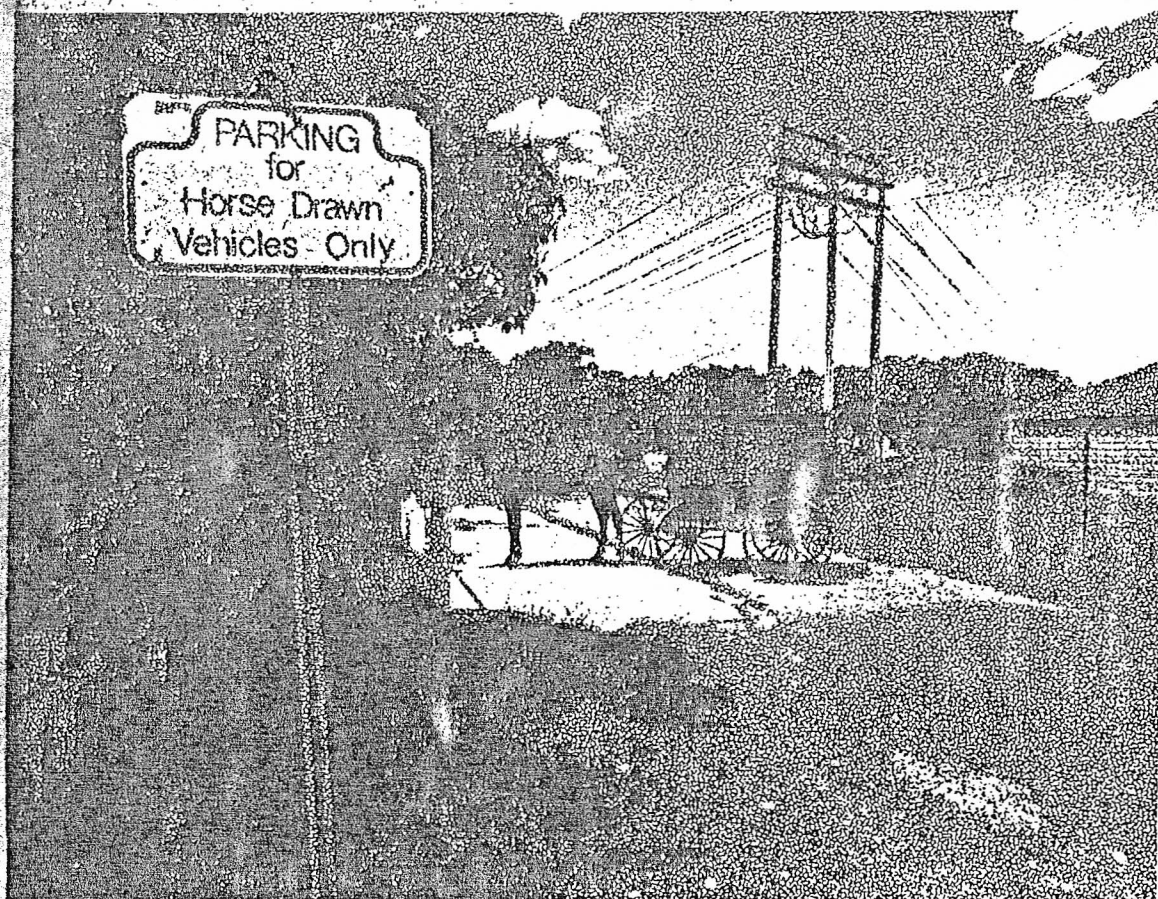


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# My Grieve kin in Scotland

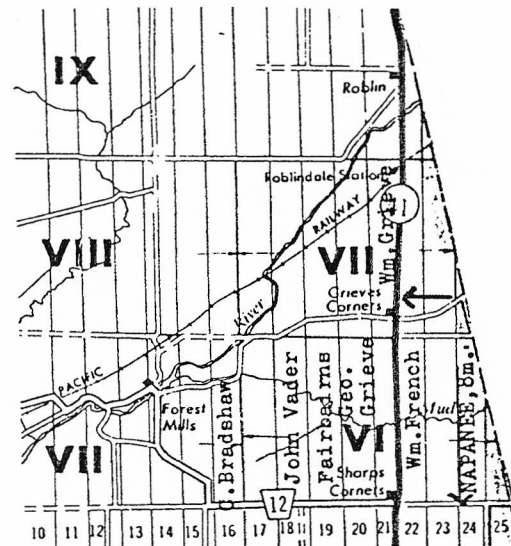
By Gordon Crouse

Gordon Crouse had been researching his family for almost more years than he remembered before he made his first really exciting discoveries. But it's typical of Gordon that he never feels the search is finished. There are still a few holes he'd like to fill in the ancestral charts . . . but who wouldn't? With genealogists, though, passion is likely to persist, and if you're like Gordon, you can expect it to persist all your life. Gordon is a life member of the Ontario Genealogical Society, and has been a family historian since 1934. He was born in Oshawa, Ontario in 1911, and is well known as a publisher of genealogical forms. He is currently retired, and living in Bloomfield, Ontario, where his genealogy has gone from a passion to a profession.

It would appear that Cicero with his easy flowing speech and an urge to write is a genealogist at heart. His classic remark about genealogy remains true today: "Not to know what happened in the past before we were born is to remain perpetually a child. For what is the worth of human life unless it is woven into the tapestry of our ancestors." That 'urge to know' is the mainspring of all family historians. My maternal grandmother was proud of her Scottish origin and it rubbed off on my mother and I. But my Great Grandfather Grieve was a dour Scot who left no oral family traditions. As a result I had to dig for every scrap of data on his ancestors, and it took many years to find the parentage and birthplace of William B. Grieve, 1818-1885, hotelkeeper of Napanee, Ontario. But patience and plodding from 1934 to 1964 produced great results.

This story is now told for two purposes: first, to encourage those attempting to find Old Country roots; and second, to suggest logical sources in the "Borders" of Scotland. During my thirty long years of wandering in a research wilderness I never gave up hope nor was I idle. Countless letters, interviews, tedious study, and search trips yielded little information on mother's Scottish connections although interesting items on the Canadian background evolved. The 1851 Census showed W.B. Grieve, age 34, of Scotland, Presbyterian, in a log house in Richmond Township, Lennox-Addington County. The 1860 wallmap and Beldon's 1878 atlas located Grieve's farm and tavern. In my home town of Oshawa I met David McAlleu who was a great help. He steered me to the old newspapers of the Lennox and Addington Historical Society over the library in Napanee.

The late Walter S. Herrington had the key and I spent more than seven continuous hours in a dim, stuffy room pouring over old editions. I looked for an obituary of Wm.B. Grieve which would give his birthplace in Scotland. None appeared. But a paid column notice in the Napanee Standard, 25 September 1885, appeared. "Died — in Napanee on Tuesday, 22 September, William Grieves age 67." His death date at last! But I did not stop there. Searching each column for a follow-up obit, I was rewarded with a leading editorial that shoved my blood-pressure up — "We regret to announce the death of Mr. Wm. Grieves which sad event took place Tuesday night at his hotel on the Market Square. Mr. Grieves was for many years a resident of the Township of Richmond and about eight



Above, dedication on early map of area in which Grieve family settled reads: "This map surveyed at their desire (Nobility & Gentry) Is most humbly inscribed by JOHN AINSLIE, Scale, 8 miles, Published According to Act of Parliament (SCOTLAND), June ye 21st, 1773." Letters 'G' show location of Grieve and Potts lands in Robertson Parish held from 1719 to 1946, 3,300 acres. The Grieves originated to the south in the 1690s from Westerkirk & Eskdalemuir in Dumfriesshire County. Mr. John Grieve was the tenant in Craik and Hoscote. Left, This segment of an Ontario government map of Richmond Township, Lennox-Addington County, shows Grieve's Corners, as well as the location of family farms. Scale one inch to the mile.

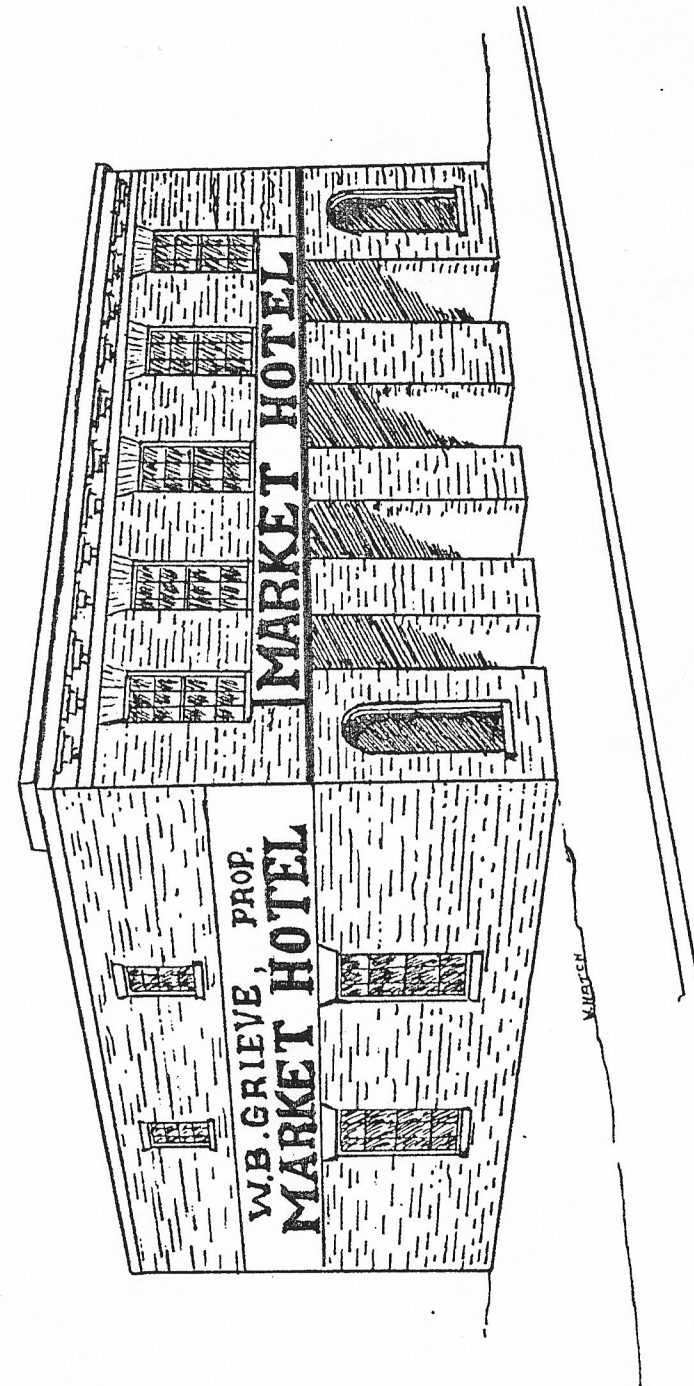
years ago took up his abode in Napanee having built the hostellery which bears his name. He was about 68 years of age at the time of his death and was highly regarded by all who knew him. The funeral took place yesterday morning and was attended by a large concourse of friends and acquaintances." This was a nice addition to my notes but still left ne in the dark regarding his homelife in Scotland. Other items of family folklore surfaced from time to time as years went by.

Grandmother Bradshaw's personal effects found in Deseronto contained a small laminated glass plaque having family records inscribed thereon. The writer was a Henry Bull, and the plaque dated A.D. 1862. It had birth dates of the family plus the marriage of William Grieve to Elizabeth Fairbairn in 1842. This was a valuable find — but still no reference to Scotland. Another discovery was a Tax Collector's Roll showing Wm. Grieve, Freeholder, age 52 and a Presbyterian. This 1870 mss listed him as having 120 acres of land worth \$900, with personal effects at \$200. He had performed five days of statute labour, and owned 9 cattle, 20 sheep, 4 hogs, and 6 horses. Mother said her mother at an early age operated the home spinning wheel to make clothes for the family using their own wool. Starting in 1869 Mr. Grieve bought five town Lots on the northwest side of the Market Place in Napanee. In a letter to Council on 7 December 1874 he requested permission to lay building materials on the sidewalk while building a new two-storey brick and stone Hotel. I continued adding documents to my Grieve file.

An interesting manuscript came to light in the Public Archives of Canada at Ottawa. Dated 8 February 1875, it was an application from Wm. Grieves for a Post Office at Grieve's Corner in Richmond Twp. A map of the area was attached. The post office Inspector found three or four houses and a blacksmith shop in the hamlet, but no places of business or stores. The bid was refused. Evidently the Tavern was now closed with the opening of the Public House in 1875 in Napanee. Fifty- eight years later the name "Grieves Corners" was approved by the Canadian Permanent Committee on Geographic Names (Ottawa). The 7 March 1933 decision stated "the locality is always known as Grieves Corners." And it is printed that way on official maps of the Province of Ontario.

Continuing my quest overseas I hired Record Agents in Scotland but this "stabbing in the dark" in certain areas of border counties failed. A definite Parish or residence was required. A note from Bill Grieve of Napanee (3rd of this name) revealed Castle Craig as the place "as told by my father" who was George Grieve II, hotelkeeper and farmer of Napanee who died there in 1929 age 83. But Castle Craig, found in Selkirkshire, produced no kin of the Grieves. Back to square one again. I pressed on until the big break came a few years later, with clues from Billy's sister Pearl "Grieve" Brooks.

In 1964, thirty years after beginning the Grieve search I happened to be in Napanee during an exhibit of the Historical Society. Strangely enough the papers and records offered no data but the Register of Guests caught my eye and I found Mrs. Louis Brooks of Peterborough in the list. A first cousin to my mother! As we corresponded with mutual excitement she mentioned a bundle of old letters belonging to her Grandfather, William Bell Grieve. I poured over these fragile notes, over eighty years of age, in the expectation of finding vital dates and specific placenames but was disappointed. I did find references to the Bell family of Jedburgh, Scotland, and thus surmised that the Grieves also came from Roxburghshire and that W.B. Grieve's mother was a Bell. A search of that district for





ancestors again proved to be lost effort. Then I did a very practical thing! I copied each letter by hand, interpreting the handwriting along the way. Then I typed each one carefully, after which I read them over several times. This effort paid off as I discovered a clue.

A letter written in 1881 from Hudson (no other location) to W.B. Grieve, hotelkeeper, Napanee, was from his sister Isabella Schneider. Two things puzzled me — where was Hudson? Who was Carillon? Surely Isabella who was a schoolteacher knew how to spell Caroline. Then it dawned on me that Carillon was a dam on the lower Ottawa River. My hands were shaking with excitement as I unfolded my Quebec roadmap. There was Carillon Rapids in Prescott County and lower down was Hudson Heights in Quebec! I wrote at once to Bill Cottingham, M.L.A., Historian-Genealogist of Lachute, Que. His telephoned reply said the Grieves were mentioned in Rev. E.C. Royle's pamphlet *History of Anglican Parish of Vaudreuil* (1955).

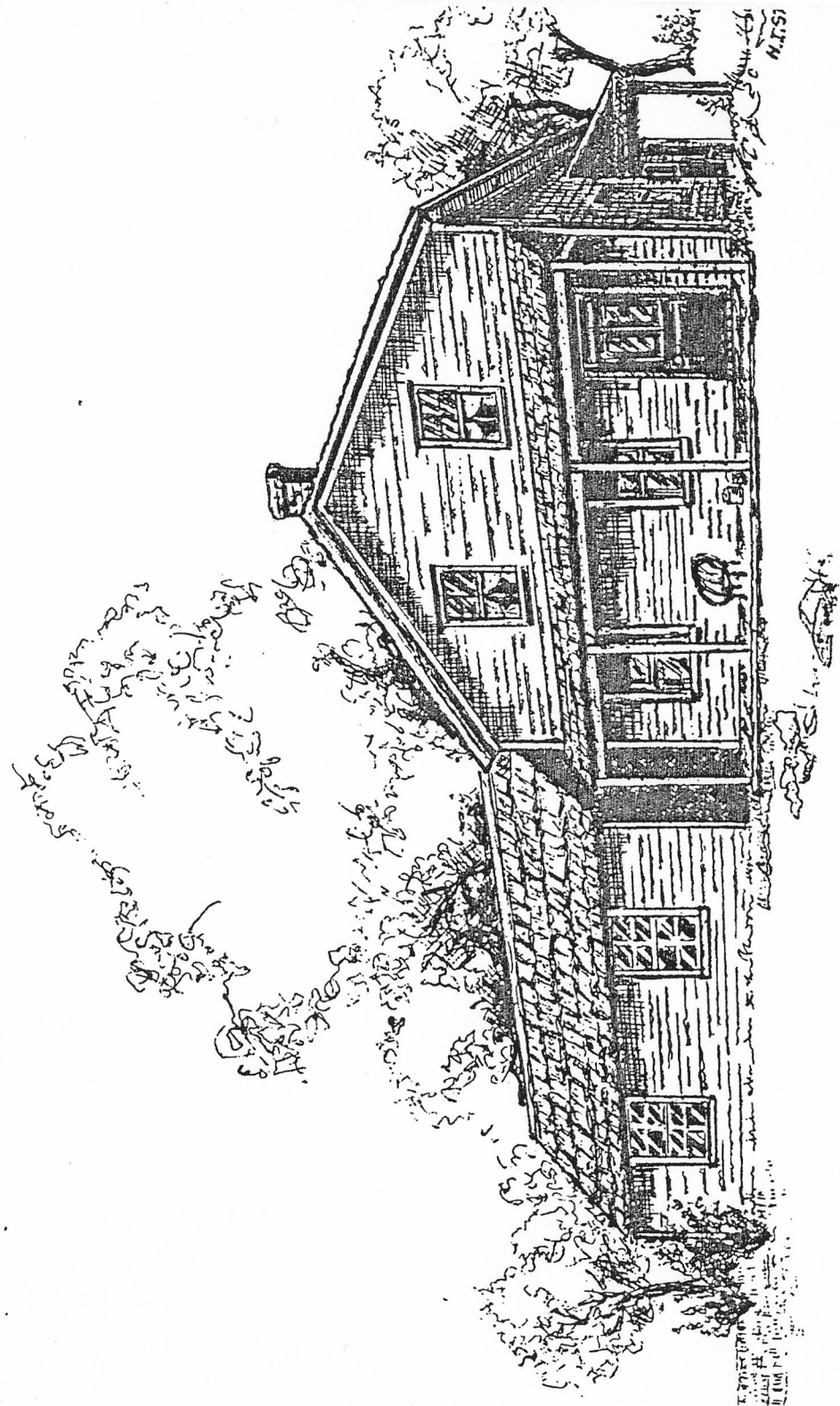
I made a hurried call to the rectory and Canon Cec. Royle at Como, Que. This brought forth the information that George Grieve and family had come to Quebec from Craik, Scotland, before the Lower Canada Rebellion of 1837. Victory after a generation of searching was fantastic! Now my hunting turned toward the Montreal area of Quebec, and finding Craik in Scotland. Results came fast as new logical sources for research presented themselves.

According to Royle (pardon the pun), an old-timer remembered her grandmother stating: "I remember Mr. Grieve (George) — a big heavy man, pompous, walking in a dignified manner with his coat open to show his red waistcoat". An educator and linguist, he with his two schoolteacher daughters opened up schools in the Hawkesbury vicinity. The girls were Markey and Isabella Grieve. A descendant of Markey stated that her Great Grandparents died about 1842 in Beauharnois, near Montreal. Looking for burial records I paid \$1 for the following Certificate from The Superior Court, Montreal: "George Grieve, age 63 years, Ormstown, died in Montreal on sixth and was buried on the eighth day of May, 1841." It was extracted from St. Andrew's Church registers. Copies of the *Montreal Gazette* were examined for his obituary with no success. However, I did find in the 23 September 1846 edition this item: "Died, on the 12th instant in this City after a painful illness which she bore with Christian fortitude, Markey Grieve, wife of Chas. Murray, age 35 years."

A Great Grandaughter of Markey was found in Brampton, Ont. Mrs. Laura Hicks gave me valuable data from the records of her late brother, Judge John D. Burger of Peel County. He had been to Scotland to investigate his Scots heritage. Two pages of names and dates on Burger, Murray, and Grieve were sent. They were a goldmine of information. I learned that George Grieve and his wife were second cousins, and that her maiden name was Minto Bell of Jedburgh. George was the eldest son of Mr. John Grieve, a Scottish Laird who married Isabella Turnbull and lived at Craik. Now my hunt began in Scotland with a personal trip to the Old Land to find the origins which made George and Minto Grieve to be second cousins — and why George was so proud of his red waistcoat, an attire that "landed people" wore.

#### Personal Searches in Scotland

The Boeing Jumbo took me over in six hours from Toronto to Prestwick. I



GRIEVE HOME AND TAVERN, 1846



# GRIEVE FAMILY DROPLINE CHART

ALTER GRIEVE - Tenant in Earswood (Airdod) was a native of Esdalemuir Parish, Dumfriesshire. His father was John Grieve, Tenant in rurie. His mother was also a Grieve and a cousin his father. She was of the Commonsides area rieves of Cavers Parish in Roxburghshire. alter Grieve d. Wester Kirk, 15 Aug. 1790.

## WALTER GRIEVE

born ca1724 - died in 1790  
Westerkirk, Dumfriesshire

## JEAN POTTS

born in 1727 - died in 1777  
Roberton, Roxburghshire

The POTTS FAMILY of Roberton Parish. Jean (Jane) was baptised 21 May, 1727, at Shankend, Cavers Parish. Daughter of Adam Potts, 1690-1770, and wife, Betty Elliot, 1688-1752, tenants of Hoscode, Roberton Parish. The Potts were an old family from Kelso in Roxburghshire. George Potts, 1651-1720 was Jean's grandfather.

Married 17 Aug., 1744-Roberton

John d. in infancy  
Westerkirk Par.

HELEN b. 1748, Crooks,  
d. 1763, Wester Kirk

NATHANIEL b. 1751 in  
Crooks, Wester Kirk

JOHN b. 1754, Crooks,  
Westerkirk Parish

BETTY b. 1756, Crooks;  
Westerkirk Parish

JOHN GRIEVE was a tenant in Craik, Roberton Parish, Selkirkshire section. Craik was a 3300 acre sheep farm John inherited from his uncle, George Pott, Esq., 1712-1770, of Hoscode. The Thomas Stavert family were joint inheritors after death of Mr. Pott. The Grieves are buried in Northwick Waters graveyard.

## JOHN GRIEVE

Bapt. 7 Apr., 1754; Crooks  
died 25 Jan., 1795; Craik

## BELLA TURNBULL

Bapt. 21 March, 1757; Firth  
died 1 May, 1835; Meadshaw

The TURNBULL FAMILY of Lilliesleaf Parish. Isabella Turnbull was born on Firth Farm to Walter Turnbull, 1702-1773, by his second wife, Dorothea Chisholme, 1731-1804. She was a daughter of Mark Chisholme of Parkhill, near Branxholme. Mark married Barbara Bennet daughter to Archibald, of an old covenanter family in the Borders.

Married 28 July, 1778-Roberton

GEORGE b. 1779, Hoscode  
marr. Minto Bell

WALTER b. 1781, Hoscode  
marr. Christian Brydon

DOLLY b. 1783, Craik,  
d. 1805, Roberton Par.

JANE b. 1785 d. 1835  
marr. William Moffat

JOHN b. 1787, Craik,  
d. Infancy, Roberton

ISABELLA b. 1789 d. 1831  
marr. David Ballantyne

GEORGE GRIEVE inherited Craik (with adjoining farms of Outsides and Meadshaw) and became a notable sheepfarmer. During the collapse of the wool market ca1817 George and his brother Walter Grieve failed. The former went to Edinburgh and later to Canada about 1831. He was a linguist, a schoolmaster, and an Anglican.

## GEORGE GRIEVE

Bapt. 17 May, 1779; Hoscode  
died 6 May, 1841; Montreal

## MINTO BELL

born 20 June, 1790; Minto  
died ca 1842; Ormstown, Que.

The BELL FAMILY of Minto Parish and Jedburgh area. Minto Bell was one of 12 issue of William Bell, ca1752-1818, and his wife Markey Minto, 1755-1821, daughter of George Minto and wife Barbara Chisholme of Southdean Parish, Roxburghshire. Robert Bell and Margaret Black of Menslaws were parents of William Bell.

Married ca1809 in Scotland

MARKEY 1810-1846  
marr. Charles Murray

ISABELLA 1812-1901  
marr. John Schneider

GEORGINA  
(no records)

WILLIAM 1818-1885  
marr. Eliza Fairbairn

JOHN 1820 ca1854  
marr. Nancy Sweet

WILLIAM GRIEVE was born at Castle Craig, Scotland. (trad.) or at Craik, Roberton Parish. Coming from Quebec to Ontario he bought land (1846) in Richmond Township, Lennox-Addington. Besides farming he operated a Tavern at Grieve's Corners and in 1875 built the Market Hotel in Napanee. Buried in Presbyterian Cem.

## WILLIAM GRIEVE

born 29 Mar., 1818; Scotland  
died 22 Sept., 1885; Napanee

## ELIZA FAIRBAIRN

born 13 May, 1817; Scotland  
died ca1878; Grieve's Cor.

The FAIRBAIRN FAMILY came from Scotland to Canada in 1828. Elizabeth Fairbairn was the eldest daughter of Robert a stone mason employed with the Scottish builders of the Rideau Canal in Bytown (Ottawa). Robert, born 1787, brought his wife and seven children over in a wooden sailing vessel on a 9 week voyage.

Married 1 July, 1842 in Canada

ESTHER 1844-1901  
marr. John Vader

GEORGE 1846-1929  
marr. Mary Jenkins

ROBERT 1848 ca1881  
marr. .... White

MINTO 1850-1907  
marr. Wm. French

GEORGINA 1852-1929  
marr. Chas. Bradshaw

WILLIAM 1855-1934  
(unmarried)

recalled how my Fairbairn forebears took nine weeks to make this voyage in a wooden sailing vessel in 1828. Arriving in Glasgow with an extra day on my hands waiting for luggage to catch up to me, I visited Mitchell Library at Charing Cross. I was impressed with the genealogical and local history holdings in the Glasgow Room. Established in 1874, it has more than a million items and modern facilities such as microfilm and microfiche sources and viewers.

I recommend that searchers going to Scotland stay over a day or more to visit this Library and overcome jet-lag at the same time.

At the Library ask initially for Index books and catalogues of family history material. I found a typescript (R.F. 929 2 SCO) entitled "Scottish Family Histories" with nearly 60 pages listing Genealogies, Autobiographies, Biographies, etc. Examples: Douglas, (42); Campbell, (30); McLeod, (12); Graham, (10) and so on. Scotsmen appear to be born with a sense of history and the Clan spirit. Did you know that as early as 1725 a Buchanan Family Society was formed?

Among the fascinating items I found were more than 40 Manifest Lists of ships that had left the west coast of Scotland for the New World in 1774 and 1775. These vessels must have carried men who fought on both sides in the American Revolution. They were bound for the Carolinas, Georgia, New York, Philadelphia, and Quebec.

Travelling east to Edinburgh in those amazing and inexpensive British trains I bought bed-and-breakfast accommodations on arrival. At the Tourist Bureau near the station they have City maps showing locations of all places of interest and the staff will arrange any type of lodgings required. Of special interest to genealogists: on the map are shown locations for The Scottish Record Office, Post Office, Registrar-General's Office, National Library, Public Library, and Scots Ancestry Research Society headquarters. The Lord Lyon's Office is in the S.R.O.

Beside the basic Old Parochial Registers and Census Returns (starting in 1841) one should not overlook the Monumental Inscription books and the 900 or so index cards of family history resources. Facilities at the Register House are comfortable but limited. A fee is charged for desk space. I advise searchers to arrive early and reserve space for one week in advance which is much less expensive. Make me to visit the National Library of Scotland with its huge and very old collections of books and maps.

### Finding Important Information

Before starting on my overseas trip I did some necessary homework such as writing ahead for accommodation and for transportation, submitting newsitems and advertisements to newspapers in the Borders, and buying British Ordnance inch-to-1-mile maps of the search area. Results came before I left Canada. A nice room and hospitable hosts at Hawick, a genial volunteer car driver named Tom McCallum, and answers to appeals in the *Jedburgh Gazette* and the *Hawick News*. W.J. Bell of Earlston had written about my Bells of Lanton and Menslaws. Robert McCartney phoned in Hawick to the *News* offering assistance.

Besides loaning me books from his shelves, McCartney produced an old exercise book with a gold-mine of data in handwriting. It had information on Grieves and Elliots in old genealogical tables, legal papers, and personal letters copied by various relatives at different times. Contributors were: James Grieve of Howden, June 1822; Andrew Aitchison of Langholm. 10 April 1907; and John G. Lock-

hart Place, Hawick, 7 January 1939. Dates ranged from 1698 to 1946. Mentioned were Gt. Gt. Gt. Grandfather John Grieve of Craik; his father Walter Grieve (architect) of Dumfriesshire; and his grandfather, John Grieve of Crurie. Three generations of ancestors! The Grieve brothers (sons of John) left Craik in 1817 when they failed, and moved to the Highlands to "avoid" their creditors. George went to Sutherland and Walter to Caithness.

One of the books from McCartney's library was *Rulewater and its People* by Geo. Tancred. It settled the "second cousins" question. Mark Chisholm of Parkhill married Barbara Bennet and she bore him three daughters, two of them my forebears. Barbara Chisholm married George Minto and a younger sister, Dorathea, was second wife to ~~Walter Turnbull~~ of Firth. Markey Minto, b 1755, and ~~Isabella Turnbull, b 1757~~, became cousins, and spouses to William Bell and John Grieve. Their offspring Minto Bell and George Grieve were parents of my William Bell Grieve, 1818 — 1885.

How fortunate to discover the Parishes (out of 900 in Scotland) and location of actual farm properties — and to get names and dates of five and six generations of Scots ancestry!

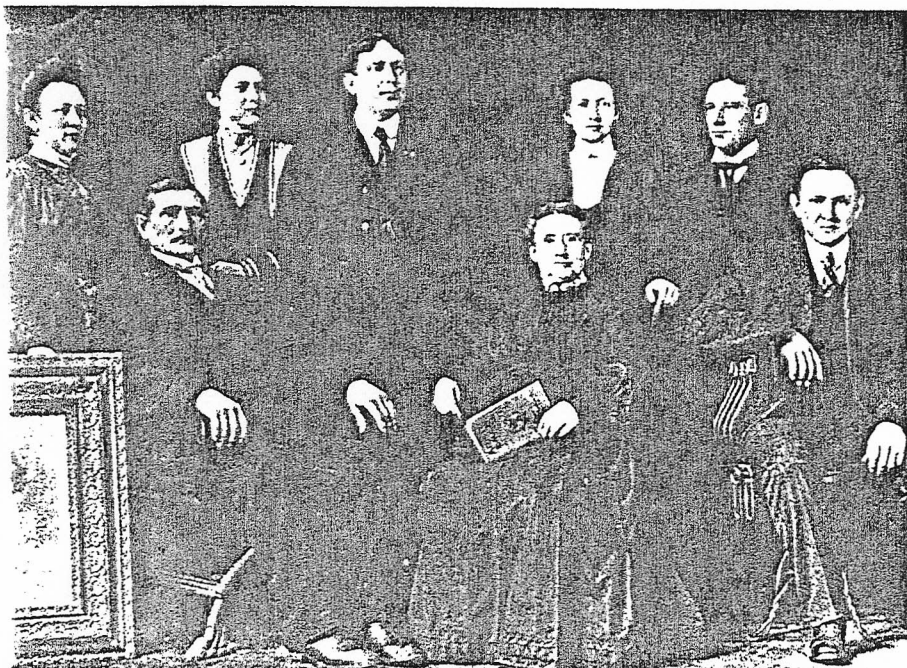
### Borthwick Waters

The autobus trip from Edinburgh to the "Borders" took a route of scenic beauty through historic Galashiels and Selkirk to Hawick, where I stayed ten days. My quarters at Oakwood Guest House were directly across from the splendid Park and Wilton Lodge Museum. The Curator, Dr. Michael Robson, was a real help as he shared with me the valuable collection of books and manuscripts. And I was in Grieve territory! According to G.F. Black in *Surnames of Scotland* (New York, 1946) the name Grieve appeared in records as early as 1296. A James Grieve lived at Milsington in Borthwick district in 1580. The Grieves were proscribed (outlawed) in 1603.

Five miles west of Hawick is Robertson Parish, part of which is in Selkirkshire and part in Roxburghshire. We visited the Kirk, Hascoat, Craik, and Borthwick's old graveyard called "A Lonely Churchyard" by J.C. Bonsor in an article in a 1938 issue of *Hawick Archaeological Society Transactions*. It mentions an old local saying: "The Grieves, the Potts and the Craws, Lie thegither in Borthwick Wa's." The 1799 Statistical Account of Scotland states that the Potts and Grieves are principal families buried there. A 1688 Grieve memorial was the oldest burial. I noted in this place of old moss-covered markers surrounded by a thick stone wall.

The main attraction for me here was the tomb of my forebears. A heavy tabletop stone had names and dates of ten persons engraved thereon embracing four generations! Remnants of pink marble slabs displaying carved angels were at the sides and ends of the grave. "Here lyes Adam Pott of Hoscoat (1691-1770) . . . his spouse Betty Elliot (plus four offspring) . . . plus Adam's Grandson, John Grieve of Craik (d 1795, age 40) spouse Isabella (d 1835, age 78) and sibling: Dolly and John Grieve who died young.

A narrow winding road led to the Mansion House of Hoscoat, variably called Hoscoat, and Hosket. Replacing an older structure on the same site, it took five years to build, was completed in 1859 and has seventeen rooms. A prayer "Let i



Left, family of George and Mary (Jenkins) Grieve of Napanee. Left to right: Blanche (Robinson) in framed photo, Marcia (Wensley), George Grieve, Pearl (Brooks), William B., Mary Grieve, Minto (Huff), Franklin, Kenneth. Bottom left, William Bell Grieve, 1818-1885, born at Craik, Scotland, died in Napanee, Ont. He was proprietor of Grieve's Tavern, 1846-79, and Grieve's Hotel, Napanee, 1875-1885. Bottom centre, Elizabeth Fairbairn, 1817-1879, wife of William Bell Grieve. Born in Scotland, died at Grieve's Corners, she was the eldest daughter of Robert Fairbairn, an early Richmond Twp. settler. Below right, sisters Ina and Minto Grieve, from an old tintype, c1870. Top right, William B. Grieve, Jr., 1863, at the age of eight.





"ase Thee to bless the house of Thy Servant" (II Sam. 7: 29) greets those who enter the front door. It is still occupied by descendants of Adam Stavert. My George Grieve was born in the old house in 1779 but was moved to Craik when a boy when his father John Grieve left Hoscode.

#### Journey to Craik

A trip I shall never forget was the five miles from Hoscode to Craik. It was a 10-year-old dream coming true! I was on my way to Grandmother Bradshaw's ancestral home, travelling through the breathtaking rural beauty of border Scotland. The driver stopped his car to let some sheep wander across the car-width road. He said that according to law they had the right-of-way way and their attitude left the impression they knew their rights. Back to the headwaters of the Borthwick we travelled, through rolling emerald green hills covered with grazing white sheep and drystone fencing in every direction.

At the end of the road was the stately Craik farmhouse — more than 300 years old, and surrounded by ancient farm buildings. My oldest map of the district (Leviota, 1654) shows the name as Craick. I was fascinated with the stone buildings with walls two feet thick. The wide drystone (stone) fences and cobblestone pathways took my memory back to other days when three generations of my family lived at this place. The big thick oaken door could still be opened by the heavy wrought-iron key about eight inches long. I wondered (with little hope) if I could bring the key back as a souvenir of my visit. I had to settle for a heavy horseshoe which still hangs in my Den at Bloomfield. The antique key to Craik made me think of the Grieve coat of-arms — "three fetterlocks, one lock sure".

Present occupants of this place are Graham and Carol White and their daughter Caroline. They graciously showed me through the old house with its nine-foot ceilings and large rooms. The pantry was originally the Laird's Office, and some furnishings date back to the time of the Grieves two hundred years ago. Most of the 3,300 acres of Craik, Meadshaw, and Outerside is now a conifer plantation under the control of the Forestry Commission of Scotland. When the Grieve brothers, Walter and George, failed in 1817, their sister Jane and her husband William Moffat took possession of the farms. A descendant, Wm. Moffat of Strick Bridgend, held the place until 1946. Thus Craik was in control of my relatives for more than 225 years. The grand piano from the old house is still in operation at Hoscode.

**Documentation of the lineage of George Grieve, 1779-1841, Montreal, Canada; son of John Grieve of Craik, Selkirkshire; grandson of Walter Grieve of Airdwood, Dumfriesshire; all born in Scotland. (O.P.R. refers to Old Parochial Registers in Edinburgh).**

**27 June 1744** — 18 shillings given in by Walter Grieve in the Parish of Eskdalemuir before proclamation in order to Marriage with Jean Pott in ye Parish. (O.P.R. Session Records, Robertson Par.).

**17 August 1744** — Married, Thomas Stavert with Betty Pott, and Walter Grieve with Jean Pott. (Proclamations and Marriages, Robertson Parish, County of Selkirk; O.P.R.). A double wedding.

**7 April 1754** — to Walter Grieve, Crooks, a son named John, in Westerkirk Parish, Baptism. (Births & Baptisms — O.P.R. 854/1). Note: Crooks in Westerkirk

and Airdwood in Eskdalemuir in same area.

**9 July 1783** — (extracts) Sasine in favour of Eliza and Jean Pott. "George Pott, deceased, sister Elizabeth Pott spouse to Thomas Stavert Tenant in Coleforthill and Jean Pott spouse to Walter Grieve, Tenant in Earswood (sic) and the only other children of Adam Pott". (No. R.S. 57/26, Scottish Record Office, fol. 26b). Note: A Sasine in Scotland is an instrument of legal possession.

**George Tancred** in "Annals of a Border Club" (1899) page 466: "Thomas Stavert married in 1744, Elizabeth daughter of Adam Pott of Hoscode (sic). She died 1783, and he a year later, at the age of 85 . . . the Hoscode property . . . on his death (Adam Pott) it passed to his son George, by whom part of it was bequeathed to John Grieve, and part to George Stavert, the nephews of the testator. George Stavert sold his portion to his brother Adam, who either purchased John Grieve's moiety or succeeded to it on his death, as under his uncle's will he was entitled to do". Grieve sold to Adam Stavert in 1781 and moved to Craik estate.

**10 January 1791** — The Testament Dative and Inventory of Goods and Gear which pertained to umquhile Walter Grieve in Airdwood in the Parish of Westerkirk at the time of his decease, viz. the fifteenth day of August last (1790) & faithfully made out and given up by John Grieve in Craik lawfull son of the said Defunct and Executor dative qua nearest in kin descended to him conform to Decreet dative of the commissary of Dumfries dated the Eighteenth day of November last. (No. C.C. S6/17, Commissariat of Dumfries).

**29 July 1778** — 10 shillings/6 pence given in by Mr. John Grieve of Hoscode in this Parish, before proclamation in order to Marriage with ~~Miss Bell-Turnbull~~, second daughter of Mr. Turnbull, Firth. (Proclamations and Marriages, Robertson Parish, Selkirkshire, Selkirk).

**17 May 1779** — Baptised George, son to Mr. John Grieve of Hoscoat. (O.P.R. extract; Births & Baptisms, Robertson Parish, Selkirkshire).

**26 January 1795** — "John Grieve my father died here yesterday morning". (Letter of George Grieve to Duke of Buccleuch).

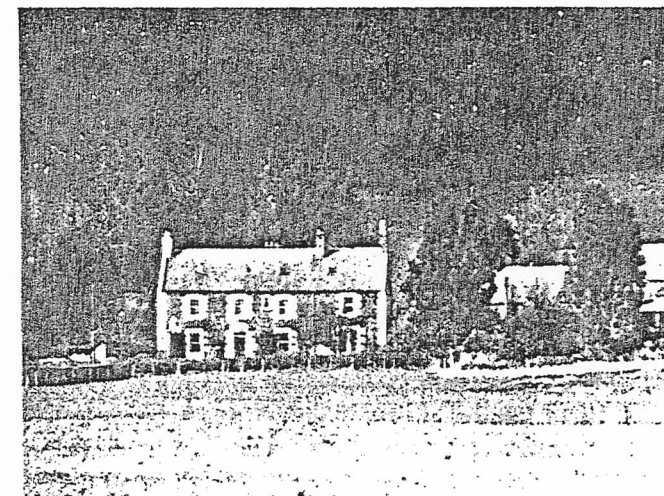
**26 January 1795** — "Also John Grieve Tenant in Craik died aged 40 years; also Isabella-Turnbull spouse to John Grieve died at Meadshaw 1st May 1835 aged 78 years". (Tombstone of Adam Pott and his son George Pott in Borthwick Waters Cemetery, Robertson Parish).

**12 February 1795** — "NOTICE TO CREDITORS — Such persons as have any Claims upon the deceased MR. JOHN GRIEVE, Tenant in Craik, will please lodge them in the hands of Andrew Henerson, town — clerk of Selkirk immediately, so as same may be discharged." Not to be Repeated. (Edinburgh *Evening Courant*, p. 4, col. 2). Paid — 5s/6d.

**20 May 1820** — Baptised at Creich Parish, Sutherland County, John Grieve, son of George Grieve and Minto Bell. (Old Par. Reg.).

**21 August 1832** — re Meeting of friends of David Ballantyne, Esq., deceased, at Shaws "next-of-kin of Mrs. Ballantyne (née Isabella Grieve of Craik) George Grieve in Canada, Walter Grieve of Langwell, Jane, wife of Wm. Moffatt in Garwald". (extract; Barton Notebooks in Wilton Lodge Museum, Hawick).

**5 May 1835** — "the Widow of John Grieve formerly Laird of Hoskit died the other day . . . married to Grieve in Aug. 1779 (error — 1778) . . . I was brides groomsmen on the occasion and they lived at Hoskit . . . Grieve was foolish and expensive and got pinched and foolishly smuggled the sale of the land . . . Had i



Left, Tombstone in Borthwick Waters graveyard in Roberton Parish, near Hawick. It reads: "Hear lyes Adam Pott of/Hoscoat who died march 18/1770 age 79/as all so Betty Eliott his/spouse who died July 18/1752 aged 65/as all so Jennet Pott there/ Daughter who died July/13 1757 aged 26/Also William Pott their son died/4th May 1775/aged 46 years/Also Mrs. Elliot their daughter/died 25 July 1774 aged 57 years/Also GEORGE POTT of/Hoscat their eldest son died 8th/Feby 1770 aged 57 years/Also JOHN GRIEVE Tenant in/CRAIK died 26 Jan 1795 aged 46 years/John Grieve his son died in infancy/And Dolly Grieve his daughter died/April 1806 aged 23 years/Also Isabella Turnbull spouse to/the above John Grieve who died/at Meadshaw the 1st of May 1835/Aged 78 years." A local ditty of other days relates: "The Grieves, the Potts, and the Craws lie together in Bothwick Wa's." Some of the ancient inscriptions record Grieves who died in 1688.

Top left, the 16-room Mansion House of Hoscoat. Home of the Staverts.

Bottom right, this 300-year-old house at Craik has stone walls more than two feet thick.



made public his intention to sell he would have got considerably more for it. Then became Tenant of Craik the said farm and stock being left to him by his son George Pott who died a bachelor". (Extracted from an old Diary in Wilton House Museum, Hawick).

May 1841 — George Grieve, aged 63 years died in Montreal and buried on 3th May by Rev. Alex. Mathieson. (Register of the Protonotarie's Office, Superior Court, Montreal, Quebec, Canada).

#### Scottish "Borders" Research Sources

Wilton Lodge Museum & Art Gallery, Hawick, Roxburghshire, Scotland. Collection of books, maps, manuscripts, Local History & Genealogy.

Border Regional Council, 12 High Street, Hawick TD9 9EH. Registrar Births, Deaths, Marriages. After 1855 all Registration compulsory.

Hawick Area Library, North Bridge Street, Hawick; and Public Library, Lawyer's Close, Galashiels, TD1 3JQ. Genealogy Reference holdings.

Whithaugh Family History Center, Newcastleton, Roxburghshire. A Liddesdale area resource and research facility with accommodations.

*Transactions* periodical published by Hawick Archaeological Society, Established 1856. The Secretary, 6 Park Terrace, Hawick.

The Dumfries & Galloway Antiquarian Society, Museum & Observatory, Dumfries (town) Dumfriesshire, Scotland DG2 7SW. Reference Library.

McLaughlin Library, University of Guelph, Ontario, N1G 2W1. Has an impressive collection of Scottish genealogical books.

*Annals of a Border Club* by George Tancred of Weems (1899, revised 1903) 20 pp. Authentic data on estates and residents in Jedforest.

*Rulewater and its People* (1907) by George Tancred, 436 pages. Valuable references to old families in Rule Waters Valley, Roxburgh.

*Key to Parochial Registers of Scotland* by V. Ben Bloxham, Brigham Young University Press, Provo, Utah 84601, USA (1970) 464 pages.

*Introducing Scottish Genealogical Research* by Donald Whyte, F.H.G., Featherhill Press, Edinburgh (1980) 28 pp. reference book.

The Scots Ancestry Research Society, 20 York Place, Edinburgh, EH1 3EP. They have investigated over 36,000 family history queries.

The Scottish Genealogical Society, Secretary, 17 Lockharton Gardens, Edinburgh EH14 1AU. Publication, *The Genealogist*. Good query columns.

The Court of the Lord Lyon, H.M. Register House, Edinburgh, EH1 3YT. Leaflet 4 pp. sheet *Genealogy, Heraldry, & Tartans*.

The National Library of Scotland, George IV Bridge, Edinburgh, EH1 1EW. Leaflet describes holdings, regulations, & hours.

The Scottish Record Office, New Register House, and West Register House, Central Public Library, are all in Edinburgh.

#### And in Conclusion

Discovering my antecedents in Scotland has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. After thirty years of disappointment in my Grieve family search I feel that the Grieve Family Motto "Because You Have Kept Faith" inspired me on to success beyond my wildest dreams. Finding the ancestral home, ancient burial places, family heirlooms, were highlights of my career as a genealogist.

But no family history ever reaches perfection. I have other gaps to fill in my "Family Tree".

Where and when did George Grieve marry Minto Bell of Menslaws? When and where was George's grandfather, Walter Grieve of Airswood, born and baptised? He died in 1790. The Bible must have had reference to dedicated genealogists when it says in I Timothy, 1:4, "endless genealogies". How true. But we must never be guilty of ingratitude. Among those who assisted me greatly in my quest is Richard Scott of Hawick, and David C. Cargill, Stella Campbell, and Shiela Pitcairn, all of Edinburgh. Back in Scotland Peter S. Elliot and Michael Robson continue to dig up data for me. We are fellow-members of the Hawick Archaeological Society.

Future searches will revolve around the McLaughlin Library, with its holdings in the University of Guelph, and the Ottawa Genealogical Center. In the latter place the new revised International Genealogical Index will provide clues. Of great value to me will be the system of borrowing microfilm of Old Parochial Registers of Scotland via the Latter Day Saints of Salt Lake City. I owe much to their friendly and helpful staff at Ottawa. Finally a vote of thanks to Helen Huff and Agnes Robinson (second cousins on the Grieve side) for financial support.

#### Edinburgh Registries

Scottish Record Office, Edinburgh EH1 3YT, Old Register House on Princes Street. Holdings include Sasines, Service of Heirs, Commissary Records, and other papers, records, documents, and books of great genealogical value. Write for leaflet which outlines Fees for searches and extracts on Particular and General searches.

New Register House, Edinburgh EH1 3YT, Register-General of Scotland. Statutory registers of births, marriages, and deaths, post-1855. Census records from 1841 to 1891. Old Parochial Registers from 1600s to 1855. Ancestry Leaflet No. 1279 re fees, searches, extracts, copies, etc. The Lord Lyon of Arms is in this building.

West Register House, P.O. Box 36, H.M. Register House, Edinburgh EH1 3YY, Charlotte Square. Many Legal documents and mss are held here. Write for copies of SRO Leaflet No. 9 "Sources for Family History" 2 pages; and SRO Leaflet, 4pp., No. 10 "Search Room Information".

#### Other Sources

The Edinburgh Room, Central Public Library, George V. Bridge, Edinburgh EH1 1EG. Write Librarian for leaflet "Resources-Services".

Glasgow & West of Scotland Family History Society. Secretary, No. 5, Laburnum Grove, Kirkintilloch, Glasgow, Scotland G66 4DF.

Aberdeen & North-East Scotland Family History Society, Secretary, Brenda Cowper, 31 Broomfield Place, Aberdeen AB1 5AG, Scotland.

Tay Valley Family History Society, Secretary, John Anderson, 5 Balmossie Place, Monifieth, Dundee DD1 4QP, Scotland.

British National Archives, 80-page current list, Section List 24. Seven and a half pages of Scottish references useful for research.