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List of Letters & Documents Sent

Gardiner Family

1. A deed dated 1721, on parchment and written in Latin, conferring on George Gairden in Blair Shinnock the honour of Burgess & Freeman of Banff.
2. Memorandum dated 1761 for a Liferent Tack to James Gairden in Culbeuchlie of the Tree root and Drum part of the Town & Lands of Culbeuchlie presently possessed by him.
3. Marriage Contract dated 1754 between James Gairden, eldest son of George Gairden late of Denhead, and now in Backlaw, and Elspeth Wilson, daughter of John Wilson of ?Kowiemuir.
4. Will of George Gairden in Denhead dated 1758. Mentions his wife, Elizabeth Morison, his eldest son James Gairden and his wife Elspeth Wilson and their children. His second son, George Gairden, late Merchant and late Baillie of Banff, and Anne Smith (?his wife) the mother of his children, and appoints his second son George Gairden and George Robertson, Schoolmaster of Banff, Tutors and Curators to the children of George Gairden and Anne Smith.
5. Extract from the Will of George Gairden Esq. (Undated and unsigned, and apparently not from the Will of George Gairden above.
6. Agreement dated 1762 between James Gairden in Culbeuchlie & Peter Gray in Warilyn that rent for Tree root and Drum a part of the possession of Culbeuchlie shall pay of yearly rent ... etc. James Milne in Mill of Boyndie is shown as one of the witnesses.
7. A deed dated 1782 admitting James Gairden, Merchant Apprentice to Baillie Aven, Burgess Freeman and Gild Brother of Banff.
8. Receipt dated 1783 from James Gairden Jnr to James Gairdiner in Culbeuchly, for £30 Stirling.
9. Receipt dated 1786 from George Gairdner lawful son of James Gairdner in Culbeuchlie for £27 Sterling, as part of his portion left him by his Deceased Grandfather in his Testament.
10. Letter dated 1791 From Alexander Aven to Mr John Wilson, Factor in Cullenhouse, asking for financial payment to Elspeth Wilson, relect of James Gardener, under George Gardener" Laterwill, Lord ?Dashford" Bond to her husband, and James Gardener" Disposition in favour of his son John. (Also AA's copy of above).
11. Letter dated 1796 from James Gardiner, Planter, in Swanswick Trelawney Jamaica to Mrs Alexander Aven, Banff.

12. Letter dated 1804 from James Gardiner, Planter, in Trelawney, Jamaica, to Mr Alexander Aven.
13. Nine Shipping Notes, Promissory notes, receipts etc, 1760-1804.

Gregor Family

1. Gregor family tree as far as I know it. James Gregor of Ferguisine and his wife Janet Leslie had 7 sons and two daughters.
2. Photostat copies of information of the Rev John Gregor in Australia sent me by Mrs Hart, Librarian of the Ferguson Memorial Library, Presbyterian Church of Australia, c/o Box 100 GPO Sydney 2000, NSW, Australia.
 1. Copy of the Will of the Rev John Gregor from the Probate Office, Macquarie, King and Philip Streets, Sydney, Australia. Series I, No.1972. Which gives the names of his father and mother, and also of all his brothers and sisters.
 2. Copy of the account of the Rev John Gregor (1808-1848) from the Australian Dictionary of Biography, vol.1, 1788-1850.
 3. Information from the "Challenge of the Years" by Rev C A White, Ch.2, p.8.
 4. Copy from John Dunmore Lang (Rev Dr) Gilchris, vol.1, p.309. "Candid advice" – (Letter from Rev John Gregor, Maitland, 5th November 1838.
 5. Extract from "History of Queensland" from Coote, vol.1, Ch.13, p.244.
 6. Extract from John Dunmore Lang "Chiefly Autobiographical" from 1799 to 1878. Compiled and edited by Archibald Gilchrist, (Melbourne 1951), 2 vols. Vol.1, pp.309-10.
 7. Extract from "Genesis of Queensland" from Russell; Henry Stuart, p.389 (1846 or 1847?) re Andrew Gregor, his murder by natives on his Pine River Station. Mentions the Rev John and also Patrick Leslie. (Remarks on both are scurrilous, PAG).
 8. Extract from Gov Gazette 1849, vol.1, p.234. Re Will of Rev John Gregor, deceased.
 9. Extract from 'Telegraph' of September 1937. (Queensland Biographical Cutting Book, p.72. Historical Research). Rev John's arrival in Brisbane in the 'Shamrock'.
 10. Extract from 'Church Standard', 31.3.1944, p.10. First recorded Divine Service held in Brisbane etc.

11. Extract from 'Historical Records of Australia (Series 1) vol.20, p.319. "Rev John Gregor arrived in the Colony (NSW) as a missionary to the aborigines at Moreton Bay and had come out under the patronage of Lord Glenelg.
12. Extract from 'Historical Records of Australia (Series 1) vol.20, p.331. Rev J D Lang to Under Secretary Stephen 18/6/1839. Re: Rev John Gregor having refused to join the Synod. He went to Williams River at his own request, with letters of introduction from Lang, and then took himself to Maitland, which already had an incumbent chosen by the Synod, and set himself up there. All causing much dissension as he also opened up a Public Boarding School. (But see also the Minister of Scots Church, Maitland 1978 with its extract from "Centenary History of the Presbyterian Church in New South Wales" by the Rev James Cameron A, DD (Sydney, Angus and Robertson 1905) about this.
13. Extract from "Recollections of a Rambling Life" Ch.xl, Archer, Thomas. Description of the Rev John in Brisbane, "a pervert from the Scottish Church to the Church of England, who was afterwards drowned while bathing in Kedron Brook at the German Mission. A fate that might be expected to overtake a man who, in a political argument, when I ventured to advance the axion "Vox populi, Vox Dei", answered "No Sir! Vox populi, Vox Diaboli"".
14. Photostat copy of article in "Moreton Bay Courier", 24.10.1846, p.2, on death by murder of Andrew Gregor at Pine River.
15. Photostat copy of article in "Moreton Bay Courier", 21.1.1848 Col.5 of death by drowning of Rev John Gregor.
16. Photostat copy of a Sermon preached by the Rev John Gregor, Minister of the Scots Church, Maitland, Australia, on a Fast day appointed by his Excellency Sir George Gipps, Governor of New South Wales, on account of the long-continued drought. (The original printed sermon – at the request of the congregation – was with the other Gregor family papers etc, having probably been sent by the Rev John to his father and mother in Scotland. I sent it to the Ferguson Memorial Library in Australia where I felt it belonged, and in return they sent me this photostat copy. It is such a Sermon as might have been delivered by the Prophets of old, and probably contributed somewhat to the Presbyterian Church's, and Dr Lang's distaste for the Rev John, (PAG).
17. Letter, unsigned, undated, but probably April 1978, from the Rev H Boer, the Scots Church, Maitland, NSW, to Miss Bolton, Hunters Hill, NSW, with information about the Rev John Gregor extracted from "Centenary History of the Presbyterian Church in New South Wales" by the Rev James Cameron MA, DD, (Sydney, Angus and Robertson 1905).

Alexander Gregor (A brother of the Rev John Gregor).

1. A Memorial note and Elegiac sonnet, handwritten and unsigned. Found in the old sheepskin pouch which contained all the Gardener documents. He was drowned off Old Aberdeen, aged 18.

The Rev Walter Gregor LL.D (A brother of the Rev John Gregor).

- 3 printed sermons: Before the Banff & Macduff Volunteers, 1861.
"My Ain Fireside", 1862.
"The Race for Money", 1878.

(An Obituary was in Vol.VIII No.2 of The Folk-Lore" Journal of June 1897, but only the outer cover remains, the contents have disappeared from this copy. Miss Philip in the Church of Scotland Offices, Edinburgh, has sent me a photostat copy of the entry in the "Faesti" of the Church of Scotland concerning the Rev Walter, which gives also a list of his works. This I have not enclosed).

Mrs Gregor, Widow of the Rev Walter Gregor.

A newspaper cutting, un-named, undated, relating to her death.

(She was born Margaret Aven Gardiner, daughter of Mr A W Gardiner of Greenskares, Banff, and his wife Margaret Milne, daughter of John Milne of Mill of Boyndie. Her sister was Miss Jane Milne Gardiner the report of whose death, and that of her niece, Miss Leslie Gregor, is in the newspaper cutting attached to thos of the Milnes of Mill of Boyndie).

Children of the Rev Walter & Mrs Gregor: One daughter, one son.

Leslie, died unmarried. (See report on the death of her Aunt, Miss Jane Milne Gardiner with Milne's of Mill of Boyndie).

Alexander Newspaper cuttings relating to his work as a doctor and Medical officer of Health in Falmouth, Cornwall are attached. (On one sheet). He joined the RAMC during the First World War and served in Falmouth. Probably continuing his doctoring there but also doing much work and study for the War Office, especially going into the cause and prevention of contagious diseases amongst the troops encamped there. Overwork led to his health breaking down, and his early death soon after the war.

He married

Jacobina Jamieson Lennox Beaumont, daughter of Jessie Lennox and John Beaumont, Rector of Forfar Academy. Jessie Lennox was the daughter of William Lennox of Ochiltree (1795-1872), son of Andrew Lennox of Knockgulderson (1759-1799). William Lennox was Cowherd, Blacksmith, Soldier. He fought at Waterloo and wrote a poem about the fight; he wrote a lot of poetry. Became a schoolmaster, one of the founders of the Forget-me-not Society, 1857, and supt of the Kyle Union Poorhouse. See Ochiltree, its History and Reminiscences (p.258) by Alexander

Murdoch who writes ... he (Lennox) wrote the most interesting account of the Battle of Waterloo it has ever been my fortune to read..."

I have a photostat copy of William Lennix's poem on Waterloo, handwritten, but whether actually hand-written by William, or copied by someone else I do not know. This is not included with the documents I send. I would send it if wished.

John Beaumont Gregor, (1894-1979). Only child of Alexander Gregor and his wife Jacobina Beaumont. Became a doctor. Joined the Navy in the First World War when a medical student. Then the RAF as a doctor. Retired as Group Capt. Married 1st Evelyn James. 2nd Phyllis Grose. No children of either marriage.

Milnes of Mill of Boyndie

1. Un-named, (but all probably from the Banffshire Journal), and undated newspaper cuttings concerning the Milne family of Mill of Boyndie, and giving a short history of them, ie Isobel Milne, her cousin and husband James Milne, one of their sons, also James Milne, and a descendant Mr Duncan Grinnell-Milne MC.
2. Ditto, newspaper cutting report on the death of Miss Jane Milne Gardiner, daughter of the late Mr Alexander Gardiner of Greenskares in Banff, who had been a Planter in the West Indies when young, and who on his return to Scotland married a daughter of Mr Milne, Mill of Boyndie.

(See also newspaper cutting, report on the death of Mrs Walter Gregor, widow of the Rev Walter Gregor LL.D, nee Margaret Aven Gardiner, daughter of Mr A W Gardiner of Greenskares, Banff, and of his wife Margaret Milne daughter of Mr John Milne of Mill of Boyndie. In Gregor file).

Documents Sent whose relevance to the Family if any/ I do not know.

1. 1661 on parchment, in Latin, Seal missing. Appointment by King Charles II of James Count of Buchan as Vicecomitatu in the County of Banff.
2. 1776 on parchment with seal attached, University Degree given to Alexander Henderson, son of Robert Henderson ... Feodato in Keith in comitatu de Banff.

Documents not sent.

University Degree, with seal, of the Rev John Gregor, MDCCXXXVII.

Appointment, on parchment, of the Rev Walter Gregor LL.D, to the Church and Parish of Pitsligo (with seal, measuring in its canister 4¼ inches across) by Queen Victoria. "Given at Our Court of St James's and under Our Privy Seal of Scotland at Edinburgh 12th June 1863).