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Gaelic verse, mostly of Badenoch bards, later 18th cent., and written down ca. 1799, from the collection of the Rev Dr Neil Ross, Laggan.

Many items in this collection were described and published by the Rev Thomas Sinton, Dores, in 'Gaelic Poetry from the Cluny Charter Chest', Transactions of the Gaelic Society of Inverness, vol.xxiii (1898-99), pp.247-81. In the list below they are identified by references to 'TGSI'.

1. Hymns/religious verses of Mary Clerk née Macpherson, Bean Thorra Dhamh (c1740-c1815).
 - (i) Verses on Isaiah Ch.12, v.2, cf.TSGI, xxiii, 252.
 - (ii) Hymn beginning, Ceol cha nail leúm, pibe na clarsach, TGSI, xxiii, 255.
 - (iii) 'S mile mharbhaisg orst a shoail, TGSI, xxiii, 258.

2. A small gathering containing Ossianic and vernacular verse:
 - (i) Comhraig Fheinn agus Mhanuis... le Ossian Mac Fheinn.
 - (ii) Oran leis an t-Sheartshain Mac Cuimhne da Leannan, TGSI, xxiii, 266.
 - (iii) Oran a rinn fleasgach og da leannan, by John MacDonald, Crathie, Laggan, TGSI, xxiii, 267.
 - (iv) Oran an Airgaid, by Lachlan MacPherson, tacksman of Strathmashie (c1723-c1795), TGSI, xxiii, 263.
 - (v) Oran le Fear Straith Mhaise do Mhinistear agus Sagairt..., TGSI, xxiii, 262.
 - (vi) Marbhrann do Mhac mhic Aillen..., TGSI, xxiii, 276.
 - (vii) Marbhrann do Lauchlain Strath mhaasich, TGSI, xxiii, 265.

3. A similar gathering in the same hand and containing the following verses.
 - (i) Oran do dh' Alasdair Mac a phersain ann am Faicham 1791 le Nieuil Mac Uilric, TGSI, xxiii, 273.
 - (ii) Oran a rinneadh do dh'Alasdair Achadh Uine a Bhrathair le Nieuil Mac Ualric 1792, TGSI, xxiii, 272.

4. Oran do Mhac Dhomhmul nan Eilean, verses attributed to John MacDonald, Iain Lom (c1625-c1707) and beginning, A bhean nach leasaich thu'n stop dhuin, TGSI, xxiii, 278.

5. Oran do Chaptain Balacheoain, an elegy by Malcolm Macintyre, Calum Dubh nam Protaiagan (fl. 1800), on the Gaick tragedy, TGSI, xxiii, 248.

6. Oran chath dhineadh do Bahn uasal arid, TGSI, xxiii, 269.
7. Verses beginning, Lag Laoidg air na fhinibh; no attribution and not apparently published in TGSI.
8. Verses written on the back of a letter, 26 June 1799, of Ann Kennedy to Paul Kennedy, Castle Gavel, Perth.
9. Miscellaneous Gaelic material, including printed copies of poems by MacPherson of Strathmashie, John MacDonald, Laggan and Sheumas Dubh, (the latter a Gaelic version of 'Auld Lang Syne') possibly printed for the Gaelic Society of Perth, ?late 19th cent.
10. A letter of Alexander MacRae, Tongue, 1932, to Miss Mackay, concerning the poetry of Bean Thorra Dhamh.
11. Manuscript of a long narrative poem, 20th cent. entitled 'Bhi 'gan cuimhneachadh 's 'gan iunndrain.