

A Guide to the History and Culture of

West Perthshire

through the Archive

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Foreword

I am delighted to write this foreword to the Friends' latest publication, a survey and guide to sources of information on every aspect of life in West Perthshire as encapsulated in the collections of the Archive.

In it you will find a comprehensive overview of the huge range of collections relevant to this topic including history, genealogy, industry, settlements, estates and anything else you may be interested in. Some of the material is "official", like local authority documents, police and Justice of the Peace records. However, there is also guidance on exploring community based collections put together by local people who were determined their "story" would live on and be accessible to anyone who was interested.

There are also many illustrations of documents of different types with informative notes beside each one. These are, of course, merely a glimpse of the rich and varied sources which exist and can be explored with the help of the staff of the Archive.

A feature which we hope will be seen as innovative, and was the idea of the authors, is a specimen analysis of a document which is designed to show you what you can learn from it whether you are a family, house or local historian, or just interested in maximising the information that a document can provide.

This is the fourth of a series of area-based guides designed to make finding out about the past of the different parts of Perth and Kinross easier. I have no doubt that this publication will become indispensable to anyone seeking to explore the history of West Perthshire and wish to record my thanks to its authors, Margaret Smith and Jackie Hay, for the immense amount of work they have done to prepare it for publication.

Prue Dowie

Chairman

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Golf outing, from the Stewarts of Blackford scrapbook, c1925 | Ref: MS334/12

History of Perth & Kinross Archive

Perth & Kinross Archive dates its foundation back to the aftermath of local government reorganisation in 1975. The old counties and burghs were replaced by a two tier system comprising district and regional councils. This meant that records had to be divided among the new authorities, including those that the defunct councils had inherited from their predecessors. Regions dealt with the big ticket departments (roads, education, social work, etc) and districts were given a wide range of responsibilities (environmental health, housing, libraries and museums, etc).

The Scottish Record Office had surveyed local authority records in 1970, suggesting what should be kept. The new Perth & Kinross District Council started moving these to the Sandeman Library from the various town council offices around Perth & Kinross. The regional archivist in Dundee started gathering in most of the old Perth & Kinross County Council records. It was fairly soon realised that the main interest in the earlier county records would be from the residents of Perth & Kinross, so an agreement was made to relocate school board, parish council, turnpike trust and a myriad of other series to the Sandeman Library in Perth.

Library staff, along with some temporary helpers had been managing all this, but in 1978, on the advice of the Scottish Record Office, it was decided to appoint a full-time, permanent archivist. Through the 1980s and 1990s the Perth & Kinross District Archive grew by accepting further official records and increasingly gifts and deposits of private records from local businesses, associations, trade incorporations, trade unions, families,

estates and individuals. The Manpower Services Commission was a source of temporary project help with cataloguing and organising this influx of material. By the early 1990s the present complement of three staff: archivist, assistant archivist and archives assistant was in place. The new AK Bell Library opened in 1994 and within it was a purpose built archive — a great improvement on the adapted premises occupied in the basement of the Sandeman Library. Shortly thereafter, local government was again reorganised, creating unitary authorities. This led to a further influx of records from Tayside Regional Council. The service changed its name to Perth & Kinross Council Archive in 1996 and in 2017 became Perth & Kinross Archive. Since April 2016, it has been managed by a charitable trust called Culture Perth & Kinross.

The Friends of Perth & Kinross Archive was inaugurated in 2001 and has been a great support to the staff. Thousands of volunteer hours have been forthcoming and projects like the one producing this booklet have been very welcome. I add my thanks to Jackie Hay and Margaret Smith for their splendid efforts in preparing this publication.

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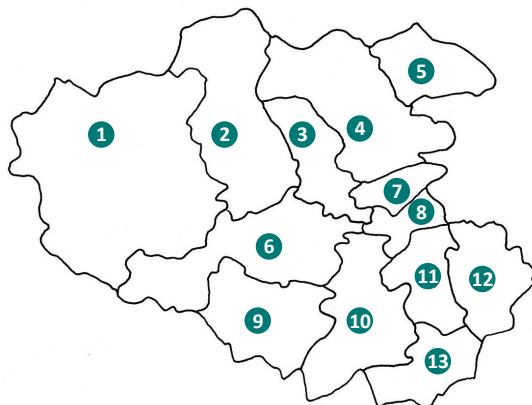
Introduction

This guide is intended as an introduction to the wide variety of records held by Perth & Kinross Archive relating to the westernmost part of Perth & Kinross Council as it stands today. The map on the right shows which parishes are covered, based on the 1974/1975 Valuation Rolls.

Historically, most of this area lay within Perthshire Central District Council and a small portion (Ardoch parish) within Perthshire Western District Council. In 1975, local authority re-organisation led to changes in Scotland's historic county boundaries and most of Perthshire Western District Council was transferred into the new Stirling District Council. Archives relating to the former Perthshire Western District Council parishes that are now part of Stirling Council are held by Stirling Council Archive Service and are therefore not covered by this guide.

Changes in administrative boundaries can present challenges for all researchers. If you are uncertain whether this guide covers your area of interest, please ask a member of Archive staff for guidance. Contact details will be found on the cover. Further details about the geography of the former Perthshire Central and Western District Councils is given on page 10.

The records cared for by Perth & Kinross Archive are divided into two sections. The **official records** are those of the justices of the peace, constabulary and local authority (town, burgh, district and county councils, as well as commissioners). There are also the **community collections**, which are arranged into themes: people, family & community; unions, guilds & associations; estates & lands; religion & philanthropy; politics & state; education,



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| 1. Comrie | 7. Madderty |
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| 3. Crieff | 9. Ardoch |
| 4. Fowlis Wester | 10. Blackford |
| 5. Logiealmond | 11. Auchterarder |
| 6. Muthill | 12. Dunning |
| | 13. Glendevon |

West Perthshire parishes based on the 1974-1975 Valuation Rolls

leisure & recreation and business & industry.

This booklet can only offer a flavour of the records available in the Archive. We frequently receive new additions to our collections, so if you don't see what you are looking for here, please ask us, or see our website at www.culturepk.org.uk/archive-local-family-history where you will find a link to our online catalogue. Please note that for legal or confidentiality reasons or because of the fragility of individual items, it may be that some records are not available to view. We will be happy to advise.

How You Can Use the Records

Records held by Perth & Kinross Archive contain a wealth of information for those researching their family, house or the local history and culture of West Perthshire, whether it be in the local authority collections, or in the wide-ranging community collections.

Genealogical information can be found in records containing lists of individuals: the most comprehensive official records relate to tax assessment, and electoral records and school records all contain information about individuals.

County cess & valuation rolls were compiled to facilitate the collection of cess (land tax) prior to 1855, and often include the names of landowners.

Valuation rolls have been compiled annually since 1855, naming the property, the owner, the tenant or occupier and a rental value.

Electoral registers give the names and addresses of registered voters, and Perthshire Freeholders records list those eligible to vote for county representation prior to 1832.

The most useful **school records** for family historians are admission registers, which often detail name, date of birth, address and dates of admission and leaving.

Parochial records cover the administration of poor relief, by parish, and the records of the Upper Strathearn Combination Poorhouse have survived.

Legal records can often provide information about legal transactions,

licences to sell alcohol, marital or financial disputes or criminal activities.

Police records can range from descriptions of prisoners to employment details of policemen.

The **community collections** include business and personal papers which can contain details of named individuals, from farm tenants, domestic servants and other employees, to the members of clubs and guilds. Some family collections include journals and reminiscences, and domestic accounts which give us an insight into how people lived.

House historians aim to build a picture of a particular house or property through time, and they might begin with the **abridgements of sasines**, which are the official record of the transfer of ownership of heritable property, ie lands or buildings.

The **cess and valuation rolls**, as mentioned above, often name landowners, tenants or occupiers.

Dean of Guild records include planning application plans of new buildings, alterations and additions for properties within the burgh of Crieff. The Archive holds a large collection of plans and maps of various dates.

The **community collections** can sometimes give surprising glimpses into the history of a particular property, and might include plans, drawings, builders' estimates, invoices and photographs in estate and household records.

Local history comes to life in the Archive collections.

The **local authority records** include minutes, correspondence and plans relating to all aspects of life in West Perthshire, including housing, education, transport, health, sanitation and more. **Justices of the peace records** and **police records** can help with your research into vagrancy, militia recruitment, licensing of alehouses and theatres. The **community collections** can be used to show the impact of transport links, tourism and the leisure industry in West Perthshire, while collections relating to a particular parish, town or village can shed light on local businesses, events and people.



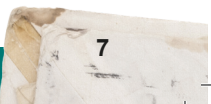
Extract from plan of alterations at Old Buchanty Inn, Glendalmond, 1960 | Ref: CC1/T&CP/60/753

Form No. 118. LAW REGISTER OF ADMISSION.

Year 1912

No. on Register.	Date of Admission or Re-admission.			Name of Child in Full.	Name of Parent or Guardian.	Address of Parent or Guardian.
	Day.	Month.	Year.			
728	16	12	12	Catherine Riley	Joseph Riley	Gilmerton
729	10	2	13	Jeannie Ross	Wm Ross	Milton, Cultoquhay
730	8	4	13	Ethel McGregor	Peter McGregor	Gilmerton
731	8	4	13	Sidney J. Fender	Thos. Fender	Cultoquhay
732	8	4	13	David Nairn	Henry Nairn	Milton, Cultoquhay
733	8	4	13	Jan McNaughton	Donald McNaughton	Connachan
734	20	10	13	John Duncan McGregor	Mrs. Kennedy	Gilmerton
735	25	8	13	Alex. Clark	David Clark	"
736	6	5	12	Charlotte Menzies	Mrs. Menzies	"
737	25	8	13	Margaret McGregor	Peter McGregor	Monzie

Extract from Monzie Public School admission register, 1865-1941 | Ref: CC1/5/8/53



Local Authority Records

CC1 Perth County Council and Perth & Kinross County Council, 1650-1975

Perth County Council was established in 1889, taking over powers from the Commissioners of Supply, County Road Trust, and other local authorities. Perth and Kinross Joint County Council was created in 1929. At this time, district committees, standing joint committees, commissioners of supply, parish councils, education authorities and other bodies were abolished, and all or most of their functions were transferred to Perth & Kinross Joint County Council, including education, poor law and public health, as well as roads and policing. Perth & Kinross Joint County Council was abolished in 1975 and its powers transferred to Tayside Regional Council and Perth & Kinross District Council.

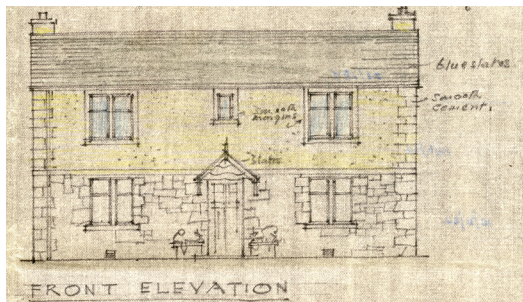
Ref no	Description	Dates
CC1 /1	Perthshire commissioners of supply minutes, constabulary committee/standing joint committee minutes, prison board records, public buildings committee, finance and valuations committees, local authority (diseases of animals) minutes, valuation rolls and cess books, commissioners of supply abstracts of accounts, assessed taxes appeals, cash books and adjusted lists of Perthshire commissioners of supply	1650-1930
/2	Perthshire highway authorities records including Perthshire highway commissioners and trustees, turnpike roads trustees minutes	1765-1910
/3	Records of Perth County Clerk and Perth & Kinross County Clerk's Department, including county council minutes, Perthshire standing joint committee minutes, Perth County Clerk and county council abstracts of accounts (incomplete), minutes of the committee of JP matters, letter books, official guides, tenders and national registration	1852-1975
/4	Treasurer's department, records for Perth County and Perth & Kinross County, including abstract of accounts, registers of decontrolled dwelling houses, and county fund papers	1890-1975
/5	Perth & Kinross County education records including education authority/education committee minutes, educational trust records, school log books and admission registers, school board/management committee/ local education sub-committee minutes	1841-1986
/6	County of Perth district committees records	1879-1932
/7	County of Perth civil parishes records: parochial boards and parish councils	1845-1930
/8	Perth & Kinross County assessor: valuation rolls for the counties of Perth & Kinross	1855-1986

Ref no	Description	Dates
CC1 /9	Medical officer of health journals and annual reports including papers of Perth County and Perth & Kinross County sanitary inspector and director of environmental health plus county school health service annual reports	1891-1973
/10	Perth & Kinross County departmental reports including county road surveyor, trading standards, weights & measures, County Constabulary Chief Constable reports	1931-1975
/11	Lunacy and hospital administrative records	1858-1949
/12	Perthshire Lieutenancy records	1801-1925
/13	Perthshire Freeholders minutes	1724-1831
/14	Licensing records including County of Perth Justices of the Peace quarter-session minute books	1770-1977
/15	Committees and boards records including Perthshire rents tribunal records, joint police committee records, joint road safety committee records, joint fire committee and joint civil defence committee records, district steering committee records	1879-1975
/16	Inventories and indexes to council records	1934,1970
/17	Perth County housing department lists and registers	1924-1975
/18	Perth & Kinross County planning department, including registers and indexes of applicants and locations	1944-1975
/19	Minutes and administrative records for the Upper Strathearn Combination Poorhouse	1861-1960
/20	Clerks of Works notes and sketchbooks relating to public buildings, rest centres and housing developments throughout Perthshire	1926-1950
/21	Cemetery records, including papers relating to Ardoch, Auchterarder, Blackford, Braco, Dunning, and Muthill	1842-1975
/P	Maps and plans relating to utilities, buildings, feus, districts and development	1703-1975

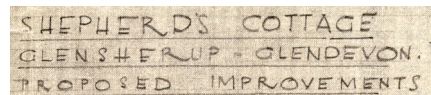
CDC – Central District Council, 1928-1975

Central District Council was formed in 1929 and this collection includes some earlier records for the area. CDC was responsible for the letting of houses, upkeep of cemeteries and, until 1948, the poor law, as well as certain functions such as scavenging or water supply, financed by additional rates. CDC covered the Perthshire parishes of Auchterarder, Blackford, Crieff, Comrie, Dunning, Fowlis Wester, Glendevon, Logiealmond, Madderty, Monzievairst and Strowan, Muckhart, Muthill and Trinity Gask. (Muckhart is now part of Clackmannanshire Council and the records are with Clackmannanshire Archive.) CDC was abolished in 1975 and replaced by Tayside Regional Council and Perth & Kinross District Council.

Ref no	Description	Dates
CDC /1	District Clerk's office, comprising minutes and abstracts of accounts	1930-1975
/2	Minutes and letter books of Special District Committees relating to Muthill, St Fillans, Comrie and Blackford	1928-1975



The plans show the cottage will have an upper floor with two new bedrooms and downstairs, next to the scullery and larder area, a bathroom will be added.



Extract from plan and elevations for improvements to Shepherd's Cottage, Glendevon, 1952
Ref: CC1/T&CP/52/187

WDC – Western District Council, 1930-1965

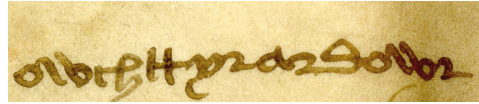
Western District Council was formed in 1929 and included the parishes of Aberfoyle, Ardoch, Balquhider, Callander, Dunblane, Kilmadock, Doune, Killin, Kincardine, Port of Menteith, part of Comrie and part of Kenmore. It was abolished in 1975 and replaced by Central Regional Council and Stirling District Council, with the exception of Ardoch and the parts of Comrie and Kenmore which became part of Perth & Kinross District Council and Tayside Regional Council. After local government reorganisation, the records of WDC were transferred to Stirling Council Archives, but copies of the minute books were retained in Perth & Kinross Archive.

Ref no	Description	Dates
WDC /1	Copy minute books of Special District Committees, including information relating to Ardoch and Braco	1930-1965

AA – Burgh of Auchterarder, 1808-1975

Auchterarder was an ancient royal burgh, perhaps created as such in the 13th century. On only one occasion, in 1584, did it send a commissioner to the Scottish parliament and it is doubtful whether it had any burghal status after this time.

Auchterarder was created a police burgh in 1894 and police commissioners were responsible for the cleansing, lighting, policing and public health of the burgh. The police commissioners were replaced by Auchterarder town council in 1901. Auchterarder matriculated its arms in 1950 at which date the Lord Lyon accepted that it had been a royal burgh prior to the Union. It was reinstated as a Royal Burgh on the Roll of the Convention of Royal Burghs in 1951. Auchterarder Town Council was abolished in 1975. Its powers were assumed by Tayside Regional Council and Perth & Kinross District Council until these in turn were replaced by Perth and Kinross Council in 1996.



Extract from charter by Simon Wylde, Burgess of Auchterarder, 1477 | Ref: MS98/1/1

Ref no	Description	Dates
AA /1	Town Clerk's department, including police commissioners' and town council minutes, financial records and correspondence, police court registers, also papers of Auchterarder library committee, Auchterarder Institute committee, Auchterarder Mutual Improvement Association, Auchterarder Literary Association	1808-1975
/2	Town Chamberlain's department, including abstracts of accounts, assessment rolls, account books and correspondence	1894-1975
/3	St Margaret's Hospital, including minute books and letter books	1926-1948
/4	Housing records, including registers and financial papers	1920-1974
/5	Burgh Surveyor's department, reports by sanitary inspector	1956-1974
/Bundles	Correspondence, legal and other papers relating to the administration of the burgh of Auchterarder	1833-1974
/Files	Various papers relating to burgh amenities, street lighting, Aytoun Hall, housing, and other documents relating to land and property in and around Auchterarder	1904-1975
/Plans	Plans and drawings relating to land and property in and around Auchterarder	1897-1977

CR - Burgh of Crieff, 1811-1975

Crieff was a burgh of barony from at least 1672 under the Earls of Perth as superior. It was erected into a burgh of regality in 1687 under James Drummond (1648-1716), 4th Earl and 1st titular Duke of Perth. It was created a police burgh in 1864 and police commissioners were responsible for the cleansing, lighting, policing and public health of the burgh. They were replaced by Crieff Town Council in January 1901. The town council was abolished in 1975 and its powers assumed by Tayside Regional Council and Perth & Kinross District Council. These in turn were replaced by Perth & Kinross Council in 1996.

Ref no	Description	Dates
CR /1	Town Clerk's department, including police commissioners' and town council minutes, committee minute books, cash books, letter books, and papers relating to Dean of Guild	1862-1975
/2	Chamberlain's department, including letter books, cash books, abstracts of accounts	1866-1975
/3	Crieff Cemetery Trust letter book Parish of Crieff sexton's record of burials	1936-1938 1853-1907
/4	Burgh Surveyor's department, including Dean of Guild papers, housing registers and correspondence	1901-1975
/5	Miscellaneous registers, letter books, minute books, committee papers relating to the administration of the burgh. First World War roll of honour and peace celebrations committee minutes, 1914-1921	1811-1974



Crieff Burgh Officers, 1889

Ref: CR/Papers/Bundle 10/Ph4

Other Official Records

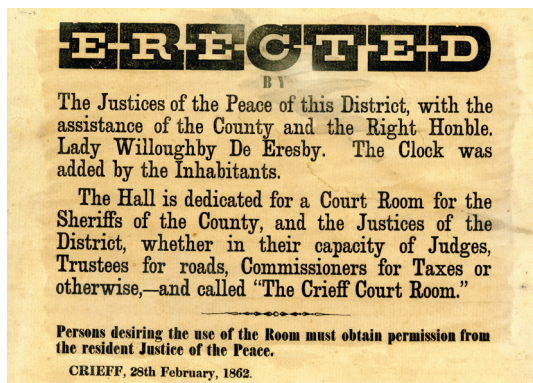
Abridgements of Sasines, Perthshire, 1781-1986

Volumes of abridgements of sasines can be searched in the Archive. These are extracts of records which detail the transfer of ownership of heritable property (lands and buildings). They often include details such as occupations and family relationships and can be very useful if you are trying to trace the history of a property or a family.

JP20 County of Perth Justices of the Peace, 1708-2004

The justices of the peace first came into existence in Scotland in 1587, but did not become an important administrative force until the eighteenth century. By this time, they had both civil and criminal jurisdiction. JP's criminal jurisdiction was mostly confined to the preservation of the public peace, while criminal matters were dealt with by the sheriff courts. Civil jurisdiction included the Small Debt Court (1795-1825) and the power to regulate wages and conditions of servants and rural workers. JPs had oversight of weights & measures, roads, carting regulations, militia recruitment, administration of the poor law and vagrancy, licensing of alehouses, theatres and friendly societies. In 1889, many JP administrative powers were transferred to the county council, with the exception of licensing and judicial powers. Justice of the Peace Courts were abolished in 1975.

Ref no	Description	Dates
JP20 /1	Commission of the peace (1878), registers of oaths of allegiance and judicial oaths (1868-2004), supplemental list of JPs (1950-1974)	1869-2004
/2	Minute books, quarter sessions (1736-1856), decreets (1708-1720), impressments, army and navy (1778-1795)	1708-1856
/4	Court books (incomplete)	1864-1959
/6	Process papers	1729-1864



Crieff Court Room dedication notice, 1862
Ref: CR/Papers/Bundle11/1

POL1 Perthshire Constabulary and Perth & Kinross County Constabulary, 1842-1975

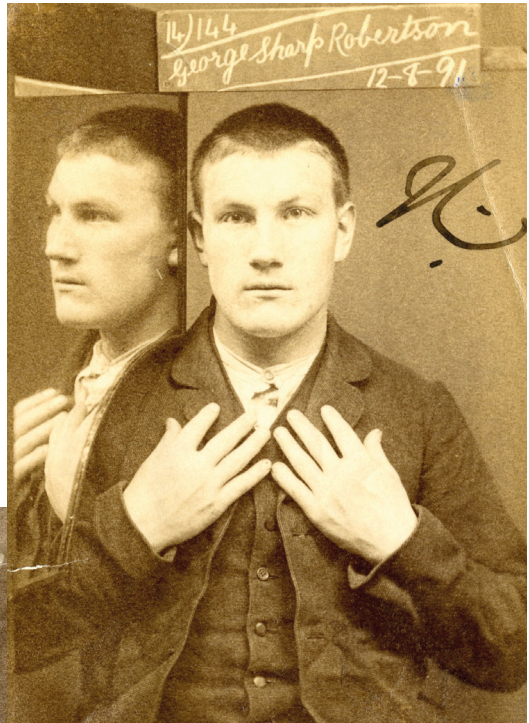
Perthshire Constabulary had been established by 1842, administered by a police committee made up of Commissioners of Supply, the Lord Lieutenant and the Sheriff of the county. In 1889 their powers were transferred to Standing Joint Committees and in 1929 the supervision of county constabularies was placed under the police committees of county councils. At this time, Perthshire Constabulary was amalgamated with the police force of Kinross-shire to form Perthshire & Kinross-shire Constabulary and this, in turn, amalgamated with Perth City Police in 1964 to form Perth & Kinross Constabulary. In 1975 it became part of Tayside Police which existed until 2013, when all police forces merged to form Police Scotland.

Ref no	Description	Dates
POL1 /1-9	Administrative records , including: police committee minutes (1855-1922); general order books (1842-1969); letter books and memoranda (1849-1975); miscellanea (1862-1866)	1842-1975
/16-27	Establishment records , including: registers of appointment as constables (1845-1880); enrolment book (1855-1880); register of officers and constables of Perthshire Constabulary (1862-1921); register of declarations and affirmations (1881-1919); register of candidates for Perthshire Police (1897-1922); registers of police transfers, meritorious conduct and defaulters (1842-1891); superannuation and funeral funds records (1846-1950); Railway constabulary records (1845-1877); register of appointments of private constables (1878-1905); circulars, reports, regulations	1842-1950
/36-53	Criminal records , including: criminal registers (1855-1946); registers of juvenile offenders (1903-1965); charge books (1855-1897, incomplete); information books (1855-1897); occurrence books (1939-1959); photographic conviction records (1875-1955); reports of sudden deaths and casualties (1904-1956); miscellanea (1860-1863)	1855-1965

These photographs are extracts from Perthshire Constabulary criminal records, showing prisoners who have recently been released from jail. Accompanying written records often include physical descriptions and details of previous convictions. The use of the mirror shows another view of their facial features, and displaying the hands would also help with future identification.

*Right: George Sharpe Robertson
Cabman, apprehended at the Royal
Hotel, Crieff and sentenced to three
months imprisonment at Perth General
Prison for theft and previous convictions.
The records show that he was a native
of Fearn, aged 22, 5 feet 9½ inches tall,
with fair hair and grey eyes. He had
a scar over his left eye and a blue dot
between the finger and thumb of his left
hand. August 1891.*

Ref: POL1/42/7, no 228



Left: Joseph Auld

*Farm servant, native of Balbeggie,
apprehended at Claybraes, Auchterarder,
convicted of "theft by opening lockfast
places" and sentenced to 60 days. Aged
18, 5 feet 6¼ inches tall, fair hair and blue
eyes. April 1891.*

Ref: POL1/42/7, no 233

Community Collections

These collections have been gifted or are on indefinite loan to the Archive and offer a wide variety of information. To give some idea of how they might be used, we have listed collections containing information about West Perthshire under specific themes.

Estate records often contain details of the proprietors, farm tenants, agricultural workers, domestic servants and help to build a picture of life in rural West Perthshire. In its **church and philanthropy** collections, the Archive holds some records relating to local congregations and charities and these often name individuals as part of their activities. **Business and industry** collections can include lists of employees, financial and administrative records, title deeds, advertising ephemera, plans and occasionally, personal and recreational papers. **Unions, guilds and associations** can illuminate the social or political activities of members of the many clubs, societies and organisations whose records are held in the Archive. **People, family and communities records** can include the personal papers of individuals and families, as well as histories of specific towns and villages. **Education, leisure and recreation** collections can give information about libraries and improvement societies. **Politics and the State** includes records from times of conflict and political unrest.

Although we have listed these collections by theme, you will often find that your research will lead you to explore across many community and official collections.

Business and Industry

Ref no	Description	Date
MS14/242	Auchterarder Chemist Prescription and dangerous drugs ledgers of unknown dispenser	1904-1923
MS14/255	The Crieff Electric Supply Company Limited Share subscription notice	1922
MS6/P13 /1-4	David Gorrie & Son, Boilermakers and Coppersmiths Plans and engineering drawings relating to equipment for the Strathearn Steam Company, Crieff, including plan layout of the laundry and carpet beating shed	1902, 1907
MS68/13/2 & MS68/14/ Bundle 2	R MacGregor Mitchell & Co, solicitors, Perth Includes a trust sederunt book for Peter Carmichael, Kirklands House, Auchterarder. The accounts list businesses and names of individuals	1931-1932 1930-1942
MS84	Crieff and Comrie Railway Company The first turf was cut in February 1891 and the line was completed by 1893. Includes plans, correspondence, lists of shareholders and photographs	1888-1900
MS114	Mitchell & Thomson, solicitors, Comrie Includes letter books and files relating to the business	1893-1974

Business and Industry

Ref no	Description	Date
MS140	Mott MacDonald, civil engineers Photographs, plans and drawings relating to the Breadalbane hydro-electric scheme, St Fillans section, Lednock Dam and Dalchonzie Generating Station	1951-1972
MS144	Crieff Cinema and Bingo The building included the Caley Bingo & Social Club from 1963 and offered bingo only from the late 1970s. Includes advertising material, correspondence and other papers relating to the cinema and the social club	1950-1984
MS155/Vol 3 & 5	McEwens of Perth Ltd Crieff branch day book listing sales by day, giving customers' names and cost of items purchased, also album which includes photographs and newspaper cuttings from fashion show staged at Gleneagles Hotel	1954-1978 1947-1995
MS157	Auchterarder Gas Light Company Includes minutes of meetings, financial records and registers of members	1841-1928
MS158	Dunning Gas Light Company Legal and subscriber records and register of shareholders	1846-1914
MS162	Grants, WS, Auchterarder papers The Young family of Auchterarder established a legal practice in the town in the 1820s and, by the time it closed in the late 20th century, it operated under the name of Grants, WS. Includes minutes, chartularies, legal, financial and estate papers	1703-1986
MS176	Crieff Aerated Water Company Limited Formed in 1892 with premises in West High Street, Crieff, the company produced water and aerated water for use in soft and alcoholic drinks. Includes minute books, reports, registers of members and directors, certificate of incorporation, financial papers	1892-1975
MS274	Ramsay Decorators, Auchterarder The company was run by generations of the Ramsay family. Includes ledgers giving details of interior decoration for specific customers	1908-1954
MS275	Miss Boyd, bookseller & newsagent, Comrie Cash book listing named customers and their purchases such as Weldon's Illustrated Dressmaker magazine, blotting paper, sealing wax and tea papers	1898-1909

Business and Industry

Ref no	Description	Dates
MS281	London, Midland & Scottish Railway Ambulance Brigade, Crieff Minute book with inserts including envelope of invoices from Crieff Gas Company	1930-1961
MS289	Alexander family, Crieff Papers relating to business expenses of James Alexander, baker, Crieff and purchase of properties	c1924-1964
MS297	James H Jamieson & Sons, plumbers, Auchterarder Ledgers containing business records of plumbing work for individuals, local councils and also for the military during WWII	1935-1951
MS308	Kenneth Young papers Personal and business papers of the Young family, solicitors, Auchterarder including legal documents and correspondence relating to personal estates and trusts	1560-2000



Dunning Garage, early 20th century | Ref: MS132, box 4

Education, Leisure and Recreation

Ref no	Description	Dates
MS14/323	Forsyth and Bowden family collection Photographs, newspaper cuttings and booklets. This small collection includes a few class photographs from Monzie School and Crieff Public School, and some cuttings relating to local boy scouts, rover scouts and girl guides	20th century
MS19	Dunning Mutual Improvement Society The society, founded in Dunning in 1858, had a strong emphasis on improvement through self education. John Rogerson, 10th Lord Rollo, encouraged its development and built the public hall to hold its meetings. Talks were organised on various subjects including literature, philosophy and current affairs, and books were loaned out from a small library. The collection includes minute books, syllabi and annual reports	1872-1917
MS20	Perthshire Libraries Local libraries were set up independently, often as subscription libraries. Later they could opt to join the county library service in Perth. Includes minute books and cash books for the Comrie Parochial Library/Dundas Library and Auchterarder Library minute books	1820-1953
MS189	Auchterarder Literary Association Minute book of the Association set up to <i>"improve the mental and intellectual faculties of its members and to provide public lectures, readings etc"</i>	1870-1875
MS190	Auchterarder Mutual Improvement Association Minute book of the Association set up for the <i>"mutual improvement and advancement of members, mental and intellectual exercises and debates, essays etc"</i>	1866-1868
MS266	Strathearn Institute, Crieff Established in 1913 as a social centre for various local associations and societies, including the YMCA, YWCA, the Good Templars, the Rechabites, the Choral Society, the Crieff Comedy Company and the Shop Assistants' Athletic Club. Includes legal and administrative records, correspondence, minutes and reports	1910-1987

Estates and Lands

Ref no	Description	Dates
MS14/140	Elliot of Braco Sasine and disposition relating to the lands of Elliot of Braco	1842-1843
MS14/149	Auchterarder Burning Relating to property destroyed in the 1715 Jacobite rebellion, giving details of compensation due to Mr Haldane of Gleneagles and other named individuals	1781
MS14/185/5	Ardoch Estate, Braco Particulars, plans and conditions of sale brochure	c1959
MS14/203	Roman camp at Dalginross Handwritten notes " <i>Mr John Ruthorford's Remarks on the camp at Dalginross and extracts from Dr Garnet's Tour</i> "	c1899
MS14/329	Miss May Crighton Three post cards of the Glen/Duchally Glen, Auchterarder written to Miss May Crighton and posted in Auchterarder	1911-1912
MS14/333 /3&8	Russell & Aitken, writers, Falkirk Sales particulars for the estate of Balhaldies, Braco in Ardoch parish and a memorandum, sketch plan and letters concerning the estate of Aberuthven in Auchterarder parish	1885 1893-1905
MS78	Drummond of Comrie papers Papers relating to the Drummond family, their estates in the Comrie area, and to the family of Comrie of that Ilk. Includes titles to lands and other legal and financial papers	1446-1786
MS98	Miss Moira Cowie, Auchterarder Papers relating to the Moir family, including legal papers relating mainly to the families of Graham, Wild and Drummond for lands in Auchterarder	1477-1961
MS109	Ranken & Reid, solicitors, Edinburgh Legal papers including charters, bonds and sasines relating to the Murray, Drummond and Campbell families	1588-1849
MS110	Trustees of General David Graeme of Braco Legal and financial papers relating to the estate. General Graeme inherited Braco Castle, succeeded to the barony of Gorthy, Fowls Wester, and owned a plantation in Grenada, West Indies. Includes accounts and correspondence	1751-1808
MS112	Dundas & Wilson, solicitors Includes papers relating to the estates of Logiealmond and Braco, showing details of rentals, inventories of debts and house contents	c1764-1853

Estates and Lands

Ref no	Description	Dates
MS145/ Ph60&61	Perth Building Survey photos The survey recorded historic buildings threatened by demolition or alteration in Perth & Kinross. Includes two photographs of Duncrub House	1981-1984
MS146/ maps & plans 4	Thomas McLaren papers Locally published booklet describing panorama from Craig Rossie, Auchterarder, showing 188 points of interest including hills, woods and historic buildings	1905
MS223	Auchterarder cartularies Details of titles to lands in and around Auchterarder. Includes names of individuals, places of residence and some family connections	1787-1965
MS227	Kincardine Castle, Auchterarder Built by James Johnston Esquire in the 19th century, near the site of a 14th century keep of the same name. Includes legal papers, estate maps and plans	1788-1980



Feddal House, near Braco, c1905

The house was built by Mr Thornton in 1900. The estate was sold in 1913 and the house subsequently demolished in the 1950's. | Ref: MS333

People, Family and Community

Ref no	Description	Dates
MS1/72	Miscellaneous Letters Includes letter from James Campbell, Monzie to John Campbell, first cashier of the Royal Bank of Scotland, Edinburgh. Details his financial situation stating he is "daily teased & applied to be severals for the lend of mony"	1776
MS14/149	Auchterarder Burning Claims for property destroyed in the 1715 Jacobite rebellion. Includes names of individual claimants in 1721-22 and sometimes names their heirs around the settlement date in 1781. Includes places and occupations	1781
MS14/239	Reid and Laing families of Crieff Annotated history of the families	c1930
MS14/242	Auchterarder Chemist Prescription ledgers which list patients by name	1904-1923
MS14/323	Forsyth and Bowden family collection Photographs, newspaper cuttings and booklets, including a few class photographs from Monzie School and Crieff Public School, and some cuttings relating to local boy scouts, rover scouts and girl guides	20th century
MS68/13/2	R MacGregor Mitchell & Co, solicitors, Perth Includes a trust sederunt book for Peter Carmichael, Kirklands House, Auchterarder. The accounts list businesses and names of individuals	1931-1932
MS78	Drummond of Comrie papers Papers relating to the Drummond family, their estates in the Comrie area, and to the family of Comrie of that Ilk. Includes personal correspondence, legal and financial papers relating to the family and individuals in the area	1446-1786
MS84	Crieff and Comrie Railway Company First proposed in 1888, the line was completed by 1893. David Robertson Williamson of Lawers, Comrie, was the major impetus behind the company. Includes correspondence, lists of shareholders, newspaper cuttings, plans and photographs	1888-1900
MS98	Miss Moira Cowie, Auchterarder Papers relating to the Moir family who also had connections to the Wild and Drummond families in the area. Includes workbooks of James Moir, wright, Auchterarder, containing details of local building works	1477-1961

People, Family and Community

Dear Isabella
Edinburgh Sep 27
I expect that something would
be done to day but the professor Mr Syme
has been here and is up for this day he
comes here at 11 o'clock and remains sometimes
a quarter of an hour and sometimes one hour
as cases may be sent I expect to be called
to morrow I understand my trouble much
better now than at first I should have been
here sooner as I state to you it is water in
gallies in the leg produced by heavy lifts
and that the water comes from the kidneys
and runs down just the way it should go out

Cross-written letter from Alexander Moir to his wife Isabella, 27 September c1867

Ref: MS98, Bundle 1

At first glance, this cross-written letter may seem illegible. However, on closer examination, it is possible to read it all. This is one of a batch of letters from Alexander Moir to his wife Isabella, at home in Auchterarder, and written like this to save paper. Alexander was writing from Edinburgh Infirmary, where in the 1860s he was operated on by the eminent surgeon, Professor Syme. He describes his ailment and the treatment he received. He mentions the nurses, other patients on the ward and the food they ate. He asks for boots and clothes to be sent to him, and writes of his concerns for family and home. The letters are always signed "I am your affectionate husband Alexander Moir". In one letter, he says "I have been married to my wife for nearly 30 years, and never got a letter from her because she can neither read nor write": his letters, some of which contained very personal information, obviously had to be read aloud to her. These family letters give us an insight into healthcare in Scotland in the mid 19th century.

People, Family and Community

Ref no	Description	Dates
MS110	Trustees of General David Graeme of Braco General Graeme inherited Braco Castle, succeeded to the barony of Gorthy, Fowlis Wester, was Secretary and Comptroller of the Household of Queen Charlotte, MP for Perthshire and took a strong interest in promoting the linen trade. Legal and financial papers relate to his Braco estate	1751-1808
MS129	Fowlis Wester & Monzie District Nursing Association Established in 1920 to provide nursing and social care for people in the area. Includes accounts book, minute book and correspondence	1945-1993
MS132	Alexander Robertson collection Includes some postcards, photographs and papers from Dunning and Blackford areas in the 20th century	1724-1989
MS155/ Vol 3 & 5	McEwens of Perth Ltd Crieff branch day book listing sales by day, giving customers' names and cost of items purchased. Also, album which includes photographs and newspaper cuttings from fashion show staged at Gleneagles Hotel	1954-1978 1947-1995
MS168	Jack Elliot, MBE Jack Elliot, born at Monzievaird, was a prominent and active local citizen who received the Queen's Silver Jubilee Medal for his work in the Comrie community. Includes papers and correspondence concerning the local history of the Crieff area, particularly Comrie, Monzievaird and Ochertyre	1891-1993
MS195	Gordon Booth, Comrie collection Author of a number of works on Comrie. Collection containing photographs, scrapbooks, newspaper cuttings and publications relating to Comrie and district, including Dalginross, Dunira, Glenartney	1843-2000
MS200	Inner Wheel Club of Crieff The club held meetings with regular speakers, organised social events and did some charity work. Includes minutes and material relating to events, also Chain of Office	1946-2001
MS223	Auchterarder cartularies Details of titles to lands in the area. Includes names of individuals, places of residence and family connections	1787-1965
MS256	Taylors of Gilmerton papers Legal papers relating mainly to James Taylor and his family	1852-1883

People, Family and Community

Ref no	Description	Dates
MS262	Smeaton & Brugh family papers Photocopied correspondence and family tree for Brughs of Cloan, East Miln and Foswell, Auchterarder	1784-1834
MS308	Kenneth Young, solicitors, Auchterarder Personal and business papers, including research into local history and genealogy	1560-2000
MS309	Snapshot Auchterarder Initially a photographic record of the main street at one moment in time [August 2004], this project was expanded to give comprehensive coverage of the town, including exhibition material, aerial and digital images	2004-2007
MS322	James Miller senior & junior, Comrie Papers include reminiscences of Comrie before the First World War and programmes for the Comrie Gathering	1852-c1985
MS333	George Boyd Thornton Photograph albums of estate of Feddal, near Braco, showing the house, farming and leisure activities on the estate	1901-1910
MS334	Stewart Family, Blackford Business papers, ephemera and photographs mainly relating to John Stewart, manager of Blackford Brewery and inspector of poor, and also his son, Daniel Sharp Stewart, JP	c1782-1974



Shooting Party at Feddal House, near Braco, c1905 | Ref: MS333

Politics and the State

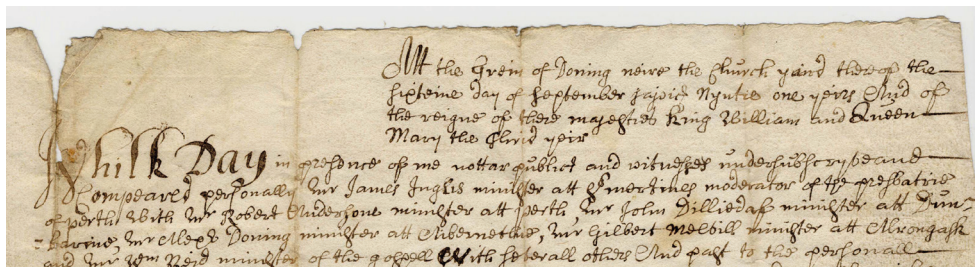
Ref no	Description	Dates
MS14/149	Auchterarder Burning Schedule of claims relating to the burning and destruction of property "... in the Rebellion, Anno 1715"	1781
MS78	Drummond of Comrie papers Includes correspondence and other documents relating to the area in times of political upheaval	1446-1786
MS152/5 MS152/9	Crieff Unionist Club Blackford Unionist Association Minute books and administrative records, including lists of members	1903-1932 1925-1976
MS159	West Perthshire Liberal Association Large collection covering a wide area of Scotland with some references to the Auchterarder and Blackford associations. Includes minute book and correspondence	1885-1913
MS231	Dunning War Comforts Committee Formed during WWII to provide vital provisions for local men and women on active service or serving as prisoners of war abroad, the Committee continued to raise funds and distribute them to local societies in recognition of the need to return to "normalcy" as quickly as possible. Correspondence and financial records	1940-1947
MS322	James Miller senior & junior, Comrie Includes diary account of troopship voyage to South Africa in 1916 en-route to India	1852-c1985

June 3	Miss Joyce Sanderson	3.0.0
	Drumming Bowling Club	.12.0
8	Collection from Children's Sports	4.0.0
10	Collection from Fortune Seller	1.11.0
-	Donation from Home Guard	6.5.0
16	Donation from Drumming Bowling Club	2.1.6
July 4	Returned P.O. P. Keidlar	-10.0
	Mrs. Jones	-4.0
8	Donation from H. Guard Davey	16.10.0
10	Mrs. James	-4.6 1/2

Extract from Dunning War Comforts cash book, 1944 | Ref: MS231

Religion and Philanthropy

Ref no	Description	Dates
MS14/138	James Smith, United Presbyterian Minister, Dunning Correspondence and inventory of his effects	1820-1856
MS14/156	Induction of Minister of Dunning Legal instrument of protest against the "armed rabbell" that prevented parishioners from admitting William Reid as Minister of Dunning	1691
MS14/241	Auchterarder North United Presbyterian Church Cash book noting income and expenditure including names of local tradesmen	1896-1914
MS169/7/4 /16	Threipland of Fingask Printed address from the Parishioners of Auchterarder "to their fellow Christians throughout Scotland" to petition the legislature to ensure "that no Minister be intruded upon a Parish contrary to the will of the congregation". Lists 471 signatories including elders, heritors, communicants and other parishioners	c1839
MS214/2/2 /4/1	Perthshire Society of Natural Science Photographs of Innerpefferay Chapel, Tullibardine and Muthill churches taken by members of the photographic section, also known as the Perthshire Photographic Society	c1909



Induction of Minister of Dunning, 1691 | Ref: MS14/156

This legal document describes a commotion at the Green of Dunning on 16 September 1691, when the moderator of the presbytery of Perth, Mr James Inglis, and others gave witness to the events of the day. They protested that they were met with an armed rabble under the direction of John Haldane of Gleneagles and other gentlemen who prevented the presbytery and parishioners from entering the church to hold a service for the admission of William Reid as the minister of Dunning. "...they found the Church and churchyard planted with armed men bearing guns, other firearms and swords ..."

Further research shows that Mr Reid was eventually admitted to the ministry of Dunning on 28 September 1691. He remained in this post until his death in January 1716, shortly after the burning of Dunning and Auchterarder [see also page 44-45].

Unions, Guilds and Associations

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MS19	Dunning Mutual Improvement Society The society, founded in Dunning in 1858, had a strong emphasis on improvement through self education. John Rogerson, 10th Lord Rollo, encouraged its development and built the public hall where the society held most of its meetings. The collection includes minute books, syllabi and annual reports	1872-1917
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MS277	Monzievaird & Strowan Parish Church Women's Guild Includes cash book, minutes and membership lists	c1900-1930
MS283	Monzievaird & Strowan Ploughing Society Minutes, notebooks, prize lists and plans. The society was incorporated with Comrie and District Ploughing Match Society	1872-1937
MS339	Strathearn Music Society Strathearn Music Society was founded in 1966 to promote concerts within the Strathearn area of Perthshire. Includes minutes, programmes, correspondence, publicity material and other papers	1966-2004

Illustrations from the Collections



Above: McEwen's Fashion Show at Gleneagles, 1947 | Ref: MS155 /Vol 5

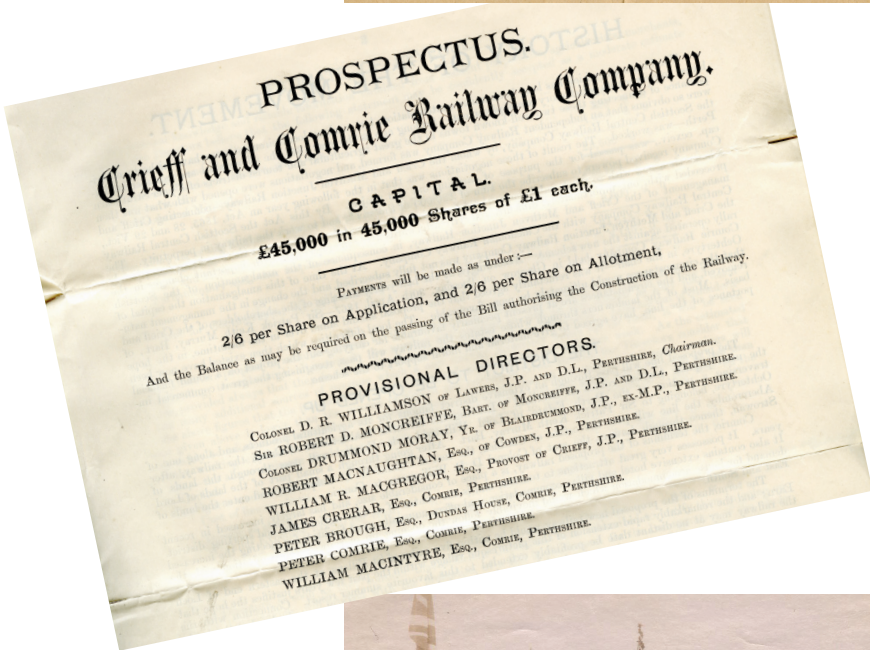
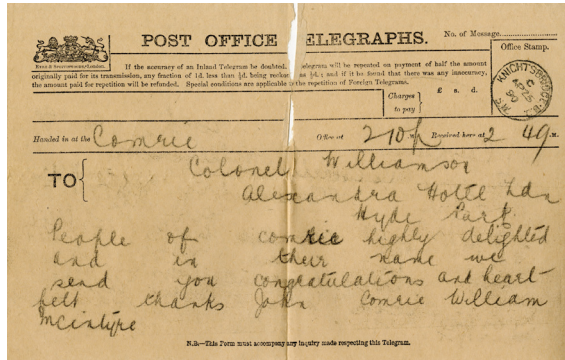
Below: Presentation of Auchterarder chain of office, 1951 | Ref: AA/1/1/10



Railways

The Crieff and Comrie Railway Company, first proposed in 1888, was completed in 1893.

Colonel D R Williamson of Lawers, Comrie was the major impetus behind the company. By 1904 the Lochearnhead, St Fillans and Comrie Railway Company had extended the railway as far as Balquidder.



Above, top: Telegram of congratulations on granting of The Crieff and Comrie Railway Act, 1890
Ref: MS84/2/2

Above, middle: Prospectus, Crieff and Comrie Railway Company, 1889
Ref: MS84/2/7

Right: Crieff and Comrie railway, first sod cut, 1891
Ref: MS84/2/8





The Arms of the Burgh of Auchterarder, 1950 | Ref: AA/bundle 16



Beehive Village, Muirton near Gleneagles, c1959. The "village" included a castle with spiral stairway and clocktower, a caravan, cinema and dress shop. When the bees were sold, the village was split up and the various hives were sold off separately. | Ref: MS309/1/5



*Seal of Inchaffray Abbey, 1580
Ref: MS308/1/1/1*



*Crieff Provost MacGregor, c1892
Ref: CR/Papers/Bundle11/Ph2*



*View from Crieff Town Hall Clock Tower looking east to
Old St Michael's parish church, c1956
Ref: CR/papers/bundle 10/Ph7*

Crieff Waterworks

Today we take it for granted that we have running water in our towns and villages, but it was not always so. The opening of the long-awaited Crieff Water Works on 29 May 1872 was a grand civic occasion, attended by crowds who were not put off by the wet and windy weather. Brass and pipe bands, Good Templars, Freemasons, engineers and dignitaries led a procession from the town hall via the Knock to the reservoir. The works were formally opened by Lady Keith Murray of Ochertyre.

Early photographs were taken, not only of the official opening in 1872, but also of further developments to extend and improve the scheme in 1903 and to provide sewage purification works in 1909.



Opening of Crieff Water Works by Lady Keith Murray of Ochertyre, 29 May 1872

Ref: CR/Papers/Bundle 10/Ph6



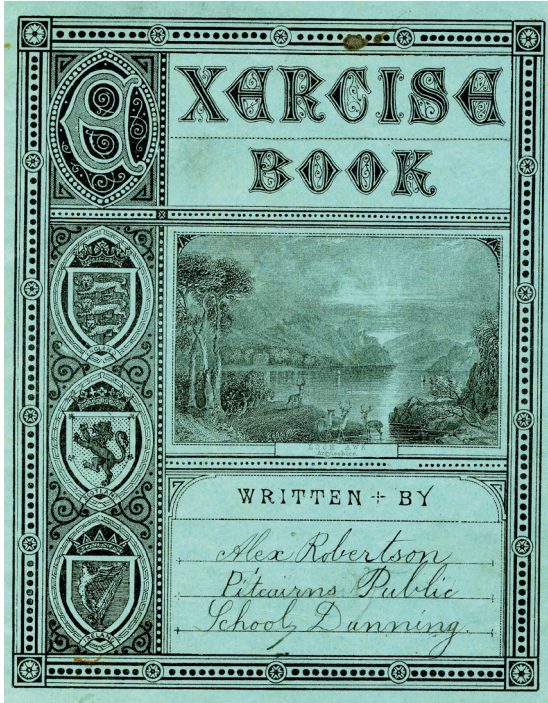
Town Council of Crieff at opening of extensions to Crieff Waterworks, 1903
Ref: CR/Papers/Bundle 10/Ph3



Crieff Waterworks Opening of Sewage Purification Works, 1909
Ref: CR/Papers/Bundle 10/Ph5

School Days

The collections contain all sorts of information about education and schools. Here, for instance, are images of architectural drawings relating to a school, a class photograph and an exercise book containing examples of penmanship. The log book extract tells us that in 1874 children were absent from school not only due to an outbreak of measles but also to help with the harvest, lifting potatoes and pulling turnips in the fields even in late November.



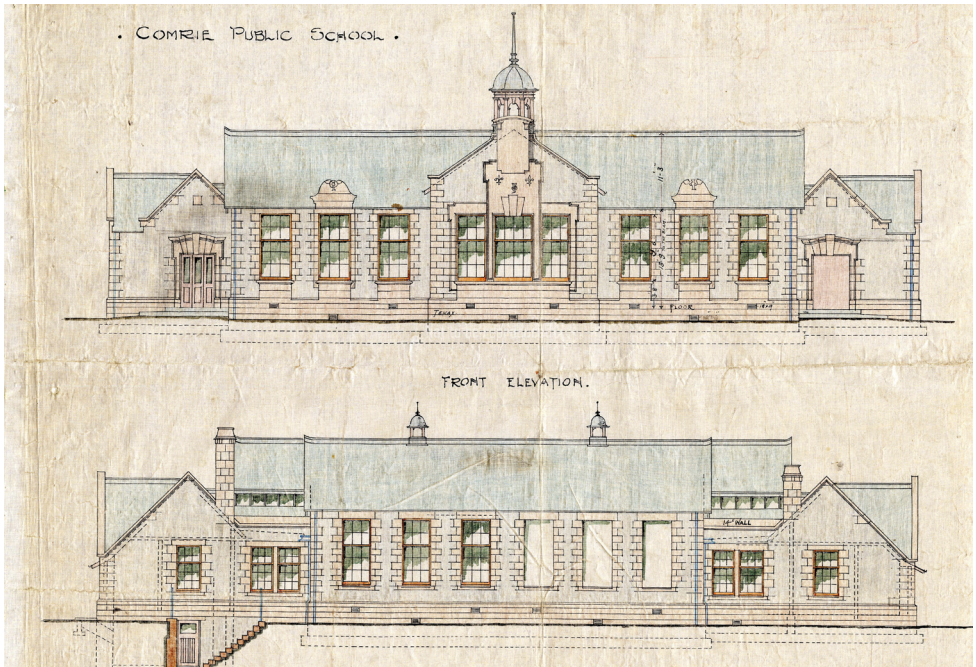
Left: Exercise book, Pitcairns Public School, Dunning c1877
Ref: MS132/2 bundle 8

Below: Extract from Fowles Wester school log book, 1874
Ref: CC1/5/7/142

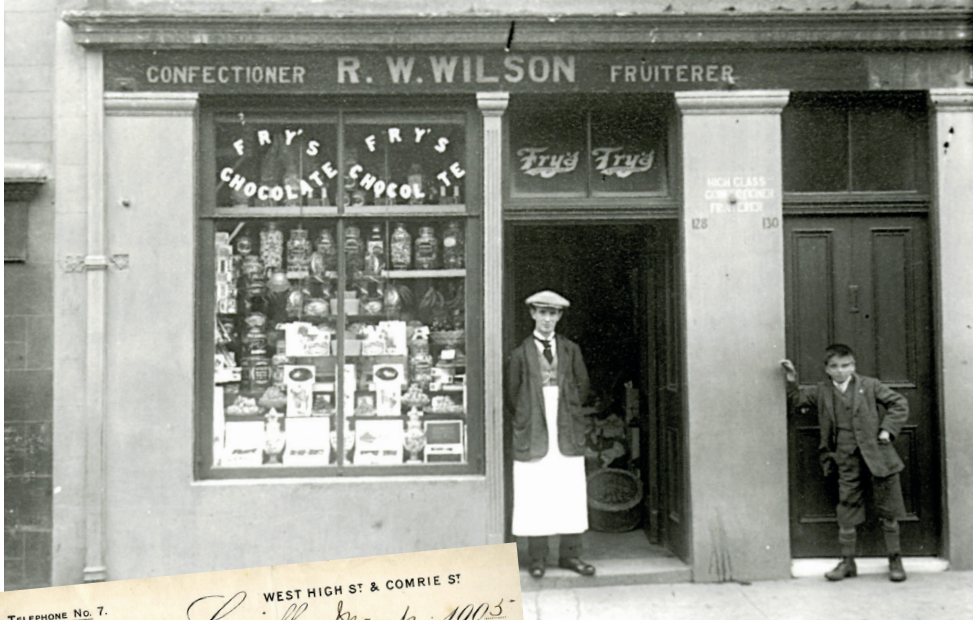
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Above: Crieff Public School infants class, c1915
Ref: MS14/323/2

Below: Comrie school elevations, 1907
Ref: CC1/E/MP/P66

School opened	October 27- School opened
	Nov. 3. Late harvest keeps children from school
	" 10 Potato lifting, do
Late Harvest	" 17 do do
	" 25 Turnip pulling do
	Dec. 1 do do
	Dec. 9 Measles broken out in locality
Measles	Dec. 11 Sacramental Fast
	Dec. 18 Measles prevail in locality



Local Businesses in Auchterarder and Crieff



R W Wilson fruiterer, early 20c
 Snapshot Auchterarder
 Ref: MS309/1



MS277/1/3(4)

Every genuine jar bears the initials of Liebig's Extract of Meat Co.—
LEMCO.



LEMCO

NEW NAME FOR
THE ORIGINAL & ONLY GENUINE
Liebig Company's Extract
For BEEF TEA, SOUPS, SAUCES,
GRAVIES, and ENTREES.

The only kind ever guaranteed genuine by *J. Liebig*

Miss Morris Monzievaire

Bought of J. & A. MILLER,
Family Grocers, Wine & Spirit Merchants,
21, Comrie Street, CRIEFF.



Both pages:
Receipts for goods and services,
Monzievaire and Strwan Parish Church
Women's Guild, c1905-c1922
Ref: MS277/1/3

TELEPHONE N° 95
TELEGRAMS
"GEO. McOMISH, CRIEFF"

B/S 10 West High Street,
Crieff 31st Oct-1922

Monzievaire & Strwan Guild
per Mr Gavin - Certificate

To Geo. McOmish, Ltd.
Seedmen,
Fruit Merchants & Florists,
Growers & Importers.

1922 Nurseries: CROFTNAPPOCK CRIEFF PERTHSHIRE.

TEA MERCHANTS
GENERAL CONTRACTORS
TO H.M. MAJESTY THE QUEEN

Miss Hill Monzievaire

Lipton Limited
10, High Street,
Crieff 9-11-1909

8 lbs Cherry Cake	2-8
1 lb Tea	1-9
1 lb S. Butter	1-2
1 lb S. Flour	1-3
2 lbs Baked Ham's	2-6
1 lb Strawberry Jam	6d
1 lb Leaf Sugar	1-4
	11/02.

Paid with Cheque
Geo. Lipton Ltd

Bayne's lorry, c1939
Snapshot Auchterarder
Ref: MS309/1

All these receipts were kept by a local Women's Guild and give a snapshot of shops in Crieff in the early 20th century. Note the simple telephone numbers. One also has a telegram address!



Personal Correspondence

The extracts on this page are from two letters — both, we think, to the laird of Comrie — dating 1689 and 1690. These illustrate how a single collection can stretch from domestic matters (a wife's shopping list and blessings for her husband) to matters of national importance (a Jacobite rising).

The first is from Katherine Stewart, writing to her husband, the laird of Comrie, who was then in Edinburgh. She asks him to send her black satin ribbons and a suit of gauzes for her head, together with prunes, rice, nutmeg, mustard and oranges: "... send me 2 dusion oringers if they be not tou deir ..."

all the news comes and if one news ye send from
 kinthgou be confirme let him know it: my deir send
 me a suit of black setin rebins for my head with the
 first occasion and 4 pound prunes 4 pound barthe
 2 pound ryziss or wace nutmeige and ~~and~~
 pound mustard: as for the suit of gasis to my he
 ad I desayr you to cas miss: dikhson buy 2 ch
 gase head for ruving and let her send me a pat
 ron for to ruve on with the gase which will be
 is pance the 2 chs: send me 2 dusion oringers
 if they be not tou deir: haing no furdir to saye
 but rekommends you to the protaktuon of the all
 mighte God who will not leave you nor forsake
 you

Letter from Katherine Stewart to her husband,
 the laird of Comrie, 19 March [16]89.

Ref: MS78/107

The second letter is from J Grahame, Orchill, writing to an unidentified addressee, probably the laird of Comrie, and the tone is urgent. He had heard from "...ane atholl man this day at tullibardine..." of the movements across the county: "...Canon is in Ranoch sending the ffyrie cross throu atholl & the contreys about ... I hear the Clanes are divydit & it is hoped they will make ther capitulation..." The fiery cross was the signal for a call to arms.

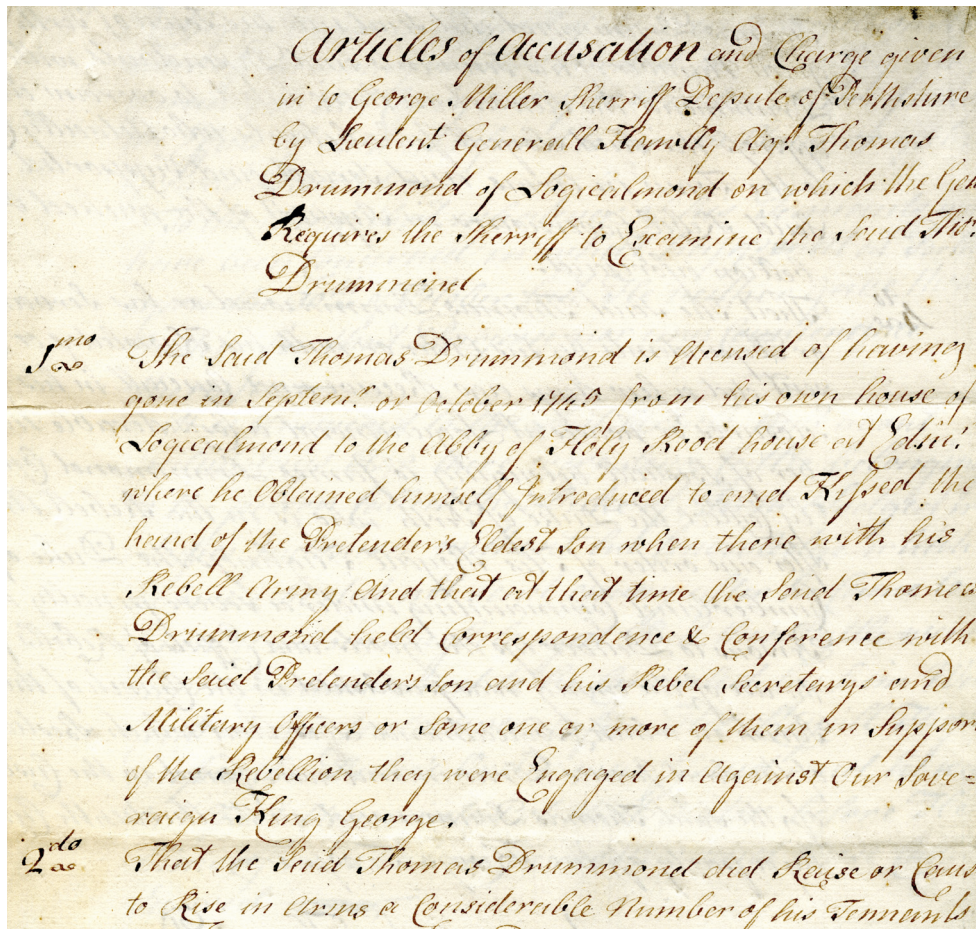
for some time I
 I spake with ane abholl man this
 day at tullibardine who tells that
 M: G: M: Kay was att morlocky
 ffriday last without any oppositi
 & M: Hoogson was incamped
 att a heis off Lochlyly within two
 myles off morlocky Buchanan is
 the boae off Maro at some heis
 Canon is in Ranoch sending the
 ffyrie cross throu atholl & the
 contreys about but will sturnd
 him as I hear the Clanes are
 divydit & it is hoped they will

Letter from J Grahame, Orchill, 9 July [16]90.

Ref: MS78/204

Legal Records

The document on this page dates from the Jacobite Rising of 1745. The military commander in Scotland, Lieutenant General Hawley, brought this accusation against Thomas Drummond of Logiealmond charging (1) that in September or October 1745 he went "...to the Abby of Holy Rood house at Edin[bu]r[gh] where he obtained himself Introduced to and Kissed the hand of the Pretender's Eldest Son when there with his Rebell Army and that at that time the said Thomas Drummond held Correspondence & Conference with the said Pretender's Son and his Rebel Secretarys and Military Officers ... in Support of the Rebellion they were Engaged in Against Our Sovereign King George. (2) That the Said Thomas Drummond did Raise or Cause to Rise in Arms a Considerable Number of his Tennants..."



Extract from Perth Burgh records:

Articles of accusation and charge of Thomas Drummond of Logiealmond, 1746

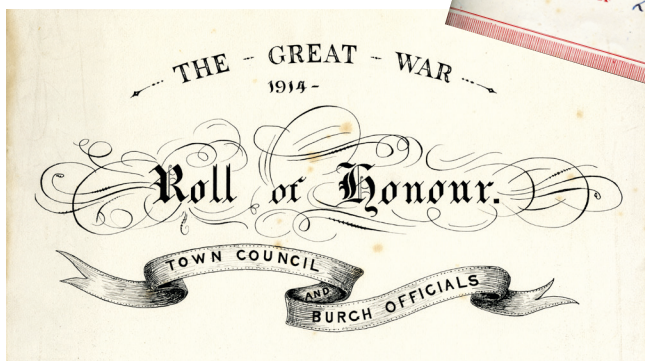
Ref: B59/30/73

West Perthshire in Wartime



Left: Auchterarder roll of honour 1914-1919. Includes list of names, address and service details
Ref: AA/1/3/12

Below: Sunderland flying boat log book c1943
Ref: AA/1/3/7



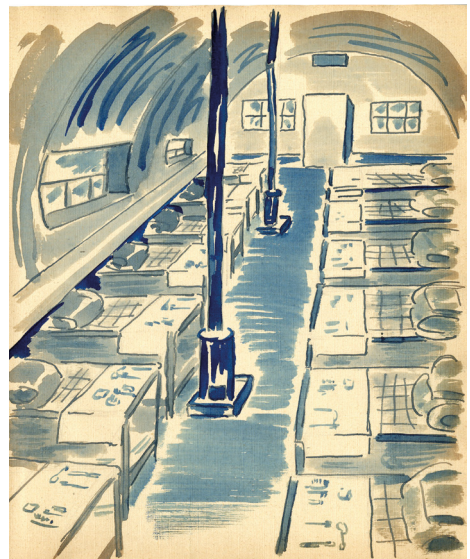
Extract from Crieff burgh officials Roll of Honour, c1918
Ref: CR/Papers/Bundle 11/3



Cultybraggan Prisoner of War Camp, just outside Comrie, was built in 1941 to house up to 4,000 prisoners of war. Known as Camp 21, it housed members of the Wehrmacht, Marines, Luftwaffe and SS officers.

During his time there, a German POW portrayed daily life in the camp in a series of cartoons contained in two albums. Some cartoons illustrate living conditions, while others depict leisure activities.

The albums were gifted to Comrie Development Trust in 2019, and placed on long-term deposit in Perth & Kinross Archives for safe keeping.



Cultybraggan Cartoon Collection, ink on paper, 1944-1945

Ref: Acc 19/06

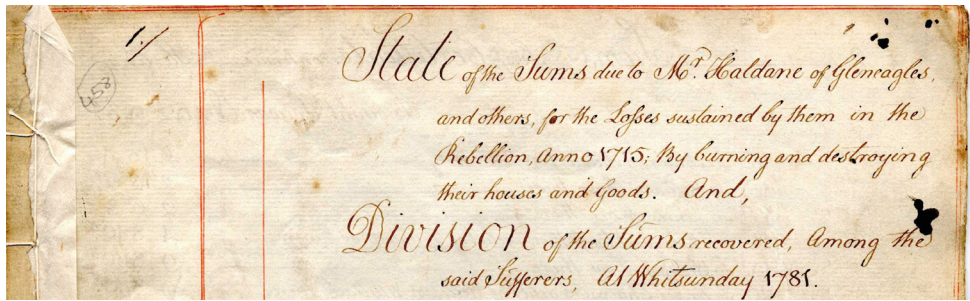
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What Can the Documents Tell Us?

The Archive contains mostly unpublished, unique items. They are irreplaceable. Sometimes hundreds of years old, they may have been folded and shoved in a pocket, tied in a neat bundle, left in a corner. If they have not been damaged by that leaky roof, or crumpled and thrown on the fire; if they have survived time and occasional neglect to reach us, it is almost a miracle. **So what can one document tell us?**

The Auchterarder Burning Document

“State of the Sums due to Mr Haldane of Gleneagles and others, for the Losses sustained by them in the Rebellion, Anno 1715; By burning and destroying their houses and Goods. And, Division of the Sums recovered, Among the said Sufferers ... 1781.”



This fascinating document, consisting of 23 handwritten pages, gives an account of the losses sustained by householders in Auchterarder and neighbouring villages following the burning of their properties by the Jacobite army after the Rebellion of 1715. It lists the 177 claimants (or their descendants) from each village, with a note of the sums claimed and received.

Following the Battle of Sheriffmuir on 13 November 1715, Jacobite troops scoured the surrounding countryside for food, fuel and other supplies, leaving the area with little or nothing over a hard winter. By January 1716, the Jacobite army retreated north and, in order to leave nothing for the approaching government troops, they implemented a scorched earth policy between Stirling and Perth, burning buildings, grain and forage and taking food, blankets and clothing from the local people.

The Commissioners of Enquiry in Scotland found, in 1721, that the Claimants in this case *“had fully proved the Extent of the losses by them ... by the said Burnings ... that they were well entitled to the payment ... Amounting in whole to the Sum of £4453.7.6 Sterling.”* Payments were to be made from forfeited Jacobite estates. However, compensation for losses incurred in 1716 were still being dealt with some 65 years later, and there was often difficulty in tracing the heirs and executors.

Extracts from Auchterarder Burning document, 1781 | Ref: MS14/149

5/ Sums in Second Certificate contd.		sterling
	Brought Forward	121210 ⁰
1A2	To Donald Macallock in brief	2810
1A3	To John Mullion there	162
1A4	To James Mullion there	187
1A5	To Hugh Ramsay there	1134
1A6	To Helen Graham widow of Patrick Murray of Gallargy	5112
1A7	To John Cameron formerly in brief now in Glasgow	20664 ²
1A8	To Jas ^r M ^r Culloch sometime in brief now officer of the Customs at Montrose	55111 ⁴
1A9	To Thomas Guild in brief	30167
1B0	To William Aice in Methill	2692

There is a great deal of genealogical information here. The document lists the names of the original claimants and their heirs and their place of residence. Occupations included merchants and tailors, brewers and weavers, surgeons and a travelling chapman [pedlar]. By the time of the division of funds, descendants had spread geographically: "tanner in Inverness", "officer of the customs in Montrose", "Chelsea Pensioner, Berwick", "dyer in Edinburgh". In the example below, compensation was made to the great grandson of the original claimant.

3.	To John Dwar in Dunning Greatgrandson and Cacutor of Patrick John Dunning, & Confirmation 8 th Feby 1781	5 " " draws	417
A.	To the heirs of John Niven in Dunning	461 ⁴ draws	3103

Signatures of compensation recipients illustrate the level of literacy: some are barely able to write their names, others are required to "touch the pen" of their notary, who signed on their behalf.

30	John Barron & wife 1781	162	Alexander Chengra
84	Mathew Fulton for Margret Dun by Missive deuted 3 August 1781 6 August 1781	159	Thos Cars for Miss Miffundaidh Aug 1781
51	Stepburn for Jean Brugh my wife 6 August 1781	174	Alex Bayne of Permethal
48 & 50	Patrick Mors for self and Janet Strathy my wife 8 August 1781	82	And: Bayne Aug 17
55	James Barne 8 August 1781	118	John Cars Aug 8 1781
B 254	John in for Robert Donaldson my wife 8 August 1781	82	James Green more wife 8 Aug 1781
		32 &	Peter Gibson son
		33	John Cars for my wife 8 Aug 1781

This single document can give us a fascinating insight into national, local and family history. Why not visit the Archive to see what else you can find?

Second No horses Sheep or Swine nor Bulls nor Cattle known to be Dyke-leapers Bark-pealers or Fencebreakers shall be admitted into the Parks and Cattle of that description must be taken off the ground on the Proprietors Servants testifying that they are of the description above mentioned The tenants to be expressly prohibited from taking their cattle out of the parks during the night and they are also to be prohibited from admitting droves into the parks and they must leave the fences in as good a Condition as they receive them

Above: Perth Burgh Legal Papers, articles of roup of the grass parks of Damside, near Aberuthven, 1824

Ref: PE51/Bundle385

Land Use

The above document relates to land owned by James Beveridge Duncan Esq of Damside, which was to be let for grazing. It details the rules of the roup [public auction] and also the rules of the lease that tenants must adhere to. For instance, the proprietor retained the right to cut weeds, carry off stones, spread molehills. There were strict rules for tenants, including: "... No horses Sheep or Swine nor Bulls nor Cattle known to be Dyke-leapers Bark-pealers or Fencebreakers shall be admitted into the Parks and Cattle of that description must be taken off the ground on the Proprietors Servants testifying that they are of the description above mentioned. The tenants to be expressly prohibited from taking their cattle out of the parks during the night and they are also to be prohibited from admitting droves into the parks and they must leave the fences in as good a Condition as they receive them..."

Below: Flyer for the roup of larch trees Monzie Wood Roup, 1829

Ref: MS14/196

SALE
OF
Valuable Wood.

At Monzie near Crieff, will be SOLD by Public Roup, upon Wednesday the 11th day of November next, about 4000 LARCH TREES of Superior quality, being the largest in the Country, they are of Several Dimensions, are fit for COUPLING, JOISTING, and SHIP-BUILDING, or any other purposes, and are well worth the attention of the Public, the WOOD is all collected into Lots for SALE, and can be seen any time before the Roup, by applying to JOHN MCKENZIE, Overseer, or JAMES TAYLOR, Wood Forrester at Monzie. The WOOD lies about two Miles and a half North from Crieff close beside the Turnpike Road that leads to every direction.

The Roup to begin at the three Mile Stone on the Tay Bridge Road the above day, and Credit will be given by granting good Security.

MONZIE, 20th October, 1829.
WILLIAM M'WOODALE, PRINTER, CRIEFF.

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