



EXCERPT FROM THE 1861 PAROCHIAL DIRECTORY FOR FIFE AND KINROSS

PARISH OF AUCHTERMUCHTY.

THE PARISH OF AUCHTERMUCHTY, containing the Burgh of Auchtermuchty and the village of Duhshalt, is situated in the north-west of the County, and stretches from among the Ochils, southward into the Howe of Fife. It measures two and a half miles from east to west, and about two from north to south. It is bounded on the north by the parish of Abernethy, on the east by Collessie, on the south by the Eden, which separates it from Falkland and Strathmiglo, and on the west by Strathmiglo and Abernethy. From its northern limits where it rises to a considerable elevation on the Ochils, the face of the country slopes gently to the Eden. The soil is fertile and well-cultivated; and a portion of the south-eastern district is deep rich alluvium, being part of a plain which, formerly, was much flooded in winter, but which is now well drained, and carries as good crops as any land in the County. The only considerable mansion is Myres Castle, between Auchtermuchty and Dunshalt. The roads from Newburgh to Kirkcaldy, and that from Cupar to Kinross, intersect each other at the town of Auchtermuchty; and the Fife and Kinross Railway runs through the Parish, and there is a station near to the town of Auchtermuchty.

The Parochial Church was built in 1780, and enlarged in 1838, and contains 900 sittings; there is also a Free Church, three United Presbyterian Churches, and a Baptist Chapel, all in the town of Auchtermuchty. The School accommodation is very complete, and comprises a commodious Parish School, recently erected by the heritors; a Free Church School; a Female School erected a few years ago, and conducted on the Madras system by a lady; besides two Independent Schools, one in Auchtermuchty, and the other in Dunshalt.

The town of Auchtermuchty stands about a mile north from the Eden, 5 miles south from Newburgh, and about mid-way between Cupar and Kinross. A small stream- "the Lovers' Pool"- flows through it from Lochmill Mill in Abdie parish, and joins the Eden a little below Dunshalt. It is an irregularly built town, consisting of three principal Streets and a number of Lanes. It was erected into a Royal Burgh in 1517, but has not exercised the privilege of sending a Member to Parliament for a considerable time before the Union. The Burgh became bankrupt in 1816, and the whole of its property, except the Town-house, Jail, Steeple, Bell, and Customs, was sequestrated in 1822, and sold under authority of the Court of Session, in a process of ranking and sale. The affairs of the Burgh are managed by a provost, two bailies, nine councillors, a treasurer, and a town-clerk. A Justice of Peace Court is held on the first Wednesday of every month, and a Sheriff Small Debt Court, for the parishes of Auchtermuchty, Collessie, Falkland, and Strathmiglo, is held on the second Wednesday of February, May, August, and November. A weekly corn market is held on Monday, and fairs are held on the 25th of March, old style, on the 13th of July, on the 21st of August, and on the Wednesday in November before All Hallow Fair. A great portion of the inhabitants of the Parish are hand-loom weavers engaged in the linen

manufacture, consisting of dowlas, sheeting, towelling, tablecloths, &c. The country part of the population are chiefly employed in agricultural pursuits; Malting is also carried on to a considerable extent in the Burgh of Auchtermuchty.

POST OFFICE, Auchtermuchty, Archibald Dickson, Post Master.- Letters from all parts arrive every morning about nine o'clock, and at five P. M., and are despatched twenty minutes before seven in the morning, and at three in the afternoon. There is also a Sub-Office, in the village of Dunshalt, a runner going twice a-day between Auchtermuchty and the Sub-Office, delivering letters in the village.

BAKERS.

Miller, John, Auchtermuchty

Pottie, George, Salesman, Bread Society, do

Thomson, William, do

BANKS.

BANK OF SCOTLAND. H. W. Walker, Agent

UNION BANK OF SCOTLAND. Robert Playfair, Agent

BLACKSMITHS.

Bett, John, Auchtermuchty

Begbie, Peter, do

Duncan, James, Dunshalt

Hain, David, Auchtermuchty

Simpson, Andrew, do

Taylor, Andrew, Auchtermuchty

BOOT & SHOEMAKERS.

Adams, Andrew, Auchtermuchty

Adams, William, Auchtermuchty

Anderson, David, do

Austin, Matthew, Dunshalt

Beveridge, Thomas, Auchtermuchty

Birrell, George, Dunshalt

Dewar, James, Auchtermuchty

McCord, Robert, (Carpet) do

Melville, Thomas, do

Watson, Inglis, do

CAM BUILDERS.

Christie, John, Dunshalt

Miller, Mrs William, Auchtermuchty

CARRIERS.

Bruce, Wm., to Cupar, on Tuesday and Saturday. To Freuchie, on Friday

Dand, Matthew, to Kirkcaldy, on Monday and Thursday. To Perth, on Tuesday and Friday

Fife & Kinross Railway, Station at Auchtermuchty

Smith, James, to Kirkcaldy, on Tuesday

CARTERS.

Beatson,-----Auchtermuchty

Christie, Robert, Dunshalt

Kirk, Wilson, do

Martin, George, Auchtermuchty

Morrison, David, do

Philp, Robert, do

Skinner, William, do

Thomson, David, do

CHINA MERCHANTS.

Clark, Archibald, Auchtermuchty

Duncan, David, do

Gow, Mrs, do

Serephine, Joseph, do

CLERGY.

McNair, James, Parish Church, Auchtermuchty

McSwain, John F., E. U. P. Church, Auchtermuchty

Renton, John, Free Church, Auchtermuchty

Sidey, David, N. U. P. Church, do

Wise, John, W. U. P. Church, do

CLOCK & WATCHMAKERS.

Crombie, David, Auchtermuchty

Litster, J., do

Young, William, Bain-Craig

CLUBS, &c.

Auchtermuchty Funeral & Deposit Society, James Taylor, Secretary (1860)

Dunshalt Funeral & Deposit Society, Thomas Suttie, Secretary (1860)

Stratheden Curling Club, Auchtermuchty, Wm. Young, Secretary (1860)

DRAPERS.

Honeyman, Francis, Auchtermuchty

Keddie, John, do

Turner, John, Salesman, Co-Operative Store, Auchtermuchty

DRESSMAKERS.

Those marked thus * are also Milliners.

Anderson, Miss Margaret, Dunshalt

Archibald, Miss, Auchtermuchty

Bonthrone, Mrs J., do

Dandie, Miss Elizabeth, Dunshalt

Elder, Miss Euphemia, Auchtermuchty

* Ferrier, Mrs A., Dunshalt

Fowler, Miss, Auchtermuchty

*Harley, Misses, do

Iiff, Miss, do

Nicol, Misses, do

Ogilvie, Mrs P., do

Simpson, Miss Magdalene, do

Stark, Miss Helen, do

* Scott, Miss Waltress, do

White, Miss Ann, do

Wilkie, Mrs, do

DYERS' AGENTS.

Crombie, Mrs Henry, Auchtermuchty, Agent for Pullar & Son, Perth

Gillies, Wm., Auchtermuchty, Agent for P. & R. Campbell, Perth

FARMERS

Arnott, John, (Southfield) Mairsland by Auchtermuchty

Blyth, David, Leckiebank

Bonthrone, Alexander, Auchtermuchty

Bonthrone, John, do

Chalmers, Peter, Plains

Duncan, James, Nether Myres

Elder, Robert, Reddie Hill

Fleming, Charles, Newtown

Johnstone, James, Backfield

Johnstone, John, Pitmenzies

Nisbet, James, Broombrae

Robb, George, Pitmenzies
Simpson, Alex., Auchtermuchty
Syme, David, Reedieleys
Thom, William, Demperstone
Tod, David, Wester Kilwhiss
Young, William, Bain-Craig

FLESHERS.

Forgan, John, Auchtermuchty
Hare, W. E. Knighton, do
Johnstone, William do
Livingstone, John, do
Simpson, Robert, do

GARDENERS.

Adam, John, Auchtermuchty
Lowe, Gilbert, do
Scott, John, do
Sinclair, Peter, Myres House, do
Watt, James, Bellevue House, To

GENTRY & PEOPLE OF INDEPENDENT MEANS.

Arnot, Alexander, Auchtermuchty
Blyth, David, do Blyth, Miss, Dunshalt
Elmslie, William, Auchtermuchty
Gardner, Thomas Marshall, Bellevue House, Auchtermuchty
Greig, Mrs, Myres, Auchtermuchty
Martin, David, do
Morris, George, do

GROCERS.

Those marked thus* are also Spirit Dealers.

*Blelloch, John, Auchtermuchty

* Buist, William, do

Bullen, Mrs C., do

Connacher, Daniel, Dunshalt

Clement, Mrs J., do

Gillies, William, Auchtermuchty

Gilmour, Mrs, do

Glen, John, do

* Graham, John, do

Hain, George, do

Irvine, Mrs, do

McEwan, William, do

Nicol, William, do

Nicol, John do

Page, John, Dunshalt

*Rutherford, George, Auchtermuchty

* Simpson, Robert, do

Smith, Richard, Dunshalt

* Steele, Henry, do

Turner, J., Salesman, Co-Operative Store, Auchtermuchty

Waddell, Miss, Auchtermuchty

Yeaman, Mrs Joseph, Dunshalt

HOTEL KEEPERS.

Keir, Mrs, Auchtermuchty

Mitchison, Thomas, do

INLAND REVENUE OFFICERS.

Egan, Patrick, Auchtermuchty

Helm, Paul, (Supervisor) do

Thomson, John, do

JOINERS & WRIGHTS.

Archibald & Son, Auchtermuchty

Bonthrone, John, do

Maxwell, James, & Brothers, do

Ritchie, William, Dunshalt

Thomson, Peter, and Sons, Auchtermuchty

LODGING-HOUSE KEEPERS.

Crombie, Mrs Henry, Auchtermuchty

Towers, Mrs J., do

MASONS.

Arthur, William, Dunshalt

Dunn, William, Auchtermuchty

Page, Thomas, Dunshalt

Simpson & Brothers, Auchtermuchty

Todd, George, Dunshalt

MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS.

Stark, John, M.D., Auchtermuchty

Troup, Francis, do

PAINTERS & PAPER-HANGERS.

Duncan, Andrew, Auchtermuchty

Henderson, Alex., do

PLASTERERS.

Crombie, Thomas, Auchtermuchty

Morrison & Wishart, do

Murray, William, do

SADDLERS.

Martin, Peter, Auchtermuchty

Stewart, Walter, do

SAW-MILLERS.

Maxwell, Brothers, Auchtermuchty

Thomson, Peter, & Sons, do

SLATERS.

Crombie, Thomas, Auchtermuchty

Morrison & Wishart, do

SPIRIT DEALERS, See Grocers.

STAY MAKERS.

Drummond, Miss Oath., Auchtermuchty

Peterkin, Mrs David, do

TAILORS.

These marked thus* are also Clothiers.

Arthur, Thomas, Dunshalt

* Donaldson, Robert, Auchtermuchty

* Honeyman, Francis, do

McDonald, Thomas, do

Ogilvie, Peter, do

Simpson, Robert, do

Smith, James, do

Strachan, Andrew, do

Todd, George, Dunshalt

* Watson, David, Auchtermuchty

TEACHERS & SCHOOLS.

Borrowman, William D., Parish School, Auchtermuchty

Corbet, Miss M., Madras School, Auchtermuchty

Greig, Miss Anne, Infant School, Dunshalt

McEwan, Thomas T., Subscription School, Dunshalt

McKenzie, John, Subscription School, Auchtermuchty

Stewart, William, Free Church School, Auchtermuchty

THATCHERS.

Adams, Robert, Auchtermuchty

Carswell, Andrew, do

VINTNERS.

Bullen, F., Auchtermuchty

Hain, George, do

Lister, Alex., do

McEwan, David, do

Nicol, John, do

Steedman, James, do

WASHERS & DRESSERS.

Crombie, Mrs D., Auchtermuchty

Davidson, Mrs L., do

Simpson, Mrs A., do

WEAVERS AGENTS.

Cousin, Thomas, Auchtermuchty

Forbes, Peter, Dunshalt

Gray, Henry, Auchtermuchty

Henderson, George, do

Johnstone, William, do

Lambert, James, do

Nicol, Wm., do

Reddie, John, do

Williams, David, do

WRIGHTS, See Joiners.

WRITERS.

Playfair, Robert, Auchtermuchty

Walker, H. W., (& Notary Public) do

MISCELLANEOUS.

Bonthrone, John, Malster, Auchtermuchty

Bonthrone, Alex., Distiller & Brewer, do

Bonthrone, John, Miller, (Flour and Meal); Auchtermuchty

Bullen, Alfred, Letter Carrier, Auchtermuchty

Cook, J. C., Railway Agent, Auchtermuchty

Dickson, William, Bookseller, Printer, and Stationer, Auchtermuchty

Dickson, Archibald, Inspector of Poor, Registrar, &c., Auchtermuchty

Galloway, David, Turner & Wheel Wright, Auchtermuchty

Hastie, Wm., Reedmaker, Auchtermuchty Agent for Thomas Ireland, Buckhaven

Jamieson, David, Chemist and Druggist, Auchtermuchty

Kinninmont, David, Gas Manager, Auchtermuchty

Latto, William, Town Officer, Auchtermuchty

Marshall, James, Book Agent, Auchtermuchty

McArthur, Francis, Cooper, Auchtermuchty

McEwan, Wm., Linen Manufacturer, Auchtermuchty

Paterson, John, Tinsmith and Gasfitter, Auchtermuchty

Peterkin, David, Post Runner, Auchtermuchty

Rankine, James, Assessor and Inspector of Nuisances, Auchtermuchty

Reid, Andrew, Veterinary Surgeon, Auchtermuchty

Skinner, Peter, Bleacher, by Auchtermuchty

Thomson, Patrick, Landlabourer, Auchtermuchty

Watson, Miss A. Furnishing Shop, Auchtermuchty

Webster, Jas., Millwright, Auchtermuchty

White, John & Sons, Beam and Scale Makers, Auchtermuchty

Williamson, John, Sheriff Officer, Auchtermuchty

Wilson, Robert, Auctioneer and Land Surveyor, Auchtermuchty

DELETE lines in page 24, relating to Small Debt Courts and Fairs, and substitute the following :-A sheriff small debt court for the parishes of Auchtermuchty, Falkland, Collessie, and Strathmiglo, is held on the second Fridays of February, May, August, and November. Fairs, chiefly for the sale of horses and cattle, are held on the first Monday of February, the last Monday of April, the second Monday of July, the first Monday of October, (being the annual meeting of the Auchtermuchty Agricultural Society) and the first Monday of December.

ADD

Bullen, Alfred, Sheriff Officer, Auchtermuchty

Drummond, Jas., Engineer & Millwright, Auchtermuchty

Gibson, Andrew, Camb Builder, Auchtermuchty

Gilmour, Mrs, Grocer, Agent for P. & P. Campbell, Dyers, Perth

Hastie, Miss Jessie, Milliner, Auchtermuchty

Keir, Wm., & Son, Blacksmiths, Colzie

Kilgour, Miss Ann, Dressmaker, Auchtermuchty

Littlejohn, Alex., Manager, Co-Operative Boot & Shoe Store, Auchtermuchty

McEwan, David, Carter, do

Moore, Samuel S., Inland Revenue Officer, Auchtermuchty

Patterson, Thomas, Gas Manager, Auchtermuchty

Simpson, Robert, Farmer, Auchtermuchty

Smart, Miss Jean, Milliner, do

Smith, James, Molecatcher, do

Stark, John, Town Officer, do

Wallace, T., Blacksmith, Auchtermuchty

Warrick, Alex., Grocer & Spirit Dealer. Auchtermuchty

Younger, Peter, Blacksmith, Auchtermuchty

DELETE

Crombie, David, Clock & Watchmaker

Forgan, Alexander, Flesher

Gillies, William, Dyers' Agent

Gray, Henry, Weavers' Agent

Kinninmonth, David, Gas Manager

Latto, William, Town Officer

Millar, Mrs, Cam Builder

Taylor, Andrew, Blacksmith

Thomson, John, Inland Revenue Officer

Watson, Miss A., Furnishing Shop

Yeaman, Mrs Joseph, Grocer, Dunshalt

ERRATA.

For Blyth, David, read William Blyth

For Cook, J. C., Railway Agent, read J. B. Cook

For Livingston, John, Flesher, read David Livingston

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