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## PRESBYTERY OF TAIN

[This Court was erected by the General Assembly on 11th Dec. 1706. The Presbytery Register begins at 31st Dec. 1706. There is a gap in its record from 28th Sept. 1785 to 15th April 1786.]

### CREICH.

[The church of Creich was dedicated to St Deavanach. A prebend of Creich was held by the Chantor of the Cathedral of Dornoch. There were chapels in this parish at Knockan and Achness. A mission chapel within the bounds was built at Rosehall in 1891.]

1569

WILLIAM GRAY, min. of Dornoch, had charge also here.

1583

DONALD LOGAN, reader here and in the Gaelic tongue at Moy in 1569; adm. chantor of Caithness about 1583; still min. in 1597.—[*Orig. Paroch. Scot.* ii., 618.]

1607

JAMES GRAY, trans, from Lairg in 1607; trans, to Clyne in 1614.

1616

ALEXANDER DUFF, adm. before 28th Nov. 1616; dem through not having the Gaelic tongue, and adm. to Kilmalie [Golspie], “where there are some who have the Scottish tongue.”

1628

ROBERT MONRO [*alias* M<sup>c</sup>FERSOUN] of Creich, son of Hugh M. of Assynt, and grandson of Robert M. of Foulis; min. of Dornoch and Creich in 1623. He had issue—Christian (marr. Donald Mackay of Borley).—[Macfarlane's *Geog. Coll.*, i., 203; Mackenzie's *Hist. of the Munros*, 469.]

16—

JOHN HOSACK, M.A. (King's College, Aberdeen 1619); suspended by General Assembly in July 1649; dep. before 16th Aug. 1656 when parish was declared vacant. He continued to marry and baptise notwithstanding.—[Macfarlane's *Geog. Coll.*, i., 203.]

1664

JOHN DEMPSTER, adm. before 20th April 1664; trans, to Lairg before 7th Oct.

1668

JOHN ALEXANDER, licen. by George, Bishop of Edinburgh, 21st May 1666; ord. 16th Jan. 1668; trans, to Kildrummy 28th May 1682.

1682

HUGH ROSE, son of Alexander R., Morayshire; adm. before 13th July 1682; was summoned before Privy Council, 7th Nov. 1689, for not reading the Proclamation of the Estates, etc., but the charge was not proceeded with; afterwards dep. but continued to preach, celebrate marriages and baptisms, for which he was highly censured by the Presb. in 1699; died at an advanced age after 1726. He marr. Margaret Sutherland, Pronsie, and had issue—Angus, miller at Invershin.—[Macfarlane's *Geog. Coll.*, i., 203.]

1707

ANDREW MUNRO, son of John M., Leclair; licen. by Presb. of St Andrews 11th Oct. 1704; ord. 6th May 1707; died 1712 [Macfarlane's *Geog. Coll.*, i., 203.]

1714

WALTER ROSS, ord. 14th Jan. 1714; trans, to Tongue 11th June 1730.

1731

JAMES SMITH, born 1684; licen. by Presb. of Haddington 20th Oct. 1719; ord. (at Dingwall) to Gairloch 11th May 1721; trans, and adm. 29th April 1731; died 17th Nov. 1758. He marr. 25th Feb. 1724, Katherine Munro, who died 11th Dec. 1758, and had issue—Christian; Katherine; George, born 20th April 1729; John, born 18th Feb. 1733; Elizabeth, born 28th Nov. 1735; Isobel, born 17th April 1737.

1759

HUGH ROSE, M.A.; pres. by George II. 11th April, and adm. 26th Sept. 1759; trans, to Tain 27th June 1770.

1771

GEORGE RAINY, born Aberdeenshire, 1734, son of John R. (originally Rennie), farmer, Turriff (a Hanoverian who suffered for his anti-Jacobitism during the '45); educated at Univ. of Aberdeen; licen. by Presb. of Chanonry 19th July 1763; ord. by Presb. of Tain as missionary in Creich and Kincardine 8th May 1766; pres. by George III. 14th Feb. and 20th Nov. 1770, and by tutors of Elizabeth, Countess of Sutherland; adm. 2nd April 1771; died 23rd Oct. 1810. He marr. 17th Nov. 1772, Anne (died 13th Aug. 1833), daugh. of Gilbert Robertson, min. of Kincardine, and had issue—Margaret and two others who all died young; Margaret, born 16th April 1774 (marr. 7th Dec. 1797 Charles Stewart Parker of Blochairn), died 17th Jan. 1844; Christina, born 13th June 1776 (marr. 9th Nov. 1804, Hugh Tennant of Wellpark, manufacturer, Glasgow); Isabella, born 18th Dec. 1780 (marr. Angus Kennedy, min. of Dornoch); Gilbert, born 14th Oct. 1782, died of fever at Demerara, June 1808; Anne, born 17th March 1787 (marr. 30th March 1820, Robert Brown of Fairlie, merchant, Glasgow), died 1872; George of Raasay, merchant, Demerara, born 6th June 1790, died 9th June 1863; Harry, M.D., professor of Forensic Medicine, Glasgow (father of Robert R., D.D., LL.D., Principal of the U.F. College, Edinburgh), born 21st Oct. 1792, died 6th Aug. 1876. Publication—Account of the Parish (Sinclair's *Stat. Acc.*, viii.).—[*The Life of Principal Rainy*, i., 4, 13; *Memorabilia Domestica*, 51, 124.]

1811

MURDOCH CAMERON, born Ross-shire; educated at King's College, Aberdeen; M.A. (29th March 1787); licen. by Presb. of Chanonry 2nd July 1799; ord. missionary at Strathglass 2nd Sept. 1799; res. 1st May 1805; assistant in this parish till May 1810 assistant at Croy Aug. that year; pres. by George, Prince Regent, and Elizabeth, Marchioness of Stafford, 15th Feb., and adm. 25th Sept. 1811 (under protection of the military, when a riot ensued in which Captain Kenneth Mackay of Torboll, who commanded, had his sword shivered to pieces by stones thrown at him by an old woman of seventy); died unmarr., 13th Dec. 1853. Publication—*Account of the Parish (New Stat. Acc, xv.)*.—[*Memorabilia Domestica*, 206.]

1855

NEIL MACKINNON, born about 1819, son of Dr Farquhar M., Kyleakin; educated at King's College, Aberdeen, 1831-5; ord. to Bracadale 22nd Sept. 1843; pres. by Queen Victoria 19th June, trans, and adm. 27th Sept. 1855; died 27th Oct, 1886. He marr. 30th April 1850, Elizabeth Flora Ann (died 20th Nov. 1896), daugh. of James Thomas Macdonald of Balranald, and had issue—Catherine, born 10th Feb. 1851 (marr. James Ross of Polio, Ross-shire); Farquhar, born 31st May 1853; Jane, born 31st Oct. 1855; Jemima Alexandrina, born 4th July 1859 (marr. James Ross, distiller, Easter Ross); James Donald, born 25th Nov. 1861; Christina, born 5th Dec. 1863.

1887

ROBERT LAMONT RITCHIE, born Tobermory, 13th March 1859, son of Captain George R., Iona, and Mary Lamont; educated at Parish School, Ayr Academy, and Univ. of Glasgow; licen. by Presb. of Kintyre 13th May 1884; assistant at Killearn; ord. to Clyne 1st July 1885; trans, and adm. 19th Oct. 1887. Publication—*Some Unpublished Gaelic Songs by Angus Lamont, Bard of Mull* (Inverness, p.p., 1899).—[*Trans. Gaelic Soc. Inverness*, xxiv., 66.]