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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.]

KINCARDINE.

[The church of Kincardine was dedicated to St Columba. In the Chapter of Fortrose Cathedral there was a prebend of Kincardine. Within the bounds was a Well of St Mary.]

1567

FARQUHAR REID, exhorter in 1567.

1573

ALEXANDER LESLIE, pres. to the vicarage before 1566 by Queen Mary; became parson before 1573.—[*Orig. Paroch. Scot.*, ii., 411; M^cGill's *Old Ross-shire*, 20.]

1578

HUGH ROSS, reader at Rosskeen in 1576; adm. in 1578; still min. in 1607.

1616

JAMES ROSS, adm. in 1616.—[*Orig. Charter Soc. of Antiq.*]

1624

WILLIAM ROSS, adm. before 1624; trans, to Nigg 18th April 1633.

1634

HECTOR MUNRO, educated at Univ. of Glasgow; adm. in 1634; was a member of Assembly in 1638; dep. for malignancy in 1651. In 1652 he received help for himself and "his poore indigent familie" from the stipend of Lochbroom; re-adm. in 1662; died 18th March 1670, aged about 59.

1655

THOMAS ROSS of Nether Pitkerrie, born about 1614, son of George R. of Nether Pitkerrie; adm. before 28th Aug. 1655; deprived by Act of Parliament and Decreet of Privy Council 1st Oct. 1662, and went to Tain, where he made himself useful in the work of the Gospel. He was in Moray in 1669 where he was accused of keeping conventicles, and was imprisoned in 1675 in the Tolbooth of Nairn. In 1676 he was removed to the prison of Tain and confined till 9th Oct. 1677, when he was liberated on finding caution for 2000 merks to appear when called upon. He died in his own house in Tain 13th Jan. 1679. James Fraser of Brea dedicated his Memoirs to him as a "singularly pious minister." He marr. Lilius Dunbar, and had issue—Alexander of Nether Pitkerrie, min. of Fearn; George, min. of this parish.—[*Wodrow's Hist.*, i. 324, iii. 437; *The Bass Rock*, 97, 105; Brodie's *Diary*; Crichton's *Life of Blackader*; *Memoirs of Mrs Ross*, 33.]

1662

HECTOR MUNRO, above mentioned.

1671

GEORGE ROSS, son of Thomas R., min. of this parish; educated at King's College, Aberdeen; M.A. (19th July 1666); adm. about 1671; died Feb. 1683, aged about 47. He marr. Katherine Ross, and had issue—David, min. of Tarbat.—[*Scot. Antiquary*, iv., 105.]

1686

KENNETH MACKENZIE, M.A.; adm. before 21st Aug. 1686; trans, to Fearn in 1689.

1689

WALTER ROSS, born Ross-shire about 1689; educated at King's College, Aberdeen; M.A. (13th July 1675); adm. before the Revolution. Refusing to take the Oath of Allegiance, he dem. 26th Sept. 1695. He was summoned by the Presb., 28th July 1700, for intrusion and baptising irregularly; died before 12th April 1705. He marr. Ellen (died before 1704), daugh. of William Munro of Culcraggie, and had fourteen children, for whom charitable contributions were recommended in the Synods of Lothian and Tweeddale, Glasgow and Ayr, and Fife, by the General Assembly, 30th March 1704.—[*Scot. Antiquary*, v., 156.]

1699

HECTOR FRASER, ord. 25th April 1699; trans, to Edderton 4th May 1709.

1711

ROBERT MUNRO, third son of George sheriff-depute and commissary of Ross, and brother of Hugh M., min. of Tain; educated at Univ. of St Andrews; recommended by the Assembly, 13th April 1706, to the Synod of Fife for a bursary; licen. by the Presb. of Tain 1st Dec. 1708; called 31st Oct. 1709, but (from difficulties regarding a sufficient stipend) not ord. till 29th March 1711; died 10th Feb. 1741. He marr. Janet (died 5th Jan. 1771), daugh. of Robert Pirrie, merchant, Glasgow, and had issue—Joseph, min. of Edderton; William, student at Edinburgh Univ.

1742

DAVID ROSS, born about 1711, nephew of David R., min. of Tarbat; educated at Marischal College, Aberdeen; had a bursary from the Synod of Fife 26th Sept. 1728; was schoolmaster at Nigg and Tarbat; licen. by the Presb. of Tain 2nd July 1740; pres. by George, Earl of Cromartie, 6th Aug. 1741; ord. 7th April 1742; died 11th May that year, having survived his ordination four weeks.

1742

GILBERT ROBERTSON, born 15th Sept. 1702, son of George R., farmer, Balconie, Kiltearn, and grandson of Gilbert R. of Kindeace; became tutor to Sir Harry Munro of Fowlis, whom he accompanied to the academy of Dr Philip Doddridge at Northampton, under whom he studied theology; licen. by the classis of Presbyterian dissenters in that place 22nd Aug. 1737; ord. 7th June 1739; called to Dingwall by

the Presb. *jure devoluto* in 1740, but the Commission of Assembly reversed the appointment; called to Edderton in 1741, but the Synod preferred another, 7th April 1742. On a petition by the whole parish, he was pres. by George, Earl of Cromartie, 10th July, and adm. 31st Aug. 1742; called to Tarbat in 1750, which was not sustained. He was obliged to leave his parish in the spring of 1746 on account of the number of Jacobites encamping near his manse. To disguise himself he donned the Highland garb, and during this period preached under cover of the high broom then growing in profusion between Ardgay and Bonar Bridge. He died at Creich Manse 17th March 1774, "one of the most faithful of Highland ministers." He marr. 13th Oct. 1747, Christian (died 12th Sept. 1767), daugh. of John Bayne, min. of Dingwall, and had issue—Harry, min. of Kiltearn, born 2nd Nov. 1748; Anne, born 2nd March 1750 (marr. 12th Nov. 1772, George Rainy, min. of Creich); John, born 24th Nov. 1751, died in Tobago; George, born 16th Nov. 1756, died in Demerara 1799.

1774

ANDREW GALLIE, born Tarbat about 1730; educated at King's College, Aberdeen; M.A. (3rd April 1750); licen. by Presb. of Tain 28th Nov. 1753; ord. missionary at Fort Augustus 27th July 1756; trans, to Laggan 6th Sept. 1758; pres. by George III. in Aug., trans, and adm. 11th Sept. 1774; died 15th May 1803. He was an intimate friend of James Macpherson and his defender during the Ossian Controversy. He marr. 19th Jan. 1760, Christian, daugh. of Thomas Ross of Calrossie, and had issue—Isobel, born 27th July 1762 (marr. James Ross, merchant. Tain), died in London 7th July 1845; Katherine, born 24th April 1766; Barbara, born 24th Dec. 1767; Alexandrina, born 1st June 1769 (marr. Donald Mackenzie, officer of Excise, Panbride); Gordon, born 25th Nov. 1770; Elizabeth, born 25th April 1772; Helen, born 26th March 1775; John Lockhart, born 11th Jan. 1781; Alexander, born 10th Oct. 1783. Publication—Account of the Parish (*Sinclair's Stat. Acc.*, iii.).

1804

ALEXANDER MACBEAN, born Inverness, 1774, son of Alexander M.; educated at Marischal College, Aberdeen, 1790-4; was schoolmaster at Fearn and Cromarty; licen. by Presb. of Chanonry 1st Oct. 1799; pres. by the Hon. Maria Hay Mackenzie of Cromartie May 1803; ord. 25th April 1804; died 21st Aug. 1820. He marr. (1) Margaret Ross, who died 23rd Nov. 1816, and had issue—William, writer, Edinburgh, born 9th July 1794; Charles Munro, born 11th June 1797, went to South America: (2) 8th May 1817. Helen (marr. (2) 2nd Aug. 1822), daugh. of William Murray, banker. Tain, and had issue—Alexander, born 4th March 1818; Christina, born 28th Feb. 1819; Margaret, born 14th Aug. 1820.

1821

HECTOR ALLAN, born Alness, 1790, son of Donald A., land steward to Sir Hector Munro of Novar; educated at King's College, Aberdeen; M.A. (30th March 1810); ord. missionary at Fort William 15th June 1819; pres. by the Hon. Maria Hay Mackenzie of Cromartie in Feb., trans, and adm. 12th April 1821. Joined the Free Church in 1843; min. of Free Church, Kincardine, 1843-53; died 9th Dec. 1853. He marr. 8th Aug. 1821, Catherine (died 13th Jan. 1836), daugh. of Alexander Stewart, D.D., min.

of the Canongate, Edinburgh, and had issue—Alexander Stewart, major-general H.E.I.C.S., author of *Statistical Accounts of Kincardine and Edderton*, born 19th Aug. 1822; Catherine Louisa, born 24th Dec. 1835.

1835

LEWIS ROSE, trans, from Gaelic Chapel, Duke Street, Glasgow, and adm. 20th Sept. 1843; trans, to Tain 11th April 1844.

1844

DONALD M^cINTYRE, born 1814, third son of John M., farmer, Kilmalie; educated at Univ. of Glasgow; ord. missionary in Lochaber in 1839; assistant at Creich; adm. here 28th Aug. 1844; died 21st Dec. 1869. He marr. 28th Nov. 1844, Catherine (died 7th Oct. 1873), daugh. of Alexander Clark, C.E., Corpach, Fort William, and had issue—Catherine Margaret, born 20th June 1846; John Dugald, born 6th May 1848; Alexander Clark, born 26th Oct. 1851; Jessie Macdonald, born 25th June 1853; Donald Archibald, born 24th Feb. 1855; Thomas Clark, born 10th July 1857.

1870

ALEXANDER MACLEOD, born Gildermory, Alness, 22nd April 1829, son of Roderick M. and Catherine Macdonald; educated at Kincardine Parish School and Univ. of Glasgow; became tutor in the family of Norman Macleod, D.D.; licen. by Presb. of Glasgow in 1866; assistant at Monkton and Newton-upon-Ayr, and missionary at St John's, Perth; pres. by Anne, Duchess of Sutherland; ord. 28th Aug. 1870; died 16th Jan. 1920. He marr. 5th Oct. 1876, Margaret (died 17th June 1919), daugh. of John Mitchell and Christian Walker, and had issue—John Roderick, private London Scottish, born 11th May 1881, killed in action at Bullecourt, France, 29th Aug. 1918; Ada Catherine, born 13th Dec. 1885.

1919

HUGH FRASER M^cNEILL, born Tongue, Sutherland, 15th Dec. 1861, son of Archibald M., schoolmaster, and Mary Fraser; educated at Tongue School and Univs. of St Andrews and Aberdeen; licen. by Presb. of Inverness in 1890; assistant at Stroma, Canisbay, and Blair Atholl; ord. to Foss 28th June 1899; trans, and adm. (assistant and successor) 17th Dec. 1919.