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1928

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.]

EDDERTON.

[The incumbent was formerly sub-dean of Ross.]

1560

SIR JOHN ROSS, vicar in 1550, but there is no evidence that he conformed at the Reformation.

1567

FARQUHAR REID, exhorter in 1567.

1568

WILLIAM STRACHAN, vicar in 1568; died in 1583.

1583

DONALD SIMSON, reader, 1576 to 1580; pres. by James VI. 26th Oct. 1583.—[*Orig. Paroch. Scot.*, ii., 414.]

1607

ROBERT MUNRO, min. in 1607.—[*Munro of Allan Writs.*]

1614

HECTOR MUNRO of Daan, second son of William M., min. of Cullicudden; educated at Univ. of St Andrews; M.A. (1610); adm. in 1614; was a member of the Glasgow Assembly in 1638; still min. 28th Aug. 1655; died before 10th Feb. 1665. He acquired the estate of Meikle Daan in 1626. He marr. (1) Euphemia, daugh. of William Ross of Invercharron, son of Sir David R. of Balnagowan, and had issue—William, died unmarr. in London; Alexander of Meikle Daan; John: (2) Isabel, daugh. of James Davidson, provost of Dundee, and widow of Thomas M^cCulloch of Kindeace.—[*Geneal. of the Mackenzies; Hist. of the Munros*, 384; *Scot. Antiquary*, xii., 171; *P.C. Reg.*, 3rd ser., ii., 24.]

1665

WILLIAM ROSS, educated at Univ. of St Andrews; M.A. (13th May 1653); licen. by Presb. of Forres 14th Nov. 1657; adm. in 1665; proposed for Auldearn in 1671 and Stirling in 1676; died April 1679, aged about 46. He marr. (cont. 30th June 1660), Isobel, daugh. of Andrew M^cCulloch of Glastullich (she marr. (2) Hugh Ross, writer, Inverness).

1680

ARTHUR SUTHERLAND, educated at King's College, Aberdeen; M.A. (14th July 1674); adm. about 1680; died April 1708, aged about 54. He marr. Janet (died 17th April 1748), daugh. Of Alexander Ross of Easterfearn, and had issue—John, min. of

Tain; David; William, dyer in Ord; Robert, squarewright. Tain; Mary.—[*Services of Heirs; Reg. of Deeds*, Mack., clxxxv., pt. i., 18th March 1759.]

1709

HECTOR FRASER, licen. by Presb. of Linlithgow; ord. to Kincardine 25th April 1699; called 17th Oct. 1708; trans, and adm. 4th May 1709; died 17th May 1729. He marr. Margaret Ross (died 1752), widow of John Robertson, min. of Lairg.

1730

ROBERT ROBERTSON, born 1692, son of Colin R. of Kindeace and Rebecca, daugh. of Sir Robert Munro, Bart., of Fowlis; educated at Univ. of Edinburgh; M.A. (13th April 1710); licen. By Presb. of Peebles 16th March 1720; ord. to Loth 10th May 1721; trans, and adm. 29th July 1730; died 18th Dec. 1740.—[Macdonald's *MS. Diary; Douglasses of Mulderg.*]

1742

JOSEPH MUNRO, born 1714, son of 1742 Robert M., min. of Kincardine; educated at Univ. of St Andrews; licen. by Presb. of Haddington 5th March 1739; pres. by George, Earl of Cromartie, 2nd June 1741, but not ord. till 16th Sept. 1742, in consequence of a competing call. A considerable number of parishioners opposed to his settlement, seceded and joined a Secession congregation at Nigg; died 16th March 1785. He marr. 20th Nov. 1746, Barbara (died 17th Aug. 1789, aged 71), daugh. of Walter Ross, D.D., min. of Tongue, and had issue—Annabella Stewart, born 16th Nov. 1747 (marr. George Douglas, min. of Tain); Walter Ross, born 23rd Oct. 1748; Elizabeth, born 26th Oct. 1749; Robert, born 30th Jan. 1750; Joseph Drew, born 24th Jan. 1752; Janet Mary, born 13th May 1753 (marr. Angus Bethune, min. of Alness); Helen Liliias, born 25th Sept. 1754, died 15th April 1755; Barbara Margaret, born 23rd Feb. 1756 (marr. John Bethune, min. of Dornoch); Matthew William Charles, born 23rd March 1760.—[*Hist. of the Munros.*]

1785

ALEXANDER MUNRO, born Ferintosh, 1756; educated at King's College, Aberdeen; M.A. (31st March 1777); licen. by Presb. of Dingwall 29th Sept. 1784; pres. by John, Lord Macleod, in July, and ord. 28th Sept. 1785; died 30th Oct. 1820. He encountered considerable opposition from the majority of his parishioners, being inducted without their concurrence, but a high character for piety, amiability, and diligence eventually secured for him their affection and esteem. He marr. 22nd June 1781, Margaret Cooper, who died 24th July 1797, and had issue—Hugh, merchant, Lisbon, born 10th Aug. 1782; Mary: (2) 24th Oct. 1798, Simona (died 9th Dec. 1834), daugh. of Simon Mackenzie of Scotsburn, and had issue—Margaret Mackenzie, born 6th Aug. 1799; John, born 18th Sept. 1804; Vere Menzies, medical practitioner, born 15th Dec. 1806. Publication—Account of the Parish (Sinclair's *Stat. Acc.* xi.).

1821

ALEXANDER CAMERON, born Ardersier, 1793; educated at King's College, Aberdeen; M.A. (25th March 1814); app. rector of Tain Academy 11th May 1817; licen. by Presb. of Tain 12th Aug. 1818; pres. by the Hon. Mrs Maria Hay Mackenzie

of Cromartie; ord. 13th Sept. 1821; died 5th Sept. 1835. He was an able preacher and much loved by his parishioners. He marr. 4th Aug. 1819, Katherine (died Nov. 1843), daugh. of Robert Irvine, merchant, London, and had issue—Martha Isabella, born 8th Sept. 1820 (marr. William Cameron, min. of Lochbroom); Isabella, born 16th Nov 1821; William, born 3rd June 1823; Alexander Robert Irvine, born 17th Oct. 1827, died 24th March 1830.

1836

DONALD GORDON, born Strathaven, 1796; educated at King's College, Aberdeen; M.A. (March 1819), and Univ. of Glasgow; became schoolmaster of Farr 14th May 1817; licen. by Presb. of Tongue 28th Nov. 1822; ord. (assistant) to Eddrachilis same day; trans, to Stoer 2nd Sept. 1829; pres. by the Hon. Mrs Maria Hay Mackenzie of Cromartie 5th Dec. 1835; trans, and adm. 7th April 1836. Joined the Free Church in 1843; min. of Free Church, Edderton, that year; died 30th Aug. 1847. He marr. 24th Sept. 1833, Donaldina Ross, Scourie, who died 7th Feb. 1902, and had issue—John, born 20th Sept. 1834; Charles, born 11th July 1836; Mary, born 21st Dec. 1837; Janet Helen, born 15th Dec. 1839; Donella, born 12th Feb. 1843.

1844

JOHN CAMERON, born Inverness-shire 1799; educated at King's College, Aberdeen; M.A. (March 1818); licen. by Presb. of Inverness 1st July 1823; ord. to Stornoway 18th Aug. 1825; trans, and adm. 28th March 1844; died 30th May 1854. He marr. 26th Oct. 1825, Margaret Bruce, Dumfries, who died 29th Sept. 1888, and had issue—James Bruce, born 20th Dec. 1827; Margaret Bruce, born 7th Sept. 1829 (marr. Adam Smith, Ballarat, Victoria); Emily Mackenzie, born 19th Feb. 1832; Eliza, born 22nd March 1835; Alexander, born 12th May 1837; Joanna, born 20th April 1839; John William, born 8th July 1841, died 7th Dec. 1854; Murdo, born 12th Sept. 1845. Publication—Account of the Parish of Stornoway (*New Stat. Acc*, xiv.).

1854

DONALD MACINTOSH, born 1800, son of Alexander M., farmer, Killearnan, and Isabel Noble; educated at King's College, Aberdeen, 1817-25; ord. by Presb. of Lochcarron to West River, Pictou, Nova Scotia, 1833; trans, to Urray 29th Feb. 1844; trans, and adm. 23rd Nov. 1854; died 2nd July 1859. He marr. 10th April 1839, Jane Lydiard, who died 22nd Feb. 1896, and had issue—Lydiard, born 3rd May 1840, died 9th April 1849; Edward, engineer, Burmah, born 6th May 1843; Howard Lydiard, born 15th June 1845; Flora Downie, born 6th Oct. 1846; Mary Charlotte, born 19th July 1848; Lydiard, born 20th May 1850; Charles Downie, born 25th Sept. 1852.—[Gregg's *Hist. of the Presbyterian Church in Canada*, 335.]

1859

JAMES MAXWELL JOASS, M.A.; adm. from Brae Lochaber Mission 24th Nov. 1859; trans, to Golspie 25th Oct. 1866.

1867

EWEN MACEWEN, born near Locheearnhead, 1822, son of John M., farmer, and Janet Maclaren; educated at Univ. of St Andrews; ord. missionary at Amulree 28th

March 1854 trans, to Kenmore (assistant) Jan. 1862; trans, and adm. 18th April 1867; died 14th June 1889. He marr. Ellen (died at Forres, 19th Jan. 1924, aged 99), daugh. of Owen Elliot, farmer, and Helen Brydon.

1889

NEIL MACLEOD, ord. 24th Oct. 1889; dem. 6th Dec. 1901 [afterwards min. of Lochranza].

1902

DONALD MACRAE, born Aviemore, 10th Jan. 1864, son of Donald M. and Helen Riddock; educated at Raining's School, Inverness, and Univs. of St Andrews, M.A. (1887), and Aberdeen, B.D. (1890); licen. by Presb. of Dornoch missionary at Ardgour; ord. to Lairg 29th Sept. 1890; trans, and adm. 18th Feb. 1902; clerk of Presb., 1915-23; died at Inverness, 5th Sept. 1923. He marr. (1) 15th Jan. 1891, Anne, daugh. of William Stephen, farmer, Culrain, and Annie Stephen, and had issue—Donald Alastair, lieut. 5th Seaforths and Machine Gun Corps, born 26th Oct. 1891, died of pneumonia at Tournai, 16th Nov. 1918; Ronald Stephen Bruce, Toronto, born 15th March 1893; Colin Frederick, lance-corporal 4th Seaforths, born 19th Feb. 1895, died at St Omer, 21st Dec. 1914; Charles Eric, lieut. 4th Seaforths and R.A.F., born 16th Feb. 1897, killed in air fight at St Omer, 10th Nov. 1916; James Douglas, wireless telegraph officer, H.M.S. Salient, born 3rd July 1899; William Edwin, born 26th Feb. 1902; Isabel Helen, born 1st June 1903 (marr. Peter Robertson of Castlecraig, Nigg): (2) 23rd Nov. 1916, Margaret, daugh. of Duncan Cameron, banker, Tain, and Barbara Mathieson. Publications—*Notes on the History of the Parish of Lairg* (Wick, 1898); Latin Articles in Latin Journals *Vox Urbis* and *Alma Roma*, 1895-1922.

1924

FINLAY McNICOL McKINNON, M.A.; trans from Weem (*q.v.*) and adm. 14th Feb. 1924.