

The Jim Hamilton

Heritage Society of Coalburn

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Winter 2020



Mr Meikle's Christmas Lights

Festive Season 2001- 02



Chairman's Remarks

First of all, I am sad to record that Alex McMurdo has died after a short illness. He had clear memories of Coalburn dating back to the 1930s and was always happy to share information about the village. We were in contact by telephone almost every week. There will be a fuller appreciation of Mr McMurdo and his valuable input to the Heritage Society in the next issue.

Meanwhile, another of our contributors, Billy Dempster, is in hospital. We wish Billy all the best.

On a much happier note you will see that yet another member, Betty Bell, recently celebrated a big numbered birthday. To mark the occasion Marean Johnstone has written a great tribute to Betty in verse. It's one of two topical poems composed by Marean for this issue. Many thanks Marean.

Not to be outdone, Guy Scott is in that league as well - celebrating a big numbered birthday. He, along with several others has enquired about calendars for 2021. As the Heritage Centre is closed we have not been able to print any. It may be of some consolation that Helen has been adding extra pages with photos in the Newsletters. In this issue there are a selection of group photographs, mainly from New Year celebrations in Coalburn in the 1950s.

With regard to photos, a box was recently received from the niece of the late Rev. Brian Cross in which there were many photos and slides among other items. These may be part of a display later.

In the meantime Stay Safe.

Peter McLeish, 17th November 2020.

In deepest sympathy - Coalburn related deaths

George Banks

Agnes Cairns (Cullen)

Mary Gray (McBride)

Agnes Kearney (Duffin)

Pearl Leitch (Hillan)

Williamina (Ena) Munro (McLure)

Alexander Fisher McMurdo

Betty Punton (Aitken)



To Betty
on the Occasion of her 90th Birthday
22nd August 2020



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*A school needs a head and teaching staff  
Auxiliary help as well.  
Cooks, cleaners, janitors too  
And in the office - a MRS BELL!*

*She'd type and keep the money straight  
And as far as we could tell  
Took the new computers in her stride-  
But then she's MRS BELL!*

*When in the rough and tumble of play  
It happened that somebody fell  
It wasn't their mummies they were greetin' for  
It was always MRS BELL!*

*She'd hand out plasters and sympathy  
Till everything was well  
Who needed a professional nurse around  
When we had a MRS BELL!*

*If we wanted to know the local who's who,  
Or where any family might dwell  
Being a Coalburn lassie, born and bred,  
We'd only to ask MRS BELL!*

*Whenever we came across a strange word  
That we weren't sure how to spell  
We never thought to look it up  
It was quicker to ask MRS BELL!*

*Headteachers came, and went, as they do  
And most of them did quite well  
But none could have done the job at all  
If they hadn't had MRS BELL!*

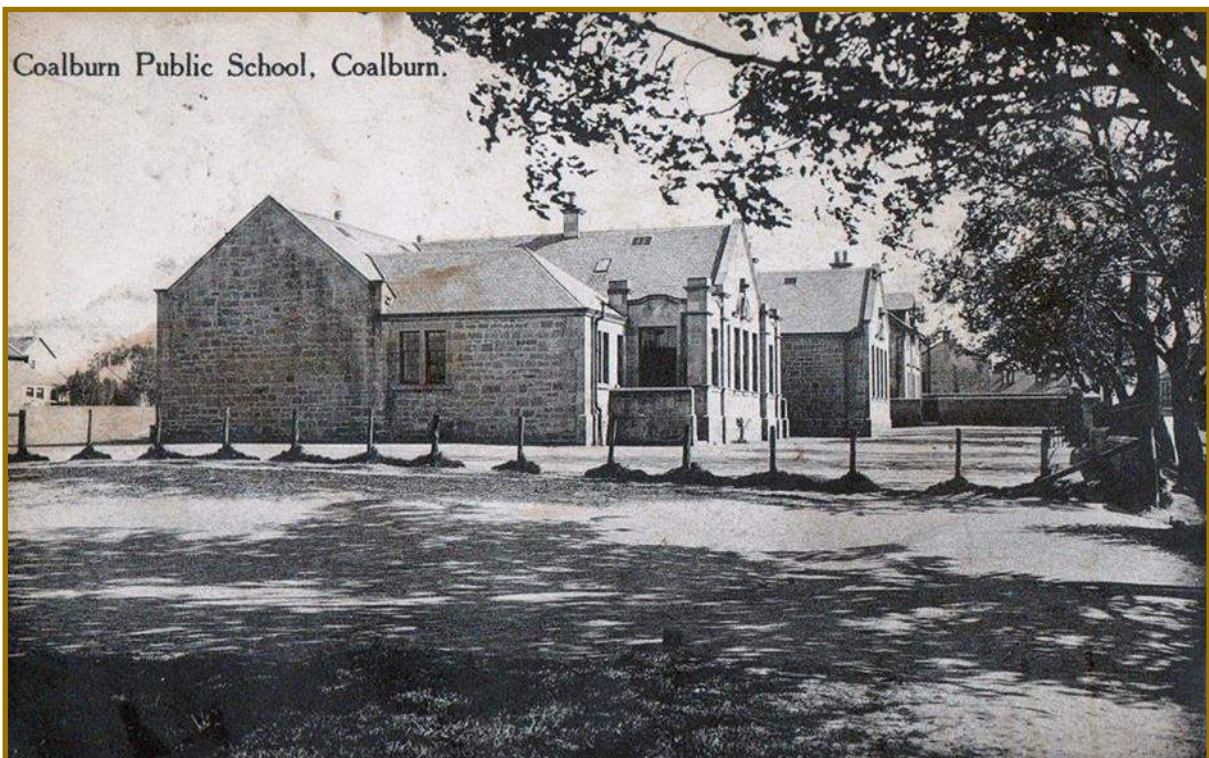


*A source of great knowledge and general know-how  
To know her was really swell.  
It wasn't the same when she retired.  
We all missed MRS BELL!  
Now here she is at 90 years young  
And looking fit and well.  
Congratulations from all the Coalburn Crew.  
Happy Birthday, MRS BELL!*

**by Marean Johnstone**



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The Baird-Findlay Family

I am still receiving and responding to enquiries from various people about relatives who lived in Coalburn. This was a particularly interesting one.

Peter McLeish

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In October I had an enquiry by e-mail from a Laura McKie who was looking for information about Coalburn Farm and her great great grandparents William Baird and Mary McCulloch, who had lived there.

I was able to tell Laura that Coalburn Farm was situated next to where the manse was. It transpired that the Bairs had moved to Coalburn from Ayrshire sometime between 1881 and 1891. The 1891 Census shows William Baird as Coalburn Farm griever (overseer). In 1901 he was shepherd. William died in 1904, probably at home at the farm. His widow Mary latterly lived at Glenrowan Cottage, the family home of her daughter Ellen Baird and husband James Findlay. This was situated down the hill from Coalburn Farm, by the railway on the Lesmahagow side. It was there that Mary died, in 1908.

Ellen Baird was one of three daughters born to William and Mary, the others being Christina and Euphemia. All three married and had large families. Most of their children returned to Ayrshire, however Ellen and her husband James Findlay's branch of the family remained local. Pipe Major James Findlay was their grandson. He and his wife Margaret lived in School Road, where they brought up their sons Tom and Jim. This remained the family home until Margaret's passing, in December 2015, in her 92nd year.

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Laura had some interesting information about her McCulloch ancestors. Her great great grandmother Mary McCulloch was descended from a sibling of Professor Alexander Murray. Born in Dunkitterick, Minnigaff in 1772, the son of a shepherd and farm labourer, he had barely over a year of school education. Yet Alexander Murray gained entry to Edinburgh University and became a linguist, translator, and professor of Hebrew and Semitic languages - as well being ordained minister in the parish of Urr in 1808. He died in 1813. Sadly his offspring died through illness and accident and he has no direct descendants. Alexander Murray's monument remains, in the form of an eighty foot stone obelisk on a hill in the Galloway Forest Park (pictured), erected in 1835.

Lintfieldbank WRI Centenary

To mark the 100th Anniversary of the Lintfieldbank branch of the Woman's Rural Institute, we thought it might be interesting to look back on the formation of the group.

The early Institutes were set up by ladies of note and Lintfieldbank was no exception as Mrs Margaret Mary Ann Smith of Birkhill was the benefactor in 1920 and - as with the Birkhill Sunday School - she allowed the early meetings of Lintfieldbank SWRI to be held in a barn adjoining Birkhill House.



As announced in the Hamilton Advertiser of 11th September 1920

A meeting for the purpose of forming a Woman's Rural Institute for Lintfieldbank and district was held in Birkhill Barn on the evening of Wednesday the 8th. There was a very good attendance. Mrs Smith of Birkhill was in the chair and introduced Miss Brown of the Board of Agriculture for Scotland, who gave a most interesting outline of the work the institutes were doing throughout Britain, emphasising the particular need for them in a country community. Mrs Douglas of Auchlochan spoke of the institutes at New Trows and Lesmahagow. On the question being put to the meeting it was unanimously decided to form a Women's Rural Institute for the district.

Forty six members were enrolled and proceeded to the election of office-bearers as follows: President, Mrs. Smith of Birkhill; vice-president, Miss Hamilton of Poniel; secy. Miss Hay, Heatherview; treasurer, Miss Stewart, Fairhill; and eight additional members of committee - Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Lockhart, Mrs. Twaddle, Miss Jack, Miss Edgar, Miss Kirkland, Miss Neilson and Miss Prentice. Votes of thanks were accorded to Mrs

Douglas and Miss Brown. The next meeting is on Tuesday evening, 5th October, when additional members will be welcomed.

1920 LINTFIELDBANK WRI 2010



An undated photograph, possibly the early 1950's.

The ladies are *Barbara Davidson, Sarah Sorbie, Lizzie Reid, Mrs Buchanan, Barbara Smart, Maggie Wilson, Mary Spence, Janet Clark and Agnes Gillies with Martha Knight, seated.*

Treasurer Miss Hay and secretary Miss Stewart were teachers at Bellfield school.

Over twenty new members were enrolled that October.

Did You Know... ?

John Weir - 100 years ago

Mr John Weir lived at Victoria Cottage, Braefoot. He was injured in an accident, probably at Bellfield Colliery and, as a result, was unable to walk and required a wheelchair for the rest of his life. A report from the Hamilton Advertiser, 15th January 1921 tells us how fellow workers and others in the village rallied round to support him:

“I, John Weir, beg to acknowledge having received the sum of Seventy-Seven pounds Sixteen shillings. Proceeds off concert held in Victoria Hall, Coalburn on 17th December take this opportunity to thank my fellow workers, and others for their generosity. *Victoria Cottage, Coalburn.*”



John Weir with his family
at Victoria Cottage

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## A hard winter - 80 years ago

December 1940: the road leading to Middlemuir Rows & Bankend, with Dempster's mine in the background.

The road had been cleared by local people using shovels, even though the height of drifts ranged from 8-12 feet.

The woman in the photo is Maggie Hamilton, an aunt of James Hamilton. She was married to Geordie Clark, known as 'Poneil', who worked as a signalman on the railway.

*Photograph and information  
kindly contributed by Alex McMurdo*



# Auld Acquaintance

## Supplement Winter 2020



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### *When Friends Drop In*

*It may be I'm old fashioned but the times I like the best  
Are not the splendid parties with the women gaily dressed  
And the music tuned for dancing and the laughter of the throng  
With a paid comedian's antics or a hired musician's song,  
But the quiet times of friendship, with the chuckle and the grin  
And the circle at the fireside when a few good friends drop in.*

*There's something round the fireplace that no club can imitate,  
And no throng can even equal just a few folks near the grate.  
Though I sometimes like an opera, there's no music quite so sweet  
As the singing of the neighbours that you're always glad to meet,  
For I know, when they come calling, that the fun will soon begin  
And I'm happiest, those evenings, when a few good friends drop in. ...*



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*There's no pomp of preparation, there's no  
style or sham or fuss,  
We are glad to welcome callers who are glad  
to be with us,  
And we sit around and gossip, or we start  
merry game,  
And we show them by our manner, that we're  
very pleased they came.  
For there's something real about it and the  
yarns we love to spin  
And the time flies, oh so quickly, when a few  
good friends drop in*



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*There is some infor-  
mation about the  
pictures and people  
in them inside the  
back cover*



*Let me live my life among the  
cheerful, kindly folk and true,*

*And I'll ask no greater glory till  
my time of life is through.*

*Let me share the love and favour  
of the few who know me best,*

*And I'll spend my time content-  
ed till my sun sinks in the west;*

*I'll take what fortune sends me  
and the little I may win*



*And be happy on these evenings when a few good friends drop in.*

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'When Friends Drop In' was written by James McLean of Coalburn two weeks before his death in 1957. Born in 1897, he was the father of our own Jim McLean who sadly passed away earlier this year. It is among several of his works presented by Jim Hamilton in *Poems of the Coalburn District* [1972]

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**The McMurdo family home in  
snow, 1930s.**

# Congratulations to Guy Scott



The Jim Hamilton Heritage Society of Coalburn would like to extend hearty congratulations to member Guy Scott on his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, which fell this October.

Guy Scott was a founder member of the Nethanvale Wheelers cycling club in 1951 and their first Secretary and Treasurer. Guy later wrote a history of the Nethanvale Wheelers for the Coalburn Chronicles: this can be found in Part 17. He married a fellow member, Kirkmuirhill lass Jean Donaldson, in 1952 and shortly afterwards they moved to Scunthorpe where he began his career as a college lecturer.

Guy and family later moved to Colchester where by 1982 he was Head of the school of Automobile Engineering in the Faculty of Technology at the Colchester Institute. Jim Hamilton highlighted Guy Scott's considerable achievements in that issue of the Chronicles - alongside a prospectus for the Colchester Institute, session 1982/83, he advised:

*"It will be noted that Guy Scott who left Coalburn Public School at the age of 15 years, is shown as Head of Technology and has three diplomas and is a member of two Institutes."*

Guy and Jean celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary in February 2013. Now a widower, Guy lives with his son in Colchester.

Guy Scott has been away from Coalburn for almost 70 years now but retains his ties to the village, keeping in touch with old friends and subscribing to the Heritage Society.

**Belated birthday greetings, Mr Scott.**



Guy Scott cycling through Abington in his Nethanvale Wheelers days

# Poetry

## Corner

### **A response to Peter's Self Isolation Poem**

**by Marean Johnstone**

*I do sympathise with Peter's dilemma*

*When forced to self isolate*

*At home by himself, no visits to Jean -*

*Would have left him quite desolate.*

*His daughters had only his welfare at heart*

*When they decided he'd best go to Devon.*

*There he'd be waited on hand and foot*

*And that must have seemed like heaven.*

*As he set off on the long journey south*

*What was uppermost in his mind?*

*Was he looking forward or a bit concerned*

*About those he'd left behind?*

*He needn't have worried, if indeed he did*

*We'd a green or red card to display*

*Confident that should we need any help*

*It would speedily come our way.*

*Thanks to grants and donations and the Action Group*

*We had all we needed and more,*

*Especially all of us older folks*

*With food parcels brought to the door!*

*We had vouchers to spend in our local shops*

*And the village was a bonnie sight*

*With planters appearing all over the place*

*Full of flowers so cheerful and bright*

*When lockdown restrictions were lifted at last*

*Peter returned as soon as he could.*

*He was able to visit his Jean outdoors*

*Everything was looking good.*

*Alas! Not for long as the virus has spread*

*With things changing from day to day.*

*Here's hoping that Peter will take all in his stride*

*And decide that at home he will stay.*



## Meet the Neighbours

The Jim Hamilton Heritage Society of Coalburn is one of several local heritage organisations in Lanarkshire. Most have websites and many are extending their coverage, what with meetings remaining suspended across the country. Here's a look at some of what's on offer elsewhere.

### **Biggar Museum Trust**

The museum shop hopes to reopen on Friday December 11th.

The museum itself remains closed. However if you have web access you may enjoy a virtual tour: <https://biggarmuseumtrust.co.uk>

### **Bothwell Historical Society**

The Bothwell Historical Society website is a good place to find information about the battle of Bothwell Bridge, the Covenanters and the Cameronians - as well as the history of Bothwell village: <http://bothwellhistoricalsociety.co.uk>

### **Carluke Parish Historical Society**

For a little of the spirit of Christmas Past, Carluke are presenting a virtual 12 days of Christmas with stories and pictures from past Christmas celebrations in the parish. This will be on line at their website from 12th December. A 2021 Heritage Calendar is available to purchase there (cost £7) : <https://www.carlukehistory.com>

### **Douglas Heritage Museum**

The museum remains closed, however there is interesting information on the website and work is underway to expand coverage: <http://douglasheritagemuseum.co.uk>

**Did you know ...** The name 'Douglas' comes from the Gaidhlig 'dubh' and 'glas' meaning 'dark stream'? So the river we now know as the Douglas Water gave its name to the village, which in turn gave its name to the Douglas family. When they arrived from Flanders in the 1100s they adopted the name 'De Douglas' meaning 'of Douglas'. That name evolved over the centuries and by the 14<sup>th</sup> Century the 'De' was dropped.

The first recording of 'Douglas' as a placename was in 1174. However Douglasdale had been occupied for millennia before the arrival of 'The Douglasses'. During the so-called 'dark ages' (around 500-1000 AD) the area was dominated by the Cumbric peoples of the Kingdom of Ystrad Clud (Strathclyde). The Gaidhlig name most likely comes from the Norse-Gaels of Galloway who spread throughout South West Scotland during 9th-11th Centuries. The Lordship of Galloway, a semi-independent Kingdom, incorporated Douglasdale.

# History of Birkwood

## Part IV

Part III of our history saw Birkwood about to pass into the third generation of the Mackirdy family following the death in January 1894 of General David Elliott MacKirdy, the youngest son of John, who was the first Mackirdy owner. Part IV has some information about the Estate and local people around this time, and tells the story of the new owner, the General's nephew William Augustus Scott.

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Birkwood estate in the early 1890s General David Elliot Mackirdy's Will and inventory reads like a 'who's who' of the local area, so extensive was his property and numerous his tenants. Too many to list so here are just a few particulars that may be of interest.

When the General made his Will in 1892 this included provision for his staff. His land steward at Birkwood, William Davidson, was particularly favoured. Mr Davidson was to inherit *"a free three room house on Birkwood Estate and an annuity for life of twenty pounds and to be continued for life to his wife if she survives him"*. General Mackirdy also specifies that *"The gardener now at Birkwood who has been there many years"* should receive £20 - double the amount bequeathed to other *"outdoor servants and gate-keepers"*. This person was probably Gavin Gilchrist, who was gardener in early 1894 when the General's estate was itemised. David Elliot Mackirdy also made provision for a sum of £50 - over £6,500 in today's money - to *"be given to the poor of the village of Lesmahagow."*

The inventory also reveals some interesting facts about the locality. For example, at Dundside - one of the properties in Mackirdy hands - there was a well, known as 'Susie's Well'. Among the debts owed when David Elliot Mackirdy's estate was settled was the sum of £2 10/- due from the 'Bothwell Special Supply Local Authority' for drawing water from this well. General Mackirdy was also owed £12-6-9 by a Glasgow fishmonger, W & R Colquhoun at Charing Cross, suggesting that the river Nethan on Mackirdy land had a plentiful supply of fish, which were being supplied to the Glasgow market.

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***And so to the new owner, William Augustus Scott-MacKirdy, proprietor from 1894 until his death in 1909*** William Augustus was the eldest son of the General's sister Susan Mackirdy and her husband, Andrew Scott. There had been five Mackirdy siblings, but only Susan and one brother, John Gregory Mackirdy, had married - and John Gregory had no children. William Augustus Scott was certainly born to wealth, but he had a considerable share of sorrow too, experiencing a number of untimely bereavements.

Susan Mackirdy married cotton mill owner Andrew Scott at the British Chaplaincy in Naples in 1841. Both were past the first flush of youth: Andrew being aged around 40 and Susan 33. It was there that William Augustus was born, in 1843. It is unlikely that he re-



tained any memories of Naples as the family were back in Scotland by early 1845, when a brother, John Elliot Scott, was born. Sister Mary Matilda arrived in 1848. The first record of the family together in Scotland is the 1851 Census, which sees them handsomely housed at Queens Crescent, Glasgow - facing Queens Park - and attended by three servants.

A sister, Susan Andreanna Scott, was born at the end of that year. However tragedy was just around the corner. William Augustus lost his mother the following year, 1852, when he was still a child.

Six years later his aunt, Mary Mackirdy, died. 1858 was also the year when his father remarried. Andrew Scott's second wife was Christian Wilkie. She was 21 years his junior, and the daughter of Jane Elliot, a first cousin of Susan Mackirdy. Jane Elliot's sister Mary had been Susan's mother (being married to John Mackirdy). Jane Elliot had married the Reverend Daniel Wilkie, minister at Old Greyfriars Church, Edinburgh; so Christian Wilkie was a daughter of the manse.

And so by 1861 much has changed for William Augustus Scott. The Census shows that the family remain at 8, Queens Crescent, with two new additions: his infant half sisters Jane Euphemia Augusta Alice (known as 'Jeanie') and Euphemia Daniella Caroline (known as 'Effie'). However William Augustus is at Boarding School at Mountgreenan in Ayrshire. This is a handsome building near Kilwinning, with architectural features by Alexander 'Greek' Thompson, which still stands and now operates as a hotel. Aged 18, William Augustus Scott is one of the eldest scholars resident, so he may have been there for some time. There are 35 pupils and four teachers in residence, including the 79 year old Swiss Emil C McJacquier who teaches modern languages, and William Macfarlane, who at the age of 19 is teaching Classics. There are also 10 servants and a nurse.

In summer 1863 Andrew Scott's youngest child was born - another daughter, Alice Christian Charlotte - and her half brother William Augustus, now aged 20, was charged with registering the birth.



Birkwood House in 2011 - a typically great picture by John Zawadski

jz 2011



Andrew Scott - merchant in Glasgow and partner in the firm of Andrew Scott & co. - died in 1868.

His son William Augustus appears to have kept the business going, as the Census of 1871 gives his profession as 'assistant manager, cotton mill'. He is now aged 28 and living at Park Quadrant - overlooking Kelvingrove Park and to this day one of the most prestigious streets in Glasgow - with his stepmother and siblings. And, of course, their house servants. But there was sadness later that year when his stepmother Christina Wilkie died at home, aged 46. She had been terribly sick for months, and stepson William Augustus was with her when she died.

Like his parents before him, William Augustus Scott was in no rush to marry. It was not until 1880, at the age of 37, that he wed Lucy Bell, the 30 year old daughter of a railway company agent. (The Scotts and Mackirdys were heavily invested in a range of railway company stocks). They took up residence in Bothwell and went on to have five children, born between 1881 and 1893.

And so it was as a family man aged 50 that William Augustus Scott became proprietor of Birkwood on the death of his uncle David Elliot Mackirdy in 1894.

*William was a great benefactor to the village of Lesmahagow.* In 1901, he gifted a portion of his land which lay on the banks of the Nethan in Abbeygreen to the villagers, which is still known as the McKirdy Public Park. A further gift of a water fountain was given to the people of Lesmahagow and situated at the junction of Abbeygreen and Peasehill (New Trows Road). The Fountain remained in situ until 1926, when the intention was to re-site it in the public park. Unfortunately it was so badly damaged in the course of being dismantled that it could not be re-erected. A similar fountain can be seen in the public park at Glenview, Larkhall. A smaller version was erected in Lesmahagow in June 2010.



William Augustus Scott Mackirdy

How did William feel about the stipulation that the residue of his uncle's substantial estate be paid to *"the actual proprietor and some months yearly resident in the house or Castle of Birkwood"*? This was not his only property, and his eldest son had been bequeathed the General's Frech estate, including his winter home in Cannes.

On the night of the Census 31st March 1901 Birkwood House is unoccupied. The record advises: *"This house is only empty vacant owing to Mrs Loudon and family having gone to the seaside (Rothesay)."* (It appears odd that the fact that a house was vacant was noted, as the Census pertains to people, not property.)

William's death in March 1909, at the age of 65, occurred in Brighton *"where he was temporarily resident."* The proprietorship of Birkwood now fell to his eldest son. Baptised Elliot Mackirdy Scott, but - like his father before him - obliged as a condition of inheritance to take the surname Mackirdy, the new proprietor was: ***Elliot Mackirdy Scott Mackirdy.***

## ***Pictures in the photo supplement***

### **1,7. 1950s**

1. at the table: Davie Watson, Davie Mathieson, Helen Miller (M Brownlie), Mollie Brownlie; seated by the fire, Jimmy Brownlie.
7. clockwise left to right: Murdo Mathieson, Mollie Brownlie, Tam Lightbody, Davie Mathieson, Jimmy Brownlie (looks like there are many pennies riding on that last horse).

### **2, 3, 4, 6. New Year 1953**

2. and 3. Brownlies with Kerr Scott (far right in both photos); the gentleman seated in photo 2 is a relative of one of the Newfoundland soldiers who had been billeted in the village during WWII.
4. Jackie Cook, Guy Scott, Tam Lightbody, Jimmy Brownlie; Davie Mathieson playing the piano.
6. Standing - Tam Lightbody, Jimmy Brownlie, Guy Scott, Kerr Scott, Murdo Mathieson, Mollie Brownlie, Helen Miller; seated - Martha Miller [M Mathieson], Jim Brownlie, Margaret Nelson, Guy Twaddle, Dougie Lockhart, Davie Mathieson; at front - Andrew Brownlie, Jackie Cook.

### **5. New Year 1957** Davie Mathieson at the piano; standing left to right Mr Walker, Helen Miller; Jimmy Mathieson (Davie's father).

### **8. Easter 1959** Ann Cattermole, Andrew Brownlie, Ian Edmison and wife Elizabeth.

## ***People in the pictures***

**Ann Cattermole** - a Surrey lass visiting with her fiancée, Andy Brownlie; they still live in Surrey.

**Jackie Cook** - member of the Nethanvale Wheelers Cycling Club [NWCC]; emigrated to New Zealand.

**Ian & Eliz Edmison** - Ian was also in the NWCC; he worked for the railway including as station master at Ashgill; he and wife Elizabeth settled in Larkhall.

**Tam Lightbody** - another of the NWCC, Tam left the area to work with the Forestry Commission; he later emigrated to New Zealand where he lost his life in a motoring accident.

**Dougie Lockhart** - Dougie married and lived in Carluke.

**Davie Mathieson** - also in the NWCC in this youth, Davie ran a butcher's shop in Lesmahagow for many years.

**Jimmy Mathieson** - father of Davie, was also a Lesmahagow butcher; he died in 1962.

**Murdo Mathieson** - affectionately known as 'Murdie' in the family; born in 1921, son of Jimmy Mathieson's older brother Donald - so a nephew of Jimmy and cousin of Davie; married Mary Turnbull in 1954; died in 1979.

**Helen Miller** - born in 1904, the youngest of a large family; married Jimmy Brownlie in 1926 and had four of a family; Helen said she was "an awfie dunce" at school, however her three sons all became engineers; her sister Grace married Alex McMurdo, an uncle of our own Alex McMurdo; she died in 1997, aged 93.

**Martha Miller** - born in 1877, Martha was the daughter of Alexander (Sannie) Miller and his wife Jenny, who farmed at Braehead; her brother John (known as Jake; 1876-1944) had farmed Bellfield Farm; Martha married Murdoch (Murdo) Mathieson and a family of ten; Jimmy Mathieson was her son as was Murdie's father Donald; Martha was a first cousin of Helen Miller, despite being 26 years her senior; known as 'Aunt Martha' in Helen's family, where she was much loved, she died in 1961.

**Margaret Nelson** - a niece of Jimmy Brownlie & frequent visitor to Coalburn.

**Guy Scott** - now living with family in Colchester, Guy recently celebrated his 90th birthday (see previous pages for more about Guy Scott).

**Kerr Scott** - a cousin of Guy, Kerr was from Blackwood; Club Champion of the Nethanvale Wheelers, Kerr remained a keen cyclist all his days.

**Guy Twaddle** - lived at Braefoot, was pit engineer at the colliery behind the post office in Coalburn.

**Davie Watson** - still lives in Lesmahagow and keeps accounts for the Lesmahagow football club.

**Mr Walker** - another Lesmahagow butcher; married Marigold Mathieson, a sister of Davie, daughter of Jimmy, and granddaughter of Martha.



*The Jim Hamilton*

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*Maybe next year . . . . .*

