

**Working notes: Chronological list of gold and silversmiths,
gunsmiths, clock and watchmakers and jewellers in or from Tain,
to 1900**

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Abbreviations of sources

BOS	<i>A ballance of Silver</i> , E Quick, Tain 1997
CWS	<i>Clock & Watchmakers of the Scottish Highlands 1780-1900</i> , D Whyte, Highland Family History Society 2001
ERD	<i>The Earls of Ross and Their Descendants</i> , F Nevile Reid, Edinburgh 1894
HC	Highland Council
HGS	<i>Highland Gold and Silversmiths</i> , GP Moss & AD Roe, NMS Publishing 1999
IGCE	Incorporation of Goldsmiths of the City of Edinburgh
IGI	International Genealogical Index, accessed via www.familysearch.org
IM	Inverness Museum & Art Gallery
NA	National Archives
NAS	National Archives of Scotland
ORS	<i>Old Ross-shire and Scotland from the Tain & Balnagown Documents</i> , W Macgill, 2 vols, Northern Counties Publishing 1909 & 1911
SP	Scotland's People: www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk
TM	Tain & District Museum

1. Ranald, goldsmith (mid 16th c.)

1549: Property in Tain described in relation to "lands of Ranald goldsmith"¹.

2. Alexander Ross, knockmaster (d.1665)

1665: "It having pleasit God to call Alexr Ross the tounes knockmaster out of this mortall lyfe"².

3. Thomas Hay, goldsmith (mid 17th c.)

1659: Tain stent roll, goldsmith³.

4. Donald Ross I and II, knockmasters (mid 17th c.)

1665: "Donald Ros elder and yor to be full guiders and oversiers of the sd knock & bell and haill workes yroff... to keep samen in guid ordoure... to continow joyntlie in ye sd office during baith ye lyfetymes ad vitam vell ad culpam... to have fourtie merks Scots be yere... and ane ston of tallow wt so much oyle as they sall wish... Donald Ros is obleidgit to learne and educate sum persone as the toune sall think proper"⁴.

5. Hugh Ross I, smith, gunsmith, silversmith (c.1685-1731)

1711: "Appoynts Nicoll Ross to be captain for the first day of the ensuing Lambes Mercat and Hugh Ross smith to be his lieut"⁵.

1714: "Chops beneath the schoolhouse... sett to Hugh Ross gunsmith"⁶.

1714-1718: Town councillor⁷.

1721: Tain suit roll, gunsmith⁸.

1721: Baptism of son Malcolm⁹.

1722: Refused to dress George Gray of Skibo's pistols on the Sabbath (see under Francis Ross)¹⁰.

1723: Baptism of son Charles¹¹.

1724: Baptism of daughter Ann. The witnesses were baillies William and Donald Ross (possibly the pewterer) and Robert Ross (Francis' father)¹².

1728: Tenement in west part of Tain, with property of Hugh Ross gunsmith to the north¹³.

1730: "Arboll Jany 21 1730. To be remembered that Donald Ross in Alde younger hes ane Gunn of mine Alexr Ross in Glasehall hes ane other Keneth McTey hes ane Gunn & broad sword if not two of myne Alexr McTavis now in Ardmore hes one of mine Hugh Ross Gun Smith in Tayne hes one with ffourteen unces of Bulleon for mounting a broad sword the rest of my arms are at Arboll & Amatt"¹⁴.

1730/1: "Hugh Ross gunsmith's burial place, due yrfor £10"¹⁵.

1731/2: Payment "by Hugh Ross gunsmith his peat stack room"¹⁶. The annual charge for this continued till 1738.

1733: "A list of debts owing to Malcolm Ross of Pitcalny... By the Deceast Hugh Ross Gunsmith in Tain Twenty eight stone year old wool at six pds p Stone; 10 Bolls Bear and 10 Bolls Meal, at 8 Merks p Boll payable at Martinmass 1731 vide 106:13:4 for which his letter and his servant's receipt stands in my Custody. Sent him p his letter 2 Guineas vide 25:4:00 In his custody at his Decease belonging to me of Builan 12½ Ounces and a letter relative thereto in my Custody. So much Butter and Cheese given him for which his receipts lyes in my hands. Nota that Alexr Munro got two stone of the said wool, yt I gote an Extravagant Accompt from Robt Ross signed by John Ross Hugh's son, the most of which is false in fact, & nothing to be allowed thereof, but what is written by Hugh Ross his own hand in his Compt Book, on sufficient voucher under my hand..."¹⁷.

Hugh Ross was married to Margaret Manson, daughter of Charles Manson who served as town clerk for a long period. Some online family trees give this Hugh Ross as the son of David Ross 2nd of Balblair but there is no evidence to support this. The Margaret Manson shown as his wife is a

different Margaret Manson. These connections seem to be based on creative interpretation of the incomplete records that are available.

He witnessed several baptisms in the 1720s, including that of David (1723), son of Alexander Manson, late treasurer, and Margaret Manson, daughter of the deceased David Manson. The other witnesses were Malcolm Ross and Charles Manson. Also the baptism of John (1725), son of John Manson in Little Tain and Helen Manson daughter of Charles Manson (i.e. Hugh's sister-in-law).

Alexander Ross of Pitcalnie's inventory of Wester Arboll in 1735 included "ane dozen silver spoons and a dailing spoon marked with MR & AW"¹⁸. MR & AW were his father Malcolm Ross who had recently died and his second wife Agnes Wallace, who were married in the 1720s. An inventory of 1742 mentions 12 silver spoons and a dealing spoon, probably the same as above, plus 6 tea silver spoons (sic), 1 silver drinking jugg, 1 large silver dish and 1 silver tea tongs¹⁹. An inventory of 1724 also included 12 silver spoons, possibly the same ones (AW's first husband George Munro of Culrain died in 1724), with a silver tea spoon, a large silver dish and 3 silver tumblers²⁰.

Further information on Charles Manson from burgh sasines²¹. He was the eldest son of Alexander Manson merchant and was married to Elizabeth McCulloch (sasine of 1778 – EM his relict). As well as Margaret and Helen he also had a daughter Katherine (sasine of 1780 – relict of Alexander Ross tenant in Ardgay). Macgill: Alexander Manson also had a son David to whom he transferred the "tenement commonly called the Great Hall with stable, granary, garden adjoining" (on roughly the site of the Royal Hotel)²².

6. Donald Ross III, pewterer (d.1743²³)

1715: Captain of the guard²⁴.

1721: Baptism of son Andrew²⁵. He became a merchant in Madras²⁶.

1722: Baptism of daughter Janet²⁷. She died unmarried c. 1788²⁸.

1724: Baptism of son William. Witnesses were Roderick Dingwall of Cambuscurrie, David Hay and John Reid²⁹.

1726: Baptism of son Alexander³⁰.

1731: Numerous references in burgh treasurer's accounts from this date³¹.

1751: Son Andrew served heir to his father of the burgage tenements in Tain³².

Like John and George Ross later, Donald Ross was well connected. His wife was Margaret Ross, daughter of Andrew Ross of Shandwick, and before their marriage her brother William already addressed Donald as "aff. Cousigne"³³. Margaret died in 1753; she and Donald were buried at Fearn Abbey³⁴.

7. Charles McCulloch, goldsmith, gunsmith (early 18th c.)

1716: List of arms compiled under the Disarming Act (1716) "Charles Macculloch, Gunn smith in Inverness. Six Gunns valued at £4, Six Side Pistols at £4/3/4, Seven Swords at £0/17/6, One Gunn & one Pistoll at £0/4/0, Two Gunns without locks, two ratches or durks £0/12/4 = £9/17/2". This was one of the higher amounts listed within the burgh of Inverness³⁵.

1718-1750: Frequent mentions in the Inverness Hammermen Minute Book. He served numerous terms as clerk, keymaster, boxmaster and councillor to the incorporation³⁶.

1722: Took apprentice Alexander Ross³⁷.

1723: Debt owing to Charles McCulloch gunsmith³⁸.

1725: Pistols made by him about this date recorded in the USA³⁹.

1727: Marriage to Elspet McBean⁴⁰.

1729: Took apprentice William McIntosh⁴¹.

1731: Discharge. Describes McCulloch as goldsmith in Inverness, the son of James McCulloch, merchant in Tain, and Agnes Corbet, eldest daughter of James Corbet of Balnagall. A second discharge of the same date is to David Ross of Inverchassley in return for which he will pay a yearly aliment of 100 merks to Agnes Corbet. Charles and his sister Abigail described as the only surviving children of James McCulloch. Both discharges witnessed by Donald Ross III⁴².

1737: "Charles McCulloch gunsmith in Inverness and Katherine Anderson his spouse had a Child baptized by Mr James Kay called Anna John McIntosh of Cullalachie John McBean Sheriff Clerk Witnesses"⁴³. John McBean was the father of McCulloch's first wife.

1743: Summons against "Charles McCullach, Gunsmith, for a pair of brass pistols I gave him to dress, which he disposed of; cost me £4"⁴⁴.

8. Alexander Mackenzie I and II, knockmasters (early 18th c.)

1732: Salary as clockmaster in burgh accounts⁴⁵. Payments appeared every two or three years until 1748 then again in 1767.

1735: "Alexr Mackenzie, knockmaster, to find caution for his care and fidelity in keeping the key of the steeple"⁴⁶.

1753: Payment for repairing the town clock⁴⁷.

1756: Ditto. "He and his son Alexr to uphold and keep the said clock regular for 7 years."

9. David Manson gunsmith (early 18th c.)

1737/8: Payment for mending and dressing the town's arms^{48,49}.

1741: Payment in burgh accounts⁵⁰.

1801: Reference to heirs of Daniel Manson gunsmith⁵¹.

10. Francis Ross, silversmith (b.c.1705)

1719: Son of Robert Ross of Tain bailie, apprentice to master silversmith Robert Innes of Inverness⁵².

Robert Ross was a son of Alexander Ross of Easterfearn and Janet, daughter of Gilbert Robertson of Kindeace. He married Janet, daughter of

Alexander Ross of Little Tarrel. They had several children including an unnamed son who became a silversmith in Jamaica⁵³.

The fact that Francis Ross went to Inverness to serve his apprenticeship begs the question why he did not serve it with Hugh Ross in Tain. One answer may be that Hugh Ross already had at least one of his own sons working with him and did not need or want an apprentice. And secondly it is possible that Hugh and Robert Ross did not see entirely eye to eye. An incident recorded in the presbytery records for 1722 describes how a group of gentlemen from Sutherland profaned the Sabbath with their outrageous behaviour. They forced the ferryman at Meikle Ferry to take them across the firth and rode to Tain where they spent most of the day eating and drinking ("but especially drinking") at Bailie Robert Ross's house. One of the men, George Gray of Skibo, tried to persuade Hugh Ross to dress his pistols but Hugh would have none of it on the Sabbath. The matter was a major scandal and was referred to the Commission of the General Assembly⁵⁴.

11. Hugh Ross II, silversmith (c.1715-1776)

1746: In letter to Earl of Sutherland "Your Ip may remember that at Tarbat House I showed you a spoon and some other things received from Hugh Ross the silversmith here, particularly a locket set in gold bearing a cipher on the gold part"⁵⁵.

1749: In letter from William Master of Ross "I send the pattern of one of six silver cups I had made at Aberdeen as a direction to the man at Tayne..."⁵⁶.

1750; Bill to Ross of Pitcalnie for work carried out between May 1740 and October 1748, including mending and dressing swords and making nine table spoons⁵⁷.

1751: "House in Little Taine of Hugh Ross silversmith"⁵⁸.

1754: Letter to Ross of Pitcalnie in which he discusses taking a number of watches to Edinburgh for repair and getting stones for seals and signet rings while he is there. He plans to be away for about a month and mentions a court case waiting to be heard⁵⁹.

1754: Letter to Lady Ross of Pitcalnie re spoons he has made for her "mark'd as you direct" and asking for the measurement of her finger for a ring⁶⁰.

1756: Tain stent roll, silversmith⁶¹.

1758: Listed in first window tax record for Tain and appears thereafter as smith, silversmith or goldsmith⁶². House with 7 windows.

1766: Tain suit roll, silversmith⁶³.

1771: "... principal dwelling house at that time ruinous... in Little Tain... the said house and yard was at that time (1768) possessed by Hugh Ross silversmith in Tain"⁶⁴.

1773: Letter from Naomi Ross of Pitcalnie, presumably to her son Munro, mentioning uncertainty over whether a snuff horn bought from Hugh Ross in 1769 had been paid for: "I think you said the horn was 15sh perhaps you have kept the money and if you did it is no great matter. I only want to know as the man is pressing for his money that I may pay it or

convince him that he is paid according to your information for why should we pay twice or keep the man out of his money⁶⁵.

1773-1776: Hugh Ross senior and junior gold/silversmiths listed in window tax records⁶⁶.

Little Tain was to the north-west of the town and was marked as a separate settlement on General Roy's map of c.1750. It stood beyond the Auldmatach burn which formed a natural western limit to the core of the burgh. It has been suggested that it was a crafting community⁶⁷. Note that Hugh Ross I also had a property in the north-west part of Tain.

11a. Hugh Simpson, gunsmith (mid 18th c.)

1767: Mentioned in burgh sasine⁶⁸.

11b. James Brown, clockmaker (mid 18th c.)

1745: Payment for repairing the town clock⁶⁹.

12. Donald Ross IV, gunsmith (mid 18th c.)

1756: Two bills to the lady of Pitcalnie for various bits of domestic metalwork, including making snuffers and a candlestick⁷⁰.

1770-1784: In window tax records. House with 7 windows⁷¹.

1787: Held house from Sir John Ross of Balnagown⁷².

13. John Ross I, pewterer (mid 18th c.)

1766: Suit roll⁷³.

14. John Ross II, watch and clockmaker (c.1740-1794)

1763: Entered agreement with Glasgow clockmaker Gavin Skeoch to make a musical eight day clock for Hugh McLeod of Geanies⁷⁴.

1766: Payment of £1 3s 6d in burgh accounts⁷⁵.

1768: John Ross clockmaker paid salary of £2 15s (for maintaining town clock)⁷⁶.

1768: Became a member of the Guildry. Occasional mentions in minutes thereafter⁷⁷.

1768: Joined St Duthus masonic lodge⁷⁸.

1770: Payment of £2 10s in burgh accounts for keeping the town clock in order⁷⁹.

1772: "Town clock is very irregularly kept and the Bells equally irregularly rung in the morning... by John Ross clockmaster... He intrusts the keys of the Council house and Turnpike leading up by the prisons to the Bartizan of the Steeple and ringing of said bells to a Wittless Boy... dismiss John Ross"⁸⁰.

1774: First appearance in window tax records. House with 7 windows⁸¹.

1776-1793: Baptisms of 9 children⁸².

1780: Listed in CWS⁸³.

1782: Made clock for Cromarty Courthouse (still in situ and working).

1787: Taxed for house with 10 windows⁸⁴.

1787: Held house from Sir John Ross of Balnagown⁸⁵.

1787: Bought items at the roup of Hugh Ross III⁸⁶.

1789: Taxed for house with 8 windows⁸⁷.
1793: Last entry in window tax records⁸⁸.
1794: Died. Attended Guildry on Dec 24th 1793 but Margaret described as widow in September 1794⁸⁹.
1796-1814: Annuity paid to widow Margaret by Guildry because of her indigent circumstances and numerous family⁹⁰.
1799: Mrs John Ross watchmaker taxed on house with 4 windows⁹¹.
1814: Attendance at Tain Royal Academy by daughter Hannah⁹².
Other: Long-case clock in private ownership in East Lothian. Long-case clock illustrated in *British Clocks and Clockmakers*, K Ulliyett, London 1957. Turret clock in Auckland Museum, New Zealand (1990.112), further details pending. Mantel clock left to NTS by Hamilton Cormack, solicitor in Tain, on long term loan to Tain & District Museum.

It is not possible at the moment to untangle John Ross's family, but his wife, Margaret Gray, was extremely well connected. She was the daughter of David Gray of Newton, Creich, Sutherland, an offshoot of the Grays of Skibo. Her mother was Christian McCulloch, daughter of David McCulloch of Glastullich. On her mother's side, Margaret was related to the Rosses of Morangie and Tarrel and the Macleods of Cambuscurrie⁹³. She was a first cousin of Hugh Rose, who made a fortune in the West Indies and on his return bought several of the estates around Tain, succeeded to the Cromarty estate by marriage, was one of the prime movers behind the foundation of Tain Royal Academy and was Provost of Tain 1833-1840⁹⁴. John Ross must have had some standing to have been acceptable to Margaret's family.

John and Margaret had the following children, all baptised in Tain⁹⁵:
1776 George. This was George Ross the watchmaker. He married the widow of another of his mother's cousins, David McCulloch of Glastullich
1777 Christian
1779 David
1780 David (Hugh Ross III was one of the witnesses)
1783 Charles
1785 Ann
1787 Malcolm
1789 Johana, unmarried and living with George in 1841 and 1851
1793 McCulloch

John and Margaret followed convention by naming their first daughter and second son after Margaret's parents, so it's possible that George was named after John's father. Charles and Malcolm could be named for John's brothers. See sons of Hugh Ross I, although John seems to be too young to be of that family.

CWS identifies Dingwall clockmaker John Ross as the same man. Watchpaper John Ross, watch and clockmaker, jeweller &c. Dingwall, seals, keys, chains, gold rings⁹⁶.

14a. Gavin Skeoch, clockmaker (mid 18th c.)

1763: Agreement with John Ross to make a clock for Hugh McLeod of Geanies as mentioned above. This was to be a complex eight day clock which would play twelve different tunes. Before it was finished Skeoch got into trouble and was imprisoned in the tolbooth. Geanies demanded the clock but John Ross claimed he had bought it from Skeoch. The outcome is unknown.

1766: Payment of £1 5s in burgh accounts "per order"⁹⁷. Did Skeoch work with John Ross to make the new clock for the tolbooth?

1768: Payment of £1 5s to Skeoch in the town's accounts⁹⁸.

Skeoch seems to have been prone to trouble. In 1780 he wrote to Sir Alexander Dunbar from the tolbooth in Elgin, where he had been jailed for "giving a chape to a man's nose", asking him to pay the fine of 5 shillings so that he could be released⁹⁹.

Skeoch was married to Jean Cunningham and they had at least two children, John, baptised at Eaglesham in 1750, and Robert at Paisley in 1755¹⁰⁰. In the McLeod agreement Skeoch is described as "late in Glasgow" and in 1750 as in Millhall. He may have been from Ayrshire, where the name Skeoch is most common. Pigot's 1837 Directory says of the Stewarton area: "The manufacture and forging of clockwork for which this town is peculiar in North Britain is a trade of some significance as it forms an item of exportation to the continent of Europe and America". John Skeoch, clockwork forger, is listed in the High Street.

AD Antiques of Loughton, Essex, recently sold a long-case clock made by Skeoch. It was described as an excellent Georgian clock of top quality. It was an eight day clock with a silvered brass dial and painted moon-phase and was in working order. The same clock was sold by auctioneers Boningtons in 2009. There is a sundial made by Skeoch in the courtyard at Foulis Castle.

15. Hugh Ross III, silversmith, goldsmith (c.1745-1786)

1770: Joined St Duthus masonic lodge¹⁰¹. Seems more likely to be HRIII than HR II as HR II had already been in business for at least 30 years.

1773: Listed in window tax records, at first with Hugh Ross senior then from 1777 to 1786 on his own¹⁰².

1773: Baptism of son John¹⁰³.

1775: Baptism of son Donald¹⁰⁴.

1776-1784: Burgh councillor¹⁰⁵. His signature appears twice in the council minutes and does not seem to be that of HR II. He may have been a councillor before this date as 1776 is the first year of the continuous series of minutes.

1777: Baptism of son Andrew¹⁰⁶.

1779: Baptism of daughter Janet¹⁰⁷.

1780: Joined Guildry. Mentioned occasionally in minutes thereafter¹⁰⁸.

1780: Witness at baptism of John Ross's son David¹⁰⁹.

1783: Letter from Patrick Robertson re commission for a gold snuff box¹¹⁰.

1787: Roup of stock and household effects of Hugh Ross silversmith. Stock included silver snuffbox, gold and silver hearts, silver buckles, gold and silver rings, silver spoons, precious stones, watch glasses, silver candlesticks, silver caster, silver coffee pots, silver nutmeg graters, gold and bullion weights. Purchasers included John Ross watchmaker¹¹¹.
1792: Deceased's son John given a guinea by Guildry as he was going abroad¹¹².

His wife was Mary Munro, daughter of bailie Donald Munro, merchant¹¹³. The references suggest that in the 1770s he was a young man but becoming established, hence the estimated birth date. The window tax records indicate that Hugh Ross II was his father (or possibly uncle, as Robert Keay elder and younger?). There seems to have been a gap between the working dates of Hugh Ross I and II. The relationship between them, if any, is unknown.

16. John Smith, watchmaker (late 18th c.)

1788: Proposed building of Geanies Street, which would join High Street "betwixt gables of houses now possessed by George Murray merchant and John Smith watchmaker"¹¹⁴.

17. Alexander Forsyth, watchmaker (late 18th c.)

1795: List of the Inhabitants of the Town and Parish of Tain liable for Statute Labour, watchmaker¹¹⁵.

18. Alexander Stewart I, silversmith (c.1766-c.1845)

1796-1841: Silversmith¹¹⁶.
1796: Admitted to Hammermen Incorporation of Inverness¹¹⁷.
1812: Tain¹¹⁸.
1814-25: Intermittent attendance at Tain Royal Academy by children Jane, Alexander, James, Thomas, John¹¹⁹.
1815: Notary's fees re subjects in the New Town¹²⁰.
1825-27: Various warrants and decreets v. AS¹²¹.
1841: Living in Lamington Street age 75 with wife Barbara¹²².

19. George Ross, watchmaker (1776-1856)

1795: List of the Inhabitants of the Town and Parish of Tain liable for Statute Labour, watchmaker¹²³.
1801: Tain suit roll, watchmaker¹²⁴.
1802: Joined St Duthus masonic lodge¹²⁵.
1805-1813: Baptism of 4 children¹²⁶.
1812: House and garden on Main Street¹²⁷.
1814-31: Attendance at Tain Royal Academy by children Christian, Charles, Barbara, David¹²⁸.
1817: Chased for payment by George Ross, wright¹²⁹.
1821-23: In Tain Commercial Directory¹³⁰.
1827-29: Warrants v. various people, presumably for non-payment. One mentions "Alex Urquhart your apprentice"¹³¹.
1828: Watchpaper¹³².

1830: Small debt summons¹³³.
1834: Attended Police Committee meeting¹³⁴, on list of electors for burgh elections¹³⁵.
1841: Living in High Street with wife Catherine, Hannah (sister?), Barbara Campbell (daughter?) and William Ross (age 20, apprentice – son?)¹³⁶.
1844-47: Entries in sheriff clerk's account book¹³⁷.
1844-56: Entries in Tain Gas Company cash book for shop and house¹³⁸.
1847: Watchpaper¹³⁹.
1850: Watchpaper¹⁴⁰.
1851: Living in King Street, master employing 1 man, with sister Hannah (63), son-in-law William Ross (Free Church probationer, 47), daughter Barbara (40), grandson Hugh (9), granddaughter Catherine (6)¹⁴¹.
1856: Died July 12th¹⁴². "Mrs Catherine Ross d.22/6/1841 aged 72 her husband Mr George Ross watchmaker in Tain who d.12/7/1856 aged 80"¹⁴³. Sale of business¹⁴⁴.
1857: Inventory, watchmaker in Tain¹⁴⁵.

George Ross was the eldest son of John Ross. His first wife, Catherine Lawson, daughter of a ship's Captain from Leith, was previously married to David McCulloch of Glastullich¹⁴⁶, who died in 1802¹⁴⁷. George and Catherine had four children, all baptised in Tain¹⁴⁸:

1805 Christian, married Thomas Flint, druggist in Tain

1807 Charles

1809 Barbara Campbell Gray, married William Ross who became Free Church Minister of Fodderty

1813 David McCulloch

Catherine also had two daughters from her first marriage, Margaret and Mary, born 1795¹⁴⁹ and 1797¹⁵⁰, who may have lived with the rest of the family as they were still very young. However, James and William Baillie Rose were appointed their guardians¹⁵¹. These were brothers of the Hugh Rose mentioned under John Ross, and were therefore George's cousins. From 1811 there was a legal dispute between the two girls and James Rose over the income from Glastullich¹⁵², but in 1819 Mary married William Baillie Rose¹⁵³.

20. Diogenes Mackay, gunsmith (early 19th c.)

1812: House and garden in New Town¹⁵⁴.

1814-15: Attendance at Tain Royal Academy by son Lachlan¹⁵⁵.

21. David Ross, watch and clockmaker (early 19th c.)

1826: Watchpaper¹⁵⁶.

22. Joseph Campbell, jeweller (early 19th c.)

1852: Will, jeweller in London of Tain¹⁵⁷.

23. Alexander Stewart II, jeweller, silversmith, umbrella maker (b.1801)

1825-37: Jeweller, silversmith and umbrella maker. Son of Alexander Stewart I. Work retailed by William McKenzie, Stirling¹⁵⁸.

24. John Sellar, watch and clockmaker, silversmith, jeweller (1801-1886)

1825-86: Watch and clockmaker, silversmith and jeweller¹⁵⁹.

1821-23: Forres¹⁶⁰.

1821-25: Tain¹⁶¹.

1822: Advertisement for watch and clock making in Tain¹⁶².

1822: Marriage to Jane Grant recorded in Tain and Forres¹⁶³.

1823: Baptism of son John in Tain¹⁶⁴.

1825-36: Wick¹⁶⁵.

1834: Alexander Bain and others v. John Sellar¹⁶⁶.

1836: Alexander Bain and others v. John Sellar¹⁶⁷.

1836: Elgin¹⁶⁸.

1863-86: John Sellar & Sons, Elgin¹⁶⁹.

Listed in CWS for Elgin¹⁷⁰. John Sellar is covered in detail in *Provincial Silversmiths of Moray and Their Marks*, GP Moss, Quartet Books 1994, pp56-66, and in HGS pp173-179. Silver made by him with the Tain mark is extremely rare. There at least two examples of sets of spoons which include items made by both Alexander Stewart and by John Sellar marked JS only¹⁷¹. The implication is that these were made in Tain. In 1997 there was a long-case clock made by him in Tain in a private house in the town (present whereabouts unknown)¹⁷².

25. William Innes, silversmith, jeweller (b.1801)

1830-34: Tain¹⁷³.

1832-34: Partnership with Wilkie¹⁷⁴.

26. John Jack, watchmaker (b.c.1805)

c.1880: List of persons entitled to vote, watchmaker, house in Hartfield Street¹⁷⁵.

No other references found to this man as a watchmaker, but in 1871 John Jack, Hartfield Street, labourer age 66 b. Knockbain had a German born visitor called Frank Huver Hoch who was a watchmaker¹⁷⁶.

27. Richard Maxwell Wilkie, silversmith, jeweller (1806-1880)

1834-80: Jeweller and silversmith¹⁷⁷.

1834: Tain¹⁷⁸.

1837: Silversmith, Terrace, Tain¹⁷⁹.

1838: Glasgow¹⁸⁰.

1841: Stirling¹⁸¹.

1844: Concluded sequestration, Glasgow, jeweller silversmith¹⁸².

1852: Concluded sequestration, Glasgow, jeweller¹⁸³.

1880: Burial age 75, from Easter Ross Union Poorhouse¹⁸⁴.

28. James Houston, jeweller (b.c.1811)

1841: jeweller¹⁸⁵.

1841: In Writers Lane age 30, possibly lodging at an inn as head of household was a publican (called Houston Mackay – connection?). Neither born in county¹⁸⁶.

29. Alexander Urquhart, watchmaker (b.c.1814)

1829: Apprentice to George Ross¹⁸⁷.

CWS lists an Alexander Urquhart from Dingwall as a watch finisher in Inverness in 1871, possibly the same man, living with his father James, cabinet maker, in Beaton's Lane.

30. Andrew Smith, watchmaker (b.c.1814-1881)

1861: Living in Queen Street age 47 b.Prestonpans with wife Margaret (46 b. Kincardine) and son Robert (apprentice watchmaker, 15 b. Prestonpans)¹⁸⁸.

1871: Living in Tower Street with wife Margaret¹⁸⁹.

c.1880: List of persons entitled to vote, watchmaker, house in Tower Street¹⁹⁰.

1877: Watchpaper, High Street¹⁹¹.

1881: Burial age 66¹⁹².

1881: Margaret now a widow¹⁹³.

1881: Notice in Invergordon Times re winding up of business, collection of clocks and watches etc¹⁹⁴.

31. James Carswell Dowie, watch cleaner, clock and watchmaker (b.c.1819)

1851: Lodging with David McKay in Castle Street age 32 b. Edinburgh¹⁹⁵.

1861: Lodging with Jane Urquhart in Academy Street¹⁹⁶.

Although Dowie was in Tain in 1851 and 1861, his base seems to have been Edinburgh. His son William Brown Dowie was born there in 1850¹⁹⁷ and was apprenticed to the Edinburgh goldsmith George Carstairs in 1866¹⁹⁸. CWS lists a David Dowie in Tain c. 1860 – possibly a mistake¹⁹⁹.

32. William Mackenzie, watchmaker (c.1819-1879)

1841-79: Sent gold to Edinburgh for assay 1858-75. Mark appears to be always overstriking that of other goldsmiths²⁰⁰.

1841: Living in Academy Street, age 20, with Catherine Ross (75) and John Munro (15)²⁰¹.

?1843: Watchpaper²⁰².

1847: Watchpaper²⁰³.

1851: Living at Thornhill, age 32, with Margaret Ross (visitor, 23), William Ross (apprentice, 18) and Isabella Ross (55), all born in Tain²⁰⁴.

1852-1861: Baptism of 5 children in Tain²⁰⁵.

1855: Entry in Tain Gas Company cash book, watchmaker²⁰⁶.

1860: Watch and clockmaker at the Terrace²⁰⁷.

1861: Living in the High Street with wife Caroline (40 b. London) and children Louisa, Mary, Edward and Charles (7, 5, 3, 1 month, all b. Tain)²⁰⁸.

1871: Living in Dunrobin Street with children Louisa, Maryann and Edward²⁰⁹.

1877: Watchpaper²¹⁰.

1879: Burial age 62²¹¹.

33. John Ferrier, watch and clockmaker (mid 19th c.)

1836: Listed in CWS²¹².

1837: Watch and clockmaker, King Street²¹³.

Not in 1841 census for Tain.

34. Thomas Ross, watch and clockmaker (mid 19th c.)

1836: Listed in CWS, High Street²¹⁴.

1837: Watch and clockmaker, High Street²¹⁵.

Not in 1841 census for Tain.

35. Hugh Mackenzie, watchmaker (mid 19th c.)

1848: Entry in Tain Gas Company cash book²¹⁶.

36. A. Munro & Son (mid 19th c.)

Long-case clock in private house in Cromarty.

37. Alexander Hendrie, watch and clockmaker, jeweller (mid 19th c.)

No date: Watchpaper²¹⁷.

38. John Mackenzie I, jeweller, perfumer, barber (c.1820-)

1851: Living in Sutherland Street age 31, b. Logie Easter.

1860: Listed in CWS²¹⁸.

1861: Living in Sutherland Street with father John (meal dealer, 70 b. Logie Easter), mother Mary Rose (65 b. Fearn) and sister Margaret (28 b. Tain)²¹⁹.

1871: Living in Sutherland Street with sister Margaret²²⁰.

1879: Burial age 61²²¹.

c.1880: List of persons entitled to vote, jeweller, house in Sutherland Street, shop in High Street²²².

1881: Will, jeweller, Tain²²³.

39. Finlay Fraser, draper watchmaker (b.c.1820)

1891: Living in Vine Place age 71 b. Tain²²⁴.

Finlay Fraser was Hugh and Joseph Fraser's older brother. He must have incorporated their watchmaking business into his drapery business after they died.

40. William Ross I, watchmaker (b.c.1821)

1841: Apprentice to George Ross watchmaker²²⁵.

CWS lists a William Ross watch and clockmaker in Dingwall 1844-50, possibly the same man²²⁶.

41. Hugh & Joseph Fraser, watch and clockmakers, jewellers (Hugh 1823-1889, Joseph 1827-1875)

1836-58: Listed in CWS²²⁷.

1837: Hugh Fraser, watch and clockmaker, Lamington Street²²⁸.

1840: Small Debt HF²²⁹.

1851-73: Watch and clockmakers and jewellers²³⁰.

1851: Living in Academy Street, Hugh age 24 Joseph age 20, with father John (mason, 56 b. Fearn), mother Catherine (52, b. Creich) and sister Catherine (26)²³¹.

1854-59: Entries in Tain Gas Company cash book²³².

?1858: Watchpaper²³³.

1861: Living in Academy Street²³⁴.

1871: Living in Academy Street with parents and sister Catherine²³⁵.

1873: Advertisement in Tain Almanac, watchmakers and jewellers²³⁶.

c.1880: List of persons entitled to vote, house in Academy Street²³⁷.

1875: Burial of Joseph age 48²³⁸.

1881: Hugh living in Academy Street, employing 2 men, with sister Catherine²³⁹.

?1884: Watchpaper²⁴⁰.

?1887: Watchpaper²⁴¹.

1889: Burial of Hugh age 65²⁴².

1890: Testament dative Hugh Fraser, watchmaker and jeweller, Tain²⁴³.

There is a mystery over the earlier dates. Hugh was baptised in June 1823²⁴⁴, so would only have been about 14 when Pigot's 1837 directory came out. Perhaps the mentions in 1837 and 1840 refer to a different Hugh Fraser, but if so he is not in the 1841 census for Tain.

Pocket watch key marked H & J Fraser Tain Watchmakers and Jewellers bought on Ebay 13/12/09.

42. William James, watchmaker (b.c.1830)

1881: Living in Castle Street, watchmaker jobbing age 61 b. Dyke, Elgin with wife Isabella (70) and daughter Eliza (31), both b. Nairn²⁴⁵.

43. William Ross II, watchmaker (b.c.1833)

1851: Apprentice to William McKenzie²⁴⁶.

44. John Mackenzie II, gunsmith (b.c.1837)

1871: Living in Union Place age 34 with father Finlay (joiner, 84), both b. Tain²⁴⁷.

1881: Lodging with Agnes Munro in Sutherland Street²⁴⁸.

c.1880: List of persons entitled to vote, gunsmith, house in Hill Street²⁴⁹.

1882: Criminal libel against John Mackenzie, gunsmith, Tower Street. Threatened to put dynamite through the bedroom window of John Ross, Inspector of Poor²⁵⁰.

45. James Mackintosh, watchmaker (b.c.1842)

1861: Living in Academy Street age 19 b. Tain with mother Harriet (50 b. Inverness) and sister Maysa(?) (15 b. Tain)²⁵¹.

46. Robert Smith, watchmaker (b.c.1846)

1861: Apprentice to Andrew Smith²⁵².

47. Alexander Cameron, watchmaker (b.c.1849)

1871: Living in Petley Street, unemployed age 22 b. Logie, with father Murdo (labourer, 66 b. Kiltarn), mother Jane (63 b. Rosehall) and sister Ann (25 b. Logie)²⁵³.

48. Alexander Fraser, watchmaker, jeweller (b.c.1853)

1881: Lodging with Isabella Mackenzie in Rose Street, watchmaker jobber age 28 b. Kirkhill²⁵⁴.

1883: Married Christina Davidson in Tain²⁵⁵.

1887: Concluded sequestration, Tain, watchmaker jeweller²⁵⁶.

1888: Watchpaper, King Street²⁵⁷.

1891: Living in Gower Place with wife Christina (32 b. Tain)²⁵⁸.

1892: Moved business to Petty Street, Inverness²⁵⁹.

1905: Registered a mark in London²⁶⁰.

49. George Shearer, watchmaker (b.c.1855)

1871: Living in Shandwick Street age 16 with father George (saddler, 38) and mother Johan (35), all b. Caithness²⁶¹.

50. John McLean, watch and clockmaker, jeweller (c.1855-1929)

1894: Watchpaper, 39 High Street²⁶².

1901: Living in Geanies Street age 46 b. Fodderty, watchmaker employer, with wife Elsie (38 b. New Aberdeen) and children Mary, Elsie, John (14, 12, 10) all b. Macduff and James, William (5, 1) both b. Tain²⁶³.

1908: Advertisement in official town guide, 16 High Street²⁶⁴.

1910: Advertisement in Easter Ross District Almanack, watchmaker and jeweller, marriage presents in great variety, watch repairs a speciality²⁶⁵.

1929: Died at 5 Geanies Street, age 75²⁶⁶.

51. William Ross III, jeweller, silversmith, watchmaker, optician (1864-1948)

1864-1948: "In memory of William Ross Provost of Tain 1924-30 Hon Sheriff Substitute & Justice of the Peace of Ross & Cromarty b.29/10/1864 d.22/4/1948²⁶⁷.

1888: Established own business²⁶⁸. Donated cup and medals to the Easter Ross Cycling Club²⁶⁹.

1891-1948: Jeweller and silversmith, registered between 1903 and 1916. Several marks registered including heart-shape surmounted by a crown,

containing W.R over T, chamfered oblong containing W.R (two versions), separate TAIN mark, shield-shape containing W.R. See registration plate 2 1901, registration plate 3 1909, entry no.111 Book of Registrations vol.2 1903-1935²⁷⁰.

1891: Living at Burnside Cottage, Hill Street with father John (house carpenter, 64), brother Donald (24), both b. Tain, and Peter Grant, watchmaker's assistant (19 b. Edinburgh)²⁷¹.

1891: Joined St Duthus masonic lodge²⁷².

1892: Joined Tain Mechanics & Literary Institute²⁷³.

?1893: Watchpaper²⁷⁴.

1897: Silver quaich with 1897 shilling set in base²⁷⁵.

?1900: Watchpaper, Victoria Buildings²⁷⁶.

1901: Living at Roslin House, Moss Road with wife Helene (33) and daughter Annie Helene Macleod (1), both b. Edinburgh²⁷⁷.

1904: Ceremonial key for opening of Carnegie Library Tain²⁷⁸.

1908: Advertisement in official town guide as art jeweller, watchmaker and optician²⁷⁹.

1909: Ross & Cromarty Directory - shop in High Street, house in Moss Road²⁸⁰.

1910: Advertisement in Easter Ross District Almanack, jeweller, watchmaker and optician, Victoria Buildings, Tain²⁸¹.

1919-1924: Had apprentice Kenny Ferguson²⁸².

1925: Designed and retailed provost's chain²⁸³.

c.1939: Had apprentice Gordon Neave²⁸⁴.

1940: Tried unsuccessfully to stop demolition of The Ark, one of Tain's oldest houses where the Marquis of Montrose was held overnight en route to his execution in 1650²⁸⁵.

1947: Designed a gold brooch set with pearls from the River Conon as a marriage gift to Princess Elizabeth from Ross & Cromarty. Attended a party at Buckingham Palace as representative of the county²⁸⁶.

1948: Registration of death. Jeweller and optician, widower of Helen Macleod. Died 22/4/1948 5.20am at Rosslyn, Tain, aged 83. Parents John Ross master carpenter and Helen Mackay²⁸⁷.

It would be satisfying to be able to link William Ross back to John and George Ross, but there seems to be no connection. William's father John was the son of George Ross, a crofter in the Fendom²⁸⁸. John's wife and mother were both from Rogart. William spent time at Heriot College, Edinburgh between 1881 and 1891²⁸⁹.

52. David Marchbank, watchmaker repairer (b.c.1866)

1891: Lodging with Williamina Grant in Geanies Street, age 25 b. Moffat²⁹⁰.

53. Donald Ross V, watchmaker (b.1871)

c.1886: Apprenticed to watchmaker Urquhart (otherwise unknown), together with William Ross (but note difference in ages and fact that WR was in Edinburgh in mid 1880s) in premises where WR later had his own shop²⁹¹.

1891: Living in Hartfield Street, watchmaker's assistant age 19, with mother Annie (55) and siblings Jane, Charles, Alexander, John (22, 21, 16, 15), all b. Tain²⁹².

1898: Married in Golspie, involved in installing clock there for Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee²⁹³.

54. Peter Grant, watchmaker's assistant (b.c.1872)

1891: Assistant to William Ross²⁹⁴.

55. John McDonald, watchmaker (b.c.1879)

1891: Living in Hartfield Street, watchmaker's assistant age 12, with father John (plasterer, 37 b. Inverness), mother (32 b. Kincardine) and siblings Kenneth, Donald, William, Hugh, Margaret, Angus (11, 9, 7, 5, 3, 1 month), all b. Tain²⁹⁵.

¹ ORS vol.1 no.411

² ORS vol.2 no.1174

³ NAS SC34/28/90/bundle 3

⁴ ORS vol.2 no.1174

⁵ ORS vol.2 no.1185

⁶ ORS vol.2 no.1195

⁷ TM TANDM2780

⁸ TM Note in TANDM2824.92

⁹ SP Tain OPR

¹⁰ *Church Life in Ross and Sutherland*, C Macnaughton, Inverness 1915 pp107-112

¹¹ SP Tain OPR

¹² SP Tain OPR

¹³ ORS vol.1 no.507

¹⁴ NAS GD199 ref required

¹⁵ ORS vol.1 no.972

¹⁶ NAS B70/7/1

¹⁷ NAS GD199 ref required

¹⁸ NAS GD199/254/11

¹⁹ NAS GD199/188/7

²⁰ NAS GD199/109/1

²¹ NAS B70/1/1

²² ORS vol.1 no.971

²³ TM Note in TANDM2824.91

²⁴ ORS vol.2 no.1201

²⁵ SP Tain OPR

²⁶ ERD p34

²⁷ SP Tain OPR

²⁸ ERD p 34

²⁹ SP Tain OPR

³⁰ SP Tain OPR

³¹ NAS B70/7/1

³² TM Note in TANDM2824.91

³³ ERD p65

³⁴ ERD p34

³⁵ *More Culloden Papers Vol. II 1704-1725*, ed. D Warrand, Inverness 1925

³⁶ IM Minute Book of the Hammermen of Inverness 1690-1861

³⁷ IM Minute Book of the Hammermen of Inverness 1690-1861

³⁸ NAS GD23 Warrand of Bught papers

³⁹ *Firearms in American History*, Charles Winthrop Sawyer 1910 p188

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- 40 SP Inverness OPR
41 IM Minute Book of the Hammermen of Inverness 1690-1861
42 TM In TANDM2824.92: transcription of discharge from Register of Deeds McKenzie Office Vol.149
43 SP Inverness OPR
44 *The Letter-Book of Bailie John Steuart of Inverness 1715-1752*, ed. W Mackay, Edinburgh 1915
45 NAS B70/7/1
46 ORS vol.2 no.1207
47 NAS B70/7/1
48 NAS B70/7/1
49 ORS vol.2 no.1270
50 NAS B70/7/1
51 ORS vol.1 no.990
52 NA IR1/46
53 ERD pp22-24
54 *Church Life in Ross and Sutherland*, C Macnaughton, Inverness 1915 pp107-112
55 ORS vol.1 no.615
56 ORS vol.1 no.726
57 TM TANDM2824.102.2
58 ORS vol.1 no.976
59 TM TANDM1842.1
60 NAS GD199/115/30
61 ORS vol.1 no.983
62 NAS E326/1/214
63 ORS vol.2 no.1224
64 NAS B70/1/1
65 NAS GD199/126/1
66 NAS E326/1/214
67 *Historic Tain*, R Oram, PF Martin, CA McKean, T Neighbour, A Cathcart, Edinburgh 2009
68 NAS B70/1/1
69 NAS B70/7/1
70 TM TANDM1842
71 NAS E326/1/214
72 TM Decreet of Valuation Sir John Ross of Balnagown v. the Officers of State
73 ORS vol.1 no.983
74 ORS vol.1 no.508
75 NAS B70/7/1
76 ORS vol.1 no.508
77 TM TANDM1382
78 Personal communication from lodge historian
79 NAS B70/7/1
80 ORS vol.2 no.1238
81 NAS E326/1/214
82 SP Tain OPR
83 CWS p22
84 NAS E326/1/214
85 TM Decreet of Valuation Sir John Ross of Balnagown v. the Officers of State
86 ORS vol.1 no.509
87 NAS E326/1/214
88 NAS E326/1/214
89 TM TANDM1382
90 TM TANDM1382
91 NAS E326/15/32
92 TM Lists of pupils attending Tain Royal Academy
93 ERD pp67-70
94 *Tain Through the Centuries*, RW & J Munro, Tain 1966 pp105-106
95 SP Tain OPR

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- 96 CWS p22
97 NAS B70/7/1
98 ORS vol.1 no.508
99 *Social Life in Former Days*, E. Dunbar, Edinburgh 1865 pp204-5
100 SP
101 Personal communication from lodge historian
102 NAS E326/1/214
103 SP Tain OPR
104 SP Tain OPR
105 NAS B70/6/1
106 SP Tain OPR
107 SP Tain OPR
108 TM TANDM1382
109 SP Tain OPR
110 NAS GD199/287/14
111 ORS vol.1 no.509
112 TM TANDM1382
113 SP Tain OPR
114 ORS vol.2 no.1248
115 ORS vol.1 no.404
116 IGCE online registration archive
117 IM Inverness Hammermen Minute Book
118 IGCE online registration archive
119 TM Lists of pupils attending Tain Royal Academy
120 TM Jotter and Day Book 1809-
121 Ibid.
122 SP 1841 census
123 ORS vol.1 no.404
124 ORS vol.1 no.990
125 Personal communication from lodge historian
126 SP Tain OPR
127 TM Valuation of burgage property
128 TM Lists of pupils attending Tain Royal Academy
129 TM Jotter and Day Book 1809-
130 TM TANDM3184
131 TM Burgh Account Book 1820-
132 David Penney
133 Ibid.
134 TM TANDM3175
135 TM TANDM3176
136 SP 1841 census
137 TM TANDM3813
138 TM Tain Gas Company Cash Books
139 TM TANDM3358.1
140 TM TANDM3358.2
141 SP 1851 census
142 SP Register of Deaths
143 TM St Duthus Collegiate Church graveyard survey stone 88
144 Inverness Advertiser Sept 16th 1856
145 SP SC25/44/6
146 SP Fearn OPR
147 The MacCullochs of Glastullich, DM Rose, in *The Scottish Antiquary* no.48 April 1898
148 SP Tain OPR
149 SP Fearn OPR
150 SP Edinburgh St Cuthbert's OPR
151 The MacCullochs of Glastullich, DM Rose, in *The Scottish Antiquary* no.48 April 1898
152 NAS CS96/3603 and CS44/31/44
153 The MacCullochs of Glastullich, DM Rose, in *The Scottish Antiquary* no.48 April 1898

154 TM Valuation of burgage property
155 TM Lists of pupils attending Tain Royal Academy
156 David Penney
157 NA PROB11/2158
158 IGCE online registration archive
159 IGCE online registration archive
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161 IGCE online registration archive
162 Inverness Journal May 10th 1822
163 SP index
164 SP Tain OPR
165 IGCE online registration archive
166 NAS CS271/62911
167 NAS CS271/19146 & 76525
168 IGCE online registration archive
169 IGCE online registration archive
170 CWS p23
171 TM TANDM3605.5-6 and BOS p46
172 BOS p47
173 IGCE online registration archive
174 IGCE online registration archive
175 TM TANDM3829
176 SP 1871 census
177 IGCE online registration archive
178 IGCE online registration archive
179 Pigot's Directory 1837
180 IGCE online registration archive
181 IGCE online registration archive
182 NAS CS280/6/64
183 NAS CS280/38/165
184 HC St Duthus Old Burial Register 29/4/1880
185 IGCE online registration archive
186 SP 1841 census
187 TM Burgh Account Book 1820-
188 SP 1861 census
189 SP 1871 census
190 TM TANDM3829
191 David Penney
192 HC St Duthus Old Burial Register 4/4/1881
193 SP 1881 ccensus
194 TM Invergordon Times 20/4/1881
195 SP 1851 census
196 SP 1861 census
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198 IGCE online registration archive
199 CWS p5
200 IGCE online registration archive
201 SP 1841 census
202 David Penney
203 David Penney
204 SP 1851 census
205 HGS p170
206 TM Tain Gas Company Cash Books
207 HGS p170
208 SP 1861 census
209 SP 1871 census
210 CWS p16
211 HC St Duthus Old Burial Register 25/12/1879

212 CWS p7
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215 Pigot's Directory 1837
216 TM Tain Gas Company cash books
217 David Penney
218 CWS p15
219 SP 1861 census
220 SP 1871 census
221 HC St Duthus Old Burial Register 5/7/1879
222 TM TANDM3829
223 SP SC25/44/12
224 SP 1891 census
225 SP 1841 census
226 CWS p22
227 CWS p8
228 Pigot's Directory 1837
229 TM Small Debt Account Book 1818-
230 IGCE online registration archive
231 SP 1851 census
232 TM Tain Gas Company Cash Books
233 David Penney
234 SP 1861 census
235 SP 1871 census
236 TM TANDM3806
237 TM TANDM3829
238 HC St Duthus Old Burial Register 30/3/1875
239 SP 1881 census
240 David Penney
241 David Penney
242 HC St Duthus Old Burial Register 21/5/1889
243 SP SC25/44/16
244 IGI
245 SP 1881 census
246 SP 1851 census
247 SP 1871 census
248 SP 1881 census
249 TM TANDM3829
250 TM TANDM3812
251 SP 1861 census
252 SP 1861 census
253 SP 1871 census
254 SP 1881 census
255 SP index
256 NAS CS318/30/109
257 David Penney
258 SP 1891 census
259 HGS p148
260 Personal communication from Ted Daw
261 SP 1871 census
262 David Penney
263 SP 1901 census
264 TM Official Publication of Burgh Council 1908
265 TM TANDM3166
266 TM St Duthus Collegiate Church graveyard survey stone M74
267 TM St Duthus Collegiate Church graveyard survey stone C1
268 TM TANDM2667
269 TM TANDM1336.2

270 IGCE online registration archive
271 SP 1891 census
272 Personal communication from lodge historian
273 TM Tain Mechanics & Literary Institute Account Book
274 David Penney
275 TM TANDM2583
276 David Penney
277 SP 1901 census
278 TM TANDM837
279 TM Official Publication of Burgh Council 1908
280 TM TANDM3167
281 TM TANDM3166
282 TM Testimonial by William Ross 3/12/1925
283 TM TANDM2073.7
284 Personal communication from Forbes Urquhart
285 TM TANDM737.1-5
286 TM TANDM1410
287 SP Register of Deaths
288 SP Tain OPR
289 Ref required
290 SP 1891 census
291 Personal communication from Sandy Gibson, Donald Ross's grandson
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