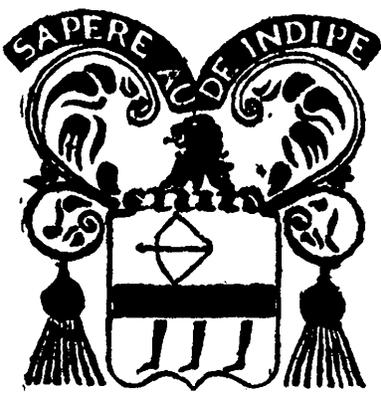


Armorial of Bigger and Hughes from the UJA 1900-1903

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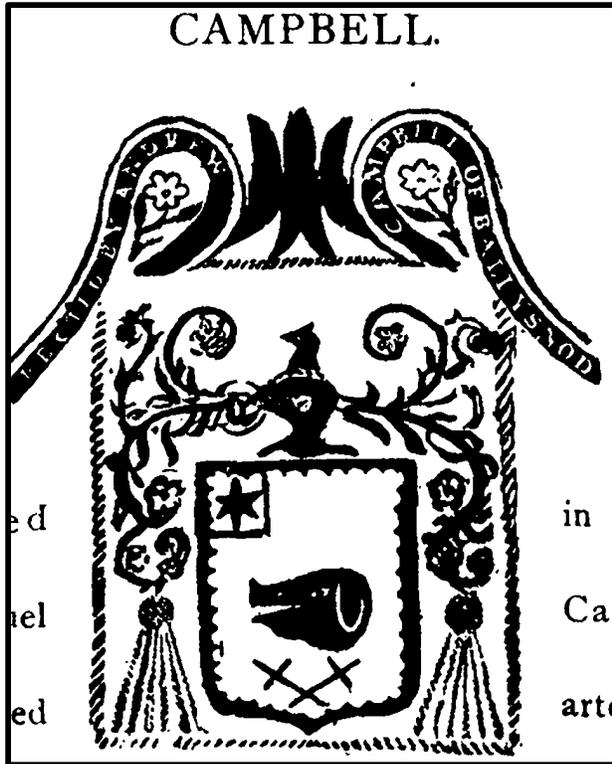
Some Selections from LARNE PARISH CHURCHYARD

BURNEY.

<p>Here the Samuel who de this Decr Also departed February</p>		<p>lyeth body of Burney parted life 31st years Who the 13th years</p>
<p>1800 aged 22</p> <p>John Burney this life the 1821 aged 83</p>		

BURNS.

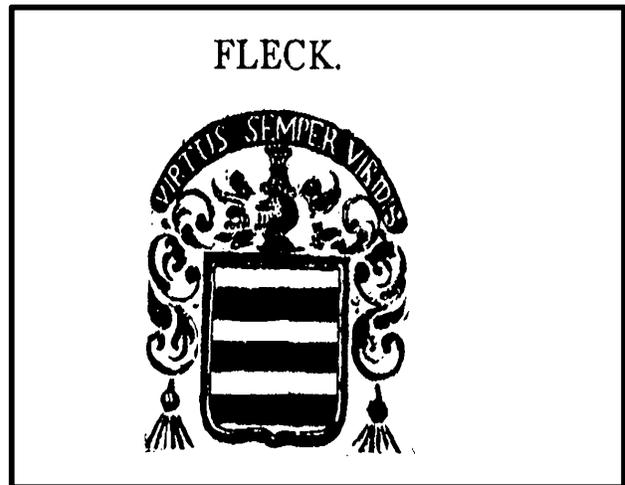
<p>Here THE body Child of viz. Mary died Feb Aged 1 year</p>		<p>lyeth of one John Bur[ns] Ann who 2^d 1785</p>
<p>The first word of the motto (<i>Gradatim</i>) is worn away.</p>		

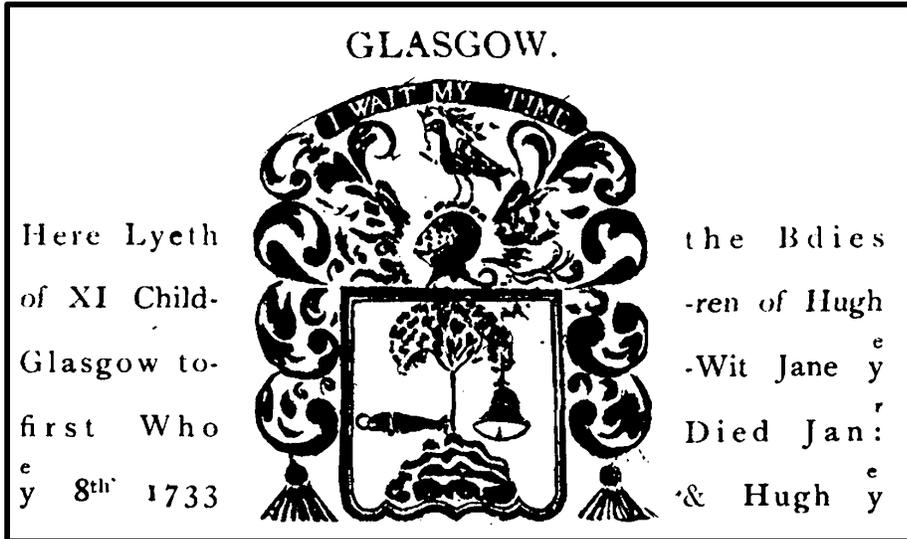


Erected in Memory of Samuel Campbell who Departed this Life on the 1ST OF AP'RIL 1823 Aged 75 Years Also JANE HAWTHORN wife to the above SAMUEL CAMP BELL who Departed on the 9's of May 1823 Aged 77 years

Cambells have an association with the Agnew family that dates back to 1426 in Scotland when a Thomas Campbell witnessed the original charter appointing Andrew Agnew Constable of Lochnaw. Not only are they found in Larne but also in the Old Kilwaughter graveyard near here.

Here Lyeth y Bodies of 2 Children of Robert Flecks viz. Mary, Who Died August y 20th 1738 & Helen Died May 8th 1751 y Aforsed Robert Fleck Died Novr y 22 1757 Aged 53 Years



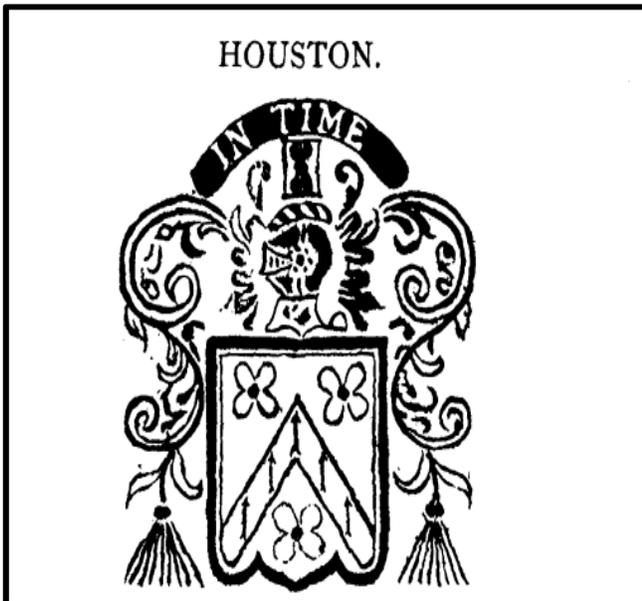


(cont'd from illustration)

ye Last : Died Nov y 30th
1756 Aged XI Years. Hugh
Glasgow their Father, who
died the 8th of July 1767
aged 62 years A;so his wife
Ann Glasgow who Died
the 8th June 1786 aged 75
years and James Glasgow
their Son who died the 1th
of April 1812 aged 70
years And of Ann
Glasgow, Daughter to the
last named who died the
25th May 1832 aged 64

years.

The Glasgow family has a long connection with Kilwaughter Parish as well as Larne. It is noteworthy that the Civil Arms of the City of Glasgow are much like those of the Glasgow family and the same arms are struck, along with quality, smith and date marks on silver made and proved in Glasgow.



Here lyeth the bodys of 2 children of Robert Houston viz. Jane who died Octr 12th 1755 & John who died Octr 16th 1762 & Robert Houston died April 29th 1782 aged 62. Martha his wife died Aug 25th 1794. Aged 77 years

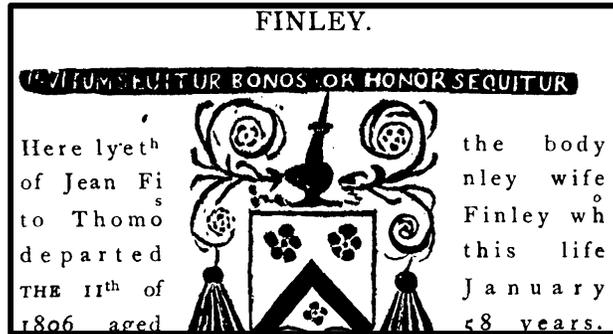
The Houston family has a long association with the Agnews in both Ulster and Scotland. At least one Houston cousin in Edinburgh served as attorney for one or more Agnews of Lochnaw.

I believe this to be a legitimate Houston shield especially if the arrows on the chevron are an attempt to convey "ermine". However the more usual shield is that shown on the Houston grave in Parish of Rashee which

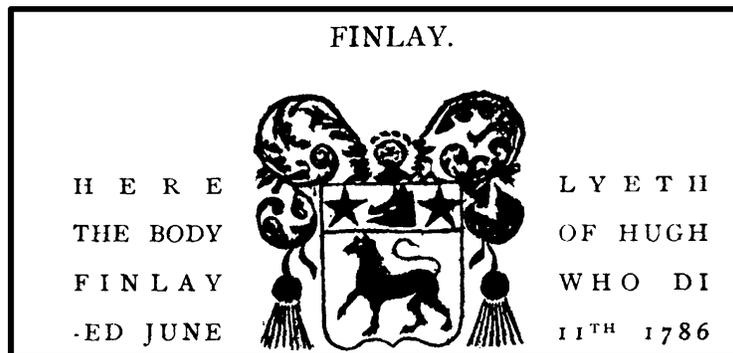
appears on Page 11 of this section.

Also there is an interesting challenge in Larne Graveyard where lie a *Finley*” and a “*Finlay*” stone but each with very different armorials.

The Finley has the shield of the 1672 Finley of Edinburgh *omitting* the swords with a crest rather similar to Finley of Scotland 1794 but an altogether different motto.



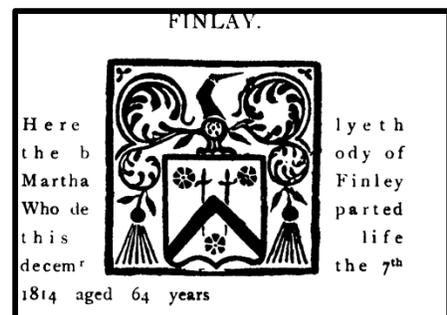
The *Finlay* stone does not have a *Finley* or *Finlay* armorial but rather that of the Scottish family of *Finlayson*

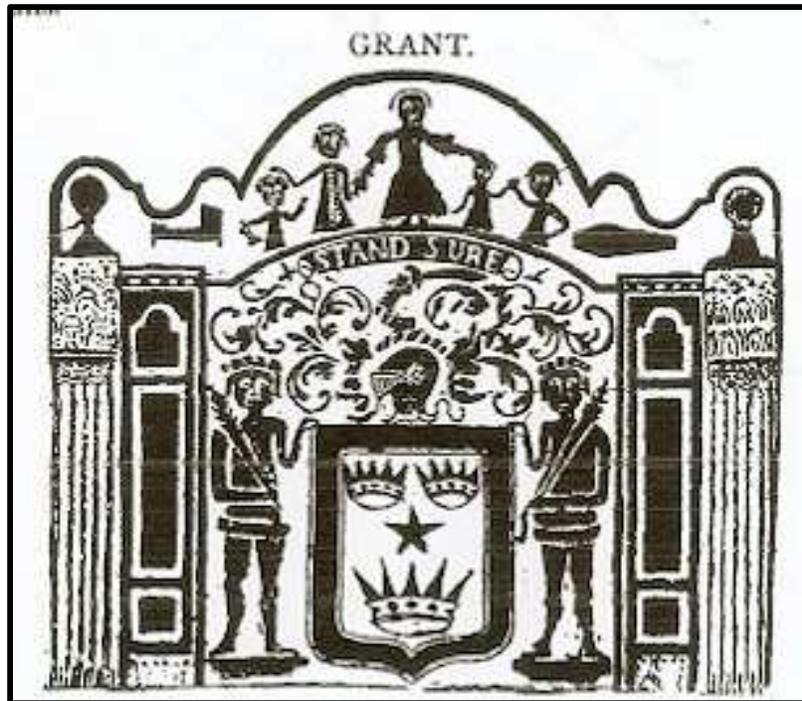


We pity the poor genealogist who tries to sort out these families that may or may not be related to one another or to any of the Scottish families the sculptures imply.

And finally from Raloo Parish another *Finley* stone with the above *Findley* armorial which this time includes the swords omitted above.

Here lyeth the body of Martha Findley Who departed this life decem^r the 7th 1814 aged 64 years.

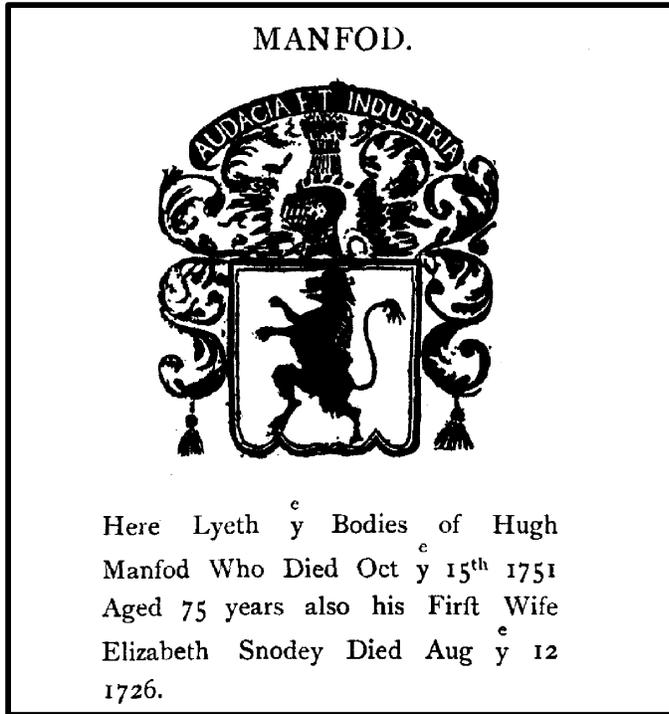




Here Lyeth y Body of Catherine M'Donald Late Wife to William Grant Who Died Feb y 15 1740 Aged 36 years Also 6 Children

“These arms are remarkable, as they are the only ones in Larne with supporters. The "6 children" are represented by four; the cradle and coffin may stand for the other two. The mother is shown in the centre of her children. 'The name is doubtless Grant, but is very difficult to make out; the arms are conclusive of this.’”

As the compilers indicated, this is a very remarkable armorial. But which armigerous GRANT family of Scotland is not identifiable. There is differencing of the shield via the bordure of unknown color and the *five-pointed* star but the supporters are “pinched” from a Scottish earl while the helm is that apparently of a knight or esquire. The motto is that of the earl but the crest resembles that of a quite different Grant family. Still other Grants difference with various bordures and one uses a star but of seven points wavy. And finally the stone sits in Antrim. Beyond the reasonable certainty this is a Grant family plot it gives *too many* clues to any possible descent.



While the authors claim that this name is found in County Antrim as Manfod, Minfod, Minford and Munford I cannot confirm the name *per se* in Ireland or Scotland. There are a scattering of *Mumfords* originating in Norfolk, England, where there has been some *informal* use of a shield with a rampant lion but neither the crest nor the motto shown here have been mentioned. It rather looks like these are “appropriated” arms formed with the rampant lion so common in Scotland, the Buchanan motto and what appears to be a garb (sheaf of wheat) crest. This early stone is a puzzle but it does record a common Antrim name, Snodey, in one of its less common versions.

Here again is an early Larne stone that is a puzzle.

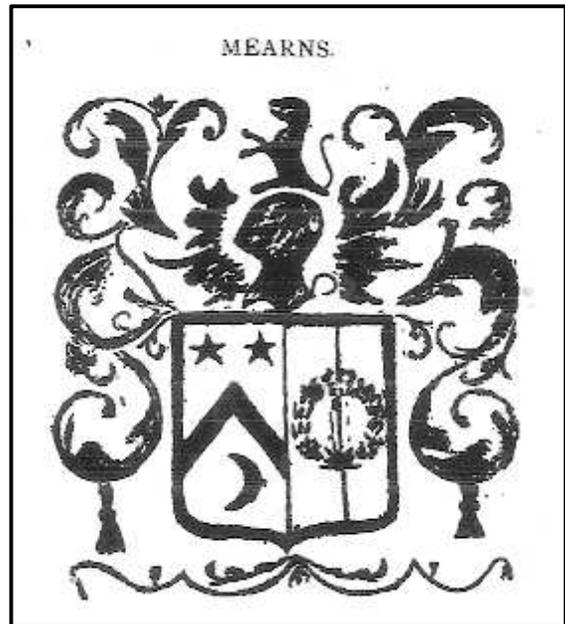
Certainly the Arms are not those of Mearns and are remarkably elaborate for early 18th century when a new influx of Scottish settlers came into Antrim after the devastation of the Willemite Wars.

The inscription may provide clues. It reads:

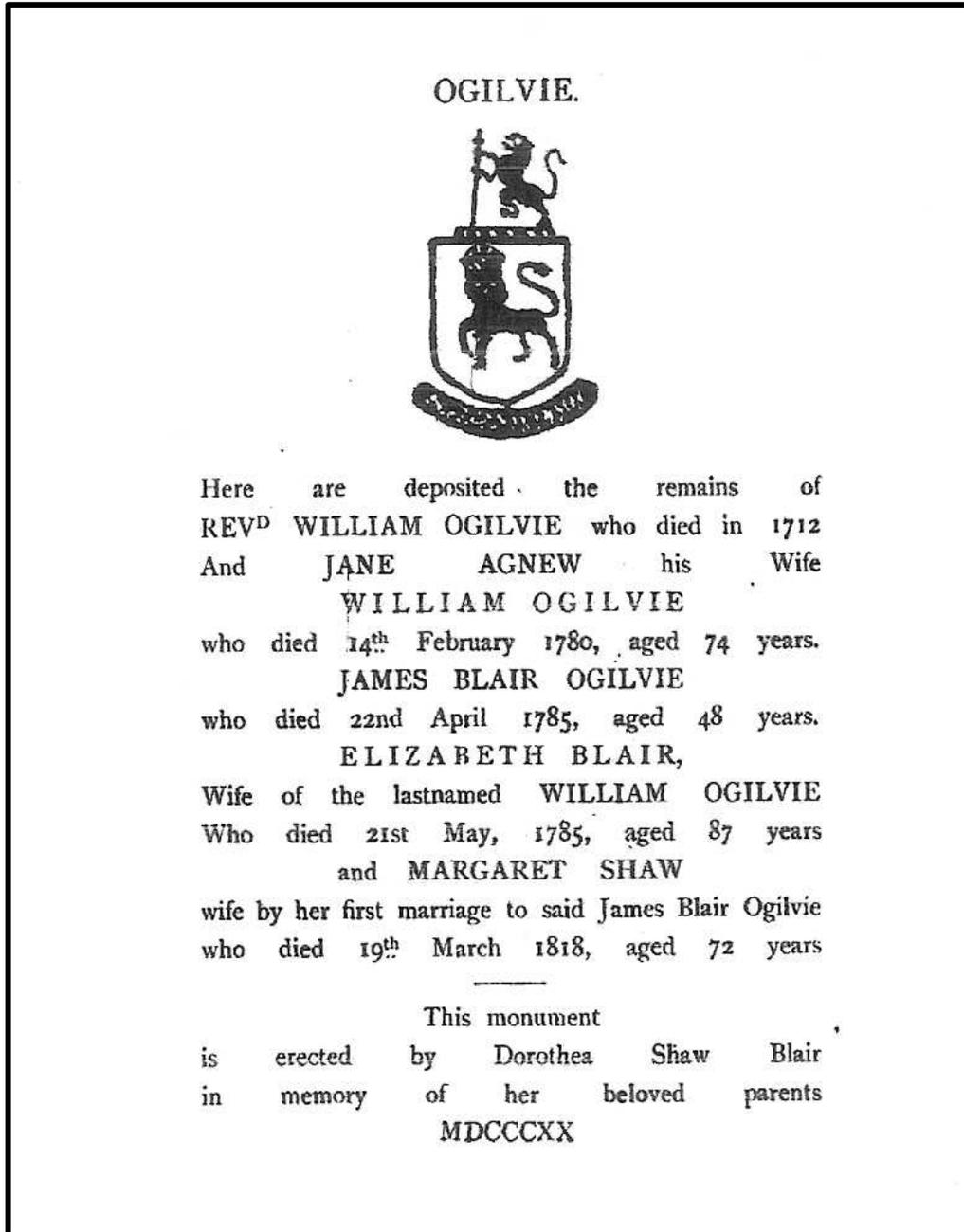
Here lyeth the body of Margaret Snody first wife to Robert Mearns who died Nov the 17 1709 and his 2 sons viz John who died May 25 1717 and Thomas died July the 15 1729 and his grandchild Martha Willson died Feb 28 1733

Also the above Robert Mearns Tanner in Larne died Feb the 7 1734 aged 76 years.

Thomas Willson died June 28 1750 aged 28 years. James Willson died 16 Nov 1750 aged 60 years. Robert Willson died 25 December 1759 aged 44 years also John Willson who died Dec 27 1766 aged 43 years. Likewise Jean Willson who died March 23rd 1768 aged 71 years.



The dexter arms and the demi lion crest do comport to at least one *Wilson of Scotland* but might also be Scroggy, Black or MacBeath. The wreath per pale does resemble several Nairn variants but is this armorial accurate or simply put together from assorted pieces? We have no way to know.



Ogilvie – Agnew- Blair –Shaw

Although this monument was erected in the early 19th century it records on a single stone the longstanding connections of these families with one another and their early association to the Larne area in Ulster from the first days of the Plantation .

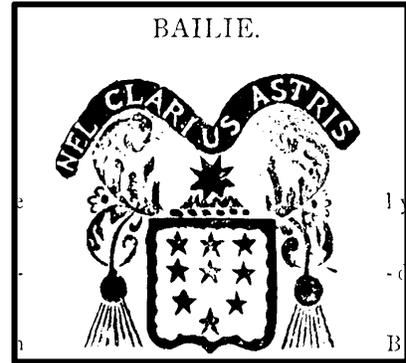
These arms most resemble Ogilvie of Logie descended from Balfour. BUT the stone is *very worn* so small details will be missing including the illegible motto. This stone is ONLY a CLUE and requires a solid paper trail to determine which, if any, Ogilvie family may be connected.

Carncastle Parish Churchyard

Only a short distance north in the lower Glens is the Parish of Carncastle which, like Larne, is linked to the earliest settlements and many of the same families. This too is a place with a large number of armorial gravestones and many of the families with close ties to Agnews who emigrated from Antrim to North America and the Antipodes are represented here.

Here lyeth the body of William Baillie who died Dec 28th 1779 aged 41 years. Also Joseph Baillie died 17th April 1812 aged 79.

These arms, motto and crest are associated with several Baillie families in Ireland and descend from one or more Scottish ones. The Irish versions are usually differenced by a bordure as this shield appears to have but without tincturing a specific connection cannot be established.

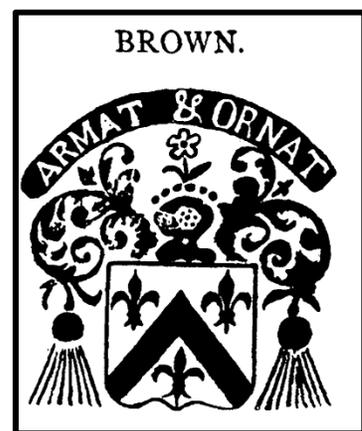


There follow 2 Carncastle armorial stones for Scottish Brown families. Most of these include a shield with a chevron between 3 fleur-de-lys. As a large family with many branches, their arms are carefully differenced by tincture, additions and variations to the field, different mottos and crests. It is evident that any one with Scottish/Ulster Brown collaterals will need to consider any armorial clues carefully to sort out connections.



Here Lyeth ye Bodies of James Brown Who Died Apr ye 30th 1749 Aged 79 years. Also 3 Children viz James Robert & Mary of Bellehkakat. Also his Wife Elizabeth Wallace who Died Nov 14th 1771 Aged 78 years. also their Sons David who died in Augt 1791 Aged 65 years & Aaron who died 4th Augt 1795 aged 80 years.

Here lyeth the body of John Brown who died Nov 29 1765 aged 63 years also his son Robert who died Jan 8th 1781 aged 41 years & his wife Elizth Robinson who died in May 1787 aged 65 years also his son John Brown who died 13th Febr^y 1801 aged 52 years.



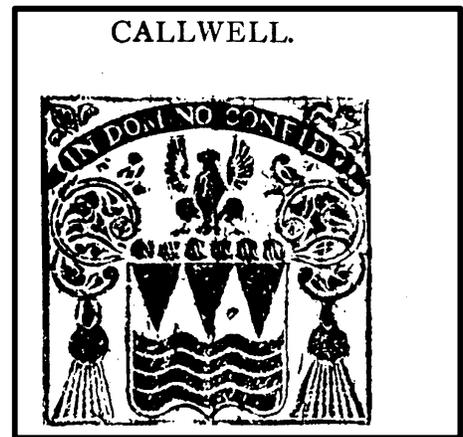


Here lyeth the body of Robert Caldwell of Tobergil who died 10th Mar 1781 aged 74 years, An honest man whose faith & works bespoke an happy resurrection when his hight of death shall end in everlasting day. Also his wife Margaret Steell who died Dec 27th 1797 aged 78 years.

Erected By Campbell Willson

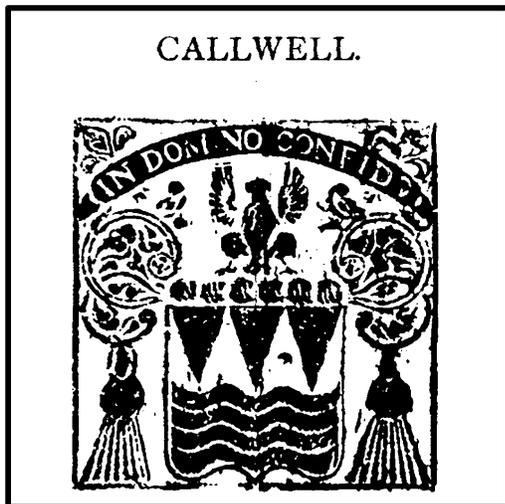
To the Memory of Thomas Callwell of Ballymullock
who departed this life the 25th February 1811 aged 78 years.

Also the 4 said Campbell Willson who departed this Life
on the 1st December 1846 aged 74 years



Erected by Campbell Willson

To the Memory of William Callwell
Of Ballymullock who departed this life
the 13th November 1818 Aged 87 years



Note that whether spelled Caldwell or Callwell all 3 armorials are identical and, whether they may be related or not, there is no differencing. The arms are those for Caldwell, not Callwell, of Scotland.

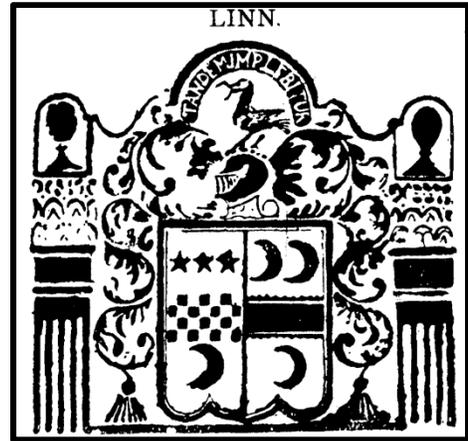
Here lyeth ye Bodies of

Matthhew Linn Who Died Oct ye 18 1742

Aged 61 years

also his Son David.

This impressive stone would seem to imply high station but I am unable to link it anything like “Linn” or” Lynn” in the usual references : neither shield crest nor motto.

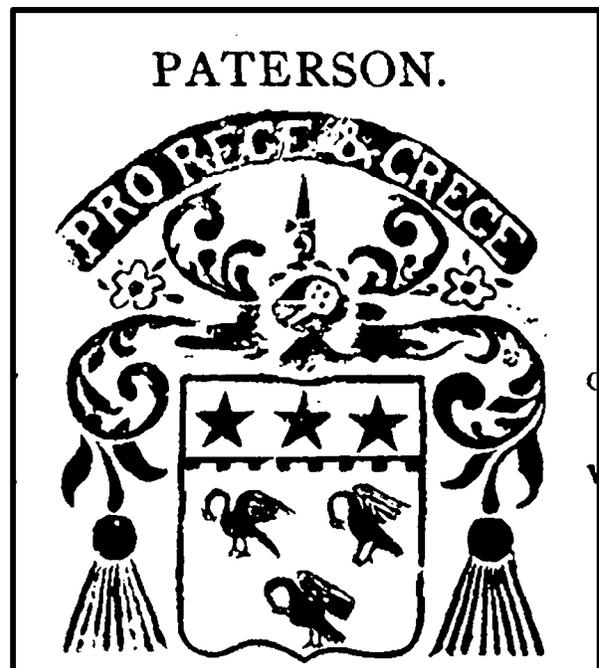


Here lyeth the body of Anne Patterson who departed this life 27 Feb 1793 aged 66 years wife to John Moore who also departed this life the 10th of January 1810 aged 85 years

There are elements in this armorial that can relate to Moore in its very numerous Irish arms as well as Muir in Scotland . It would require time to sort the possibilities.

Here lyeth the body of Robert Paterson who died 16th Jan 1762 aged 65 years & his wife Elizth Getty who died Sep 30th 1762 aged 49 years. Also their grand son Robert Paterson who died in July 1768 And their son John Patterson who died July the 25th 1804 aged 66 years

Arms *appear* to derive from those of the Bishop of Ross 1672 . There are however several variations from different sons.



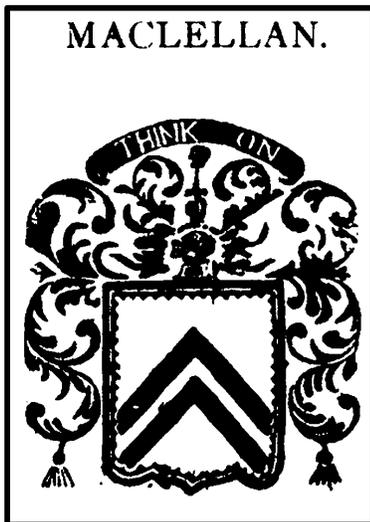
Parish of Rashee

Rashee Burial Ground has many early graves. The earliest lacks an armorial but merits recording because of the early date and quaint spelling.

Here the body of John Archbald Who departed this life Agost ye 3rd day 1719 and 66 years of his age Liquis his wife Margaret Alland who departed this life October the 28 1707.

Here lyeth the body of Robert Houston who parted this life 29th of March 1790 aged 60 years

Notice that, although the motto and crest are the same as those on the somewhat earlier Houston stone at Larne (see pg 3) this is a totally different shield and there is no esquire's helm. The version here is the one commonly assumed today as representing the arms of the Houston family.



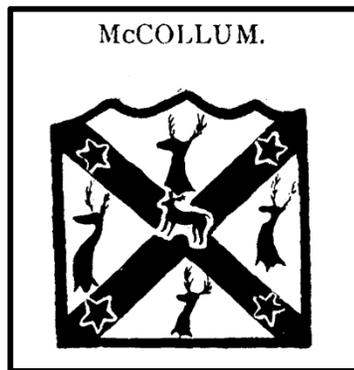
Here is a stone of particular interest to Agnews in North America as many Maclellans live in the same areas and are frequent collaterals of various Agnew branches in the North Country of New York and in parts of Pennsylvania and the South.

Of special note is that these exact arms are registered in the Ulster Office.

Here Lyeth ye Body of Robert M'Clellan of BelynaShie who Died Aug ye 19th 1751 Aged 67 Years also His First Wife Margaret McAlexander Who died Jan 5 1741 Aged 58.

Other Oddities

McCallum - In the previous report on Scottish headstones and armorials the section on Poltalloch in Argyll that included examples of the graves of medieval knights, there was also a imposing armorial for the McCallum family dating from the late 1600's. McCallum arms also appear on gravestones in Antrim – here with some rather startling differences not related to distinguishing between family branches. One common modern version is shown here .



In Antrim in the Parish of Skerry there is a McCollum gravestone that is in harmony with the formal representation above. The authors note that it is a very rude stone - no thing of beauty but of clear enough design to see its relation to the image above. It stands within the walls of the old church.

This stone is erected to the memory of randil McCollum late of Altana nmn who departed this life on 17th day of October 1805 aged 89 years.

In the Parish of Lambeg is a truly astonishing stone to be carrying the name of McCollum which may purport to show a double-headed eagle displayed but it looks more like a wrung neck chicken and absent motto and tincturing with an indecipherable crest it is unidentifiable in Papworth.

Inter'd Here the Remains of Arch^d McCollum Esq^r who Died the 5th October 1799 aged 88 years

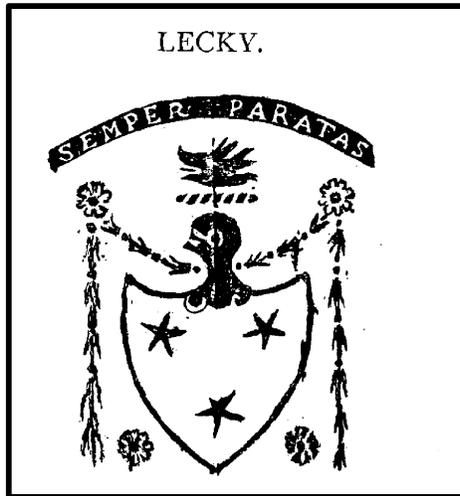
Also His Wife Margaret McCollum Who Died 12 th August 1801 Aged 82.

Likewise Esther Kindell Daughter to the above Arch^d & Margaret McCollum Died the 27th Decem 1806 Aged 64

And also Alex^r Kindell who Died the 14th Janry 1808 aged 64 .

This Stone Erected to their Memory by Alexr Kindell Esqr *Surgeon* in his Majesty's Forces and Director of Hospitals to the Portuguese Army during the Late Campaigns on the Continent 1815





From Ballymoney Old Churchyard

Sacred to the Memory of Thomas Lecky Esqr. Who departed this Life the 1st Day of May 1780 Aged 75 years. And Elizabeth his Wife Daughter of the Rev. Thomas Warberton. She departed this life the 6 Day of June 1784. Aged 60 years.

Unfortunately, someone, perhaps the stonemason, but more likely the family, forgot that these mullets (stars) lie 2 above and 1 below a *chevron* as in the Agnew of Lochnaw arms. Oops! No chevron!

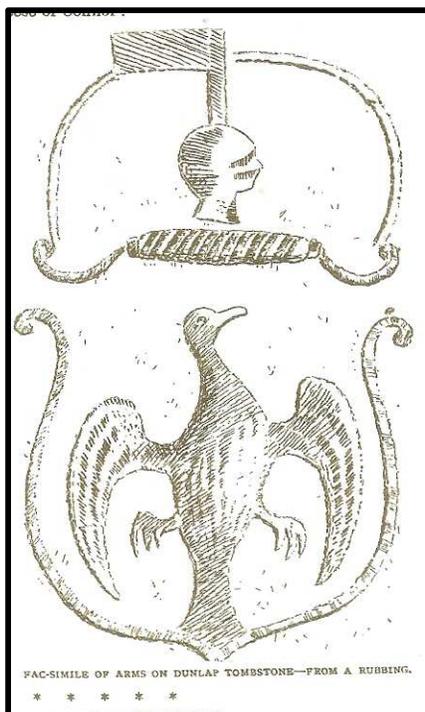
From Killraughts Parish

Yes this is a proper armorial ! The shield, crest and motto are all correct and recorded in Ireland for Brady in Burkes (2nd Ed. 1884)



A Deliberate Fake Armorial

Gravestone from 1798 United Irishmen Rebellion



This is a rubbing of a small gravestone in Derrykeighan graveyard **MOMENTO MORI**

To The Memory of

WILLIAM DUNLAP

Late of Priestland,

who Departed this life the 11th June , 1798 aged 40 years

Dunlop was accused of rebellion, seized and summarily hanged. Friends secured the body and buried it under a stone with an armorial they created to symbolize his nobility of purpose.

Source; UJA series 2, Vol 3, p. 207, Apr 1896. "Miscellanea"

