

REMARKS. Sir Roderick (baronet 1729-1750) was contemporary with Rev. Alexander Falconar (minister 1729-1756). His daughter Janet married Sir Alexander MacKenzie of Gairloch (baronet 1704-1766), another of the Heritors. Roderick seems to have been difficult to get hold of when repairs to the Church were required; here are relevant Session Minutes:

1729. June 27 and August 11. The heritors were asked to get their tenants to bring in heather to thatch the Kirk, but nothing was done.

1730. Dec. 21. "The Minister reported that he spoke to Scatwel but that he told him he could not yet tell the time he would wait upon the Session. The Session appoints him to deal with Scatwel against the next Diet."

1731. Jan. 25. "The Minister reported that he had spoke to Scatwel and that he declined to come till he had time. The Session continues the appointment."

May 31. "The Session appoints that four loads of heather be brought to thatch the Kirk out of each oxgate of Ferrintosh and Scatwels Lands against to Morrow eight days and that this be intimate to the Tennant by the Ground Officers".

Aug. 9. "The Chamberlands of Ferrintosh are in diligence to thatch the Kirk and the Session appoints the Minister to apply again to Scatwel ~~and~~ his Tennants to lead their proportion of heather to thatch the Kirk."

Sept. 27. "The Session dealt with Sir Roderick MacKenzie to caus his Tennants to thatch the Kirk and to speak to Garloch to the same purpose which he did undertake. Garloch was spoken to, to attend, but made excuse that he could not attend."

Nov. 1. "Sir Rory and Garlochs Tennants have not yet brought heather. The Session appoints the Minister to put them in mind of it."

1732. Jan. 17. At lang last the work was done! "Rory McKenzie Chamberland of Ferrintosh reported that he and his Brother repaired the Thatch of the Kirk and are to have recourse to the rest of the Heritors for their proportion of expences in thatching the said Kirk." Let us hope that Sir Roderick paid his share in due course!

IV. The new Rosehaugh. Sir Roderick, whatever his sympathies, kept clear of the 45 rebellion. His son, Sir Lewis was baronet for only 6 years. He built the existing Findon Mains, inscribed with his and his wife's initials. His wife, Isobel MacKenzie of Mountgerald, lived on till 1786. Sir Lewis died at Findon in 1756.

REMARKS. Sir Lewis was present "for his own interest" at the Session meeting on May 22, 1750, when the "New Kirk" was divided. Scatwell had his own "Isl" and his tenants were allotted an area to the east of it, as far as the East Gable - all on the north side of the church. On June 11, 1751 we read: "Th Session appoants the Minister to speak to Sir Lewis McKenzie & the Chamberla of fferintosh in order to find forms to the Common Loft." Living locally, Sir Lewis seems to have been more co-operative than his father or his son.

("Times Deceased" - continued). Sir Lewis had four sons - Roderick (4th Baronet), Colin, George and Lewis. They were not of age, and brought up by their stern mother. In 1764 Sir Roderick married Katherine, daughter of Sir James Colquhoun of Luss. After his marriage he built a new Rosehaugh as his residence, and this was finished in 1775. Letters written by husband and wife are extant - his in a cramped and angular hand, hers in a smooth and flowing one. They had two sons, Lewis and James Wemyss. Lewis went into the army, and his father had much expense in buying him commissions and in paying up his debts. In 1794 he married Grace Lockhart of Newhall, and they came to live at Seabank, near Inverness. He died without heirs in 1810, a year before his father.

REMARKS. Copies of letters from Rev. Charles Calder to Sir Roderick in 1779 and 1780 are extant, with regard to payment of his share of the expenses of the new Manse - his share was 2 years in arrears. Also extant is a receipt dated Jan. 1792 for £ 43 10/- "being the second moiety for building the New Church in the Parish of Urquhart" paid by Sir Roderick to one John Grant.