

Rev. Charles Calder, writing in the Statistical Account in 1792, says: "There is an old, but a good house, and lately repaired, at Findon...belonging Sir Roderick Mackenzie of Scatwell. It is pleasantly situated between Cromarty Frith on the one side, and a beautiful oak wood on the other...The proprietor does not reside at this place."

- V. James Wemyss, a younger son. Lewis had been born in 1765, his younger brother James Wemyss, was born in 1779. He was not sent to school till he was 14, and his father had difficulty in setting him up in a career. After trying in vain to get him employment in the cloth industry in Wilts, Sir Roderick sent James in 1788 to the West Indies. He sent him £ 700 to start him in business, and later had to send him a further £ 700 to buy "11 healthy, seasoned Negroes". Sir Roderick was interested in farming and estate management; he was hard on his tenants, and quarrelled with his neighbours over land and boundaries. James came home on holiday in 1806 and fell in love with a childhood sweetheart now a widow, Henrietta Pott, daughter of Mackenzie of Suddie. His father and he were on bad terms, and in 1807 his father made him sign a "discharge" saying he had paid him £ 1877 and James now renounced all claims on the estate. He returned to the West Indies, but got a commission as Paymaster to a regiment stationed in Jamaica. Sir Roderick opposed his marriage to Henrietta, because of boundary disputes with Mackenzie of Suddie. Also James had a Jamaican "wife". In a letter to Henrietta James describes his father thus: "Money of Bank Notes you know I declared, before you was born, his Psalm Book, indeed I might say his God, for all I have seen of him I could never contradict his (this?) opinion in the smallest degree". James came home in 1810, and married Henrietta on 26th March. His father ignored him and did not answer his letters.

VI-XI. These chapters are about the MacKenzies of Suddie, the ancestors of Henrietta, and while interesting, do not concern us here.

- XII. (N.B. - one omission of my summary of chapter V was that Sir Roderick's wife Katherine died in 1804 and was buried "in the great square mausoleum then built inside the ruins of Ferintosh old Church. It bears his initials and hers on the doorway.")

REMARKS. In my "gleanings" no 4 published in the January 1982 Parish Magazine I refer to this enclosure: "Jutting out from the north wall, a little east of centre, is a chamber about 16 ft square inside, whose red sandstone walls rise to an equal height on all sides, pierced only by a door on the south side on whose lintel are the letters (above) S D and (below) RMK KC MDCCXCV. Collapsing rafters, sarking and slates indicate that the roof sloped up on all sides to a peak in the centre, and any light would be admitted by skylights."

Since I wrote that, some cleaning up has been carried out by the Localities Office people, and most of the roof timbers have been removed. Inside there are trees growing, and I can see no signs of a tombstone. Why the date 1795 when Katherine only died in 1804? Was it built in anticipation?

- XII James Wemyss, 5th Bart. The Calm before the storm at Rosehaugh. Lewis died in September 1810. "old Sir Roderick ordered out his great yellow chariot and drove over to call on the newly married pair at Suddie House, to the great admiration of the whole countryside, for all knew he had not been on speaking terms with either of his sons." He himself died in June 1811, and Sir James Wemyss succeeded to both his estates and the Suddie ones. But Sir Roderick left his money to his daughter Kitty, who on her death in 1819 left the money to Lewis's widow Grace. Kitty was buried in the Ferintosh Mausoleum. Sir James settled down at Rosehaugh, and in 1814 their only son James John Randall was born - the doctor was paid £ 120 guineas for the delivery! In 1824 James Wemyss became M.P. for the county of Ross and Cromarty. This meant living part of the year in London, and by 1827 they had purchased a Town House in London. J.J.R. was brought to London, and sent to Westminster School, and Trinity College, Cambridge. After failing to secure a seat in Parliament, J.J.R. married Lady Anne Wentworth in 1838. The son of a cousin, Lewis Mark, describes life at Rosehaugh in 1839, in the Baronet's old age.