

Lewis describes the Avoch Church and Manse, and a visit he paid to Cromarty; a concert at Avoch; a dance at Inverness; life at Rosehaugh - "We breakfast at 9, dine at 5, tea at 7, and Sir James retires at 8.30..." Sir James is a great farmer and is busy with that all day" - visit to Dingwall; drive through Strathpeffer to Muirton. Muirton had a house - "The house stands very high. Ben Wyvis is just opposite" - and at Kinlochluichart & "There is a pretty little cottage for sportsmen down there, but as Lady Anne is so much delighted with the place which looks down upon the prettiest loch I have ever seen, there is another storey added to the cottage to allow Sir James and Lady MacKenzie coming down to remain with them...The place is perfectly isolated... at least 18 miles from Dingwall. (Muirton and Kinlochluichart residences would I suppose be on the Scatwell lands, the latter perhaps near Little Scatwell at the south end of Loch Luichart). He crossed by ferry to Contin, visited Rogie Falls, etc. Henrietta died in 1840 and Sir James in 1843.

REMARKS. These are the only references I have come across in the Papers to residences in the Scatwell area, and it is clear they were used only for occasional hunting and shooting expeditions.

XIII. Sir J.J.R., 6th Baronet of Scatwell and the beginning of the end. Sir J.J.R. was childless, and had no thought of saving. The estates were entailed and he had debts of £ 42,000. He owned Rosehaugh, Findon, Scatwell and Lochluichart. In 1849 he agreed with his cousin Lewis Mark, the next heir, to sell him Findon Estate for £ 6,000, on condition of being allowed to disentail the rest by Act of Parliament. At first they were surety for his debts. In 1864 he was so badly in debt that he was forced to sell Rosehaugh and all that remained of his properties. In 1865 he and Lady Anne fled to France - she died in 1879 and he at Versailles in 1864.

XIV, XV, XVI are about the ancestors of the next in line, and do not concern us.

XVIII. (wrongly numbered in typescript; should be XVII). Lewis Mark and the Last Acre. Lewis Mark was the grandson of Colin, younger brother of Sir Roderick. He was keen on music. From 1849, when he got the ~~Scatwell~~ the 4th Baronet. He was keen on music. From 1849, when he got the ~~Scatwell~~ Estate at Findon, his time must have been fully occupied. His mother built a house at Mountgerald for him, as she considered the Findon House unsuitable as a residence. ~~in~~ Lewis became a Roman Catholic, and died of poisoning in 1856 by eating monkshood by mistake for radish. His brother Augustus, who succeeded him to Findon, died in Rome in 1865. Another brother, James Dixon, took over the Findon estates, already heavily encumbered with mortgages, borrowed for "improvements" by Lewis Mark and Augustus. In 1884 he became 7th Baronet, but in 1886 the holders of the mortgages foreclosed, and Sir James was left landless and penniless. "The last acre of the MacKenzies of Scatwell had gone."

REMARKS. The Sederunt of the Heritors of Urquhart on June 24, 1891 includes "JAMES A. Jamieson WS and George Dalziel WS, Proprietors of Findon." In 1895, when Urquhart Church was renovated, the Heritors agreed (Findon dissenting) that they would pay the Architect's Fees!

In 1923, 13th April, the Heritors' Minutes have a full 2-page list of the Old Valued Rents of Findon Estate of £ 1034, of which £ 199-1-10 was retained by Findon

Summary of Residences of Baronets.

- 1st Bart. Sir Kenneth - resided at Findon from 1696 onwards. Died 1729.
2nd Bart. Sir Roderick - resided at Rosehaugh, because Sir Kenneth's widow was at Findon. Died 1750.
3rd Bart. Sir Lewis - resided at Findon. Died 1756.
4th Bart. Sir Roderick - brought up at Findon by his mother. Married 1764 and resided at Rosehaugh, which he rebuilt in 1775. Presumably his mother, who did not die till 1786, continued at Findon. Died 18...
5th Bart. Sir James Wemyss - resided at Rosehaugh and in London. Died 1843.
6th Bart. Sir James John Randall - resided in London and Rosehaugh. Sold Findon in 1849, and rest of estates in 1864. Died in France in 1884.
7th Bart. Sir James Dixon - lived at Findon till 1886, when the creditors foreclosed on the ~~the~~ estate. \ Died 1900.
(Mountgerald?)