

DUNBLANE CATHEDRAL
GRAVEYARD
QUOTES AND EPITAPHS



**'LOVE LINGERS HERE AND MEMORY
SLEEPETH NOT'**

Quotes and Epitaphs from the Headstones at Dunblane Cathedral Graveyard

Transcribed in 2022.

Since 2020 I have taken part in several inspections of headstones, by Historic Environment Scotland, at Dunblane Cathedral. During these we noted that it was often difficult to read the inscriptions, partly due to the light and weather, but also because they are deteriorating.

Full inscriptions for all headstones, have now been transcribed, as far as is possible, and are available to view and search at Dunblane Museum. This includes the pre 1855 inscriptions, done by the Mitchells in the 1970s, which are now matched to the relevant headstone. They also have pictures of all the headstones, as well as any burial record and lair ownership information available.

Although epitaphs etc can be found in the post 1855 transcriptions, they are difficult to find and as they form an important part of any headstone, they are included here. Where available those from pre 1855 have also been added.

The headstone numbers provided, relate to the HES graveyard plan, a copy of which is on site at the cathedral, and available to look at in the Museum, this locates each headstone in the graveyard.

Many inscriptions are incomplete, unfortunately they are only going to get worse.

The more common; Rest in Peace, At Rest, Sacred to the Memory of and In Memoriam, are not included here.

A2

Elizabeth Rose beloved wife
of George McIntosh
Dunblane d 26 Nov 1909, 76yrs
Also George McIntosh
d 22 January 1922 85yrs

**'Nothing in my hand I bring
Simply to thy cross I cling'**



A10



Margaret Bower d Birchbank, Dunblane
11 Aug 1908, 91yrs
also Elizabeth McDonald Bower
d Birchbank,
Dunblane 2nd Oct 1914, 78yrs

**'Till The Day Break and the
Shadows Flee Away'**

Erected by their niece Jeane Ramsay

A12

My mother Marion Cook Crawford
d. 2nd Oct 1913, 65yr
also my father William Smith Brown
d 23rd Sept 1918, 70yr
and their daughter
Mysie Leckie Brown
d 23 March 1964, 76yrs

'Till The Day Break'



B10

James Robertson
d 14th Feb. 1873, 21yrs
Deeply Regretted
Also his father James Robertson
d 6th June 1881, 58yrs
Also his mother Isabella Jeffrey
d 8th June 1886, 64yrs
Also his sister Maria Jeffrey
d 3rd May 1921, 58yrs

'Watch Ye Therefore'





B12

John Miller saddler here
12.5.1827 76 1783
(Mitchell Inscription)

**'In testimony of their
respect for the ...?'**

B13

1789; Patk Meiklejohn
farmer Cambushinnie
**whose mouldering dust
is now mixed with that
of his ancestors as well
as his numerous
offspring 1772**

(Mitchell inscription)



B20

Christopher Finlayson

d 11th Feb 1879, 24yrs

Also Isabella and John died infancy

Christopher Finlayson their father

d 29th June 1879

Isabella Taylor ? who died 1918?

Barbara ?

Helen?

and Agnes daughter of Christopher

and Isabella Finlayson

**'I will ransom them from the
power of the grave' Hosea 15:14**



B24

Our father Alexander Easson d 30th May 1912, 72yrs

and our mother Elizabeth d 27th April 1908, 67yrs

'Asleep In Jesus'

B26

In memory of our beloved parents John Herd

d 24th Feb 1932

and his wife Mary d 29th May 1933

'The Lord's My Shepherd'

B27

In loving memory of William Lewis 1895

beloved son of John Herd,

aged 3yrs 1 month

'Safe in Jesus Keeping'



B45

Sacred to the memory of Margaret Jack

wife of Robert Bruce, Dunblane

'He calmly fell asleep in Jesus'



B47

Alex Cairns farmer Hungryhill 28.7.1823

44, w Mary Crawford 3.6.1869 87, das

Margt & Jane inf, Ann 2.1.1887 76,

Isabella 7.9.1897 84, Mary 31.3.1899 87,

Jane 10.10.1902 79, Margt 15.2.1887 68

(wid of Peter Mackenzie, s John M.

22.3.1866 18) Mitchell Inscription

'Be ye therefore ready also' Luke

XII:40

B68

by Alexander Carmichael in memory of his
wife Barbara MacGregor

b 18th July 1853 d 21st Sept 1926

Also two of their children who died in infancy and the
above Alexander Carmichael d 17th Jan 1929, 76yrs

Also their daughter Christina Carmichael
d. 18th June 1929, 43yrs

**'Make them to be numbered with
thy saints in glory everlasting'**

B69

Ann Stirling the beloved wife of
James Dougall
d 13th Aug 1861, 76yrs

**'Pious, faithful and
affectionate'**

and James Dougall her husband
d. 11th Nov 1863, 74

'Much Regretted'



B72

John McNie joiner Ramoyle
?? his wife

South side

In memory of James Robin joiner

d 16th March 1886, 40yrs

**'Blessed are the dead that die
in the Lord'**



B90

W.D. Whitehead
d Sheriffmuir 28.6.1896 82, w Eliz
Henderson 7.4.1910 90, 2s Thos
Henderson W. 15.5.1933 81, 2da
Cath 26.4.1939 93, yt da Eliz H. W.
28.12.1940 87 (Mitchell Inscription)

**'Love lingers here and
memory sleepeth not'**

B117

Sacred to the memory of Maggie Ann Gray

d 31st Aug 1876, 14yrs

**‘The maid is not
dead but
sleepeth’**



B132

Elizabeth Hutchison

Wife of the late John Annand

? December 1877? 78yrs?

John? James ? Martha? Janet ?

‘Thy Will be Done’



C1

William Reid who died at
Glenorchard, Dunblane
28th Feb 1910, 78
Also his wife Janet Lochhead
d at Tighnablair, Comrie
27th Feb 1930, 89

**'In my Father's house are
many mansions'**



C5

To the memory of our beloved
mother Hersey Maria
Macdonald d at Millrow Dunblane
19th May 1894, 58yrs
Also our beloved father William Bayne
d at Braeport, Dunblane 19th Nov 1902, 68yrs
Also their son William d at Braeport, Dunblane
18th Nov 1908, 43yrs

**'I am the resurrection and the life, he
that believeth in me though he were
dead yet shall he live' John XI:25**

C44

John McLaren plumber
d at Fernbank
15th Aug 1917, 74yrs
Mary Carmichael beloved
wife of J. McLaren
d 4th April, 1893, 47yrs
Stuart Craig Dow
beloved wife of D.A. McLaren
d 21st May 1916, 33yrs

**'A little while and ye shall
see me'**



C53

Jane Morison d 5th Dec 1898, 80yrs
Jennie Morison d. 27th May 1917

**'Until the Day Break and the
Shadows Flee Away'**

C56

Affectionate remembrance of
 William McKinlay
 d. 26th Sept 1883, 88yr also
 Helen Easson his wife
 d 30th Dec 1890, 98yrs
 also his daughter Jean wife of
 John Findlay
 d in Australia 2nd April 1884, 26yrs
 William his eldest son d Australia
 8th Oct 1889, 59yrs
 Andrew his second son
 d South Australia
 24th Jan 1902, 71yrs
 Christina his eldest daughter wife of
 Angus Kennedy d in Australia
 4th May 1917, 82yr



'Mine eyes shall see the King in his beauty' Isaiah 33:17



C74

Peter McMurrich d. at Faskadail Dunblane
 21st Jan 1903, 75yrs
 Elizabeth McMurrich widow of Peter McMurrich
 d 13th Feb 1921, 89yrs

**'Come unto me all ye that
 labour and are heavy laden
 and I will give you rest'**

C75

Georgina Anderson wife of William Winton
station master at Dunblane

d 13th Aug 1918, 65yr

Also the above William Winton

d 8th April 1934, 77yrs

Their daughter Lizzie d 24th Mar 1956, 73yrs

Their daughter Catherine McKay

d 23rd Aug 1967, 81yrs

**'My trust is in the tender mercy
of God for ever and ever'**



C92

Alexander George Downie

b 12th Aug 1819 d. 8th Aug 1893

Jessie Kennedy his wife d 8th April 1898

Christiana Mary their younger daughter

d 12th July 1897

and was laid in Kippen cemetery

'He giveth his beloved sleep'



C94

Rev'd James Boe, for 17yrs minister of this parish,

**pious, learned and eloquent, he devoted his life with
zeal and faithfulness to the duties of his sacred calling
and he died beloved respected and lamented by his
parishioners and by whom this memoriam has been
erected**

b 5th June 1812 d 6th Aug 1860

Also of Augusta Hane Steele his wife

b 14th Feb 1821 d 2nd Dec 1897

James Steele Bow L.R.C.P S.E son of above

d 29th Jan 1890, 36yr

'In Christ shall all be made alive'

Also their son Rev'd William Boe M.A. b 19th June 1857

accidentally drowned at Portobello 18th May 1899

'When thou passest through the waters

I will be with thee' Isaiah

WEST SIDE

In memory of Margaret Boe d 8th Nov 1940 and

Agnes Caroline Boe d 14th Sept 1942

Daughters of James Boe

C96

James Cousin d Bridge of Allan 20th Dec 1892

also Jean Cousin d at Barbush Dunblane 6th Mar 1902

Janet Cousin Ormlie d 23rd Jan 1909

'I Am The Resurrection And The Life'

C111

John Cramb Builder in memory of his wife

Margaret McAndrew

d 29th June 1901, 66yrs

John Cramb d 9th June 1909, 75yrs

Their children

Christopher d Nov 1863, 3yrs

Felix d. Feb 1869, 7m

Peter d. Nov 1870, 11m

David d. Feb 1879, 5yrs

William d. Mar 1879, 2yrs

James d. Nov. 1880, 14yrs

Janet d. Feb 1881, 9yrs

Jeanie d. Jan 1968, 92yrs

'I know that my redeemer liveth'



C127

John Finlayson of Greenhill d 1st Dec 1891, 55yrs
and his eldest sister Catherine Finlayson
d 23rd June 1902

**whose ancestors from 1640 to 1840 are interred
within the nave of the cathedral**

C139

Robert Menzies
d 19th Feb 1873, 14m
and James Menzies
d 14th Mar 1896, 19yrs
Isobella Dewar wife of
Andrew Menzies
d 4th May 1923, 78yrs

'Thy Will Be Done'



C156

Dermot Campbell
Iron founder,
d at Crawford
Park
Dunblane
1st Jan 1914,
58yrs and of
Margaret
Hamilton his wife
d 1st June 1933,
77yrs
Also of Donald
MacGregor
Campbell
their son
b 21st Sept 1893
d 23rd Oct 1954



'The Lord Is My Shepherd'

C160

Reverend James Ingram M.A. for ten years

Minister of the

Scotch Church Amsterdam.

For seventeen years minister of the parish church of Fala and for eight years the earnest and devoted minister of this parish.

B 1st Jan 1809 died of fever caught in the discharge of his pastoral duties 23rd Aug 1869

Faithful unto death as a good soldier of Jesus Christ he endured hardness and in token of his fidelity and usefulness, especially in ministering to the spiritual and temporal wants of the sick, the aged and the poor, friends and parishioners of all denominations have united in erecting this memorial.

Also in memory of Eliza Gordon Ingram his sister

b 22nd Mar 1813 d 25th Feb 1865

Mary Anne Ingram his daughter b 8th Aug 1844

d 15th Mar 1862

Johanna Stair Ingram his daughter b 1st Nov 1847

d 15th Mar 1865

‘They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament, and they that turn many to righteousness, as the stars for ever and ever’ Daniel XII.3

C161

John Cramb d 26th Jan 1894, 60yrs

Also Charlotte Bruce his wife d 22nd Sept 1891, 58yrs

and John Cramb their son d 27th Jan 1912

'?Gone? but not for ever'

C162

David Robb late farmer Crofts of Cromlix

d 9th May 1879, 67yrs

**'Remember as you walk by, as you are now, so once
was I. As I am now soon you will be, so prepare
yourself to follow me'**

'There is but a step between us and death'

C163

Erected by Margaret Roy MacIntyre in loving memory of

her husband the Rev. John MacIntyre M.A. Minister

of the United Presbyterian Church, Greenloaning

B. at Ayr 5th Nov 1805 d 22nd Jan 1888, 83yrs

and the 47th yr of his ministry at Greenloaning

and of Margaret Roy his wife d 9th Dec 1897, 83yrs



C163 cont'd

'Heal the sick and say unto them that the kingdom of God is come nigh unto you' Luke X:9

'Giving thanks unto the Father which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light' Colossians 1,12

C168

Alexander Ferguson d 6th May 1875, 60yrs

Also Janet Wren his wife d 23rd Nov 1877, 63yrs

James Hepburn their son in law d 4th Nov 1886, 43yrs

and Sarah Ferguson their daughter

wife of James Hepburn

d 22nd Dec 1904, 56yrs

'Behold I Come Quickly'

D1

Edith Emily Napier younger

daughter of R.T. & S.J. Napier born at

Yoker 1st May 1888 d. Edinburgh 11th July 1912

'May God Bless The Fruits Of Her Life's

Work For Him In Lomyland? And Scotland'



D2

Sarah Jane wife of Robert Napier

who died 8th Nov 1919 in her 71st year

and in loving memory of Robert T. Napier d. 27th Dec 1921, 71,

also their beloved son Robert Hellier Napier

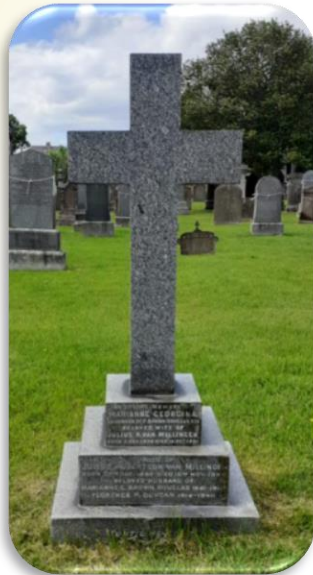
who fell in action in Portuguese E .Africa Feb 1918

'He That Seeketh Findeth'

D8

Marianne Georgina
daughter of F .Brown Douglas esq
beloved wife of
Julius R. Van Millingen
b 3rd Dec 1858
d. 10th Oct 1907.
Also Julius Robertson Van Millingen
b 22nd Dec 1840
d. 16th Nov 1948 beloved husband
of Marianne G. Brown Douglas 1881 -
1907
Florence P. Duncan 1914 -1950

‘Until He Come’



D9

Charles Stewart d 14th April 1908 70yrs
and his wife Jane Stewart d 25th May 1914

‘Asleep in Jesus’

D11



Jane Stevenson Cairns Wright daughter of
J.C.Wright Tillyre, b. 1877, d. 1900, 23yrs.

Also the above James Cairns Wright

d. 29th Nov 1918 65yrs,

his wife Sarah Downs

d. 26th Dec. 1920 68yrs and their daughter

Janet McDougall Cairns Wright

d. 19th May 1971 92yrs.

'Until He Comes'

D22

Duncan McOwan

Precentor for 15yrs and an elder for 47yrs
in Dunblane Cathedral

d. 31st Dec. 1932, 93yrs

Margaret Bayne, his wife

d. 4th Aug 1917, 72yr

Also their daughter Helen

d. 24th Feb 1845, 66yrs

Jessie d. 29th Dec 1950, 65yrs and

Margaret Robin MacOwan

d. 5th Oct 1956, 90yrs

**'Blessed Are They That Hope
And Trust In The Lord'**



D26

Walter Bruce, died Ashfield 25th Oct 1900, 50yrs

Chrissie Sharp d. 30th Mar 1903, 7yrs her father

James Sharp d. Ashfield 30th June 1920, 56yrs

Christian McGregor wife of the above

Walter Bruce d. 20th Nov 1933, 81yrs

Isabella McGregor wife of the above

James Sharp d. 24th Oct 1950, 78yrs

'Until The Day Dawn'



D29

Erected by Peter Lamb McEwan

in loving memory of Elizabeth Ann Beveridge his wife who died at
Bo'ness 9th Sept 1876, 32yrs and is interred here.

Also his two children Peter and Maggie who died in infancy.

Also his father James McEwan late Governor of Dunblane

Prison d. 5th March 1885, 73yrs

Also his mother Margaret Lamb wife of James McEwan

d. 10th June 1887, 72yrs

'They that dwell under his shadow shall return'

Hosea xiv - 7

D29

South side

Ann McEwan b. 6th June 1846

d. 17th Aug 1847

James McEwan b. 3rd Aug. 1848

d. 18th Sept 1852

Alex McEwan b. 1st Aug 1844

d. 31st July 1903

Peter Lamb McEwan b. 31st Jan 1842

d. 10th Sept 1907

The beloved husband of Elizabeth Graves
McEwan

**"Saviour in thy gracious keeping
leave we now thy servant sleeping"**



D35

Hamilton Brown b. 23rd June 1864

d. 7th April 1867

Thomas Brown M.B.C.M

b. 30th Jan. 1860 d. 30th March 1887

Thomas Brown L.R.C.R.S

B. 23rd May 1826 D. 17th Nov. 1893

Also Jessie Watt widow of Thomas Brown
surgeon, Dunblane who died here
5th Oct 1901 74yr

'Peace Perfect Peace'



D60

Ann Garden wife of James Stewart

d. at Corscapple,

Dunblane 12th Feb 1890, 54yrs and the said
James Stewart

d. 20th Oct 1908, 77yrs

also their daughter Annie

d. 18th March 1918

'I Know Whom I Have Believed'

D68

**'Come to me all ye that labour
and are heavy laden and I will
give you rest' Matthew 11:28**



D69



Miss Christian Fletcher daughter of
the later William Fletcher late
minister at Bridge of Teith 1845

**Her Life Was Adorned With
The Graces Of The Spirit And
Much Sanctified Cheerfulness
Of Disposition She Died
Triumphant Building All Her
Hopes On Christ The Rock Of
Ages. This stone was erected
as a memorial of affection by
her brother the Rev...?**

London

And of Catherine Fletcher his sister

D73

Erected by ? M. Harley

? Christie d? 1873

William Harley d. 21st A ? age?

Elizabeth Todd widow of William Harley

Fell asleep 2nd March 1916, 80th yr

'Father Grant Thy ? Rest?'

D76

James Eadie merchant here, only da
Agnes 17.6.1870 32 (Mitchell
Inscription)

'Till The Resurrection'



D77

John Eadie 17.4.1785 25.10.1846
(Mitchell Inscription)

**'An honest man
the work of God
I know that my Redeemer
liveth.
Who gave himself
a ransom for all.'**

D78

James Eadie merchant here
15.8.1869 80, wife Agnes Bennet
12.9.1870 74 (Mitchell Inscription)

'Till The Resurrection'



D104

Montgomery Young of the
British Linen Company's bank
Edinburgh, wife Elizabeth
MacKenzie b Inverness 5.9.1792
d here 9.6.1841 by 1s John Y. of
Bunlipatam? Madras (Mitchell
inscription)

**'Her Children Arise Up
And Call Her Blessed'**

D109

Erected by Patrick James
Stirling LLD in memory of his
friend and partner in business
Joseph Mclean solicitor,
Dunblane.

**A man of eminent
ability in his profession
and amiable and
exemplary character in
all the relations of his
life. He died 2nd Nov 1872,
50, beloved and lamented by all who knew him.**

**'I shall go to him but he shall not return to me' Isiah
XII:26**



D112

**'O Lamb of God
Have Mercy Upon Us'**

Here lieth the body of James Robertson
d 17th Aug 1862, 69yrs

**'By Thy Cross and Passion
By Thy Precious Death and
Burial
By Thy Glorious Resurrection
and Ascension
Good Lord Deliver us
At the Day of Judgement'**



D115

Jane Christie wife

of John Maule

d. 26th Dec 1895 77yr

'The Lord my light...?'



D117



**'Behold I die but God
shall be with you' Genesis**

Donald Stewart Murrie

b 23rd May 1865 d 5th Feb 1889

his mother Mary Fraser Hunter

d 3rd Dec 1898 64yr

her husband James Murrie

d 16th Jan 1919 85yrs

and their granddaughter

Mary Fraser Murrie

d 16th Dec 1920 27yrs

John William Murrie

d 6th Sept 1925, 63yrs

D124

Erected by Margaret Campbell
in memory of
her husband Peter Colquhoun
b. 18th Aug 18?7 d 8th Oct 18??
Margaret Campbell
b 12Feb 1835 d ?? Mar 1899
Also John Dewar Bayne
d. 21st June 1905 44yrs

'In a little while ye shall see me'



D127

**'The mortal remains of
Andrew Malloch writer in
Dunblane a man of strong
mind of upright and amiable
character, penetrating in his
views, correct in his
judgements, energetic in his
purpose and always kind
hearted and sincere'**

D137

Erected by Peter McCaull in memory
of his father

William Cousin McCaull

b. 21st Feb 1858

d. 9th Nov 1907 and his mother

Mary McCruar Cray

d 27th Sept 1922 also their beloved

son Peter d 18th July 1960

**'They miss them most who
loved them best'**



D139

Daniel McNeil for 40y gardener at
Holme Hill. 12.1793 19.3.1864, da Mary
19.6.1831 1.2.1836, s Robt 20.12.1835
28.12.1861, w Eliz Todd 16.1.1872 74; by
Jas Stirling of Holme Hill (Mitchell
inscription)

**'Father Grant Thy Wearied One
Rest For Evermore'**

D170

Archibald Roy Balgowan Braco d 2nd Sept 1870? 53yrs

**Deeply regretted
'Thy will be done'**

D171

John Adam Superintendent of Police Dunblane
d 26th Aug 1900, 52 also his son

Thomas C. Adam M.A. d 16th May 1900, 24yrs

Also his eldest daughter Mary Jane Adam

d 11th Mar 1903 and also of Jane Chalmers

his wife died at Slateford Midlothian

13th June 1914

'He giveth his beloved sleep'

D177

William Thomas Masson Rae
d at Dunblane 14th Sept 1888, 7yrs

William Rae

d 14th April 1922, 74yrs

**For 35 years the custodian
of Dunblane Cathedral
whose very stones were
dear to him.**

Also his wife Barbara Masson

d 22nd Nov, 1927, 77yrs

and daughter Mary Reid

d. 11th Jan 1931, 47yrs



D178



In Memory of John Gentle
Builder Dunblane b 15th Aug
1781
d 7th July 1856

**'Nature feels when grief
assails, nature falls when
death prevails. Religion
lifts our thoughts on
high, the Saviour teaches
how to die.**

**Friends must part, may
mourn, may weep but
nature's onward course
must sweep. We live to die,
but die to live, and hopes to meet in heaven above'**



The full inscription for headstone D178 has been completed from 'Monuments and Monumental Inscriptions in Scotland' Rev Charles Rogers Vol II 1872.

Many of the pictures used are by Leonard Bovill, who took photographs for Dunblane Museum 2006 – 2008. These were kindly loaned to HES by his wife, Heather, to help in the creation of records for headstone inspections. These images have proved to be very useful as they are more legible than recent photos and compare dramatically with the current appearance of many of the headstones.

The size of the picture does not relate to the actual size of the headstone.

Headstone D185 has an epitaph around the edge, but it is now too difficult to read and it isn't included here.

I haven't added pictures for all, as some headstones are broken in several pieces and the quality of some images wasn't good enough.

C2 doesn't fit my criteria for inclusion, but I've added it, as a post script, as so many visitors come to see it and again, the inscription is now very difficult to read. This, also, is one of Leonard's pictures and the inscription was done by the Mitchells.

There were undoubtedly many other epitaphs etc, which sadly now are completely gone.

R.Anderson 2023

C2 (east side) Jas

Anderson, w Jane

McCowan 27.12.1836

17.3.1867; Peter M.

29.1.1843 26.7.1843; Wm

M. 14.9.1846 16.10.1846;

And M. 7.10.1847

18.1.1848; Wm M.

13.7.1853 21.7.1853; (east

side) **Wm Mc G. 58th**

Massachusetts Infantry d

1.4.1864 47 in Camp

Readville USA in defence

of the Union against the

rebellion; by Daniel M. of

Fell River USA on his visit

here on 22.11.1871; (north

side) Daniel M. 7.6.1854

88, w Helen Smith

27.10.1838 65

(Mitchell Inscription)



