

GEORGE BALLINGALL, TENANT OF RAMELDRY, KETTLE, FIFE (1714-1793)
By His Fifth Great Grandson, Michael T. Tracy

The future tenant of Rameldry, Kettle Parish, Fife was baptized on Thursday, 2 August 1714 at Cults Farm, Cults Parish, Fife, Scotland. According to the Kettle Parish Register for Baptisms for the year 1714 it reads as follows: "August 2 was baptized at Cults being the Thanksgiving Day after the sacrament of our Lord's supper George lawful son to Thomas Ballingall. Witnesses the congregation."¹

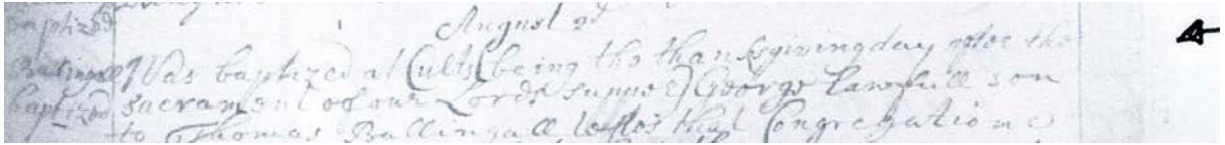


Fig. 1. Baptismal Record of George Ballingall, 2 August 1714, Cults Parish, Fife, Crown Copyright

The family held the farm of Rameldry in Kettle Parish on the Balbirnie Estate from about 1736 until 1913. The first owner of the farm was George Ballingall who was tenant for 58 years until his death on Monday, 20 May 1793.



Fig. 2. Rameldry, Kettle Parish, Fife, Photograph Courtesy of Michael T. Tracy © 2010 Michael T. Tracy

He had 15 children, by his three wives: one by his first wife, Margaret Christie; eight by his second wife, Christian Goodsir; and six by his third wife, Janet Jelly. Various records of George Ballingall's tenure at Rameldry survive presently. The Window Tax was a property tax based on the number of windows in a house. In Scotland the tax was imposed in 1748. A house had to have at least seven windows or a rent of at least five pounds was to be taxed. George Ballingall is found residing at Rameldry and was first taxed on Saturday, 9 September 1758 for six pennies for twenty windows or more.²

¹ Baptismal Record of George Ballingall, 2 August 1714, Cults Parish Records, Old Parish Records 435/0010 0294

² Window Tax, 1748-1798. Window Tax for Fife, Volume 42, (E326/1/42/300) Scotlandsplaces.gov.uk

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Time when Survey'd.	Inhabitant Name	No. of Windows	Assises Charge			Scurers Charge			Discharged on Appeal			Occasional Remarks
			Windows	Duties on Windows and Lights	Windows	Licenses on Scurers	Windows	Money				
	Kettle Parish											
July 15	M ^r James Craig	1	25							18 6		
Sept 22	Mr. Brown Craig	1	17							12 4		
Dec 25	M ^r Robert Davidson M ^r James Gray	1	27							1 1 1/2		
	M ^r David Mowbray	1								6		
	M ^r James Dinning	1								6		
	M ^r John Hillier	1								6		
	M ^r David Kilmartin	1								6		
	M ^r David Gillies	1								6		
Sept 5	M ^r James Stewart	1								6		
	M ^r James Murray	1								6		
	M ^r John Brown	1								6		
	M ^r James Spivey	1								6		
	M ^r James Hartman	1								6		
	M ^r Robert Hyslop	1								6		
	M ^r David Brown	1								6		
	M ^r James Brown	1								6		
	M ^r James Macrae	1								6		
	M ^r James Munro	1								6		
Dec 9	M ^r James Brown	1								6		
	M ^r James Kilmartin	1								6		
	M ^r James Stewart	1								6		
	M ^r James Murray	1								6		
	M ^r James Brown	1								6		
	M ^r James Macrae	1								6		
	M ^r James Munro	1								6		
	24			17 1/2						3 2 1/2		
	Palmerston Paroch											
Sept 25	M ^r James Macrae	1	18							12 0		
Sept 25	M ^r James Macrae	1	18							12 0		
	M ^r James Macrae	1								6		
	M ^r James Macrae	1								6		
	M ^r James Macrae	1								6		
	M ^r James Macrae	1								6		
Sept 18	M ^r James Macrae	1								6		
	M ^r James Macrae	1								6		
	M ^r James Macrae	1								6		
	M ^r James Macrae	1								6		
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Fig. 3. Kettle Parish, Fife Window Tax 9 September 1758, George Ballingall, Scotlandsplaces Copyright

The last Window Tax he was recorded in was on Thursday, 2 June 1791 also at Rameldry for one pound, three shillings and twelve pennies. The tax was for eighteen windows.¹

George Ballingall married Margaret Christie on Monday, 22 October 1736 at the Kettle Parish Church in Kingskettle.² It is not known when Margaret Christie was born but the marriage record states that she was from Kettle Parish. They had one child, Margaret who was born on Saturday, 16 November 1737 in Kettle Parish.³ It is

¹ Window Tax, 1748-1798. Window Tax for Fife, Volume 49 (E326/1/49/62) Scotlandsplaces.gov.uk

² Marriage Record of George Ballingall, 22 October 1736, Kettle Parish Records, Old Parish Records 435/0030 0257

³ Baptismal Record of Margaret Ballingall, 20 November 1737, Kettle Parish Records, Old Parish Records 435/0020 0049

not known when his wife, Margaret Ballingall died but it was before his second marriage to Christian Goodsir in 1739.

George Ballingall met and married Christian Goodsir on Monday, 9 February 1739 at Largo, Largo Parish. According to the Largo Parish Register for Marriages for the year 1739 it reads as follows: "George Ballingall in the Parish of Kettle and Christian Goodsir in this Parish were contracted orderly proclaimed and married at Largo by Mr. Fferriar our minister."¹

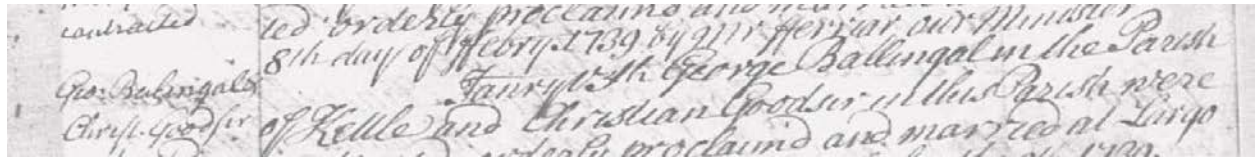


Fig. 4. Marriage Record of George Ballingall, 9 February 1739, Largo Parish, Fife, Crown Copyright

Christian Goodsir was baptized on Monday, 25 August 1717 at Largo, Newburn Parish, Scotland. Her baptism was found in the Newburn Parish records. It states as follows: "25 August, James Goodsir in the Paroch of Largo and his wife Janet Fernie had a daughter baptized Christian. Witnesses Alexander Goodsir and Nathaniel Cornfull tenants in Newburn."²

George and Christian Ballingall had eight children: Janet, Grisle, Jean, an unnamed daughter, John, Elspet, Christian and Katherine. The family lived on their farm estate of Rameldry, Kettle Parish, Fife where he was a tenant there for 58 years. Christian Ballingall died on Tuesday, 16 December 1760 at the age of 43 at Remeldry. According to the Kettle Parish register it stated, "16 December 1760 Christian Goodsir wife of George Ballingall in Remeldry, aged about 43."³ She was buried in the Kettle Parish churchyard in Kingskettle.

George Ballingall continued to farm on his estate at Rameldry. Shortly thereafter he met Janet Jelly of Leslie Parish. On Thursday, 15 December 1763 George Ballingall married Janet Jelly at the Kettle Parish Church in Kingskettle. According to the marriage record it stated: "27 November (1763) were matrimonially contracted in order to marriage George Ballingall this parish, and Janet Jelly in the parish of Leslie; they were regularly proclaimed no objections offered and married on the 15th of December."⁴ By this marriage George and Janet Ballingall had six children all born at Rameldry. They are: George, Grizal, Margaret, Patrick, Isabel and David.



Fig. 5. Farm Fields of Rameldry, Kettle Parish, Fife, Photograph Courtesy of Michael T. Tracy © 2010 Michael T. Tracy

¹ Marriage Record of George Ballingall, 9 February 1739, Largo Parish Records, Old Parish Records 443/0020 0483

² Baptismal Record of Christian Goodsir, 25 August 1717, Newburn Parish Records, Old Parish Records 451/0020 0060

³ Death Record of Christian Goodsir Ballingall, 16 December 1760, Kettle Parish Records, Old Parish Records 435/0050 0138

⁴ Marriage Record of George Ballingall, 15 December 1763, Kettle Parish Records, Old Parish Records 435/0030 0300

A grandson of George Ballingall, Henry Buist would remember walking with his grandfather from Kettle to Pitlessie. According to the *Fifeshire Journal* Newspaper dated Thursday, 16 November 1865, "One incident in his history will suffice to show how far tradition may go back; in his boyhood he walked from his father's house near Kettle to Pitlessie, with his grandfather who was born in 1690. Another such link would carry us back to the days long before the Reformation, and long era of James the First died of a broken heart in Falkland."¹

George Ballingall died on Monday, 20 May 1793 at the age of 78 in Rameldry.² He died of pleurisy and was buried in the Kettle Parish churchyard in Kingskettle. His gravestone still stands presently and reads (East side of stone): "In memory of George Ballingall who was for 58 years tenant of Remeldry in the parish of Kettle who died there 20th May 1793. And of several of his dead... Patrick Ballingall who died at the parish of ... August 18.. aged 43. George Ballingall tenant of ... And died there 27th July 1827 aged 62. George Ballingall tenant of ... who died... Dunbog 9th August 1859 aged...(West side of stone) Also Janet daughter of David Ballingall died at... and John Ballingall tenant of... for 3 years who died at Dunbog..." It is not known when his third wife, Janet Ballingall died.



Fig. 6. Ballingall Family Gravesite, Kettle Parish Churchyard, Kettle, Fife, Photograph Courtesy of Michael T. Tracy
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For at least 58 years, George Ballingall led a long and distinguished life as tenant farmer of Rameldry, Kettle – an eighteenth century agriculturist of which the Howe of Fife can be proud. Despite personal sadness occasioned by the loss of his first and second wives, George Ballingall will have taken comfort in the raising of his 15 children and would surely be delighted by the continued tenancy of Rameldry by his descendants until 1913.

He is commemorated here in grateful esteem and recognition by his Fifth Great Grandson, Michael T. Tracy.

GEORGE AND MARGARET BALLINGALL CHILD:

Margaret: Born on Saturday, 16 November 1737 at Kettle Parish, Fife. She was baptized on Wednesday, 20 November 1737 at Kettle Parish.³ No further information is known.

¹ *Fifeshire Journal* Newspaper, Thursday, 16 November 1865, Page 2

² Death Record of George Ballingall, 20 May 1793, Kettle Parish Records, Old Parish Records 435/0050 0342

³ Baptismal Record of Margaret Ballingall, 20 November 1737, Kettle Parish Records, Old Parish Records 435/0020 0049

GEORGE AND CHRISTIAN BALLINGALL CHILDREN:

Janet: Born on Thursday, 17 March 1740 at Kettle Parish, Fife. She was baptized on Wednesday, 23 March 1740 at Kettle Parish.¹ She married John Prett on Friday, November 15, 1776 at Kettle Parish.² They had nine children: John baptized on Thursday, 10 November 1776³; Alexander baptized on Thursday, 6 November 1777⁴; Margaret baptized on Sunday, 27 September 1778⁵; Elizabeth baptized on Sunday, 23 May 1779⁶; George baptized on Wednesday, 4 April 1781⁷; Jean baptized on Sunday, 11 May 1783⁸; James baptized on Sunday, 27 January 1788⁹; Thomas baptized on Sunday, 20 September 1789¹⁰; and Janet baptized on Sunday, 20 February 1791¹¹. All of the children were born in Kettle Parish and baptized at Kettle Parish in Kingskettle, Fife, Scotland. John Prett died on Tuesday, 29 December 1795 at Kettle Parish¹². No other information is available.

Grisle: Born on Thursday, 30 November 1741 at Kettle Parish, Fife. She was baptized on Sunday, 3 December 1741 at Kettle Parish.¹³ She married William Prett on Friday, 15 September 1780 at Kettle Parish¹⁴. They had eight children: Alexander baptized on Sunday, 12 August 1781¹⁵; Elizabeth baptized on Sunday, 8 September 1782¹⁶; Grizal born on Sunday, 8 August 1784¹⁷; David baptized on 22 October 1786¹⁸ and died on Saturday, 24 October 1795¹⁹; John born on Sunday, 27 July 1788²⁰; Janet baptized on Wednesday, 20 April 1791²¹; Margaret born on Wednesday, 1 May 1793²² and Thomas born on Sunday, 6 December 1795²³ and died on Thursday, 14 October 1875²⁴. All of the children were born in Kettle Parish and baptized at Kettle Parish in Kingskettle, Fife, Scotland. William Prett was a farmer in Kettle Parish. Grisle Prett died on Saturday, 18 July 1829²⁵ in Kettle Parish and her husband William died on Sunday, 23 May 1824²⁶.

Jean: Born on Monday, 13 January 1744 at Kettle Parish, Fife. She was baptized on Saturday, 25 January 1744 at Kettle Parish.²⁷ She met and later married George Peirson who was a tenant at Balbirnie Bleachfield on Saturday, 14 May 1774 at Kettle Parish in Kingskettle.²⁸ They had four children: Janet born on Sunday, 30 April 1775 at Kettle²⁹ and died on Wednesday, 25 April 1797 at the age of 25 in Kettle³⁰; Margaret born on Saturday, 7 March 1778 and baptized on Sunday, 8 March 1778 at Kettle Parish³¹ and died on Sunday, 18 October 1801 at the age of 23 in Kettle; Barbara born in October of 1783 at Kettle and died on Friday, 7 June 1805 at the age of 22 in Kettle; and John born on Tuesday, 26 August 1788 at Markinch and baptized on Monday, 1 September 1788 at Markinch³²

¹ Baptismal Record of Janet Ballingall, 23 March 1740, Kettle Parish Records, Old Parish Records, National Records of Scotland

² Marriage Record of Janet Ballingall, 15 November 1776, Kettle Parish Records, Old Parish Records, National Records of Scotland

³ Baptismal Record of John Prett, 10 November 1776, Kettle Parish Records, Old Parish Records, National Records of Scotland

⁴ Baptismal Record of Alexander Prett, 6 November 1777, Kettle Parish Records, Old Parish Records, National Records of Scotland

⁵ Baptismal Record of Margaret Prett, 27 September 1778, Kettle Parish Records, Old Parish Records, National Records of Scotland

⁶ Baptismal Record of Elizabeth Prett, 23 May 1779, Kettle Parish Records, Old Parish Records, National Records of Scotland

⁷ Baptismal Record of George Prett, 4 April 1781, Kettle Parish Records, Old Parish Records, National Records of Scotland

⁸ Baptismal Record of Jean Prett, 11 May 1783, Kettle Parish Records, Old Parish Records, National Records of Scotland

⁹ Baptismal Record of James Prett, 27 January 1788, Kettle Parish Records, Old Parish Records, National Records of Scotland

¹⁰ Baptismal Record of Thomas Prett, 20 September 1789, Kettle Parish Records, Old Parish Records, National Records of Scotland

¹¹ Baptismal Record of Janet Prett, 20 February 1791, Kettle Parish Records, Old Parish Records, National Records of Scotland

¹² Death Record of John Prett, 29 December 1795, Kettle Parish Records, Old Parish Records, National Records of Scotland

¹³ Baptismal Record of Grisle Ballingall, 3 December 1741, Kettle Parish Records, Old Parish Records, National Records of Scotland

¹⁴ Marriage Record of Grisle Ballingall, 15 September 1780, Kettle Parish Records, Old Parish Records, National Records of Scotland

¹⁵ Baptismal Record of Alexander Prett, 12 August 1781, Kettle Parish Records, Old Parish Records, National Records of Scotland

¹⁶ Baptismal Record of Elizabeth Prett, 8 September 1782, Kettle Parish Records, Old Parish Records, National Records of Scotland

¹⁷ Baptismal Record of Grizal Prett, 15 August 1784, Kettle Parish Records, Old Parish Records, National Records of Scotland

¹⁸ Baptismal Record of David Prett, 22 October 1786, Kettle Parish Records, Old Parish Records, National Records of Scotland

¹⁹ Death Record of David Prett, 24 October 1795, Kettle Parish Records, Old Parish Records 435/0050 0345

²⁰ Baptismal Record of John Prett, 27 July 1788, Kettle Parish Records, Old Parish Records, National Records of Scotland

²¹ Baptismal Record of Janet Prett, 20 April 1791, Kettle Parish Records, Old Parish Records, National Records of Scotland

²² Baptismal Record of Margaret Prett, 5 May 1793, Kettle Parish Records, Old Parish Records, National Records of Scotland

²³ Baptismal Record of Thomas Prett, 20 December 1795, Kettle Parish Records, Old Parish Records 435/0030 0107

²⁴ Death Record of Thomas Prett, 14 October 1875, Cults Parish Records, Statutory Deaths 419/00 0016

²⁵ Death Record of Grisle Prett, 18 July 1829, Kettle Parish Records, Old Parish Records 435/0060 0231

²⁶ Death Record of William Prett, 23 May 1824, Kettle Parish Records, Old Parish Records 435/0060 0225

²⁷ Baptismal Record of Jean Ballingall, 25 January 1744, Kettle Parish Records, Old Parish Records, National Records of Scotland

²⁸ Marriage Record of Jean Ballingall, 14 May 1774, Kettle Parish Records, Old Parish Records, National Records of Scotland

²⁹ Baptismal Record of Janet Peirson, 30 April 1775, Kettle Parish Records, Old Parish Records, National Records of Scotland

³⁰ Death Record of Janet Peirson, 25 April 1797, Kettle Parish Records, Old Parish Records 435/0050 0338

³¹ Baptismal Record of Margaret Peirson, 8 March 1778, Kettle Parish Records, Old Parish Records, National Records of Scotland

³² Baptismal Record of John Peirson, 1 September 1788, Markinch Parish Records, Old Parish Records, National Records of Scotland

and died on Tuesday, 18 February 1812 at Canamore, East Indies. He was a lieutenant in the 3rd Regiment of Native Infantry. The family resided on the farm estate of Balbirnie Bleachfield, Markinch Parish. On Saturday, 23 September 1797, George Pierson was shown in the 1797 Horse Tax for the County of Fife. According to the record it stated: "George Pearson, Blabirnie Bleachfield, number of horses (2), horses liable in Duty tax (2) and was taxed 4 shillings.¹ George Peirson died on Sunday, 2 March 1834 in Markinch Parish at the age of 83. His wife, Jean Peirson died on Sunday, 25 May 1823 at the age of 79 also in Markinch Parish. They are all buried together in the Kettle Parish churchyard in Kingskettle. Their gravestone still stands presently and reads: "(West side of stone) Memento mori. Erected to the memory of George Peirson late tenant of Balbirnie Bleachfield died 2d of March 1834 aged 83 years. Jean Ballingall his spouse died 25th May 1823 aged 75 years. Their daughters Janet Peirson died 21st April 1797 aged 25 years. Margaret Peirson died 18th October 1801 aged 23 years. Barbara Peirson died 7th June 1805 aged 22 years 10 months. Their son Lt. John Peirson 3rd Regt of Native Infantry was killed at Canamore East Indies 18th February 1812 aged 23 years."



Fig. 7. Pierson Family Gravesite, Kettle Parish Churchyard, Kettle, Fife, Photograph Courtesy of Michael T. Tracy
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¹ Farm Horse Tax Rolls 1797-1798, Horse Tax for Fife, Volume 2 (E326/10/2/277) Scotlandsplaces.gov.uk

Unnamed Child (Daughter): Born in June of 1746. She was baptized on Thursday, 9 June 1746 at Kettle Parish¹. She died shortly later and was buried in the Kettle Parish Cemetery.

John: Born on Tuesday, 26 December 1752 and baptized on Sunday, 31 December 1752 at Kettle Parish². He died on Friday, 19 January 1753 at Rameldry and was buried in the Kettle Parish Cemetery.³

Elspet (Elizabeth): Born on Saturday, 22 December 1753 at Kettle Parish, Fife. She was baptized on Sunday, 23 December 1753 at Kettle Parish.⁴ She died on Wednesday, 9 October 1776 at Balmalcolm, Kettle Parish, at the age of 13 and is buried at Kettle Parish Churchyard in Kingskettle.⁵

Christian: Born and baptized on Sunday, 10 October 1756 at Rameldry, Kettle Parish, Fife.⁶ She met and married George Buist on Friday, 4 June 1784 at Orkie, Kettle Parish.⁷ She died on Thursday, 2 October 1834 at the age of 77 at Kirktonbarns and is buried in Forgan Cemetery.⁸ For more information see sheet on George Buist.

Katherine: Born on Wednesday, 3 October 1759 at Rameldry, Kettle Parish, Scotland. She was baptized on Sunday, 7 October 1759 at Kettle Parish.⁹ She died on Monday, 7 November 1763 at the age 4 and is buried at the Kettle Parish Cemetery.¹⁰

GEORGE AND JANET BALLINGALL CHILDREN:

George: Born on Wednesday, 17 October 1764 at Rameldry. He was baptized on Friday, 19 October 1764 at Kettle Parish in Kingskettle.¹¹ He managed his father's estate at Rameldry, eventually taking ownership and was listed in the 1797-1798 Kettle Parish Horse Tax. The estate was listed in the Kettle Parish records as having seven horses, five of which were subject to the tax. The estate was taxed 5 Pounds and 1 Shilling.¹² He married Grace Dunn on Friday, 11 December 1818 at Kettle Parish in Kingskettle.¹³ They had five children: George baptized on Friday, 28 January 1820¹⁴ and died on Wednesday, 5 July 1837 at the age of 17 at St. Andrews;¹⁵ David baptized on Friday, 26 October 1821¹⁶ and died on Saturday, 26 November 1904;¹⁷ Jean baptized on Tuesday, 2 September 1823;¹⁸ Peter baptized on Wednesday, 31 August 1825¹⁹ and died on Tuesday, 21 February 1905;²⁰ and Janet baptized on Wednesday, 28 March 1827.²¹ The family resided at Ballinkirk and Rameldry farm estates. George Ballingall was a farmer in Kettle Parish for his entire life. He also bought the farm of Ballinkirk for his children, and this was inherited by his son, David (1821-1904). David Ballingall (1821-1904) went on to become factor firstly at Castle Sempill and then to the great estate of Blair Drummond at Doune, Perthshire. Sometime in early 1826, George Ballingall made out his will which was filed on Sunday, 18 January 1829 with the Cupar Sheriff Court after his

¹ Baptismal Record of Unnamed Female Ballingall, 9 June 1746, Kettle Parish Records, Old Parish Records, National Records of Scotland

² Baptismal Record of John Ballingall, 31 December 1752, Kettle Parish Records, Old Parish Records, National Records of Scotland

³ Death Record of John Ballingall, 19 January 1753, Kettle Parish Records, Old Parish Records, National Records of Scotland

⁴ Baptismal Record of Elspet Ballingall, 23 December 1753, Kettle Parish Records, Old Parish Records, National Records of Scotland

⁵ Death Record of Elspet Ballingall, 9 October 1776, Kettle Parish Records, Old Parish Records, National Records of Scotland

⁶ Baptismal Record of Christian Ballingall, 10 October 1756, Kettle Parish Records, Old Parish Records 435/0020 0110

⁷ Marriage Record of Christian Ballingall, 4 June 1784, Kettle Parish Records, Old Parish Records 435/0030 0381

⁸ Will & Testament of Christian Buist, 25 February 1835, Cupar Sheriff Court (SC20/50/8) National Records of Scotland

⁹ Baptismal Record of Katherine Ballingall, 7 October 1759, Kettle Parish Records, Old Parish Records, National Records of Scotland

¹⁰ Death Record of Katherine Ballingall, 7 November 1763, Kettle Parish Records, Old Parish Records 435/0050 0143

¹¹ Baptismal Record of George Ballingall, 19 October 1764, Kettle Parish Records, Old Parish Records, National Records of Scotland

¹² Farm horse Tax Rolls 1797-1798, Horse Tax for Fife, Volume 2 (E326/10/2/269) National Records of Scotland

¹³ Marriage Record of George Ballingall, 11 December 1818, Kettle Parish Records, Old Parish Records, National Records of Scotland

¹⁴ Baptismal Record of George Ballingall, 28 January 1820, Kettle Parish Records, Old Parish Records, National Records of Scotland

¹⁵ Death Record of George Ballingall, 5 July 1837, St. Andrews Parish Records, Old Parish Records, National Records of Scotland

¹⁶ Baptismal Record of David Ballingall, 26 October 1821, Kettle Parish Records, Old Parish Records, National Records of Scotland

¹⁷ Death Record of David Ballingall, 26 November 1904, Kincardine Parish Records, Statutory Deaths 364/00 0023

¹⁸ Baptismal Record of Jean Ballingall, 2 September 1823, Kettle Parish Records, Old Parish Records, National Records of Scotland

¹⁹ Baptismal Record of Peter Ballingall, 31 August 1825, Kettle Parish Records, Old Parish Records, National Records of Scotland

²⁰ Death Record of Peter Ballingall, 21 February 1905, Edinburgh Newington Parish Records, Statutory Deaths 685/05 0139

²¹ Baptismal Record of Janet Ballingall, 28 March 1827, Kettle Parish Records, Old Parish Records, National Records of Scotland

death.¹ George Ballingall died on Friday, 13 July 1827 at the age of 63 at Rameldry.² He was buried at the Kettle Parish Churchyard in the Ballingall family plot in Kingskettle. When he died in 1827, leaving young children, the tutor and curator for these children was his brother, David Ballingall (1775-1859) who took over the tenancy of Rameldry. His wife Grace Ballingall died on Sunday, 17 October 1886 at Greenock and was buried at the Kettle Parish Churchyard.³

Grizal: Born on Friday, 11 April 1766 at Remeldry. She was baptized on Sunday, 13 April 1766 at Kettle Parish in Kingskettle.⁴ She married James Swan on Saturday, 27 December 1788 at Kettle Parish.⁵ They later moved to Kennoway Parish and later residing in Scoonie Parish. They had ten children: George baptized on Wednesday, 11 November 1789;⁶ Janet baptized on Friday, 8 April 1791;⁷ Margaret baptized on Friday, 21 December 1792;⁸ Grizel baptized on Friday, 6 March 1795;⁹ Henry baptized on Monday, 12 December 1796;¹⁰ George baptized on Thursday, 31 January 1799¹¹ and died in 1844; Jean baptized on Sunday, 26 April 1801¹² and died in 1873;¹³ Robert baptized on Saturday, 16 November 1803¹⁴ and died on Monday, 25 April 1881;¹⁵ Peter baptized on Saturday, 9 November 1805¹⁶ and died in 1876;¹⁷ and David baptized on Friday, 15 July 1808¹⁸ and died on Sunday, 12 September 1886.¹⁹ No other information is available.

Margaret: Born on Thursday, 31 March 1768 at Rameldry. She was baptized on Sunday, 3 April 1768 at Kettle Parish in Kingskettle.²⁰ She died on Monday, 23 April 1787 at Rameldry at the age of 19.²¹ Margaret Ballingall was buried at the Kettle Parish Churchyard in the Ballingall family plot in Kingskettle.

Patrick: Born on Monday, 12 March 1770 at Rameldry. He was baptized on Friday, 16 March 1770 at Kettle Parish in Kingskettle.²² He did not marry. Patrick Ballingall was a farmer and later resided in Ayton Parish, Berwick where he died in August of 1842 at the age of 72. He was buried in the Ballingall family plot at Kettle Parish in Kingskettle. No other information is available.

Isabel: Born on Saturday, 11 September 1773 at Rameldry. She was baptized on Sunday, 12 September 1773 at Kettle Parish in Kingskettle.²³ No other information is available.

David: Born on Saturday, 30 December 1775 at Rameldry. He was baptized on Sunday, 31 December 1775 at Kettle Parish in Kingskettle.²⁴ He married Sophia Hedderwick on Tuesday, 20 December 1814 at Cameron Parish.²⁵ He resided at "Littler Feddinch" estate which is near Feddinch where the Buist family were residing at and working.

¹ Will & Testament of George Ballingall, 18 January 1829, Cupar Sheriff Court (SC20/50/4) National Records of Scotland

² Death Record of George Ballingall, 13 July 1827, Kettle Parish Records, Old Parish Records 435/0060 0228

³ Death Record of Grace Ballingall, 17 October 1886, Greenock Parish Records, Statutory Deaths, National Records of Scotland

⁴ Baptismal Record of Grizal Ballingall, 13 April 1766, Kettle Parish Records, Old Parish Records, National Records of Scotland

⁵ Marriage Record of Grizal Ballingall, 27 December 1788, Kettle Parish Records, Old Parish Records, National Records of Scotland

⁶ Baptismal Record of George Swan, 11 November 1789, Kennoway Parish Records, Old Parish Records, National Records of Scotland

⁷ Baptismal Record of Janet Swan, 8 April 1791, Kennoway Parish Records, Old Parish Records, National Records of Scotland

⁸ Baptismal Record of Margaret Swan, 21 December 1792, Kennoway Parish Records, Old Parish Records, National Records of Scotland

⁹ Baptismal Record of Grizel Swan, 6 March 1795, Kennoway Parish Records, Old Parish Records, National Records of Scotland

¹⁰ Baptismal Record of Henry Swan, 12 December 1796, East Wemyss Parish Records, Old Parish Records, National Records of Scotland

¹¹ Baptismal Record of George Swan, 31 January 1799, Scoonie Parish Records, Old Parish Records, National Records of Scotland

¹² Baptismal Record of Jean Swan, 16 April 1801, Scoonie Parish Records, Old Parish Records, National Records of Scotland

¹³ Death Record of Jean Swan, 1873, Kelso Parish Records, Statutory Deaths 793/00 0044

¹⁴ Baptismal Record of Robert Swan, 16 November 1803, Scoonie Parish Records, Old Parish Records, National Records of Scotland

¹⁵ Death Record of Robert Swan, 15 April 1881, Kelso Parish Records, Statutory Deaths 793/00 0044

¹⁶ Baptismal Record of Peter Swan, 9 November 1805, Scoonie Parish Records, Old Parish Records, National Records of Scotland

¹⁷ Death Record of Peter Swan, 1876, Cadder Parish Records, Statutory Deaths 626/A2 0013

¹⁸ Baptismal Record of David Swan, 15 July 1808, Scoonie Parish Records, Old Parish Records, National Records of Scotland

¹⁹ Death Record of David Swan, 12 September 1886, Smailholm Parish Records, Statutory Deaths, National Records of Scotland

²⁰ Baptismal Record of Margaret Ballingall, 3 April 1768, Kettle Parish Records, Old Parish Records, National Records of Scotland

²¹ Death Record of Margaret Ballingall, 23 April 1787, Kettle Parish Records, Old Parish Records 435/0050 0187

²² Baptismal Record of Patrick Ballingall, 16 March 1770, Kettle Parish Records, Old Parish Records, National Records of Scotland

²³ Baptismal Record of Isabel Ballingall, 12 September 1773, Kettle Parish Records, Old Parish Records, National Records of Scotland

²⁴ Baptismal Record of David Ballingall, 31 December 1775, Kettle Parish Records, Old Parish Records, National Records of Scotland

²⁵ Marriage Record of David Ballingall, 20 December 1814, Cameron Parish Records, Old Parish Records, National Records of Scotland

After his brother George's death in 1827, he took over tenancy of Rameldry. He held two 19 year leases of the farm in Feddinch from 1806-1844, the first of which is recorded in the St. Andrews Commissary Deeds. He then, with his son, John Ballingall (1825-1912) took over the farm of Higham in Dunbog Parish on the Marquis of Zetland's Estate, and in 1858 the neighboring farm of Dunbog. They had five children: Elisabeth baptized on Saturday, 4 November 1815;¹ George baptized on Saturday, 28 March 1818² and died on Sunday, 22 November 1914;³ Janet baptized on Friday, 10 March 1820⁴ and died on Friday, 21 October 1881 in Dunbog Parish;⁵ Sophia baptized on 28 May 1822;⁶ and John baptized on Tuesday, 11 January 1825⁷ and died on Wednesday, 25 September 1912.⁸ David Ballingall is listed in the Register of Voters for the County of Fife for the following years, 1832, 1846 and 1861.⁹ He is also listed in the 1841 Census for Cameron Parish. David Ballingall is listed as being 65 years of age and is a farmer at "Littler Feddinch." The following children are also listed: Elizabeth age 20, Janet age 20 and John age 15.¹⁰ His wife Sophia Ballingall died on Wednesday, 1 March 1837 at Cupar.¹¹ According to the 1851 Census for Higham, Dunbog Parish it listed David Ballingall as being 75 years of age and is a farmer of 431 acres employing 16 servants. His son, John Ballingall is listed as residing with him age 24.¹² David Ballingall died on Monday, 8 August 1859 at the age of 83.¹³ According to his death record it listed the cause of death as being intestinal abdominal disease. He died at his estate of Higham. David Ballingall was buried in the Ballingall family plot at Kettle Parish Churchyard in Kingskettle. His son John Ballingall (1825-1912) known as "Jock Hungerjaws," succeeded his father in tenancy of Rameldry. In 1903 he entered on his 4th successive lease of 19 years as tenant on the Fifeshire estates of the Marquis of Zetland, which he farmed until 1908. He held the tenancy of Rameldry until his death on Wednesday, 25 September 1912, and the farm continued to be held by the Ballingall family until Martinmas 1913. David Ballingall (1825-1912) was listed in the Register of Voters for the County of Fife for the following years: 1861, 1864 and 1878.¹⁴ An interesting note should be made here that his photograph is to be found in the Souvenir of the Highland Show held at Cupar, 1912, a copy of which is in the Kirkcaldy Central Library.¹⁵



Fig. 8. John Ballingall (Jock Hungerjaws), 1912, Photograph Courtesy of Kirkcaldy Central Library, Kirkcaldy, Fife

¹ Baptismal Record of Elizabeth Ballingall, 4 November 1815, Cameron Parish Records, Old Parish Records, National Records of Scotland

² Baptismal Record of George Ballingall, 28 March 1818, Cameron Parish Records, Old Parish Records, National Records of Scotland

³ Death Record of George Ballingall, 22 November 1914, Bowden Parish Records, Statutory Deaths 783/00 0005

⁴ Baptismal Record of Janet Ballingall, 10 March 1820, Cameron Parish Records, Old Parish Records, National Records of Scotland

⁵ Death Record of Janet Ballingall, 21 October 1881, Dunbog Parish Records, Statutory Deaths 423/00 0003

⁶ Baptismal Record of Sophia Ballingall, 28 May 1822, Cameron Parish Records, Old Parish Records, National Records of Scotland

⁷ Baptismal Record of John Ballingall, 11 January 1825, Cameron Parish Records, Old Parish Records, National Records of Scotland

⁸ Death Record of John Ballingall, 25 September 1912, Dunbog Parish Records, Statutory Deaths 423/00 0003

⁹ Fife, Scotland, Voters Lists, 1832-1894. Ancestry.com. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2010

¹⁰ 1841 Scotland Census for Cameron Parish, Fife, Scotland; Enumeration District Number 1, Page 4

¹¹ Death Record of Sophia Ballingall, 1 March 1837, Cupar Parish Records, Old Parish Records, National Records of Scotland

¹² 1851 Scotland Census for Dunbog Parish, Fife, Scotland; Enumeration District Number 1, Page 1

¹³ Death Record of David Ballingall, 8 August 1859, Dunbog Parish Records, Statutory Deaths 423/00 0003

¹⁴ Fife, Scotland, Voters Lists, 1832-1894. Ancestry.com. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2010

¹⁵ Souvenir of Highland Show, 1912, Pages 105-107, Kirkcaldy Public Library, Kirkcaldy, Fife, Scotland

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