

# Falkland 1900-2000

## Year 1914

### (As researched by Jack Burgess)

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> January 1914

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Curling** – “The curlers have been enjoying a spell at the “roarin game” this week on both the artificial and deep water ponds.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Watch Service** – “A special watch-night service was held in the Parish Church on Wednesday evening at 11 o'clock, continuing until 1914 had been ushered in. The Rev. J.K. Russell, B.D., occupied the pulpit.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Concert** – “Under the auspices of the lecture Committee, a delightful concert took place in the Drill Hall on Tuesday when the Dundee Vocal Quartette, consisting of Miss M. Murdoch, soprano, Miss J. Watson, contralto, Miss A.H. Dyer, tenor, and Mr William McFarlane, baritone, rendered an excellent programme to an appreciative audience. Mr W. Pedda Petrie, A.R.C.O. was the accompanist. A high standard of merit was attained by all, and the audience considered themselves fortunate in having had such a musical treat provided for them.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Presentation** – “On Thursday evening last week, a deputation from the workers at Pleasance and St John's Works waited on Mr James Jackson at Lomondvale and presented him with a handsome marble clock and a barometer on the occasion of his marriage. The gifts were handed over by Mr Skinner, manager, and Mr Jackson suitable replied in acknowledgement.”

#### 10<sup>th</sup> January 1914

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Y.M.C.A** – “The opening address of the New Year was given by Mr R.B. Forrester on Sunday morning, his subject being “Christ Divine and Christ Human”.

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Bird Show** – “The poultry, pigeons and cage birds shown at Falkland Show on Friday were penned in the Town and Drill Halls. The first prize-takers were: - Poultry – R. Niven, Newmills; T. & J. Dingwall, Arden, Dumbarton; D. Allison, Kingskettle; D. Martin; James Tasker, Markinch; John Hutt, Cardenden; Alex. White, Cardenden; Alex. Hynd, Dunfermline; George Braid, Thornton; William Lawson, Kirkcaldy; and John Smith, Broxburn. Pigeons – James Laidler, Paisley; John Gibson, Armadale; Peebles, Kirkcaldy; Livingstone, Tranent; Wm. Milne, Keith; and Brown, Galashiels.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Marriage – Jackson & Lumsden** – “At Carlton Hotel, Edinburgh, on January 3<sup>rd</sup>, by the Rev. J.K. Russell, B.D., Falkland, James, fourth son of Chas. Jackson, J.P., Lomondvale, Falkland, to Ruby, fifth daughter of G.R. Lumsden, Norham-on-Tweed.”

### **17<sup>th</sup> January 1914**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Social** – “The annual social for the children attending the U.F. Church Sunday School was held on Saturday. The young folks spent a very happy evening.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Lecture** – “On Tuesday evening, a lecture was given in the Drill Hall by the Rev. J.A. Arnold, Secretary of the London City Mission, his subject being “Lights and Shadows of the World’s Greatest City.” The lecture was illustrated by limelight views. The Rev. J.K. Russell presided over a large attendance.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Curling** – “In the Directors trophy competition in connection with the Haymarket Ice Rink, Mr D. Bonthron’s rink was drawn against Openford, and the match was played off on Wednesday, when the Falkland players proved to be the winners by two points. The other members of the rink were Messrs W. Bonthron, G.B. Morgan and W. Peggie.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Literary Society** – “The meeting on Monday evening took the form of a debate on the question – “Does modern education develop character?” Miss Martyn and Mrs Miller took up the affirmative position and Messrs A. Anderson and J. Peggie supported the negative. A general discussion followed, and on a vote being taken, it was found that the majority inclined to the negative view of the subject.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Concert** – “In support of the funds of the Y.M.C.A. Football Club, a concert was held in the Drill Hall on Saturday evening when the “Freuchie Combined Choir” carried through in a very creditable manner, a programme of choruses, quartettes and solos, under the leadership of Mr R.M. Bruce. Messrs D. and J. Thomson supplied the accompaniments on the piano and violin respectively. On the call of Dr Jack, who was in the chair, a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr Bruce and his choir for the splendid entertainment.”

### **31<sup>st</sup> January 1914**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Whist** – “A match was played on Tuesday evening with Auchtermuchty at the Liquorstone Hotel, when the visitors won by 12 points. There were five tables.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Curling** – “In the Linlithgow trophy competition, Mr J. Donaldson’s rink was drawn against one from North Berwick, and the game was played off on Monday, when the Falkland players lost by one point. The other members of the rink were Messrs. W. Peggie, G. Sturrock, and W. Mason.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Literary Society** – “At the meeting of the Society on Monday evening, Mr A. Venters read a paper on “Burns as a Patriot”, which was much enjoyed by the members, of whom there was a good turnout. Songs, recitations, and readings were contributed, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **B.O.A.F.G.** – “The annual meeting of the “Lomond Oak” Lodge was held in the Town Hall on Thursday last week. A satisfactory report was submitted to both voluntary and State insurance members. Office-bearers were appointed for the ensuing year as follows: - W.M., Bro. Geo. S. Hardie; D.M., Bro. L. Edmeston; P.M., Bro. A. Lawson; S.W., Bro. J. Skinner; J.W., Bro. T. Schofield; A.P.M., Bro. D. Munro; O.G., Bro. John Reekie; Chaplain, Bro. G. Fernie; Secretary, Bro. T.D. Hopkins; Treasurer, Bro. Jas. Peggie; Stewards, Bros. J. Lawson and J. Biggs; Trustees, Bro. J. Drysdale, W. Gray, and R.B. Dall; Auditors, Bros. J. Traill and H.W. Skinner.”

### **7<sup>th</sup> February 1914**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Death – Gavin** – “At Falkland Palace, Falkland, on 30<sup>th</sup> ult., Mary Catherine MacDonald, aged 44, beloved wife of George Gavin, factor.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Death of Mrs Gavin, Falkland Palace** – “The death on Friday morning, after a few days’ illness, of Mrs Gavin, wife of Mr George Gavin, Falkland Palace, the factor of Lord Ninian Crichton-Stuart, M.P., of Falkland, has caused profound regret in this district. An attack of neuritis was followed by heart trouble, and although speech was difficult, Mrs Gavin was conscious almost to the last, and gave those by her bedside to know that she was passing away. Cut down in the midst of her days, she has left to the care of her mourning husband, five children ranging in age from sixteen down to seven years of age. Of a gentle, amiable disposition, Mrs Gavin made many friends, was kind to all and loyally supported her husband in all his undertakings. The funeral took place on Monday, and was attended by a great concourse of sympathising friends. The remains, encased in a handsome coffin of polished oak, with heavy brass mountings, rested on a catafalque in the ancient chapel Royal, and the service being conducted according to the rites of the Catholic Church, scenes that were no doubt familiar in the same place of worship in pre-Reformation times were vividly recalled. The officiating priests were Father Woods, Lord Ninian’s private chaplain, and the Very Rev. Canon Lavelle from Perth. They were assisted by surpliced acolytes bearing crucifix, censer and lighted candles. After prayers and responses in Latin and English, Father Woods waved over the casket the censer, full of burning incense whose odour diffused itself throughout the building. Hyssop and holy water were also sprinkled; and the remains were then borne away to the hearse in the Palace court-yard. Behind the hearse was a large light wagon filled with beautiful floral tributes. By request of Lord Ninian, telegraphed from Egypt, where his Lordship and Lady Ninian are at present staying, Mrs Gavin’s last resting place is in the grounds of House of Falkland – a few steps in front of the chapel now in course of erection. This chapel encloses the little grave that covers the dust of Lord and Lady Ninian’s first born – a bright three-year old boy with white and golden curls who died four years ago this month. As the cortege wended its way on Monday through Falkland streets to this hallowed ground, the sympathy of the townspeople found further expression in the drawn blinds on many of the windows. Another religious service was conducted at the grave, and the relatives having taken a last look of all that was left of the departed, the company quietly dispersed. Among the relatives were Mr Gavin, his son, Mr Aeneas, and four little daughters, Mr and Mrs Macdonald, Perth, the deceased’s father and mother, and her two sisters. Captain Slacke was also a pall-bearer, and his wife supported Miss Gavin. The large company included practically all the tenants, feuars, and dependents on the Falkland estate, the tradesmen and residents of the town and friends from Cupar, Kirkcaldy, Perth, and other towns. A more romantic spot than this little burying ground it would be difficult to find in Fife. It is in the midst of the Lomond Vale, with its beautiful trees and far spreading grass parks. A little to the west stands the lordly mansion of House of Falkland, and for an imposing back-ground it has the everlasting East Lomond hill.”



**The Late Mrs Gavin, wife of Mr Gavin, Falkland, factor for  
Lord Ninian Crichton-Stuart, M.P.**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Y.M.C.A.** – “The meeting was addressed Sunday last by the Rev. J.K. Russell, B.D., of the Parish Church, his subject being “Some Prayers of the Old Testament.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Dance** – “The annual assembly of the “Lomond Oak” Lodge of the B.O.A.F.G. was held in the Drill Hall on Friday, when about 40 couples took the floor to music supplied by Mr Bremner’s band from Leslie. Bros. George Fernie and George Collier acted as M.C.’s. Delegates were present from other Lodges, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Manuring Experiment** – “On Saturday, an interesting grassland manuring experiment was laid down on Mr Arnott’s farm, Newton of Lathrisk. The experiment is being carried out under the auspices of the Potash Syndicate, Edinburgh, and the manures used are basic slag and kainit. The weather, unfortunately, was very stormy, and interfered with the sowing which was

*supervised by Mr Thomas McIntosh, B.Sc., the Syndicate's representative. Mr Arnott was also in attendance. No doubt, farmers in the neighbourhood will look forward with great interest to the result, as the manuring of grassland is of vital importance in the economies of farming."*

## **14<sup>th</sup> February 1914**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Literary Society** – *"On Monday evening, Dr Jack read a paper on "Parsons as Playwrights", which was much enjoyed. A general discussion followed."*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Lecture** – *"On Wednesday evening, a lecture was given in the Parish Church by the Rev. Mr Stevenson, Secretary of the Foreign Mission Committee of the Church of Scotland, on the mission work carried on at Blantyre, in Central Africa. The lecture was beautifully illustrated by lime-light views, and was listened to by a good audience. The Rev. J.K. Russell presided."*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Whist Drive** – *"The members of the Whist Club held their annual whist drive in the Liquorstone Temperance Hotel on Friday evening. The following ladies and gentlemen were present: - Mrs Livingstone, Lomondvale; Mrs J.W. Jackson, Meadowfield; Mrs James Jackson, Chapelyard; Mrs Donaldson, Mrs Robertson, Mrs Miller, and Misses Anderson, Miss Craw, Miss Henderson, Miss Martyn, and Miss Sharpe; Provost Jackson, Dr Jack, and Messrs A. Anderson, D.W. Deas, J. Donaldson, J. Dunbar, A. Grieve, T.D. Hopkins, Jas. Jackson, R. Ness, J. Peggie, P. Robertson, and W.M. Venters. A very enjoyable evening was spent and at an interval in the game, tea was served by the ladies. The prize-winners were Mrs Miller and Miss Anderson and Messrs Deas and Donaldson. After Mrs Livingstone had handed over the prizes, songs were rendered by members of the company, and the proceedings were brought to a close by the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."*

## **21<sup>st</sup> February 1914**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Disorderly Sailors** – *"At Cupar Sheriff Court on Saturday, before Hon. Sheriff Bruce, Geo. Usher Mackenzie, sailor, 1 Bridge Street, Nairn, and Thomas O. Neil, sailor, 59 Church Street, Dundee, were charged with having on 13<sup>th</sup> Feb. (1) in a railway carriage at Falkland Road Station, maliciously and mischievously broken a pane of glass, (2) with having been disorderly, fighting, and committing a breach of the peace on Thornton platform. Both pleaded guilty, but*

*stated that they had paid for the broken pane. Sentence was passed on each of 10s or 5 days.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Football** – *“The Y.M.C.A. football team travelled to Auchtermuchty on Saturday last, and engaged in a game with “Bellvue”; but the home team proved the victors by 3 goals to 1.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Lecture** – *“The annual lecture under the auspices of the Hope Trust was given in the Drill Hall on Wednesday evening, when Mr J.T. Rathbone delivered a lecture, having for his subject “Among the People of Mexico”. The Rev. J.K. Russell presided. Previous to the above, there was a lecture for the children on “George Wishart, Evangelist of the Reformation”, by Mr R. Dewar. As usual, both lectures were beautifully illustrated by lime-light views.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Boy Scouts** – *“On Saturday afternoon, a meeting in connection with the District Association of Boy Scouts was held in the Town Hall, Falkland. Representatives from Auchtermuchty, Falkland, Freuchie, Gateside Leslie, and Strathmiglo were present. Mr J.L. Lumsden, the District Commissioner, presided, and explained that this district was one of the Fife County districts set up under a recent re-organisation, and the meeting had been called with a view to making arrangements for carrying on the work of the district. It was agreed to have an annual rally, and, if possible, a summer camp, and also to hold a football competition. A sub-Committee, consisting of Dr Shearer, Auchtermuchty; Mr John Methven, Freuchie; and Mr James Donaldson, Falkland, was appointed to superintend the arrangements for the proficiency badge examinations. At the conclusion of business, Mr Lumsden expressed the hope that the new organisation would be a success, and that it would help to stimulate the progress of the movement in the district. The gentlemen present were afterwards entertained at tea by Mr Lumsden.”*

## **28<sup>th</sup> February 1914**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Football** – *“The Y.M.C.A. team travelled to Markinch on Saturday to meet the Y.M.C.A. XI there, and were successful in securing a win by 2 goals to 1. The match to-morrow (Saturday) afternoon is with Gateside Amateurs at Gateside.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Literary Society** – “The paper on Monday evening was given by the Rev. J.K. Russell, who chose for his subject one of our great Scottish poets, Allan Ramsay. He treated his subject in a very able and interesting manner, and his vivid description of the life and customs in Edinburgh at the time when the poet wrote was very much enjoyed. A general discussion followed.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Missionary Studies** – “The first of a series of meetings for the purpose of considering the problem of Africa with special reference to Christian Missions was held in the U.F. Church Hall on Wednesday evening. The subject has been taken up jointly by both churches, and the Rev. J.K. Russell presided over a good attendance. The introductory address was given by Mr James Donaldson on “The Coming of the White Man to Africa”, and he dealt with this in an interesting and instructive manner. The Rev. J.H. Morrison, Mr A. Forrester, and the Chairman contributed to the discussion.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Grant for Light Railway** – “There is a prospect of a start being soon made with the construction of the light railway from Falkland Road Railway Station, on the North British Railway to Falkland. Under fulfilment of certain conditions, the Development Commissioners have promised a grant of £7,000. What the Commissioners stipulate for is a practical interest in the scheme by the Town Council of Falkland, the County Council and the landlords of the estates through which the railway passes. The landlords are asked to give their lands free of charge, and it is understood the owners of the larger estates have signified their intention of doing so. Lord Ninian Crichton-Stuart, M.P., and the Lathrisk Syndicate are favourable to the scheme. The Town Council has taken £100 of shares in the concern, and the County Council at their next meeting will be asked to lend their aid in getting the railway under way. With the money already subscribed, the £7,000 from the Development Commissioners will, it is expected, see the railway through.”

## **7<sup>th</sup> March 1914**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Whist** – “The local Club had Markinch Club as their opponents on Tuesday evening at Liquorstone Hotel, but had to yield the points to the visitors.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Football** – “The Y.M.C.A. team travelled to Gateside on Saturday, but were unfortunate in being beaten by 6 goals to 1. The match tomorrow (Saturday) is with Markinch Bohemians.”



Extract from *The Fife News*: **Y.M.C.A.** – “The address on Sunday morning was given by Mr Andrew Forrester, who took for his subject “The Unseen Forces”, which he treated in a most instructive and helpful manner.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Mission Study** – “The second of the series of Mission studies with special reference to the problem of carrying on missionary work in Africa, was held in the U.F. Church Hall, when the Rev. J.S. Morrison presided over a good attendance, and Mr Alex. Grieve read an interesting and instructive paper on “The African, his Beliefs and Customs”, which was much appreciated. The Rev. J.K. Russell, Mr James Donaldson, Mr Walter Peggie, and the Chairman contributed to the discussion which followed the paper.”

### **14<sup>th</sup> March 1914**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Service** – “The Rev. J. Gilmour, Kettle U.F. Church, occupied the pulpit of the Parish Church at the evening service on Sunday.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Football** – “The match on Saturday afternoon was played in the Mansion House Park, with Markinch Bohemians as the visitors. An enjoyable game ended in a defeat for the home team by 3 goals to 1. Markinch Y.M.C.A. are expected to play here to-morrow (Saturday).”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Literary Society** – “At the meeting on Monday evening, the members listened to an excellent paper on Tennyson’s “Princess” by Mr John Methven, Freuchie, who treated his subject in a very able and instructive manner. An interesting discussion followed, and on the call of the Chairman, Mr Methven was heartily thanked for his contribution.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Mission Study** – “The third of the series of studies on “The Missionary Problem of Africa” was held in the U.F. Church Hall on Wednesday evening, when Mr Alexander Anderson read a comprehensive paper on “The Hand of the Church in Africa”. The Rev. J.K. Russell occupied the chair. Mr J. Donaldson, Mr W. Peggie, and the Chairman took part in the discussion which followed the paper.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Death of a Nonagenarian** – “By the death of Mrs Wallace, Victoria Place, the burgh has lost its oldest inhabitant. Only a little over a fortnight ago, Mrs Wallace had the misfortune to sustain a fractured leg, and she passed away on Saturday morning at the advanced age of 92. Up to the time of her accident, Mrs Wallace was able to move about, and had all her faculties. She was a devoted member of the United Free Church, and always took a great interest in its welfare. Two daughters and a son, Mr David Wallace, of the British Linen Bank, London, are left to mourn her loss.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Social** – “In place of the annual soiree, the Rev. J.H. Morrison, M.A., and Mrs Morrison entertained the members of the United Free Church on the evening of Friday of last week, prior to Mr Morrison’s leaving for Central Africa to visit the Livingstonia Mission Field. Tea was served in the hall from 7.15 till 8 o’clock, and thereafter an interesting programme was proceeded with. Mr Morrison gave a sketch of the year’s work in the congregation, which had been very satisfactory, and also dealt at some length with his appointment as a deputy to visit Livingstonia, and his consequent six months’ absence from Falkland. The other speakers were the Rev. Stewart Crabb, Cupar, and the Rev. J.K. Russell, Falkland, and both congratulated Mr Morrison on his appointment. During the evening, anthems, etc., were rendered by the choir and the juvenile choir. Solos were sung by Miss Horne, Miss Isa Hill, and Miss Jessie Traill, and a duet by Misses Jessie Traill and Miss Isa Peggie. The special event of the proceedings, however, was the presentation to Mr Morrison of a purse of sovereigns and to Mr and Mrs Morrison of a handsome standard lamp suitably inscribed. Mr James Donaldson, in the name of the congregation, asked Mr and Mrs Morrison to accept the gifts as a token of the congregation’s high estimation of their work in Falkland during the past twelve and a half years, and as a mark of the appreciation of Mr Morrison’s appointment to represent the United Free Church of Scotland and to report on the work being carried on in Livingstonia. Mr Morrison, on behalf of Mrs Morrison and himself, thanked Mr Donaldson for the kind and sympathetic manner in which he had handed over the gifts on behalf of the congregation, and said that they would always remind him of the very happy time he had already spent in Falkland. On the call of Mr Forrester, the usual votes of thanks were given. Mr Morrison occupied the pulpit at both services on Sunday, and at the close of the afternoon service he shook hands with all those present. He left Falkland on Tuesday morning for Glasgow, from whence he proceeds to London, sailing on Saturday from Southampton on the way to his destination.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Birth – Morgan**- “At Nochnary, Newton of Falkland, on the 6<sup>th</sup> inst., to Mr and Mrs G.B. Morgan, a son.”

## **21<sup>st</sup> March 1914**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Falkland Estate Property To Let** – “To Let, the Freestone Quarry at Drumdreel, near Strathmiglo, formerly Let to Mr Robert Craig, Falkland. For particulars apply to George Gavin,, Estate Office, Falkland Palace, Falkland.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Unionist Meeting** – “A meeting was held in the Drill Hall on Wednesday, under the auspices of the Unionist Committee, over which Dr Jack presided. Mr J.H. Beith, prespective Unionist candidate for Kirkcaldy Burghs, and Colonel Sprot addressed the meeting, principally on the Home Rule question. On the call of the Chairman, a vote of thanks was accorded to both gentlemen.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Mission Study** – “The fourth and last of the meetings which have been held in the U.F. Church Hall, for the purpose of studying the Missionary problem of Africa, was held on Wednesday evening, when Mr George Robertson read a very able and instructive paper on “The Future of Africa”, which was very highly appreciated. The Rev. J.K. Russell presided. The discussion which followed was taken part in by Messrs W. Peggie, A. Forrester, A. Anderson, J. Donaldson and the Chairman.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Y.M.C.A.** – “On Sunday morning, a deputation from Freuchie visited the Association. Messrs T. Thomson and W. Macnaughton were the representatives, and the former read a paper on “Enthusiasm” which was well received.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **The Churches** – “The Rev. G.M. Hair, late of Ceres, who is to officiate for the Rev. J.H. Morrison every alternate Sunday during his absence, occupied the pulpit in the U.F. Church on Sunday. The Rev. W.H. Porter, Cults, preached at the evening service in the Parish Church.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **School Board** – “The triennial election has been fixed for Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> April, and a meeting of the electors was held in the Town Hall on Monday evening, Mr Walter Peggie presiding. The retiring members present were Dr Jack, and Messrs. J.L. Lumsden, D. Bonthron, G. Gavin, W. Horne, and D. Dryburgh. On the call of the Chairman, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to

*these gentlemen for their services during their respective terms of office. Mr Lumdsen, in his address, gave an account of the work of the Board for the past three years, and the other members also spoke. In addition to the above retiring members, who intimated their willingness to serve for another term, Mr James Donaldson was nominated as a candidate in place of the Rev. J.H. Morrison, who is not to seek re-election."*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Band of Hope Recital** – “A cantata entitled “The Story of Two Lives” was given by the young folks in the Parish Church on Friday evening, before a good audience. The children rendered choruses, duets, and solos in a very efficient manner, and the story was beautifully illustrated by lime-light views. The soloists were: - Misses A. Edmiston, M. Oswald, K. Venters, E. Kennedy, M. Finlay, J. Venters, A. Forsyth, J. Traill, B. Peggie, N. Forsyth; and Masters T. Drysdale, J. Burgon, and E. Brunton. The Rev. J.K. Russell acted as reader. Mr G. Spence as conductor, and Mr John Venters as organist, while Messrs R. Miller and E. Allan manipulated the lantern. The children were entertained, as usual, in the Drill Hall on Saturday, and a very enjoyable time was spent.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Whist Drive** – “The ladies who attended the recent whist drive given by the Falkland Whist Club arranged a return “drive”, and this took place on Friday in Ness’ Temperance Hotel, when the following ladies and gentlemen were present: - Mrs Donaldson, Mrs Hopkins, Mrs James Jackson, Mrs Livingstone, Mrs Miller, Mrs Robertson, Miss Anderson, Miss Craw, Miss Henderson, Miss Martyn, Miss Sharpe; and Provost Jackson, Dr Jack, Messrs A. Anderson, D.W. Deas, J. Donaldson, J. Dunbar, F. Grainger, A. Grieve, Jas. Jackson, R. Ness, J. Peggie, P. Robertson, and W.M. Venters. At an interval in the game, tea was daintily served by the ladies. After the presentation of prizes, which were won by Mrs Livingstone and Mrs Jas. Jackson, A. Grieve and Dr Jack, songs and recitations were contributed by members of the company, and a very enjoyable evening was brought to a close with the singing of “Auld Lang Syne.”

## **28<sup>th</sup> March 1914**

Extract from *The Falkland News*: **U.F. Church** – “The pulpit of the U.F. Church was occupied on Sunday last by the Rev. A.H. Davidson, Newburgh.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Y.M.C.A.** – “On Sunday morning, an excellent address was delivered by Mr John Dunbar, headmaster of Falkland Public School, on

*“Habits”. Mr Dunbar received a very attentive hearing, and his address was highly appreciated.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Social** – *“The annual social meeting of the Parish Church Bible Class was held on Friday evening in the Drill Hall, and proved a great success. The Rev. J.K. Russell presided, and after tea was served, a long programme of songs, recitations, games and dancing was sustained by the members.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Literary Society** – *“The closing meeting of the Society was held on Monday evening, and took the form of a magazine night. Mr John Brown, the editor, read the various contributions, which were both interesting and amusing, and a successful session was very enjoyably completed.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Death – Jackson** – *“At Lomondvale, Falkland, on the 22<sup>nd</sup> inst., Charles Jackson, J.P., linen manufacturer.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **The Late Ex-Provost Jackson** – *“Mr Charles Jackson, linen manufacturer, died at his residence, Lomondvale, on Sunday evening in his 78<sup>th</sup> year. Deceased had been in indifferent health for the past few years, and was confined to the house during the whole of last week, the end coming as stated. Mr Jackson, who was an Englishman by birth, tried in early life both watchmaking and drapery as a calling: but following an attack of typhoid fever, he was sent from London to Strathmiglo to recruit his health. In 1861, when he had fully recovered from his illness, he found himself out of work, and with very little money. He bought a few pieces of yarn from the late Mr George Walker, of the Strathmiglo Bleachfield, which he had made into a web by a handloom weaver in Strathmiglo. That was really his start in business as a linen manufacturer. With his first web, he walked to Perth, a distance of about fourteen miles, and sold it to Messrs J. & D. Smith, Charlotte Street. He walked back to Strathmiglo. He afterwards came to Falkland, and fully forty years ago built the power-loom linen factory of Pleasance Works, which has since been several times extended. He had been ably assisted in his business by his sons, and some years ago the other linen factory in the town, St John’s Works, was acquired, and soon afterwards converted into a floorcloth factory. Subsequently, a private Limited Company was formed, of which deceased was Chairman of the Board of Directors. In addition to his business duties, Mr Jackson found time for public work, having served the Burgh as Town Councillor, Burgh Treasurer, and Provost. He was also for some years a member of the School Board, the old Parochial Board, and the Parish Council. At the time of his death, he was a Justice of the Peace for the County. He took a leading interest in the movement to*

*bring the railway into Falkland, a project which now seems near realisation. He was a life-long Liberal in politics until Tariff Reform was put forward, when he supported the Unionist cause.”*

#### **4<sup>th</sup> April 1914**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Football** – *“The Y.M.C.A. team met Markinch Y.M.C.A. XI at the Mansion House Park last Saturday afternoon, but suffered defeat at the hands of the visitors by 6 goals to 2.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **School Board** – *“The following gentlemen have been nominated as candidates for the election, which takes place on Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> inst: - Dr J.G. Jack, Messrs D. Bonthron, W. Bonthron, J. Donaldson, D. Dryburgh, G. Gavin, W. Horne and J.L. Lumsden.”*

#### **11<sup>th</sup> April 1914**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **School Board Election** – *“Eight candidates were nominated for seven seats, and as there were no withdrawals, the poll takes place tomorrow (Saturday), the polling stations being Falkland and Freuchie Schools. Mr James Donaldson addressed the electors in the Town Hall on Wednesday evening.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Political Meetings** – *“Under the auspices of the Women’s Social and Political Union, an open-air meeting was held at the Fountain on Tuesday evening, when Miss Murdoch gave an address on the suffrage question. In fulfilment of the arrangements made by the East Fife Liberal Association in connection with the by-Election, addresses were delivered in the Town Hall on Wednesday evening by Mr E. Roland Macnab, S.S.C., Edinburgh, and Mr Philip McDevitt, Secretary, Dumbartonshire Liberal Association. Mr Walter Peggie presided over a good audience.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **In Memoriam – Duncan** – *“In loving and affectionate memory of my dear mother, Helen S. Laird, late of Terrace, Falkland, and Edinburgh, widow of Alexander Duncan, Solicitor, Falkland, Fifeshire, who died 10<sup>th</sup> April 1909. “To live in the hearts of those we leave behind is not to die”. Matthew Duncan, 10<sup>th</sup> April 1914.”*

## **18<sup>th</sup> April 1914**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Concert** – “An excellent entertainment was given in the Drill Hall on Saturday evening on behalf of the Parish Church Women’s Guild. Mr D. Bonthron presided over a full house. The chief part of the programme was a musical play, entitled “Cinderella”, in three scenes, taken part in by a number of local girls. The characters represented were: - “Cinderella”, Miss A. Edmeston; “Patience”, and “Charity”, her sisters, Misses M. & J. Finlay; “Fairy Godmother”, Miss Janet Fernie; “Prince Charming”, Miss Dorothy Dunn; “Sir Hector” and “Sir Holiday”, courtiers, Misses Rachel Page and Mary Oswald; “Cinderella’s Papa”, Miss Jane Venters; “Lady Guy”, Miss Janet Fernie; “Herald”, Miss Annie Cowan; chorus of “Fairies”, Misses K. Venters, N. Forsyth, E. Kennedy, E. Grant. The young ladies gave a really first-class performance, and much credit is due to Miss M. Dun, Woodmill, who had the entertainment in hand. Others who contributed to the programme were Mr J. Venters and Mr R.H. Morgan. The accompanists were Miss M. Dun and Mr J. Venters.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **U.F. Church** – “The pulpit of the U.F. Church was occupied on Sunday last by the Rev. Frank Ashcroft, one of the Foreign Mission Secretaries of the Church.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Lecture** – “The second of a series of bee-keeping lectures under the auspices of the East of Scotland Agricultural College was given in the School on Thursday evening last week.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **School Board Election** – “The poll was taken on Saturday, and resulted as follows: - Successful – Messrs William Bonthron, 319; J.L. Lumsden, 306; David Bonthron, 231; James Donaldson, 210; William Horne, 189; David Drybrough, 157; Dr J.G. Jack, 134. Unsuccessful – Mr George Gavin, 130. Messrs W. Bonthron and J. Donaldson are the new members of the Board.”

## **25<sup>th</sup> April 1914**

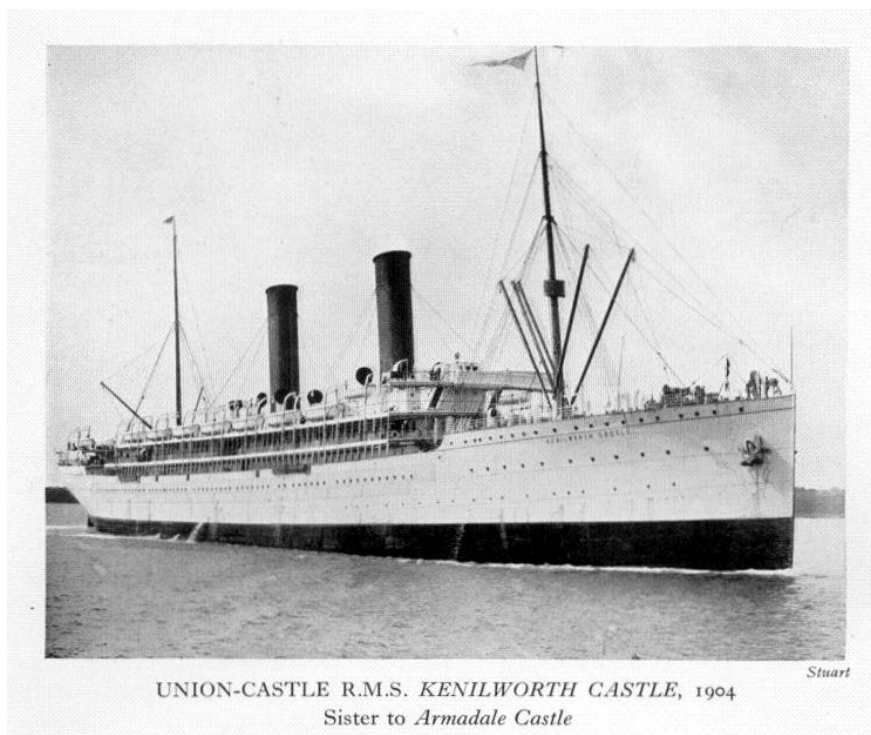
Extract from *The Fife News*: **Falkland Estate Property To Let** – “To Let, as from Whitsunday first, or, with immediate entry, if desired, (1) SEEFAR COTTAGE and Outhouses, with about ten acres pasture attached; and (2) DWELLING HOUSE and Outhouses, with plot of land attached. These cottages are situated on the Hill Road from Falkland to Leslie, and are eminently suited for small poultry farms. For further

particulars, apply to George Gavin, Falkland Estate Office, Falkland Palace, Falkland.”

## 2<sup>nd</sup> May 1914

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket** – “Now that the football season is finished, the cricket XI have commenced practice, and the first fixture in the “Howe of Fife League” takes place to-morrow (Saturday), when Ladybank are the visitors.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Churches** – “The Rev. J.K. Russell occupied the pulpit of the Parish Church on Sunday last, on his return from a tour of the Continent. The Rev. William Affleck, Edinburgh, officiated in the U.F. Church, and at both services read a letter from the Rev. J.H. Morrison, written on board the “Kenilworth Castle”, and addressed to the congregation. Communications have also been received from Durban, and it is expected that Mr Morrison will now have reached his destination in Nyassaland.”



### **R.M.S. Kenilworth Castle**

Extract from *The Falkland News*: **Football** – “On Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> inst., Edinburgh Spring holiday, a company of the former members of the Boys’ Brigade spent the day in Falkland, and in the afternoon engaged in a friendly game with the Y.M.C.A.



team, which ended in a draw, 1-1. The visitors were then entertained to tea, and left with the satisfaction of having spent a very enjoyable holiday. The arrangements were in the hands of Mr Donaldson.”

Extract from *The Falkland News*: **A Serious Road Offence** – “Being drunk while in charge of a steam traction engine was the serious charge to which John Dickson, engineman, Woodmill Cottar Houses, Falkland, and Charles Wallace, engine-driver, Auchtermuchty, pleaded guilty at a J.P. Court at Kirkcaldy on Friday, when Messrs Archibald Bowman and Andrew Watt were on the bench. The Fiscal stated that the offence occurred on the public highway leading between Thornton and Falkland by way of New Inn. At various portions of the road, the engine was alleged to have mounted the footpath and to have been guided unsteadily from side to side. Mr Bowman, in passing sentence of 30s, with the alternative of fifteen days’ imprisonment, remarked that it was one of the worst kind of offences.”

### **9<sup>th</sup> May 1914**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Communion** – “The half-yearly communion was celebrated in both the Parish and United Free Churches on Sunday last. The Rev. J.K. Russell conducted the service in the Parish Church, in the morning, while the Rev. S.S. Sanderson, of Moonzie, occupied the pulpit in the evening, and, in the absence of the Rev. J.H. Morrison, the Rev. G.M. Hair officiated in the U.F. Church, Rev. W.L. Craig, Balmalcolm, preaching the thanksgiving sermon at night.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **The Rev. J.H. Morrison and the “Long Trail”** – “Under the title of “The Historic Meeting of the Livingstonia Committee”, there appears in this month’s issue of the United Free Church ‘Record’, a photograph of the ladies and gentlemen composing the Livingstonia Committee, who, it is believed, met for the last time as the Livingstonia Committee at Glasgow in March. The expectation is that after this month’s General Assembly they will be amalgamated with the Foreign Mission Committee of the U.F. Church. In the group are Dr Livingstone’s youngest daughter, Mrs Livingstone Wilson, and her son and daughter, Dr H.F. Wilson and Miss Wilson, the two latter being about to proceed as missionaries to Nyassaland. The Rev. J.H. Morrison of Falkland, who is going on the “long trail” to Livingstonia as a deputy, is likewise in the group, and is reported as having “graphically told of his feelings on leaving the manse as an indication of what the missionaries must experience on their first severance from home ties.”

### **16<sup>th</sup> May 1914**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Market** – “At a public meeting held on Tuesday evening, it was arranged to hold the annual market on Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> June, but it was decided not to have the usual sports.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **U.F. Church** – “The Rev. Professor W.M. Clow, D.D., of Glasgow, occupied the pulpit of the U.F. Church on Sunday last, and preached with great acceptance to large congregations.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Town Council** – “At a meeting of the Town Council, held on Friday of last week, Mr James Donaldson, Bank Agent, was appointed ‘interim’ Councillor in place of Mr C.C. Brunton, who recently left the town to take up business in Colinsburgh.”

### **23<sup>rd</sup> May 1914**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket - Freuchie v Falkland** – Howe o’ Fife League at Freuchie on Saturday. Scores: -

#### **Falkland**

Wm. Venters	c. Croall, b. Henderson	19
T. Schofield	b. Henderson	7
G. Thomson	b. Croall	5
J. Venters	c. G. Duncan, b. Henderson	2
E. Allan	b. Henderson	0
D. Sturrock	b. Henderson	12
G. Steedman	c. G. Duncan, b. Croall	11
A. Robertson	c. D. Duncan, b. Henderson	0
P. McGregor	c. D. Duncan, b. Croall	7
G. Walker	run out	0
T. Drysdale	not out	1
	Extras	3

	<b>Total</b>	<b>67</b>
<b>Freuchie</b>		
<i>E. Croall</i>	<i>c. W. Venters, b. J. Venters</i>	34
<i>W. Hamilton</i>	<i>b. J. Venters</i>	4
<i>J.R. Law</i>	<i>b. W. Venters</i>	4
<i>R. Jack</i>	<i>b. W. Venters</i>	3
<i>D. Duncan</i>	<i>b. W. Venters</i>	7
<i>J. Jack</i>	<i>b. J. Venters</i>	11
<i>L. Rymer</i>	<i>b. J. Venters</i>	1
<i>W. Stark</i>	<i>b. J. Venters</i>	0
<i>J. Biggs</i>	<i>c. Allan, b. J. Venters</i>	0
<i>A. Henderson</i>	<i>not out</i>	13
<i>G. Duncan</i>	<i>b. W. Venters</i>	0
	<i>Extras</i>	14
	<b>Total</b>	<b>91</b>

*Bowling for Freuchie, Croall took 3 for 31, Henderson 6 for 33.*

*Bowling for Falkland, W.M. Venters took 4 for 34, J. Venters 6 for 43."*

### **30<sup>th</sup> May 1914**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Victoria Day** – “Thursday of last week was recognised as Victoria Day within the burgh.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **U.F. Church** – “On Sunday last, the pulpit of the U.F. Church was occupied by the Rev. A.C. Dawson, Rathillet. A letter was read from the Rev. J.H. Morrison, written from Blantyre, Central Africa, where he was staying for a few days before proceeding to Livingstonia.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf** – “The annual competition for the Morrison (scratch) medal took place on Saturday afternoon. The trophy was won by Mr

*George Robertson, with a score of 86. This is the third time in succession that Mr Robertson has won the medal.”*

### **6<sup>th</sup> June 1914**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket – Falkland v Dunnikier** – “At Falkland. Scores – Dunnikier 101 (J. Malone 38), Falkland 55 for 7 (T.C. Schofield 16, M. Robertson 10).”

### **20<sup>th</sup> June 1914**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Death – Burton** – “At Pillars of Hercules, Falkland, on the 12<sup>th</sup> inst., George William Burton, late farmer of Shiels, in his 68<sup>th</sup> year.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **The Late Mr George Burton** – “Mr George Burton, for many years the well-known farmer of Shiels, Ladybank, died on Sunday at Falkland, where he resided since he retired from farming. A native of Falkland, Mr Burton was in the service of the late Mr Johnston of Lathrisk, and in course of time he became one of his tenants. A year or two ago, Mr Burton wrote a letter to the ‘Fife News’, giving some reminiscences of the late Mr Johnston. Mr Burton, during the time he was at Shiels, joined the Fife Light Horse, and was one of the most popular members of that noted regiment. For a period he served on the School Board and Parish Council of Collessie. Deceased, who was about 66 years of age, was unmarried.”

### **27<sup>th</sup> June 1914**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **U.F. Church** – “The pulpit of the U.F. Church was occupied on Sunday by the Rev. D.W. Greenfield, Gateside.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Presentation** – “On the occasion of his marriage, which took place on Wednesday, Mr Alexander Grieve jnr., was presented with a handsome oak writing bureau by the members of “Ye Klub.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Market** – “The annual market and games were held in the Myre on Saturday last. The events were well competed for, and the usual

amusements were largely taken advantage of. Kingskettle Brass Band was in attendance, and dancing was engaged in from 6 o'clock till 10."

### **4<sup>th</sup> July 1914 & 11<sup>th</sup> July 1914**

Advert in *The Fife News*: **Sale of Work** – "A Sale of Work (under the auspices of Falkland Parish Church Women's Guild), in aid of Church Hall Fund and Church purposes, will be held in the School, Falkland, on Saturday afternoon, 11<sup>th</sup> July, at 2 o'clock. The Sale will be opened by Alex. Lawson, Esquire, of Annfield and Burnturk. The Reverend J.K. Russell will preside. The Sale will include: - Two Work Stalls, Produce Stall and Tea-room. Also the following Amusements: - Concerts, Shooting Gallery, Clock Golf, Hoop-la, Aunt Sally, Weighing Competition, Palmistry etc. Admission – Threepence."

### **18<sup>th</sup> July 1914**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Double Assault** – "At Cupar Sheriff Court on Monday, John Bonar, labourer, was charged before Hon. Sheriff Thomson, with having on 12<sup>th</sup> July, at Westfield Farm, Falkland, (1) assaulted Hugh Gallagher, labourer, at the farm, by seizing hold of him by the throat and compressing it; (2) assaulted Alexander Doune, ploughman, by kicking him on the back, and (3) acted in a disorderly manner, and committed a breach of the peace. Accused pleaded guilty and admitted two previous convictions. Sentence was passed of £1, or 10 days."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Presentation** – "On Thursday evening last week, Mr Alex Grieve was met by the members of the British Order of Ancient Free Gardeners' Society and presented with a beautiful clock, suitably inscribed, on the occasion of his marriage. Mr G.S. Hardie, W.M., made the presentation, to which Mr Grieve ably replied. Mr Grieve was also met by the members of the Y.M.C.A. and Cricket Club on Friday evening, Mr Walter Peggie, on behalf of the Y.M.C.A., presented Mr Grieve with a splendid barometer, suitably inscribed, and a set of sleeve links, and Mr J. Donaldson, on behalf of the members of the Cricket Club, presented Mr Grieve with a lovely marble clock, suitably inscribed. Both Mr W. Peggie and Mr Donaldson spoke highly of Mr Grieve's character, and the interest taken by him in the respective organisations. Mr Grieve suitably replied. The meeting closed with the members singing "For he's a jolly good fellow."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Parish Sale of Work** – "A sale of work under the auspices of the Parish Church Guild, was held in the Public School on Saturday

afternoon. The proceeds, which amounted to over £170, are to be devoted to church purposes, and the church hall fund. The Rev. J.K. Russell, B.D., Minister of the parish, as Chairman, introduced Mr Alex. Lawson of Annfield and Burnturk, who declared the bazaar open. In the course of an interesting speech, Mr Lawson spoke of his long association with the neighbourhood and his interest in everything connected with the district, and expressed the hope that the new railway would bring increased prosperity to Falkland. The stalls arranged round the schoolroom were the Guild Stall, where the infant room was occupied as a tea-room superintended by Mrs Henderson, West End, who was assisted by Mrs Speed, Miss Crombie, Miss Henderson, Miss Angus, and Miss Blyth, Burntisland. Exquisite work was displayed on the Guild Stall, of which Miss Sharpe was convener. She was assisted by Mrs Sharpe; Mrs Henderson, West End; Mrs Russell, Glendevon; Mrs Robertson, West Port and Miss Sutherland. At the Work Stall, where Mrs Dun, Woodmill, was president, lovely embroidered linen goods were on sale, as well as desirable "Liberty" nick-nacks. Assisting here were the Misses Dun, Williamson, Miss Martin, Miss Tullis and others. A well-patronised doll stall was kept by Miss Dorothy Dun. The beautifully-equipped Produce Stall was attended to by Mrs Bonthron, Newton House (convener); Mrs Shanks, Falkland Wood; Mrs Tod, Easter Cash; Miss Agnes Thomson Percival; Miss Weighton, Lamboletham; Miss Eila Bonthron; and Mrs Munro, California. Miss Ida Kilgour and Miss Smith had charge of the popular "dip" in the novel form of a three-tiered bridescake. Actively assisting these stallholders were the Messrs A. Grieve, G. Robertson and David Chisholm. Excellent concerts were given at intervals, the performers being the Misses Dun, Miss Eva Tullis (Kennoway), Master Harry Grierson; Mr Spence, organist; and a party from Leslie. Enlivening the proceedings were the varied amusements of clock golf, hoop-la etc. Much of the success of the bazaar is due to the efforts of the untiring Secretary, Miss Madge Dun. Amongst the visitors to the bazaar was Mrs Sprot of Stravithie in a handsome costume of black moiré, with white vest and collar of rose-coloured silk. Her black French sailor hat had a graceful panache of ostrich plumes. With her came Miss Stewart-Innes in pale grey, and becoming black hat adorned with saxe blue ribbon and crimson rose spray; Captain and Mrs Melville, Wellfield, the latter in black brocaded suit, her white hat banded with black net ruche, and Miss Russell, Edinburgh, in dark heliotrope costume; Mrs Rae Arnott, Lochiehead, in a long sapphire blue coat, and flower-laden hat; Mrs Hope Murray in black costume, and pink rose-trimmed plumed toque; Mrs Corstorphine, Inchrya House, Newburgh, in fawn coat with black satin, and black crin hat brightened with rose ribbon. From Annfield came Mrs Falconer Stuart in night blue and white striped silk, blue chiffon veiling the cream bodice, and smart black silk hat lined with pink roses. Miss Lumsden, Freuchie in pretty leaf costume with satin facings, and black hat wreathed in champagne ostrich feathers, brought with her the Misses Munsey. Miss Gulland, Millfield, in black toilette, brought Miss Gulland in pale blue, with tunic of black and white pompadour, and hat to harmonise. Mrs Fraser, Manse, Freuchie, in black; Miss Dalziel in grey; Miss Wyse, Auchtermuchty, in tussore coat over white gown and pretty grey and white plumed hat. Miss Gilmour, Auchtermuchty, in turquoise

*blue and hat 'en suite'; Miss Lawrie in pale pink drill and rosewreathed hat; Mrs Arnot, Viewbank, in goblin blue; Miss Maclean in a white lace-trimmed gown, and pink hat with La France rose mount; Mrs Shanks, Bennoch House, Kirkcaldy, in black satin coat over mole colour and mole ostrich feathers trimming her black hat. At the stalls Mrs Dun was elegantly attired in black crepe de chine, with black and white plunged toque and white neck frill; Miss Madge Dun in dainty white lawn and Leghorn hat; Miss Harrie Dun in pale helio eponge and mauve hat; Miss Isobel Dun in white embroidered mousseline and Miss Dorothy Dun also in white; Mrs Tod, Easter Cash in silver grey spotted charmeuse, grey ostrich neck ruffle, and flower bedecked chapeau. Mrs Russell, Dollar, in black voile richly embroidered in white; Mrs Morrison, U.F. Manse, Falkland, in black and white toilette. Others present were: - The Rev. Mr Lilley, Freuchie; Rev. Hugh Brown, Strathmiglo; Rev. Greenfield, Gateside; Mr A. Lamond, Cupar; Mr George Dun, Woodmill etc."*

## **25<sup>th</sup> July 1914**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Lady Ninian Crichton-Stuart** – “Lady Ninian Crichton-Stuart arrived at Falkland House on Tuesday evening from London.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Holiday-makers** – “As usual at this season of the year, the town is very busy with holiday-makers. A detachment of the Wemyss Boy Scouts are in camp at Triangle Park.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **U.F. Church** – “The pulpit of the U.F. Church was occupied on Sunday by the Rev. J. Fairley Daly, Glasgow, and a letter was read from the Rev. J.H. Morrison, who will be commencing his return journey from Central Africa about the 1<sup>st</sup> of August.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket - Fife & Kinross Asylum v Falkland** – “At the Asylum. Scores – Falkland 63 (T. Schofield 23, J. Condie 16); F. and K. Asylum 66 (T. Melrose 11, G. King 11).”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf** – “The monthly medal competition was won by Mr A. Anderson.”

## **1<sup>st</sup> August 1914**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Mr W.M. Venters** – “Mr W.M. Venters having been successful in passing the City and Guilds of London Institute examination in linen weaving, has been awarded a bursary of £10, tenable for two years, offered by the Drapers’ Company in connection with Textile Industries Exhibition.”

## **8<sup>th</sup> August 1914**

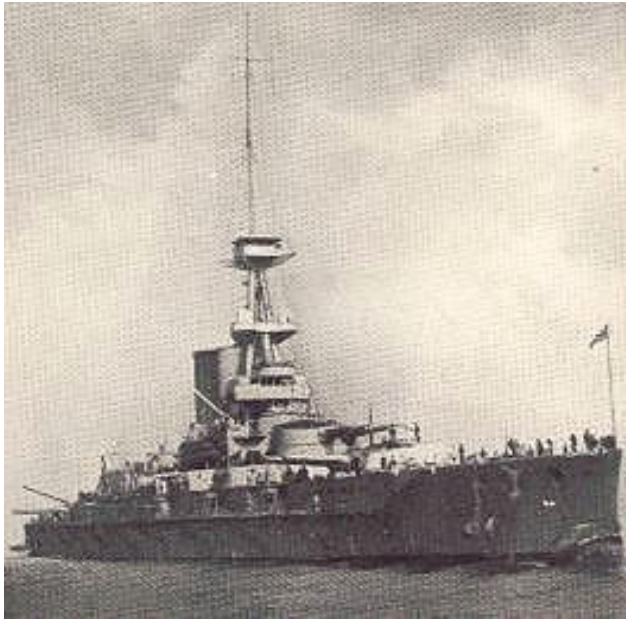
Extract from *The Fife News*: **British Ultimatum to Germany – WAR DECLARED** – “On Tuesday, in the House of Commons, the Prime Minister announced that the Government had requested Germany to give by mid-night, an assurance that she would respect the neutrality of Belgium. The German Government rejected the request, and the British Ambassador at Berlin received his passport. His Majesty’s Government have declared to the German Government that a state of war exists between Great Britain and Germany, as from 11 p.m. on 4<sup>th</sup> August.

Commander of the Home Fleets – Admiral Sir J.R. Jellicoe has been appointed in supreme command of the Home Fleets, with the acting rank of Admiral. The Government have taken over the two battleships, one completed and the other shortly due for completion, which has been ordered in this country by the Turkish Government, and the two destroyer leaders ordered by the Government of Chile. The two battleships will receive the names ‘Agincourt’ and ‘Erin’, and the destroyer leaders will be called ‘Faulkner’ and ‘Broke’, after two famous Naval officers.



**HMS Agincourt**





**HMS Erin**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Public School** – “The Public School was re-opened on Tuesday morning after the summer holidays.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Promotion** – “Mr John Venters, clerk in the British Linen Bank, has been appointed teller in the Bank’s branch at Largs.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **U.F. Church** – “The pulpit of the U.F. Church was occupied on Sunday by the Rev. Stewart Crabb, St John’s U.F. Church, Cupar.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket – Ladybank v Falkland** – “Howe o’ Fife League match played at Ladybank. Scores – Ladybank 25, Falkland 80 (T.C. Schofield 46 not out). Bowling for Falkland, W.M. Venters took 7 wickets for 3 runs, which included the “hat trick”.

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Birth – Donaldson** – “At British Linen Bank House, Falkland, on 5<sup>th</sup> August, to Mr and Mrs James Donaldson – a daughter.”

**15<sup>th</sup> August 1914**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Lord Ninian Crichton-Stuart, M.P.** – “Lord Ninian Crichton-Stuart, M.P., has returned to his regiment, the 6<sup>th</sup> Welsh Territorials, which has been mobilised. Its headquarters meantime are at Swansea. This regiment has captured two German ships and made their crews prisoners. His Lordship has offered House of Falkland to the Admiralty as a naval hospital, and the offer has been accepted. Captain Slacke, Lord Ninian Crichton-Stuart’s private secretary, has been recalled to “the Buffs” of which regiment he was a Reserve Officer.

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Meeting** – “A meeting, convened by Mrs Gulland, Millfield, was held in the Drill Hall, Falkland, on Wednesday evening for the purpose of making arrangements for providing articles of clothing for the soldiers and sailors engaged in the present campaign. There was a good turn-out, and a satisfactory beginning was made.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **National Relief Fund** – Provost Jackson, in common with the other Provosts throughout the country, on Sunday morning received a telegram from H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, requesting him to support, and to use his influence on behalf of, the National Relief Fund, now being raised. A meeting of the Town Council, along with other gentlemen in the town and district, was held in the Town Hall on Monday night, when, after consideration, on the motion of Dr Jack, seconded by the Rev. J.K. Russell, it was resolved to defer opening a subscription list in Falkland meantime, but to appoint a Committee to watch events, and to form an organisation prepared to deal with the matter as affecting the parish of Falkland. The following gentlemen were nominated to act on the Committee: - Provost Jackson (convener), the Rev. J.K. Russell, the Rev. J.H. Morrison, the Rev. P.W. Lilley, Dr Jack, and Messrs D. Bonthron, W. Bonthron and A. Shanks.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **National Reserve** – “A meeting of the members of the National Reserve was held in the Drill Hall, Falkland, on Monday night, Major G.J. Lumdsen presiding, when between 20 and 30 offered themselves for service.”

## **22<sup>nd</sup> August 1914**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Mr George Gavin** – “Mr George Gavin, factor, Falkland Palace, on Tuesday subscribed the oath as a Justice of Peace before Sheriff Armour-Hannay.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Letter from the Rev. J.H. Morrison** – “The pulpit of the U.F. Church was occupied on Sunday last by the Rev. T.S. Baynes, Martyrs’ U.F. Church, Auchtermuchty. A letter was read from the Rev. J.H. Morrison, who is now on his way home from Central Africa. Mr Morrison had intended returning by the Red Sea, but after he had started on his voyage, the ship was turned on account of the war, so that he will come back via the Cape.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Death of Mr D.C. Bryce** – “By the death of Mr Duncan Cowan Bryce, which occurred at his residence in High Street on Monday afternoon at five o’clock, Falkland has lost one of its most respected townsmen. A native of Penicuik, Mr Bryce came to Falkland 43 years ago, and established the draper’s business which has been carried on by him and his family with increasing success. Mr Bryce possessed a quiet and unassuming nature, and was of a kindly and genial disposition. Although he was always keenly interested in the affairs of the burgh, he never coveted public office, the exception being when he served for a short time as an ‘interim’ member of the Town Council. As a member of the United Free Church, he did all in his power to promote the welfare of the congregation, and he took a special interest in the children of the Sunday School. Mr Bryce had attained the age of 68, and for the period of eighteen months prior to his death he was confined to the house. He is survived by Mrs Bryce, two sons and a daughter. The funeral took place on Thursday to Falkland Cemetery.”



**Duncan C. Bryce**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **National Relief Fund** – “A subscription list has been opened in connection with the National Relief Fund, and Provost Jackson has been appointed the burgh’s representative on the County Distribution Committee. Lists have been placed in the British Linen Bank and the Post Offices in the parish.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket – Falkland v Springfield** – “The visitors last week were from Springfield, with whom the concluding Howe of Fife League fixture was played off. The home team won by 88 to 23, W.M. Venters being highest scorer with 34 to his credit.”

### **29<sup>th</sup> August 1914**

Advert from *The Fife News*: **Fife and Forfar Yeomanry** – “Recruits Wanted for Active Service Abroad. A limited number of men are required to complete the establishment for Foreign Service. Immediate application should be made personally or by letter to: - O.C. Depot, Fife and Forfar Yeomanry, 8 Hunter Street, Kirkcaldy. God Save the King.”

### **5<sup>th</sup> September 1914**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Flower Show** – “The distribution of prizes took place in the Town Hall on the evening of Friday last week.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **U.F. Church** – “The pulpit of the U.F. Church was occupied on Sunday last by the Rev. J.M. Richardson, B.D., of Queen Anne Street U.F. Church, Dunfermline.”

### **12<sup>th</sup> September 1914**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Diamond Wedding** – “On Saturday afternoon, Mr and Mrs James Peggie, East Port, Falkland, celebrated their diamond wedding. It having been the harvest season, Saturday was the most convenient day for the marriage, and on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1854, the couple, then very young, walked from Freuchie, accompanied by their friends, to the Free Church Manse at Kilgowrie knowe, a distance of about three miles, where the knot was tied by the Rev. Mr Burnside. They took up their abode in their native place, Freuchie, where James worked at the handloom. Fourteen children were born, of whom 12 are alive, and these, along with a number of the grand-children gathered together on Saturday to honour the occasion. There are 27 grand-children and six great-grandchildren. About 35 years ago Mr and Mrs Peggie removed to Falkland, where Mr Peggie was employed in the linen factory as yarn warehouseman, from which post he retired over 13 years ago, and at which time he received the presentation of a purse of sovereigns from his employers, Messrs Charles Jackson & Sons, and an easy chair from the workers.

*James is a United Free Churchman, and the Rev. Mr McKenzie, late minister of the congregation of Falkland, had the unique experience of baptizing eight members of the family and marrying eleven. The couple were made the recipients of numerous gifts, the presentation from the family taking the form of an easy chair to each."*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf** – *"The first round of the Lathrisk cup tournament took place on Saturday afternoon, and resulted as follows: -*

*Andrew Venters 1 Alex. Anderson 0*

*W.M. Venters 0 Jas. Peggie 1*

*Geo. Robertson 1 W. Peggie 0*

*P.A. MacGregor 1 T. Williamson 0*

*Fred Grainger 1 Wm. Dowie 0*

*Byes: - D. Bonthron, W.D. Robertson, A. Shanks."*

### **19<sup>th</sup> September 1914**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Whist Club** – *"The opening meeting of the Club was held in the Liquorstone Temperance Hotel on Tuesday evening."*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Continuation Classes** – *"The course for session 1914-15 was commenced on Monday evening, and on Wednesday afternoon and evening dressmaking classes were began."*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Mr John Dunbar, M.A., B.Sc.** – *"Mr Dunbar, headmaster of the Public School, was on Monday of this week appointed headmaster of Newburgh Higher Grade School. Mr Dunbar came to Falkland five years ago, in succession to Mr Richardson."*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **New Lamps** – *"The street lighting of the burgh has been greatly improved by the substitution of new lamps fitted with incandescent burners. The lamps, which are Alder & Mackay's "Edinburgh" pattern, have been expeditiously fitted up by Mr William Lawrie, plumber, Falkland, and the improvement produced on the illumination of the town when the lamps were lit for the first time on Monday evening was very marked."*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **War Crisis** – “A joint meeting under the auspices of the Unionist and Liberal Association was held in the Drill Hall on Monday evening, when Mr Henry Jackson, prospective Liberal candidate for the St Andrews Burghs, and Colonel Sprot of Stravithie, delivered stirring addresses, the former dealing specially with the causes leading up to the war, and the latter with the necessity for increasing the strength of the Army in view of Lord Kitchener’s appeal.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Work for Soldiers and Sailors** – “The Women’s Guild of the Parish Church is doing excellent work for our soldiers and sailors at home and abroad, at once responding to Queen Mary’s appeal by sending a large assortment of socks, etc., which were duly acknowledged. Since then, other large donations of garments and necessary appliances for the wounded have been dispatched to St James’s Palace; Craigleith Hospital, Edinburgh; and the British Red Cross Society, Glasgow: also twenty pairs of socks to Lady Tullibardine, as a gift to the Scottish Horse.”

Extract from *The Falkland News*: **Return of the Rev. J.H. Morrison** – “After a voyage of six weeks’ duration, the Rev. J.H. Morrison reached Falkland on Saturday, after a very interesting and memorable tour in Central Africa, where he has been visiting the mission stations of the U.F. Church. Mr Morrison occupied the pulpit on Sunday, and expressed his pleasure at being once more in his accustomed place. He also gave some indication of his experiences during his journey, but intimated that he would give a more detailed account of his travels in four lectures which he proposed to deliver on the four Sunday afternoons commencing with Sunday first.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf** – “The monthly medal was won on Saturday last by James Peggie, and the Artisan Medal by Andrew Collins.”

## **26<sup>th</sup> September 1914**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **The Red Cross Work Society** – “The Red Cross Work Society has been able to send to Mrs Balfour, Balbirnie, to be forwarded to Lady Gertrude Cochrane for hospital use, about a dozen nightshirts, several pairs of bed socks, many hot-water bottle covers, and a large quantity of bandages. For men serving at home or at the front, there have been sent dayshirts, scarfs, and 116 pairs of socks. All this was done in little over a month, and, with other contributions going

*from Falkland, it speaks well for the industry and enthusiastic feeling among the people of the Ancient Royal burgh.”*

### **3<sup>rd</sup> October 1914**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Collection** – “A special collection was made in the Parish Church on Sunday last on behalf of the National and Belgian Relief Funds, when the satisfactory sum of £12 was realised.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **National Relief Fund** – “A sum of £50 has been remitted to the Prince of Wales’s Fund as a first instalment from the burgh and parish of Falkland.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Curling Club** – “The annual meeting of the Curling Club was held in the Town Hall on Friday evening. Satisfactory reports were submitted. The present office-bearers were re-appointed.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Bible Society** – “The annual sermon in connection with the Falkland and Freuchie Auxiliary of the National Bible Society of Scotland was preached in the U.F. Church, Falkland, on Sunday evening by the Rev. Charles Fraser, Freuchie. The Rev. P.W. Lilley, Freuchie, conducted the devotional part of the service.”

### **17<sup>th</sup> October 1914**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf** – “On Saturday afternoon, the Monthly Medal was won by James Peggie.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Y.M.C.A.** – “The opening meeting of the session was held in the Town Hall on Sunday morning, when an address was given by Mr Walter Peggie, president of the Association.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Death – Lamond** – “At Falkland, on the 9<sup>th</sup> inst., Eglintine Melville, widow of Walter Lamond, aged 90 years.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Death of an Nonagenarian** – “By the death of Mrs Lamond, Eglantine Cottage, at the advanced age of 90, one of the oldest inhabitants of the burgh has been removed.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **National Reserve** – “A meeting of the members of National Reserve was held in the Drill Hall on Wednesday evening at seven o’clock, when an address was delivered by Major Lawson of Annfield.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Headmaster** – “In connection with the appointment of a headmaster in place of Mr John Dunbar, a short leet has been drawn up, and the following gentlemen have been selected out of 90 applicants: William Robb, Tayport; and Thomas H. Rutherford, Auldearn, Nairn.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Patriotic Entertainment** – “In aid of the funds of the Falkland and District Red Cross Work Party, a splendid entertainment, arranged by Mrs Gulland, Millfield, was given in the Drill Hall on Friday evening. The Rev. J.K. Russell occupied the chair, and in his opening remarks, he commended the excellent work which was being done by the Red Cross Societies throughout the country. The principal item on the programme was a lecture by Miss Myrtle, Edinburgh, on her travels in Sweden and Lapland, illustrated by about 120 limelight views. The lecture was delivered in a very interesting manner, and was highly appreciated. Before and after the lecture, songs were contributed by Miss Cotton, Edinburgh, and the Rev. J.A.C. Murray, St Andrews, Miss Lumsden, Freuchie, played two violin solos entitled “La Precieuse” and “Marches Nationales.” Mrs Tarbolton, Edinburgh, acted efficiently as accompanist. On the call of the Chairman, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to those who had provided such an excellent entertainment, which was brought to a close by the singing of the National Anthem. The enthusiastic women of Falkland and district continue to work busily for the comfort of the soldiers and sailors. The fund to provide materials is well supported, £22 13s having been paid into the Bank, and £1 3s into the money boxes in the shops, while the proceeds of the entertainment on Friday evening amounted to £12 10s.”

## **24<sup>th</sup> October 1914**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Municipal Election** – “The retiring Councillors at the ensuing election are: - Bailie Robertson, Councillors Donaldson, Jackson, and Mason, who are all agreeable to serve another term of office.”



Extract from *The Fife News*: **U.F. Church** – “The pulpit of the U.F. Church was occupied on Sunday forenoon by the Rev. S. Crabb, St John’s, Cupar, as the Presbytery’s deputy on the subject of temperance. In the afternoon, the Rev. P. Lilley, of Freuchie, preached.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Classes in Agriculture** – “On Tuesday evening, a course of instruction on soils, manures, and farm crops was commenced in Falkland Public School, when Mr Thomas Young N.D.A., of the East of Scotland Agricultural College, delivered a lecture on “How Crops Grow”, illustrated by limelight views. Mr George Dun occupied the chair.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Headmaster Appointed** – “On Saturday afternoon, the School Board interviewed the following candidates for the situation of headmaster of Falkland School: - Messrs R. H. Morgan, Gateside; William Robb, M.A., Ferry-Port-on-Craig; and T.H. Rutherford, Auldearn. Mr Robb was appointed to the vacancy. Mr Robb, who is at present first assistant in the Higher Grade School at Ferry-Port-on-Craig, takes up his new duties on 16<sup>th</sup> November next.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf** – “The monthly medal of Falkland Artisan Club was won on Saturday afternoon by Francis Fernie. A competition was also held for balls presented by Mr A. Anderson, the result being – 1<sup>st</sup>, Francis Fernie; 2<sup>nd</sup>, James Ross; and 3<sup>rd</sup>, Andrew Collins.”

### **31<sup>st</sup> October 1914**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Public School** – “The Public School was reopened on Monday after three weeks holiday for potato lifting.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Municipal Election** – “The retiring Councillors, Messrs James Donaldson, John W. Jackson, William Mason and George Robertson have been returned to office unopposed.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Red Cross Work Party** – “The Red Cross Work Party have sent 90 pairs of socks in response to Queen Mary’s appeal, besides a large consignment of mufflers, helmets, wristlets, etc., for men at the front. Articles for hospital use have also been sent.”

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Extract from *The Fife News*: **Lord Ninian Crichton Stuart's Regiment Ordered to the Front** – “Lord Ninian Crichton Stuart, M.P., has received orders to go to the front, and embarks to-day (Wednesday) with his regiment, the 6<sup>th</sup> Welsh, who have been stationed during the war at Swansea. Lord Ninian has been acting as Lieutenant-Colonel, commanding the Swansea defences since the outbreak of the war, and it is a signal mark of honour and of the fitness of his regiment that it is the first Territorial Welsh regiment to be sent to the front.”

### **7<sup>th</sup> November 1914**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **House of Falkland Represented at the Front** – “The House of Falkland has already suffered in the war. Lady Ninian Crichton Stuart has lost her cousins, Captain Connellan and Major Dease. Both soldiers were frequent visitors to Falkland, and Miss Connellan, sister of the deceased Captain, took a personal part in the historical tableaux organised at House of Falkland four years ago. Lord Ninian is in France with the 6<sup>th</sup> Welsh Regiment, of which he is Lieutenant-Colonel, while the Hon. Richard Preston, brother of Lady Ninian, well known at Falkland, leaves this week for the front with the R.F.A. Captain Slacke, formerly private secretary to Lord Ninian, is training with his regiment, the Buffs, at Devon. The Hon. Felix Hanbury Tracy, also a frequent visitor at Falkland, who took a keen interest in the Cricket Club, is an officer in the Scots Guards.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Death – Robertson** – “At Victoria Place, Falkland, on the 30<sup>th</sup> October, William Robertson, aged 73 years.”

### **14<sup>th</sup> November 1914**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Town Council** – “At the statutory meeting of the Council on Friday, Councillor George Robertson was unanimously re-elected to the office of junior Bailie. The Council attended both churches on Sunday in their official capacity.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Mr Geo. Wilson** – “Mr Geo. Wilson, Orkie Mill, in the parish of Kinglassie, has purchased from the Lathrisk Estate Syndicate, the farms of Little Freuchie and Nether Drums, in the parish of Falkland, extending to 189 and 50 acres respectively.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **War Lectures** – “The National Relief Fund Committee have decided to take advantage of the ‘Daily Mail’ war lectures (illustrated with lime-light views), and courses of six lectures each have been arranged for Falkland and Freuchie. The first lecture will be given in Freuchie on 20<sup>th</sup> inst., and in Falkland on 21<sup>st</sup>.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **A Tailor’s Costly Hare** – “John Robertson, a tailor, was fined 15s at Cupar Sheriff Court on Tuesday by Sheriff Armour-Hannay, for having been found in Rotten Row, Falkland, on 31<sup>st</sup> October, in illegal possession of a hare. Robertson said he got the hare on the road. The Depute-Fiscal (Mr J.K. Tasker) said that Robertson was not suspected of being a poacher, but he had shown that he realised he was doing wrong, for he concealed the hare under his coat and denied having it when challenged by a policeman.”

### **21<sup>st</sup> November 1914**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cousin of Lady Ninian Crichton Stuart Died of Wounds** – “Lieut. Maurice James Dease, 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion Royal Fusiliers, who has died of wounds in France, is a cousin of Lady Ninian Crichton Stuart of House of Falkland. The late Lieut. Dease was awarded the Victoria Cross for conspicuous gallantry in the field. Though three or four times badly wounded, he continued to control the fire of his machine guns at Mons until all his men were shot.”

### **28<sup>th</sup> November 1914**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Headmaster** – “Mr William Robb, M.A., commenced his new duties as headmaster of Falkland Public School on Monday in succession to Mr John Dunbar, M.A., B. Sc., who has gone to Newburgh.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **War Lecture** – “The first of the ‘Daily Mail’ series of six lectures on the war was given in the Drill Hall on Saturday. Provost Jackson presided over a very good attendance. The lecture, which dealt principally with Belgium, was read by the Rev. J.H. Morrison, and beautifully illustrated with lime-light views.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Falkland Men’s Example – Captain Slacke Sails for the Front** – “A telegram was received in Falkland on Monday evening, stating that Captain Roger Cecil Slacke had that day sailed from Southampton for the front. At

*the outbreak of the war, Captain Slacke, being on the reserve of officers, was recalled to his old regiment, the Buffs, and since then he has been quartered at the Citadel Barracks, Dover. A cousin of Lady Ninian Crichton Stuart, the Captain is well-known and greatly respected in East Fife. For public entertainments organised for charitable or philanthropic purposes, he has been in great request because of his merry-making qualifications. At the Highland Society show in Cupar in 1912, he made quite a hit by his songs and sketches at the concert got up by Lady Ninian for the Show attendants. In Falkland town, his abilities in the same line were always at the disposal of any public movement on behalf of a worthy object, and were invariably a feature of the entertainment provided. Among Falkland folk and all in the county who knew him the Captain's innate courtesy and readiness to oblige made him a general favourite, and he is now followed to the front with the best wishes of his many friends. The Hon. Felix Hanbury Tracy, who is also associated with the House of Falkland, and has likewise been recalled to his old regiment, the Scots Guards, left with them for the Continent ten days ago. Mr Hanbury Tracy was tenant of Lathrisk House for a number of years, and is well remembered in Falkland for the interest he took in the local Cricket Club. Lord Ninian Crichton Stuart, according to the latest intelligence, is still in Boulogne doing duty with his regiment."*

### **5<sup>th</sup> December 1914**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Belgian Relief Fund** – “A collection taken this week among the employees of Messrs Charles Jackson & Sons (Ltd.) realised the substantial sum of £15 odds on behalf of this fund.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Exchange of Pulpits** – “On Sunday forenoon, the Rev. J.K. Russell and the Rev. J.H. Morrison exchanged pulpits in order to afford the latter an opportunity of giving an account of his recent visit to Central Africa, with special reference to the Established Church Mission of Blantyre.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Y.M.C.A.** – “As the representative of Freuchie Association, Mr Thomas Blyth delivered an address on Sunday morning, taking as his subject the present crisis as a result of the war. Mr Blyth dealt with his subject in his usual interesting and instructive manner.”

### **12<sup>th</sup> December 1914**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **War Lecture** – “The second lecture in connection with the National Relief Fund was given in the Drill Hall on Saturday evening. The

lecture, which was entitled “How British Pluck Won Through”, was read by the Rev. J.K. Russell, and proved very interesting and instructive.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Success of a Former Local Gardener in California** – “William Young, who was so successful as a chrysanthemum grower when head gardener to Lord Ninan Crichton Stuart, M.P., Falkland Palace, and who emigrated to California two and a half years ago, has been successful in winning three firsts and a second prize at the Nicolo Park chrysanthemum show, California, held in October.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Where Livingstone’s Heart Lies Buried** – “The Rev J.H. Morrison, M.A., sends to the United Free Church ‘Record’ always a very interesting monthly – an account of a visit to Chetambo, in Central Africa, where Livingstone’s heart was buried, and where there is a large monument to his memory. The monument stands in the centre of a square clearing, the four sides of which, about a hundred yards in length, are marked off with an edging of bricks. The square is hoed clean, and the firm grey soil has the general appearance of fine gravel. The line of the square is broken on the middle of the east side, where a broad hoed road, running straight back into the forest for 200 yards, leads to a little cottage built as a rest-house for any visitor to the grave. Beside the rest-house are a few native huts for the accommodation of carriers, but they are now half in ruins.”

## **26th December 1914**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Curling** – “The artificial pond has been in good order since Saturday last, and some interesting games have been played.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Promotion of Territorial Officer** – “Lieutenant James Donaldson, Bank Agent, Falkland, at present stationed at Kinghorn, was last week gazetted Captain in His Majesty’s Territorial Forces.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Lecture** – “The third lecture in aid of the National Relief Fund was held in the Drill Hall on Saturday last, the subject being “How the British Soldier Fights”. The Rev. J.H. Morrison read the lecture, which was illustrated with lime-light views.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Presentation** – “Mr Peter A. MacGregor was met by a few of his friends on Thursday last week, and presented with a Waterman safety fountain pen on the occasion of his leaving Falkland Estate Office to take up new duties in the Annandale Estate Office, Moffat.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Christmas Treat** – “The annual treat given to the school children by Lord and Lady Ninian Crichton Stuart took place in the Drill Hall on Wednesday evening. In the absence on active service of Major Lumsden, Chairman of the School Board, Mr David Bonthron, Newton of Falkland, made a few remarks appropriate to the occasion and referred to the absence of Lord Ninian Crichton Stuart, who is at present with his regiment, 6<sup>th</sup> Batt. The Welsh Regiment in France. Grace was said by the Rev. J.K. Russell, Parish Church. After an excellent tea, purveyed by Mr William A. Mason, a musical programme was proceeded with, and the children acquitted themselves in their usual efficient manner, a special feature being the singing of the National Anthems of the Allies. Through the generosity of Mrs Gulland, Millfield, each scholar was the recipient of a copy of the late Earl Roberts’s “Message to the Children of the Empire”. Before leaving, Miss Gulland presented each scholar with a bag of sweets. Hearty votes of thanks were accorded by the children to Lord and Lady Ninian Crichton Stuart, and to Mrs Gulland, who had feted them in such an excellent manner. Among those present were: - Mrs Gulland, Miss Gulland and Mrs Mackie, Millfield; the Rev. J.H. Morrison, U.F. Church; Provost Jackson; Dr Jack; Mrs Bonthron, Newton of Falkland.”

Photograph from *The Fife News Almanac* – **Street Scene in Falkland**



# Falkland Almanac

Population according to census 1911 (Parish) – 2,356

**Justices' of the Peace** – Charles J.M.M. Crichton of Lathrisk, Falkland; George Gavin, Falkland; John Walker Jackson, Manufacturer, Falkland; Lord Ninian Edward Crichton Stuart, M.P., House of Falkland.

**Magistrates and Town Council** – Provost Charles Jackson; Bailies John Angus, and George Robertson; Town-Clerk and Treasurer, Alexander Anderson; Councillors, John W. Jackson, William Mason, Robert Ness, William Horne, John Brown, Robert Drysdale, Andrew Lister, James McCall and James Donaldson; Representative, Cupar District Licensing Court – Provost Jackson; Fiscal, W.D. Robertson; Town Officers, John Walker and Robert Strachan.

**Places of Worship** – Parish Church, Rev. J.K. Russell, B.D.; United Free Church, Rev. J.H. Morrison, M.A.; Plymouth Brethren, Various Teachers.

**School Board** – Members, J.L. Lumsden, David Dryburgh, David Bonthron, William Horne, Dr J.G. Jack, William Bonthron and James Donaldson; Teachers – Falkland School, William Robb, M.A., and Assistants; Freuchie School, John Methven, M.A., and Assistants; Clerk, Alex. Anderson.

**Parish Council** – John L. Lumsden, Robert Nelson, David Rymer, David Bonthron, George Gavin, Provost Jackson, Walter Peggie, James Donaldson, Alexander Fraser.

**Inspector, Clerk and Registrar** – George S. Hardie.

**Gas Company** – William Tulloch, Manager

**Equitable Co-operative Society (Limited)** – Manager – Salesman, Alex. S. Grant; Treasurer, Walter Peggie; President, Alex. Grieve; Secretary, John Collins.

**Funeral and Deposit Society** – James Reekie, President; R.C. Drysdale, Secretary; George Robertson, Treasurer.

**Bank** – British Linen, James Donaldson and Alexander Anderson, Joint Agents.

**Solicitor** – Alexander Anderson, N.P.

**Medical Practitioner** – J.G. Jack, M.B., Ch. B.

**Burgh Assessor** – George S. Hardie.

**Halls** – The Town Hall, High Street; The Drill Hall, South Street.

**Popular Lectures** – Secretary, James Donaldson; Treasurer, J. Peggie.

**Young Men's Christian Association** – President, Walter Peggie; Secretary, James Donaldson; Treasurer, Thomas Schofield.

**Boy Scouts** – James Donaldson, Scoutmaster; David Bonthron and Eben. Allan, Assistant Scoutmasters.

**Golf Club** – Captain, D. Bonthron; Secretary and Treasurer, J. Peggie.

**Whist Club** – Secretary, Robert Ness.

**Brass Band** – James Donaldson, Hon. Secy; T. Schofield, Band Secy.

**Girls Club** – James Donaldson, Secretary and Treasurer.

**Curling Club** – Patron, Lord Ninian Crichton-Stuart, M.P.; Patroness, Lady Ninian Crichton-Stuart; President, Thos. Williamson; Vice-President, Alexander Shanks; Secretary and Treasurer, James Donaldson.

**Lomond Oak Lodge No. 387 B.O.A.F.G.** – Thos. D. Hopkins, Secretary; Jas. Peggie, Treasurer.

**Free Masons, St John Lodge, No. 35** – David Campbell, Secretary; Andrew Venters, Treasurer.

**Red Cross Society** – Lady Ninian Cricjton-Stuart, Treasurer.

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