



## CAN YOU HELP ?

If you can help with an answer to any of the queries posted on this page, click on the name of the submitter to send e-mail.



This old school photo from lochgelly is thought to have been taken around about 1890, and there is probably a Simpson in this photo. If anyone has details of exactly where and when this photo was taken, or knows who anyone in the photo is, please contact [Shirley simpson](#).



This photo that was found in my late mother's collection. My mother's maiden name was (Annie)Bell and she came from a coalmining family in the Leven/Methil area. Other surnames associated with her family were Bruce, Brewster, Laing, Blues and Wight. There is nothing written on the back of the photo nor is there any photographer's motif. I'd like to obviously find out who they were, or at least some idea of the date it was taken which may help me identify them.

Contact [William 'Robbie' Robertson](#)

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Can tell us anything about these photos? All we know is they were handed down within a colleague's family and have "Kingskettle" written on the back of them. The formal photo is by J. Hardie, Photographer, Coupar Angus, and the standing only one is by Tullo & Heagarts (?) Photographers, Cellardyke.

Contact [Joyce Hill](#)

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This postcard shows my grandfather John Blyth (b.1871), the picture having been taken at Aldershot, immediately before his departure to France, I think in 1915. Can anyone identify the other two men in the picture? Additionally, it would help if the date could be confirmed.

Contact [Jack Blyth](#)



Roman Catholic School Hauick 1892. Miss Isobella Veitch teacher

Colin Butler would be interested in anyone having a connection to Isabella Veitch, the teacher on the left. She was the daughter of John Veitch and Margaret Fraser, who had two children Olive and Isabella and lived in Kinghorn. Isabella married a Joseph Wilson and lived in Leeds.

Contact [Colin Butler](#)

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This photo was taken in Fife of the Herd family, which dates back to George Herd 1702-1766 + Janet Dalrumple 1721-1766

Top Row: #4 is James Herd of Saline, #5 is Margaret ("Maggie") Herd who married Richard Penman, #6 is Helen ("Nell") Bowman who married Henry Herd, #7 is Helen Herd ("Nell") who married Archibald Bowman

Middle Row: #1 is wearing a Masonic symbol, #3 may be the person in the following photo, #5 is Elizabeth Bain who married Stewart Herd.

Surnames that have married into the family are: Allan, Anderson, Arnot/t, Balfour, Berry, Bremner, Clark, Gilmour, Goodwillie, King, Maule, McNaughton, Moultrie, Moyes, Paterson, Rennie, Smith, Spence, Templeman, Watson, Wishart



This woman seems to be the same person as #3 in the previous Herd family photo. I have not yet verified

this, nor do I know her name.

Cathy Grey

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Can anyone identify the woman in this photograph?

Contact [Helen Reid](#)

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Could anyone identify the uniform/Regiment of the Militia worn by my late uncle Henry Reekie Walker Greig Wanstall, born 29 March 1873 in Kirkcaldy. He died 14 April 1902 in Kirkcaldy.  
There is no indication about the date of the photograph.

Contact [Andy Wanstall](#)

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I hope somebody can tell me where this picture was taken of a store in Dunfermline. The boy in the picture is my great grandfather, William Cook. He was born 24 June 1856. I suspect that the younger woman is his mother, Ann Strachan, who was born 20 December 1829. The other woman is probably his grandmother. If she is his paternal grandmother, she is Janet Penman, born about 1789 and wife of William Cook. If she is his maternal grandmother, she is Margaret Brand, birth date unknown, wife of David Strachan. On the right side of the picture, there is a stamp that says West End Studio, Dunfermline. There is also a signature which I cannot read. It appears John is the first name, but I don't know what the last name is.

Contact [Bobbalee Hughes](#)

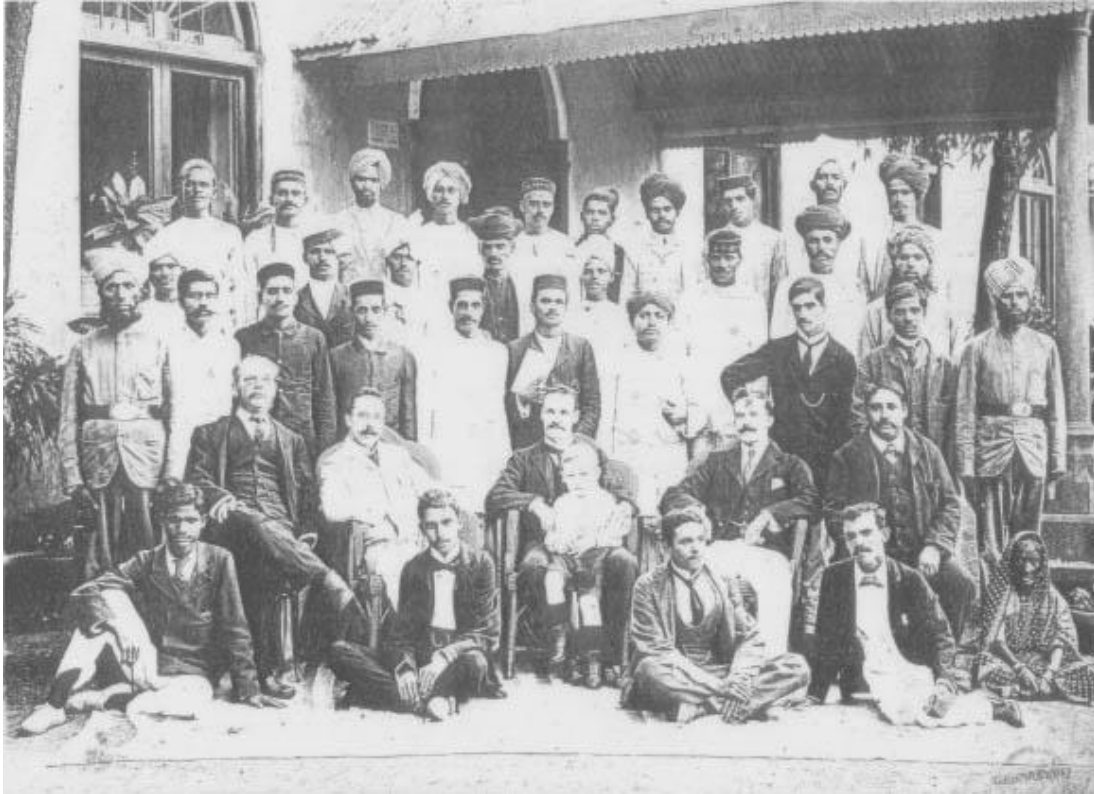
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Can anyone help with the location of this photograph taken somewhere in Fife in the early 1900's. My Grandfather William McBain (with moustache) is standing at the back against the window. He was an engineer and was born in Cameron Bridge. His wife, Mary Ann Laing, who was a student teacher at Balcurvie School, is also in the picture below him to his left wearing the large hat. It is possible that my father, David and his brother Charlie are the children at the front wearing the straw hats.

If anyone can help please contact [David McBain](#)

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Can any reader advise on where the photograph was taken, possibly Ceylon or India ?  
William Thomson B 1878 St.Monance(Seated on the left of Man with the child-2nd row up 2nd from the right). Son of James Thomson b. 1853 Buckhaven and Christina Bell b. 20 Sep 1857 (Marr 28 Dec 1876) bros. John b. 1881, James b. 1884, Elizabeth b. 1889, Christina b. 27 Nov 1892-died 27 Feb 1964.

William returned from tea plantation, opened a shop in Buckhaven, Fife locally known as "Continental Wullies"! Tiring of this he decided to try the plantations again, he developed a fatal illness. His widow returned to Dundee with their twin daughters.

If anyone can help please contact [Donald Manson](#)

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The photograph above is of the Smith family who were known to have lived in Leven, but our query concerns the house behind. Does anyone recognise it ? It is believed the house may have been known as "Annieslea" but did such a house ever exist in Leven? Or perhaps the location is somewhere other than Fife?

If you have any ideas or suggestions please contact [Jean McKay](#)

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What is the name of and where in Dunfermline is this school? Does anyone know anything of the history of this school ? My father is the boy second from the right at the back row.

My father James Simpson Hunter came to New Zealand in 1926 with his mother and brother. They had lived at 4 Pittencrieff Street, Dunfermline. There father George Hunter was a colliery manager and had gone off to India to manage a coal mine there. This photograph is of my fathers school in Dunfermline. I would suspect it is about 1923 - 1925 as my father was born in 1913 and was 13 years old when they left for New Zealand.



The second photo is of a Colliery Picnic some where in or about Dunfermline. From records we have, Grandfather George Hunter in 1912 was an Oversman at the 'Wallsend Pit' (I believe this may have been renamed Rosebank Colliery at Parkneuk) where he received a commendation for rescuing five men from a mine fall. (See third attachment).

Where is the picnic being held? Who might be the people in the photo? My grandfather and grandmother are the people with the arrow heads indicating them.

Please contact [Brian & Rosalie Hunter](#)

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The above were opened by my Great Grandfather. Do you know where I can gather information on the company?

Contact [Graham D Hall](#)

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I have been trying to locate the church where my wife's grandfather GEORGE RATCLIFFE was a minister but have not had any luck so far. I have a picture of him standing in the doorway of the church where he was a minister. The picture shows some of the doorway of the church. Does anyone recognise the church from this picture?

Contact [Robert Troup](#)

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All I know about these photographs are is that the people in them are related to the Raeburn or Shepherd families. I'm not sure if the pictures were taken in Fife but the people in them originated from Fife.

Nicholas Ednie



I know my father's family have historical connections in Kirkcaldy and Buckhaven and wondered if this photo may be from somewhere in Fife and when it may have been taken. This photo was among my grandfather's belongings which, on his death were passed onto my aunt. I do not know who Kate is as yet but she (assuming Kate is the older lady) looks very like my great grandfather James Scarlett who is buried at East Wemyss. My Great Aunt Frances Westwood (Nee Scarlett ) was married to Joseph Westwood MP who was Secretary of State for Scotland for a time. They were both killed in a car accident in 1948 and are buried at Kirkcaldy.

Carolyn Bennett



Attached are two photographs that a colleague has forwarded to me. I wonder if they could be posted on site to see if anyone can tell us anything about them. All we know is they were handed down within my colleague's family and have "Kingskettle" written on the back of them. The formal photo is by J. Hardie, Photographer, Coupar Angus, and the standing only one is by Tullo & Heagarts (?) Photographers, Cellardyke.

Joyce Hill

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Having inherited some old family photographs from my mother (how I wish she was still around) there is one in particular that I would like some help with. I have attached this under the title of 'Fife Family'. Most of my mother's photos had something written on the back but alas this one didn't. Could you please put this on the Society website to see if anyone recognises the family and/or give me some idea of the date it was taken (this alone could be a great help). There is no photographer's imprint on it that could help. It may be connected to the Bell family (my mother's maiden name). My mother's family came from the Methil/Leven area and most males were engaged in the coalmining industry.

[William 'Robbie' Robertson](#)

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