# WHO WAS LADY ANNE?

# A study of the ownership of the Tillicoultry Estate, Clackmannanshire, and the role and influence of the Wardlaw Ramsay Family

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### INTRODUCTION

Who was Lady Anne? This project was originally undertaken to fulfil the requirements for the final project of the University of Strathclyde's Post-graduate Certificate in Family History and Genealogy in July 2011. My interest in the subject was sparked by living in Lady Anne Grove for many years and by walking in Lady Anne's Wood and to Lady Anne's Well near the Kirk Burn at the east end of Tillicoultry. These names first appear on the 1899 Ordnance Survey 6 inch to the mile map.

My research showed that the woods were named for Lady Anne Lindsay, the wife of Robert Wardlaw Ramsay, who bought the Tillicoultry Estate in 1814. The project also tries to build up a picture of the owners' local involvement and concentrates on the period from first ownership by the Wardlaw Ramsay family until the end of World War I: this was influenced by the time constraint of the project and an awareness that there are living family members one would wish to contact before including personal detail.

The first documented reference to the Tillicoultry Estate is in 1261 when Aleuin de Mes, resigned it to the king.<sup>1</sup> This estate has changed hands a surprising number of times through the centuries. Legend has it that the laird killed the pet ram of St Serf (circa 600) who foretold that no son born of the estate would succeed his father.<sup>2</sup> This seems to have held true until the ownership by the Wardlaw Ramsay family in the 19th century. Evans offers a

e, last accessed 2.7.2011.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Charter by King Alexander III 1262. NAS Papers of the Erskine Family, Earls of Mar and Kellie. GD124/1/513. catalogue entry.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Roger, Charles (1853) *A week at Bridge of Allan. Comprising an account of the spa and a series of six excursions to the interesting scenery of central Scotland.* 3<sup>rd</sup>.ed. Edinburgh: Adam and Charles Black. Accessed via <a href="http://books.google.com/books?">http://books.google.com/books?</a> id=jKMHAAAAQAAJ&printsec=frontcover&source=gbs ge summary r&cad=0#v=onepage&g&f=fals

more pragmatic evaluation: 'The estate was frequently regarded as a marketable commodity rather than an aristocratic adornment.' The study has established who owned the estate and the names of their spouses and then investigates whether the owners in the 19th century did just treat it as a source of income, or if they were involved with the local community.

# LITERATURE REVIEW

Nothing has been written exclusively about the Tillicoultry Estate. *The First and Second Statistical Accounts of Scotland* give information on the succession of ownership which is widely replicated but have been found to be inaccurate.<sup>4</sup> Watson (1881) and Gibson (1883) write widely about Tillicoultry but draw on the Statistical Accounts and concentrate on the textile industry.<sup>5</sup> Most of those writing about Tillicoultry, such as the ministers writing *The Statistical Accounts* and Carvel, who wrote *A Century of Coal*, wrote on behalf of their employers or patrons and perhaps inclined to give a positive picture.<sup>6</sup> William Gibson, a 19th century mill owner and independent quite pointedly describes the destruction of a 'druidical circle' by an adjacent sand quarry as an act of vandalism and 'Had the present proprietor [Robert Balfour Wardlaw Ramsay] resided at Tillicoultry instead of Whitehill, this surely would never have been allowed to go on.<sup>77</sup>

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Evans, F.J. (1971) *Tillicoultry through the ages*. Written for the centenary of the burgh. Typescript Clackmannanshire Archives. Z70 F06.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Sinclair, Sir John ed.,(1791-1799) *The Statistical Account of Scotland Volume IX Dunbartonshire, Stirlingshire and Clackmannanshire*, with a new introduction by I.M.M. MacPhail ,1978, Wakefield: E P Publishing; The Ministers of the Respective Parishes (1842) *The Statistical Account of Clackmannanshire* Edinburgh: William Blackwood and Sons.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Watson, George (1881) *Tillicoultry in Olden Times*.Reprinted Alloa: Clackmannan District Libraries 1994; Gibson, William (1883) *Reminiscences of Dollar, Tillicoultry and other districts adjoining the Ochils, with notes on progress, scientific discovery, and invention of new spinning machinery, during the last hundred years. 2<sup>nd</sup>. ed. Reprinted 1990 Stevenage, Herts: The Strong Oak Press.* 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Carvel, John L. (1944) *One hundred years in coal. The history of The Alloa Coal Company.* Edinburgh: T and A Constable Ltd. privately printed.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Gibson, William (1883) page 155.

# **OWNERSHIP OF THE ESTATE**

Tillicoultry Estate was a small estate of about 4,000 acres made up of hill grazing in the Ochils and agricultural land on both sides of the River Devon. Wealth also lay underground as ironstone and coal which were mined with increasing efficiency until the late 1950s. Tillicoultry was particularly famous for weaving; numerous mills used the power of Tillicoultry Burn and later the readily available coal, although the estate owners were not directly involved with the textile industry.

The estate had a complex pattern of ownership. It was given as part of a marriage settlement on at least two occasions.<sup>8</sup> James, Lord Colvill, had in the early 17th century feued out the greater proportion of the estate to his 'auld, kindly, native tenants' and this may explain why so frequently only 'parts and portions' of the estate changed hands.



Fig. 1 Lady Ann's Wood

The earliest map of Tillicoultry is John Adair's of 1681;<sup>10</sup> it shows a grand house with enclosed grounds close to a burn. There are only fleeting references to this early house and one must assume that it was dismantled and the new house, built between 1800 and 1820, used the same foundations. The 19th century house was a plain classical house, south facing with at least 27 rooms.<sup>11</sup> Robert Wardlaw had the steeply sloping grounds to the east of the burn laid out as woodland with walks for his wife, Lady Anne Lindsay. It became

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Fraser, William (1885) *The Douglas book.* vol. 1 Douglas Memoirs. Edinburgh. pages 305 and 381. accessed on-line via MEMSO <a href="http://sources.tannerritchie.com.proxy.lib.strath.ac.uk/">http://sources.tannerritchie.com.proxy.lib.strath.ac.uk/</a> last accessed 17.5.2011.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Sinclair, Sir John ed,(1791-1799) *The Statistical Account of Scotland Volume IX Dunbartonshire, Stirlingshire and Clackmannanshire.* with a new introduction by I.M.M. MacPhail 1978 Wakefield: E P Publishing

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> abt. 1681 John Adair A Mappe of Clakmanan shire. <a href="http://maps.nls.uk/counties/detail.cfm?id=72">http://maps.nls.uk/counties/detail.cfm?id=72</a> last accessed 10.7.2011.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> C-1871-WAUCHOPE, Andrew, GROS, 02\_04\_1871 WAUCHOPE, ANDREW [Census 1871 468-00 008 00 021].

known as Lady Ann's Wood and there is also a little stone well, known as Lady Ann Well within the woods. 12 The name Lady Ann's Wood first appears on the 1899 Ordnance Survey<sup>13</sup>

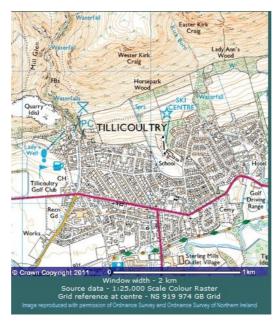


Fig.2 Ordnance Survey map 1:25000 showing Lady Ann's Wood and well marked with a W.

Lyall, The Rev. George (1929) Tillicoultry Parish Church: Being a brief sketch of the History of the Church from 1199-1929. Tillicoultry: W.M. Bett. page 17.
 Ordnance Survey (1901) 1899 6 inch second edition Sheet CXXX1V.

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	abt. 1386	Sir John Swinton of Swinton granted land by the Earl of Douglas on his	
		marriage to Margaret, Countess of Douglas and Mar <sup>16</sup>	
	abt.1413	John Stewart, Earl of Buchan and Elizabeth Douglas who he was about to	
		marry, from the Duke of Albany <sup>17</sup>	
	1483-1634	Family of Lord Colville of Culross <sup>18</sup>	
1615 James, Lord Colville of Culross <sup>19</sup>			
		married:1 Isobel Ruthven on 22 August 1570 <sup>20</sup>	
		2 Helen Shaw bef. May 1599 <sup>21</sup>	
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married: Janet Erskine, daughter of Sir William Erskine of the Balgonie Family<sup>23</sup>

- John Nicolson of Carnock, Stirlingshire<sup>24</sup> 1659
- Andrew, Lord Rollo and Margaret Balfour from John, Lord Burghley, Margaret's 1675 father<sup>25</sup>
- 1687 Sir Thomas Nicolson and Andrew, Lord Rollo in dispute over ownership of the estate<sup>26</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Charter by King Alexander III 1262. NAS Papers of the Erskine Family, Earls of Mar and Kellie. GD124/1/513. catalogue entry.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> Fraser, William (1885) *The Douglas book.* vol.1 Douglas Memoirs. Edinburgh. page 305. accessed on-line via MEMSO <a href="http://sources.tannerritchie.com.proxy.lib.strath.ac.uk/">http://sources.tannerritchie.com.proxy.lib.strath.ac.uk/</a> last accessed 17.5.2011. <sup>17</sup> Ibid., page 381.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> The Ministers of the Respective Parishes (1842) *The Statistical Account of Clackmannanshire*. Edinburgh: William Blackwood and Sons.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> Privy seal letters of gift to James, Lord Colvill of lands and Barony of Tillicoultry.1 Mar 1615. NAS Papers of the Erskine Family, Earls of Mar and Kellie. GD 124/1/689. catalogue entry.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> http://www.scribd.com/doc/28364530/Colville-Genealogy last accessed 6.7.2011.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> Ibid.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> Charter for 12 Jul 1634. Lands which had formerly belonged to James Colvill of Culross. Reg. Mag. Sig. lib. liv. No. 268. Rogers, Charles (1877) Memorials of the Earl of Sterling and of the house of Alexander. Edinburgh: W. Paterson accessed on-line at www.archive.org. last accessed 25.5.2011.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> Marriage of William Alexander and Janet Erskine <a href="http://thepeerage.com/p2173.htm">http://thepeerage.com/p2173.htm</a> last accessed

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> The Ministers of the Respective Parishes (1842) The Statistical Account of Clackmannanshire. Edinburgh: William Blackwood and Sons.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> Registered Disposition to Andrew, Lord Rollo 4 Dec 1675. NAS Papers of the Rollo Family of Duncrub, Perthshire. GD56/81. catalogue entry.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> Summons of transference by Andrew, Lord Rollo against Sir Thomas Nicolson, 7 Oct 1687, NAS Papers of the Rollo Family of Duncrub, Perthshire. GD 56/93. catalogue entry.

1703 Robert Stewart, Lord Tillicoultry<sup>27</sup>

1724 Robert, Lord Rollo<sup>28</sup> married Mary, daughter of Sir Harry Rollo of Woodside.

1756 Honourable Charles Barclay Maitland of the Lauderdale Family<sup>29</sup>

married: 1 Isobel Barclay of Towie (died 1761)

2 Margaret Haldane in 1765

3 Janet Moncrieffe on 11 February 1768<sup>30</sup>

1763 **Charles Barclay-Maitland**,<sup>31</sup> on by Isobel Barclay.

married: Elizabeth Mary Hale on 15 September 1786<sup>32</sup>

1780 James Bruce Esquire of Kinross<sup>33</sup>

1790s James Erskine wished to lease the house at Tillicoultry and seems to have been in residence around this time<sup>34</sup>

1805 Duncan Glassford<sup>35</sup>

married: Helen Robertson<sup>36</sup>

1810 James Erskine of Cambus<sup>37</sup>

1813 Robert Downie<sup>38</sup>

1814-1827 Robert Wardlaw of Balcurvie<sup>39</sup>

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last accessed 7.7.2011.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> Signature of lands of Tillicoultry granted to Robert Stewart 12 May 1702. NAS Index to Signatures. SIG 1/151/25. catalogue entry.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> Instrument of sasine in favour of Robert, Lord Rollo. 19 Oct 1724.NAS Papers of the Rollo Family of Duncrub, Perthshire.GD56/105. catalogue entry.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> The Ministers of the Respective Parishes (1842) *The Statistical Account of Clackmannanshire* Edinburgh: William Blackwood and Sons.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>30</sup> http://www.cracroftspeerage.co.uk/online/content/Lauderdale1624.htm last accessed 7.7.2011.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>31</sup> Disposition in favour of Charles Maitland of Tillicoultry. 23 July 1763. NAS Papers of Dundas of Fingask.GD65/212. catalogue entry.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>32</sup> http://www.cracroftspeerage.co.uk/online/content/Lauderdale1624.htm last accessed 7.7.2011.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>33</sup> The Ministers of the Respective Parishes (1842) *The Statistical Account of Clackmannanshire* Edinburgh: William Blackwood and Sons; Encyclopedia Perthensis (1816) *A universal dictionary of the arts, sciences, literature etc.* 2<sup>nd</sup>.ed. vol. 22. Edinburgh: John Brown. accessed on-line <a href="http://books.google.co.uk/books?">http://books.google.co.uk/books?</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>34</sup> Letter to Col. James Erskine from Ilay Ferrier concerning Erskine's wish to lease the house. 16 July 1790. NAS. Papers of the Erskine Family, Earls of Mar and Kellie. GD124/15/1676. catalogue entry.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>35</sup> Decreet of sale to Robert Wardlaw. Jan 1822 NAS. Court of Sessions Extracted Processes CS44/10/43.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>36</sup> Ibid.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>37</sup> Disposition by Duncan Glasfurd to James Erskine of Cambus. 25 Aug 1810. Clackmannanshire Archives. Tillicoultry Estate Records. PD 237 6/4/1 catalogue entry.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>38</sup> Disposition by James Erskine in favour of Robert Downie, late of Calcutta. 4 Dec 1813. Clackmannanshire Archives. Tillicoultry Estate Records. PD 237 6/4/5. catalogue entry.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>39</sup> Decreet of sale to Robert Wardlaw. Jan 1822 NAS. Court of Sessions Extracted Processes CS44/10/43; Instrument of sasine following on Disposition by Robert Downie, late of Calcutta, now of Appin, in favour of Robert Wardlaw of Balcurvie of parts of land and Barony of Tillicoultry. 20 July 1814. Clackmannanshire Archives. Tillicoultry Estate Records. PD 237 6/4/7. catalogue entry;

	Alexander Lindsay, 6th Earl of Balcarres
1839	Robert Balfour Wardlaw Ramsay <sup>41</sup>
	married: Louisa Jane Hay on 18 June 1841 <sup>42</sup>
1840	John Stirling of Kippendavie bought parts of the estate <sup>43</sup>
1840	James Anstruther <sup>44</sup>
1846	Philip Anstruther <sup>45</sup>
	married: Mary Frances Stewart-MacKenzie on 27 August 1838 <sup>46</sup>
1853	Robert Balfour Wardlaw Ramsay bought back the parts of the estate he
	had sold <sup>47</sup>
1882	Robert George Wardlaw Ramsay on the death of his father <sup>48</sup>
	married: <b>Mary Alice Hogg</b> on 17 Feb 1885 <sup>49</sup>
1921	Arthur Balcarres Wardlaw Ramsay on the death of his father
	married: Mary Alexandra Fraser on 28 Sep 1928 <sup>50</sup>
1937	Arthur Balcarres Wardlaw Ramsay sold Tillicoultry House; it remained uninhabited
	and was eventually demolished in 1960 <sup>51</sup>

married: Lady Anne Lindsay<sup>40</sup> on 15 March 1811, daughter of

Disposition by James Carstairs Bruce of Tillicoultry in favour of Robert Wardlaw Ramsay of Whitehill and Tillicoultry of parts and portions of the land and Barony of Tillicoultry. 8 Feb. 1827.

Clackmannanshire Archives. Tillicoultry Estate Records. PD 237 6/3/4. catalogue entry.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>40</sup> Marriage to Lady Anne Lindsay. *The Gentleman's Magazine*. vol. 109 page 288 accessed at http://books.google.co.uk/books?

id=s7DPAAAAMAAJ&pg=PA288&lpg=PA288&dq=Robert+Wardlaw+of+Balcurvie&source=bl&ots=urp AFhi9nL&sig=pluaAqAojRj7ffCGaKf2yqrQe6Q&hl=en&ei=Fz8LTsLCJ9SzhAfj7rXcDw&sa=X&oi=book \_result&ct=result&resnum=5&ved=0CDQQ6AEwBA#v=onepage&q=Robert%20Wardlaw%20of %20Balcurvie&f=false 29.6.2011 last accessed 29.6.2011.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>41</sup> General Services of heirs to Robert Balfour Wardlaw Ramsay. 26 Jan 1839. Clackmannanshire Archives. Tillicoultry Estate Records. PD 237 6/14/1. catalogue entry.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>42</sup> Marriage to Louisa Jane Hay. *The Standard* (London England) Wed June 16 1841; Issue 5302, 19th century British Library Newspapers; Part II accessed on-line 11.6.2011.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>43</sup> Disposition of parts and portions of the estate of Tillicoultry to John Stirling of Kippendavie. 25 Jan 1840. Clackmannanshire Archives. Tillicoultry Estate Papers. PD 237 6/15/1. catalogue entry.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>44</sup> Disposition by John Stirling in favour of James Anstruther 31 Dec 1840. Clackmannanshire Archives. Tillicoultry Estate Papers. PD 237 6/15/5. catalogue entry.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>45</sup> Disposition by James Anstruther in favour of Philip Anstruther. 14 May 1846. Clackmannanshire Archives. Tillicoultry Estate Papers. PD 237 6/15/8 catalogue entry.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>46</sup> Marriage to Mary Frances Stewart-MacKenzie http://www.kittybrewster.com/ancestry/stewart.htm accessed 28.6.2011.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>47</sup> Disposition by Philip Anstruther in favour of Robert Balfour Wardlaw Ramsay. 10 Nov 1853. Clackmannanshire Archives. Tillicoultry Estate Papers. PD 237 6/15/9. catalogue entry.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>48</sup> Will and Inventory of Robert Balfour Wardlaw Ramsay. GROS Edinburgh Sheriff Court SC70/1/217.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>49</sup> Marriage to Mary Alice Hogg. Times Digital Archive *The Times*, Wednesday, Feb 18, 1885; pg. 1; Issue 31373; col A last accessed 11.6.2011.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>50</sup> Marriage to Mary Alexandra Fraser or Codrington. England & Wales, Marriage Index: 1916-2005 Chelsea, Middlesex, vol. 1a, page 1144 accessed via Ancestry.co.uk

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>51</sup> Sale of the house. Times Digital Archive *The Times*, Wednesday, Sep 15, 1937; pg. 15; Issue 47790: col A last accessed 11.6.2011.

# THE OWNERS IN THE 19TH CENTURY

# **ROBERT WARDLAW**

Robert Wardlaw (1774-1837) was the son of Captain William Wardlaw and Elizabeth Balfour or Ramsay.<sup>52</sup> He adopted the surname Wardlaw Ramsay after succeeding to the estate of Whitehill, Midlothian on the death of his maternal uncle, General James Balfour Ramsay, 17<sup>th</sup> of Whitehill (1743-1823).<sup>53</sup> In early life he was a midshipman and served with the Honourable East India Company. His uncle was instrumental in gaining him positions.<sup>54</sup>

No date is known for his leaving the naval service, but he was involved with his estate at Balcurvie in Fife by 1809.<sup>55</sup> The records suggest that Robert Wardlaw acquired the Tillicoultry Estate through a series of purchases: in 1814 from Robert Downie,<sup>56</sup> in 1821 from the heirs of Duncan Glasfurd<sup>57</sup> and in 1827 from James Carstairs Bruce.<sup>58</sup>

The birth and baptisms of his three older children were entered in the Tillicoultry parish registers in 1815 and 1821, transcribed from the records of Charlotte Place Episcopal Chapel in Edinburgh. This suggests that they were living in, or visiting Tillicoultry frequently. It is also a sign of his commitment to the place where he had become a heritor of the parish church. His son Balcarres remembered living at the house and records an incident around 1830 in his memoirs, quoted by Lyall, when his great uncle the Bishop of Kildare, Charles Lindsay, dressed in full Episcopal garb, attended Morning Service to the consternation of the fiercely Presbyterian Minister.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>52</sup> B-1774-WARDLAW RAMSAY, Robert, GROS, 11\_05\_1774 WARDLAW,ROBERT [OPR Births 436 00 0020 0296 KILCONQUHAR].

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>53</sup> Burke, Bernard (1863) *Landed Gentry of Great Britain and Ireland* Part II 4th ed London: Harrison page 1250.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>54</sup> MIL-1790-WARDLAW, Robert, National Archives of Scotland, GD51 4 65 closed access.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>55</sup> 1809-WARDLAW, Robert, Edinburgh Advertiser Aug 8 1809 accessed via Ancestry.co.uk

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>56</sup> Disposition by James Erskine in favour of Robert Downie, late of Calcutta. 4 Dec 1813. Clackmannanshire Archives. Tillicoultry Estate Records. PD 237 6/4/5. catalogue entry.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>57</sup> Decreet of sale to Robert Wardlaw. Jan 1822 NAS. Court of Sessions Extracted Processes CS44/10/43.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>58</sup> Disposition by James Carstairs Bruce of Tillicoultry in favour of Robert Wardlaw Ramsay of Whitehill and Tillicoultry of parts and portions of the land and Barony of Tillicoultry. 8 Feb. 1827. Clackmannanshire Archives. Tillicoultry Estate Records. PD 237 6/3/4. catalogue entry.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>59</sup> B-1815-WARDLAW, Robert Balfour, GROS, 08\_07\_1815 WARDLAW, ROBERT BALFOUR [OPR Births 468\_00 0010 0412 TILLICOULTRY]; B-1813-WARDLAW, William, GROS, 10\_08\_1813 WARDLAW, WILLIAM [OPR Births 468\_00 0030 0015 TILLICOULTRY]; B-1818-WARDLAW, Elisabeth, GROS, 26\_07\_1818 WARDLAW, ELIZABETH DALRY [OPR Births 468\_00 0010 0428 TILLICOULTRY].

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>60</sup> Ramsay, Balcarres D.W. Recollections of Military Service and Society vol.1 page 2 quoted in Lyall, The Rev. George (1929) *Tillicoultry Parish Church: Being a brief sketch of the History of the Church from 1199-1929* Tillicoultry: W.M. Bett. page 66.

Robert Wardlaw is first recorded attending a meeting of the heritors of the Parish Church on October 8th 1822.61 Thereafter, he attended regularly and was frequently the chair person. At this period there were eight heritors and they reached agreement amongst themselves as to how much money they needed to contribute, proportionate to the size of their estate, to provide for the parish. They were responsible for the Poors Fund, from which payments were made regularly. An entry minuted for 12th June 1827 reads 'payment for Margaret White in the asylum at Edinburgh.'62 The upkeep of the Parish School was their responsibility and on 6<sup>th</sup> February 1825 they approved alterations and improvements to the building.<sup>63</sup>

The manse was newly built in 1811 but the church, built in 1773 beside the Statute Labour road (modern A91) was considered too small. After much debate the heritors Minute Book records on 12 June 1827 that 'Mr Wardlaw Ramsay is willing to take upon himself the whole expence of building a new Church provided each heritor consented to bear a proportion of the assessment for this purpose equal to 35 shillings sterling for each seat or bottom room which they will be entitled to in the new Church.'64 Robert Wardlaw Ramsay also represented the heritors at the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland in Edinburgh. 65 It would seem that the Wardlaw Ramsays divided their time between their mansion at Whitehill, just outside Edinburgh and Tillicoultry; they also owned a house at 11 Moray Place, Edinburgh.<sup>66</sup> Robert Wardlaw Ramsay had numerous business interests across the three counties of Fife, Midlothian and Clackmannanshire. In 1832 he became a Deputy Lieutenant for Midlothian.<sup>67</sup> His regular attendance and financial generosity as a heritor suggest that Robert Wardlaw Ramsay was genuinely concerned for the welfare of the inhabitants. Rebuilding the Mansion House and laying out the grounds would imply that he envisaged his family staying in Tillicoultry for many generations.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>61</sup> Heritors Minute Books Tillicoultry Parish. Minute of 7 Oct 1822 NAS HR76/1/59.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>62</sup> Ibid. Minute 12 June 1827.

<sup>63</sup> Ibid. Minute 6 Feb 1825.

<sup>64</sup> Ibid. Minute 12 June 1827.

<sup>65 1828-</sup>WARDLAW RAMSAY, Robert, http://books.google.co.uk/books? id=CQQwAAAAYAAJ&pg=RA7-PA13&lpg=RA7-

PA13&dq=Wardlaw+Ramsay+and+Whitehill&source=bl&ots=b74uvyVYcl&siq=SeCCBFDKXdfmXiHI AZTLaIOV0zM&hl=en&ei=ko7yTfz8l4e2hQeAoujhBg&sa=X&oi=book\_result&ct=result&resnum=10&v ed=0CFIQ6AEwCTqU#v=onepage&g=Wardlaw%20Ramsay%20and%20Whitehill&f=false accessed 10.6.2011.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>66</sup> 1828-WARDLAW RAMSAY, Robert, Post Office Annual Directory (1828) Edinburgh accessed via Ancestry.co.uk

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>67</sup> 1832-WARDLAW RAMSAY, Robert, London Gazette Issue 18947 22 June 1832 page 1433 accessed on-line 30.6.2011.



Fig. 3 Tillicoultry House built in the early 1800s

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# **ROBERT BALFOUR WARDLAW RAMSAY**

Robert Wardlaw Ramsay died on 12 April 1837<sup>68</sup> and his eldest son William died just six weeks later of cholera in Damascus.<sup>69</sup> Robert as the next eldest son inherited all his father's estates. In 1839 he sold parts of the Tillicoultry Estate,<sup>70</sup> remaining in control of most of the agricultural land and the mining rights which had been leased to John Erskine of Mar.<sup>71</sup> It was not until 1853 that he bought back the rest of the estate including the Mansion House from Philip Anstruther<sup>72</sup> and then for most of the 19th century the house was leased to a number of tenants who are discussed later.

Robert and his family lived at Whitehill; he completely rebuilt that house as an enormous mansion. He had wide ranging business and agricultural interests. He maintained his right to

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>68</sup> D-1837-WARDLAW RAMSAY, Robert, 19th Century British Library Newspapers, The Morning Post (London England) Mon Apr 17 1837; pg 7 Issue 20702 19th Century British Library Newspapers Part II. accessed on-line 11.6.2011.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>69</sup> D-1837-WARDLAW RAMSAY, William, *The Scottish jurist* vol. XI Edinburgh 1839 accessed online at <a href="http://books.google.co.uk/books?">http://books.google.co.uk/books?</a>

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>70</sup> Disposition of parts and portions of the estate of Tillicoultry to John Stirling of Kippendavie. 25 Jan 1840. Clackmannanshire Archives. Tillicoultry Estate Papers. PD 237 6/15/1. catalogue entry.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>71</sup> Contract of tack by Robert Wardlaw Ramsay of Tillicoultry to John Francis Erskine of Mar of the seams of coal of Coalsnaughton. 22-23 May 1823. NAS GD124/17/586. catalogue entry.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>72</sup> Disposition by Philip Anstruther in favour of Robert Balfour Wardlaw Ramsay. 10 Nov 1853.Clackmannanshire Archives. Tillicoultry Estate Papers. PD 237 6/15/9. catalogue entry.

vote in Markinch, Fife where he is recorded as proprietor of houses and a meal mill.<sup>73</sup> From 1863 he was a Deputy Lieutenant for Midlothian<sup>74</sup> and a Justice of the Peace in Dalkeith.<sup>75</sup> He was actively involved with the Royal Midlothian Yeomanry Cavalry.<sup>76</sup>

Robert was a heritor for Tillicoultry Parish; on most occasions he sent a factor to the meetings. Rev. Henry Anderson, writing in 1842 in *The Second Statistical Account*, 77 says that Robert Wardlaw Ramsay pays half the salary of the Tillicoultry subscription school master and the whole salary of the school in Coalsnaughton. Robert Wardlaw Ramsay is listed in Lothian's Annual Directory in 1877 as a Deputy Lieutenant, a J.P. and a Commissioner of Supply for Clackmannanshire. These activities all suggest that he spent some time attending meetings and events even though not resident in the county. The inventory of his will of 1882 shows that he had more than 200 tenants, and was receiving rents for most of the commercial buildings in Tillicoultry High Street. To

# **ROBERT GEORGE WARDLAW RAMSAY**

Robert George Wardlaw Ramsay was born at Whitehill in 1852.<sup>80</sup> He served with the army in India and South East Asia.<sup>81</sup> He was highly regarded as an ornithologist and naturalist, contributing many journal articles.<sup>82</sup> On the death of his father in 1882 he left the army and came back to Scotland to manage the estates. He was the only son of 10 children.

<sup>76</sup> MIL-1861-WARDLAW RAMSAY, Robert Balfour, http://www.talkingscot.com/forum/viewtopic.php? f=32&t=15442&start=0 accessed 10.6.2011.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>73</sup> 1838-WARDLAW, RAMSAY, Robert Balfour, Fife, Scotland, Voters Lists, 1832-1894 accessed via Ancestry.co.uk

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>74</sup> Burke, Bernard (1863) *Landed Gentry of Great Britain and Ireland* Part II 4th ed London: Harrison page 1250.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>75</sup> Ibid.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>77</sup> The Ministers of the Respective Parishes (1842) *The Statistical Account of Clackmannanshire* Edinburgh: William Blackwood and Sons.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>78</sup> 1877-WARDLAW RAMSAY, Robert Balfour, Lothian (1877) *Lothians Annual Register for the County of Clackmannan*. Alloa; J. Lothian page 15 accessed at <a href="http://www.archive.org/stream/lothiansannualre1877allo#page/n45/mode/2up/search/Wardlaw+Rams">http://www.archive.org/stream/lothiansannualre1877allo#page/n45/mode/2up/search/Wardlaw+Rams</a> ay last accessed 10.7. 2011.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>79</sup> Will and Inventory of Robert Balfour Wardlaw Ramsay 1882. GROS Edinburgh Sheriff Court SC70/1/217.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>80</sup> B-1852-WARDLAW RAMSAY, Robert George, 1852 WARDLAW RAMSAY, ROBERT GEORGE OPR 675 0030 Carrington or Primrose.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>81</sup> 1923-WARDLAW RAMSAY, Robert George, Wardlaw Ramsay, Robert George (1923) *Guide to the birds of Europe and North Africa with a biographical memoir by William Eagle Clarke* (1923) London: Gurney and Jackson accessed on-line at <a href="http://www.archive.org/details/guidetobirdsofeu00rams">http://www.archive.org/details/guidetobirdsofeu00rams</a>. last accessed 8.7.2011.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>82</sup> D-1921-WARDLAW RAMSAY, Robert George, Ibis vol. 63. Issue 3 page 538. Obituary accessed on-line <a href="http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/j.1474-919X.1921.tb01287.x/pdf">http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/j.1474-919X.1921.tb01287.x/pdf</a>. last accessed 8.7.2011.

He maintained local involvement in each of the counties where he held an estate: Commissioner of Supply in Fife and Clackmannanshire and a J.P. in Clackmannanshire and Midlothian.<sup>83</sup> He was actively involved with the Volunteers of the Royal Scots in Midlothian, particularly during World War I.

RG Wardlaw Ramsay seems to have become heritor of Tillicoultry Parish before his father died; from 1879 he frequently chaired the meetings.<sup>84</sup> References suggest that he was living at Tillicoultry House in the 1890s.<sup>85</sup> In 1894 The Alloa Journal makes much of his 'generous offer' to open the grounds to the public on a Sunday afternoon.<sup>86</sup> Whitehill House was used as a Red Cross hospital during World War I, so the family may have been based at Tillicoultry but no information has as yet been found.

# ARTHUR BALCARRES WARDLAW RAMSAY

Arthur Balcarres Wardlaw Ramsay spent his childhood at Whitehill.<sup>87</sup> He joined the Princess Louise's Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders and served in France during World War I.<sup>88</sup> After the war Whitehill House was sold to the Charity of St Vincent de Paul and became St Joseph's Children's Hospital.<sup>89</sup> A.B. Wardlaw Ramsay appears to have spent some time at Tillicoultry House. His daughter Euphan was born in Edinburgh, but baptised in Tillicoultry<sup>90</sup> and spent time there as a young child. In the 1920s and 1930s there are numerous references in the local newspapers to the grounds being used for Sunday school outings, fetes and similar events. In 1930 Major Wardlaw Ramsay put the house and 1500 acres up for sale but it seems to have been 1937 before it was finally sold and the family moved away from the area.<sup>91</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>83</sup> 1883-WARDLAW RAMSAY, Robert George, Fife Records, East Fife Observer, Fifeshire Journal, Name Indexes 7 Dec 1883 Fife, Scotland, Cupar Library Newspaper Index Cards, 1833-1987 accessed via Ancestry co.uk; 1884-WARDLAW RAMSAY, Robert George, Clackmannanshire Archives, Lothian, J (1877) *Annual Register for the County of Clackmannan*. Alloa: J. Lothian; 1894-WARDLAW RAMSAY, Robert George, Dalkeith District Directory (1894) Dalkeith: P & D Lyle.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>88</sup> MIL-1914-WARDLAW RAMSAY, Arthur Balcarres, British Army WWI Medal Rolls Index Cards, 1914-1920 acc. via Ancestry.co.uk

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>89</sup> Sale of Whitehill. Historic Scotland statutory listings. <a href="http://hsewsf.sedsh.gov.uk/hslive/hsstart?">http://hsewsf.sedsh.gov.uk/hslive/hsstart?</a>
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>91</sup> The Times, Wednesday, Sep 15, 1937; pg. 15; Issue 47790; col A accessed 11.6.2011

# TENANTS OF TILLICOULTRY HOUSE

# **ANDREW WAUCHOPE**

Andrew Wauchope, with his family was a tenant of Tillicoultry Mansion House for a few years from 1871-1874. He was born in Edinburgh, but went out to Port Macquarrie, New South Wales. On the 1881 Scottish Census he describes himself as an 'Australian squatter' (the earliest independent settlers to hold land). Andrew Wauchope had returned to Scotland by 1855 and was in a position to rent and maintain the staff for a series of very large houses: Ballachulish House in Argyllshire, then Dunskey House (1861-1871) in Portpatrick, Wigtonshire where he was involved with the life of the county and Airth Castle (1875-1890) in Stirlingshire.

No records of his involvement with local activities have been found for the time he was living at Tillicoultry Mansion House.

# **ALEXANDER MITCHELL**

Alexander Mitchell (1822-1893) took on the tenancy of Tillicoultry Mansion House in 1875<sup>97</sup> and lived there until he moved to Luscar, Carnock, Fife in 1891.<sup>98</sup> The Mitchells were one of the leading industrial families of Clackmannanshire with interests in a wide range of businesses.

Alexander's father, William Mitchell (1781-1854) lived in Alloa. He was a mill owner, grain merchant, farmer and ship owner.<sup>99</sup> In 1835 with John Moubray of Cambus he formed the Alloa Colliery Company, which remained in family control until nationalisation in 1947.<sup>100</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>92</sup> C-1871-WAUCHOPE, Andrew, GROS, 02\_04\_1871 WAUCHOPE, ANDREW [Census 1871 468-00 008\_00 021]; 1871-WAUCHOPE, Andrew, Clackmannanshire Archives, TY2 2\_1 1871-1877 Valuation Rolls Burgh of Tillicoultry.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>93</sup> M-1844-WAUCHOPE, Andrew, Andrew Wauchope of Moredun to Miss Scott Boyd of Boyd Plains webjournals.alphacrucis.edu.au/journals/.../21-presbytery-of-the-hastings/. last accessed 18.6.2011.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>94</sup> B-1855-WAUCHOPE, Edith, GROS, 1856 WAUCHOPE, &nbsp; [Statutory Births 525\_03 0038]. no first name given. registered 6 May 1856 Glencoe.

 <sup>95</sup> C-1861-WAUCHOPE, Andrew, 1861 Scotland Census Parish: Portpatrick; ED: 3; Page: 4; Line:
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>96</sup> C-1881-WAUCHOPE, Andrew, GROS, 03\_04\_1881WAUCHOPE, ANDREW [Census 1881 469\_00 003\_00 002].

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>98</sup> Carvel, John L. (1944) *One hundred years in coal*. Edinburgh: T and A Constable. page 184.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>99</sup> C-1851-MITCHELL, William, 1851 Scotland Census Parish: Alloa; ED: 6; Page: 12; Line: 5; Roll: 934; Year: 1851 accessed via Ancestry.co.uk

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>100</sup> Carvel, John L. (1944) One hundred years in coal. Edinburgh: T and A Constable. pages 27-35.

Alexander and his elder brother Andrew took over from their father and worked together with others developing coal mining in Clackmannanshire and Stirlingshire. From 1869 they leased the Tillicoultry Colliery from RB Wardlaw Ramsay. <sup>101</sup> In 1873 The Alloa Coal Company, as it had become, acquired The Alloa Glass Works Company. <sup>102</sup> Alexander was a frequent adviser to the government on the coal industry.

Alexander seems to have been a man of inexhaustible energy. He was actively managing The Alloa Coal Company, which was continually expanding its operations, he was also a participating member of the County Council Board, the Alloa Commission Board, the Burgh School Board and a Justice of the Peace. <sup>103</sup> In 1859 he took the initiative in forming The Alloa Rifle Volunteer Corps and commanded this until 1885 when he retired with the rank of Honorary Colonel. <sup>104</sup> By that time over 700 men were involved with the Volunteers (1st Clackmannan and Kinross Volunteers). He must have been a well known person to the people of Tillicoultry and a large number were employed by him at the Tillicoultry, Melloch and Devon collieries.

His son Alexander, (1871-1934) whose childhood home was Tillicoultry Mansion House, succeeded his father as Director of The Alloa Coal Company.<sup>105</sup>

# **DANIEL GARDNER**

Daniel Gardner and his wife Jeanie came to Tillicoultry House, in the early 1900s, when he was in his 70s. On the 1911 census he is described as a cabinet maker and an employer suggesting that he was still involved with the firm of Archibald Gardner and Son which his father had founded in Glasgow in 1832.<sup>106</sup> Daniel Gardner only lived for a short time at the end of his life in Tillicoultry and no record of local involvement has been found.

<sup>102</sup> Ibid. page 141.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>101</sup> Ibid. page 58.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>103</sup> Ibid. page 86.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>104</sup> Dyer, Edmund E. (1907) *The history of the volunteers of Clackmannan and Kinross*. Alva:Robert Cunningham.

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# CONCLUSION

The name of Lady Anne, wife of Robert Wardlaw Ramsay and daughter of Alexander Lindsay, 6<sup>th</sup> Earl of Balcarres lives on in the woodlands that were laid out for her. A more detailed list of the owners of the Tillicoultry estate has been created than was previously available. In the 19th century the owner, because they were also church heritors, could not be just a remote landlord. Genealogical studies of individuals have clearly shown how they were involved with, and were responsible for, many aspects of the life of the community, as heritors of the Parish Church and at county level as J.Ps, Deputy Lieutenants and Commissioners. Access to more of the Tillicoultry Estate papers as they are indexed may provide new information about the family and the estate.

# **NOMENCLATURE**

GROS General Register Office for Scotland

MEMSO Medieval and Early Modern Sources Online via University of Strathclyde

NLS National Library of Scotland
NAS National Archives of Scotland

The NAS and GROS have now merged to become the National Records of Scotland. (April 2011)

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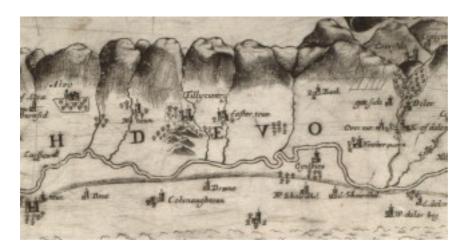
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# MAP HISTORY OF TILLICOULTRY ESTATE



**1** This is the earliest available map showing Tillicoultry – Pont's map of the 1580s is damaged at this precise section.

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2 Shows the Tillicoultry Estate stretches right back into the hills.

1832 John Thompson Atlas of Scotland. Perthshire with Clackmannan. Bottom right sheet. imprint date 1820. last accessed 1.4.2011.

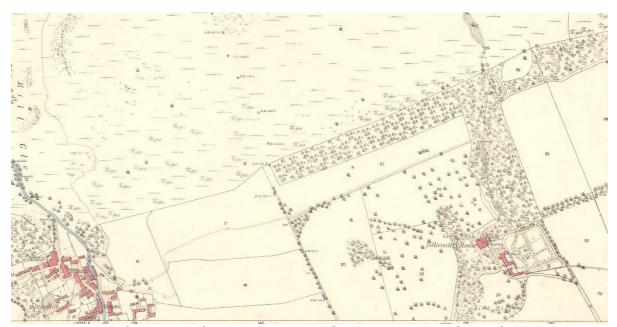
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**3** The first map that shows the new Tillicoultry House with grounds laid out to the east of the burn and the sand quarry south of the House.

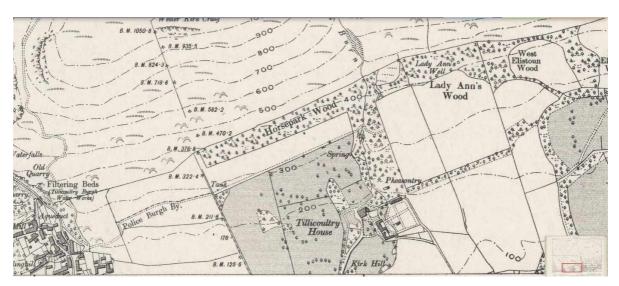
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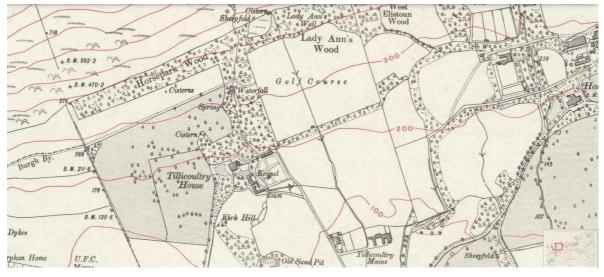


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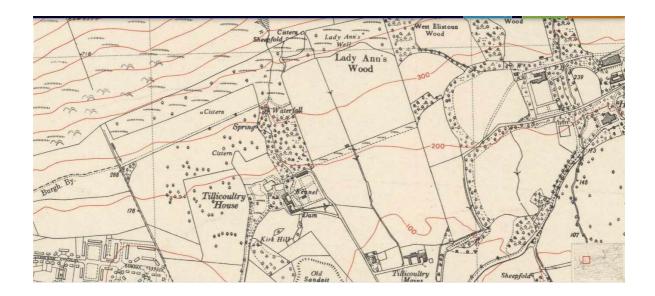
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**5** 1899 -6 inch to the mile second edition. Scotland Perth and Clackmannanshire Sheet CXXXIV.NW Revised 1899; published 1901.last accessed:17.1.2013. http://maps.nls.uk/os/6inch/2nd ed/1899-1901



**6** Revised 1920 Published 1924 O.S. map 6inch to the mile Perth and Clackmannanshire Sheet CXXXIV last accessed 17.1.2013. <a href="http://maps.nls.uk/os/6inch/2nd ed/1920-24">http://maps.nls.uk/os/6inch/2nd ed/1920-24</a>



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