

Bitesize Newsletter

Snippets from BNA & Outside Source

The Late Mr. John Patrick 1901

The grave closed on Monday over the remains of Mr John Patrick, retired manufacturer, Calder Street, who was one of the most interesting personalities in the village on the Banks of the Calder.

Born in March 1819 - just two months before the late Queen - Mr. Patrick possessed a rich store of reminiscences of long ago Lochwinnoch. He remembered it in its cotton spinning days as one of the most prosperous places in the west, and had vivid recollections of its steady decline after the burning of the mills and the abandonment of the staple industry.

A racy and intelligent speaker, Mr. Patrick was never happier than when relating to an interesting audience some of his experiences.

Some years ago he might have been found discussing matters affecting church and state in a weaving shop in Calder Street, along with a few companions. This shop came to be known locally as the "Wee Parliament."

In the welfare of the village, Mr. Patrick took the deepest interest, and he was a prominent figure and speaker at public meetings called for the consideration of local objects.

His wife predeceased him a few years ago. He leaves a family of sons and daughters, one of his sons being Rev. John Patrick, D. D., Professor of Biblical Criticism in Edinburgh University.



ROADHEAD



At NEWTON of BARR



Wheelie Bin Race

2004

1935

WORLD CURLING
CHAMPIONSHIPS

WAS WON BY THE
LOCHWINNOCH RINK WITH
A. W. KEANIE, SKIP
DEFEATING CORSTORPHINE
BY 15 SHOTS TO 10

1900

FOOTBALL

LOCHWINNOCH THISTLE
V.
KILBIRNIE CLINCHERS

THE CLINCHERS WERE
REPULSED BY 3 GOALS
TO 2

1898

ROBERT WADDEL,
LOCHWINNOCH, AWARDED
A BURSARY UNDER THE
EDUCATION ENDOWMENT
SCHEME HAVING THE
HIGHEST NUMBER OF
MARKS IN A RECENT
EXAMINATION

New Books 1886

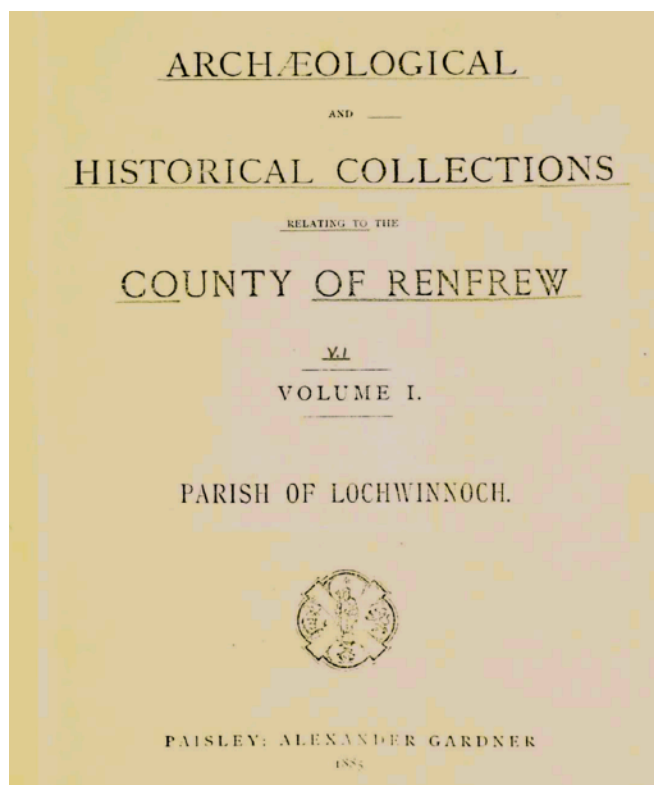
Mr. Gardner of Paisley has published an interesting and valuable volume of
Archaeological Historical Collections Relating to the County of Renfrew.

The book has been carefully and sumptuously got up, and is a fine example of what a local history ought to be.

It contains, first, a reprint of Crawford's description of the county, written in 1710; secondly, an account of the Sempill family; taken from a MS. in the possession of the late Baroness Sempill, and believed to have been compiled by the late Dr Crawford of Johnshill, Lochwinnoch; and thirdly, charters and other historic documents relating to the parish of Lochwinnoch and the house of Sempill.

These charters form the bulk of the volume, and are, both archaeologically and historically, the most important part of its contents

The earliest of them bears the date 1158, and is a charter of confirmation by Malcolm IV King of Scots, in favour of Walter, son of Alan, as Hereditary Steward.



1860 STATE OF THE ROADS AT LOCHWINNOCH.

To The Editor of the Glasgow Herald
Lochwinnoch, 24th Jan., 1860.

Sir, - For several days this season the most public road we have into this village, that leading from the railway station, has been covered to the depth of two or three feet with water, thereby endangering the lives of the lieges. Can you tell me what is the duty of the Road Trustees? Is it not to keep the roads in proper repair, and particularly to render the roads practicable and safe for foot passengers as well as cattle? Perhaps you, or some of your numerous readers, will be kind enough to answer the above queries, and inform the inhabitants of this place what steps they ought to take to get this grievance remedied. I am, etc. R. S.



Liege = Loyal subject