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INTRODUCTION & WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

In our first newsletter for 2021, **we welcome new members** Kay Bell and Maureen Hemley, along with Clive Allen-Paisley, who has rejoined after a break.

Clive has written a wonderful article for our newsletter about his relative Jackie Clark, a Camperdown-born cyclist who won the 1904 Austral wheelrace and then became a superstar in US six day bike racing.

Thank you to all our members who have paid their memberships, especially when walk-in payment hasn't been available. Reminders will be sent shortly to those who haven't yet paid. Special thanks to all those who have made financial donations over the last year – we appreciate them very much.

Thanks also to Janet O'Hehir and the Camperdown Botanic Gardens and Arboretum Trust Inc. who kindly hosted our Christmas Breakup in December 2020. It was great to see how much progress has been made by this hardworking group in the nine years since they were formed.

In this newsletter you will also find **a very interesting article by Jan Whamond about her ancestor Quinton Bone**. Some wonderful detective work lay behind this article, which is a shortened version of one published in the Genealogical Society of Victoria's quarterly journal Ancestor, in December 2020.

Rob Wuchatsch, President.

SPECIAL EVENT - YOU'RE INVITED, GUESTS WELCOME

Sunday March 14th at The Camperdown Heritage Centre. 'The fascinating history of Camperdown Public Park'. Full details Page 5.

SAVE THE DATE

Camperdown Robert Burns Festival 2-3-4 July 2021

The CDHS will be involved, running its popular lecture series, and the festival committee advise that there will be a program of live music, activities and new virtual events.

Details will be released soon for ticketing.

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JACKIE CLARK - CYCLIST

JACKIE CLARK'S FAMILY IN CAMPERDOWN by Maree Belyea

The following article has been provided by historical society member Clive Allen-Paisley, 1st cousin, two generations removed of Jackie Clark. Over a period of more than 20 years Clive's great interest in Jackie has resulted in a large collection of material.

Jackie's paternal grandparents, John and Maria (nee Bishop) Clark emigrated from Gloucestershire, England in the early 1840s with their five children, including eldest son Adolphus, Jackie's father. Another four children were born from 1845 to 1855 while they resided at 'Leura', with the family believed to have been the first Europeans to live in the vicinity of the later surveyed town, Camperdown. John Clark was manager at Manifold's Dairy Station on the north eastern edge of Camperdown, now known as 'Werna', which John Manifold later leased to Adolphus Clark.

Jackie's maternal grandparents, Richard and Margaret (nee Casey) Davis married at the Camperdown Presbyterian Manse in 1861. His mother Mary was born in 1862 and her brother Richard in 1863, after the death of his father. Margaret then married James Paisley, their eight children all born in Camperdown.

The Story of Jackie Clark (Kangaroo Rocket) Camperdown Farmer's Boy to World Famed Cyclist by Clive Allen-Paisley

Introduction:

John Adolphus Clark (Jackie) was born in Camperdown on the 1st March 1884 to Adolphus and Mary Clark, nee Davis. Adolphus was a farmer in Camperdown, who leased land from the Manifold family.

Some descendants of Mary Clark's brother Richard Davis still reside in Camperdown. They are the descendants of Mary's brother Richard's (1864-1949) sons, John & Norman Davis. Great grandchildren Tony and Ian (Jack) Davis and Andrew and Robert Belyea, seven great great grandchildren and three great great great grandchildren.

His story:

In 1935 Jackie was a guest presenter for the Melbourne's Sporting Globe Newspaper, and he described the starting point, in Camperdown, for him to become a world famed track cyclist and six day rider.

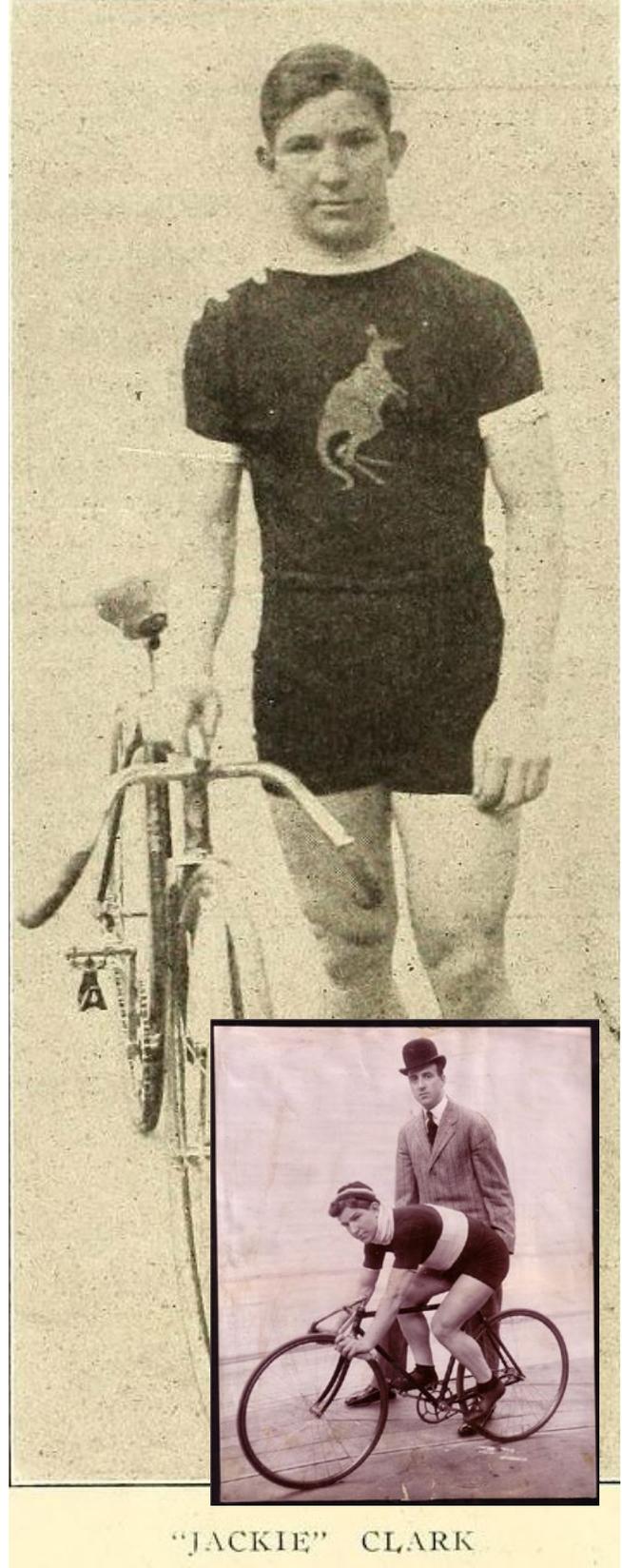
"More than 35 years ago, when as a boy I was working on my father's farm at Camperdown, Victoria, I had visions of becoming a jockey. In addition to my great love of horses and the fact that I was of diminutive build I was fascinated by the thrills of racing.

Fate decreed otherwise!

One day while strolling along the main street of Camperdown, I saw a lady's gold watch in a tuft of grass on the side of the footpath. I was only 12 and on handing it to my mother, she said "Take it to the police station, it's loss is sure to be reported."

I duly handed it over to the Officer in Charge, who insisted on giving me a receipt for it.

Judge my surprise a couple of days later when I received



a letter from the daughter of a well known squatter to call around to the police station. There was waiting for me a nicely worded letter of gratitude and two sovereigns. To me they seemed like a fortune. Instead of keeping the money my mother suggested that I should supplement and purchase a second-hand bicycle.

It was a bit of a "mangle" but I got no end of fun out of it. I had gone to horse racing meetings in the district and cherished the idea that one day I might become a jockey, but the bike had a rare fascination for me and my thoughts turned to becoming a champion cyclist.

Having mastered the bike I became too venturesome and indulged in stunting. Cyclists who compete in the "War-nambool" will recall the hill on the left as you enter the town (Camperdown) from Colac.

On a nearby paddock I decided to do the "toboggan" act. Helter skelter I went down the hill, there was no brake on my bike and losing my pedals, when I hit a rut, I went down at hurricane pace and skittled a dozen pigs eating at a trough. I emerged a mass of bruises.

Thrill of First Win

I began my racing career at the age of 14. One of my first wins in open company was at Dunkeld. What a thrill I got out of it! Many old-timers paid me a tribute and dubbed me the "boy wonder."

Later on, when my parents transferred to Shepparton, I was a regular competitor at district carnivals. My victories stimulated me to seek bigger game in Melbourne.

1904 "Austral" Wheelrace

"A few months before the 'Austral' I got into a good training school. The Richmond city reserve was our training headquarters. I had set my mind on winning an 'Austral'. Jack Walsh was a fairly good rider and hotel keeper at Fitzroy who took a special interest in me as did Don Charlston.

To be perfectly frank I had set myself out to get a good mark in the big race and because of this I did not ride too seriously in some of my country engagements knowing that I would "murder" my handicap if I were successful. I was only 19 but I had been well schooled.

Patiently I waited for the publication of the handicaps. It seemed an age and then suddenly one day I nearly jumped with joy when I learned my mark was 150 yds. Then I trained with vengeance realizing that I needed every ounce of energy.

What great talent appeared - Lawson (U.S.A.) worlds champion 1904: Thor Ellegaard (worlds titleholder in 1901-2-3: Walter Rutt (Germany), Don Walker, Geo. Morgan, Geo. Farley, Ernie Pye, among others. The prize money was 500 pounds [\$80,000 in 2019] of which the winner was to take 400 pounds [\$64,000 in 2019].

In my heat, I applied the pressure from the outset, winning by 20 yards in 4min 10 sec with Ivor Lawson (U.S.A) scr. coming third. Ivor said to me "Say, lad you made me



ride like the Hades all the way. Who taught you to handle a bike?" drawled Lawson.

"I'm just a lad from the bush- trying my luck in the big race." I replied modestly.

Then came the momentous third semi final, which I won comfortably. I did not hustle myself wishing to conserve my energy for the grand final later in the week. Because of my impressive riding critics hailed me as a "cert" for the grand final later in the week. Their comments stimulated yet unnerved me because they said that in spite of my lack of experience I rode brilliantly and showed marked generalship.

Supported to Win 20,000 pounds

"The public had supported me to win 20,000 pounds, [\$3,183,580 in 2019] while I had invested 40 pounds [\$6367 in 2019] to win 1,000 pounds. [\$159,179 in 2019] Suddenly one day I was alarmed when a rather gruff-looking fellow said to me: "Look here Clark, You're only a bit of a kid - you have no hope of winning the Austral, but if you care to link up with so-and-so's camp, there will be some ready money for you." "I don't care a----- for you or your combination," I replied with some heat. "I am out to win. I have trained for this race and I will win it if I can."

You can realise the feeling of a mere 19-year-old going out to his mark on the big night at the Melbourne Exhibition where more than 25,000 people had gathered to see the grand final.

It seemed an age from the time that we came onto the track and were placed on our marks. A few tense moments, the starter's whistle, and then the roar of his gun. The 1904 'Austral' final was in progress. All tension left me. Never before was I so self-composed. Despite my youth and inexperience, I felt that I would win. Our bunch worked well together. At the end of the fourth lap - the track was five to the mile - the field was bunched. There was nothing eventful until nearing the bell, when a rider deliberately charged into me and ripped five or six spokes

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out of my back wheel!

Then the fateful last lap.

Best was leading and I was on his wheel, with Thomas and McGibbon right behind. I could hear the whirr of the wheel behind me and once into the back stretch I fairly stamped on my pedals and shooting like a rocket, I gained the lead, swept round the Aquarium bend at hurricane speed and coming into the home stretch shot over the finishing line four lengths clear. My time of 4min 16 sec was a record for the race, beating the previous best figure of 4min 19 3/5 sec made in 1900.

Pandemonium broke loose. I was frantically cheered by the huge crowd. As I looked at my damaged back-wheel I thought how lucky I was to win. Don Charlston who built it for me said "Why, you were that good that you could have won on one wheel." My life's ambition had been realised and I was now placed on the road to success. Experts and newspaper critics praised me to the skies, but though I felt elated, I realised that I was standing alongside a precipice - a false move and I was to be hurled into oblivion."

1905

The scene was the Adelaide oval where the League of South Australian Wheelman were conducting the third and last day of its summer meeting of 1905. The day was very hot with the temperature over 100 degrees. A man approached two boys leaning against the picket fence watching the riders doing their preliminary run prior to the commencement of the afternoon's racing. He stood for a while and then said to one of the lads "Sonny, could you tell me which of those riders coming is Clark?" "Sure mister," the boy answered "Here he comes now, the little burly bloke with the red and blue jacket, and gee sir, can he ride. He's just a certainty for the Adelaide Wheelrace today - get a few bob on him, sir if you can." The man smiled and after a little while departed, and the lad turning to his pal, said, "Fancy a bloke not knowing Jackie Clark - I wonder does he know what day it is."

Jackie started the day winning the Rutt Handicap from the 40 yard mark.

The Adelaide Wheelrace proved a magnificent race with Lawson, then Ellegard trailing him, took the lead 150 yards from home. It was then that Jackie showed his sprinting powers by going past both the world sprint title holders up the straight, winning by inches.

1906

Jackie was promoted to scratch mark by the handicappers and to prove he was not unjustly penalised, and in his own words: "At the age of 21 I won the Australian one mile championship. What a thrill I got as I flashed over the line. This was accentuated when I won a five-mile international scratch race defeating the two German ace riders Rutt and Mayer."

To be continued... This inspiring story of Jackie Clark continues with his trip to the United States and a new challenge: Six-day bike racing. A further excerpt from this article will be published in our next edition of Past Matters and will then be published on our website.

CDHS RESEARCH REQUESTS

A combination of increased interest in family history sparked by the pandemic lockdown and of new Camperdown residents curious about their new homes has resulted in a variety of requests over the past three months.

FAMILY HISTORY

Family information sought included Percy Jones, Sharp and Brown, O'Brien and Moran, Williams, Brewer/Whitelaw/Pollard, and Bishop.

PROPERTY HISTORY...

Property history was supplied for 24 Wilson Street, 43 Lawrence Street, 36 Barkly Street, 14 Fenton Street (overflow to 16-18 Fenton Street), 49 Scott Street, 5 McArthur Street and 18 Thornton Street.

MORE FAMILY HISTORY...

Since the heritage centre re-opened visitors from other areas were seeking information on N R Cole family, F F Drake and the Hildebrandt family.

A VISIT FROM...

There has also been a visit from members of the Friends of the Melbourne Botanic Gardens to view and photograph the Guilfoyle Camperdown Public Park Plan for inclusion in a forthcoming display celebrating the 175th Anniversary of the Melbourne gardens.

INTERNATIONAL...

Other requests were received for copies of photographs for family records or for inclusion in publications and general enquiries, one being an email from Austin, Texas, asking the location of Daniel Curdie's 'Tandarook' homestead to settle a family discussion. After discovering the gentleman was raised on a Scotts Creek farm quite a few interesting emails followed.

His Mother was a stenographer at Robertson, McKean & O'Neill accountancy business in Camperdown in the 1950's and early 1960's. Many members would remember the long established firm, the three partners being successful and influential businessmen and all heavily involved in the Camperdown community organisations.

Their business premises is now occupied by Sinclair Wilson Accountants, with the double glass entrance doors retaining the original gold lettered logo of Robertson, McKean & O'Neill.

by Maree Belyea

Research requests are easy to make on our website, and now that the Heritage Centre is back open to the public there are more opportunities to come in and visit.

Are you interested in history? Do you have curiosity about our shared past and have a few hours available?

More volunteers are always welcome, there are always archiving, display, cataloguing, maintenance and research projects on the go. Your unique life experience also helps diversify our skill-base.

SPECIAL EVENT - GUESTS WELCOME

Sunday, 14th March at 2.00 pm

Camperdown Heritage Centre

Guest Speaker - Lyle Tune

**“The fascinating history of the
Camperdown Public Park”**

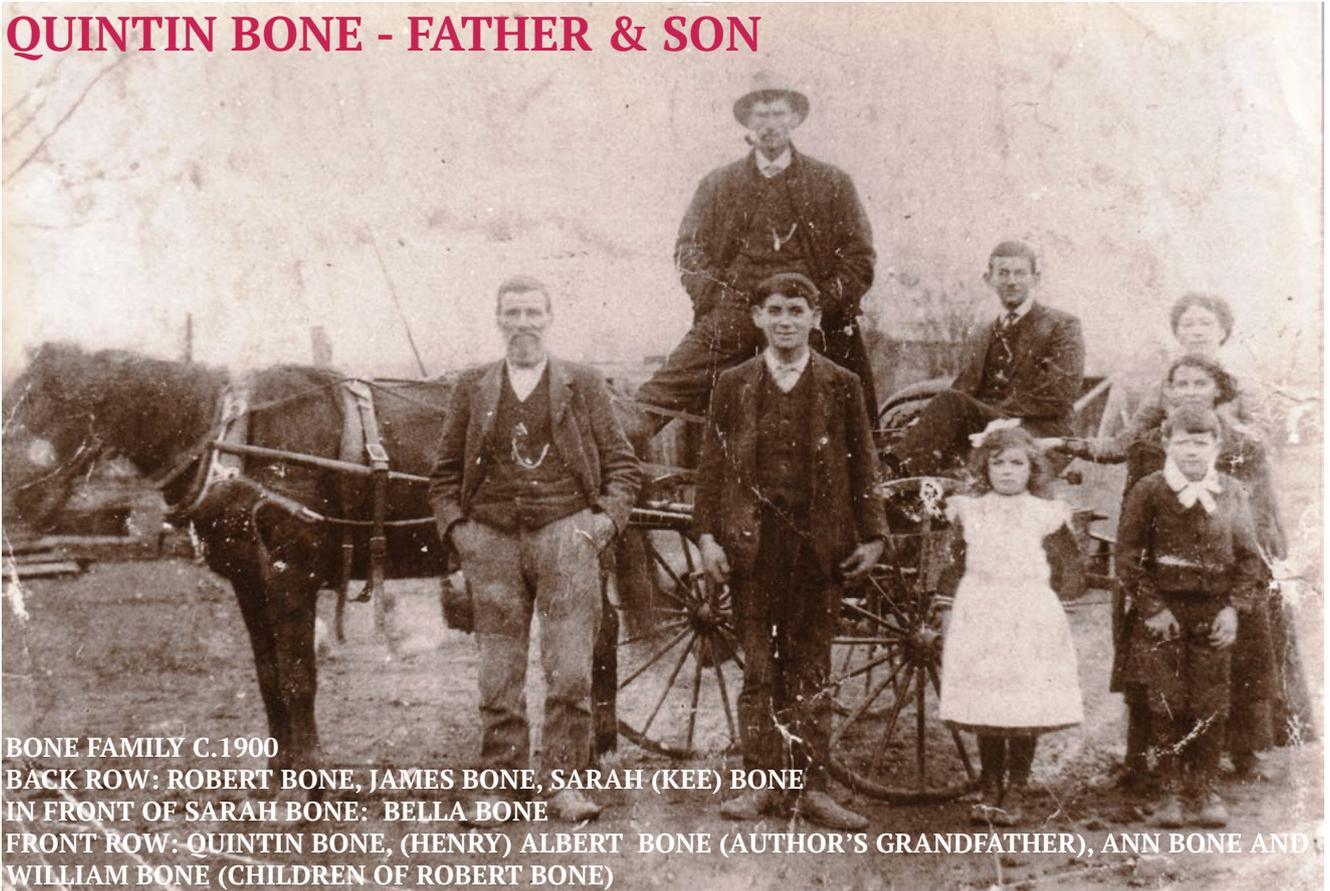
Our guest speaker, Lyle Tune, has spent over five years researching the history of the Camperdown Public Park.

Reserved in perpetuity for the public in 1869, this stunningly beautiful 300 acre park takes in an area overlooking and between Lake Bullen Merri and Lake Gnotuk.

The Botanic Gardens, Aboretum and Sporting Complex are all part of the reserve. Lyle will tell us about the fascinating history of the Park.



QUINTIN BONE - FATHER & SON



BONE FAMILY C.1900

BACK ROW: ROBERT BONE, JAMES BONE, SARAH (KEE) BONE

IN FRONT OF SARAH BONE: BELLA BONE

FRONT ROW: QUINTIN BONE, (HENRY) ALBERT BONE (AUTHOR'S GRANDFATHER), ANN BONE AND WILLIAM BONE (CHILDREN OF ROBERT BONE)

This article, written by Jan Whamond, appeared in the Genealogical Society of Victoria magazine "Ancestor" in December 2020 and is reproduced with permission of the GSV.

Father and Son Quintin Bone (1793-1869) and Quintin Bone (1843-1918)

Searching for my Great, Great Grandfather's Identity

For many years I had been trying to work out the identity of my great, great grandfather, Quintin Bone. I knew his name from the marriage certificate of his son, my great grandfather, Quintin Bone Jnr. You would think with an unusual name like that he would be easy to find, but in the small village of Dalrymple in Ayrshire, Scotland there were multiple men with the same name. I presume they were all related in some way, but I haven't researched it.

According to Quintin Bone Jnr's marriage certificate his mother's name was Isabella Duff and he was born in Dalrymple, Ayrshire, Scotland. Isabella was the fifth of eleven children born to Thomas Duff (1762-1847) and Isabella Meikle (Muckle) (1764-1849), both Hand Loom Weavers of Dalrymple, Ayrshire. By calculation, from the age

given on the marriage certificate, Quintin Jnr was born about 1843.

For years I looked for a marriage between Isabella Duff and Quintin Bone and for a record of my great grandfather Quintin Jnr's birth, without success.

A Step on the Way

When the Genealogical Society of Victoria (GSV) obtained microfilm copies of the 1851 Census of Scotland in the early 1990's, I eagerly trawled through the film for the township of Dalrymple and there he was. The entry read - Quintin Bone, aged 7, a scholar, born in Dalrymple, son of Isabella Hose, head of the household, aged 53. Isabella was listed as a widow and outdoor agricultural worker, born in Dalrymple.

Further searches revealed a marriage between Isabella Duff and Andrew Hose, a weaver in Dalrymple on 22nd November 1819. They had eight children, all born in Dalrymple, but no child named Quintin. Andrew Hose died on 18th May 1838 in Dalrymple. With Quintin Jnr's estimated birth date being 1843 it would seem that he was born five years after the death of his mother's husband.

Searches for a baptism of a Quintin Bone about 1843 proved to be fruit-

less and there didn't seem to be a way forward, so I went on with other research until I was able to visit Scotland in 2007. I had come to the conclusion that the Kirk Session Records would probably be my best chance to find out the circumstances of Quintin Jnr's birth, and so they were. In those days the Church Elders would enquire into the circumstances of a woman becoming pregnant out of wedlock to ensure that the father of the illegitimate child paid for its upkeep.

The Ayrshire Archives held the Dalrymple Kirk Sessions Records for the period I needed and I arranged a visit. Finding the entries was easy as the names and a synopsis of the entry were written in the margin of each page.

'With Child in Fornication' - The Witnesses

The first entry relating to Isabella Hose (or Duff) and Quintin Bone was on 19th March 1843 when the Kirk Session recorded that it had received a letter from Isabella Duff Hose stating she was "with child in fornication to Quintin Bone". The two offenders were directed to appear before the Session in seven days.

The couple appeared on 26th March 1843, when Quintin Bone denied ever having had carnal knowledge with Isabella. She adhered to her allegation and was requested to bring witnesses to support her accusation to the next Kirk Session on 2nd April.

At the next Session, witness Annabella MITCHELL declared that:

she had often seen Quintin Bone at Isabella Duff's house at a late hour. On one occasion she went to Isabella Duff's house between ten and eleven in the evening and saw him sitting at the fireside. To her knowledge there was no one else in the house but themselves and the children who were in bed. She had also frequently heard that they were to be married

Witness Robert BONE (later discovered to be Quintin's brother) declared 'that he had seen Quintin Bone and Isabella Duff frequently together in her house and that he had left him there'.

The Kirk Sessions convened again on 9th April when witness Barbara McConochie declared that:

she resides in the room above the apartment in which Isabella Duff lived, and that she went one evening into Isabella Duff's house near eleven o'clock, when she saw them (Quintin Bone and Isabella Duff) sitting close beside each other bantering about their ages and there was no other person in the apartment but the children who were in bed; that she frequently saw him going in and coming out, but avoided going in when she knew him to be there.

According to second witness James Baird:

Quintin Bone sent him for Isabella Duff or Hose to the village inn on one occasion in the course of last year and she went and sat with them for some time and after leaving the inn they three went to Isabella Duff's house and as the door was barred they went in the window.

On another occasion....he (James Baird) observed Quinton Bone put his hand around either her neck or her waist and on another occasion he saw them leave the village about two o'clock in the morning with his (Quintin Bone's) hand about her neck.

The final time Isabella Duff and Quintin Bone appeared before the Kirk Sessions for the sin of fornication was on 23rd of June 1844. Isabella told the Kirk Session that there had been a Civil Court Case which had been decided against Quintin Bone, but no other details were given.

After Isabella asked to be forgiven, the Church Elders rebuked her for her actions, 'exhorted her to be repentant and absolved her from the scandal and so my great, great grandmother's reputation was cleared.

The Civil Court Case

In October 2019, after an Ancestry DNA Test, the following hint caught my eye:

Scotland: Sheriff Court Paternity Decrees, 1792 - 1922

Name:	Duff
Birth Date:	1843
Residence Place:	Burnside, Dalrymple, Scotland
Claim Date:	1844
Accused Father:	Quintin BONE
Mother:	Isabella DUFF
URL:	www.scottishindexes.com

I hadn't used the Scottish Indexes site before and was very impressed with the service I received. Within two hours of e-mailing my order I had the Paternity Case document delivered into my Inbox. For the first time I had the actual date of birth for Quintin Jnr and details of the judgment against Quintin Snr.

Isabella was awarded the sum of £1 11s 6d for expenses relating to the birth of an illegitimate male child born on 14 May 1843. She was also awarded an alimony payment of £6 0s 0d per year, payable quarterly, from the date of Quintin Jnr's birth until he was fourteen years old, plus the sum of £11 2s 0d in legal fees.

Curious to know how much help this payment would be to Isabella, I found that the average wage for women farm workers in Ayrshire, in 1851, was £15-10-0 per annum. This makes the alimony payment of £6 nearly 40% of a woman's average annual wage at that time. I think this would have made a significant contribution towards the expenses incurred in raising another child.

QUINTIN BONE IN 1864 AGED 21



as even... her favour. mentioned
 Session closed with prayer
 At Dalrymple, the ninth day of April
 Eighteen hundred and forty three years.
 Session constituted with prayer
 Present Mr Wallace, Moderator, Messrs William
 Posteous, Samuel Baird, James Thom and John
 Campbell, Elders
 When Isabella Duff or Hose and Quintin Bone
 appeared according to appointment and
 also Barbara ^{McConochie} who
 made the following declaration: that she
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 and there was no other person in the apart
 -ment but the children who were in bed: that
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 out but avoided going in when she knew
 him to be there (Signed) Barbara ^{her} ~~McConochie~~ ^{mark}

**DALRYMPLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH KIRK
SESSION MINUTES, 1843, PAGE 9. (AUTHOR'S PHOTO)**

The Key to the Puzzle

From the Court Order I also found that, at the time of the Court Case in 1844, Quintin Bone Snr was living in High Stewarton. Looking back at the 1841 Census I found a Quintin Bone, Farmer, aged 35, living with Janet Bone, 75 (who turned out to be his mother) in Stewarton. In 1851, he is visiting his brother Robert Bone at his small farm in the Parish of Monkton & Prestwick and is listed as a 58 year old labourer born in Dalrymple.

Following this Quintin Bone, I found his death at New Prestwick on 13th March 1869, aged 75 years. His death certificate showed he died of asthma and bronchitis, his occupation is shown as Pauper (formerly agricultural labourer) and marital status as single. The names of his parents were Quintin Bone and Janet (m.s. Ramsay). His brother Robert Bone was the informant. I was then able to find his birth on 24th April 1793 at Dalrymple, Ayrshire.

The above information was circumstantial and it didn't prove that this Quintin Bone was my great, great grandfather, but taken together with my DNA matches in Ancestry, I feel it is conclusive. In my Ancestry DNA results there are fourteen matches relating to Bone ancestry and all of them are descendants of Quintin Bone (1761 - 1831) and Janet Ramsay (1775 - 1842). I am now confident I can finally say, after more than 30 years of searching, that this Quintin Bone is my great, great grandfather.

To be continued - Part 2 will be in our next newsletter and after publication will also be available on our website. Here's a preview... *The Lure of Life in Australia Proved to be Irresistible*

Three of Quintin Jnr's half brothers, Thomas, James and John Hose, had migrated to Victoria between 1852 and 1855 and I am sure the stories they told in their letters home would have encouraged Quintin to join them when he was old enough...

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What's online? By March further details will be released on the website regarding the program for 2021.

Plans will be a little fluid as we follow the latest Covid guidelines. This year festival celebrations will be part live & part virtual. Stay tuned for ticketing details.

Camperdown Robert Burns Festival 2-3-4 July 2021

The CDHS will be involved, running its popular lecture series, and the festival committee advise that there will be a program of live music, activities and new virtual events. **Details will be released soon for ticketing.**

The 4 speakers & topics for the Lecture Series are:

Dr Andrew Lemon
 Subject: The Manifolds, their horses, and the Scottish connection

Dr Ruth Pullin
 Subject: Vision and patronage: von Guérard and the Scots of the Western District

Dr Ian D. Clark
 Subject: A Scottish Ramble through the Western District

David Jellie
 Subject: The legacy of Scottish Engineers, Telford and McAdam, to Australia's roads.