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AN ACCOUNT OF THE DUDDINGSTON CURLING SOCIETY, 1795–1854

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THE LAST DECADES of the eighteenth century saw curling establish itself as Scotland's favourite game.¹ Since the survival of curling club records in this period is haphazard, and since the pastimes of the people did not necessarily interest the editors of such newspapers as there were, we cannot draw firm conclusions about numbers of clubs, or societies as they were then more generally called. However, even a partial list of known eighteenth century clubs clearly shows that the game had got a fair grip on the whole of Lowland Scotland.² Moreover, the rising national interest in the game meant that it was becoming noticed in literature. That ubiquitous Welshman, Thomas Pennant, wrote the first description of the game for foreigners in his *Tour in Scotland, 1772*, and in 1789 David Davidson, a Kirkcudbrightshire Scot, in *Thoughts on the Seasons*, enthusiastically celebrated the importance of the bonspiel in the social calendar in the south west.³

In the capital the scene of action was originally the Nor Loch, and thereafter Canonmills Loch, and it appears that the Town Council afforded it important support: 'And in so great repute was it towards the beginning of the [eighteenth] century, that the magistrates are said to have gone to it and returned in a body, with a band of music before them, playing tunes adapted to the occasion'.⁴ Canonmills not only gave rise to a very rare pamphlet, *Songs for the Curling Club held at Canon-Mills (1792)*, but is the scene of one of the two earliest pictures of the game, a water colour painted between 1789 and 1791.⁵

The village of Duddingston and its loch were a natural location for a curling club. The game had been played on the loch from at least the middle of the eighteenth century, but for whatever reason, the earlier club had been defunct for a considerable number of years when a group of curlers in and around the village decided on or about 17 January 1795 to form themselves into the Duddingston

Curling Society.⁶ It went on to become the most influential curling club in the country during the first half of the nineteenth century.

The minute book of the Society is preserved in the National Archives of Scotland and the present article aims to present the history of the club as revealed in the minutes, with biographical notes on its members in an appendix.⁷ The foundation of the club is explained in the words of the first secretary, Thomas McKill, the village schoolmaster. The first entry, dated 24 January 1795, includes a note that 'There was no Regular Minutes, or Record Kept by the Club till this date', but there are brief summaries of two previous meetings before the formal minute for that date (further details of the members admitted at successive meetings are given in Appendix 1):

Duddingston, 17 January 1795

The which day the Society of Curlers here being regularly Conveened, did & hereby do Appoint the following Gentlemen As Office bearers for the ensuing year, vizt. Mr Andw. Scott, Northfield their President, Mr John Horn at little France Vice President, Mr David Scott Northfield Treasurer & Mr Thomas McKill Secretary. And delay the Election of the other Office bearers to a future Meeting.

The Members of the Society present, admitted Thomas Crichton, Esq. Advocate, Mr. Thomas Linning Gentn. Mr McGeorge Mercht. & Manufacturer, & James Lunn Baker, both in Edinburgh, these Gentlemen having been Recommended agreeably to the Rules of the Society.

John Edgar, Preses.

Curlers Hall, Duddingston, 19 January 1795⁸

Present John Horn V.P. David Scott trr. Thos. McKill Secy. John Edgar & James Law. The Meeting Unanimously Admitted to be Members of this Society the following Gentn. They being properly Recommended. vizt. Captn. John Bennet, Mr Andw. Black farmer & Lieu. John Edgar of the fife Fencibles. Adjourned.

Curlers Hall, 24 January 1795

Members present John Horn V.P. John Edgar, Thos. Linning, John Johnston, & Thomas McKell Secy. The Meeting unanimously

admitted Michael Linning Esq. Writer in Edinburgh, He being well recommended, as a Member of this Society.

The Society having confidence, that it was to the utmost importance to their existance, to have Regulations & Laws, by which to regulate their future proceedings, Appoint the following Gentn. As a Committee vizt. Messrs Michael Linning, John Edgar, David Scott & Thomas McKell to draw out a few Rules, which are to be submitted to the inspection of the Society here on the 17th. Feby. Next, & if approved of, to be Adopted for their future Conduct, and these Resolutions and Rules to be Subscribed by the Whole Members of the Society.

The committee duly produced the following report on 17 February 1795, which was 'Read & Unanimously Approven off by the President & all the other Members present' and ordered to be inserted in the first three pages of the minute book:

Duddingston, 24 January 1795

Curling hath long been a favourite Amusement in many parts of Scotland; for many ages Past; It is an exercise very conducive to health, tends to promote Society, and often unites its Votaries who come from North, South, East and West, in the strongest Bonds of friendship.

The inhabitants of the small Parish of Duddingston, have long been famed for their Attachment to the Manly exercise of Curling; this was greatly promoted by their having a large Loch, conveniently Situated; and near to the Metropiles [*sic*]. Some Years ago, a Society was formed to keep up the Spirit of this Diversion, which seemed to be fast falling into decay. Of late several Gentlemen who have already joined the Society & others who wish to do so; have expressed a desire that a few Rules might be drawn out & laid before them, to be inspected by the Society, and if approved by the Majority of the Members, would be adopted for regulating the future Conduct of the Society. A Committee of their Number was appointed for the Purpose of drawing up the Rules, vizt. Messrs. Thomas McKill, Michael Linning, David Scott & John Edgar; which they accordingly did, and were approved of by all the Members present; and it is here inserted, as follows, vizt:

Resolutions & Regulations of the Curling Club at Duddingston

1. Resolved, That the Sole Object of this institution is the enjoyment of the Game of Curling; which while it adds Vigour to the body contributes to the vivacity of Mind, and the promotion of the Social & Generous feelings.
2. Resolved, That peace & Unanimity the great Ornaments of Society shall reign among them, and that virtue without which no Accomplishment is truly valuable and no enjoyment really satisfactory, shall be the Aim of all their Actions.
3. Resolved, That to be virtuous is to Reverence our God, Religion, Laws & King; And they Hereby do declare their reverence for and attachment to the Same.

The said Curling Club in order to the permanent and regular existance of their institution have adopted the following Regulations.

1. There shall be a General Meeting of the Members of the said Club at their Hall in Duddingston, upon the first Friday of every January, excepting when this Friday shall happen to be the first day of the Year, in which case the said General Meeting shall be held upon the Second Friday of the New Year. Members absenting themselves from this Meeting without a Valid excuse to be liable in a fine of Two Shillings & Sixpence Stg.
2. The Members present at said General Meeting, after having Chosen a President, vicePresident and other Office bearers for the Current year, Shall Dine together in their Hall at Duddingston.
3. Five members present shall constitute a Quorum.
4. He who utters an Oath or imprecation; Shall be fined in the Sum of threepence.
5. Any Member introducing a political Subject of Conversation Shall be found in a penalty of Six pence to be paid immediately.
6. The Treasurer Shall have the Management of the Funds of the Society.
7. Disputes Originating at the Meetings of the said Club, shall be determined by the President; or two Arbiters Nominated by him.
8. Any Gentleman applying to be admitted as a Member of said Club, must be recommended by two of their Number, and can be rejected by a Simple Majority.
9. That a Member immediately on his Admission pay Three Shillings Stg. To the Secy. Or Treasr. And be further Obliged to bring along with him two Curling Stones, or pay down 5/- Ster. in lieu thereof, besides the aforesaid Contribution Money.
10. Contributions, Penalties &c shall Constitute the Funds of said Club, & be lodged in the Treasurer's Hands.
11. Any Member who Absents himself from the Anniversary Dinner, before mentioned, and from Duddingston Loch, in a Winter where there may be 20 Curling days, without an excuse given & sustained, shall have his Name expunged from the Minute Book of the Club.
12. Every Member Admitted, shall be bound to Subscribe & abide by these Rules & regulations; in all time coming, and to any other Rules that may be afterward found Necessary. The Names and designations of the Members shall likewise be written out on the First leaves of this Book.

The reference to two curling stones in Regulation 9 is significant.⁹ Although at this date the game of curling was fairly widespread in Lowland Scotland it was played in different forms. In many parts of the country a rink, or team, of curlers consisted of seven, eight, or nine men, each throwing only one stone. For example, this was the common form in central Ayrshire, except for the parishes of Kilmarnock and

Fenwick, who played in rinks of four, each throwing two stones. The Duddingston curlers were a four by two club. This was the form of game adopted by the Grand (Royal from 1843) Caledonian Curling Club at its inauguration in 1838, and by about the early 1860s it had become the only form.¹⁰

On 17 February 1795, before approving their constitution and rules, the Rev. William Bennet, minister of Duddingston parish, was elected a member, and forthwith the society's chaplain. Thereafter, the members decided upon their first corporate venture:

The Meeting taking into consideration the Reduced Situation of their Curling Stones, owing to their being left in a Destitute State in the Open field; and no person to look after them, when the Game is Over. They therefore Crave the Sympathy of the Members; which being considered by the Meeting, Unanimously Resolve & Agree, to Build a House for the Stones, at the Expence of the Society; And Hereby Impower Messrs. David Scott & John Johnston two of their Number, to Carry this Resolution into effect they having Asked & Obtained Permission of The Revd. Mr Bennet for that purpose.

This committee reported to the first anniversary meeting on 22 January 1796 that the curling house had been built on the glebe at a cost of £2. 16. 0, and the members decided to levy two shillings and sixpence on each of them to pay for it.

At a meeting of 12 January 1799 it was 'Resolved that in Order to the greater Amusement of the Members of the Society, they are to Meet here & Dine on the Second Friday of the Month of July next & Annually on the same day intimation to be given by the Secry'. At the summer meeting, on 11 July 1800, one of the most influential members, James Millar, advocate, was admitted, who was to exert his considerable talents in the interests of the society until his death in 1824.

In 1800 the offices of Master of Stones, Master of Rinks and Master of Brooms appeared, but although a Master of Stones continued to be elected until 1813, Brooms was not renewed after 1801 and Rinks was last appointed in 1808. Sadly, the minutes do not give any clue, beyond what can be deduced from the titles, as to what each officer was intended to do, but the institution of a Council to assist the President in 1809 meant that they were no longer necessary.

At the AGM of 1801 it was resolved:

For the greater amusement, at the ensuing summer anniversary a motion was made & seconded to have a game at Quoits: and, after

obtaining a piece of ground adjoining the Loch from the Revd. Mr Bennet, for which the Society feel themselves highly obliged, the Members were instructed to produce their Quoits at Mr Brown's Curler's hall, under the penalty of one shilling stg.

A dozen members met on 10 July following at 'Mr Brown's Curlers Hall' in the village, but whether quoiting contributed to the greater amusement is not recorded.

On 8 January 1802:

A motion was made by one of the Members to have a Medal with proper insignia, as a badge to distinguish the Members from any other gentleman. It was agreed to, and the Revd Mr Bennet, Mr Ewart, Mr Linning were appointed to confer with Mr McGeorge & give instructions how it should be made.

These gentlemen did their work and on 29 May 1802:

The Committee appointed at last Meeting for preparing a Medal with a suitable Device and Motto to be worn by the Members of the Society reported that they had made a Draft of the Device, but which, owing to the necessary absence of Mr. McGeorge could not then be laid before the meeting. The intended Device was explained to the Meeting, and several matters were laid before the Members present, who approved of and adopted the one suggested by Mr. Millar ... The same Committee was reappointed together with Mr Kirkpatrick & Mr Harkness and requested to get the Medal completed with all convenient dispatch.

The Meeting appointed that the Medals, when completed, shall be lodged with Mr. Scott Treasurer to be by him delivered to such Members only as have lodged two curling Stones with the Society upon paying ten shillings and sixpence each, and that those Members only who have received Medals shall be entitled to the use of the Curling Stones belonging to the Society, and they request that the Master of Stones will pay particular attention to the observance of this resolution.

At the January meeting of 1803 it was reported that 'Mr. McGeorge had in the most polite manner presented the Society with a Dye from which the Medals were to be struck'. Thus was created the world's first curling club badge. As can be seen from fig. 1 it depicts the members at play on the Loch below the Kirk. The motto, which was the work of James Millar, patriotically asserts the Scottishness of the game: SIC SCOTI: ALII NON AEQUE FELICES (This is the way we Scots enjoy ourselves: the rest of the world is not so lucky). The Society agreed in 1807 that members should wear their badges when on the ice, and decided to impose a fine of one shilling on any member who did not wear it to the anniversary dinner.



Fig. 1. Obverse of the badge of 1802. The curlers are at play on Duddingston Loch below the kirk and their patriotic motto. (Courtesy of National Museums of Scotland.)

An important development took place at the anniversary meeting of 1803 when:

Mr Millar stated to the Meeting that very few of the Rules and Regulations adopted by the Society upon the 24th. January 1795 Did apply to the Members while curling, Therefore in order to prevent disputes, and ensure concord and harmony among the Members when upon the Ice, he proposed that a committee be appointed for preparing and digesting a Code of Curling Laws, which when sanctioned by the Society, should be invariably observed by the Members.

A committee of nine including Millar was appointed and in January 1804 'laid before the Meeting a Copy of Rules which they had prepared with the greatest care, most of which are strictly observed in those Counties in which the Game of Curling prevails'. The meeting duly approved the rules one by one and 'The Members recommend to the Secretary to get the Rules printed, to deliver one copy to each Member, and to get one Copy framed and glazed to be hung up in the Hall of the Society, and also to engross them in the Minute Book'.¹¹ The significance of this is considerable: not only are the Duddingston Rules the earliest surviving rules of play but their printing enabled them to have wide circulation throughout curling Scotland. This assisted the gradual standardisation of a game which, although it was basically the same game, yet was played to many diverse rules in different parts of the country.

Rules in Curling
To be observed by the
Duddingston Curling Society

I.

The usual length of a Rink is from thirty six to forty four yards inclusive; but this will be regulated by circumstances, and the agreement of Parties. When a Game is begun, the Rink is not to be changed or altered, unless by the consent of a Majority of Players: nor is it to be shortened, unless it clearly appears that the Majority are unable to make up.

II.

The Hog Score to be one sixth part of the Length of the Rink distant from the Tee: and every Stone to be deemed a Hog, the Sole of which does not clear the Score.

III.

Each Player to foot in such a manner, that, in delivering his Stone, he bring it over the Tee.

IV.

The order of Playing adopted at the beginning, must be observed during the whole course of a Game.

V.

All Curling Stones to be of a Circular shape. No Stone is to be changed throughout a Game, unless it happen to be broken; and the largest Fragment of such Stone to count, without any necessity of playing with it more. If a stone rolls or is upset, it must be placed upon its sole where it stops. Should the Handle quit a Stone in the delivery, the Player must keep hold of it, otherwise he will not be entitled to replay the Shot.

VI.

A Player may sweep his own Stone the whole length of the Rink; his Party not to sweep until it has passed the Hog Score at the farther end; and his Adversaries not to sweep until it has passed the Tee. The Sweeping to be always to a Side.¹²

VII.

None of the Players, upon any occasion, to cross or go upon the Middle of the rink.

VIII.

If in sweeping or otherwise, a Running Stone is marred by any of the Party to which it belongs, it must be put off the Ice; if by any of the Adverse Party, it must be placed agreeable to the Direction which was given to the Player; and if it is marred by any other means, the Player may take his Shot again. Should a stone at rest be accidentally displaced, it must be put as nearly as possible to its former situation.

IX.

Every Player to be ready when his Turn comes, and to take no more than a reasonable time to play his Shot. Should he, by mistake, Play with a wrong Stone, it must be replaced where it stops, by the one with which he ought to have played.

X.

A doubtful Shot is to be measured by some Neutral Person, whose determination shall be final.

XI.

Before beginning to play, each Party must name one of their number, for directing their Game. The Players of his Party may give their Advice to the one so named, but they cannot control his Direction; nor are they to address themselves to the Person who is about to play. Each Director, when it is his Turn to Play, to have one of his Party to take the Charge for him. Every Player to follow the Direction given to him.¹³

XII.

Should any Question arise, the Determination of which may not be provided for by the words and Spirit of the Rules now established, each Party to choose one of their number, in order to determine it. If the two so chosen differ in opinion, they are to name an Umpire, whose Decision shall be final.

It will be seen at once that even these rules do not lay down that a rink is usually composed of four players each throwing two stones, and yet that is the most significant element of Duddingston play which differentiated it from the type of game played in many other parts of Scotland, and which, because it was adopted by the Grand Caledonian Curling Club at its inauguration in 1838, became the only form of the game. Rule V was also important: the insistence upon circularity of stones allowed the development of a game of scientific skill and enjoyment, as opposed to one of brute strength. A big difference between the games of bowls and curling at the present day is that in curling more use is made of shots in which one stone strikes another, for the angle of rebound can be predicted accurately, whereas the non-circular shape of the bowl means that too much chance attends the striking of one bowl by another.

By the tenth anniversary meeting there were 36 members, of whom three were gentlemen of the cloth. On 5 January 1806 the Principal of the University, the Rev. George Husband Baird, joined; and the Rev. David Ritchie, later Professor of Logic, was appointed chaplain in place of the late Rev. William Bennet, whose drowned body had been found in the waters of the Loch. The Rev. John Thomson, who became renowned as a landscape painter, succeeded to the Kirk of Duddingston in 1806, and he too joined the curlers.

In December 1808 the Rev. John Ramsay was welcomed as a member. At that meeting a proposal

by James Millar that as ‘almost the whole of the respectable Societies and Clubs in Edinburgh were inserted in the Almanack ... and in his opinion none of them had a juster Claim to the distinction than the Duddingston Curling Society’ an entry should be made, was unanimously approved.¹⁴ Perhaps through the influence of its academic members the Society also agreed that members should:

communicate to the Secretary any curious Information with regard to the Art of Curling which they may be able to obtain, as, when and where it was invented, in what part of the Country it was first generally practised, the Meaning of its technical terms etc. It was further resolved to receive thankfully any antient Curling stones or any other piece of antiquity relative to Curling, in fine whatever might tend to throw a light upon the Nature and history of the game.

At this meeting it was also agreed that ‘as some of the Members have not been present at an annual Meeting or upon the Ice for several years past’ their names should not be inserted in the list of members for that and succeeding years. This resolution reduced the strength of the Society from 40 to 29. At the summer meeting of 8 July 1809 it was decided to appoint a Council to assist the President ‘consisting of Gentlemen permanently resident in Edinburgh’ and Mr John McGeorge was appointed medallist to the Society.

More important was the proposal from James Millar, who had:

premised that in other Societies of the kind it was usual, in order to encourage the peculiar Sport of the Society, to bestow Prizes upon excellence in it [and] that as no sport was more deserving of encouragement, and as none seemed to offer a juster, or more interesting competition than Curling, it would be proper for the Society to institute a Prize-Medal which should be played for once every winter.

A committee of nine was elected to get the medal prepared and the rules of play for it devised. The medal was produced to the anniversary meeting of 12 January 1810. The rules approved provided for a competition by individual members at a number of ‘points’ of the game, that is, a test of individual prowess and skill rather than a competition among rinks, or teams, of curlers, and it was decided that ‘Every winner may if he chuses append a small Badge to his Society Medal with a suitable Inscription ex prefacie of his having been Victor for



Fig. 2. Obverse and reverse of the gold points medal of 1809. (By permission of Duddingston Curling Club.)

the year'. The prize, a simple gold medal, chastely inscribed with the society's Latin motto and a couple of elegant thistles to emphasise the Scottishness of the game, is now in the possession of the present Duddingston Curling Club (founded 1895), having been rescued from the jeweller's melting pot in 1977 (fig. 2). There follows the 'Report of the Committee appointed for carrying into execution the business of the Prize Medal':

The Committee having met three times in October and November 1809 adopted the following resolutions vizt.

1. That the prize be a permanent Gold Medal with proper inscriptions and embellishments which is to be kept by the winner until he either lose it at the competition of the ensuing winter or until the anniversary dinner of that winter. In the former case he will immediately give it up to the new winner, In the latter to the Treasurer of the society. The winner in each competition to be adjudged victor for the season his name to be recorded as such in the Society's Book and his success to be announced in the newspapers.
2. That the competition of this winter be decided by 15 ends each competitor playing two Stones. The first 5 ends to be employed on drawing, the next 5 in striking and the last 5 in Inwicking.¹⁵ When drawing every Stone which rests within a circle of 5 feet diameter clearing the score to count one point.

When striking every one who drives a stone placed upon the centre of the same circle clear over the Score to count one point, & when Inwicking every one who with his own Stone merely moves both the Stones played at to count one point. In this last the one Stone played at to be placed upon the Score & the other in the centre of the same circle at [an] angle of 45°. He who makes the greatest number of points upon the whole 15 ends to be declared victor and should it happen when these are finished two or more players remain equal they must play three ends more one at each of the above modes of playing in order to decide the victory.

3. That the competition take place the first day the ice shall be in good condition & sufficiently strong. A Majority of the council to be the Judges of this & when they have fixed the day they ought immediately to send round the officer & use all means in their power to certiorate the Members. The time of beginning to be as near 11 O'clock forenoon as possible. If the day turns out to be unfavourable a Majority of the Members assembled may defer the competition.
4. That the officer be ordered to form a new rink upon the morning of the competition upon which no member under penalty of being excluded from the contest nor any other person shall be permitted to play a stone until the competitors assemble when it may be proper to play two or three ends before beginning to put the rink into proper condition.
5. That before beginning numbered Tickets corresponding to the number of competitors be put into a hat which are to be handed out by the officer & every Gentleman to play during the whole trial according to the number he obtains. The first

and second to play their Stones alternately & so on every two players. Should there be an odd one the last three to play alternately.

6. The Tees not to be more than 44 nor less than 36 yards as under. The Stones played at to be of a middling size. The stones played with not to be changed during the trial unless they are broken. Every one may sweep his own Stone and no person to interfere in any shape with the play of another. In all other respects the printed regulations to be observed.
7. None but Members of the Society to be admitted to the competition & each competitor at the outset to pay 2/6 into the hands of the Treasurer or of some person for him.
8. The competitors before they begin to make choice of one or more Judges who shall make the circles place the stones to be played at and to whose award every disputable point is to be referred.

The first winner, out of 18 competitors on 18 January 1810, was the Rev. James Muir. He won again in February 1811, before leaving Edinburgh for a charge at Beith in Ayrshire. On 8 January 1812 Principal Baird, then a man of fifty, won the medal for the first and only time. The Professor of Logic, the Rev. David Ritchie, who according to one of his students was 'great at curling [but] no ingenious contriver of neat little partitions of the divine spirit in man', won the medal in December 1814, the year of his Moderatorship of the General Assembly, and again on New Year's Day 1818.¹⁶ James Millar, whose idea it was, won in 1815 and 1819 (see Appendix 5).

At the same meeting, on 12 January 1810, it was reported that the Rev. John Ramsay was unwell and so could not read over to them 'his Pamphlet on the Game of Curling'. This is the first reference to this important publication.¹⁷ A committee under the chairmanship of the Rev. James Muir, and including Principal Baird, Professor Ritchie, John Thomson, the minister of Duddingston, and James Millar, was appointed to assist Ramsay in his endeavours. At the anniversary meeting of 12 December 1811 it was reported that Ramsay's 'Essay upon Curling ... would be printed in a very short time'. A year later:

The Committee named to meet with Mr. Ramsay regarding the Publication of his Essay upon Curling reported that the same had been printed some time ago, and it was recommended to the Members to promote the Sale of it as much as in their power ... The thanks of the Meeting were unanimously voted to Mr. Ramsay for the great pains and trouble he had taken in collecting materials for his Essay and his judicious arrangement of them in that Publication.

Some of the members at least took a scholarly interest in the game which Ramsay had described so enthusiastically in his little book. In 1813 Principal Baird 'mentioned that an article upon Curling would be inserted in the next Edition of the Encyclopedia Britannica'; and the same gentleman made a gift to the Society in December 1822, which was accompanied by the following letter:

I have the pleasure of intimating to you a small donation which I make to the Duddingston Curling Society and which will be delivered next week. It consists of Five stones as specimens of the original or earliest form of Curling or Coiting Stones used on the Ice in Scotland. They were recovered one of them from a Loch in Stirlingshire and four of them from the Loch of Linlithgow.¹⁸

The stones as will be seen are from three to four inches in thickness — of rather an oblong shape and thinner towards the first extremity, at the opposite and thickest extremity there is on the bottom (which has been artificially made quite smooth) a long thin hollow cut out for admitting the fore part of the players fingers and on the upper side of the stone there is a small hole for the point of the thumb. From this form it appears that the stone had been coited or thrown by the hand to a short distance on the ice — if thrown with force and rightly floored it must have been capable of being propelled a very considerable length.

I hope that it may be agreeable to the Society to admit and preserve these stones among their Curling Stones at the Loch of Duddingstone as Memorials of the progress of the Game of Curling, as to which tho' fortunately for us Sic Scoti: alii non aequae felices.

That there was growing metropolitan influence upon the Society is evidenced by a resolution of the meeting of 1810 that the 'Society agree to subscribe out of their funds two Guineas towards repairing the Road from St Leonards Hill to the village of Duddingstone and also to cause the Officer to call upon every Member of the Society for such sum as each may think proper to subscribe for the above purpose'.

The provision of ice for curling and the housing of the stones and the comfort of the members is a constant theme in the minutes of older curling clubs. In this respect Duddingston was no different from the others. At the summer meeting of 1810 the curlers:

having examined into the state of the Curling House requested the Treasurer to get the same put into proper order by raising the walls, new roofing and getting some additional Shelves made ... For this purpose, the Gentlemen present subscribed seven shillings each presuming that the other Members will do the same.

The work was carried out at a cost of £20.

By 1818 the Society was again concerning itself with the curling house. At the anniversary meeting of that year 'It was proposed by Doctor Ritchie, That, as there was great Inconvenience in consequence of the want of room for the reception of the Curling Stones, an addition should be made to the present Curling House' and James Millar, John McGeorge and the Secretary were appointed as a committee to look into the matter. Nothing appears to have happened until a meeting in June 1821 when:

The Secretary stated that the Meeting had been called at the desire of Several Members for the purpose of considering the State of the Curling House. The Members present were of opinion That the house was not only in want of repair, but did not afford sufficient accommodation for the Curling Stones belonging to the Members, They renewed the Committee to whom this Business had been remitted on the 9th of December 1818, and added to their number Mr. John Linning, Principal Baird, Mr. Davidson, Mr. Wilson W.S. and that any two of them with Mr. MacGeorge should be a Quorum.

By December 1823 progress had been made, and the following report, dated 22 November, was considered by the Society:

The Committee beg leave to report that they have had several Meetings with the Reverend Mr. Thomson Minister of Duddingstone, Mr. Guthrie Wright factor for the Marquis of Abercorn & Mr. James Hope W.S. Agent for Lord Haddington, relative to the situation of the proposed Curling House.

They have also had several Meetings with Mr. Playfair Architect who has furnished the Plans submitted to the Meeting. Your Committee applied to Mr. Playfair in the month of June last, but he was unavoidably prevented from giving in his Plans and Estimates until the end of October.¹⁹

The Committee conceiving that there is not now time to execute the plans prepared by Mr. Playfair and approved of by Mr. Thomson before the General Annual Meeting held in December; are of opinion that they should delay till then to enter into contracts with the workmen for the execution thereof; but the Committee recommend to the General Meeting, the adoption of these Plans notwithstanding the sum for which they can be executed exceeds the present funds. As the deficiency is but small the Committee recommend the Members of the Club to raise the sum required by subscription ...

Mr. Playfair's plans were approved of and the Committee continued with power to carry thro' the building. Mr. Henderson proposed that the thanks of the Meeting should be given to Mr. Playfair who had in a handsome manner presented the Society with the Plan and Specifications of their new Curling House; and altho' it did not appear from the Records that the Society had ever conferred the honour of becoming a Member upon any individual whatever, still he thought that in this instance an exception should be made from the General Rule, and therefore moved that

Mr. Playfair should be admitted a Member of the Society. Mr. Cockburn seconded the motion which was carried by acclamation and the Secretary was directed to transmit a Medal to Mr. Playfair.

In December 1824 John Irving Henderson, convener of the Curling House committee, 'stated that owing to the uncertainty of the operations projected as to bringing into Edinburgh the water from Duddingstone Loch, the Committee thought it prudent not to build the House in the meantime'. A year later he reported that 'the committee had contracted with a Builder under the directions of Mr. Playfair for building a curling House at Duddingstone Loch, that the same was now nearly completed and would be ready for the accommodation of Members in a few weeks'. The minutes do not record the saga any further, and the minute book is blank from page 86 to 102 inclusive. The Secretary during this period was Thomas Ewart WS, son of the previous Secretary. On 15 February 1830 he was struck off the Roll of Writers to the Signet on his conviction for embezzlement, and a subsequent sentence of outlawry. This may account for the gap in the minutes.

Be that as it may, the Curling House, the two-storeyed octagonal tower which still stands by the loch side in the Manse garden, with the inappropriate name of the Thomson Tower, was promptly built, and at last the Society had not only a commodious but a comely house for storing their stones and other curling paraphernalia, and for warming themselves and their victuals. Most of the pictures of curling at Duddingston make a feature of the Curling House on the loch side below the kirk (fig. 3).²⁰ It appears that after the building was erected it was thought proper to have a new die for the Society badge, although the minute book is silent on this matter: the new design, very similar to the original, incorporates the new Curling House (fig. 4).

The original rules of the Society made provision for the lodging by every intrant of a pair of curling stones. By 1812 it had become unclear whether the stones belonged to the member or the Society, although it is clear that the stock of stones was intended for its corporate use. At the meeting of December 1812 the Secretary stated 'that doubts had arisen in the minds of many of the members with regard to the property of the Curling Stones belonging to Members dying or leaving the Country

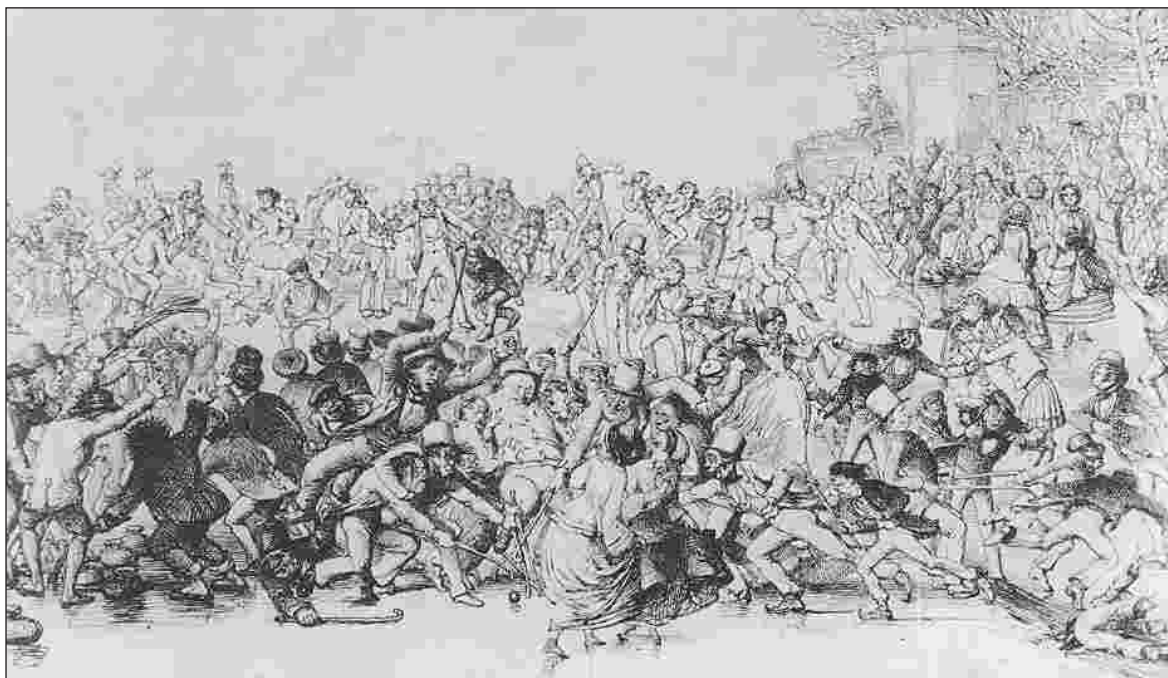


Fig. 3. Curling, skating and shinty on Duddingston Loch, pen, ink and pencil, by Charles Altamont Doyle (1832–1893). Playfair’s curling house can be seen at top right. A print from this sketch appeared in the *Times Illustrated* newspaper in 1857. (Author’s collection.)



Fig. 4. Obverse of the badge struck after 1825, with Playfair’s curling house shown. This example is from one of the Duddingston badges incorporated into a trophy for a different club, Carnwath, to whom it was presented in September 1832 by Sir Alexander Macdonald Lockhart, who joined the Society in December 1815. (Author’s collection.)

and which had been at their admission lodged with the Master of Stones’ and that he intended to raise the

matter at the meeting of 1813. That meeting decided that when a member left the country or ceased to be a member ‘he shall not be allowed to take away the pair of curling Stones he had deposited in the Curling House except he shall leave another pair which shall be approved of by the Master of Stones’.

They decided also to record their dissatisfaction with their officer ‘in constantly neglecting the members of the Club, and occupying his whole time in attending numbers of strangers to whom he lent the Stones of the Members without consulting them’. The Officer promised to give due attention in the future. In 1815 the Society had again to return to stones and they resolved that:

No member when on the Ice shall order out Curling stones for more than one Stranger. A member when absent may order Stones for more than one Stranger by a written order, This to be effectual only for the day mentioned in it and to be given to the Officer in exchange for the Stones, who must give the same to any Member of the Club on the Ice. Strangers wishing to play a Match may get full Sets of Stones by an Order from three members of the Council. Nothing in these regulations is to affect the right of Gentlemen giving Strangers the use of their Extra Stones. Members giving orders to their friends in their own absence are understood to order their own Stones.

Although both skating and curling required ice there seems to have been little community of membership between the Society and the Edinburgh Skating Club. The few curlers who were also members of the Skating Club are noted in Appendix 1. One single act of cooperation appears to have taken place. At the meeting of 1813 Charles K. Robison, who was a member of both, told the curlers about the skaters' proposal to form a fund:

for defraying the expence of procuring a Ladder and Ropes and keeping them constantly at the Loch from the beginning to the end of the frost, and stated that he was authorised by the Skating club to concur in any measures this Club might adopt for carrying the measure into effect, and to pay a sum yearly not exceeding fifty shillings from their funds towards this expence and indemnifying a man to be constantly in waiting.

The Society agreed to cooperate, but the lack of financial records of the Society means that it is not possible to see if the joint venture got much beyond words, although at the meeting of 1814 it was reported that steps had been taken by the Skating Club 'to procure the Ladders and Ropes to be kept at Duddingston under the management of the Officer of this Society and to be in readiness at all time when wanted'.²¹

From the Society's inception until 1823 the average number joining was six to seven per year, as can be seen from the list in Appendix 1. From 1803 the entry money had been one guinea, but that was increased in 1815 to three guineas, 'for which each Gentleman so admitted will receive one of the Society Medals'. It must also be remembered that each intransit had also to provide a pair of stones to be kept in the Curling House.²² Despite this large sum for entry money, something remarkable happened in the winter of 1823–24, for there was an enormous influx of new members, 71 in that winter, and 17 more in the next. Among this intake were W. H. Playfair, the architect, James Wilson, the sheriff clerk of Edinburgh, Charles Gordon, then deputy secretary of the Highland Society, along with two accountants, two gentlemen, one brewer, and one engineer. But the most remarkable part was from the legal professions: there were eight writers, 25 Writers to the Signet and 29 advocates. Henry Cockburn, who had been a member of the Edinburgh Skating Club since 1801, and was a keen skater and bowler, joined in 1823, and was immediately elected one of the four presidents.²³

At a specially called meeting held in McEwan's Tavern, Royal Exchange, Edinburgh, in March 1823, at which the preliminary decisions about building the new Curling House had been taken:

Mr. J. C. Wilson stated, that one of the objects for which the Meeting was called, was for the purpose of fixing upon some amusement which might give the Members of the Curling Society an opportunity of associating together during the summer months, under the respectable footing of Members of a Club, moved:

1. That the Members of the Duddingston Curling Society, shall form themselves into a Society for enjoying the amusement of Quoiting and Bowling, during the period of the year when Curling cannot be had; and that no person shall be eligible as a Member, except the Members of the parent society; all of whom shall have the option of becoming Members. Each Member shall pay an annual subscription not exceeding ten shillings (the amount whereof to be fixed by the Council) to pay the rent of a Bowling Green and other contingent expences.
2. A President and Vice President with five Members as Councillors, shall be annually elected who shall take the management of the affairs of this Club during the year, subject always to the direction and control of General Meetings. A Treasurer and Secretary shall in like manner be annually appointed.
3. There shall be a general Meeting held upon the second Wednesday of March each year, when the above appointments shall take place, and when the Secretary shall make a Report of what may have taken place during the preceding year, and get his accounts audited and approved of.
4. The President, Vice President and Councillors to be appointed at the Meeting, shall draw up a set of Rules and Regulations to be observed at the Games, which shall be printed and circulated amongst the Members.

This was unanimously approved. Office bearers and Council were appointed for the next year, and 'these Gentlemen were instructed by the Meeting to endeavour to procure for the exclusive use of the Members, the Bowling Green and Quoiting ground at Archers Hall; and to pay to the Tenant any reasonable sum they may think proper for such exclusive use'. For the next four years the Society held their anniversary dinner in the Archers' Hall in Causewayside but to what extent, if at all, the members enjoyed the amusements of bowling and quoiting does not appear in the minute book.

The minutes do not in fact regularly record the Society's achievements on the ice, apart from a list of all the 'Curling Days' enjoyed by the Society kept by the Rev. James Muir from 1794 until he left for

Beith in 1811, and continued by David Ewart, the Secretary, until 1821. This list is of some interest from the sporting and meteorological point of view and a summary is printed as Appendix 6.²⁴

Another source of information as to how the members enjoyed themselves is the Society's 'Bet Book', a small volume which records challenges and bets.²⁵ For example, when, in 1816, a clerical group, Principal Baird, Dr Ritchie and Mr Ramsay, challenged Mr Goldie, Mr Linning and Mr Millar for 10/6d a head, Mr Gray backed Dr Baird, and Mr Laing Mr Goldie, for a bowl of punch or 7/6d; and at the anniversary meeting in 1817 we find 'One side of the Table' challenging the other for a game for 'Dinner and Drink'; and Principal Baird challenging Mr Millar to a game of 31 shots, five stones each, for a bet of a guinea; and the Principal, with his two brothers and son, challenging Mr Millar and any other three members he might name for a stake of a guinea. In 1818 the City members took on the Country members. And in 1820 eight married members agreed to play eight unmarried, while eight Dumfries and Galloway men took on eight from Lanarkshire, 'all to be Members of the Club'. In 1823 while the Principal and others took on a challenge of 31 shots for 'beef and greens', two other rinks did so for 'mutton and turnips', and the High Church (Principal Baird) took on St Andrews (Dr Ritchie) for 'a breakfast at Duddingston': this was to be a game of 21 shots or the best of three games 'of Nine each'. After this there is a gap in the book until in 1838 Alexander Allan, the medal holder, and three 'ex Medal holders', issued a challenge to any four members of the club.

The Society seems to have been financed throughout its history on the basis of entry money paid by members. The payment of the entry money and the deposit of a pair of stones constituted one a member for life. That is the reason for the disparity between the nominal roll of members and those actively engaged in curling for the Gold Medal and attending the anniversary meeting. At no anniversary meeting were more than twenty seven members present. The largest number recorded as competing for the medal is thirty, on 16 January 1841. Those who did attend the meetings of the Society had enjoyable social evenings, sometimes enlivened by recitations and curling songs. For example, at the

dinner on 11 December 1816 'a Duet composed by Mr. Boswell was ... received with unbounded applause' and 'a Poem composed by Mr James Millar' was similarly received. Another Duddingston curling song by Boswell is reprinted in Appendix 7.

At the anniversary meeting of 1830 it was recorded that the Secretary 'informed the Meeting that he had at the request of several of the Members of the Club, on the first appearance of the frost, made application to Mr Wright for permission to Curl on the Pond in the Marquis of Abercorn's policy at Duddingston and that Mr. Wright had in the most handsome manner granted permission'. That is the first indication in the minutes of the Society's curling anywhere other than on the loch, but that they did is clear from the Muir/Ewart list of 'Curling Days' that 'ponds' (location unspecified) were already used by 1807-11. They were probably situated in the policies of Duddingston House, the property of the Marquis of Abercorn.

On 25 July 1838 there was a momentous meeting in the Waterloo Hotel, Edinburgh, at which representatives of 42 curling clubs from throughout Scotland agreed to institute a national mother-club of curling, the Grand Caledonian Curling Club.²⁶ Although Edinburgh and the Lothians were well represented — Buchan, Corstorphine, Currie, Musselburgh, Penicuik, Drum and Merchiston were all there — Duddingston was not. The Duddingston minutes are silent about it and the Society never joined. It is curious that a club which had been so enthusiastic, and pioneered so many innovations in the game, should not have welcomed the challenge presented by this new body. It is all the more curious when one considers that the first President of the Grand Caledonian Club, John Cairnie, had been a Duddingston member since 1804; that the first chaplain of the new club was Principal Baird, a joint President of Duddingston from 1817 until his death in 1840; and that John McGeorge, a member of Duddingston since 1795, and 'medallist' from 1809, was elected one of the first two vice-presidents of the Grand Club in 1838, and its medallist from 1840 until his death in 1856.

The Duddingston Society was not, however, moribund. It continued to hold its anniversary meetings and dinners. Applicants continued to be admitted, and the competition for the Gold Medal

was held most years. The fiftieth anniversary was celebrated at the Waterloo Hotel on 17 January 1845 by the twenty members who attended out of a total nominal membership of 210. When the business, which included the admission of six new members and two honorary members, the striking off the roll of six members who had declined to pay their entry money, and a decision to print both a new list of all the members, with their year of admission, and the rules of the Society, had been concluded, John Thomson Gordon, son in law of Professor John Wilson, 'Christopher North', another keen curler, was elected to preside at the festivities:²⁷

After the usual loyal and patriotic Toasts the Chairman in a most felicitous and spirit-stirring speech proposed Continued prosperity to the Duddingston Curling club, whose fiftieth anniversary they were this day met to celebrate.

He then proposed in an eloquent and feeling manner the health of David Scott, Esquire, Northfield, the oldest Member of the Club, who had ever taken the warmest interest in its success, and had been from the first one of its most zealous and efficient Members. This Toast was received & responded to with the utmost cordiality.

The Chairman thereafter proposed the health of Mr. McGeorge, the next oldest Member of the Club whom he was glad to see present. Mr. McGeorge in returning thanks mentioned the fact of his having played in a Parish Spiel, so far back as the year 1784.

Many other Toasts and sentiments were proposed, and several excellent Songs sung during the Evening, which was spent in a most hilarious manner, the party breaking up at a late hour with feelings of regret, which were only modified by the prospect of another equally happy Meeting upon some future occasion.

There was no meeting in 1846 because lack of frost had meant no curling. On 15 January 1847 only five members and some strangers gathered in the Waterloo Hotel. George Maclachlan, in the chair, said that 'in consequence of the scarcity of frost last Season the annual Meeting had not taken place, and this Year it had been postponed for a week in the hope that there would have been a considerable Muster of Members'. The Secretary reported on the gold medal competition which had taken place the day before; and the only other business was that the Secretary stated that 'an application had been made to him for a donation of old Stones to be made to the Lunatic Asylum at Morningside and under the instructions of the Council he had accordingly forwarded several pairs to the Institution'. The anniversary meetings of the next two years were attended by only

eight members, although new members continued to be admitted.

At a meeting at 2 Queen Street, Edinburgh, on 2 March 1853, the Secretary pointed out that the gold medal had been played for only twice since the previous meeting in 1849, to wit, on 6 January of that year and on 10 January 1850, with 24 and 16 competitors respectively. Seventeen new members had been admitted by the Council since the last meeting. But then the minutes contain a hint of what was to come for he further reported:

that the Curling House required considerable repair, and that a balance of £24. 14. 9 was due to him upon his accounts for disbursements connected with the Club ... The Meeting recommended that the requisite amount should be raised by a voluntary subscription of five shillings by each Member and they instructed the Secretary to send round a subscription list to all the Members resident in Edinburgh and to apply to such Members as he thought likely to contribute. And as it is expedient that the revenue of the Club should not, as hitherto, be dependent solely on the fees of Entrants, the Meeting requested Mr. Walker still to continue to act [as Assistant Secretary], and appointed Mr. John Bruce joint Secretary along with him, in room of Mr. Hoggan who had ceased to reside in Edinburgh.

That is the last entry in the Duddingston Society's minute book. Events put pressure on the Society: the *Scotsman* of 16 November 1853 carried an advertisement calling the members to meet two days later at the secretary's office in Queen Street, since 'the Abercorn Policy Pond [had] recently been drained' and it was necessary to arrange as to another pond for the ensuing season (no minute of this meeting has survived). For the rest of the story we have to look in the minute book of the Duddingston Society's successor, the Coates Curling Club.²⁸

Things came to a head in 1854, when a newspaper advertisement resulted in a meeting of 21 members in the Waterloo Hotel.²⁹ John Gillespie explained that the purpose of the meeting was 'to consider the proposal for the formation of a Curling Pond in the vicinity of Edinburgh: Such a measure being now apparently necessary, in Consequence of the Pond, within Lord Abercorn's Policy at Duddingston, on which the Members of the Club had formerly the privilege of Curling, having been recently drained out'. It was then agreed that 'it is desirable that the Club acquire possession of a piece of ground in the immediate vicinity of the Town, of at least an Acre in

Extent, on a Lease of not less than fifteen years, and that this piece of ground or such part of it as may be sufficient be laid down as a Curling Pond'. And it was further agreed to set up a committee with John Bruce as convener 'to make enquiry as to where a suitable place for the formation of a Curling Pond can be acquired near Edinburgh, to endeavour to ascertain the mode according to which it can be made, the probable Expense according to each Plan, and the one they recommended as the best to be adopted'.³⁰

That the matter was to be pursued with dispatch was ensured by fixing a meeting for business and dinner at Greliche's Hotel, 100 Princes Street, on 4 February 1854. On that date this report was put to the meeting (whether they actually dined is not recorded):

The Committee having anxiously endeavoured to ascertain whether any Pond could be obtained elsewhere than at Powder Hall, and Dalry; and having been unable to discover any other altho advertised for, and having deliberately considered the circumstances of both the places named, have now to Report that in their opinion the Pond at Dalry, belonging to Mr Anderson, Fishmonger would be the most suitable. Enquiries were accordingly made by the Committee and it was ascertained that Mr Anderson would be willing to enter into an arrangement with the Club, so as to enable them to have the exclusive right to a portion of the Pond for nine years being the period of his own Lease subject only to the condition that the Proprietors, the Governors of George Heriots Hospital, should be entitled to resume the ground, whenever the same should be feued, for Building purposes and that on the following conditions:

1. That the Club shall have right to about two thirds of the ground, now held on Lease, by Mr Anderson, extending as follows vizt.; from North, to South, seventy two yards, and from East to West, forty seven yards on an average of measurements, being sufficient to accommodate six or seven rinks.
2. That the club shall (at Whitsunday first) pay to Mr Anderson, the expense which has been incurred by him, in forming and puddling that portion of the Pond, which may be stated at Seventy pounds.
3. That the club shall relieve Mr Anderson, annually of the proportion of the rent of Twelve pounds payable by him for the whole Pond, and also of the proportion of Ten pounds, being the Water rent payable by him to the Canal Company, corresponding to the extent of the ground they may acquire right to. N.B. The Water is brought from the Canal to the Pond by a pipe, and Mr Anderson makes no Claim for any part of the expense of the said pipe or of excavating the Pond.

The Committee strongly recommend that an arrangement be made with Mr Anderson on these terms, and that a remit be made to a committee, to complete the same, provided the necessary funds can be raised. The committee further suggest, that, in order to provide funds, for these and other necessary purposes, resolutions to the following effect might be adopted by the Club.

1. That a sum of one hundred and fifty pounds, shall be raised, by subscription of Members, wishing to avail themselves of the Pond for curling, and that by a payment not exceeding Five pounds, the precise amount of subscription to depend on the number of subscribers.
2. That subscribers shall contribute annually ten Shilling to the Funds of the club.
3. That Members, not subscribers, shall pay an annual contribution of one guinea, and that in future there shall be no entry money.
4. That persons not resident in Edinburgh, and officers on full pay, in Her Majestys Naval, and Military services, shall be allowed to play, on payment of such daily sum, as may hereafter be fixed on, being recommended by a Member, and admitted by two members of Council, and their Secretary, or medal holder for the year.

The Committee have further to suggest, that, if these arrangements shall be completed, a Committee for Management of the Pond should be named, with instructions to bring it up for the approval of the Club, and not later than the 1st. of November next, such Rules and Regulations as the altered circumstances of the club may require. The Committee have only further to suggest, that in future, no cramps shall be used on the ice.³¹

These arrangements were approved unanimously and the same committee was authorised to take forward the negotiations. The Secretary was instructed to have the resolutions in the report printed, along with a short explanatory statement for circulation among the members. It is interesting that at this meeting the Secretary was also 'instructed to take measures for carrying out the resolution contained in a former minute of joining the Royal Caledonian Curling Club'.

The last act in the history of the Duddingston Curling Society took place in the Waterloo Hotel on Thursday 8 June 1854. A meeting of thirteen members considered the report of their committee on the new pond and the consequential arrangements:

In Compliance with the recommendation, contained in the Minutes of the Meeting of the Duddingston Curling Club, held on the 4th. of February last, the Committee therein named have Framed Dft. Regulations for the Management of the proposed new Curling Pond at Coates, but they beg in the first place, to be allowed to

Report to this Meeting, that the preliminary arrangements, for acquiring a Lease of part of Mr Henderson's ice Pond, have now been made, both with the tenant and proprietors of the ground, and that they only await the instructions of the subscribers, to the proposed undertaking, to be Completed.

Your Committee are of Opinion that this cannot be taken up as a Duddingston Curling Club matter. The circular of date 15th February last, announcing the resolution to acquire a pond in the vicinity of Edinburgh, was sent to every Member, for the purpose of giving each individual, an opportunity of subscribing for a new Pond who felt disposed to do so. This Meeting is still one of the Duddingston Club, intimation having been given to all the Members in that the proposal to make the New Pond, might be laid before them for their consideration. Your Committee however assume that the matter cannot be gone into by them, as the Duddingston Curling Club, because as a club, they have no funds. — but they have considered it proper to give every opportunity to each Member of the Club, to subscribe to this New Pond, on what they conceive to be more favourable terms, than those they are prepared to recommend, for the admission of Gentlemen, who were not members of the Duddingston Club.

Forty one members have already given their names for a subscription not exceeding £5 each. When the invitation to subscribe was given, in February last, £150 was the estimated sum to be required and in that belief, it was stated, that altho' £5 is the amount of liability, it might only be necessary to call up a part of that sum. This Estimate was formed on the footing that the portion of the pond to be acquired would in the present shape, be sufficient to accommodate the probable number of players. But Your Committee have Come to be of Opinion, that although it might do as it is for a limited number of rinks, there would occasionally be a risk of overcrowding, and they have strongly to recommend to the subscribers, that they should all pay up the whole amount of the liability of £5. The sum which this would raise would provide funds sufficient to get an angle of the field added to the North Side of the Pond so as to make it a parallel figure, which it is not at present, the narrow end being too short for rinks across. Players would thus be enabled to curl across in place of along the Pond which would then accommodate nearly double the number of rinks and both the tenants and Proprietors of the ground seem disposed

to give every facility for getting this additional room on favourable terms. Your Committee therefore trust that every subscriber may willingly agree to pay the full amount of his liability.

It is by no means wished or contended that, the formation of subscribers into a New club shall have the effect of dissolving their connection with the Duddingston Club. But the facts of the Pond at Lord Abercorn's Policy being no longer in existence, that they can not get ice in that neighbourhood except on the Loch, where Curlers would be interfered with and annoyed by Skaters, and more especially that the playing members are with a very few Exceptions resident in Edinburgh it appears to your Committee that as it becomes necessary for the convenience of Edinburgh Curlers to get accommodation for them as near the Town as possible, those Members who wish to take advantage of this must be prepared to let their entrance monies to the Duddingston Club go for nothing more than for the benefits they have already received, and to pay for this accommodation.

Your Committee have only farther to move the meeting to remit the regulations of the Duddingston Club which makes it illegal for any member to remove his curling Stones from the curling House at Duddingston and to ask for authority to every subscriber to the new pond to remove his stones to the curling House to be rebuilt at Coates.

The Meeting having considered the above Report, approved of the same, & on the Motion of Mr Marshall, Resolved, that in respect the Duddingston Curling Club have no funds, and that such a limited number of the members have come forward to support the proposed new scheme, it is not expedient for the Duddingston Curling Club, to undertake the formation of a Curling pond at Coates. But it was proposed to allow all members who are subscribers to the New Pond, to remove their Curling Stones, from the Curling House at Duddingston, which was seconded by Mr Hugh Bruce and unanimously adopted.³² The meeting then adjourned, having no other business before them.

The new club joined the Royal Caledonian Curling Club forthwith. The Duddingston Curling Society, without any formal act of dissolution, ceased to exist.³³

DUDDINGSTON CURLING SOCIETY

APPENDIX I

Temporal List of Persons joining the Society

The first column shows the number of the entry of each member: the alphabetical list in Appendix 2 also gives this temporal number. The second column contains the date, so far as the minutes record it, of each member's entry, and the date when he left the Society, if this is recorded. The Society agreed in 1845 to revise its general rules, including its rules of ordinary play and those for the gold medal. These were printed, along with a list of all the current members, including the date of admission and an asterisk if a member had won the gold medal (the only known copy of this little pamphlet is in the author's own collection). If the last written evidence of a person's membership is this printed list the date 1845 appears as the termination of his membership. Where the minutes show that a member continued to be active thereafter the date of the last mention in the minutes is given. The third entry gives the name by which the member's admission was recorded (information in square brackets has been added by the writer). There is also a list of members of the Duddingston Society from 1795–1823 in Captain John McNair, *The Channel-Stane or Sweepings frae the Links*, 3rd Series (Edinburgh 1884), pp. 78–80.

On subsequent lines is biographical information about each member, starting with dates of birth and death where known. In the case of advocates assistance has been got from Sir Francis Grant, *The Faculty of Advocates in Scotland, 1534–1943* (Scottish Record Society, Edinburgh, 1944), and Stephen P Walker, *The Faculty of Advocates, 1800–1986* (Edinburgh 1987); and for Writers to the Signet from *Register of the Society of Writers to Her Majesty's Signet* (Edinburgh 1983). In the case of each of these professions the term 'adm.' refers to the date of admission to the appropriate body. Information about ministers is taken from Hew Scott, *Fasti Ecclesiae Scotticanae*, 2nd edn, 7 vols (Edinburgh 1915–27), and the various works of Messrs Debrett and Burke have helped with the nobility and gentry. Information about membership of the Royal Company of Archers is from Sir James Balfour Paul, *The History of the Royal Company of Archers* (Edinburgh 1875), and of the Edinburgh Skating Club from Margaret Elliot, 'The Edinburgh Skating Club, 1778–1966', *Book of the Old Edinburgh Club (BOEC)*, 33, part 2 (1971), pp. 96–136.

In some instances it has been possible to give the member's Edinburgh address at or around the date of admission to the Society. These can be assumed to have come from the *Edinburgh Post Office Directories* for the appropriate years except where noted as from the *Edinburgh Almanack* (unfortunately it is not always easy to be sure whether the address given is an office or home address).

Other abbreviations used are:

CC	Curling Club.
D.	Duddingston.
DCS	Duddingston Curling Society.
d.	daughter.
m.	married.
s.	son.
ODNB	<i>Oxford Dictionary of National Biography</i> , 2nd edn, 60 vols (Oxford 2004).

WS Writer to the Signet.
 1834 Archer Became a member of the Royal Company of Archers in 1834.
 1834 Medal Won the Duddingston Gold Medal in 1834.

This is not the place for a social analysis of these data, though one cannot help observing that the addresses of the members of the Society, their family connections, and the public offices they held, show that they belonged to the city's professional elite. The names of their country estates show their membership of landed society into which the professional elite blended, but also the distribution of their estates over the whole country, which helped in the diffusion of the Duddingston rules all over Scotland. It would be valuable to have a study of the overlapping memberships of the Duddingston Curling Society, the Honourable Company of Edinburgh Golfers, the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews, and the Royal Company of Archers.

- 1795–1803 Scott, Andrew, [farmer], Northfield. 1727–1803; s. of Peter Scott, farmer, Easter Duddingston, and Euphan Horn; 1777 elder of D. Kirk (Baird, *Duddingston and Portobello*, 1898, p. 223); gravestone at D. Kirk; 1795–1803 President of DCS.
- 1795–1808 Horn, John, at little France. ?–1808; 1777 elder of D. Kirk; Vice President of DCS 1795–1808.
- 1795 Horne, David.
- 1795 Duncan, William. 1777 elder of D. Kirk.
- 1795–1853 Scott, David, Northfield. 1776–1860; s. of Andrew S. (no. 1); m. Margaret Graham; 1823 elder of D. Kirk; 1808–41 Vice President of DCS, 1841–53 President.
- 1795 McKill, Thomas. 1777 schoolmaster, elder and session clerk of D. Kirk; 1795–96 Secretary of DCS; by 1805 had left the parish.
- 1795 Johnstone, John, Farmer, Southfield. 1801–08 Master of Stones.
- 1795, 17 Jan. –1845 Crichton, Thomas, Advocate [of Auchenskeoch]. ?–1848; s. of Robert C. of A.; m. 1805 d. of Archibald Murray, Edinburgh; adm. 1794.
- 1795, 17 Jan. Linning, Thomas, gent.
- 1795, 17 Jan. McGeorge, Mr [John], Merchant manufacturer, Edinburgh. 1769–1856; 1800–01 Master of Brooms; 1809 Medallist; 1810–12 Master of Stones; 1838 Vice President of Grand Caledonian CC; 1840–56 Medallist to

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- the Grand/Royal Caledonian CC;
9 Gilmour Place.
11. 1795, 17 Jan. Lunn, James, Baker, Edinburgh.
12. 1795, 19 Jan. Bennet, Captain John.
13. 1795, 19 Jan. Black, Andrew, Tranent.
14. 1795, 19 Jan. Edgar, John, Lieutenant, Fife Fencibles.
Ensign 1797–1802 (*Almanack*); 1796–99
Secretary of DCS; 1800–04 Master of
Rinks; 1804–10 President of DCS.
15. 1795, 24 Jan. Linning, Michael, writer, Edinburgh
–1845
[of Oggscastle].
1774–1838; Secretary to the Subscribers
to the National Monument (Rock,
'Robert Forrest', *BOEC*, NS 7, 2008,
pp. 129, 133).
16. 1795, 17 Feb. Bennet, The Rev. Mr [William, Minister of
–1805
Duddingston].
1763–1805; s. of Patrick B., Minister of
Polmont; 1786–1805 Minister of D.; m.
1787 Mary, d. of John Archibald, wine
merchant, Leith; 1795–1805 Chaplain of
DCS; drowned in D. Loch.
17. 1795, 17 Feb. Hill, Thomas, architect, Edinburgh.
–1803
1797 14 Terrace, Leith.
18. 1795, 17 Feb. Couper, James, merchant, Edinburgh.
1797 spirit dealer, St Ninian's Row.
19. 1795, 17 Feb. Smith, Adam, in Peffermill.
20. 1795, 17 Feb. Warr, George.
21. 1795, 17 Feb. Warr, Thomas.
22. 1795, 31 Jan. Walsh [or Welsh], Henry, WS.
?–1821; s. of John Welsh, tenant in
Morton Mains; adm. 1786.
23. 1795, 7 Feb. Bairnsfather, Hugh, surgeon in Libberton.
–1808
24. 1798, 10 Jan. Kirkpatrick, [Sir] Thomas [of Closeburn,
advocate].
1777–1844; eldest s. of Sir James K. of
C., Advocate; adm. 1798; m. 1804 Jane,
d. of Charles Kirkpatrick Sharpe of
Hoddam; 1809 Commissary of
Edinburgh; 1811 Sheriff of Dumfries;
1810–44 President of DCS.
25. 1798, 10 Jan. Linning, John [of the Excise].
–1838
1807 Archer, as 'accountant of Excise';
1815–17 joint Secretary thereof,
1817–27 Secretary, 1827–30 joint
Secretary.
26. 1799, 12 Jan. Edgar, John, surgeon in Edinburgh.
27. 1799, 12 Jul. Pew, Alexander, of Leith.
1780 wheelwright; 1797 pump and
blockmaker, Queen's Street, Leith.
28. 1799, 12 Jul. Craig, John, schoolmaster, here.
1799–1802 Secretary of DCS; 1802 he
had left the district.
29. 1799, 31 Dec. Ewart, David, of the Chancery.
–1825
?–1825; 1795–1813 depute Clerk of
Chancery; 1802–25 Secretary of DCS.
30. 1799, 31 Dec. Thomson, James, Butter maker in
Edinburgh.
31. 1799, 31 Dec. Finnan, Captain, Honorary.
32. 1800, 3 Jan. Goldie, Alexander, WS [of Broomlee].
–1850
1770–1850, 4th s. of James G. of
Stenhouse; adm. 1798; m. 1799 Miss
Corson, Baldoon; 1813 Medal; 1800
2 Rose Court, 1810 6 Argyll Square,
1840 34 Melville Street (*Almanack*).
33. 1800, 11 Jul. Gordon, William, 20 Queen St.
34. 1800, 11 Jul. Millar, James, advocate [of Hallhill].
–1824
?–1824; eldest s. of James M. of H.;
adm. 1789; 1800 Archer; 1808 Master of
Rinks; 1815 and 1819 Medal; 1820 Poet
Laureate to DCS; 1822–24 President of
DCS; 1810 Alison's Square, 1818
30 Frederick Street.
35. 1800, 11 Jul. Ferguson, Henry [of Craigdarroch].
–1845
36. 1800, 11 Jul. Spittal, Captain Thomas.
37. 1801, 2 Jan. Alexander, Captain.
38. 1801, 2 Jan. Muir, [Rev.] Mr [James].
1771–1831; s. of Alexander Muir;
m. 1814 Harriet, d. of James Crawford
WS, and 1829 Margaret Macgregor,
widow of Joseph McLaren, surgeon;
1812 Minister of Beith; 1810 and 1811
Medal; 1810–12 Master of Stones; writer
of curling songs.
39. 1801, 10 Jul. Cockburn, Patrick, Accountant, Edinburgh,
residing in Broughton Loan.
40. 1802, 8 Jan. Weir, John, Writer, [11] Windmill St.
–1810
By 1810 his widow lived at that address.
41. 1802, 8 Jan. Harkness, Dr Walter, Hayshiel.
1804–08 Master of Rinks.
42. 1802, 8 Jan. Russell, Writer.
43. 1802, 8 Jan. Thomson, Writer.
44. 1802, 8 Jan. Allan, John, Paradise.
45. 1802, 8 Jan. Skarth, Bailie, of Leith.
46. 1802, 29 May Trotter, Thomas, late Captain in the 10th
Regiment of Militia.
47. 1802, 29 May Ritchie, Rev. [David], Minister
of St Andrew's Church.
1763–1844; m. Margaret, d. of William
Pearson of Kippenross; ordained 1797
as chaplain to 1st Battalion Edinburgh
Volunteers; February 1798 Minister of
Penicuik; October 1798 assistant at
St Andrew's, Edinburgh; 1800 Minister
at Laigh Kirk, Kilmarnock; 1801
St Andrews, Edinburgh, 2nd charge;
1808–36 Professor of Logic at
Edinburgh; 1814 Moderator of General
Assembly; 1806–44 Chaplain of DCS;
1814 and 1818 Medal.
48. 1802, 29 May Dick, Rev. [James], Minister at Currie.
–1815
1763–1815; m. 1796 Elizabeth Lawrie;
1793 Minister of Currie.
49. 1802, 9 Jul. Hutchison, Thomas.
Perhaps 1801 baker, head of Bell Close,

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- High Street, or merchant, 2 Gayfield Square.
50. 1803, 7 Jan. Paterson, John, superintendent of the Wet
–1845 Docks at Leith.
51. 1804, 6 Jan. Campbell, Dougal, 4 Charlotte St.
52. 1804, 6 Jan. Cairnie, John, Largs.
–1841 1769–1842; s. of Neil C., partner in firm of Herbertshire Printfield, Denny; studied medicine at University of Glasgow; surgeon 1791; joined Hon. East India Company and served in Ceylon; 1802 surgeon with 2nd Madras Native Cavalry, from which invalided out; settled in Largs where he built the villa named Curling Hall; m. 1805 Agnes Galbraith; 1833 published *Essay on Curling, and Artificial Pond Making*; 1838 first President of the Grand Caledonian CC.
53. 1804, 6 Jan. Laing, Robert, farmer at Campend.
–1845
54. 1806, 5 Jan. Baird, [Rev.] Principal George Husband.
–1840 1761–1840; s. of James B., Inveravon, Bo'ness; m. 1792 Isabella, d. of Thomas Elder, Lord Provost of Edinburgh; 1787 Minister of Dunkeld; 1792 New Greyfriars, Edinburgh; 1792 Professor of Oriental Languages in University of Edinburgh; 1793 Principal of Edinburgh University; 1799 Minister of New North parish; 1801 of High parish; 1800 Moderator of General Assembly; 1812 Medal; 1817–1840 President of DCS; 1838–40 Chaplain of the Grand Caledonian CC; 1805 Ramsay Lodge, Castlehill; see *ODNB*.
55. 1806, 5 Jan. Vere, Daniel, advocate [of Stonebyres].
–1845 ?–1852; only child of John V. of S.; adm. 1803; m. 1803 Jacobina, d. of James Leslie of Deanhaugh, and 1822 Mary, d. of James Law of Elvingstone; 1824–52 Sheriff substitute at Glasgow and Airdrie.
56. 1806, 5 Jan. Campbell, Robert, advocate [of Skipness].
–1814 ?–1814; 2nd s. of Walter C. of Shawfield; adm. 1797; m. 1806 Harriet, d. of Richard Wynne of Folkingham, Lincoln.
57. 1806, 5 Jan. Wright, Robert, master builder, South
–1808 Charlotte St.
1806, architect, 7 South Charlotte Street; 1793 built north half of Castle Street, which included Sir Walter Scott's house at no. 39.
58. 1807, 16 Jan. Thomson, Rev. [John], Minister of
–1840 Duddingston.
1778–1840; s. of Thomas T., Minister of Dailly; m. 1801 Isabella, d. of John Ramsay, Minister of Kirkconnel, and 1809 Frances Ingram Spence, widow of Martin Dalrymple of Fordel and Cleland; 1800 Minister of Dailly; 1805 of D.; landscape painter; see *ODNB*.
59. 1807, 16 Jan. Thomson, Adam.
1776–?; banker; brother of Rev. John T. (no. 58).
60. 1808, 8 Jan. Oswald, Alexander [of Changue, advocate].
?–1821; 4th s. of George Oswald of Auchencruive; adm. 1798; m. 1819 Ann, d. of Sir Hugh Hamilton Dalrymple, Bart, of Bargeny.
61. 1808, Dec. Ramsay, [Rev.] Mr [John].
–1845 1777–1871; m. 1815 Mary, d. of Andrew Johnston, Minister of Saltoun; 1792 at Edinburgh University along with Henry Cockburn (no. 144), David Brewster, and Henry Brougham; edited *Scots Magazine* for two years; ordained 1805, assistant in succession to Principal Baird (no. 54), Sir Henry Welwood Moncreiff of St Cuthbert's, and Dr Moodie of the Tron Kirk; 1812 Minister of Ormiston; 1833 of Gladsmuir; 1811 published *An Account of the Game of Curling by a Member of the Duddingston Curling Society*.
62. 1809, 19 Jan. Douglas, Sir Charles, Baronet [of Kelhead].
1777–1837; s. of Sir William D. of K.; 1783 succeeded as 5th Baronet; m. 1803 Cathrine, d. of 3rd Duke of Buccleuch and Queensberry; 1810 3rd Marquess of Queensberry; 1833 Baron Solway of Kinmount.
63. 1809, 19 Jan. Mossman, Hugh [of Auchtyfardel].
–1822
64. 1809, 19 Jan. Wauchope, George [merchant, Leith].
–1845 S. of Andrew W. of Niddry; 1808 joined Edinburgh Skating Club, described as 'wine merchant in Leith'.
65. 1809, 19 Jan. Lorimer, Lieutenant, of the Dumfriesshire
–1822 Militia.
66. 1809, 19 Jan. Ewart, David, junior.
67. 1810, 12 Jan. Gilmour, Robert Little, Clerk to the Signet.
–1820; s. of William Charles Little G. of Liberton, Advocate; adm. 1790; 1810 45 George Square.
68. 1810, 12 Jan. Brown, George, Esq. [Fountainbridge].
–1845
69. 1810, 12 Jan. Guthrie, Alexander, of Craigie.
–1845
70. 1810, 12 Jan. Peat, Thomas, Clerk to the Signet.
–1836 1772–1836; s. of John P., writer, Edinburgh; adm. 1795; m. Hannah, d. of Edward Broughton, Accountant of Excise; 1835, Principal Keeper of Register of Deeds.

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71. 1810, 12 Jan. Proudfoot Mr [William, Minister of Strathaven]. 1784–1849; m. 1815 Henrietta, d. of Robert Forrester, Secretary of the Bank of Scotland; 1814 Minister of Shotts; 1821 of Avendale or Strathaven.
72. 1810, 14 Jul. Dunbar, [George], Professor of Greek in the University [of Edinburgh]. 1774–1851; 1807–51 Professor; author of *An Inquiry into the Structure and Affinity of the Greek and Latin languages* (Edinburgh 1827), and various textbooks.
73. 1810, 14 Jul. Miller, Thomas [Hamilton], Junior, advocate. ?–1843; 3rd s. of Patrick M. of Dalswinton; adm. 1802; m. Mary, d. of Abel Ram, MP; 1832–43 Sheriff of Selkirkshire.
74. 1810, 12 Dec. Macdonald, Captain William, of the Edinburgh Militia [of Powderhall].
75. 1810, 12 Dec. Watson, Hugh, WS [of Torsonce]. 1772?–1834; eldest s. of Samuel W., writer, Edinburgh; adm. 1797, m. 1813 Mary, d. of James Kyle, architect, Edinburgh, and 1825 Elizabeth, d. of Andrew Watson of Petrosavodsk, Russia; 1810 14 North Hanover Street.
76. 1810, 12 Dec. Hamilton Dundas, Major [Gabriel] of Duddingston [West Lothian]. 1814 joined Edinburgh Skating Club.
77. 1811, 11 Dec. Robison, Charles K[nowles], WS. 1781–1846; 2nd s. of John R., Professor of Natural Philosophy, University of Edinburgh; adm. 1812; m. Elizabeth Carr; 1804 joined Edinburgh Skating Club, 1809–14 Secretary thereof; 1805 Archer, 1810–13 joint Secretary of Royal Company of Archers.
78. 1811, 11 Dec. Torry, Archibald, Merchant.
79. 1811, 11 Dec. Mosman, William [Newcastle, of Canaan, Edinburgh].
80. 1811, 11 Dec. Dickson, Brigadier General.
81. 1811, 11 Dec. Dick, Sir John, Baronet [of Prestonfield]. 1767–1812; succeeded 1811.
82. 1811, 14 Jul. Brodie, Francis, WS. 1764–1839; 2nd s. of John B., tenant in Linplum; father of John Brodie (no. 264); adm. 1803; m. Elizabeth, d. of Ellis Martin, merchant, Leith, and 1808 Margaret, d. of Gilbert Ker of Gateshaw.
83. 1812, 9 Dec. Boswell, Alexander, of Auchinleck. 1775–1822; s. of James B. of A., biographer; 1821 created baronet; m. Grisel, d. of Thomas Cumming, banker; 1816–21 MP for Plympton Earle; 1818 Poet-Laureate of the Harveian (medical) Society; 1817–22 President of DCS; died after a duel; author of songs in the Scots language, collected in 1871; see *ODNB*.
84. 1812, 9 Dec. Wilson, Robert, Accomptant, Edinburgh.
85. 1812, 9 Dec. Gray, John, solicitor at law.
86. 1812, 9 Dec. Higgins, John [Alexander], WS. 1765–1822; only s. of John H. of Newck, Stirlingshire; adm. 1789; 1810 22 North Frederick Street.
87. 1812, 9 Dec. Murray, John, of Henderland, advocate. 1788–1859; 2nd s. of Alexander M., Lord Henderland; adm. 1800; m. 1826 Mary, d. of William Rigby of Oldfield Hall, Cheshire; 1832–38 MP for Leith; 1835–37 Lord Advocate; 1839 knighted; 1839 Bench as Lord Murray; 1810 69 George Street.
88. 1812, 9 Dec. Bruce, Burnet, Advocate. ?–1813; youngest s. of Robert B. of Kennet, Lord Kennet; adm. 1792; 1811 Commissary of Edinburgh; 1810 Young Street.
89. 1813, 8 Dec. Mackenzie, Sir George [Steuart] of Coull [Bart]. 1780–1848; s. of Major-General Sir Alexander Mackenzie (Bengal Army) of Coull; m. 1802 Mary, d. of Donald MacLeod of Geanies, Sheriff of Ross-shire, and 1836 Catherine, d. of Sir Henry Jardine of Harwood; 1796 succeeded as 7th baronet; 1799 joined Edinburgh Skating Club; 1801 Archer; mineralogist; author of *Treatise on the Diseases and Management of Sheep* (1809) and *A General View of the Agriculture of the Counties of Ross and Cromarty* (1813); see *ODNB*.
90. 1813, 8 Dec. Dickson, John, junior, WS. Not in WS list.
91. 1814, 14 Dec. Clerk, Sir George, of Penicuik, Baronet [advocate]. 1787–1867; s. of Sir James Clerk of Penicuik; 1798 succeeded as 6th baronet; brother of John Clerk Maxwell (no. 99); m. 1810 Maria, d. of Ewan Law, Sussex; adm. 1809; 1808 Archer; 1814 joined Edinburgh Skating Club; 1811–20 MP for Midlothian; 1838–47 for Stamford; 1847–52 for Dover; 1855 Vice President of the Board of Trade; 1817–53 President of DCS; 1839–40 President of the Grand Caledonian CC; 1815 patron of Penicuik CC; see *ODNB*.
92. 1814, 14 Dec. Hogg, James, Author of the Queen's Wake etc. 1770–1835; 'The Ettrick Shepherd'; lived in Edinburgh 1810–21; see *ODNB*.

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93. 1814, 14 Dec. Millar, John, in Potterrow.
–1845 Brewer; 1813 36 Potterrow.
94. 1814, 14 Dec. Fordyce, George, Writer.
Perhaps adm. SSC 1797; 1813
13 St James Square.
95. 1814, 14 Dec. Dickson, David, advocate [of Hartree].
–1847 1793–1866; eldest s. of John D. of
Culter; adm. 1815; m. 1826 Jemima,
d. of Rev. David Pyper, Minister of
Pencaitland, and so brother-in-law
of no. 116.
96. 1815, 13 Dec. White, Lieut. Colonel [Henry].
–1845 1823 Archer, as Col. Henry W., HEICS.
97. 1815, 13 Dec. Muir Mackenzie, Sir Alexander [of
Delvine].
1764–1835; s. of George Muir of
Cassencarie; took the name Mackenzie
when he succeeded to the estates of his
great uncle; m. 1787 Jane, d. of Sir
Robert Murray of Dunerne; baronet
1805.
98. 1815, 13 Dec. Monteath [or Menteath], Charles
–1845 [Granville] S[teuart of Closeburn,
advocate].
1769–1847; s. of the Rev. James S. M.
of C.; adm. 1794; m. 1791 Ludwina,
d. of Thomas O’Loughnan of Madeira;
1838 baronet.
99. 1815, 13 Dec. Clerk Maxwell, John [of Middlebie,
–1845 advocate].
1790–1856, second s. of Sir James Clerk
of Penicuik, brother of Sir George Clerk
(no. 91); added the name Maxwell when
he inherited estates in Dumfriesshire;
adm. 1811; m. 1826 Frances, d. of
Robert Hodshon Cay; father of James
Clerk Maxwell, physicist.
100. 1815, 13 Dec. Berry, Dr [Andrew].
1818 52 Great King Street.
101. 1815, 13 Dec. Kerr [or Ker], John, [?WS of Kerfield].
–1838 1773–1838; 2nd s. of William K. of K.,
Peeblesshire; adm. 1799.
102. 1815, 13 Dec. Hamilton, James, Holmhead.
103. 1815, 13 Dec. Gray, William, Oxcgang.
104. 1815, 13 Dec. Brown, John.
–1845 Appears in *Sweepings* as J. B. writer,
Edinburgh, but in the Society’s 1845 list
as WS.
105. 1815, 13 Dec. Ewart, Thomas [WS].
–1830 1791–1831; s. of David E., depute Clerk
of Chancery (no. 29); adm. 1815;
m. 1828 Alicia, d. of Thomas Yorstoun,
chamberlain to the Duke of Queensberry;
1824 won the Musselburgh Arrow;
1816–25 Assistant Secretary of DCS;
1825–30 Secretary on death of father;
1830 struck off WS roll on conviction
106. 1815, 13 Dec. Wilson, James, Advocate.
–1845 ?–1858; s. of Major Wilson, Royal
Artillery; adm. 1815; 1835 adm. English
Bar; 1835–57 Chief Justice of Mauritius;
1857 of Jersey; 1815 19 Queen Street.
107. 1815, 13 Dec. Hutchison, John.
108. 1815, 13 Dec. Dickson, James W[ardrope, advocate].
–1845 1794–1847; s. of Rev. David D.,
Minister of New North Church; adm.
1816; m. 1824 Jeanette, d. of James
Morison of Greenfield, Lanarkshire, land
surveyor; 1834 Sheriff substitute,
Falkirk; 1826 Medal.
109. 1815, 13 Dec. Macdonald Lockhart, Sir Alexander
[of The Lee and Carnwath].
?–1816; s. of Charles Macdonald of
Largie; took name of Lockhart on
succeeding his uncle; 1806 baronet;
m. Jane, d. of Daniel McNeill of
Gallichoilly.
110. 1815, 13 Dec. Walker, Sir Patrick [of Coats, advocate].
–1837 ?–1837; adm. 1798; knighted 1814;
edited *Documents Relative to the
Reception at Edinburgh of the Kings and
Queens of Scotland A.D. MDLXI-MDCL*
(Edinburgh 1822), and *Letters to King
James the Sixth ... from the Originals in
the Library of the Faculty of Advocates*
(Edinburgh 1835).
111. 1815, 13 Dec. Young, Gilbert, commissary general [of
–1845 Youngfield].
1805 commissioned; 1821, half-pay;
1809 joined Edinburgh Skating Club.
112. 1815, 13 Dec. Baxter, James.
113. 1815, 13 Dec. Pearson, Patrick [writer, Edinburgh].
–1845
114. 1818, 9 Dec. Davidson, J[ohn] J[ames, WS].
1797–1837; s. of John D., WS;
1826–37 Teind Clerk.
115. 1819, Dec. Wilson, John Colin, WS.
–1837 1797–1837; 2nd s. of Rev. John W.,
Minister of Lesmahagow; adm. 1820;
m. 1822 Jane, d. of Thomas Peat, WS
(no. 70); 1821 Archer.
116. 1819, Dec. Pyper, Hamilton, Advocate.
–1848 1796–1868; eldest s. of Rev. David P.,
Minister of Pencaitland and brother-in-
law of no. 95; adm. 1817; Collector of
Advocates’ Widows’ Fund.
117. 1820, 13 Dec. Henderson, John Irving, advocate [of
–1845 Gulliland].
c. 1785–1860; s. of Robert H., of
Cleugh, factor; adm. 1812; m. 1812
Sarah Taylor; 1833 Sheriff substitute
at Dundee; won the Medal (see
Appendix 5); 1819 6 Nicolson Square.

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- 118.1820, 13 Dec. Whigham, Robert, advocate [of
–1845 Lochpatrick].
1795–1849; 2nd s. of Robert W. of
Halliday Hall, Sanquhar and brother
of David W. (no. 229); adm. 1816;
m. 1824 Jane, d. of Sir Robert Dundas
of Beechwood; 1841 Advocate Depute;
1841–48 Sheriff of Perthshire; 1839
presented silver medal to Kirkpatrick
Durham Curling Society; 1819
74 George Street.
- 119.1820, 13 Dec. Maitland, Thomas, Advocate.
–1845 1792–1851; eldest s. of Adam M.
of Dundrennan; adm. 1813; m. 1815
Isabella, d. of James McDowell of
Garthland (Henry Cockburn, no.144,
married another of his daughters);
1840–41 and 1846–50 Solicitor General
for Scotland; 1845–50 MP for
Kirkcudbrightshire; 1850 Bench as Lord
Dundrennan; 1819 35 Charlotte Square;
see *ODNB*.
- 120.1820, 13 Dec. Baird, Thomas Elder, Advocate.
–1845 1795–1876; eldest s. of Principal Baird
(no. 54); adm. 1818; m. 1848 Catherine
Halcombe; 1819 19 Abercromby Place.
- 121.1820, 13 Dec. Riddell, Campbell [Drummond], Advocate.
–1845 1796–1858; s. of Thomas Miles R. of
Mount Riddell, Larbert; adm. 1819; m.
1830 Caroline Stuart; 1824 Archer; 1832
Member of Legislative Council and
Colonial Secretary of New South Wales.
- 122.1820, 13 Dec. Welsh, Robert, Writer.
–1842 ?–1842; 1817 adm. Society of Solicitors
in the Supreme Courts; 1835 Auditor of
the SSC.
- 123.1821, 13 Dec. Ballantyne, James, advocate [of Castlehill].
–1845 1798–1868, eldest s. of Patrick B. of
Orchard, Stirlingshire; adm. 1819.
- 124.1821, 13 Dec. Horne, Donald [of Langwell].
–1845 1787–1870, 2nd s. of John H. of
Stirkoke, Caithness; adm. 1813;
m. 1821 Jane, d. of Thomas Elliot of
Chesters; father of Thomas H. (no. 371);
1810 Archer; 1820 17 Heriot Row; 1840
office at 94 George Street (*Almanack*).
- 125.1821, 13 Dec. Sommerville, Rev. James, Minister of Currie.
–1837 1774–1837; 1816 Minister of Currie.
- 126.1821, 13 Dec. Kincaid, John Lennox, younger of Kincaid.
–1845
- 127.1821, 13 Dec. Burnett, [Sir] James Horn [Bart, WS].
–1845 1801–1876; 2nd s. of Sir Robert Burnett
of Leys; adm. 1824; m. 1831 Caroline
Margaret, d. of Charles Spearmen of
Thornley Hall, Co. Durham, and 1837
Lauderdale, d. of Sir Alexander Ramsay
of Balmain; 1825 Archer; 1840
36 Heriot Row (*Almanack*).
- 128.1821, 13 Dec. Anderson, James, younger of Sanquhar,
–1845 accountant in Edinburgh.
- 129.1821, 13 Dec. Broughton, John [W.], accountant of
Excise.
1817 listed as accountant of Excise
(*Almanack*); perhaps related to Hugh B.,
member of Edinburgh Skating Club.
- 130.1821, 13 Dec. Maxton, John, merchant in Leith.
–1845 1817 Archer? (as ‘banker’), 1828 won
the Musselburgh Arrow.
- 131.1822, 14 Dec. Sprot, Mark, advocate [of Garnkirk].
–1845 1799–1870; 2nd s. of Alexander S.,
gentleman; adm. 1820; m. 1821 Harriet,
d. of George Hill, Principal of Aberdeen
University.
- 132.1822, 14 Dec. Gillies, Andrew, Advocate.
–1833 ?–1833; s. of Charles G., Dumfries;
adm. 1812; m. 1825 Elizabeth, d. of
James Brown of Craigow; 1831–33
Sheriff substitute at Dundee; 1822
18 Dundas Street.
- 133.1823, 10 Dec. Playfair, W[illiam] H[enry], Architect.
–1845 1790–1857, s. of James Playfair,
architect; see *ODNB*.
- 134.1823, 10 Dec. Wemyss, [Sir] James [Bart] WS [of Bogie].
–1845 1795–1849; eldest s. of Rev. James W.,
Minister of Burntisland; adm. 1820;
1822 Archer; 1844–49 Depute Clerk of
Session; 1823 47 Hanover Street.
- 135.1823, 10 Dec. Hall, James, Advocate.
–1845 1800–1854; 3rd s. of Sir James H.,
4th Baronet of Dunglass; adm. 1821;
1841 and 1842 contested Parliamentary
election at Taunton; 1842 student at
Royal Academy; painted Scottish
landscapes; see *ODNB*.
- 136.1823, 10 Dec. Currie, Alexander, Advocate.
–1848 1793–1868; eldest s. of David C., linen-
weaver, Bearshill near Brechin; adm.
1820; 1835–56 Sheriff of Banffshire;
1856–67 Principal Clerk of Session;
1823 47 Great King Street.
- 137.1823, 10 Dec. Hoggan, Edward, WS.
–1848 ?–1867; s. of George H. of Waterside,
Dumfriesshire; adm. 1821; m. 1834
Elizabeth Craigie; 1830–53 Secretary of
DCS; 1837 presented with a silver kettle
in shape of a curling stone from the
Society, sold in New York in 1997; won
the Medal twice (see Appendix 5); 1823
22 Duke Street.
- 138.1823, 10 Dec. Lang, James, WS.
–1845 1799–1869; s. of John L., Dean of
Faculty of Procurators in Glasgow;
adm. 1812; m. Eliza, d. of John Dicks.
of Kilbucho; 1843 Medal; 1823
66 Great King Street.

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- 139.1823, 10 Dec. Patton, Thomas, WS.
–1845 1789–1866; s. of James P., Sheriff clerk of Perthshire; adm. 1817; 1823 19 Dundas Street.
- 140.1823, 10 Dec. Innes, Thomas, WS.
–1844 1798–1844; 3rd s. of John I., WS; adm. 1821; m. 1832 Mary, d. of Archibald Bogle, merchant in Glasgow; 1823 73 Queen Street.
- 141.1823, 10 Dec. Greig, David, WS.
–1825 ?–1825; s. of Rev. David G., Minister of Associate Burgher Congregation of Lochgelly; adm. 1817; m. 1824 Catherine, d. of Joseph Maxton, Edinburgh; 1823 39 York Place.
- 142.1823, 10 Dec. McBraire, John [Joseph], advocate
–1839 [of Tweedhill and Broadmeadows]. 1801–1839; s. of James McB. of Tweedhill, and merchant, Edinburgh; adm. 1824; m. 1831 Catherine, d. of Benjamin Gott of Armley House, Yorkshire; 1823 24 York Place.
- 143.1823, 10 Dec. Sandilands, Robert, WS.
–1845 1790–1872; 4th s. of George S. of Nuthill, Fife; adm. 1818; m. 1829 Mary, d. of Sir Charles Style, Bart, of Wateringbury, Kent; assistant judge at Nassau, New Providence, USA.
- 144.1823, 10 Dec. Cockburn, Henry, Advocate.
–1845 1779–1854; 4th s. of Hon. Archibald C., Baron of Exchequer; adm. 1800; m. Elizabeth, eldest d. of James McDowall of Garthland; 1806–10 Advocate Depute; 1830–31 Solicitor General for Scotland; 1831 Lord Rector of Glasgow University; 1834 Senator of the College of Justice and 1837 Lord Commissioner of Justiciary; among other works, wrote *Life of Lord Jeffrey* (Edinburgh 1852) (no. 203); 1801 joined Edinburgh Skating Club; 1822 Archer; 1823–53 President of DCS; 1823 14 Charlotte Square; see *ODNB*.
- 145.1823, 10 Dec. Melville, James Moncreiff, WS.
–1845 1793–1872; s. of Dr Thomas Moncreiff M., physician in St Andrews; adm. 1817; m. Augusta, d. of Vice Admiral Lechmere of Steeple Oxton, Oxon., and 1839 Margaret, d. of Patrick Lindsay of Wormiston, Fife; 1824 Archer; 1823 41 Queen Street and chambers at 55 George Street.
- 146.1823, 10 Dec. Rattray, Robert Clerk, advocate
–1845 [of Craighall]. 1795–1851; s. of Robert Clerk R. of Craighall, Perthshire, advocate, Baron of Exchequer; adm. 1819; m. Christina, d. of James Richards. of Pitfour, Perthshire; 1823 92 Princes Street (his father's house).
- 147.1823, 10 Dec. Jamieson, Robert, Advocate.
–1834 1784–1834; s. of Rev. Dr. John J., minister, Edinburgh; adm. 1808, m. 1814 Anne Macnab.
- 148.1823, 10 Dec. Craigie, John, Advocate.
–1845 ?–1871; s. of John C. of Canada, representative of Kilgraston; adm. 1815; m. Christian Grant, and 1851 Frances, d. of Rev. William Moreton of Moreton Hall, Cheshire; 1829–36 Sheriff substitute of Perthshire; 1836–61 Sheriff substitute at Jedburgh; 1823 90 George Street.
- 149.1823, 10 Dec. Cullen, A[rchibald] Hope, Advocate.
–1845 ?–1850; s. of Col. William C. of Parkhead; adm. 1816; 1822 Archer; 1823 22 Howe Street.
- 150.1823, 10 Dec. Clason, Andrew, WS.
–1845 1787–1850; s. of Rev. Robert C., Minister of Logie; adm. 1811; 1813 Archer; 1823 12 Queen Street; 1840 57 Queen Street (*Almanack*).
- 151.1823, 10 Dec. Hosier, John [or James], advocate
–1845 [of Mauldslic]. 1791–1878; s. of William H. of Newlands; adm. 1815; m. 1824 Catherine, d. of Sir William Fielden, Bart, of Feniscowles, Lancs; Convener of Lanarkshire; 1823 13 Hope Street.
- 152.1823, 10 Dec. Sandford, E[rskine] Douglas, advocate.
–1845 1793–1861, s. of Rt. Rev. Daniel S., DD, Bishop of Edinburgh; adm. 1816; m. 1829 Joanna, d. of William Graham of Mossknowe, Dumfriesshire; 1841–61 Sheriff depute of Kirkcudbrightshire; author of *A Treatise on the History and Law of Entails in Scotland* (1822).
- 153.1823, 10 Dec. Stothard, George [Tweedie], writer,
–1845 Edinburgh [WS, of Oliver and Holmeshaw]. 1799–1869; s. of Thomas S., Biggarshiels, Lanarkshire; adm. 1824; m. 1822 Mary, d. of Alexander Paul, merchant in Birmingham.
- 154.1823, 10 Dec. Graham, Patrick, WS [of Robshill].
–1853 1799–1867; s. of John G. of Robshill, Renfrewshire; adm. 1824; m. 1831 Janet, d. of Allan Pollock of Faside, Renfrewshire; 1854 member Coates CC; 1840 31 Great King Street.
- 155.1823, 10 Dec. Forrester, John, writer, Edinburgh
–1845 [WS, of Barns]. 1799–1898; s. of Rev. Alexander F., Minister of West Linton; adm. 1823; apprentice of Alexander Goldie (no. 32); m. 1829 Liliias, d. of Robert Cowan, surgeon, Glasgow; 1825 45 Frederick

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- Street; 1840 8 Drummond Place
(*Almanack*).
- 156.1823, 10 Dec. Ivory, James, Advocate.
–1845 1792–1866; s. of Thomas I., engraver and watchmaker, Dundee; adm. 1816; m. 1817 Ann, d. of Alexander Lawrie, Deputy Gazette Writer for Scotland; 1830 Advocate Depute; 1833 Sheriff of Caithness; 1834–48 Sheriff of Bute; 1840–62 Senator of the College of Justice; 1849–66 Lord Commissioner of Justiciary; 1823 146 Princes Street.
- 157.1823, 10 Dec. Goldie, James, writer, Edinburgh [WS].
–1834 1801–1834; s. of Alexander G., WS (no. 32).
- 158.1823, 10 Dec. McAllan, Alexander, writer, Edinburgh.
–1845 Perhaps 1821 adm. SSC.
- 159.1823, 10 Dec. McNeill, Alexander [Kennedy], Advocate.
–1845 1797–1858; s. of Duncan McN., merchant, Glasgow; adm. 1822; m. 1826 Anna, d. of Keith Turner of Turnerhall, Aberdeenshire.
- 160.1823, 10 Dec. Sym, David, advocate [of Cartsmore and Warrock].
–1845 1797–1880; s. of John S. of C., WS; 1838–80 Sheriff substitute at Kinross.
- 161.1823, 10 Dec. Shaw Stewart, John, advocate
–1840 [of Over Johnstone].
1793–1840; 4th s. of Sir Michael Shaw S., Bart, of Greenock and Blackhall, advocate; adm. 1816; m. 1827 Jane, d. of Sir John Shaw Heron-Maxwell, Bart; 1830 and 1835 Advocate Depute; 1838–40 Sheriff of Stirling; 1816 Archer; 1823 14 Queen Street, where he lived with his father.
- 162.1823, 10 Dec. Maidment, James, Advocate.
–1845 1795–1879; s. of James M. of Chaceside, solicitor, London; adm. 1817; antiquarian; see *ODNB*.
- 163.1823, 10 Dec. Moncreiff, James, Advocate.
–1845 1776–1851?
- 164.1823, 10 Dec. Smaill, James, writer, Edinburgh.
1817 adm. SSC; 1823 17 Howe Street.
- 165.1823, 10 Dec. Sharp[e], William, WS.
–1845 1791–1875; s. of Charles S. of Hoddam; adm. 1821; 1840 firm address 32 Abercromby Place (*Almanack*).
- 166.1823, 10 Dec. Newton, Richard Hay, advocate.
–1845 ?–1848; s. of William Hay N. of Newton; adm. 1815; 1823 60 Frederick Street.
- 167.1823, 10 Dec. Greenhill, Alexander, advocate.
–1832 c. 1788–1832; eldest s. of Charles G. of Fearn; 1823 35 Dundas Street.
- 168.1823, 10 Dec. Dundas, Robert, of Arniston, advocate.
–1838 1797–1838; eldest s. of Robert D. of A., advocate, Lord Chief Baron of Exchequer; adm. 1820; 1822 m. Lilius d. of Thomas Durham Calderwood of Largo and Polton; 1822 Advocate Depute; 1823 22 Charlotte Square.
- 169.1823, 10 Dec. Gordon, Charles, Deputy Secretary,
–1845 Highland Society.
?–1845; 1815 Assistant Depute Secretary of Highland Society (of which Principal Baird (no. 54) was chaplain); 1819 Joint Depute Secretary; 1835–45 Secretary; knighted 1837.
- 170.1823, 10 Dec. Dalziel, George, writer, Edinburgh.
–1845
- 171.1823, 10 Dec. Innes, Cosmo [Nelson], Advocate.
–1845 1798–1874; 4th s. of John I. of Leuchars, WS, Sheriff substitute of Kincardineshire; adm. 1822; m. 1823 Isabella, d. of Col. Hugh Rose of Kilravock; 1833–40 Advocate Depute; 1840–52 Sheriff of Moray, Elgin and Nairn; 1846–62 Professor of Civil History, University of Edinburgh; 1862–74 Professor of History, University of Edinburgh; antiquarian and editor of medieval documents; 1823 73 Queen Street; see *ODNB*.
- 172.1823, 10 Dec. Burn Murdoch, John, of Gartingaber,
–1845 advocate.
1793–1862; 2nd s. of John Burn of Coldoch, Perthshire, writer; adm. 1816; m. 1820 Anne, d. of William Murdoch of Gartincaber, Perthshire; 1823 38 Frederick Street; author of *Game and the Game Laws* (1847).
- 173.1823, 10 Dec. Wylie, David, Writer, Edinburgh.
–1853
- 174.1823, 10 Dec. Singer, James, WS.
–1836 1797–1836; s. of Rev. William S., DD, Minister of Kirkpatrick Juxta; adm. 1822.
- 175.1823, 10 Dec. Johnston, Thomas, WS.
–1845
- 176.1823, 10 Dec. Wilson, Robert Sym, WS.
–1845 1769–1837; s. of John W., merchant, Paisley; adm. 1816; m. 1813 Eliza, d. of James Penny, merchant, Liverpool; 1823 53 Queen Street.
- 177.1823, 10 Dec. Morrison, John, Writer, Edinburgh [WS, of Hetlandhill].
1769–1837; s. of Andrew M., writer, Edinburgh; adm. 1791; m. 1796 Jane, d. of Robert Farquhar of Newhall; 1823 19 Abercromby Place.
- 178.1823, 10 Dec. Wilson, Francis, WS [of Croghin].
–1831 1779–1831; s. of Ebenezer W., bookseller in Dumfriesshire; adm. 1804; 1823 chambers 10 Parliament Square, house 17 Buccleuch Place.

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- 179.1823, 10 Dec. Ayton, Roger, WS [of Murieston].
-1843 1776-1843, eldest s. of William A., WS; adm. 1790; m. 1807 Joan, d. of James Keir of Kinmonth, Perthshire; 1837-43 Director in Chancery; 1823 chambers 29 Frederick Street, house 21 Abercromby Place.
- 180.1823, 10 Dec. Wilson, John junior, WS.
-1853
- 181.1823, 10 Dec. Walker, James, advocate [of Dalry].
-1845 1790-1856; 2nd s. of James W. of Dalry, Midlothian, WS; adm. 1811; m. 1825 Lillias, d. of Roderick Mackenzie of Scotsburn, Ross, and 1848 Ellen, d. of Joseph D. B. Dykes of Dovenby Hall, Cumberland; 1818-43 Sheriff of Wigtownshire; 1843-56 Principal Clerk of Session; 1815 Archer; 1823 119 George Street.
- 182.1823, 10 Dec. Fullarton, John, Advocate.
-1845 1775-1853; 2nd s. of William F. of Carstairs; adm. 1798; m. 1817 Georgina, d. of James Macdowall, Auditor of Excise; brother in law of Henry Cockburn (no. 144); 1829 Senator of the College of Justice; 1823 40 Charlotte Square.
- 183.1823, 10 Dec. More, John Shank, Advocate.
-1845 1784-1861; s. of Rev. George M., Minister in Edinburgh; adm. 1806; m. 1811 Mary, d. of William Gillespie of Bishopton, Renfrewshire; 1843 Professor of Scots Law, University of Edinburgh; 1823 19 Great King Street.
- 184.1823, 10 Dec. Anderson, Adam, Advocate.
-1845 1797-1853; s. of Samuel A., banker, Edinburgh; adm. 1818; 1834-35 and 1842-46 Solicitor General for Scotland; 1835-42 Sheriff of Perthshire; 1851-52 Dean of Faculty of Advocates; 1852 Lord Advocate; 1852 Senator of the College of Justice; 1823 98 George Street.
- 185.1823, 10 Dec. Wilson, James, sheriff clerk of Edinburgh.
1823 2 Lynedoch Place.
- 186.1823, 10 Dec. Rutherford, Andrew, advocate [of
-1845 Crosshill].
1791-1854; s. of Rev. William Greenfield, DD, Minister of St Giles; 1799 changed name to Rutherford; adm. 1812; m. 1822 Sophie, d. of Sir James Stewart of Fort Stewart, MP for Donegal; 1837 Solicitor General for Scotland; 1839-51 MP for Leith Burghs; 1839-41 and 1846-51 Lord Advocate; 1851-54 Senator of the College of Justice; 1823 141 George Street.
- 187.1823, 10 Dec. Cuninghame, John, Advocate.
-1845 1782-1854; second s. of John C., banker in Greenock; adm. 1807; m. 1813 Margaret, d. of Major General Alexander Trotter; 1830 Advocate Depute; 1831-35 Sheriff of Elgin and Moray; 1835-37 Solicitor General for Scotland; 1837-53 Senator of the College of Justice; 1823 80 Great King Street.
- 188.1823, 10 Dec. Constable, David, Advocate.
-1845 1795-1867; eldest s. of Archibald C. of Balneil, bookseller, Edinburgh; adm. 1819; m. 1828 Ellen Fosbery; 1823 corner of Royal Circus.
- 189.1823, 10 Dec. Dunlop, James, WS [of Macnairston].
-1845 1781-1847; eldest s. of George D. of M.; adm. 1813; 1823 27 Howe Street.
- 190.1823, 10 Dec. Dunlop, George, WS.
-1845 1776-1852; 2nd s. of James D. of Garmkirk, Lanarkshire; adm. 1807; m. 1807 Isobel, d. of William Simpson of Ogle, Angus; 1823 53 Great King Street.
- 191.1823, 10 Dec. Hamilton, John, advocate [and WS].
-1845 1793-1870; s. of Capt. John H., 73rd Regiment; 1823 WS; 1831-67 Substitute Keeper of the Signet.
- 192.1823, 10 Dec. Niven, Robert William, WS.
-1832 1795-1832; eldest s. of Rev. Alexander N., Minister of Dunkeld; adm 1819; m. 1817; 1823 chambers 22 Hill Street, house 24 Hill Street.
- 193.1823, 10 Dec. Bartram, James, Edinburgh.
- 194.1823, 10 Dec. Cross, John, engineer, Edinburgh.
1823 22 Gilmore Place.
- 195.1823, 10 Dec. Skinner, John R[obert], WS.
-1845 1786-1849; s. of James S., writer in Edinburgh; adm. 1813; m. 1814 Ann, d. of William Black, writer in Brechin; 1823 3 Roxburgh Street, 1840 5 Roxburgh Place (*Almanack*).
- 196.1823, 10 Dec. Peat, William, Register House.
- 197.1823, 10 Dec. Fleming, Alexander, WS.
-1845 1792-1879; s. of Rev. Alexander F., DD, Minister of Hamilton; adm. 1816; m. 1850 Euphemia, d. of David Scott, farmer, Northfield (no. 5); author of *An Historical Lecture on Tiends* (Edinburgh 1835); 1823 3 Castle Street.
- 198.1823, 10 Dec. Gibson Craig, William, Younger of
-1845 Riccarton [advocate].
1797-1878; eldest s. of Sir James G. C. of Riccarton, WS; 1850 succeeded as 2nd baronet; adm. 1820; m. 1840 Sarah, d. of John Vivian MP; 1837-41 MP for Midlothian, 1841-52 for Edinburgh; 1846-52 Lord of Treasury; 1862 Lord Clerk Register; 1830 joined Currie CC;

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- 1838 Archer; 1858–78 Treasurer of the Highland Society; see *ODNB*.
- 199.1823, 10 Dec. Balfour, John [Lewis] G[raham], WS. 211.1824, 8 Dec. Swan, James, WS.
–1845 1795–1866; s. of John B. of Sauchrie; adm. 1820; m. 1824 Alexis, d. of Charles Mercer, Allan Park, Stirling; 1823 429 High Street, 1840 37 Broughton Street (*Almanack*).
- 200.1823, 10 Dec. Niven, William, WS.
Not traced.
- 201.1823, 10 Dec. Horne, Archibald, Accountant. 212.1824, 8 Dec. Low, Henry Malcolm, WS.
–1845 1824 Archer; 1823 3 North Charlotte Street.
- 202.1823, 10 Dec. Brown, George, Accountant. 213.1824, 8 Dec. Syme, Thomas, WS.
–1845
- 203.1824, 8 Dec. Jeffrey, Francis, Advocate. 214.1824, 8 Dec. Inglis, Henry [Maxwell], [WS, of
–1845 1773–1850; eldest s. of George J., depute Clerk of Session; adm. 1794; m. 1801 Catherine, d. of Professor Charles Wilson, and 1813 Charlotte Wilkes; 1829 Dean of the Faculty of Advocates; 1830 Lord Advocate; 1831 MP for Perth Burghs, 1832–34 MP for Edinburgh; 1834–50 Senator of the College of Justice; 1801 co-founder of the *Edinburgh Review*, editor to 1829; 1823 92 George Street; see *ODNB*.
- 204.1824, 8 Dec. Gillies, the Hon. Lord [Adam]. 215.1824, 8 Dec. Hay, Sir John, Baronet, Advocate [of Park].
–1842 1766–1842; youngest s. of Robert G. of Little Keithock; adm. 1787; m. Elizabeth, d. of Thomas Carnegie of Craigo; 1806–11 Sheriff of Kincardineshire; 1811 Senator of the College of Justice.
- 205.1824, 8 Dec. Patton [or Paton], Robert, WS. 216.1824, 8 Dec. Robertson, James, WS.
–1845 1795–1884; s. of Rev. John Paton, Minister of Lasswade; adm. 1822; m. 1832 Isobella, d. of Thomas Phipps, London; Procurator Fiscal for Selkirk.
- 206.1824, 8 Dec. Gracie, J[ohn] B[lack], WS. 217.1824, 8 Dec. Scott, Andrew, WS.
–1845 1799–1847; 7th s. of John G., merchant in Wanlockhead; adm. 1821; m. 1822 Jane Leburn; Principal Clerk of the Commissary Court; editor of *Abstract of the Charters and other Papers Recorded in the Chartulary of Torphichen from 1581 to 1596* (Edinburgh 1830); Medal 1829; 1823 7 Buccleuch Place.
- 207.1824, 8 Dec. Johnston [or Johnstone], Alexander, WS. 218.1824, 8 Dec. Lockhart, Norman, of Greenston, WS.
–1845 1789–1864; eldest s. of William J. of Hillhouse; 1840 5 York Place (*Almanack*).
- 208.1824, 8 Dec. Dudgeon, Alexander, Leithmount. 219. Huie, George, Esq., Edinburgh.
1823 Brewer, Leithmount, Leith.
- 209.1824, 8 Dec. Hay, James, merchant, Leith. 220.1825, 15 Dec. Cunningham, Alexander, Esq.
–1845 1823 ?spirit dealer, 40 Tolbooth Wynd.
- 210.1824, 8 Dec. Tod, William, WS. 221.1825, 15 Dec. Thomson, Charles, wine merchant.
–1845 ?–1866; 2nd s. of William T., surgeon
- in Lanark; adm 1821; 1823 55 Hanover Street.
- 1783–1841; s. of George S., merchant in Edinburgh; adm. 1806; m. 1807 Sarah, d. of Benjamin Bartlet, storekeeper in Edinburgh Castle, and widow of William Buchanan of Auchmar, Stirlingshire; 1825 Archer; 1823 53 York Place.
- 1798–1858; s. of Robert L. of Clatto, Fife; adm. 1820.
- 1795–1869; s. of James S. of Northfield, East Lothian; adm. 1820; 1831 Archer; 1823 24 Nelson Street.
- 1800–1883; eldest s. of Rev. John I., DD, one of the ministers of Edinburgh; brother of John Inglis (no. 270); 1858–80 Principal Clerk of Session; 1829 joined Edinburgh Skating Club.
- 1799–1862; s. of Lt. Col. Lewis H., Royal Engineers; adm. 1821; m. Sarah, d. of John Cossins, physician, Weymouth; 1801 baronet of Park, on decease of cousin; 1834–61 Sheriff substitute at Stirling; 1828 Archer; 1823 4 Pitt Street.
- 1796–1864; youngest s. of the Rev. Patrick R., DD, Minister of Eddleston; adm. 1820; 1858–59 Crown Agent; 1823 50 George Street.
- 1798–1874; eldest s. of David S., farmer, Northfield (no. 5); adm. 1823; m. Mary Ann, d. of William Affleck, Liverpool, and 1847 Marion, d. of James Lidderdale, Lochbank, Castle Douglas; 1840 24 Drummond Place, secretary of Cauvin's Hospital (*Almanack*).
- 1777–1853; 3rd s. of Charles L. of Muiravonside; adm. 1805; m. 1806 Phillis, d. of John McMurdo, Dumfries; 1823 26 Frederick Street.
- 1795–1860; eldest s. of James N.,

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	baker in Edinburgh; adm. 1821; 1825 1 Northumberland Street and house 14 Hart Street, 1840 office 28 Royal Circus (<i>Almanack</i>).	–1845	1803–1877; 4th s. of Donald McL. of McL.; adm. 1826; m. Mary, d. of John Thow; 1840 13 Gloucester Place (<i>Almanack</i>).
223.1825, 15 Dec. –1845	Allan, Alexander, WS. 1795–1871; 3rd s. of William A., merchant in Edinburgh; adm. 1819; 1825 1 Leopold Place, 1831 5 Hillside Crescent.	232.1829 –1845	Kirkpatrick, Sir Charles, Baronet. 1811–1867; s. of Sir Thomas K. of Closeburn (no. 24); m. 1837 Helen Stuart, d. of Thomas Kirk of Kier Mill.
224.1825, 15 Dec. –1845	Keith, William, Accountant.	233.1829 –1845	Cuninghame, Alexander, WS [of Newholm]. 1805–1883; s. of Charles C. of N., WS; adm. 1827; m. 1834 Caroline, d. of Major General Alured Fance; 1842–74 Secretary to Commissioners of Northern Lights; 1840 84 George Street (<i>Almanack</i>).
225.1825, 15 Dec. –1833	Ballantine [or Ballantyne], James, Printer. 1772–1833; s. of John Ballantyne; m. 1816 d. of Robert Hogarth of Carfrae; 1825 3 Heriot Row; see <i>ODNB</i> .		Guthrie Wright, T[homas], WS, [Honorary Member]. 1777–1849; younger s. of Charles W., bookseller in Edinburgh; adm. 1802; m. 1809 Mary, d. of Professor John Hill, University of Edinburgh; 1806–49 Auditor of the Court of Session; factor of the Marquis of Abercorn; 1808 Archer; 1829 6 St Colme Street.
226.1825, 15 Dec. –1845	Hamilton, Sir William, Baronet, [advocate]. 1778–1856; 2nd s. of Dr William H. of Preston, Professor of Anatomy, University of Glasgow; adm. 1813; m. 1829 Janet, d. of Hubert Marshall, merchant, Glasgow; 1816 baronet; 1821–35 Professor of Civil History, University of Edinburgh; 1835–56 Professor of Logic and Metaphysics; 1832–56 Solicitor of Teinds; author of <i>Discussions on Philosophy and Literature, Education and University Reform</i> (London 1852), and his <i>Lectures on Metaphysics and Logic</i> , 4 vols (Edinburgh 1859–60); see <i>ODNB</i> .	234.1829 –1845	Reid, Capt. C.H., RN, of Grangehill. 1831 9 Saxe Coburg Place
227.1826, 21 Dec. –1843	Davidson, James Gillespie, WS. 1789–1843; s. of Harry D.; adm. 1812; m. 1828 Amelia, d. of Major General John Lamont of Lamont; 1812 Archer; 1825 1 North Charlotte Street and house 137 Princes Street, 1840 firm at 43 Castle Street (<i>Almanack</i>).	235.1830, 6 Jan. –1845	Haig, Robert, Lochrin. Distiller.
228.1829 –1845	Hamilton Dundas, James, WS. 1806?–1851; 2nd s. of Major Gabriel Hamilton D. of Duddingston, West Lothian (no. 76); adm. 1829.	236.1830, 6 Jan. –1845	Haig, Alexander, Sumburgh 1831 distiller, Sumburgh.
229.1829 –1845	Whigham, David, WS [of Coornlee]. 1803–1882; s. of Robert W. of Hallidayhill, Dumfriesshire, and brother of Robert Whigham (no. 118); adm. 1827; apprentice to Alexander Goldie (no. 32); 1829 Archer; 1829 79 Great King Street, 1840 13 Rutland Square (<i>Almanack</i>).	237.1830, 6 Jan. –1845	Hotchkiss, James, WS. 1795–1865; only s. of Richard H., WS; adm. 1820; m. 1824 Margaret, d. of Major Thomas Hart of Castlemilk, Dumfriesshire; 1814 Archer; 1830 22 Duke Street.
230.1829 –1845	Grant, Francis. 1803–1878; s. of Francis G. of Kilgraston; 1853 honorary member Royal Scottish Academy; 1866 knighted; 1866 President of Royal Academy, London; painter of sporting scenes and portraits; 1822 joined Edinburgh Skating Club; see <i>ODNB</i> .	238.1830, 6 Jan. –1845	Pattison, James, WS. 1794–1832; s. of Rev. James P, minister, Thornhill; adm. 1820; m. 1829 Isabella, d. of John Clerk of Eldin; 1831 58 Castle Street.
231.1829	McLachlan, Geo[rge], WS [of Maclachlan].	240.1830, 6 Jan. –1845	Veitch, James, Advocate [of Elliock]. 1799–1873; eldest s. of Henry V. of E. and brother of Thomas L. V. (no. 261); adm. 1821; m. 1831 Hannah, d. of James Hay of Hopes, WS; 1833–70 Sheriff substitute at Hamilton; 1831 53 Albany Street.
		241.1830, 6 Jan.	Barclay, Captain [R.H., RN]. 1831 2 Saxe Coburg Place.
		242.1830, 6 Jan. –1845	Johnston, James, [advocate, of Kincardine]. 1802–1886; eldest s. of James J., landed proprietor, Kincardine, Perthshire; adm. 1824; m. 1837 Matilda, d. of Thomas Crowe, of the Abbey, Ennis; 1831 25 Royal Crescent.
		243.1831, 30 Dec.	Hay, [Sir] Adam [Bart], Banker [Honorary

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	Member].		1833 8 Royal Circus.
	1841–54 Vice President of DCS.	257.1833, 17 Jan.	Haig, David, [Distiller] of Lochrin.
244.1832, 7 Jan.	Ainslie, Robert, junior, WS.	–1845	1833 15 Shandwick Place.
–1845	1805–1858; eldest s. of Archibald A., tenant in Peaston, Midlothian; adm. 1829; 1830 Archer; 1838 Medal; 1831 25 Northumberland Street.	258.1833, 17 Jan. –1845	Campbell, Alexander, Esq.
245.1832, 7 Jan.	Mitchell, Joseph, WS.	259.1833, 17 Jan. –1845	Sandeman, David [Chisholm], WS [of Kirkwood].
–1849	1802–1858; s. of Joseph M., farmer at Whitestanes, Dumfriesshire; adm. 1825; 1831 and 1832 Medal; 1850 presented handsome silver medal to Dalrymple Union CC; 1831 15 Fettes Row, 1833 29 Broughton Place.	260.1833, 17 Jan.	1806–1852; 3rd s. of David S. of Springland, Perthshire; adm. 1828; m. 1843 Julia, d. of John Roberts of Foveran; 1833 4 Melville Street.
246.1832, 7 Jan.	Thomson, George, of Burnhouse.	261.1834, 26 Jan. –1841	Kinnet Lawrie, W. B., of Woodhall. 1833 13 St Bernard Crescent.
–1845			Veitch, Thomas L., WS.
247.1832, 7 Jan.	Maitland, L[auderdale, of Eccles].		1804–1841; 4th s. of Henry V. of Elliock, brother of James V. (no. 240); adm. 1833; 1833 22 Hanover Street.
–1847	1839 and 1841 Medal.	262.1834, 26 Jan.	Allan [or Allen], Charles Edward, [WS].
248.1832, 7 Jan.	Gordon, William, WS [of Culvennan].	–1845	1810–1885; s. of John Lee Allen of Errol Park; adm. 1835.
–1845	1800–1858; eldest s. of David G., captain in Dumfriesshire Militia; adm. 1824; m. 1825 Agnes, d. of John Hyslop of Lochend; 1833 18 Northumberland Street and house 21 Lynedoch Place.	263.1834, 26 Jan. –1845	Torrie, Thomas J[ameson, advocate]. c. 1810–1858; s. of Patrick T., Prince of Wales Island, captain RN; adm 1830; m. 1846 Catherine, d. of Laurence Jamieson; 1829 Archer; 1833 21 Royal Circus.
249.1832, 7 Jan.	Allan, Alexander, Advocate.	264.1835, 24 Jan. –1845	Brodie, John, WS. 1797–1865; eldest s. of Francis Brodie, WS (no. 82); adm. 1823; m. 1828 Margaret, d. of Major General Thomas William Kerr; 1825 Archer; 1835 59 Northumberland Street.
–1853	1797–1884; 3rd s. of Alexander A. of Hillside, banker; adm. 1823; m. 1823 Jemima, d. of William Younger of Craigiellands, brewer; 1833 Medal; 1833 5 Hillside Crescent.		
250.1832, 7 Jan.	Sprot, John.	265.1835, 24 Jan.	Scott, Thomas Gray, WS. 1811–1856; s. of Archibald S., solicitor at law and Procurator Fiscal for Midlothian; adm. 1833; m. 1844 Ellinor, d. of Samuel Cooper of Failford, Ayrshire; 1834 Archer; 1835 33 Heriot Row, 1840 address of firm 13 Bank Street (<i>Almanack</i>).
–1845			
251.1832, 7 Jan.	Bothe, John M.	266.1835, 24 Jan. –1845	Smith, Archibald, Advocate. 1811–1873; eldest s. of William S. of Carbeth-Guthrie, Stirlingshire, Lord Provost of Glasgow; adm. 1834; m. 1847 Jannett, d. of William Blackwood, publisher; 1846–53 Sheriff substitute at Airdrie, and 1853–66 at Glasgow; 1835 37 Northumberland Street.
–1845			
252.1832, 7 Jan.	Wood, John H. [Leith].		
–1847	1854 member of Coates CC; 1833 5 James Place.		
253.1832, 7 Jan.	Scott, Thomas, Accountant.		
–1848	1833 8 Abercromby Place and house 3 Gayfield Square.		
254.1832, 7 Jan.	Lamont, John, Advocate.		
–1845	1805–1873; 2nd s. of Rev. Dr David L. of Erncrogo, Minister of Kirkpatrick Durham; adm. 1827; m. Mary Lockner.		
255.1832, 7 Jan.	Sprot, Thomas [WS].		
–1845	1800–1880; youngest s. of Alexander S., residing in Edinburgh; adm. 1823; 1854 Council member of Coates CC; 1833 16 Clyde Street and house 14 Picardy Place.	267.1835, 24 Jan. –1845	Forman, James, Advocate. 1812–1886; 2nd s. of John F. of Staffa, WS; adm. 1834; m. 1841 Helen, d. of William Scott, stock-broker of Camberwell Grove; Captain Midlothian Yeomanry; Chairman of Committee of Management of Edinburgh Savings Bank; 1835 27 Great King Street.
256.1833, 17 Jan.	Copland, William, of Coliston	268.1835, 24 Jan.	McCulloch, Walter, WS [of Ardwall].
–1847	[of Collieston and Blackwood, advocate]. 1808–1851; s. of William C. of Rosebank, surgeon, Dumfries; adm 1830; m. 1840 Harriet, d. of Charles Bellamy, HEICS; 1829 Archer;		

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	-1845	1807-1892; 2nd s. of James Murray McC. of Ardwall; adm. 1830; 1849-59 Steward Clerk of Kirkcudbrightshire; 1835 139 George Street, 1840 137 Princes Street (<i>Almanack</i>).	276.1837, 9 Jan.	Ellis, William, SSC. Adm. 1794; 1838 President of the SSC; 1837 4 Royal Terrace.
269.1835, 24 Jan.	-1845	Herron [or Heron], James, [WS, of Dalmore]. 1811-1849; s. of James H., merchant in Ayr; adm. 1835; 1833 Archer; 1835 8 Hope Street.	277.1838, 20 Jan. -1845	Key, Captain [George William], 15 Hussars. 1832 Archer, as George W. Key, 16th Lancers.
270.1835, 24 Jan.	-1845	Inglis, John, Advocate. 1810-1891; youngest s. of Rev. Dr John I., Minister of Old Greyfriars, Edinburgh, and brother of Henry Inglis (no. 214); adm. 1835; m. 1842 Isabella, d. of Alexander Wood, Advocate; 1844-46 Advocate Depute; 1852 Solicitor General for Scotland; 1852 and 1858 Lord Advocate; 1852-58 Dean of the Faculty of Advocates; 1858-67 Lord Justice Clerk; 1867-91 Lord Justice General and Lord President; 1868-1891 Chancellor of Edinburgh University; 1850-52 Counsel for the curlers in the important action anent the question whether there was a servitude of curling, <i>Harvey v Lindsay & ors. (residents of Lochwinnoch)</i> , 1853, 15D. 768; 1857 defended Madeleine Smith; Captain of the Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews; see <i>ODNB</i> .	278.1838, 20 Jan. 279.1838, 20 Jan. -1845	Key, Charles [Hugh]. In 1845 list appears as 2nd Dragoon Guards. Fergusson, Samuel R[obert], WS [of Middlehaugh]. 1812-1890; s. of Sir James F. of M., Perthshire; adm. 1835; m. 1842 Janet Watson; 1839 31 Alva Street.
			280.1838, 20 Jan. -1845	Ewart, John, [Chancery Office]. 1835 Assistant Clerk of Chancery Office; 1838 Chancery Office; 9 Drummond Place.
			281.1838, 20 Jan. -1845	Dickson, Archibald, [MD]. 1838 Surgeon, 6 Fettes Row.
			282.1838, 20 Jan. -1848	Blackwood, James, WS. 1814-1871; s. of William B., publisher; adm. 1837, apprentice to Donald Horne (no. 124); 1854 member of Coates CC; 1839 18 George Street.
			283.1838, 20 Jan. -1845	Ainslie, John [of Huntington, Haddington parish].
			284.1838, 20 Jan. -1848	Blackwood, Robert. In 1845 list appears as publisher; 1838 18 Great Stuart Street.
271.1835, 24 Jan.	-1845	Cook, John, WS. 1813-1891; eldest s. of Walter C., WS; adm. 1836; m. 1842 Margaret, d. of Lt. Gen. Sir John Hope; 1861-91 Collector of the WS Widows' Fund; 1840 25 Drummond Place (<i>Almanack</i>).	285.1838, 20 Jan. -1853	Christie, Captain [Alexander], HEICS. 1838 28 Abercromby Place.
			286.1838, 20 Jan. -1845	Ainslie, David.
272.1836, 15 Feb.	-1847	McKenzie, John Ord, WS [of Dolphinton]. 1811-1902; eldest s. of Richard McK. of D.; adm. 1832; m. 1833 Margaret, d. of Sir Thomas Kirkpatrick, Bart, of Closeburn (no. 24), and 1881 Joanna Spens, d. of William Spens, Manager of the Scottish Amicable Assurance Company; 1854 member of Coates CC; 1835 Commissioner of the Court of King's Bench at 32 Abercromby Place and house 4 Pitt Street.	287.1839, 6 Feb. -1848	Lyon, John Stewart, of Kirkmichael.
			288.1839, 6 Feb. -1845	Hope, William, farmer, [Duddingston Mains].
			289.1839, 6 Feb. -1848	Scott, David, junior, Northfield. 1808?-1882; s. of David Scott (no. 5); 1844 Medal; family gravestone at D. Kirk.
			290.1839, 6 Feb. -1849	Walker, John, WS. 1815-1879; 2nd s. of William W. of Jamaica and Kelton Mains, Dumfriesshire; adm. 1838; m. 1853 Margaret, d. of Francis Maxwell of Gribton; 1841-53 Assistant Secretary of DCS; 1854 first Treasurer of Coates CC; 1839 47 Northumberland Street.
273.1836, 15 Feb.	-1845	Kinnear, James, WS. 1810-1849; 7th s. of George K., banker, Edinburgh; adm. 1832; m. 1831 Mary, d. of William B. of Trenaby, Orkney; 1836 Archer; 1837 81 George Street and house 9 Doune Terrace.	291.1839, 6 Feb. 292.1839, 6 Feb. -1845	Laing, Robert, junior, Campend. Arundell, G. Hunter, of Barjarg. Died before 7 Jan. 1848.
274.1837, 9 Jan.	-1853	Weir, Dr [James, MD]. 1849 Medal; 1839 6 Lyndoch Place.	293.1839, 6 Feb.	Muir, James.
275.1837, 9 Jan.	-1845	Dymock, Dr [Archibald, MD]. 1837, Surgeon, 18 Albany Street.	294.1839, 6 Feb. -1853	Brown, Archibald, Johnstonburn. 1854 member of Coates CC.
			295.1839, 6 Feb.	Bairnsfather, Peter [of Dembarrow], WS.

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	1809–1890; eldest s. of Hugh B., WS; adm. 1832; m. 1840 Sarah, d. of William Miller of Dalswinton, and nephew of no. 73; 1839 3 Fettes Row.	308.1841, 28 Jan. –1845	Thomson, Francis, Duddingston. 1814–1858; s. of the Rev. John Thomson (no. 58) by his second wife, Frances; became a doctor and practised at Peterhead.
296.1839, 6 Feb. –1845	Ainslie, Robert, Redcall. ?WS.	309.1841, 28 Jan. –1845	Gardner, R.
297.1839, 6 Feb. –1845	Dumbreck, William, MD. 1839 MD, FRC of Surgeons, 14 Dublin Street.	310.1841, 28 Jan. –1845	Inglis, Henry, [WS, of Torsonce]. Perhaps 1806–1885; s. of William I., WS; adm. 1828; m. 1832 Marianne, d. of Andrew Stein of Wester Greenyards, and 1880 Ann Kinnear; minor poet.
298.1839, 6 Feb. –1845	Graham, Henry C[unningham], WS. 1806–1858; s. of John G., jeweller in Edinburgh; adm. 1834; m. 1835 Jane, d. of Rev. Archibald Maconochie, Minister of Bonkle; 1839 12 South Charlotte Street, and house 11 Darnaway Street.	311.1841, 28 Jan. –1845	Siewewright, C. K., Esq.
299.1839, 6 Feb. –1845	Marshall, Captain. Perhaps John M., a Council member of Coates CC in 1854.	312.1841, 28 Jan. –1845	Orr, Captain E. M., EICS. 1854 member of Coates CC; 1841 59 York Place.
300.1839, 6 Feb. –1845	Ewart, Archibald.	313.1841, 28 Jan. –1845	Wardrop, John, of Garvald.
301.1839, 6 Feb. –1845	Menzies, Allan, WS. 1804–1856; s. of the Rev. William M., Minister of Lanark; adm. 1829; m. 1833 Helen, d. of Alexander Cowan, Moray House; 1847–56 Professor of Conveyancing in the University of Edinburgh; 1839 Moray House, Canongate, 1840 16 Princes Street (<i>Almanack</i>).	314.1841, 28 Jan. –1845	Cunningham, Alexander, of Balgounie.
		315.1841, 28 Jan. –1845	Renton, John Campbell, of Lamberton.
		316.1841, 28 Jan. –1845	Dickson, James Jobson, accountant. 1854 member of Coates CC; 1841 12 Howe Street, and house West Kirk Manse.
301a. 1839, 6 Feb. –1845	Weir, Dr Graham, MD. S. of no. 274; 1853 Medal; 1839 1 Albyn Place.	317.1842, 28 Jan. –1845	Irving, George [Vere], of Newton, [advocate]. 1816–1869; only s. of Alexander I. of N., advocate; adm. 1837; m. Leah, d. of Joseph Isaacs, Edinburgh; Vice President of the British Archaeological Association; author of <i>The Upper Ward of Lanarkshire Described and Delineated</i> , 3 vols (Glasgow 1864); Captain of Carnwath Troop of Yeomanry; 1842 27 Heriot Row.
302.1841, 28 Jan. –1845	Hamilton, W. C. of Craighlaw.		
303.1841, 28 Jan. –1845	Buckle, John, Lauriston. 1841 Wharton House, East Lauriston Lane.		
304.1841, 28 Jan. –1853	Gillespie, [Sir] John, Biggar Park [WS]. 1822–1901; 2nd s. of George G. of B. P., WS; adm. 1844; apprentice to John Ord Mackenzie (no. 272); m. Margaret, d. of George Robertson, one of the Deputy Keepers of the Records; 1842 Archer; Secretary, Royal Company of Archers; 1883 knighted; 1847 and 1848 Medal; 1854 Council and representative member of Coates CC.	318.1842, 28 Jan. –1845	Tawse, John B., WS [of Stobshiel]. 1813–1887; eldest s. of John T. of S., East Lothian, advocate; 1852 Archer, and 1871?–76 Treasurer; 1854 member Coates CC; 1842 49 Queen Street.
		319.1842, 28 Jan. –1845	Reid, Charles G[reenshields], WS, [of Greenhill]. 1814–1897; s. of Captain Charles R. of G., RN; adm. 1840; m. 1850 Georgina, d. of John Jardine, Advocate, Sheriff of Ross and Cromarty; 1844 Medal; 1854 Council member and 1857 Secretary of Coates CC; a curling stone of his in the author's collection; 1842 52 Melville Street.
305.1841, 28 Jan. –1847	Dickson, John, Royal Circus, [WS]. 1817–1909; eldest s. of Walter D. of Monybuie; adm. 1843; m. 1852 Eliza, d. of Col. Alexander Macleod.		
306.1841, 28 Jan. –1849	Taylor, William, WS. 1817–1888; s. of Robert T. of Broomlands; adm. 1840.		
307.1841, 28 Jan. –1845	McKenzie, Richard James, Abercromby Place, [MD]. 1841 32 Abercromby Place.	320.1842, 28 Jan. –1845	Lockhart, Allan Elliot, of Borthwickbrae, [advocate]. 1803–1878; s. of William E. L.

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- of Cleghorn, Lanarkshire, MP for Selkirkshire; adm. 1824; 1830 m. Charlotte, d. of Sir Robert Dundas of Beechwood, Bart; 1846–61 MP for Selkirk.
- 321.1842, 28 Jan. Oliver, Thomas, Lochend.
- 322.1842, 28 Jan. McFarlane, Rev. James, of Duddingston
–1845 [Honorary Member].
1808–1866; s. of John McF., Minister of the Relief Church; m. 1841 Agnes Jane, d. of Alexander Goodsir of the British Linen Bank; 1831 Minister of the North Church, Stirling; 1832 Stockbridge Chapel-of-Ease; 1841 D.; 1848 DD; 1865 Moderator of the General Assembly.
- 323.1843, 27 Jan. Chancellor, John, Shieldhill.
–1848 1842 14 George Square.
- 324.1843, 27 Jan. Buchanan, John, of Carbeth.
–1845
- 325.1843, 27 Jan. Donaldson, James, Advocate.
–1848 1818–1853; s. of James D., Accountant, Edinburgh; 1842 46 Northumberland Street.
- 326.1843, 27 Jan. Hay, Col. Charles, Duddingston House.
–1845
- 327.1843, 27 Jan. Gordon, John Thomson, Advocate.
–1847 1813–1865; s. of John Gordon, MD, Edinburgh; adm. 1835; m. 1837 Mary, d. of Professor John Wilson, Edinburgh; 1840 and 1846 Advocate Depute; 1847–49 Sheriff of Aberdeenshire; 1849–65 Sheriff of Midlothian; 1849–50 Rector of Marischal College, Aberdeen; 1854 first President of Coates CC; 1843 6 Gloucester Place.
- 328.1845, 17 Jan. Leny, James Macalpine, of Dalswinton.
1796–1867; s. of William Macalpine of Kippen; assumed the name of Leny under the will of his uncle; m. Marion, d. of Robert Downie of Appin, MP; Lieutenant in the 8th Light Dragoons; 1850 Medal; 1854 member of Coates CC.
- 329.1845, 17 Jan. Wood, William, Leith.
- 330.1845, 17 Jan. Bruce, John, WS, [of Powfoulis].
–1853 1815–1899; s. of James B. of P., Stirlingshire; adm. 1843; m. 1857 Jessie, d. of Robert Taylor of Broomland, Kirkcudbrightshire; 1853 Assistant Secretary of DCS; 1854 first Secretary of Coates CC.
- 331.1845, 17 Jan. Stewart, Archibald, MD.
- 332.1845, 17 Jan. Robertson, John, younger of Logan–House.
- 333.1845, 17 Jan. Fraser, Edward, Advocate.
–1849 1817–1855; s. of Capt. Edward F., HEICS and merchant, Ness House, Inverness; adm. 1843; m. 1854 Elizabeth, d. of Capt. Melville Gore Matson, 59th Regiment, London; 1852–54 Sheriff substitute of Sutherland at Dornoch; 1845 46 Albany Street.
- 334.1845, 17 Jan. Smith, Rev. George, Minister of the Tolbooth [Honorary Member].
1793–1866; 1825 m. Jane, d. of David Hogarth of Hilton; 1824 Minister at Kilmarnock Laigh Kirk (second charge); 1833 Penpont; 1844 Tolbooth, Edinburgh; 1845–53 Chaplain of DCS; 1854 Chaplain of Coates CC; 1859 Archer; 1845 Randolph Cliff.
- 335.1845, 17 Jan. Biggar, Rev. David, Cauvin’s Hospital,
–1847 Duddingston [Honorary Member].
- 336.1847, 15 Jan. Nairn [or Nairne], James, Junior, WS.
–1849 1821–1866; eldest s. of Charles N., WS; 1844 Archer; 1854 member of Coates CC; 1847 7 Pitt Street.
- 337.1847, 15 Jan. Bruce, Hugh, Advocate.
1800–1874; 3rd s. of Alexander B. of Kennet; adm. 1821; 1854 council member of Coates CC; 1847 39 Moray Place.
- 338.1847, 15 Jan. Blackwood, Alexander, Publisher.
- 339.1847, 15 Jan. Wauchope, Andrew, of Niddry.
1842 Archer.
- 340.1847, 15 Jan. Moncreiff, William, Accountant.
1847 59 George Street.
- 341.1847, 15 Jan. Campbell, Archibald David, [stockbroker].
–1848 1848 10 South St David Street.
- 342.1847, 15 Jan. Blackburn, Robert [Bogle], Advocate.
–1848 1821–1875; 5th s. of John B. of Killearn; adm. 1846; m. 1847 Frances, d. of the Rev. Edward Dewing, rector of Rainham, Norfolk; 1858–59 and 1866–68 Advocate Depute; 1868–75 Sheriff of Stirlingshire; 1854 member of Coates CC; 1847 8 Queen Street.
- 343.1847, 15 Jan. Mylne, Thomas, Niddry Mains, [farmer].
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- 344.1847, 15 Jan. Plummer, Charles Scott, of Sunderlandhall.
–1848 1821–1880; s. of Charles Scott of Woll; 1839 assumed the name of Plummer on inheriting the estates of Sunderland Hall and Middlestead; 1843 Archer.
- 345.1847, 15 Jan. Moncreiff, George, Writer.
–1848 1848, SSC, 2 London Street.
- 346.1847, 15 Jan. Clark, Andrew [R].
–1849 1854 member of Coates CC.
- 347.1847, 15 Jan. Tod, George, Accountant.
1854 member of Coates CC.
- 348.1847, 15 Jan. Cuthbertson, William, WS.
–1853 1813–1864; s. of Thomas C., coachbuilder in Edinburgh; adm. 1847; m. 1851 Jane Tod; 1854 member of Coates CC; 1848 73 George Street.

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- 349.1848, 7 Jan. Henderson, William Scott, WS.
–1853 1821–1859; 2nd s. of Robert H. of
Abbotrule; adm. 1845; 1854 member
of Coates CC; 1847 39 Albany Street.
- 350.1848, 7 Jan. Blackwood, John, Publisher.
–1853 1818–1879; s. of William Blackwood,
Publisher; 1845–79 Editor of
Blackwood's Magazine; in control of
the firm of Blackwood from 1852;
1854 member of Coates CC; 1847
3 Randolph Crescent; see *ODNB*.
- 351.1848, 7 Jan. Bell, Charles, Royal Circus.
1849 City Clerk, City Chambers, and
house 7 Royal Circus.
- 352.1848, 7 Jan. Young, Archibald, Advocate.
1820–1900; eldest s. of William Y., WS;
adm. 1843; 1867–82 Commissioner of
Salmon Fisheries for Scotland; author
of *The Angler's and Sketcher's Guide
to Sutherland* (Edinburgh 1880) and
*Summer Sailings by an old Yachtsman,
with Illustrations by the Author*
(Edinburgh 1898); 1849 3 Moray Place.
- 353.1849, 5 Jan. Kennedy, Neil, Great King Street.
S. of John K.; 1850
71 Great King Street.
- 354.1849, 5 Jan. Shand, Charles Farquhar, Advocate.
1812–1889; 3rd s. of the Rev. James S.,
of Marykirk, Kincardineshire;
adm. 1834; m. 1850 Margaret,
d. of Col. James Lee Harvey, Castle
Semple; 1857–60 Counsel for Lords of
Treasury and Commissioner of Woods
and Forests (Scotland); Advocate
Depute; 1860 Chief Justice of the
Supreme Court of Mauritius; 1869
knighted; 1876 Barrister of Lincoln's Inn
and Judge of Vice Admiralty Court;
1854 member of Coates CC; 1850
36 Moray Place.
- 355.1853, 2 Mar. Thomson, George A., Accountant.
1849 Accountant and Actuary 37
Inverleith Row.
- 356.1853, 2 Mar. Gillespie, Dr James, [MD].
1854 30 York Place.
- 357.1853, 2 Mar. Boswell, Sir James, Baronet [of
Auchinleck].
1806–1857; s. of Sir Alexander B.
(no. 83).
- 358.1853, 2 Mar. Coventry, James, Accountant.
1855 33 Melville Street.
- 359.1853, 2 Mar. McKie, James, younger of Balgallie.
1854 member of Coates CC as J Mackie.
- 360.1853, 2 Mar. Blackwood, Captain William, HEICS.
1854 Council member of Coates CC;
1854 5 Coates Crescent.
- 361.1853, 2 Mar. Campbell, Ord G[raham], WS.
1816–1890; youngest s. of Archibald
Graham C. of Shirvain, Ayrshire;
adm. 1838; m. 1858 Jeanette Wallace.
- 362.1853, 2 Mar. Finlay, William, Accountant.
1854 member of Coates CC; 1854
?Secretary Scottish Equitable,
17 Northumberland Street.
- 363.1853, 2 Mar. Cunningham, George, C[ivil] E[ngineer].
1854 Council member and representative
member to Royal Caledonian CC of
Coates CC; 1854 civil engineer and land
surveyor, 21 Castle Street.
- 364.1853, 2 Mar. Montgomerie, Roger, Advocate, [of
Annick].
1828–1880; 3rd s. of William M. of
Annick Lodge, Irvine; 1858, 1866–68,
and 1874–80 Advocate Depute; 1874
Collector of Advocates' Widows' Fund;
1874–80 MP for North Ayrshire; 1880
Depute Clerk Register.
- 365.1853, 2 Mar. Ivory, Thomas, Advocate.
1818–1882; eldest s. of James I., Lord
Ivory; adm. 1851; 1845 Barrister;
1862–82 Counsel for HM Woods and
Forests; 1854 member of Coates CC;
1855 9 Ainslie Place.
- 366.1853, 2 Mar. Wilson, J[ohn] P[ettigrew], Advocate
[of Polquhairn].
1823–1884; s. of James W. of P.;
adm. 1846; 1877–82 Sheriff of Ross
and Cromarty and Sutherland; 1854
20 Abercromby Place.
- 367.1853, 2 Mar. Goodall, John, Advocate, [of Rennyhill].
1825–1854; only s. of James G., farmer,
Peasiehill, Angus; adm. 1848; 1854
24 Nelson Street.
- 368.1853, 2 Mar. Marshall, John, Advocate.
1827–1881; eldest s. of John M., Lord
Curriehill; adm. 1852; 1874–81 Senator
of the College of Justice as Lord
Curriehill; 1854 member of Coates CC;
1854 5 Randolph Crescent, living with
father.
- 369.1853, 2 Mar. Watson, William, Accountant.
1854 representative member to
Royal Caledonian CC of Coates CC.
- 370.1853, 2 Mar. Dickson, Thomas G., Advocate.
So described in Minutes but no trace of
him in list of Advocates or Writers to the
Signet; 1854 member of Coates CC.
- 371.1853, 2 Mar. Horne, Thomas E[l]liot O[gilvie], WS.
1829–1884; s. of Donald H., WS
(no. 124); adm. 1852; m. Priscilla
Moore; 1854 member of Coates CC;
1855 10 Atholl Crescent.

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APPENDIX 2

Alphabetical List of Members of the Duddingston Curling Society

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Arundell, G. Hunter	292	Cockburn, Henry	144
Ayton, Roger	179	Cockburn, Patrick	39
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Balfour, John Graham	199	Coventry, James	358
Ballantine, James	225	Craig, John	28
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Barclay, Captain R. H.	241	Crichton, Thomas	8
Bartram, James	193	Cross, John	194
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Bennet, Captain John	12	Cunninghame, John	187
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Forrester, John	155	Inglis, Henry	310
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Gardner, R.	309	Innes, Cosmo	171
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Graham, Henry Cunningham	298	Key, Charles Hugh	278
Graham, Patrick	154	Kincaid, John Lennox	126
Grant, Francis	230	Kinnear, James	273
Gray, John	85	Kinnet Lawrie, W. B.	260
Gray, William	103	Kirkpatrick, Sir Charles	232
Greenhill, Alexander	167	Kirkpatrick, Sir Thomas	24
Greig, David	141	Laing, Robert	53
Guthrie, Alexander	69	Laing, Robert	291
Guthrie Wright, Thomas	234	Lamont, John	254
Haig, Alexander	237	Lang, James	138
Haig, David	257	Leny, James Macalpine	328
Haig, Robert	236	Linning, John	25
Hall, James	135	Linning, Michael	15
Hamilton, James	102	Linning, Thomas	9
Hamilton, John	191	Lockhart, Allan Elliot	320
Hamilton, Sir William	226	Lockhart, Norman	218
Hamilton, W. C.	302	Lorimer, Lieutenant	65
Hamilton Dundas, Gabriel	76	Low, Henry Malcolm	212
Hamilton Dundas, James	228	Lunn, James	11
Harkness, Dr Walter	41	Lyon, John Stewart	287
Hay, Sir Adam	243	McAllan, Alexander	158
Hay, Colonel Charles	326	McBraire, John Joseph	142
Hay, James	209	McCulloch, Walter	268
Hay, Sir John	215	Macdonald, Captain William	74
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Henderson, William Scott	349	McFarlane, Rev. James	322
Herron, James	269	McGeorge, John	10
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Maitland, Lauderdale	247	Scott, Andrew	1
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Marshall, Captain	299	Scott, David	5
Marshall, John	368	Scott, David	289
Maxton, John	130	Scott, Thomas	253
Melville, James Moncreiff	145	Scott, Thomas Gray	265
Menzies, Allan	301	Shand, Charles Farquhar	354
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More, John Shank	183	Smith, Rev. George	334
Morrison, John	177	Sommerville, Rev. James	125
Mosman, William	79	Spittal, Captain Thomas	36
Mossman, Hugh	63	Sprot, John	250
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Muir, James	293	Sprot, Thomas	255
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Peat, Thomas	70	Tod, William	210
Peat, William	196	Torrie, Thomas Jameson	263
Pew, Alexander	27	Torry, Archibald	78
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Plummer, Charles Scott	344	Veitch, James	240
Proudfoot, Rev. William	71	Veitch, Thomas L.	261
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Reid, Captain C. H.	235	Walker, Sir Patrick	110
Reid, Charles G.	319	Walsh, Henry	22
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Wemyss, Sir James	134	Wood, John H.	252
Whigham, David	229	Wood, William	329
Whigham, Robert	118	Wright, Robert	57
White, Lieut. Colonel Henry	96	Wylie, David	173
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APPENDIX 3

Office Bearers of the Duddingston Curling Society

Presidents of the Duddingston Curling Society

1795–1803	Andrew Scott, Northfield.
1804–10	John Edgar.
1810–17	Sir Thomas Kirkpatrick.
1817–22	Sir Thomas Kirkpatrick. Sir George Clerk, Bart. Alexander Boswell of Auchinleck. Principal George Husband Baird.
1822–23	Sir Thomas Kirkpatrick. Principal Baird. Sir George Clerk. James Millar, advocate.
1823–24	Sir Thomas Kirkpatrick. Principal Baird. Sir George Clerk. James Millar, advocate. Henry Cockburn, advocate.
1824–40	Sir Thomas Kirkpatrick. Sir George Clerk. Principal Baird. Henry Cockburn.
1841–44	Sir Thomas Kirkpatrick. Sir George Clerk. The Hon. Lord Cockburn. David Scott.
1845–53	Sir George Clerk. The Hon. Lord Cockburn. David Scott.

Vice Presidents of the Duddingston Curling Society

1795–1808	John Horn.
1808–41	David Scott.
1841–54	Sir Adam Hay of Hayston, Bart.

Secretaries of the Duddingston Curling Society

1795–96	Thomas McKill.
1796–99	John Edgar.
1799–1802	John Craig.
1802–25	David Ewart.
1825–30	Thomas Ewart WS.
1830–53	Edward Hoggan WS.

Assistant Secretaries of the Duddingston Curling Society

1816–25	Thomas Ewart WS.
1841–53	John Walker.
1853	John Bruce.

Chaplains of the Duddingston Curling Society

1795–1805	Rev. William Bennet.
1806–44	Rev. David Ritchie.
1845–53	Rev. George Smith.

APPENDIX 4

Places at which Anniversary Meetings were held

1795–1810	Curlers' Hall, Duddingston.	1833–35	York Hotel, Edinburgh.
1810–11	McIntosh's Tavern, Edinburgh.	1836	Star Hotel, Edinburgh.
1812–22	McEwan's Tavern, Royal Exchange, Edinburgh.	1837–38	Paxton's Hotel, Royal Exchange, Edinburgh.
1823–27	Archers' Hall, Edinburgh.	1839	Archers' Hall.
1830–32	McEwan's Tavern.	1841	Rainbow Tavern, Edinburgh.
		1842–49	Waterloo Hotel, Edinburgh.

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APPENDIX 5

Winners of the Duddingston Curling Society's Gold Medal

The records of the Gold Medal competitions in the Society's Minute Book are incomplete. Where alternative sources of information have been used to fill a gap, this is noted.		1840	No play.
		16 January 1841	Lauderdale Maitland (30 competitors).
		1842	No play.
18 January 1810	Rev. James Muir (18 competitors).	18 February 1843	James Lang WS (25 competitors).
2 February 1811	Rev. James Muir.	10 February 1844	Charles G. Reid WS (18 competitors).
8 January 1812	Principal Baird (9 competitors).	28 December 1844	David Scott, junior.
2 December 1813	Alexander Goldie WS.	1846	No play.
24 December 1814	Rev. Dr David Ritchie.	14 January 1847	John Gillespie WS
25 November 1815	James Millar, advocate (after a replay with the Secretary).		(16 competitors).
1816	No play for the medal.	22 January 1848	John Gillespie WS
1 January 1818	Dr David Ritchie.		(20 competitors).
29 December 1819	James Millar, advocate.	6 January 1849	Dr James Weir (24 competitors).
1820–21	No play.	10 January 1850	James McAlpine Leny
14 January 1826	J. W. Dickson (<i>Scotsman</i> , 18 January 1826).		(16 competitors).
23 January 1829	J. B. Gracie WS (<i>Scotsman</i> , 28 January 1829).	18 February 1853	Dr Graham Weir. (<i>Scotsman</i> , 23 February 1853: 'The gold medal of this Club was played for on Friday on the policy pond at Duddingston, and, after a keen competition, was won by Dr Graham Weir.')
30 December 1831	Joseph Mitchell WS (the author has one of a pair of stones, which bears a silver plaque recording that Mitchell won the prize stones along with the Gold Medal on 30 December 1831).		
1832	Joseph Mitchell.		
1833	Alexander Allan, advocate.		
1834–37	No play.		
1838	Robert Ainslie WS.		John I. Henderson, advocate.
1839	Lauderdale Maitland of Eccles.		Edward Hoggan WS (twice).

In addition, the following members are marked in the list of members printed in 1845 as having 'gained the Medal':

John I. Henderson, advocate.
Edward Hoggan WS (twice).

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APPENDIX 6

Curling Days

The following table is derived from the record of Curling Days at Duddingston kept by the Rev. James Muir from 1794–95 till 1810–11, when he became minister at Beith, Ayrshire. He summarised the detailed records for each year in a table showing the total number of ‘tolerable’ days and how many of these were classed as ‘good’ curling days. Greater details about the dates, skaters and competitions are given in the detailed entries for each

year, which are at the end of the Society’s Minute Book. Muir calculated that for these 17 winters there had been a total of 170 tolerable days, of which 130 had been good days, giving an average of 10 tolerable and 8 good days per winter.

The later part of the table is extracted from a rather patchier continuation of these records made by the Secretary, David Ewart. The records cease completely after winter 1820–21.

Source	Winter	Tolerable Days	Good Days
Muir	1794–95	c. 40	30
	1795–96	0	0
	1796–97	c. 5	5
	1797–98	0	0
	1798–99	c. 8	8
	1799–1800	8	6
	1800–01	2	2
	1801–02	32	22
	1802–03	c. 20	17
	1803–04	3	1
	1804–05	5	5
	1805–06	5	2
	1806–07	2	1
	1807–08	9	8
	1808–09	17	13
	1809–10	8	8
	1810–11	6	2

Source	Winter	Tolerable Days	Good Days
Ewart	1811–12	6	3
	1812–13	–	–
	1813–14	3	*36
	1814–15	9	4
	1815–16	19	18
	1816–17	2	2
	1817–18	5	4
	1818–19	19	19
	1819–20	–	–
	1820–21	2	0

* Sir Robert Christison (in his *Life*, edited by his sons, 2 vols, Edinburgh 1885, I, pp. 349–350) says of this winter: ‘... severe frost lasted for two months, and, after four days of fresh weather, for two months more. When at last the ice broke up on Duddingston Loch, I measured it, and found it to be 11 inches thick. During the long frost the loch was daily frequented by crowds of skaters, curlers, and fashionable promenaders, and on Saturdays two military bands were in attendance. Snow frequently fell, but almost entirely during the night; and it was regularly swept up in the morning into heaps scattered over the ice. These ere long became extensive mounds higher than one’s head, so that the loch was laid out in irregular streets and squares, among which it was not an easy matter to find a party after being once separated from them. Duddingston has never been so gay a scene as in the winter of 1813–14.’

APPENDIX 7

Curling Songs

Members who attended the meetings of the Society carried out the business and had enjoyable social evenings. At the dinner in McEwan's Tavern on 11 December 1816 'a Duet composed by Mr. Boswell was sung to the Meeting by that Gentleman and received with unbounded applause, was ordered to be recorded in the Minute Book of the Society, and the thanks of the Meeting were voted to Mr Boswell' and 'a Poem composed by Mr James Millar was read to the Meeting and received with unbounded applause and ordered to be recorded in their Minute Book, and the thanks of the Society were voted to that Gentleman'. Sadly, the secretary did not carry out his orders, though we are able to recover the duet, because Boswell had already had it printed in the *Ayrshire Magazine* of March 1816 (and it was reprinted in 1981 by the present author in his *Curling: An Illustrated History*).¹ The Laird of Auchinleck must have been an accomplished singer, for the tune to which he wrote the duet, 'The Auld Wife Ayont the Fire', is not for an amateur.

Another song composed by Boswell (to the tune: Bachelor's Bluff), and of very particular Duddingston relevance, is the following, for it was composed to celebrate the Gold Medal, and has numerous references to members of the Society:²

Let Lads Dam the Water

*Let lads dam the water in ilka how trough,
For cheerin' frost comes wi' December;
And curlers o' Scotland on Duddingston Loch
The glorious MEDAL remember.*

Chorus:

*Duddingston Loch! Duddingston Loch!
Strain ilka nerve, shouter, backbane, and hough.*

*Let rogues and let fools rin to cards and to dice,
And gamblin', sit girnin' and gurlin':
But honest men ken that tho' slipp'ry the ice,
Still fair play and fun gang wi' curling.*

*Then ring it round Reekie, our auld bizzin' byke,
That the rinks are a' measured an' soopit;
And out flee the lads, to draw, inwick, and strike,
Frae plough, counter, desk, bar, and pu' pit.*

*To the Kirk we maun bow, sae we needna be sure,
For there, I trow, stands our best pillar:
But gif o' keen curlers ye're wantin' the flower,
For flour ye maun look to a – Millar.³*

*We politicks never shall mix in our brue,
To Curlers a toothless wife's story,
'Bout auld Whigs and new Whigs, there's unco ado;
But name can transmogrify – Torry.⁴*

*George is our King and we honour him weel,
And George can mak' Lords by his Letter;
But we boast a Curler, a mightier chiel,
Mac-George he can write, and that's better.⁵*

*Lazy loons crack o' a clear sheet o' ice,
Tho' wark mak's a sony beginning;
But troth about sheets some folk needna be nice,
Wha get twa gude stanes and lang – Linning.⁶*

*The Principal's ane o' our principal hands,
For skill at ilk port stands his bedal:
Not Wellington prouder looked o'er his brave bands,
Than our Doctor o'er his and the Medal.⁷*

*David wi' stanes wan the Philistine's head;
His pebbles I'm thinkin' were whin stanes:
But our rev'rend David can win, whan there's need,
A head, wi' twa stanes like twa grun-stanes.⁸*

*A blythe penny-waddin', I ken by the book,
Our fathers thought sport maist bewitchin':
But we fare as weel wi' a blythe Penny-cook,
Let him be the Clerk o' mirth's kitchen.⁹*

*On gude beef and greens a true Curler maun feed,
A dish for a King or a cotter;
And sheepishly nane wad refuse a sheep's head,
But let them no leave out ilk – Trotter.¹⁰*

*If Scot's in the chair, we've a Curler that's true;
If the Knight, then the night sit out fairly;
For mony a bowl maun be toom or we're fou,
And past twall o'clock's risin' early.¹¹*

NOTES

- 1 Printed in Smith, *Curling* (note 1), pp. 18–20.
- 2 'Let Lads Dam the Water', in John Cairnie, *Essay on Curling and Artificial Pond Making* (Glasgow 1833), pp. 130–132.
- 3 James Millar, advocate, Appendix 1, no. 34. Of him Broun says: 'long known upon the Duddingston ice, as a most agreeable companion and a keen Curler. Author of several songs': this, and the quotes from Broun in the following notes, are from [Sir Richard Broun], *Memorabilia Curliana Mabenensia* (Dumfries 1830), p. 82.
- 4 Archibald Torry, merchant, no. 78.
- 5 John McGeorge, merchant and medallist, no. 10: 'a very excellent Curler'.
- 6 John Linning, of the Excise, no. 25: 'a hereditary and most enthusiastic Curler'.
- 7 Rev. George Husband Baird, Principal, University of Edinburgh, no. 54: 'an excellent and keen Curler'.
- 8 Rev. David Ritchie, Professor of Logic, University of Edinburgh, no. 47.
- 9 Sir George Clerk of Penicuik, Bart, no. 91: 'an excellent player and patronizer of the game'.
- 10 Thomas Trotter, late Captain in the 10th Militia, no. 46.
- 11 David Scott, farmer, Northfield, no. 5: 'son of the venerable founder of the Duddingston Society': Sir Thomas Kirkpatrick, Bart, no. 24: 'an admirable player, and most amiable companion'.

NOTES AND REFERENCES

I should like to thank the Old Edinburgh Club for inviting me to deliver on 10 October 1996 the paper which is the basis of this much more extensive treatment of the Duddingston Curling Society. I also record my gratitude to John Burnett of the National Museums of Scotland for helpful discussions of problems as they arose, and Andrew Fraser has been an assiduous editor whose scrutiny I have much appreciated. It goes without saying that any remaining errors are my own.

- 1 The title of this paper derives from the first imprint on the game of curling, *An Account of the Game of Curling*, by a Member of the Duddingston Curling Society, published anonymously by the Rev. John Ramsay in 1811. This 46 page pamphlet was reprinted in 1882, as *Curling, Ye Glorious Pastime*, along with *Songs for the Curling Club held at Canon-Mills*; and again as an appendix to David B. Smith, *Curling: An Illustrated History* (Edinburgh 1981).
- 2 The following curling clubs are known to have been founded in the eighteenth century:
Perthshire: Coupar Angus and Kettins, 1772;
 Blairgowrie, 1783;
Angus: Forfar, 1797;
Ayrshire: Muirkirk, 1784; Sorn, 1795;
Dumfriesshire: Sanqhar, 1774; Wanlockhead, 1777;
Lanarkshire: Hamilton, 1777; Leadhills, 1784; Douglas 1792;
Stirlingshire: Kilsyth, 1716; Bridge of Allan, 1790;
Dunbartonshire: Kirkintilloch, 1716; Yoker, 1796;
Roxburghshire: Kelso, 1790; Jedburgh, 1790;
Renfrewshire: Sandholes, 1795;
West Lothian: Newliston, 1789; Linlithgow, before 1792;
Midlothian: Lasswade, 1785;
Fife: Dunfermline, 1738; Cupar, 1775;
Berwickshire: Earlston, before 1750.
- 3 Thomas Pennant, *A Tour in Scotland, and Voyage to the Hebrides, 1772*, 2 vols (Chester 1774), I, pp. 81–82; David Davidson, *Thoughts on the Seasons, Partly in the Scottish Dialect* (London 1789), pp. 157–173.
- 4 [Ramsay], *Account* (note 1).
- 5 The picture belongs to the Royal Caledonian Curling Club, and is reproduced in Smith, *Curling*, plate 1. There is some academic difference of opinion as to whether the artist is David Allan or Alexander Carse.
- 6 For a short account of the Duddingston Curling Society, see William Baird, *Annals of Duddingston and Portobello* (Edinburgh 1898), pp. 266–276.
- 7 National Archives of Scotland (NAS), GD266/123/1. The Minute Book is of foolscap size bound in suede, with a red leather label on the front cover with the inscription ‘Record of the Minutes/ of the Duddingston Curling Society/ instituted 17 January 1795’. There are 173 pages but the volume is only half full. There also exists GD266/123/5, a volume of the Society’s accounts from 1841 until 31 December 1853; and a small quarto volume, GD266/123/7, inscribed on the first page ‘Bet Book of the Duddingston Curling Society, McEwans Rooms 11 Dec 1816’.
- 8 The whereabouts of the Curlers Hall in Duddingston is not known. It may have been a room in a local hostelry.
- 9 A pair of stones was always a considerable outlay. This rule provides for payment of five shillings in lieu of the deposit of a pair by the intrant. By 1845 the price seems to have risen to £2 (Rule IV of the revision approved on 17 January 1845, according to a copy printed in 1845 in the author’s possession).
- 10 The Grand Caledonian Curling Club sought and was granted Royal Patronage from HRH Prince Albert, after presenting him with a splendid pair of curling stones and a demonstration of the game to Queen Victoria and himself at Scone Palace in 1842.
- 11 The game of curling was, and is, played by two rinks, or teams, of curlers, each throwing two stones — in the case of Duddingston — alternately with his opposite number in the opposing rink, to a mark, or tee, in the ice at a prearranged distance from the point of delivery. The tee was, and is, the centre of a circle, or circles, generally known as the house, scored on the ice. When all the stones have been thrown in one direction, a part of the game, or end, is complete. At the end of each end the score for that end is reckoned. All stones belonging to one rink which are closer to the tee than the nearest opposing stone count one shot. The stones are then thrown in the opposite direction, and so on until the game is completed. Each rink’s total at each end is aggregated to give the final result. Different ways of deciding upon the length of the game were, and are, used: sometimes the number of ends was, and is, the determinant; sometimes it was, and is, a specific length of time; sometimes the rink which reached a predetermined score, such as 21 or 31 shots, was the winner (this is the usual mode of play in bowls at the present day: it is now unknown in curling). To count in an end a stone must be in the house, that is, its circumference must cut the circumference of the outer circle of the house. To be in play at all a stone must have crossed the hog score at the far end: if a stone fails to cross this score it is taken out of play.
- 12 Sweeping with cowes, or besoms, or brooms, seems to have been an essential part of the game from its earliest period. No doubt the original purpose was the clearing away of snow and other foreign objects from the path of the running stone, but it was early discovered that hard sweeping could prolong the travel of the stone; hence the regulation of sweeping by this rule. On 25 January 1848, three rinks of Kilmarnock Townend Curling Club left Auld Killie at 4 am to participate in the Grand Match of the Royal Caledonian Curling Club on Linlithgow Loch. They returned about midnight ‘and was very dissatisfyed, there was no sweeping the Stone till it was over the farthis *Colley* [hog score] a thing scarcely know about Kilmarnock and never praktised’: NAS, GD1/842/1, Minute Book of Kilmarnock Curling Club, 25 January 1848.
- 13 The Director was, and is, the captain of his rink, in charge of the tactics, deciding which shot each player should play, and whether a stone should be swept. Since he played, and plays, last he also had, and has, to be a good player, capable of executing not only the standard, but the difficult, shots of the

- game. The number of synonyms for director is remarkable: skip, skipper, hin' han', brandy, oversman, douper, driver.
- 14 The Society was included in the *Edinburgh Almanack* by 1811.
 - 15 To draw a stone is to throw it with just enough strength to reach the house, or a particular portion of it. To strike is to play a stone with sufficient force to hit, or chap, a stone already in play, and remove it from the house. To inwick is to throw a stone so that it rebounds, or wicks, off the inner face of another towards the tee.
 - 16 Ian Campbell, 'Carlyle and the University of Edinburgh', in Gordon Donaldson (ed.), *Four Centuries: Edinburgh University Life, 1583–1983* (Edinburgh 1983), p. 60.
 - 17 [Ramsay], *Account* (note 1).
 - 18 These stones have not survived, but quite a number of such early stones are preserved in Scottish museums. They are known as 'loofies', for, being without handles, they were held in the 'loof' or palm of the hand.
 - 19 W. H. Playfair was at this time the foremost architect in Edinburgh. One wonders whether the connection with the Society arose from Playfair's work on the Library at the University, as Principal Baird was also a President of the Duddingston Society. It may be worth noting that Playfair designed houses for two other members, Bonaly Tower for Henry Cockburn and Craigmook for Francis Jeffrey. There are no plans for the Curling House in the Playfair Portfolios in Special Collections at Edinburgh University Library.
 - 20 From 1849 Charles Altamont Doyle lived in Edinburgh and worked as assistant to the Surveyor in the Scottish Office of Works. For another illustration showing curling, skating and other winter sports on Duddingston Loch, see John Burnett, 'Shinty in Nineteenth Century Edinburgh and a painting of Duddingston Loch by Charles Altamont Doyle', *Book of the Old Edinburgh Club (BOEC)*, New Series 4 (1997), pp. 137–143.
 - 21 The mode in which this apparatus was used is fully described in Margaret Elliot, 'The Edinburgh Skating Club 1778–1966', *BOEC*, 33, part 2 (1971), p. 111, where the author notes that 'it is not recorded whether the Curling Club agreed to the plan'.
 - 22 It appears that this obligation was generally fulfilled by the intrant's purchasing his obligatory pair of stones from the Society. In the only surviving account book, which extends from 1841 to 1853, there are several entries recording the purchase of pairs of stones from Samuel Hastings and corresponding entries recording the payment to the treasurer by new members of the price of such stones. In the period covered by the book the usual price for a pair was £1. 17. 6 or £1. 18. 6.
 - 23 Age at entry of most new members can be derived from the information in Appendix 1. It appears that most joined in their twenties or thirties, although some were a bit older. Principal Baird was 45, Lord Cockburn 44, and Lord Jeffrey 41, but many of the other notable members were young men when they entered. Of the clergy, for instance, the Rev. John Thomson was 29, James Muir 30, John Ramsay 31, William Bennet 32, William Proudfoot 36, James Dick and David Ritchie 39; of the future baronets Sir Thomas Kirkpatrick was 26, George Clerk 27, George Mackenzie of Coull 33, and Alexander Boswell 37. Professor of Greek, George Dunbar, was 36, the future Lord President John Inglis 25. John McGeorge, who at the fiftieth anniversary dinner in 1845 was toasted as the second oldest member, was a joint founder of the Society at the age of 26. The reason for the sudden influx of new members is unknown, but it has been suggested that the rise in patriotism occasioned by the visit of George IV in 1822 might have created this upsurge in interest in 'Scotland's ain game'.
 - 24 The 'Curling Days' list is at the end of the Society's Minute Book (note 7).
 - 25 See note 7.
 - 26 For the institution and subsequent history of this club see Smith, *Curling* (note 1), pp. 113–118.
 - 27 The only known copy of the 1845 printed list of members and rules is in the author's collection. For Christopher North, see John Kerr, *History of Curling* (Edinburgh 1890), p. 195.
 - 28 On deposit in NAS, GD 266/123/2. It appears that after the formation of the Coates Curling Club the secretary of the new club retained all the records and memorabilia of the former club. The Rev. John Kerr, in a footnote at p. 149 of his *History of Curling* in 1890, wrote: 'We would venture to suggest to the Coates Club, which is now the careful guardian of the minutes of this society [Duddingston], that when the centenary year – 1895 – comes round, the literature of curling might be enriched by a small volume containing an account of the society, and some extracts of its valuable records. Such a publication would give pleasant glimpses of the social life of bygone times, and illustrate the development of our national game.' The present article is an attempt, albeit over a hundred years late, to carry out his wishes. The minute book was lost sight of until it was deposited in 1971, along with many legal documents, in Register House by Pearson, Robertson and Maconochie WS, successors to the Coates Curling Club Secretary; and a chance remark to the writer by one of the keepers, Mr Andrew Broom, that an old curling club minute book had recently been deposited, and might be of interest to the writer. Other early records of the Coates Club formed part of the same deposit.
 - 29 Those present were recorded as Dr T. G. Weir, Messrs Ord G. Campbell, Patrick Graham, John S. Lyon, Hugh Bruce, Charles G. Reid, James Anstruther, Archibald Brown, John Marshall, Junior, William Finlay, John Gillespie, William Watson, J. P. Wilson, C. F. Shand, William Dickson, John W. Tawse, George Cuninghame, John Walker, Archibald Home, W. S. Henderson and Dr J. D. Gillespie.
 - 30 The Committee consisted of Dr T. G. Weir, George Cuninghame, John Gillespie, John Marshall, Patrick Graham and John Bruce.
 - 31 It is curious that it is only at the end of the Society's history, and in this oblique way, that we learn that the members used cramps. The cramp was a pronged attachment made of iron, which was strapped to the sole of the shoe, in order to give the wearer a secure footing on the ice. The resultant damage to the surface of the ice, and the restriction of mobility of the curler, can be easily imagined. John Cairnie in his *Essay on Curling and Artificial Pond Making* (Glasgow 1833) had written: 'we are sorry to say, that the almost barbarous custom of wearing

crampets on the feet, in many places is still continued. They not only dirty and destroy the ice, but the wearer is as it were a *locum tenens*, and can scarcely move himself out of the way of a stone sent up the ice with a velocity comparable to that of a steam carriage upon a fine railway.'

- 32 Many of the stones were never removed until the curling house became derelict and even then they remained in the village. The writer has a number of them: a single stone each

of Thomas Trotter, Major Gabriel Hamilton Dundas, Professor George Dunbar, and perhaps the Rev. John Ramsay.

- 33 But there was some sort of life left in the corpse, for the *Scotsman* printed this advertisement on 17 February 1855: 'Duddingston Curling Club. The Gold Medal of the Club will be played for, Ice permitting, on Duddingston Loch, at one o'clock on Monday the 18th instant. Members to meet at the Stone House at Half-past Twelve.'