

CREW OF THE SHIP 'COURIER'
of
BARTH, GERMANY,
WHO PERISHED ON DECEMBER 22, 1877⁶
WHEN THEIR VESSEL WAS WRECKED
on
DORNOCH ROCKS.

Carl I. Heyer, aged 39, Captain, married to Emillie Bush.

Hendrich Behern, aged 25, Mate, Single.

August Gaor, aged 19, Seaman, Single.

Anton Batcke, aged 26, Seaman, Single.

Paul Batcke, aged 20, Seaman, Single.

See Dornoch Register of Deaths, 1877, Entries 8-12.

REGISTRATION OF DEATH

Parish/Registration District: Dornoch

Reference Number: 09-77

Surname: BEHERN

Christian Name/s: Hendrich

Occupation: Mate of the ship 'Courier' of Barth

Marital Status: Single

Date & Time of Death: Found 23 December, 1876, 2.50 a.m.

Place of Death: The Beach, Dornoch.

Sex: Male

Age: 25

Name of Father: Christophe Behern

Occupation of Father: No entry

Name of Mother: No entry

Maiden Surname of Mother: No entry

Cause of Death: Drowning by the wreck of the ship 'Courier' of Barth, 22 December, 1876.

Duration of Disease: No entry

Certified by: No entry

Name of Informant: George Bridgeforth

Qualification of Informant: Inspector of Police

Address of Informant: No entry

Date & Place of Registration: 03 February, 1877, Dornoch.

Name of Registrar: Charles Neill

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: See Register of Corrected Entries, Dornoch, Volume 1, Page 45,
05 February, 1877.

REGISTRATION OF DEATH

Parish/Registration District: Dornoch

Reference Number: 08-77

Surname: HEYER

Christian Name/s: Carl I.

Occupation: Captain of the ship 'Courier' of Barth

Marital Status: Married to Emillie Bush

Date & Time of Death: Found 23 December, 1876, 2.00 a.m.

Place of Death: The Beach, Dornoch.

Sex: Male

Age: 39

Name of Father: No entry

Occupation of Father: No entry

Name of Mother: No entry

Maiden Surname of Mother: No entry

Cause of Death: Drowning by the wreck of the ship 'Courier' of Barth on Dornoch Rocks, 22 December, 1876.

Duration of Disease: No entry

Certified by: No entry

Name of Informant: George Bridgeforth

Qualification of Informant: Inspector of Police

Address of Informant: No entry

Date & Place of Registration: 03 February, 1877, Dornoch.

Name of Registrar: Charles Neill

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: See Register of Corrected Entries, Dornoch, Volume 1, Page 44, 05 February, 1877.

REGISTRATION OF DEATH

Parish/Registration District: Dornoch

Reference Number: 10-77

Surname: GAOR

Christian Name/s: August

Occupation: Seaman Merchant Service

Marital Status: Single

Date & Time of Death: Found 23 December, 1876, 7.00 a.m.

Place of Death: The Beach, Dornoch.

Sex: Male

Age: 19

Name of Father: No entry

Occupation of Father: No entry

Name of Mother: No entry

Maiden Surname of Mother: No entry

Cause of Death: Drowning by the wreck of the ship 'Courier' of Barth on Dornoch Rocks, 22 December, 1876.

Duration of Disease: No entry

Certified by: No entry

Name of Informant: George Bridgeforth

Qualification of Informant: Inspector of Police

Address of Informant: No entry

Date & Place of Registration: 03 February, 1877, Dornoch.

Name of Registrar: Charles Neill

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: See Register of Corrected Entries, Dornoch, Volume 1, Page 46, 05 February, 1877.

REGISTRATION OF DEATH

Parish/Registration District: Dornoch

Reference Number: 11-77

Surname: BATCKE

Christian Name/s: Anton

Occupation: Seaman Merchant Service

Marital Status: Single

Date & Time of Death: Found 23 December, 1876, 2.00 a.m.

Place of Death: The Beach, Dornoch.

Sex: Male

Age: 26

Name of Father: No entry

Occupation of Father: No entry

Name of Mother: No entry

Maiden Surname of Mother: No entry

Cause of Death: Drowning by the wreck of the ship 'Courier' of Barth, 22 December, 1876.

Duration of Disease: No entry

Certified by: No entry

Name of Informant: George Bridgeforth

Qualification of Informant: Inspector of Police

Address of Informant: No entry

Date & Place of Registration: 03 February, 1877, Dornoch.

Name of Registrar: Charles Neill

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: See Register of Corrected Entries, Dornoch, Volume 1, Page 47,
05 February, 1877.

REGISTRATION OF DEATH

Parish/Registration District: Dornoch

Reference Number: 12-77

Surname: BATCKE

Christian Name/s: Paul

Occupation: Seaman Merchant Service

Marital Status: Single

Date & Time of Death: Found 03 January, 1877, 8.30 a.m.

Place of Death: On the Sea Beach below Davochfin, Dornoch.

Sex: Male

Age: 20

Name of Father: No entry

Occupation of Father: No entry

Name of Mother: No entry

Maiden Surname of Mother: No entry

Cause of Death: Drowning by the wreck of the ship 'Courier' of Barth, 22 December, 1876.

Duration of Disease: No entry

Certified by: No entry

Name of Informant: George Bridgeforth

Qualification of Informant: Inspector of Police

Address of Informant: No entry

Date & Place of Registration: 03 February, 1877, Dornoch.

Name of Registrar: Charles Neill

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: See Register of Corrected Entries, Dornoch, Volume 1, Page 48,
05 February, 1877.

1878
16th September

Register of Corrected Entries

for the District of Dornoch
in the County of Sutherland

The following Report of Herpet of a Precognition has been received touching the Death of Hendrick Behem, Registered under No. 9, in the Register Book of Deaths for the year 1877:—

Name, Age and Sex.	When and Where Died.	Cause of Death.
Hendrick Behem supposed 26 years. Male.	Between the evening of the 22 and morning of the 23 December 1876. At the Dornoch Rocks.	Drowning A. H. Foster M. D. Walspie examined body on 23 December, 1876.

Revised by Crown Counsel.

Certified by W. S. Fraser, P. J.

Procurator Fiscal's Office.
Dornoch, January 2nd 1877.

January 5th 1877, at Dornoch,
Charles Neill, Registrar.

Register of Corrected Entries

1877
4 Sept
11.52

for the District of Dornoch
in the County of Sutherland

The following Report of result of a Postmortem has been received touching the Death of Carl J. Hoyer, registered under No. 8 in the Register Book of Deaths, for the year 1877:—

Name Age and Sex	Manner and Cause	Time of Death
Carl J. Hoyer. (supposed) 40 years. Male.	Between the evening of the 22 nd and morning of the 23 rd December, 1876, at the Dornoch Rocks.	A. K. Davidson, M.D. Police, examined body on 23 rd Dec-ember, 1876.

Revised by Crown Counsel—

Certified by W. S. Fraser, P. F.

Procurator-Fiscal's Office
Dornoch, January 2, 1877.

February 5th 1877, at Dornoch,

Charles Will, Registrar.

1878
1st. Reg. Bk.

Register of Corrected Entries
for the District of Dornoch
in the County of Sutherland

The following Report of Remitt of a Precognition has been received touching the Death of Anton Batche Registered under No. 11 in the Register Book of Deaths for the year 1877:-

Name, Age and Sex	When and Where Died	Cause of Death
Anton Batche. (supposed) 35 years. Male.	Between the evening of the 22 nd and morning of the 23 rd December 1877. At the Dornoch Rocks.	Drowning. R. H. Loutan M.D. Glespie. examined body on 23 rd December, 1877.

Revised by Town Council.
Certified by W. S. Fraser, P. J.

Procurator-Fiscal's Office
Dornoch, January 2. 1877.

February 5th 1877, at Dornoch.

Charles Heil, Registrar.

1878
1st Sept. 1878

Register of Corrected Entries

for the District of Dornoch
in the County of Sutherland.

The following Report of result of a Precognition has been received touching the Death of Paul Butche Registered under No. 12, in the Register Book of Deaths for the year 1877:—

Where Born and Sex	Where and When Died.	Where of Death.
(Supposed) (Paul Butche) Unknown Male.	(Supposed) between the evening of the 22 nd and morning of the 23 rd December 1876, at the Dornoch Rocks, body found on the sea beach below Dornoch, on the 3 rd January 1877.	(Supposed) R. H. Lowther, M.D. Golspie examined body on 4 th January, 1877.

Received by Dornoch Council.
Certified by W. L. Fraser, P. L.

Procurator-Fiscal's Office
Dornoch, January 10th 1877.

February 5th 1877, at Dornoch.

Charles Hall, Registrar.

Dec 23rd Saturday. At 1 a.m. I got notice from Inspector Bridgeford that a ship had been wrecked on the Dornoch rocks. One of the seamen having got ashore made his way into the Town. I proceeded at once to the Police Office and after sorting a few lamps. Proceeded in company with the C.C. & a number of people to the scene of the wreck. We found the shore strewn with wreck and could see the vessel about 80 yards out in the sea & apparently breaking up. We could also hear some of the crew calling on board but, owing to the heavy sea running at the time and the darkness of the night, we could render no assistance. We however kept patrolling along the beach opposite the wreck and before daylight we found the dead bodies of the captain & mate and two of the seamen washed ashore among the rocks.

After daylight we found that the ship had broken up and gone to pieces and could find no trace of the rest of the crew. These four bodies were conveyed to the Watch House in the Dornoch burying ground. I afterwards ascertained that this was the Russian brig "Courier" of Berth 81 Tons register C.J. Heyer Master, bound from Hull to Copenhagen with a cargo of coals & coke and a crew of 9 including the captain all of which were drowned, with the exception of Peter Gan, carpenter, who came ashore on a large piece of wood.

About 10 a.m. while engaged at the above wreck I got notice that another ship had been wrecked near Embo village and at the same time got instructions from Inspector Bridgeford to proceed there to make enquiries. On arriving at Embo I found that the Prussian Barge "Vesta" 359 Tons register W. F Linderman Master, with a crew of 11 bound from Grantown to Kiel, with a cargo of coals had gone ashore on the sand beach about 300 yards north of Embo Village, between 1 and 2 this morning and became a total wreck, the whole of the crew being safely landed by the exertions of the Embo fishermen. I remained about the scene of the wreck during the day and evening and prevented the fishermen from carrying any of it away. About 4 p.m. Mr Mowat Receiver of Wrecks, Littleferry, arrived and took charge of the wreck. I returned to Station at 7 p.m. and reported the particulars of the above to the Chief Constable.

Patrolled the Town generally during the night. Attended the arrival and delivery of the mail. Found all quiet and retired from duty at 12 p.m. (Travelled 8 miles)