

Ellen Jane Peplow and she was the aunt of Samuel J. who is one of the group known as the Scottish colourists quite famous in art circles.

Bridge of Weir,  
Renfrewshire,

Thank you again for being so helpful.

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Dear Mr Bell,

With best wishes,

Regards to your wife

We just wanted to thank you very much indeed for your all your help last month in tracing information about my great, great grandfather, David Annat, and for pointing us in the right direction for useful reading material.

As he farmed at Ferrytown and his father James Annat farmed at Cuthill, it is still a mystery why the records gave his usual residence as Cyderhall. Perhaps David Annat as a retired farmer of 87 years of age lived in a small property within Cyderhall somewhere. The other possibility is that one of his family married someone at Cyderhall and he went to live with them in his old age! This is something that we hope to trace in Edinburgh at Register House.

It now appears that the Annats must have been among the families who came in after the clearances as David Annat and his family came from Dunnichen near Forfar, which came as a big surprise.

It was also nice to see the window in the Cathedral that was in memory of Christina Annat MacKay. "Suffer the little children to come unto me" at the bottom of the window seemed quite appropriate as, although not qualified in any way, she went round and helped with births in the district.

We also found a tablestone in the Cathedral graveyard with the names of her parents and grandparents inscribed on it. Christina Annat was David Annat's daughter who married a Philip MacKay. He was a messenger-at-arms, so I was relieved that he was on the scene much later than the clearances! The MacKays appear to have come from Farr up near Bettyhill so they were incomers too. In fact we have been amazed at how much we have managed to learn about my family and at the same time quite a lot about the local history.

After Peter had cleaned the lichen off the Annat gravestone in the Cathedral graveyard, we were able to read the inscriptions more fully so we have enclosed a copy of it as I think it adds to what is in the stone folders. When we took a note of what was on the stone we thought that it said that Christy Sutherland was a cousin of David Annat, but on reflection it should really have been Spouse.

We had expected to find Hugh Ross Annat's gravestone in Beaulieu where he was a bank manager but there he was buried with all his family in Dornoch. I don't know if it will be of any interest to you but his wife was called