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Article from *The Fife News*: **Marriage of Lady Ninian Crichton-Stuart and Captain A. Maule Ramsay:**

"The marriage of Lady Ninian Crichton-Stuart, widow of Lieut.-Colonel Lord Ninian Crichton-Stuart of Falkland, to Captain A. Maule Ramsay of the Coldstream Guards, took place at St James's Church, Spanish Place, London, on Monday at two o'clock. The officiating clergyman was the Rev. H.A.C. Talbot of the Brompton Oratory. The groomsmen were Lord Marsham of the Coldstream Guards, and the bride was given away by her youngest brother, Captain The Hon. Hubert Preston, M.C., Royal Irish Regiment. Beautiful white lilies and standards of other exotics decorated the interior of St James's Church for the ceremony. Owing to a slight breakdown to her motor, Lady Ninian was a little late in arriving, but was much admired when she did arrive. Her dress was of grey charmeuse with over dress of silver embroidered ninon. She wore a ruby and diamond Coldstream star and a pearl and diamond cross, gifts of the bridegroom. There was no formal reception.

Among the guests were: -

Lady Margaret MacRae, sister of the Marquis of Bute and of the late Lord Ninian; Mrs Maule Ramsay and the Misses Maule Ramsay, mother and sisters of the bridegroom respectively; the Hon. Mrs Felix Hanbury-Tracy, and Mrs Rory Slacke, whose husbands were intimately associated with Falkland for several years, and who made the supreme sacrifice early in the war.

Other guests were: -

Lord Edmund Talbot, Lady Grizel Hamilton, Lady Moya Campbell, Major Pretyman Newman, M.P., and Mrs Pretyman Newman; Sophia, Lady Paston-Cooper, and Mr Ferguson; Lady Norah Bentinck, the Hon. Mrs Richard Preston, Baroness Christine de Linden, Col. Newell, Mr Wm. Gillett, Countess Rothes, Captain and Mrs Chas. Britton, Lady Beatrice Ker-Clark, Mrs Morgan William, and Mrs Johnston Douglas.

Brother-officers who came to offer Captain Ramsay hearty congratulations were: -

Captain Gascoigne, Captain Moir, and Captain S. Ashley, the latter a wounded officer, who had to be wheeled into the church in a bath-chair.

There were many valuable presents, including a lovely silver Quaich with thistle handles set with amethysts from the tenantry of Falkland estate, and a silver sugar castor from the employees on the estate.

The bride's travelling dress was a plain tailored coat and skirt of tete de negre. The honeymoon is being spent at Gormanston Castle, Balbriggan, Ireland, lent for the occasion by the bride's brother, Viscount Gormanston."