

PARISH OF FLISK.

THIS PARISH is on the north side of the County, lying on the Tay, and extending nearly five miles in length from east to west, by about one in breadth, except at the western extremity, where it stretches to nearly two miles. It is bounded by the Firth of Tay on the north, by the parish of Balmerino on the east, by Creich, Abdie, and Dunbog, on the south, and by Dunbog and Abdie on the west. The surface for about a quarter of a mile from the Tay is level, or nearly so; it then rises rapidly, so as to comprise part of the hill range which flanks the Tay, attaining here an extreme elevation of about 750 feet; and it finally subsides into a valley on the southern border. The Parish comprises about 2500 acres, a small portion of which is in wood and natural pasture. The soil is generally fertile, and in a good state of cultivation. The Parish is almost entirely rural, Glenduckie being the only collection of houses entitled to the appellation of a hamlet or village.

The whole only comprises seven or eight ordinary-sized farms; and, with the exception of Dunbog and Moonzie, contains the smallest number of inhabitants of any Parish in the County. There are six salmon fishing stations on the Tay, employing from forty to fifty hands during the fishing, most of whom, however, belong to other parishes, and are only resident during the season; and the resident population are almost entirely employed in labours connected with agriculture.

The Church and Manse are situated on an eminence near the east corner of the Parish, overlooking the waters of the Tay and the finely wooded and highly cultivated Carse of Gowrie. The Church was built in 1790, and contains 153 sittings. Its locality, at one of the extreme corners, is very inconvenient for the inhabitants of the south-western part of the Parish; to remedy which, Glenduckie was some time ago united, Quoad Sacra, to Dunbog. The Parochial School is situated about a mile west of the Church, on the road leading from Newport to Newburgh. The only other School is a Female Industrial School at Glenduckie, under the patronage of Joseph Murray, Esq., of Ayton.

This district anciently comprised the Barony of Ballanbreich, or Bambreich, as it is usually pronounced, in the proprietary of the Earls of Rothes, whose old castle of Bambreich, now in ruins, stands on the Tay, on a western point of the Parish, half-way between Flisk and Newburgh. It is a large and very fine ruin, picturesquely situated on a steep bank overhanging the Tay. It is surrounded by a number of very fine trees, and forms a noble object in the landscape, as seen from the water. It has suffered much from the ravages of time but more from the devastation of man, as it formed a convenient quarry for those who had buildings to erect, either in its own neighbourhood or on the opposite bank of the Tay. There is still, however, sufficient remaining to show its former extent and grandeur. The Barony came into the possession of the noble family of Leslie or Rothes, in the reign of Robert the Bruce, on the marriage of Sir Andrew de Leslie with a daughter of the Lord of Abernethy, its former proprietor, and it remained in their possession for 500 years, when it was sold to Sir Lawrence Dundas, grandfather of the first Earl of Zetland, in whose family it still remains.

The Postal arrangements are in connection with Cupar and Newburgh Post Offices, and Brunton Sub-Office. (See Cupar, Newburgh, and Creich.)

FARMERS.

Bell, John, Glenduckie, by Newburgh

Blyth, James, Logie, by do

Landale, And., Bambreich, by do

Mitchell, John, Fliskmiln, by Cupar

Morton, James, East Flisk, by do

Russell, David, Belhelvie, by do

TEACHERS &, SCHOOLS.

Henderson, Alexander, Parish School, Flisk, by Cupar

Ramsay, Miss, Female Industrial School, Glenduckie, by Newburgh

MISCELLANEOUS.

Bell, David, Land Steward to Earl of Zetland, Flisk Wood, by Cupar

Edmonstone, John, Blacksmith, Bank side, by Newburgh

Fisher, R. F., Minister of Parish, Manse, Flisk

Walker, William, Salmon Fisher, Camcose, by Newburgh

ADD

Duncan, Robert, Grocer, Glenduckie, by Newburgh.