

EAST NEUK TRAGEDIES

THE REAL COST OF FISH

In Modern society I, and I am sure many of you who are reading this, take so many things for granted. We arrive home from work in our cars, to a nice warm house and sit down to dinner. On occasions we will enjoy a nice piece of fish, bought from the local fishmonger or perhaps the supermarket. I wonder just how many of us give a thought, to how much that fish really costs.

The following are the names of those brave souls who lost their lives in tragic circumstances, whilst following their Occupation. The loss of these fishermen, caused great distress to many families in the East Fife coast town of Cellardyke.

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21 February 1771

Name of Deceased	Dependants
2 David Brown	Wife + 4 daughters + 1 Son(see 1800)

23 September 1793

Name of Deceased	Other Occupation
Alexander Wood	Wright & Boatbuilder
William Bauldie	Weaver
Robert Donaldson	Weaver
John Gardner	-----

24 February 1800

Name of Deceased	Dependants
2 Philip Anderson	Wife + 7 Children
2 Leslie Brown	Wife + 1 daughter + 4 Sons(see 1806)
2 William Muir	Wife + 8 children
2 Thomas Fowler	Wife + 4 Children
2 Thomas Smith	
Thomas Crichton	
2 Andrew Robertson	Wife + 3 children

24 June 1805 " NANCY "

Name of Deceased	Dependants
Alexander Scott*	Wife + 4 Children
Thomas Scott(*Brother)	Wife + 2 Daughters
James Morris	Wife + 6 Children
David Rhynd	unmarried
David Wilson	unmarried
James Watson	unmarried

20 September 1806 " BROTHERS "

Name of Deceased

2 Leslie Brown

24 November 1814

Name of Deceased

Andrew Duncan

John Paterson

30 December 1814

Name of Deceased	Dependants
David Rodger*	Wife(Elizabeth Watson) + 5 Sons(David, Alexander, James, Thomas & Robert) + 3 Daughters
George Rodger(*Son)	Unknown
Thomas Watson	Unknown

30 June 1819 " FLORA "

Name of Deceased **Dependants**

Alexander Watson **unmarried**

14 September 1825

Name of Deceased	Dependants
2 Andrew Robertson	Wife + 3 Children

6 April 1826 " VICTORY "

Name of Deceased

David Taylor*	
David Taylor(*son)	
William Taylor(*son)	Unmarried
Robert Pratt	Unmarried
William Peattie	-----
Andrew Hughes	-----
Robert Corstorphine	Unmarried

11 February 1828

Name of Deceased	Other known occupation
Andrew Crawford	-----
James Budge	Druggist
Peter Watson	Weaver
John Philp	Wheelwright

24 September 1828 " OLIVE "

Name of Deceased	Dependants
John Davidson*	Wife + 1 Daughter
+James Davidson(*son)	Unknown
2 William Davidson(*nephew)	Unknown
2 Andrew Davidson(*nephew)	Unknown
George Corstorphine	Unknown
John Watson	Unknown

16 February 1836

Name of Deceased
Thomas Birrel(aged 22)

1 July 1837 Whaling Boat, Davis Straits

Name of Deceased
John Davidson
Andrew Muir
William Muir

1st July 1837 "JOHN'S"

Pleasure Trip to Isle of May

Name of Deceased	Age if Known of Deceased	Residence
2Margaret Carstairs	13	Cellardyke
2Euphemia Stevenson	12	Cellardyke
2Euphemia Anderson	11	Cellardyke
2Jane(Jean) Brown	unknown	Kingsbarns
2Isabella Butters	20	Thirdpart,Craik
2 Margaret Taylor*	Unknown	Anstruther Easter
2Magdalene Young(*niece)	Child	Anstruther Easter
2 Mary Bell(Wilson)**	unknown	Anstruther Easter
2 Mary Skinners(Wilson)(**DinL)	unknown	Balgonie Square, Markinch
2James Wilson(**Gr/son)	9 Weeks	Balgonie Square, Markinch
2Katie(Catherine) Andrews	child	Anstruther Easter
2Ann Anderson	17	Anstruther Easter
2 Janet Muir	22	Anstruther Easter

29 March 1842 " LORD MELBOURNE "

Name of Deceased	Dependants
Henry Reid*	unmarried
Adam Reid(*Brother)	Wife + 3 Children
William Reid(*Brother)	Wife
James Meldrum(St.Monance)	Wife + 5 Children
William Robertson**	Wife + 3 Children

William Robertson(**Son)	-----
Andrew Anderson(Queensferry)	Wife + 2 Children

16 May 1844 " WILLIAM "

Name of Deceased	Dependants
George Smith*	Wife + 3 Children
James Smith(*Brother)**	Wife + 5 Children
George Smith(aged 16)(**Son)	-----
James Forrester Watson	Wife + 7 Children
John Sutherland	Wife(3 months pregnant)
2 James Salter(aged 39)(Kilrenny)	Wife + 1 Son
Robert Mackay(Sutherland)	unmarried
+Wilson Brunton	Wife + 4 Children

25 April 1846 " NANCY "

Name of Deceased	Dependants
2 +Thomas Reid(aged 41)	Wife + 5 Children
William Muir(aged 32)(*Son)	Wife + 4 Children
Thomas Muir(aged 56)*	Wife + 2 Children
George Anderson(aged 45)	Wife + 2 Children
John Wilson(aged 27)*	Wife + 2 Children
Alexander Wilson(aged 23)(*Brother)	Wife(7 months pregnant)
John Boyter(aged 17)	unmarried

3 November 1848 " JOHNS and MARY "

Name of Deceased	Age if Known	Dependants
John Smith	30	Wife + 4 Children
James Fleming	40	Wife(pregnant) + 7

		Children
Henry Reid	45	Wife + 7 Children
Thomas Fleming*	49	Wife + 6 Children
John Fleming(*son)	20	-----
James Dick	27	Wife + 2 Children
2 David Birrell	26	Wife(pregnant)
James Dickson(survivor of "Lord Melbourne")	23	unmarried

20 August 1855 " VENUS "

Name of Deceased
Adam Reid*
William Reid(aged 8)(*son)
Kenneth McLeod(Isle of Skye)
James Malcolm(Dundee)
David Laing(Arncroach)

8 December 1859 " HEROINE "

Name of Deceased	Dependants
2 +William Birrell(aged 43)*	Wife + 4 Sons
2 +David Birrell(aged 17)(*son)	-----
2 Thomas Birrell(aged 22)(*nephew)	-----
2 +James Davidson(aged 31)(*nephew)	Wife + 2 Children
2 William Wood(aged 51)	Wife + 9 Children
2 George Rhind Keay(aged 31)	Wife + 3 Children
2 James Reid(aged 24)	Wife(pregnant)

10 May 1865 " HELEN "

Name of Deceased	Dependants
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2 +Henry Beat(aged 36)*	Wife + 4 Children
2 Thomas Brown(aged 26)(*brother-in-law)	Wife + 2 Daughters
2 +Thomas Reid(aged 19)(*brother-in-law)	-----
2 Andrew Robertson(aged 49)**	Wife + 7 Children
2 Thomas Wood(aged 32)	Wife + 3 Children
2 +Daniel Fleming(aged 26)	Wife + 2 Children
2 +Francis Montidore(aged 20)(**Brother-in-Law)	unmarried
2 Thomas Muir(aged 20)	unmarried

1875 " JANET ANDERSON "

Name of Deceased	Age if Known	Dependants
James Murray	26	unmarried
Andrew Stewart	34	Wife + 4 Children
William Bridges	22	Wife + 1 Child
James Walker(Kingsbarns)	Unknown	Wife + 4 Children
Alexander Lothian	54	Wife + 4 Children
Hugh McKay*(Portskerrie)	Unknown	-----
William McKay(*cousin)(Portskerrie)	Unknown	-----

1875 " VIGILANT "

Name of Deceased	Age if Known	Dependants
Robert Stewart	42	Wife + 4 Children
William Stewart	46	Wife(pregnant) + 1 Child
James McRuvie*	45	Wife + 3 Children
James McRuvie(*son)	16	-----
Alexander Doig	32	Wife + 6 Children
2 Leslie Brown	19	unmarried

St.Monance 1875 " QUEST "

Name of Deceased	Dependants
David Allan*	Wife + 6 Children
Robert Allan(*son)	unmarried
William Allan(*Brother)	Wife + 5 Children
Alexander Irvine	Wife + 7 Children
Alexander Hutt	unmarried
Alexander Latto	unmarried
David Easson	unmarried

10 July 1878 "JACOBINI"

Name of Deceased	Dependants
2 John Montidore(aged 26)	Wife + 4 Children

Sources- Fisher Life by George Gourlay, Kilrenny OPR's & [Norma Brown](#)