



Some years ago, I was given a photograph taken in 1909. It featured three generations showing two ladies and a child about five years old. Her surname was Affleck. There was a handwritten note on the reverse saying 'Affleck is a different way of spelling Auchinleck. It would be interesting to know more about the Afflecks and Auchinlecks.' For almost twenty years I had developed an awareness that much of early history about people with the surname of Auchinleck and Affleck was not reliable because of problems in mistaken identity. While this book includes answers to mistakes made in the past, it also tells the stories of lives of Auchinlecks and Afflecks over six centuries; real life stories, some complex, some significant but all about real people with aspirations and hopes. Hopefully it will help people as they research their family roots and challenge others including writers of Scottish history.

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