SECOND AND FINAL SUPPLEMENTARY LIST OF TRAVELS AND TOURS RELATING TO SCOTLAND, WITH AN INDEX. BY THE LATE SIR ARTHUR MITCHELL, K.C.B. (Being an Addition to the Lists printed in Vols. XXXV. and XXXIX. of the Proceedings of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland.)

Prefatory Note.

Eleven Travels, which were given as Additional Items in the First Supplementary List, but were not included in the Index, are entered in the Index of this List.

This Second Supplementary List does not contain many items that are of much importance, and it may be regarded as the Final Supplement so far as I am concerned; but no doubt there are still Travels in Scotland not a few that have escaped me. The List, however, as it now stands, consisting of 1116 items, is believed to be as full a List as has been made for any country, and it is hoped that it may prove useful occasionally to writers about Scotland.

There are no items in this third List to which I have particularly to direct attention, but there are some that are little known, and that have features of interest. Many persons write accounts of Travel who have little or no fitness for the task, and, on the other hand, many persons are known to have travelled much in Scotland, and to have been pains-taking and capable observers, who have left no record of what they saw and heard. The history of the country would have been richer and fuller if these travellers, especially those of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, had left us narratives of what came under their observation.

I have appended a list of additions to the items in the main List and in the First Supplementary List, and also a list of the corrigenda in the two Lists that I have as yet discovered. No doubt other desirable changes will come to my notice. It is satisfactory that distinct errata
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are few in number. But I have indicated a considerable number of amplifications, making the information as to some of the items fuller and better. Of course none of the additions or corrections I have made can refer to the items in the Second accompanying Supplementary List, which is itself as full and correct as I can at present make it, but which, after a time, may also be bettered by some changes, not now apparent.


No. 43. The following addition to be made to the note:—In 1903 Charles Hughes published a book entitled—Shakespeare’s Europe: unpublished Chapters of Fynes Moryson’s Itinerary, being a Survey of the Condition of Europe at the End of the 16th Century. From a MS. at Oxford, with an introduction and an account of Fynes Moryson’s career. 4°, Lond., 1903.

No. 53. Manson should be Mauson.

No. 74. Insert after M. P. B. [Briot.].


No. 120. Insert after note:—I have now seen this book, and find that I should not have included it in my List.

No. 124. In 17th line of note, read viij. for xiij., and at the end of the note, on p. 498, insert:—The first edition is said to have contained a plan of Colchester and two maps.

No. 149. After 1758, in the 10th line, insert:—There was also a translation into German, with plates, 1760, but without giving a place of publication. And at the end of the note insert:—The 1758 Dutch translation was by J. J. D. It was in 2 vols. Only four of the illustrations were given.

No. 158. Between the two paragraphs forming the note insert:—He began his tour in 1766 with his wife, son, and daughter, and Mr Allan. The first place he visited was Hatfield, of which he speaks as “totally neglected.”

No. 188. In the first line of the note 1807 should be 1806. Add to the note:—The second edition appeared in 1807.

No. 173. After subject, in the 8th line of the note, insert:—In 1782 J. Callander of Craigforth wrote a book entitled Deformities of Dr Johnson, 8vo, 1782.

No. 174. After Skinner, at the end of the note, insert:—An 8vo edition was published by Thos. Brown, Edinburgh, pp. 178, N.D.

No. 177. Add to the note:—A second edition appeared in 1782.

No. 181. Give the date of William Hutchinson’s Tour as 1776.

No. 185. In the 11th line of the note, delete Qu., and after Wolcot, within the parenthesis, insert or Wolcott.

No. 206. In the first line of the note substitute viij. for viij.

No. 244. In 6th line from top of page, substitute 1 for 2, and delete s after vol. In the second line of the note, after 1805, insert ? 1803. And add after Scalpa in the 5th line of the note:—A third edition in 2 vols. in 1810.

No. 248. Before plates in the 3rd line, insert 8. And add this note:—This is the second edition. The first edition was published in 1798, and it contained no plates.

No. 254. At the end of the note insert:—Published, 8vo, Edin., 1903. James Sinton, Editor.

No. 297. At the end of the note insert:—An 8vo edition was published in Philadelphia in 1809, pp. 317 and xvi, without plates.

No. 301. Allibone gives Ryan for Regan as the author's name.

No. 320. Add to the note:—Another edition with coloured plates in 1819.

No. 324. Add to the note:—as early as 1802-10.

No. 355. Add as a note:—Query 3rd edition.

No. 356. After Laving, in first line, insert, born in Aberdeen in 1778.

No. 357. Dawson in first line is sometimes given as Damson. Add as a note:—There appears to have been a 4to edition in 1742, which bears to have been reprinted from an edition of 1655, of which last, Arthur Forbes of Brux is given as the reputed author. Great liberties seem to have been taken with the book. It is often said to have been first published in 1805.

No. 379. This book is attributed to Robert Mudie. See No. 907.

No. 429. This book is attributed to Graham Sarton.

No. 454. Add to note:—An edition in 1853.

No. 470. "A cosmopolite" is said to be John Dix, who added to his name that of Ross.

No. 491. Add note as follows:—Sec. ed., 12mo, Lond., 1851.


No. 564. Russell in first line should be Russel.

No. 604. This should have been entered as 1851-2.

No. 659. Gowrie is said to be W. Anderson Smith.

No. 671. Benjie is said to be Jas. B. Gillies.

No. 672. For Islands read Highlands.

No. 696. Add as note:—A second series in 1877.

No. 703. This book is attributed to John Sinclair, a Shetlander.

No. 720. This book is attributed to the Rev. Dr J. Cameron Lees.

No. 749. Add to note:—1st ed. in 1883.

No. 820. Attributed to the Rev. Mr Brown, Kirkintilloch.


Index. After Bain, John, 10 should be in italics.

" After Fauges de St Fond, for 326 read 245.

" Insert after Grose, G. (5.) 148.

" After Lauder, Sir Thos. Dick, for 491 read 485.

" For Mortyn, Fynes read Morgan, Fynes.

" For Russell, Alex. read Russel.

No. 955. The first edition appeared in 1869.

No. 994. It is doubtful whether this Tour did not take place in 1871, and not in 1891 as given in the List.
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Supplementary List.

1688. John Adair. Account of a Voyage round the Isles of Scotland by King James V. Charts. Fol., Edin., 1688. 1022

Not seen.


This is the account of a short journey to inspect the Wall, and the traveller notices other things and places which came under observation.

1724. William Stukeley, Itinerarium curiosum; or, an account of the antiquities and curiosities in nature and art observed in travels through Great Britain. Fol., Lond., 1724. Also Fol., Lond., 1776. 1024


1747–1760. D. W. Kemp. Tour of Bishop Pococke through Sutherland and Caithness, with Notes. 8vo, 1888. 1026

This seems to be a portion of the General Book of Tours in Scotland, appearing as No. 139 of List, and constituting in a sense a separate book, but it has not been seen.

1749. A Description of a Chart, wherein are marked out all the Different Routes of Prince Edward in Great Britain, and the Marches of his Army and the English. Chart and 2 Plates. 8vo, Edin., 1749. 1027

Not seen.

1765. Narrative of the Several Passages of the Young Chevalier from the Battle of Culloden to his Embarkation for France, 1765. 1028

Not seen.


This Tour is given as an Appendix in a 4to book printed for private circulation in Edinburgh in 1860, with the title Genealogical Account of the Families of Beatson. Compiled by Alexander John Beatson of Rossend, Fifeshire. It is said to be taken from "the original MSS., entitled Beatson's Collections, in the Advocates' Library, Edinburgh." It is short and evidently incomplete. It begins on 9th Aug. 1775 at North Queensferry, and goes from that to Hopetoun House, Linlithgow, Falkirk, Stirling, and ends abruptly on 13th Aug. on leaving Stirling.

1780. Observations made during a Tour through parts of England, Scotland, and Wales. 4to, Lond., 1780. 1031

Not seen.


1789. Sir John Thomas Stanley. Voyage to the Orkneys. 4to, 1789. 1033


MS. in Advocates' Library, 16.2.15. Shaw was Dr Blair's nephew, and his brother was minister at Craigie.


Not seen, and cannot say what references to Scotland occur.

1798. Sir Patrick Walker. Journals of Tours through Scotland, with notes descriptive and historical. 3 vols., 4to. By Sir Patrick Walker, 1798. 1036

MS. in Advocates' Library, 20.5.1-3.
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1800. Notes of a Tour through the Shires of Fife, Forfar, Perth, and Stirling in 1800. 8vo, Privately Printed, 1898. 1037


1800. John Leyden. Journal of a Tour in the Highlands and Western Islands of Scotland in 1800. 8vo, Edin., 1903. 1039

This is a Tour given already (No. 254) as being still in manuscript. It is now in print, edited by James Sinton, with a Bibliography.

1800. John Leyden. Visit to Staffa, Inveraray, etc. MS.—in a Letter of 25th July 1800. Probably this is part of the matter contained in the Journal of a Tour in the Highlands and Western Islands of Scotland in 1800, which was published in 1903 (Nos. 254 and 1039). 1040


1811. Malise [Hogg, the Ettrick Shepherd]. Tour through the Trossacks and Mountains of Bredalbane. In The Spy, a Periodical Paper of Literary Amusement and Instruction, No. xl. p. 313, and No. xliiv. p. 345. 4to, Edin., 1810 and 1811. 1044


The Wanderings of a Tramp—1822 to 1826. A man of some culture. Perhaps the same man as wrote No. 902. He was undoubtedly insane. Had hallucinations of sight and hearing, and was guided largely in his conduct by them, but sometimes was able to refuse obedience. He had an interview with Sir Walter Scott, who gave him a dollar in parting, after feeding and housing him well at Abbotsford. He was also most hospitably entertained by the Ettrick Shepherd. By Gretna he reached the north and centre of England, and from that went to London, in which he had no luck, and lived a very hard life. His desire was to wander in Ireland, but he failed to
get money enough to pay for the crossing, and he tramped again through England till he reached Berwick. Here the notes end. They do not refer largely to Scotland, but what they contain about Scotland is curious and interesting. And the whole is a singular account of the wanderings of a well-educated man in extreme poverty, with all the usual consequent hardships and sufferings. He does not fill his story with whinings or moanings, but he often longs for "a trifle of cash to invoke the spirit of good ale or joy-giving whisky." (MS. in possession of Rev. George Williams, of Thornhill, near Stirling.)

1822. A Complete Historical Account of the Visit of His Majesty King George IV. to Scotland, August 1822, with appendix, containing Notices of the Highland Clans of the period, etc. Portrait. 12mo, Edinburgh, 1822. 1051

This does not appear to be the same as No. 379, which is attributed to Robert Mudie. See also 906.


1823. John Leyden. Tour to the Eastern Borders. 4to, Hawick, 1906. (See No. 1041.) 1053

1826. Ernst Moritz Arndt. Nebenstunden, eine Beschreibung der Schottlandischen Inseln und der Orcaden. Leipzig, 1826. 1054

1826. David Webster. Ode to the Memory of Tannahill, and the Highlandman's Account of His Majesty's Visit to Scotland. Pp. 16, 12mo, Paisley, 1826. 1055

1826. [John Mason.] The Border Tour—Northumberland, Berwick, Roxburgh, and Selkirk. By a Tourist. 12mo, Edin., 1826. 1056

1829. Journey to the West, by an Edinburgh Barber. Engraving of arrival at Belfast. 1829. 1057

1829. Journal of a Tour made from Tottenham in the County of Middlesex to Scotland, the Lakes, and Derbyshire. In manuscript, now in the possession of Mr James Sinton. The travel began on 13th June 1829, and lasted till 31st August 1829.
Pp. 252. By much the larger part relates to Scotland—the Central Highlands. In a well-bound 8vo volume. 1058

The writer speaks of “the beautiful ruins of Campbell Castle, formerly called the Castle of Gloom, situated on the Lawn of Darkness, in the Glen of Care, through which runs the Bourne of Sorrow,” p. 93 of MS.

1830. The Log Book, or Journal of a Voyage betwixt Leith and London, and London and Leith, in the Smack ————, Wm. Trip, Commander, sketches typographical and topographical, poetical and lithographic, etc. 12mo, 1830. 1059

1861. Jas. A. H. Murray. A Week among the Antiquities of Orkney. 8vo, Hawick, 1861. 1060

1831. The Life of John Thomson of Duddingston, by Wm. Baird. Contains Extracts from Letters by Sir Thomas Dick Lauder, giving an account of a Tour in 1831, with Thomson and Prof. Playfair, through the N.E. of Scotland. Fife, Glamis, Stonehaven, Dunottar, Monymusk, Fyvie, Banff, and Relugas were visited. 8vo, Edin., 1907. 1061

1833. A Lover of the Picturesque. Notes of a Ramble through France, Italy, Switzerland, Germany, Holland, and Belgium, and of a Visit to the Scenes of “The Lady of the Lake,” etc. 8vo, Lond., 1836. 1062

The Travel in Scotland took place in 1833. Edinburgh, Stirling, Callander, the Trossachs, Loch Katrine, Loch Lomond, Dumbarton, Glasgow, Lanark, and Hamilton were visited.


Was on the island for several days.


Refers to the release of the Hon. Edwin Lindsay from detention in the Island of Papa Stour. Much topographical information.
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1840. A Descriptive Tour in Scotland. Illust. 8vo, 1840.


1844–6. Bayard Taylor. Views a-Foot; or, Europe seen with Knap-sack and Staff; with a Preface by N. P. Willis. 12mo, pp. 343, New York, 1847. (9th ed. 1848; 20th ed. 1856; eds. 12mo., Lond., 1869 and 1871.)

Chapters 4, 5, and 6 relate to Scotland. Visited Greenock, Dum-barton, Ben Lomond, Trossachs, Stirling, Ayr, Glasgow, Edinburgh, Abbotsford, Melrose, and Jedburgh.

1846. Major Veitch. Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Burns, 1846.

Not seen.


1858. Nicholas Dickson. Cromarty, being a Tourist's Visit to the Birthplace of Hugh Miller. Map. 8vo, Glasg., 1858.


This work contains an Account of Travel in the Orkney and Shetland Islands during 1859. A translation of this Account was made by the late Miss Katharine Irvine, and is now, in MS., in possession of her brother, Mr John Irvine, Lerwick.
1862. Legends of Strathisla and Strathbogie, to which is added a Walk from Keith to Rothiemay. 12mo, Elgin, 1862. 1074


1865. A Ramble in the Streets of Perth. Map. 1865. 1076

1865. A Stroll to Cairnie. Keith, 1865. 1077


1871. Tours through Sutherlandshire. Map. 8vo, 1871. 1081

Not seen.

1874. Francis Francis. By Lake and River: An Angler’s Rambles in the North of England and Scotland. 8vo, 1874. 1082

1875. Jean L. Watson. The Grand Highland Tour: Glasgow, the Clyde, Oban, the Caledonian Canal, Inverness, Highland Railway, Dunkeld, Perth. Pp. 112, 8vo, Edin., 1875. 1083


Not seen.


1883. [J. Ewing Ritchie.] Christopher Crayon in Scotland; from the Strand to Stornoway; containing the cruise of the "Elena," at the Isle of Bute, and up the Canals. 8vo, Lond., 1883.


1886. The Queen's Visit to Edinburgh, 18th Aug. 1886. Illustrated by Elizabeth Gulland. 12mo, Edin., 1886.


VOL. XLIV.

1890. John Kerr of Laurencekirk. Reminiscences of a Wanderer, chiefly collected in the north-eastern counties of Scotland. 8vo, Dundee, 1890.

1891. Robert Thomson. A Cruise in the Western Hebrides; or a Week on board the s.s. "Hebridean." Glasg., 1891.


1895. Whirls of the Wheel; or, Cycling Rambles round Glasgow. 1895.

1896. Walks and Drives twelve miles round Glasgow. With Road Map. 1896.
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1901. Thomas McKie. *Summer Rambles.* 8vo, Edin., 1901. 1106


1901. David W. Logie. *An Account of a Trip from Stirling to the Highlands, made from 12th to 17th August 1901; with a historical and descriptive narrative of the places on the route. Map and Illustrations.* Pp. 149, 8vo, Privately Printed, Stirling, 1902. 1108


1905. A. S. Cunningham. *Rambles in the Parishes of Scoonie and Wemyss.* Illus. 8vo, Leven, 1905. 1110


A yachting cruise.
1908. C. C. Lynam. Log of the “Blue Dragon,” an Account of Cruises in a five-ton yacht among the Western Isles of Scotland. With Illust. and Maps. 2nd edition, Lond., 1908. 1114
Date of 1st edition and that of actual tour not known.

1908. Rev. William S. Crockett. Footsteps of Scott. Illus. by Tom Scott. 8vo, 1908. 1115
Not seen.

1909. D. T. Holmes. Literary Tours in the Highlands and Islands of Scotland. 8vo, Paisley, 1909. 1116

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[This List was intended for the previous volume of the Proceedings, and the proofs had been sent to Sir Arthur Mitchell for his revision, which was prevented by his lamented death. They have now been revised by Mr C. G. Cash, Corr. Mem. S. A. Scot., who collaborated with him in much of his later topographical work.]