

1798 DEFENCE FUND

CONTRIBUTORS

In 1798, faced with the threat of an invasion by the French, the parishioners of Fordyce made contributions to a fund to be used for the defence of their country. The names of each contributor and the amount of their donation were recorded in the Fordyce Kirk Session Register (National Archives of Scotland Ref: CH2-1114-4). A separate list was compiled for donations from the inhabitants of Portsoy.

This is a verbatim transcription of the pages of the Kirk Session Register, with names reproduced as in the original.

In the year seventeen hundred and ninety eight when Great Britain was threatened with an Invasion by the French Republic The Inhabitants of that Part of the Parish of Fordyce which is without Portsoy District in the Course of two Weeks paid into the Hands of the Minister the following Sums under the following Conditions viz – We whose Names are hereto subjoined as a Proof of our Love to our Constitution, our Country and our King, have agreed to pay in to the Minister of Fordyce the Sums subjoined to our Names for the Defence of our Country on this critical Occasion to be by him transmitted either to the Deputy Lieutenant of the District or to the Committee for conducting the Voluntary Contribution at Edin[burg]^h.

Names	Places of Abode	Sum
Alexr. Humphrey	Minister of Fordyce	£5-5-0
Robt. Kemp	Serv to Do.	£0-1-0
Al. Duncan	Do.	£0-1-0
Geo. McKenzie	Do.	£0-1-0
Christian Hay	Do.	£0-1-0
Jean Laurence	Do.	£0-1-0
Margt. Laurence	Fordyce	£0-1-6
Al. Inglis	Do.	£0-2-0
John Brebner	Do.	£0-2-6
William Donald	Do.	£0-2-0
John Cormack	Do.	£0-1-0
Al. Morison	Do.	£0-1-0
Wm. Smith	Do.	£0-1-0
Mrs. Humphrey Senr.	Do.	£0-2-6
Jean Humphrey	Do.	£0-5-0
Geo. Andrew	Do.	£0-1-6
John Black	Ley	£0-5-0
James Robertson	Cairntown	£0-2-6
Robt. Paul	Ridden Toath	£0-0-6
Mrs. Robertson	Fordyce	£0-5-0
Isabel Beam	Do.	£0-2-0
William Murray	Do.	£0-1-6
William Gray	Do.	£0-1-0
James Burnet	Do.	£0-1-0
Geo. White	Do.	£0-1-6
Jas. Smith	Do.	£0-2-0
Al. Hay	Do.	£0-1-0
John Philp	Do.	£0-1-0
William Grigor	Do.	£0-2-0
William Reid	Do.	£0-1-6
John Duff	Little Dytach	£0-5-0
Al. Davidson	Arnot Hill	£0-2-6
Al. Peterkin	Fordyce	£0-1-0
John Allan	Brae of Fordyce	£0-2-0
John Allan Junr.	Do.	£0-1-0
Al. Allan	Do.	£0-1-0
John Hosachs	Auchmilly	£0-5-0
John Bruce	Craig Mills	£0-2-0
Wm. Watt	Knock Durn	£0-1-0
Mary Ogilvie	Fordyce	£0-1-1

Names	Places of Abode	Sum
	Brought forward	£8-19-1
Jean Watt	Little Dytach	£0-0-6
James Murray	Butterytack	£0-5-0
John Duncan	Tillynaught	£0-1-0
John Hindry	Little Cairntown	£0-2-0
James Grigor	Fordyce	£0-1-0
Geo. Garden	Hillside	£0-1-6
Walter Inglis	Hillside	£0-1-0
Walter Gray	Hillside	£0-1-0
William Simpson	Canterbury	£0-1-0
Walter Simpson	Canterbury	£0-2-0
John Simpson	Canterbury	£0-1-0
James Simpson	Canterbury	£0-1-0
Geo. Taylor	Servant, Broomhills	£0-1-0
Al. Burges	Servant, Broomhills	£0-1-0
Margaret Henry	Servant, Broomhills	£0-1-0
William Knight	Sert. At Westside	£0-1-0
Robt. Munro	Sert. At Westside	£0-1-0
Donald Curachy	Sert. At Westside	£0-0-6
William Ritchie	Sert. At Westside	£0-0-3
Walter Bain	Sert. , Broomhills	£0-0-6
Walter Gray	Mill of Towie	£1-10-0
Thomas Galish	Birkenbog	£0-1-0
James Booth	Mill of Towie	£0-2-0
Al. Ewan	Mill of Towie	£0-1-0
Robt. Davidson	Mains of Birkenbog	£0-1-0
Geo. Stephen	Mill of Towie	£0-2-6
Geo. Adam	Smidyboyne	£0-5-0
William Grigor	Smidyboyne	£0-1-0
James Brody	Auchanacy	£0-5-0
Jean Hendry	Auchanacy	£0-1-0
Margt. Brody	Auchanacy	£0-1-0
Geo. Donald	Auchanacy	£0-1-0
Al. Donald	Auchanacy	£0-1-0
John Brody	Ball ley	£0-3-6
John Brebner	Midtown	£0-5-0
John Grigor	Midtown	£0-1-0
James Cowie	Wellyholes	£0-5-0
Geo. Donald	Wellyholes	£0-1-0
William Donald	Wellyholes	£0-1-0
Geo. Cowie	Mill of Tillynaught	£0-5-0
Geo. Smith	Fordyce	£0-1-0
Mr John Wilson	Badenyuchers	£2-2-0
John Morison	Badenyuchers	£0-1-0
John Reid	Badenyuchers	£0-1-0
Geo. Paterson	Badenyuchers	£0-1-0
John Wilson	Badenyuchers	£0-1-0
Margt. Morison	Badenyuchers	£0-1-0
Barbara Fraser	Badenyuchers	£0-1-0
Peter Bruce	Sour Toth	£0-2-0
John Cock	Badenspink	£0-1-0
William Wilson	Badenspink	£0-1-0
John Grigor	Badenspink	£0-1-0
Geo. Laurence	Badenspink	£0-1-0
		£16-12-4

Names	Places of Abode	Sums
	Brought forward	£16-12-4
John Fraser	Badenspink	£0-1-0
Jas. Taylor	Badenspink	£0-1-0
James Murray	Tillynaught	£0-1-0
Helen Murray	Tillynaught	£0-1-0
Jas. Milne	Tillynaught	£0-0-6
Geo. Anderson	Badenspink	£0-0-6
John Bartlett	Brodies Ord	£0-5-0
Clemey Bartlet	Brodies Ord	£0-1-0
Elsplet Bartlet	Brodies Ord	£0-1-0
Al. Runcy	Brodies Ord	£0-1-0
Al. Duffus	Bridge End	£0-2-0
Wm. Inglis	Braehaugh	£0-2-6
Al. Inglis	Braehaugh	£0-2-0
Walter Gray	Braehaugh	£0-1-0
Jas. Wood	Hillside	£0-5-0
Al. Steinson	Smidyboyne	£0-5-0
Helen Anderson	Fordyce	£0-1-0
Al. Anderson	Badentoul	£0-5-0
John McAdam	Longmoor	£0-1-0
John Wilson	Moor of Glassaugh	£0-2-0
Mr Duncan	Broom	£5-5-0
Jas. Cran	Bogtown	£0-1-6
Geo. Fordyce	Hillend	£0-5-0
Jas. Morison	Hillend	£0-1-0
John Stuart	Hillend	£0-1-0
Jas. Lorimer	Fordyce	£0-1-0
John Inglis	Redstack	£0-2-6
Wm. Leeng	Brae of Fordyce	£0-1-0
Al. Black	Slackdale	£0-3-6
Al. Ewan senr.	Damheads	£0-2-0
Al. Ewan junr.	Damheads	£0-2-0
William Smith	Riddentoth	£0-1-0
Wm. Morison senr.	Riddentoth	£0-1-0
Wm. Morison junr.	Riddentoth	£0-1-0
Agnes Hacket	Riddentoth	£0-0-6
Al. Morison a boy	Riddentoth	£0-0-6
Walter Cock	Redhyth	£0-1-0
Al. Cock	Redhyth	£0-1-0
Walter Cock junr.	Redhyth	£0-1-0
William Gray	Arnbath	£0-2-6
Jas. Gray	Arnbath	£0-2-6
Jannet Robertson	Fordyce	£0-1-0
John Merson	Fordyce	£0-1-0
Jas. Grigor	Craig Mills	£0-1-0
Jas. Smith	Wintertown	£0-2-0
Jannet Smith	Wintertown	£0-1-0
Ann Smith	Muttonbrae	£0-1-0
Wm. Beer	Wintertown	£0-1-0
Wm. Clark	Bogtown	£0-0-6
Margt. Cark	Bogtown	£0-0-6
Ann Currachy	Bogtown	£0-0-6
		£25-18-10

Names	Places of Abode	Sum
	Brought forward	£25-18-10
Geo. Sim	Well Heads	£0-1-0
Jas. Sim	Well Heads	£0-1-0
Wm. Ewan	Well Heads	£0-1-0
Archd. Syman	Hillochaty	£0-1-0
Jas. Stuart	Hillochaty	£0-1-0
Mrs Guthrie	Fordyce	£0-2-0
Al. Stuart	Hillochaty	£0-1-0
John Gray	Hillochaty	£0-1-0
John Mess	Clashendamer	£0-1-0
Jas. Gray	Fordyce	£0-1-0
Geo. Currie	Knowhead	£0-1-0
Helen Currie	Knowhead	£0-0-6
Al. Wilson	Barrons Mill	£0-5-0
William Ogilvie	Tillynaught	£0-5-0
John Paterson	Tillynaught	£0-1-0
Geo. Donald	Tillynaught	£0-1-0
Al. Duncan	Tillynaught	£0-1-0
Robt. Wilson	Mains of Glassaugh	£0-5-0
John Adam	Mains of Glassaugh	£0-1-0
Wm. Hinry	Hillside	£0-1-0
Jas. Hird	Linkbraeheads	£0-0-6
Jannet Gray	Linkbraeheads	£0-0-2
Jas. Riach	Braehaugh	£0-1-0
Jean Sim	Braehaugh	£0-0-6
Margt. Grigor	Braehaugh	£0-1-0
Al. Cowie	Westside	£0-1-0
Al. Murray	Auchmilley	£0-2-6
Wm. Murray	Auchmilley	£0-1-6
Al. Murray junr	Auchmilley	£0-1-0
Jas. Chalmers	Auchmilley	£0-0-6
Jas. Smith	Dykehead	£0-1-0
Wm. Tayler	Dykehead	£0-1-0
Jas. Tory	Dykehead	£0-1-0
Wm. Cumming	Mill of Tillynaught	£0-1-0
Jas. Wilson	Mill of Tillynaught	£0-1-0
John Kelman	Mill of Tillynaught	£0-0-6
Al. Laurence	Mill of Tillynaught	£0-1-0
Jas. Robb	Glassaugh	£0-2-6
John Wood	Hillside	£0-1-0
Geo. Ewan	Summertown	£0-2-6
Archd. Clark	Summertown	£0-2-6
Al. Gerrie	Muir of Glassaugh	£0-1-0
Walter Wood	Muir of Glassaugh	£0-1-0
Wm. Christie	Leg's Mill	£0-1-6
Murdoch McKenzie	Drochadlie	£0-0-6
John Steinson	Muirock	£0-10-0
Jas. Rainy	Fordyce	£0-1-0
John Taylor	Auchmilley	£0-1-6
John Taylor junr.	Auchmilley	£0-1-0
James Watson	Mill of Durn	£0-1-0
		£29-14-6

Names	Places of Abode	Sums
	Brought forward	£29-14-6
Thomas Sim	Little Dytach	£0-1-0
Donald Bain	Little Dytach	£0-1-0
John McBeath	Fordyce	£0-1-0
Al. Smith	Dykehead	£0-1-0
Al. Donald	Badenspink	£0-1-6
William Davidson	Longmoor	£0-1-0
Wm. Donald	Dykehead	£0-1-6
Wm. Donald junr.	Dykehead	£0-1-0
Wm. Steinson	Hillside	£0-1-0
El. Brebner	Hillside	£0-1-0
John Donald	Dykehead	£1-1-0
James Walker	Dykehead	£0-10-6
Geo. Allan	Hillside	£0-3-0
Geo. Allan junr.	Hillside	£0-1-0
Al. Allan	Hillside	£0-1-0
Al. Allan	Limestones	£0-3-0
Al. Allan junr.	Limestones	£0-1-0
Geo. Allan	Limestones	£0-1-0
James Killey	Mains of Bogmuckles	£0-2-0
Thos. Shepherd	Knowiemoor	£0-6-0
Wm. Smout	Knowiemoor	£0-1-0
Geo. Kelman	Knowiemoor	£0-2-0
Wm. Wilson	Knowiemoor	£0-1-0
John Wilson	Burnside	£0-2-6
Jas. Moss	Clashendamer	£0-1-0
James Raeburn	Burns	£0-3-6
Jas. Leed	Begburn	£0-1-0
David Mitchell	Begburn	£0-1-0
Wm. Wilson	Muir of Glassaugh	£0-1-0
John Smith	Mutton Brae	£0-2-0
Jas. Steinson	Toux	£0-5-0
Alexr. Lorimer	Toux	£0-1-0
Jas. Grant	Toux	£0-1-0
Geo. Steinson	Toux	£0-4-0
Jas. Strachan	Toux	£0-1-0
Al. Young	Toux	£0-1-0
John Steinson	Craigiefoord	£0-5-0
John Steinson junr.	Craigiefoord	£0-1-6
Wm. Runcy	Craigiefoord	£0-1-0
John Morison	Hillside	£0-1-6
John Cowie	Nook	£0-2-6
Al. Cowie	Canterbury	£0-2-0
Wm. Chyne	Canterbury	£0-1-0
Al. Symon	Muckle Town	£0-2-6
Jas. Clark	Rothmackenzie	£0-2-0
Peter Murray	Mucketown	£0-2-6
Al. Bagrie	Rothmackenzie	£0-1-6
Wm. Steinson	New Mill	£0-1-0
Elspet Allan	Canterbury	£0-0-6
Jean Milne	Canterbury	£0-0-6
		£35-10-0

Names	Places of Abode	Sum
	Brought forward	£35-10-0
William Morison	Hillside	£0-1-6
John Beer	Wester Mains of Glassaugh	£0-2-0
Wm. Smith	Wintertown	£0-1-0
John Strachan	Toux	£0-1-0
Wm. Donaldson	Auchip	£0-2-0
Peter Steinson	Summertown	£0-1-6
Jas. Steinson	Wintertown	£0-1-0
John Allan	Loggie	£0-1-6
James Wilson Brankanentum	Brankanentum	£0-5-0
John Adam	Burns	£0-5-0
John Longmoor	Burns	£0-1-0
Jannet Currie	Burns	£0-1-0
James Lorimer	Oathillocks	£0-2-6
Jas. Robb	Wintertown	£0-3-0
Helen Campbell	Wintertown	£0-0-6
Jas. Black	Ordenhoves	£0-2-0
James Murray	Ordenhoves	£0-1-0
Jas. Inglis	Fordyce	£0-1-0
Jas. Duff	Fordyce	£0-1-0
John Clark	Slogmahole	£0-1-0
Al. Reid	Little Dytach	£0-1-0
Chas. Duncan a School Boy	Fordyce	£0-2-0
Jas. Ingram	Fordyce	£0-2-6
Geo. Mitchell	Brody's Ord	£0-2-0
Geo. Elder	Longmoor	£0-2-0
Walter Runcy	Braehaugh	£0-1-0
Helen Smith	Fordyce	£0-0-6
Robt. Stephen	Brae of Towie	£0-2-0
Jas. Reid	Killhillock	£0-5-0
Al. Reid	Barn Yard s of Findlater	£0-5-0
Mrs Young	Sandend	£0-3-0
Wm. Brody	Sandend	£0-1-0
Geo. Brodie	Sandend	£0-1-0
John Hay	Sandend	£0-1-0
Jas. Smith	Sandend	£0-2-0
Geo. Hay	Sandend	£0-1-0
Al. Smith	Sandend	£0-1-0
John Kelman	Sandend	£0-1-0
		£38-19-6

List of those in the Town of Portsoy and Neighbourhood/Parish of Fordyce who in April 1798 made a Voluntary Contribution in Aid of Government, exclusive of all Taxes viz:

Wm. Dunbar Esqr. Of Neither Buckie	£5-5-0
James Milne Esqr. Mercht.	£5-5-0
Al. Innes Esqr. residing at Durn	£21-0-0
Wm. Gordon Duff Esqr. of Iden	£10-10-0
Mr. Jas. Mason Feuer	£1-0-0
Mr. John Peterkin Feuer	£1-1-0
Geo. Moir Flaxdresser	£0-5-0
Jas. Grant Flaxdresser	£0-1-0
John Bruce Flaxdresser	£0-5-0
John McFarlane Schoolmr.	£0-10-0
Al. Mitchell Farmer	£0-10-0
Al. Sellar Farmer	£0-2-0
John Morison Mercht.	£0-5-0
Al. Jack Mercht.	£0-10-0
Jas. Cruickshank Mercht.	£0-10-6
Jas. Brebner Lint Miller	£0-3-6
John Gray Flaxdresser	£0-3-0
	£47-6-0
	Brought forward
	£47-6-0
Wm. Troup Feuer	£0-2-0
Jas. Morison Sert. to Mr Innes	£0-2-0
Al. Bremner Sert. to Mr. Milne	£0-1-0
Mrs Milne	£0-10-0
Mrs Mavor	£0-4-0
Mrs Taylor	£0-5-0
Mrs Anderson	£0-15-0
Reverd. Jas. Kelly	£2-2-0
Mr. Thos. Richardson Mercht.	£2-2-0
Mr John Reid Mercht.	£2-2-0
Mr Jas. Imlach Mercht.	£2-2-0
Mr Thos. Sterling Mercht.	£2-2-0
Al. Forbes Tide Waiter	£0-5-0
Al. Paterson Baker	£0-9-0
Adam Wilson Wright	£0-5-0
Officers of the Volunteers besides their Subscription wt. the Corps	£3-3-0
	£63.17-0

Over and above which the Sum of nine Pounds Stg. (making in all £72-17-0) was subscribed the the Volunteer Company consisting of the following Persons

David Greig Captn.
 Robt. Knight Lieut.
 John Taylor Lieut.
 Forbes Watson Mercht.
 Chas. Dawson Mercht.
 Adam Wilson Wright
 John Wilson Wright
 Jas. Aven Threadmaker
 John Allan Wright
 John Burnet Weaver
 William Bain Butcher
 Geo. Burges senr. Shoemaker
 Geo. Burges junr. Shoemaker
 Jas. Burges Shoemaker

Al. Blair Salter
John Booth Threadmaker
John Brodie Weaver
Jas. Burnet Weaver
Wm. Cook Day Labourer
Jas. Chisholm Weaver
John Currie Heckler
Al. Chyne Threadmaker
Wm. Duff Weaver
James Drum Threadmaker
Al. Elder Thread Millard
Al. Ewan Sert. to J. Scott
Francis Farquhar Shoemaker
William Findly Wright
Jas. Findly Black Smith
John Gordon Heckler
William Geddes Heckler
Walter Gordon Day Labourer
Alexr. Gerrie Shoe Maker
Robt. Gordon Son to Walter Gordon
Jas. Gray Threadmaker
Wm. Hewat Taylor
Jas. Hall Heckler
Archd. Inglis Clerk to Robt. Knight
Robt. Johnston Stocking Maker
John Lyon Shoemaker
Jas. Lumsden Taylor
Thos. Mitchell Thread Maker
Geo. Merson Shoe Maker
Jas. Mitchell Weaver
Jas. Mitchell Heckler
Rodk. McDonald Cooper
Alexr. Lyon Weaver
John McKenzie Sailmaker
William McPherson Weaver
James Rhind Thread Millard
Donald Ross Day Labourer
William Robertson Taylor
John Raeburn Quarrier
Geo. Robertson Mason
Andw. Russel Taylor
John Reid Shoe Maker
Jas. Smith junr. Son to John Smith
Jas. Smith Senr. Day Labourer
Jas. Smith Sert. to Mr Geddes
Geo. Scott Sclater
Jas. Scott Son to Jas. Scott Wright
John Smith Thread Maker
William Thomson Thread Millard
John Thomson Weaver
Alexr. Wright Maltman
Geo. Taylor
Peter Walker Weaver
Jas, Windlaw Stockingmaker
Adam Windlaw Stockingmaker
Alexr. Wood Taylor