

DINGWALL & THE DAVIDSONS



A View of Dingwall in 1824 as painted by J. Clark.

The St Clements Parish Church is clearly recognizable as is the Town House which now houses the Dingwall Museum. A ship can be seen as on the canal and Tulloch Castle is just visible on the hill to the north of the town.



St James Episcopal Church was built on land provided by the Davidson of Tulloch family and includes the family memorials.



Dingwall Canal, designed by Telford, was funded and built with assistance from the Davidsons in 1815-16. Walk the former towpath and imagine the shipping scene of almost two centuries ago.



The Royal Burgh of Dingwall has a very long history, dating back well over a thousand years. Today this busy town and the surrounding area still holds some important historical points of reference for the family known as the Davidsons of Tulloch.

This family, in historical terms, are relative newcomers to this district as it was only in 1762 that Henry Davidson, originally from Cromarty, purchased Tulloch Castle, located on the northern edge of the town, from the Bayne family.

Six successive Davidsons from this family were lairds of Tulloch Castle until 1917. They played a prominent role in the affairs of the Burgh of Dingwall, and across the County of Ross-shire. Different generations served as Provosts of Dingwall and as MPs for the local constituency., and one was appointed a Lord Lieutenant of Ross & Cromarty in 1879.

The Davidson Provosts of Dingwall:

- *Henry Davidson [1726-1781]...1779*
- *Duncan Davidson [1733-1799]... 1784*
- *Duncan Davidson [1800-1881]...1840*



The Town House with its distinctive Clock Tower, now houses the Dingwall Museum. Visit this museum to view its important local civic and military collections, including the details of those Davidsons who held the position of Provost of Dingwall.



The Burgh Seal



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St Clements Church, The Parish Church, was accidentally burnt down in 1799. The Davidsons of Tulloch, as chief heritors, provided more than half the funds for the rebuilding. However the Davidsons at the time were in dispute with the Kirk Session, and caused the church to be built back to front with its entrance facing north to Tulloch rather than the town.