

SLATERS DIRECTORY 1911

NEW ABERDOUR is a village in the parish of Aberdour, 8 miles north-west of Strichen station, on the Great North of Scotland Railway, 9 miles west of Fraserburgh, and 16 east of Banff. The parish stretches along the Moray Firth for about 10 miles, the shore here being bold and precipitous, with only three places where only three boats can effect a landing, and the rocks have been worn by the sea into innumerable caves, one of which is 90 feet long and 22 broad.

The Parish is in Buchan poor combination and Fraserburgh small debt court.

The Established Church, built in 1818, is a plain edifice of stone and has sittings for 800 persons. There is also a Mission church at Auchmedden, and a United Free Church; here also is a Public Hall and a Library, and a branch of the Union bank of Scotland Limited.

On a precipice overhanging the sea are the ruins of the ancient castle of Dundargue, a place of great strength and importance in feudal times, and note for sustaining a long siege in 1336, when Henry de Beaumont, the English Earl of Buchan, was obliged to capitulate to Andrew Murray, Regent of Scotland, during the captivity of King Robert Bruce in England.

Alexander Dingwall Fordyce of Brucklay Castle is the principal landowner.

The area of the parish is 14,031 acres; valuation 1902 £8,269. Population of New Aberdour in 1891, 620; in 1901, 583; of the whole parish 2,019 and 1901, 1601; ecclesiastical parish, 1,562.

Pennan is a small fishing village in the parish of and about three miles west from New Aberdour. Population in 1901, 199.

Auchmedden is a hamlet joining Pennan and has an established Mission Church.

Post, T. M. O & Telephonic Express Delivery Office, High street; William Thompson Chalmers sub-postmaster.

Letters received through Fraserburgh.

Arrivals 11.30 a.m. & 5.30 p.m.

Despatches 9 a.m. & 4.45 p.m.

No delivery on Sunday.

Post, T. M. O & Telephonic Express Delivery Office, Pennan

Alexander Watt, Postmaster. Letters through Banff.

Delivery, 1p.m.; despatch 1.55 p.m.

No delivery on Sunday

Registrar of Births, Deaths & Marriages, James Fowlie

ABERDOUR PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman, Marshall James Keith

Clerk & Collector & Inspector of poor, William

Chapman.

Coast Guard Station, Pennan, station officer & treasurer.

Police Station, George Fraser, constable.

Public Hall, William Chapman, sec & librarian.

PLACES OF WORSHIP

Established Church, Rev. Chas Birnie M.A.

Auchmedden (Mission)

United Free Church, Rev Wm. Dymock M.A.

SCHOOL BOARD

Chairman, Rev. Charles Birnie

Clerk, William Chapman

Board Schools;-

New Aberdour; James Reiach, master

Auchmedden; James O. Black, master

New Aberdour (under the management of the New Aberdour & New Pitsligo School Boards); Miss Sarah Horne, mistress.

COACHES

To Fraserburgh & Rosehearty, from New Aberdour,
daily, George D. West, propr.

To Strichen, from New Aberdour, daily, except,
Tuesday & Thursday, John Mowat, proprietor.

New Aberdour

PRIVATE RESIDENTS

Birnie Rev. Charles M.A. (Established), The Manse
Dymock Rev. William M.A. United Free Church Manse
Keith Marshall James, Aberdour House.

COMMERCIAL

Aberdour Horticultural Society (Samuel Gerrad, sec.)

32 High street

Chalmers Geo & Co. grocers, 32 High st

Chapman William, clerk & collector to Parish Council,
inspector of poor & sec & treasurer to public hall,
Woodhead.

Chapman William, grocer, Glasslaw.

Coutts Joseph, blacksmith, High street

Crabb David M.R.C.V.S. veterinary surgeon &
veterinary inspector under the "Diseases of Animals Act"
for Aberdour & Tyrie parishes, 45 High street

Cruden Alexander, tailor

Fowlie James, grocer & draper & registrar of births,
deaths & marriages, 57 High street

Fowlie Wm. Tailor & draper, 59 High st

Fraser Annie (miss), grocer, 35 High st

Fraser Hugh, Commercial htl, 40 high st

Gall John, blacksmith, Cowberty

Gerrad Alexander, boot maker, 21 High st
 Gerrad Samuel, sec & librarian of public library &
 keeper of public hall 32 High st
 Gerrad Samuel, jun. boot ma. 32 High st
 Gibson Alexander, miller, Auchmedden
 Keith Marshall James, factor, Aberdour ho
 Liberal Association (James Fowlic, sec), 57 High
 street
 McDonald David, saddler, High st
 Mowat John, omnibus proprier
 Nalier David, blacksmith, Cowbog
 Phillip Geo. grocer & draper, 81 School St
 Public Hall (William Chapman, sec & treasurer; Samuel
 Gerrad, kpr) High st

Smith John, Carpenter, 24 High St
 Smith William, miller
 Sutherland Wm, stone mason, School st
 Taylor Alexander, tailor, 55 High street
 Union Bank of Scotland Limited (sub-branch to
 Rosehearty: open Monday & Friday, 10.30 to 2.30)
 (F.C.Grant, agent); draw on London Office, 62 Cornhill
 E C & Bank of England E C, London. **See**
advertisement
 Wallace James, boot maker, 78 School St
 West George D. omnibus proprietor
 Wood William, blacksmith, Elphin street

FARMERS

Arnott George & William, Glasslaw
 Baird George (reps of) Foresterhill & Helenmore
 Beddie Henry, Bridgend
 Beedie Mrs Mary, Windyhead

Bell John (reps of) Towie
 Bremner John, Auchmedden
 Bruce John, Cowford
 Chalmers Alexander, Lilly-quharne
 Chapman James, Ironhill
 Chapman William, Woodhead
 Davidson James, Ladysford

Farquhar Alexander & J. Gonarhill
 Fowlie George, Mill of Auchlin
 Laird Alexander, Bankhead
 Laird James, Quarryburn
 McKInlay James, Mill Farm
 McRobert Alexander, Clinerty
 Morrison Alexander, Stonebridge

Pratt Joseph, Crookahill
 Rettie Joseph, Cowberty
 Shearer James, Cowberty
 Smith Edward, Netherhill
 Taylor Alexander & John, Bonnyton hill
 Watson David, Little Killy-quharne
 Watt William, Mains of Auchmedden
 Willox Adam, Gorthfield

Pennan

Gatt Elizabeth (Mrs), grocer
 Watt Alexander, boot maker, Post office
 Watt Henry, grocer
 Watt Alexander, boat builder
 West George, baker
 West George, spirit dealer

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