



FINTRY MUSEUM

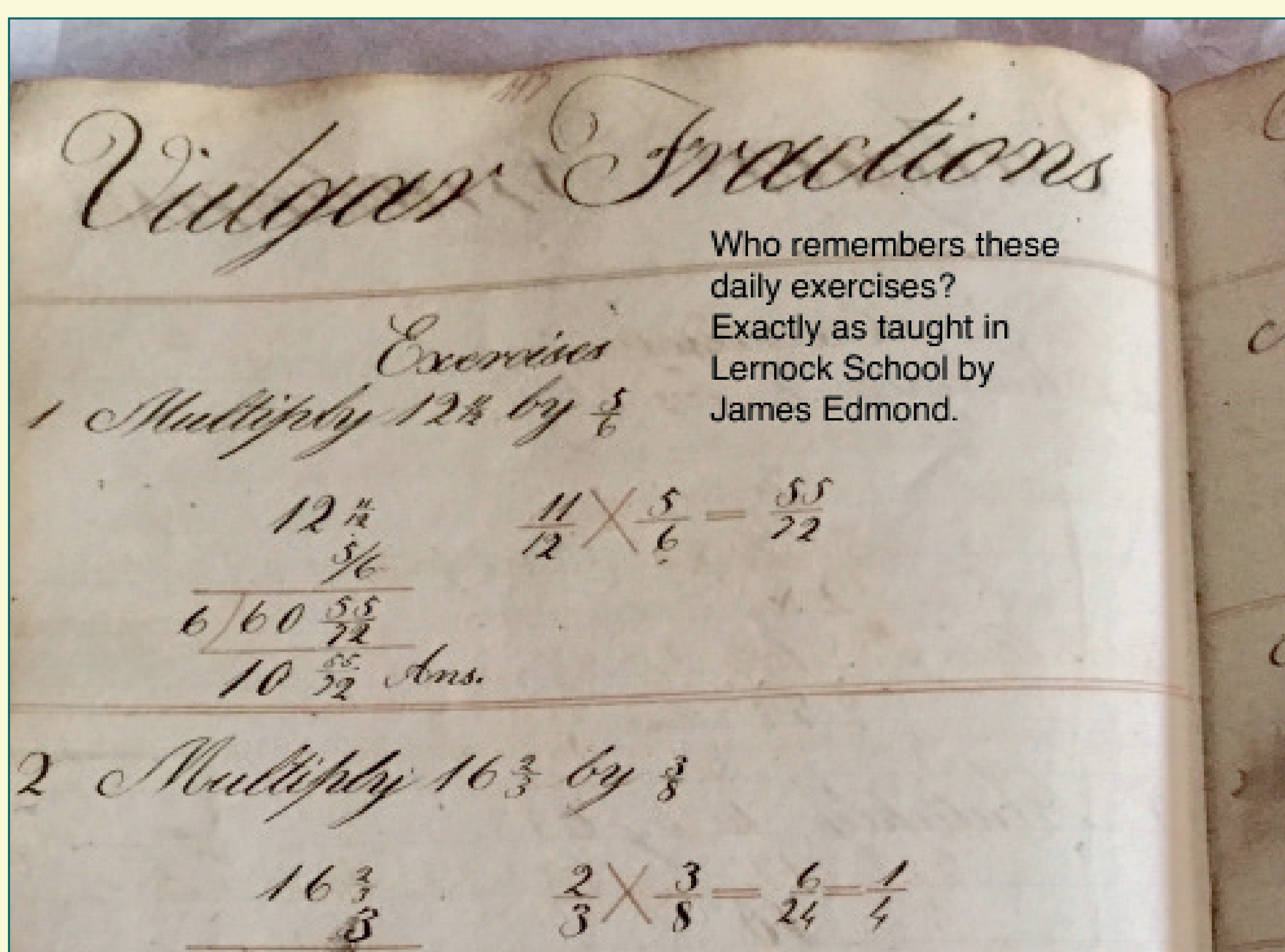


SCHOOLS (1)

Kirk o' Mair School

At the east end of the Carron reservoir, is a small walled graveyard with the earliest dated gravestone of 1695. This was a tiny stone building in the corner of the old graveyard at the north east end of Carron Reservoir. It could be Scotland's smallest school. There is no longer a church there.

The school was technically in St Ninian's parish, but Fintry was the nearest village and children from that area usually travelled down to Fintry School. A stone from the foundations is held in Fintry Museum.

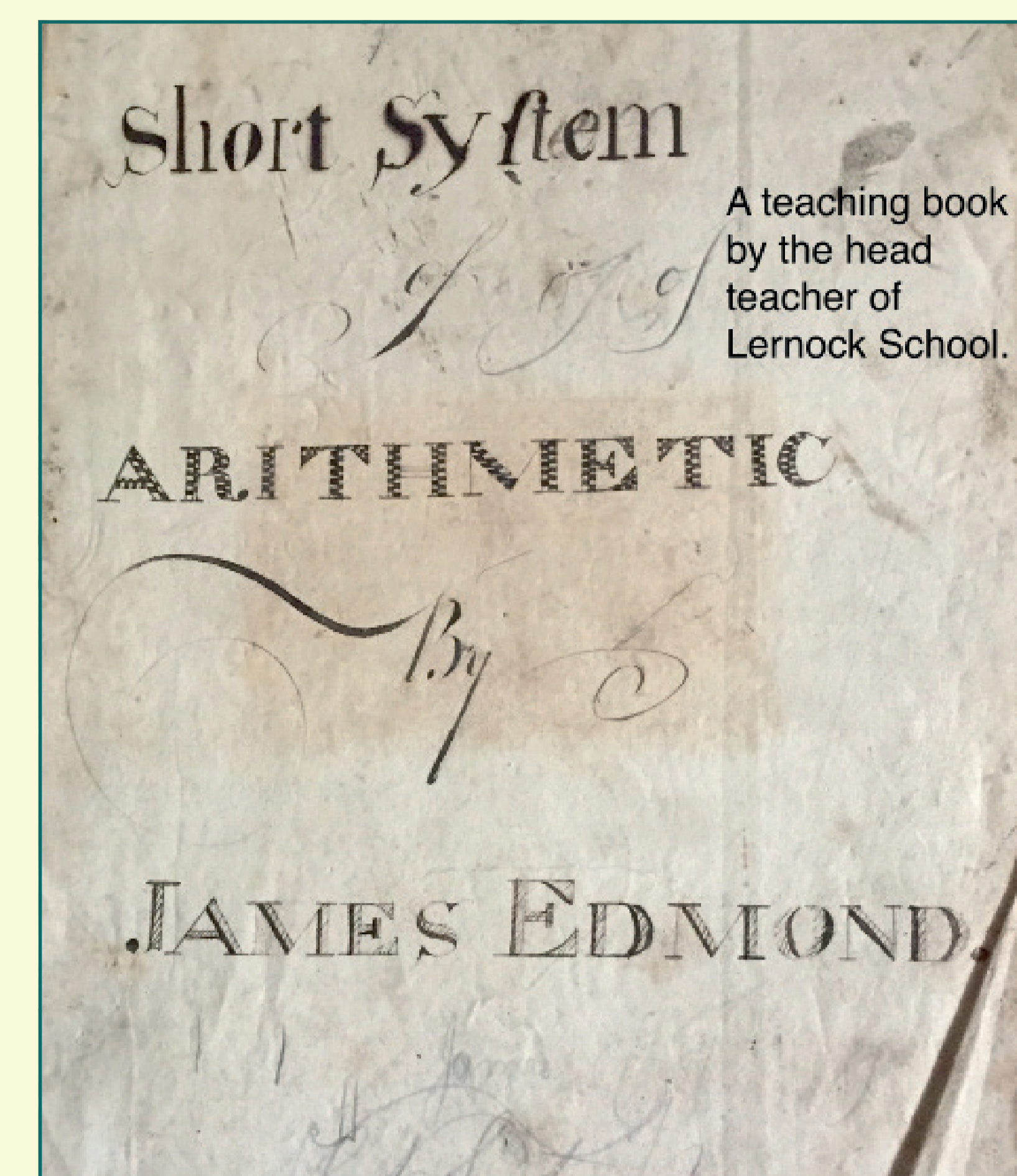


Lernock School

Lernock School was at Lernock Toll, (known locally as the gated road) about 2 miles out of Fintry on the way to Kippen. It would

serve the Balgair area which, a way back, had a much bigger population. It then became a house and disappeared in the 19th century.

In 1834, William McAlpine is listed as a teacher and elder at Lernock. James Edmond of Provanston was a headmaster there.



Gonachan School

The Gonachan School dates back to the 1700s.

Today it is a cottage on the corner of the road to Denny, just before the Gonachan bridge (built by General Wade in 1750.)

It was in the original village of Fintry and families would have paid a small fee or goods to the head teacher before schools became free. In the 1880s there were about 40 children left in the school.

When the main village moved from the Clachan of Fintry to Newton of Fintry, it became known as The Poor School. The Gonachan School finally closed around 1900 and was sold to become a house.