



Balafark Farm 1896: From the left: John McNeil Edmond (Hugh's uncle), George Edmond (Hugh's dad) both boys are holding lambs. The girl is Elizabeth, Hugh's aunt. The dog was called Friday! **Standing** are John Edmond, Hugh's grandfather and his grandmother Annie. On the right is James Edmond who died in battle in WW1.

The Edmond Family

There have been Edmonds going back for over 500 years in Fintry. A will for Patrick Edmond, of Netherglinns is stored in the Mormon Salt Lake City archives. It is dated 1548 and Patrick was most likely Fintry born in the 1400s.

Rob Roy Connection

Rob Roy was the romanticised cattle raider and thorn in the flesh of the Duke of Montrose. He is known to have regularly hidden out at Broomhole by Spittalhill, to rob the factor of his rent collections in the Fintry area.



In the early 1700s Margaret Edmond at Wester Balgair was cooking with a large pot over an open fireplace. She heard a noise in the wide chimney above. Suddenly one of Rob Roy's men came scrambling down the chimney into the hearth. Margaret was reputed to have been 'nae feart'. She lifted up the fire-poker and stuck it in the intruder, and apparently uttered the final sting with, "Keep yer innards oot o' ma kail pot!" [Don't contaminate my soup with your entrails ... or similar!]

Culcreuch Unpaid Bill

A later Patrick Edmond worked as a blacksmith amongst other jobs. He had done much good work for Culcreuch Castle but times were hard. The Napiers who owned Culcreuch had become bankrupt. Patrick Edmond's will on his death showed a debtor was Culcreuch. They were owing him 100 Merk Scots, or in today's money almost £7,000.



Head Teacher

James Edmond, born in Provanston Farm was head teacher at the Lernock School near the corner of the gated road. He married Catherine Edmond who was a teacher at Lernock School before marriage. (See Schools display board.)

Fintry's War Horse Hero

Another James Edmond, (Hugh's uncle) set off from Balafark Farm to fight for King and Country in World War 1. He took with him a horse, gifted by his mother from the farm. Neither returned. Their story is told in another display here.

