

Chapter XIX — The Next of Kin.

The Sederunt Book of the sequestration contains several lists of the next of kin who inherited John Bell's movable estate. The first list (dated 12 April 1881) is very short and consists of those who are in urgent need of money through having got into debt on the strength of an inheritance to come. The first three seem to have borrowed money from one Solomon Abrahams who had premises at 52, Broomielaw, Glasgow and the last seems to have ordered furniture from James Simpson, a cabinet maker. The list is only those four names long:

Mary Bell or Calder — 33, Naburn St. Glasgow

Duncan Bell, farm servant East Cadder Farm, Kirkintilloch

Ann Bell or McKechnie, at Millholm Paper Mills, Cathcart, wife of Hugh Mc Kechnie, Gatekeeper there.

Matthew Bell, 4-53, New City Road, Glasgow

On pages 55 and 56 of volume III there is a longer list of those who had received £432. 5. 3. each, though some get £464 5. 3., duly noted here. This list gives no addresses but a subsequent list, dated 29 March 1886 on p.100 of volume III clarifies this point. At that date each gets £368. except for a few who get £200 (also noted here). A third list is given on p.212 of the same volume in connection with one of the many court actions. It gives specific details of some of the next of kin. The following is a conglomerate of all three lists:

Mrs. Agnes Orr or Bell, executor of the late James Bell, who was a plumber in Regent St. , Greenock.

Matthew McFarlane, Engineer, Holm Foundry, Kilmarnock

M.McFarlane, attorney for Mrs. McFarlane

M.McFarlane, attorney for Mrs. Baker

Mrs. Elizabeth Bell or Revie, wife of John Revie, Gardener at Kilcreggan

James Bell, Paisley, executor dative of Walter Bell deceased (£464, 5. 3) who was alive in 1883 and was a forester at Parihead, Roseneath

John Grasy Bell, executor dative of John Bell deceased (in the second list this becomes J.G.Bell, Omoa, executor of John Bell, Harthill). This John Bell had been alive in 1883 and was a flesher at Harthill.

Mrs. Mary Bell or McKenzie, wife of John McKenzie, gardener at Kilcreggan

Andrew McFarlane, Engineer, Hyde Park Foundry, Glasgow who appears only in the list of 1883

Mrs. Elizabeth McFarlane or Brodie, wife of Robert Brodie, gamekeeper at Poltalloch

Mrs. Jane McFarlane or McVean, wife of John McVean, gamekeeper at Stock Vullin, Kilmartin

Duncan McFarlane, Engineer, 18 Antigua St, Greenock

Mrs. Agnes McFarlane or Burnet (given in the second list as Mrs. Annie Burnet—£200 — and in 3rd list as Anne), wife of James Burnet, architect at Longholm, Dumfriesshire

George Macfarlane, joiner, formerly at 11, Myrtle St., Glasgow now at Gateside, West Kilbride

Mrs. Elizabeth Lamont or Baker, residing at or near Newton, Sydney, New South Wales, Australia, wife of John Baker residing there.

Mrs. Janet Lamont or McFarlane, residing at 58, Glencairn St., Kilmarnock, wife of the said Matthew McFarlane, Holm Foundry (the last two are on only the 3rd list of 1883]

Peter Bell, Greenock

Morton Neilson & Smart for executors of the late John Lamont (£532.5.3) who was alive in

1883 and was a civil engineer In Edinburgh

F.M. & I.H. Robertson, sum payable to John Glen (missing from 2nd list)

F.M. & I.H. Robertson, sum payable to Mrs. Sharp (£200 in 2nd list)

L.B.McIntosh, Edinburgh for I.C.Hanna C.A., sum payable to him as Curator Bonis to Matthew King (£532. 5. 3.)

——do.—— as Curator Bonis to C.McFarlane (£532. 5. 3.) (The Curator for Matthew King and Christina McFarlane has become T.C.Hanna, CA. in the second list.)

F.M. & I.H.Robertson, sum payable to Duncan Bell (missing from 2nd list)

——do.——, sum payable to Mrs. McKechnie [£200]

Robert Coarsely C.A. as trustee on the sequestrated estate of Alexander Bell

Bannatyne, Kirkwood McJannet and France, Representatives of Andrew McFarlane deceased in the 2nd list A.McF.'s executor]

F.M. & I.H. Robertson, sum payable to Mrs. Callow £200]

——do.——, sum payable to Matthew Bell. £200]

The following item is present only on the second list replacing Duncan Bell's entry:

F.M. & I.W.Robertson, payment to account for following benefit: Mrs. Sharp £200]

The dotted line marks the end of the 3rd list which is followed by the phrase 'who have all been decerned Executors—dative qua nearest of kin to the said deceased John Bell' but then the list continues with others concerned in the lawsuit, some of whom are mentioned in the other two lists, some of whom are not. Here are the rest:

John Glen, Engineer, Crosshill Cottage, Crosshill

Mrs. Jane Glen or Sharp, 5, James St., Helensburgh, widow of Gabriel Sharp, Hotelkeeper there.

Alexander Bell, Carter, Main St., Alexandria

Matthew Bell, formerly residing at North Main St., Bonhill, now at 453, New City Road, Glasgow

Mrs. Mary Bell or Callow, formerly residing at 33, Naburn St., Glasgow, now at 4-7, Dunmore St. there, widow of Adam Galdow, seaman, R.N.

Mrs. Ann Bell or McKechnie, formerly residing at Millholm Paper Mill, Cathcart, now at 47, Dunmore St. Glasgow, wife of Hugh McKechnie, formerly farm servant and now there

Duncan Bell, formerly farm servant, East Gadder Farm, Kirkintilloch, now residing at 6, Wilton St., New City Road, Glasgow

In addition there are others with an interest in the case who did not succeed in being accepted as next of kin:

Matthew Pinkerton, sometime one of the Bailies of Glasgow and now or lately residing at 67, Charlotte St., Glasgow, descendant of the late Ann Bell or Denovan

David Russell residing in King St., Pollokshaws, descendant of the late William Russell or otherwise of the said Ann Bell

Elizabeth, John, Mary, Jeanie and Alexander, five of the children of the late David King, sometime residing at Dhuart Lodge, Anderson's Bay, Dunedin, claiming to have an interest in the succession of the said John Bell.

As well as these we have the executors under the deed of settlement of the late James Bell, the heir at law. These are:

William Bell, letterpress printer, Dublin (he is the son of James Bell), china manufacturer, Glasgow

James Murdoch, china manufacturer, Glasgow

James Glendinning, Warehouseman, Glasgow

William Murdoch, Writer in Glasgow

(James Bell's last address in Glasgow is given as 24, Cleveland Street)

The final group is made up mainly of creditors of some of the next of kin: we have met some of them before:

Solomon Abrahams, 32, Broomielaw

James Simpson, cabinet maker and upholsterer, 102 and 108 London St. Glasgow

F.M. & L.H. Robertson, Writers, GLasgow, assignees of some of the said executors—dative

Andrew Wilson Stewart, provision merchant. 441, New City Road, Glasgow

