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"The people are like the waves of Ocean, like the leaves of woody Morven, they pass away in the rustling blast, and other leaves lift their green heads on high.

OSSIAN

1. DAVID LOGAN, son of John Logan, weaver in the Dykes, and Isabel Orr, born 5th July, 1691. David Logan was a farmer in the Hole, Kilbirnie Parish, and married Agnes Aitkine, 26th November, 1713, and had issue :-
 - I. ~~J.~~ John Logan, born 31st October, 1714, whether he went, or ever married, there is no record to be found.
 - II. JAMES LOGAN, born 10th February, 1717. First a farmer in Whitehill, Dalry Parish: ultimately a farmer in Bankside of Glengarnock Barony. He died 27th August, 1797. He married Janet Kirkwood, servant to Janet Aitkine in Drumfada, Kilbirnie Parish, on the 26th day of April, 1750, and had issue:-
 1. Janet Logan, born 8th September, 1752. She married John ^{Laird} Aitkine, Laird of Ferretside, Dalry Parish. Ultimately he went through the farm, became poor, and removed to Greenock. They had issue:-
 1. Janet Aitkine, born 18th July, 1773
 2. Agnes Aitkine
 3. Margaret Aitkine
 4. Jeane Aitkine
 5. Robert Aitkine, who became a sea captain, but died unmarried.
 6. Elizabeth Aitkine
 2. AGNES LOGAN, born at Whitehill, 16th September, 1753. She married James Allan, farmer in the Dykes, Dalry Parish, on the 4th of December, 1778. Agnes Logan died 29th August, 1842. They had issue :-
 1. William Allan, born 13th January, 1779.
 2. Jean Allan, born 12th December, 1781 - unmarried.
 3. Janet Allan, born 1st of February, 1784. She married John Speir, Laird of Burn, Dalry Parish, and has offspring:-
 4. James Allan, farmer in Blackstone, Dalry Parish, married Jean Wylie - Offspring.
 3. MARGARET LOGAN, born 2nd January, 1756. John Lang, son of Robert Lang, farmer in Greenrig, Kilbirnie Parish, and Jean Law of Kamehill, Kilbirnie Parish, born 28th January, 1753. John Lang and Margaret Logan married 9th January, 1777. He was also a farmer in Greenrig, and died there, 14th April, 1834. She died there also, 30th July, 1829. They had issue:-
 1. Robert Lang, born 13th August, 1777, was a farmer in Paddockholm. Jean Craig, born 24th February, 1779, a daughter of Daniel Craig, Whilom of Blackburn, and Ann Law of Kamehill. Robert Lang married Jean Craig, 10th January, 1803. He died 1856. No issue.

2. James Lang, born 3rd October, 1779. He married Jean Izet from Irvine, 24th March, 1807. James Lang died at Onthank, 27th May, 1845. She died there also in 1853. Offspring.
 3. John Lang, born 24th March, 1782. He married Janet McCall 24th July, 1812. He died at Brocklyhill, 8th May, 1823. She died at Birchhill in 1854. Offspring.
 4. Ann Lang, born 2nd April, 1783, died unmarried at Milton, 29th April, 1858.
 5. Jean Lang, born 15th October, 1788. She married Robert Kerr. He died 1856. She is alive in 1858, and resides in said farm of Greenrig, of which she has a lease. Offspring.
 6. William Lang, born 29th August, 1790. He was a flesher. He died unmarried 25th October, 1822.
 7. Agnes Lang, born 4th October, 1793, died 26th December, 1794.
 8. Margaret Lang, born 5th May, 1798. James Barclay, born 24th April, 1799. They married 5th July, 1821. Offspring.
4. JAMES LOGAN, born 28th December, 1757. A farmer in Bankside, but ultimately of Plan. Elizabeth Fyfe, daughter of Robert Fyfe, farmer in Tennes and Elizabeth Robertson of Auchenhove, born 12th October, 1761. They married 16th May, 1783. He died at Plan, 19th August, 1831. She died at Plan, 3rd January, 1841. They had issue:-
1. Janet Logan, born 12th May, 1783. Robert Jack, born 1st January, 1771. Robert Jack, a farmer in Overton, Beith Parish, in 1854. They married 26th June, 1804, and have issue.
 2. Elizabeth Logan, born 1st June, 1788. Janet Allan, daughter of Robert Allan, of Redheugh, and Ann Walker of Langlands, born 21st May, 1786. James Logan was a farmer in Plan, and married Janet Allan, 17th November, 1812. He died at Plan, 7th November, 1836. She is, in 1858, resident at Searsly. Offspring.
 3. Robert Logan, born 17th February, 1791, died in infancy.
 4. John Logan, born 16th June, 1793. Agnes Logan, daughter of George Logan, farmer in Mains, and Margaret Fyfe of Tennes, born 29th December, 1793. John Logan, vintner in Largs, 1858. They married 26th May, 1814. Offspring.
 5. Robert Logan, born 20th August, 1795. Ann Walker, daughter of James Walker of Bailiestone and Margaret Allan of Redheugh, born 2nd May, 1802. He is a farmer in Bailiestone in 1858. They married 20th July, 1830. Offspring.
 6. Margaret Logan, born 29th November, 1798. She married James Law of Kamehill, 1st June, 1822. She died 9th April, 1823. They had one son, William, born 1st April, 1823, but he was drowned in going to America in 1842. He was a schoolmaster and warm comrade of the writer of this.
 7. Jean Logan, born 27th February, 1802, died 1st January, 1803.
5. ROBERT LOGAN, born at Whitehill, Dalry Parish, 29th January, 1760. Margaret Houston, daughter of William Houston, farmer in East Mains, and Jean Barr, born 14th October, 1765. Robert Logan was a farmer in Connelstone. He married Margaret Houston, 1st March, 1786. He died at Connelstone, 12th March, 1836. She died there also, 21st April, 1809. They had issue as follows:-

1. James Logan, born at Milton, 10th September, 1787. Mary Mackie, born at Bridgend of Rye, Dalry Parish, 29th May, 1785. He married Mary Mackie, 22nd April, 1808. He died, 5th January, 1848. She died, 8th November, 1854. Offspring. The parents of the writer of this. It was to this James Logan that the Barkip Poet inscribed "Ivy-Ha'", of which the sub-joined is a faithful transcription :-

"IVY-HA'"

Respectfully inscribed to James Logan, Quarrier, Kilbirnie.

You roofless tour, - you turrets bare, -
 You mould'rin time-worn wa',
 Remind the brave o' bluidie ill,
 That scaith't fair Ivy-Ha'.

For mony a buirdlie belted knight,
 Had dwalt therein, I ween,
 An' mony a dame and laddie gay,
 Had lichtlie pac't its green.

And weir-horns soun't and bugles blew,
 And beacons bleezed clear,
 And cups gaed roun', and minstrels sang,
 And harpers, strings gied cheer.

But ah, the rewful border feuds!
 The ruthlip southrons pride,
 The knights are faun! the vengefu' brands,
 In richest bluid war dy'd!

Nae brent brow'd virgins, jimp and young,
 Can grace its wastit wa',
 Nae weir-horns soun', nor bugles blast,
 Is heard in Ivy-Ha'.

The beacons licht is dim and dead,
 Nae shall nor cup gaes roun',
 Nae harper strikes the aneless strings,
 Nor echo hears the soun'.

But howlets cry frae turrets hie,
 Whar minstrels went to blaw,
 And ruins sel' sits broodin owre,
 The touirs o' Ivy-Ha'.

2. William Logan, born 8th February, 1789. Retired from business, and resides in Millport, Cumbræ, in 1858.
3. Jean Logan, born 2nd November, 1791. She married Archibald Crawford, 14th September, 1810. She died in 1838. Offspring.
4. Robert Logan, born 15th February, 1794. Was a farmer in Boag. He married Jean Craig of Mowrat, 15th September, 1816. Offspring.
5. John Logan, born 29th November, 1795. He was a mason. He emigrated from Greenock on the 29th October, 1817, to the Island of St. Vincent, West Indies, where he made a considerable fortune, bought an estate, on which he built a mansion house, and called it "Kilbirnie-Lodge". He came home on a visit to greet his/

his friends and the place of his birth, Connelstone, in 1836. He returned again to St. Vincent in 1837, but he was labouring under severe indisposition, and died shortly after he landed, as to which the subjoined copy of a letter will shew, written by George Allan of Balgray, Kilbirnie Parish (who also had emigrated to the same island) to the above-mentioned James Logan:-

Saint Vincent,
Sion Hill Estate.
5th June, 1837.

Mr. James Logan,

Dear Sir,

It is my sad duty (being the last surviving Kilbirnie man in this island) to convey to you the melancholy news of your late Brother John's demise, which took place at Kilbirnie-Lodge, on Friday, the 26th May, 1837, at 10 o'clock at night, and he was interred next day, close to his own house. When he arrived here he was labouring under a severe diarrhoea and I advised him to stop with me, which he did for six weeks, and got a little better, when he returned home again, and felt sometimes better and sometimes worse, until a week before his death, when his cough and spitting ceased, his appetite failed, and he was confined to his bed till death put an end to his sufferings. I was absent at the time on a party of pleasure shooting pigeons amongst the Grenadine Islands, and when I returned, I found he had been consigned the day before to his last abode! and his obsequies attended to by Mr. Gaskill in my absence.

He has left a will, appointing Mr. Gaskill and myself Trustees and Executors, to his property, a copy of which is transmitted herewith. We are ignorant at present how his affairs stand. We know that he owes some debts, and that there are debts due to him, but to what amount we know not, and it will take time to find these all out. In the meantime Mr. Gaskill has gone to reside at the Lodge to look after the place at present, and prevent the negroes from stealing the cattle and making depredations thereon.

I remain, dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) GEORGE ALLAN.

COPY/

COPY OF WILL

Saint Vincent, 1837.

In the name of God, Amen. I, John Logan, being of sound mind and memory, make this, my last Will and Testament, revoking all others that I have made, and I constitute and appoint Robert Gaskill and George Allan, Esquires, to be my Executors and Trustees, - I give to my said Executors and Trustees, Robert Gaskill and George Allan, twenty pounds sterling cash. I give to my daughter, Jessy, fifty pounds sterling, to be paid to her at the discretion of my said Executors, and it is my will that my Estate and stock be sold by my Executors as soon after my death as they think advisable. And it is my will that the proceeds of my Estate, named Kilbirnie Lodge, in parish of St. George's in the said Island, be remitted to my brothers and sisters in Scotland. That is to say, James Logan, William Logan, Robert Logan, and George Logan, amongst them, share and share alike.

In witness whereof I have set my hand and seal, this 5th day of May, in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty Seven.

(Signed) JOHN LOGAN.

Witnesses. William Bryce.
Adam Edgar
Rodb. McKenzie.

The said James Logan answered Mr. Allan's letter, a copy of which is as follows :-

Kilbirnie,
Cochran Street,
29th July, 1837.

George Allan, Esq.

Dear Sir,

I received your letter on the 19th inst., which brought that sad tale of woe, the demise of my Brother John, (herewith a duplicate of his Will and Testament): But it would have been a sadder tale but for your taking him to your home, and giving him all the comfort and kindness of a brother at a time, too, when I am certain he was much in need. But a "friend in need is a friend indeed" and tells more effectually when administered by a friend of our youth, who has been our crony through thick and thin. But, alas! he is gone, in Ossian's phrase, to the narrow house, and the wind now waves the grass o'er the warmest heart e'er death made cold. - It is painful to dwell on a subject so tender, when the recollection of former days harrow up the mind all the youthful transactions of a Brother, whom we have loved, and like of whom we'll never see again. I have no means by way of recompensing you for your kindness to him, but only the kind thanks of an auld comrade and brother sportsman. Give my compliments to Mr. Garskill, who, in your absence did the duty of a Brother, and be kind to Jessie for her Father's sake./

sake. I am much satisfied that you have been left one of the Executors of my late Brother's Will, and I hope Mr. Garskill will assist you in agreeableness to the opinion my Brother had of him.

I have not shot a hare nor a partridge these three years back, but I never pass where you and I have shot and killed, but all the circumstances that occurred at the time, are as fresh in my mind as yesterday.

Your late Brother William's widow was interred on the 20th inst. She died of an inflammation. Their two sons are now left fatherless and motherless, but not penniless - There is no fear of them whilst your good brother James is alive. He is very attentive towards them.

When you find it convenient, write me how you have succeeded in winding up my late Brother's affairs.

I am, dear sir,

Yours most obediently,

(Signed) JAMES LOGAN.

6. George Logan, born 2nd December, 1798, a farmer in Connelstone in 1858. Ann Lang, born 10th March, 1807. They married, 2nd December, 1828. She died 20th October, 1836. Offspring.
7. Janet Logan, born 21st October, 1800. She married William Speir, farmer, Janphrystock, Lochwinnoch Parish. They married 28th August, 1819. They are both dead some years ago. Offspring.
6. ELIZABETH LOGAN, born 2nd December, 1761. William Allan, born 10th June, 1769. He was a shoemaker and was best known by the name of "Auld Cork". They married 31st January, 1792. "Auld Cork" died 4th May, 1844. She died 13th March, 1845, and had issue:-
 1. John Allan, born 8th April, 1794. A smith, and emigrated to the Island of St. Louis, West Indies, where he died 30th December, 1819. He was unmarried.
 2. Catherine Allan, born 6th June, 1796. She married Robert Hunter, Cabinet-maker, Lochwinnoch, but emigrated to America and has offspring.
 3. James Allan, born 4th October, 1798. He was a shoemaker, and was named "the young Cork". He emigrated to America in the summer of 1853. He died in Paris, Canada, West, 2nd February, 1854.
 4. Margaret Allan, born 6th September, 1800. She married Alexander Caldwell. She died in Greenock, 3rd September, 1848. He and the family emigrated to America.
 5. Elizabeth Allan, born 8th November, 1806. She married William Shedden, Schoolwynd, 1853.

7. JEAN LOGAN, born 7th March, 1764. William Lang, son of Robert Lang, Greenrig, and Jean Law of Kamehill, born 14th September, 1755. William Lang, farmer in Lambriden, Dalry Parish, and Jean Logan, married 22nd February, 1785. He died 15th October, 1819. She died 26th December, 1833. They had issue:-
1. Robert Lang, born 24th February, 1786. A farmer, and married Margaret Lindsay, daughter of John Lindsay of Bidmudloch. Offspring.
 2. James Lang, born 4th November, 1788, died 3rd September, 1811.
 3. William Lang, born 15th December, 1791. A farmer in 1858, in Aucharfoor, Argyleshire. He married Ann McCosh and had issue.
 4. Alexander Lang, born 4th November, 1794, married and has offspring. He was a sailor but was lost at sea.
 5. Jean Lang, born 24th March, 1797. She married Robert Orr, who was a farmer in Bickam, Beith Parish, but latterly a grocer in Kilbirnie. They married 25th March, 1814. He died 22nd February, 1845. They have issue.
 6. John Lang, born 5th January, 1800.
 7. George Lang, born 11th June, 1802.
8. ISOBEL LOGAN, born 25th January, 1766. John Craig, son of Daniel Craig, farmer in Blackburn, and Ann Law, born 22nd March, 1772. They married 17th June, 1796. He died at Lochwinnoch, 14th February, 1847. She died there likewise, 6th November, 1851. They have issue:-
1. Ann Craig, 10th February, 1798. She married Robert Reid, Esq., of Knowehead, Irvine Parish, 19th August, 1823, and have issue.
 2. Jean Craig, born 16th May, 1800, unmarried in 1858.
 3. James Craig, born 27th November, 1805. Margaret Walker, daughter of William Walker, Langlands, and Ann Allan of Lochen born 20th July, 1803. They married 28th January, 1828. They are in Burnfoot, Lochwinnoch, in 1858. He is a land-surveyor, and practices in the various departments of measuring, surveying, mapping, and levelling, in valuing lands, estates, woods etc. etc., They have issue.
 4. John Craig, born 19th March, 1809. He emigrated to America.
9. JOHN LOGAN, born 28th December, 1768. Janet Allan, daughter of John Allan in Barrhill, and Janet Gulliland, born 23rd October, 1768. They married 25th December, 1792. He was a farmer in Muirshiel, and ultimately of Tandlemuir, Lochwinnoch Parish. They had issue:-
1. John Logan, born 5th April, 1794. A mason and married Susanna Anderson. Offspring.
 2. James Logan, a mason. He married Janet Allan. Offspring.
 3. Robert Logan, a baker in Millport, Cumbræ, in 1858. He married Barbara Hunter in April, 1834. Offspring.
 4. William Logan, he married Margaret Allan in 1849. No offspring.
 5. Janet Logan. She married a Mr. Stewart. Offspring, one son, John Stewart, born in 1836. She died in 1836.

III DAVID LOGAN, born 23rd February, 1720, but died in infancy.

IV./

IV. ROBERT LOGAN, born 5th January, 1724. Agnes Allan, daughter of George Allan, farmer in Connelstone, and Agnes Gulliland, born 19th July, 1724. Robert Logan, farmer in Mains, and Agnes All-married 25th April, 1746. He died at Mains, 21st May, 1779. She died there also, 8th April, 1803. They had issue:-

1. Margaret Logan, born 18th September, 1748. Died unmarried.
2. George Logan, born 16th November, 1749. Margaret Fyfe, daughter of Robert Fyfe, farmer in Tennox, and Elizabeth Robertson of Auchenhove, born 15th June, 1755. George Logan farmer in Mains, married Margaret Fyfe, 30th April, 1779. Died at Mains 27th October, 1805. She died at Largs 1st May, 1846. They had issue:-

1. Elizabeth Logan, born 23rd April, 1780. William Anderson son of William Anderson, farmer in Boag, and Janet Allan of Redheugh, born 25th October, 1778. He is alive in 1858. They married 10th June, 1803. She died. They have issue.
2. Margaret Logan, born 1st December, 1785. John Law, born 27th November, 1783, son of John Law, farmer in Kamehill, and Janet Fyfe, daughter of Robert Fyfe, farmer in Tennox, and Elizabeth Robertson of Auchenhove. They married, 16th January, 1809. He died 8th January, 1839. She is alive in 1858. They have issue. The writer of this is married on their daughter Margaret.
3. Agnes Logan, born 29th December, 1793. She married her cousin John Logan, of whom see in one of the preceding pages.

3. David Logan, born 16th February, 1752. He married Isabella Whiteford, daughter of James Whiteford, Mossend, 25th December, 1777. He was a farmer in Mossend and latterly of Whitecraig, Dalry Parish, where he died 20th March, 1825. They had issue:-

1. James Logan, born 4th October, 1778. He is a farmer in Whitecraig in 1858. He married Ann Law of Stonyholm, Kilbirnie Parish, 5th February, 1803. She died 6th April, 1818. Offspring.

4. Agnes Logan, born 9th March, 1755. She married William Archibald, 5th March, 1779, and had issue.

1. Margaret Archibald, born 25th May, 1780.
2. Jean Archibald, born 5th May, 1782.
3. Robert Archibald, born in 1785, a farmer in Muirhead. Offspring.
4. Mary Archibald, born 23rd February, 1788.

5. Malcolm Logan, born 16th November, 1758. Agnes Craig daughter of Daniel Craig, Blackburn, and his first wife, Agnes Peebles, born 15th March, 1761. Malcolm Logan, farmer in Mains, married Agnes Craig, 19th December, 1789. He died at Mains, 30th September, 1843. She died at Mains, 8th April, 1826. Issue:-

1. Robert Logan, born Mary Walker,
daughter of Merchant Walker, Kilbirnie,
and Robert Logan, married 15th May, 1810.
He is alive in 1858. She died Issue.
- V. MALCOLM LOGAN, born 9th June, 1726. Margaret Harvie,
daughter of Robert Harvie, farmer in Greenrig and Jean
Logan, born 13th February, 1722. Malcolm Logan was a
farmer in Mains and married Margaret Harvie, 20th June,
1760. He died 10th November, 1768. No Offspring.
- VI. DAVID LOGAN, born 7th September, 1729. Jean Fyfe, daughter
of John Fyfe, North Tennox, and Margaret Aitkine, born
16th August, 1730. They married 18th December, 1753.
David Logan was a tailor and sewed for 4d a day ("Auld
Tailor Logan"). He was also Grieve at the Plan to the
Earl of Crawford, ultimately a farmer or cottar in Windy
Balgray. He died in Cochran Street, Kilbirnie, 9th
February, 1813. Issue.
1. John Logan, born 16th January, 1755. Janet Davie,
daughter of John Davie, mason, and Janet Allan, born
15th March, 1761. They married 24th December, 1779.
He was a master mason, and removed to Lochwinnoch, of
whom sprung all the Lochwinnoch "Logans" and of whom
see page
2. James Logan, born 10th March, 1757. He was a young man
of great promise. He was a schoolmaster in Johnstone,
where he was very successful, but he came home to
Windy Balgray, where he died of consumption, 4th
December, 1785. His sister, Agnes, of whom below,
informed the writer of this, that he was of a mild and
quiet disposition, but exceedingly witty and fond of
harmless idiversion. She said, one day whilst attending
to the fire, which, to use her own words, as a wee
dour to kenle, gied some them to Kerr to open the door
or the fire wad gae out. "Na, na, Nannie, woman,"
qho Jamie, "wad it not be liker the thing to hae the
door steekit to keep it in."
3. Robert Logan, born 1st May, 1759. He was a mason in
Kilbirnie, and married Janet Barclay, 27th January,
1786. Had issue:-
- 1 Robert Logan, who emigrated to Montreal, thence to
Virginia.
4. David Logan, born 13th June, 1762. Agnes Allan, daughter
of James Allan, farmer in Glengarth, and Margaret
Kirkwood, born 15th February, 1770. He was a farmer
in Catburn, Largs Parish, issue:-
1. Jean Logan, born 11th December, 1800.
2. James Logan, born 1st January, 1804. Married; Issue.
3. David Logan, born 31st March, 1807. Married; Issue.
5. Agnes Logan, born 11th March, 1770. Known better by the
name of "Auld Nannie Logan." She was unmarried and
died in Main Street of Kilbirnie 8th August, 1856.