

A Journey through Fife

Three years ago, Hiram Y Dieckhoffer of Beavertail, Montana, took a 21 day holiday in Scotland to trace his family roots. His researches had uncovered that his forebears had come from Fife. Because some of his ancestors had families of 12 or 13 children, he has connections to many places all over Fife. This is an extract of his blog, detailing all of the places in Fife that he visited.

He visited one town or village each day. He zig-zagged across the county, with a very badly planned itinerary. Can you identify all of the places he visited?

Day 1. I learned that this town was the last scheduled stop of engine no. 224.

Day 2. My great-great great grandfather was a foreman in Nairn's linoleum works in this town.

Day 3. Local people seem to be unable to pronounce properly the name of this village, its name means Conchad's Church.

Day 4. I took a walk out of Kinghorn to the place where some old king fell off his horse and over a cliff.

Day 5. I'm very disappointed that none of my ancestors are buried in St Athernase churchyard.

Day 6. I wonder if any of my forefathers participated in making these implements for torturing children.

Day 7. I saw the house where Charlie and Craig were brought up.

Day 8. Someone told me that there have been Highland Games here since 1314.

Day 9. A folk band called North Sea Gas sang about a bus conductress from this town.

Day 10. The rusting nuclear submarines stored in this town must be a health hazard.

Day 11. This village had the best Village Cricket Team in the UK in 1985.

Day 12. This village was the home to the first Admiral of both the Chilean and Brazilian navies..

Day 13. I wonder if any of my family ever worked in the Fettykil Paper Mill in this small town.

Day 14. While I was here, I tried the chain walk.

Day 15. The last duel in Scotland was fought in this town in 1826.

Day 16. None of my family are buried in this Abbey, but Robert the Bruce is.

Day 17. I just missed the Art Festival, but I did see the Saint's cave, where he lived as a hermit.

Day 18. This is the home town of the winner of the Nobel Prize in Medicine in 1988.

Day 19. My cousin owns a house on a street named after Johnny Cash's ancestors.

Day 20. This town has the 7th oldest Golfing Society in the world, which owns two courses on the most easterly point in Fife.