**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. **Wormit.** *This was the engine that pulled the train involved in the Tay Bridge Disaster, 1879.*

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

Day 3. Local people seem to be unable to pronounce properly the name of this village, its name means Conchad’s Church. **Kilconquhar,** *or Cill Conchad*.

Day 4. I took a walk out of Kinghorn to the place where some old king fell off his horse and over a cliff. **Pettycur** *Alexander 111 (born 4 September 1241) died there on 19 March 1286. He was anxious to meet up with his wife at Kinghorn, as it was her birthday the next day.*

Day 5. I’m very disappointed that none of my ancestors are buried in St Athernase churchyard. **Leuchars.** *Built**1183 – 87,**St Athernase is said to be the second oldest church in Scotland.*

Day 6. I wonder if any of my forefathers participated in making these implements for torturing children. **Lochgelly*,*** *infamous as the place where the ‘tawse’ were made.*

Day 7. I saw the house where Charlie and Craig were brought up. **Auchtermuchty** *was the home of the Proclaimers.*

Day 8. Someone told me that there have been Highland Games here since 1314. **Ceres** *It is said that men returning from the Battle of Bannockburn held Highland Games to celebrate he victory.*

Day 9. A folk band called North Sea Gas sang about a bus conductress from this town. **Kelty** – The Kelty Clippie. https://youtu.be/LIjgVn5yUxY

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

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

Day 12. This village was the home to the first Admiral of both the Chilean and Brazilian navies. **Culross** *was home to Thomas Cochrane, 10th Earl of Dundonald, who founded the Chilean Navy, then the Brazilian Navy in 1823.*

Day 13. I wonder if any of my family ever worked in the Fettykil Paper Mill in this small town. **Leslie** *The paper mill opened in 1859.*

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

Day 15. The last duel in Scotland was fought in this town in 1826. **Cardenden** *It was**between David Landale and George Morgan. Landale shot Morgan dead, and was later acquitted of murder, being told to leave the High Court in Perth without a stain on his character.*

Day 16. None of my family are buried in this Abbey, but Robert the Bruce is. **Dunfermline** *Abbey is where the Bruce’s body is buried, but his heart, which was cut out to be taken on Crusade, was buried at Melrose Abbey.*

Day 17. I just missed the Art Festival, but I did see the Saint’s cave, where he lived as a hermit. **Pittenweem** *is the location of St Fillan’s Cave*

Day 18. This is the home town of the winner of the Nobel Prize in Medicine in 1988. **Cowdenbeath** *was the home of Sir James Black (14 June 1924 – 22 March 2010)*

Day 19. My cousin owns a house on a street named after Johnny Cash’s ancestors. **Strathmiglo** *Cash Fues is the name of a street, signifying that the Cash family owned the land.*

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