

## **11: People of Moray**

### **Employment**

Until the 20th century most people were employed on the land. Horses were essential for working the land and for transport.

1. Scythe.

ELGNM:2001.13

2. Horse brasses and horseshoe, Wester Manbeen

ELGNM:2002.22

3. Elgin High School Calendar

ELGNM:no number

4. Elgin Town Council sickle

ELGNM:1978.306

Much of Moray was under peat. Place names like Mosstodloch, Mosstowie and Barmossie indicate that such places were a source of peat for fuel, whilst Moss Street, in Elgin was the route taken to collect peat at Glassgreen.

Coal did not arrive until the 1750s. Gradually the Lowland mosses were worked out and improved for farming, whilst much of the moors of upland Moray are planted with forestry.

5. Peat spade used at Dallas

ELGNM:1966.12

With machinery replacing the workforce, people moved into the towns for employment. Today the main employers in the area are the big companies such as Baxters, Walkers, Johnstons and the various distilleries, the RAF at Lossiemouth and Kinloss and Moray District Council.

In 1975, Moray severed its connection with Nairn and became part of Grampian Region. In 1966, it became a unitary region taking on greater responsibilities such as running schools and hospitals.

6. Glen Moray Malt Whisky. In 1997, the Glen Moray distillery celebrated its centenary.

ELGNM:1998.13.3

7. Doggie. This copper was used for stealing whisky from the barrels in which it was stored.

ELGNM:1989.15.2

8. Bell. Originally a ship's bell for marking time, it was given to Craigmoray Home by the petty officers of RNAS, Lossiemouth.

ELGNM:2002.28.17

9. Wesker. Used by fishermen's wives for knitting. Knitting was not a leisure activity.

ELGNM:1969.27

10. Oil core from the Beatrice oilfield, off Caithness.

ELGNM: no number

11. Whistle used to summon workers in the Buckie shipyard.

ELGNM:2003.12

## **Communication**

Communication is easier today but using it with wisdom is a special skill.

12. Remington typewriter used by Miss Rhynas, Curator of this museum in the 1980s.

ELGNM:1970.1

13. Mobile phones in use in the 1990s.

ELGNM: no number

14. Envelopes.

ELGNM:2000.86.1,2000.86.3

15. (a) Sealing wax

ELGNM:2001.33.15

(b) Conway Stewart fountain pen

ELGNM:1991.8.11

(c) Inkwell found on Kincorth Estate, Culbin

ELGNM:2001.3.2

(e) Quill cutter

ELGNM:1943.16

(d) Nibbed pen with mirror image of Anne inscribed on the end for sealing letters.

ELGNM:1965.40

16. Floppy disc, 1980s

## **Home Comforts**

The use of possessions changes over the years. The household acquisitions of today may be the antiques of tomorrow.

17. Teapot and hot water jugs hand painted by M. Duncan and exhibited at the Aberdeen Agricultural Show, 1928, on behalf of Enzie WRI.

ELGNM:1976.7

18. Tea Caddy. The lock reflects the high cost of tea in the 18th century.

ELGNM:1965.49

19. Coca Cola Bottle. This drink is more popular than tea or coffee with the younger generation.

ELGNM: no number

20. Cona Coffee maker. The 'in' way to make coffee in the 1960s.

ELGNM:1999.13

21. Paraffin lamp, 1930s. These lamps continued to be used in parts of Moray until the 1960s.

ELGNM:2001.43

22. 18th century vase, either French or Dutch.

ELGNM:1978.24

23. Late 20th Century vase by Julian Smith of Urquhart.

ELGNM: no number

24. Long-life light bulb. Our greed for energy will have to be curbed in the coming decades.

ELGNM: no number

25. Fairtrade teabags

ELGNM: no number

26. Quaich, 1914, made in Birmingham.

ELGNM:1976.96

## **Leisure**

Some interests never fade. Both golf and football are referred to in Moray in the 16th century records. Other interests come and go. Cycling is now a green issue. Knitting is a disappearing skill. Monopoly cannot compete with television.

27. Clay marbles

ELGNM: no number

28. Box Brownie Camera

ELGNM:1994.11

29. TV remote control

ELGNM:no number

30. Monopoly

ELGNM:2001.33.6

31. Football

ELGNM:1999.36

32. Cycling medals, St. Giles Cycling Club, Elgin, 1889.

ELGNM:1998.27

33. Golf balls. Forth from left: Moray Golf Club, Lossiemouth, Centenary Golf Ball (1889-1989), donated by George McColl.

ELGNM:1957.10(x2),1993.18, no number

### **In the Peephole**

Member of Scottish Parliament (MSP) medal given at the opening of the Scottish parliament in 1999 to Margaret Ewing representative for Moray.

EGNM:2006.5