The Names He Carried

British Newspaper Archive Research Findings

Laurence Brown Douglas, Shieldhill and the Dunlop family
Research completed 25 November 2026

The search recovered six useful newspaper sources, including a direct lead to an illustrated 1906 Shieldhill feature, a new dated appearance by Nathaniel Dunlop, and explicit contemporary evidence about James Dunlop's brothers and funeral. Four additional medical-journal letters add dated correspondence addresses for Binnie Dunlop.

Finding	Evidence status	Research value
Shieldhill in Scottish Field, November 1906	Contemporary review verified; magazine not yet obtained	A specific illustrated feature to retrieve, plus details of Nathaniel's alterations.
Nathaniel at Carnwath, 29 June 1907	Newspaper verified; exact date corroborated	A new entry in his summer 1907 chronology.
James Dunlop's brothers and funeral, March 1901	Two newspaper sources verified	Named brothers, Sighthill Cemetery and Nathaniel/ Matthew among mourners.
Binnie's Alexandra Court address, 1913-1915	NLM records and indexed article text	Correspondence address documented by January 1913.
Quothquan social life, 1906-1907	Two newspaper passages verified	A 60-person supper and dance; one minor named local participant.
Lawrence Brown at Kelty, 1927	Printed item verified; identity unresolved	An unlinked same-name lead, not a finding about Laurence.

No new newspaper notice has been securely identified as Laurence, Agnes, Janet or Robert in this research pass. None of these discoveries establishes Laurence's biological father. Names, places and social proximity are not sufficient to make that attribution.

Use the report's direct links to reopen the original pages. Newspaper quotations below were checked against page images; line breaks and typographic dashes are normalized. The full OCR of long articles has not been silently treated as a verified transcription.

1. An illustrated Shieldhill feature

Priority: retrieve the original November 1906 magazine

BNA-003 | North Star and Farmers' Chronicle, 8 November 1906, p. 6.

Open the contemporary newspaper review

The North Star and Farmers' Chronicle reviewed the November 1906 issue of Scottish Field and specifically described an illustrated feature about Shieldhill, Nathaniel Dunlop's residence. This is a precise bibliographic lead: a named magazine, an identified month and year, and an identified subject. The current project repository contained no Scottish Field reference in the inspected register and research material.

Checked passage

> One of the prominent features is an illustrated description of Shieldhill, the residence of Mr Nathaniel Dunlop, the genial chairman of the Clyde Navigation Trust. Shieldhill is a place of many memories, and is one of the most picturesque and interesting in the Upper Ward of Clydesdale. Since he acquired it a few years ago, Mr Nathaniel Dunlop has effected many improvements, building a tower over the modern wing, and adding to the same side a new dining-room in the sixteenth century style. But none of the old outside features has been interfered with.

What the account adds

The reviewer attributes a tower over the modern wing and a new dining-room on the same side, in sixteenth-century style, to Nathaniel. The later part of the checked paragraph describes the preserved west doorway, its tirling-pin and massive key, and a stone bearing I.H.S., ecclesiastical symbols, and the shields of the Chancellors and Symingtons.

These are claims made by a contemporary account. The review itself calls the stone 'probably an altar-piece'; that identification remains tentative. Its historical story about Queen Mary's supporter should also be attributed to the source rather than treated as independently demonstrated history.

What is still missing

The actual Scottish Field feature, its page numbers, author, captions and illustrations have not been obtained. The newspaper review does not establish whether the illustrations show exterior views, rooms, portraits, staff or another subject. It would be premature to describe any particular picture as found.

Several newspapers carried reviews of the same issue in November 1906. Their similar wording may derive from shared promotional material. Repeated reviews help locate the magazine, but they should not be counted as independent witnesses to every architectural or historical claim.

Why it matters to this project

The original feature may provide a contemporary visual record of Shieldhill close to the period central to the research. The next useful action is to obtain the complete feature and captions, then compare its images and descriptions with the existing estate records. The retrieval route is recorded on page 7.

2. Nathaniel at Carnwath in June 1907

A new dated public appearance

BNA-004 | Carluke and Lanark Gazette, 6 July 1907, p. 2.

Open the original Carnwath report

Date	What the date represents
Saturday, 29 June 1907	Opening ceremony on Gallow Hill, Carnwath.
Saturday, 6 July 1907	Publication of the Carluke and Lanark Gazette report.

The article reports that Sir Nathaniel Dunlop of Shieldhill attended and spoke at the opening of Carnwath's golf course. The historical value here is the evidence of his presence and his reported personal connection to the Lockhart family.

Checked passage

> Sir Nathaniel Dunlop, of Shieldhill, who was amongst those to receive the King's birthday honours, also spoke befitting the occasion. Although not having previously met Sir Simon and Lady Lockhart, he yet had more than passing interest in them, having known Sir Simon's mother in childhood, both being brought up at Campbeltown.

How the event date was established

The contemporary weekly report describes the opening as occurring on Saturday afternoon. Carnwath Golf Club's official history independently makes the calendar date explicit: Saturday 29 June 1907, when Lady Hilda Lockhart opened the course. This supports recording 29 June as the event date and 6 July as the newspaper publication date.

PUB-001 | Carnwath Golf Club's official history

How to use the discovery

Add an event to Nathaniel's 1907 chronology: attendance and speech at the Carnwath opening. Record the Campbeltown childhood connection as a statement reported in the newspaper. Existing project material already includes a knighthood announcement published on 29 June; that announcement is a different item and is not evidence of his attendance at this ceremony.

This source supplies one location at one event. It does not establish his movements for the rest of the day, continuous residence at Shieldhill, contact with Agnes, or Laurence's parentage.

Suggested source-register entry

Nathaniel Dunlop attended and spoke at the opening of Carnwath golf course on 29 June 1907. Contemporary report: Carluke and Lanark Gazette, 6 July 1907, p. 2, article 053. Event date corroborated by Carnwath Golf Club's official history.

Existing project source register used for comparison

3. James Dunlop: brothers and funeral

New sources; distinguish corroboration from new detail

BNA-006 | Campbeltown Courier, 16 March 1901, p. 3.

Open the Campbeltown obituary

The brothers are named explicitly

> Dr Dunlop, who was 67 years of age, was a native of Campbeltown. He was educated at the Grammar School here, and about half a century ago, with his brothers Archibald, Nathaniel, and Matthew, went to Glasgow. While the three elder brothers went into business - in which each in his own sphere became well known - James entered Glasgow University, then in the old building in the High Street.

This hometown obituary gives explicit contemporary support for the relationship of James to Archibald, Nathaniel and Matthew. The project already asserts these relationships, and its 1861 census index puts Nathaniel and James in the same parental household. The discovery therefore strengthens the documentary basis rather than introducing an entirely new family tree.

> He is survived by a widow, six sons, and two daughters. The oldest son is in business in London, the second, as has been stated, is in service as a surgeon in South Africa, and the third a barrister in London.

The survivor total is corroboration: the existing Glasgow Medical Journal obituary already states that his wife, six sons and two daughters survived him. The newspaper's naming of the brothers is the more useful addition.

The funeral and cemetery

BNA-005 | North British Daily Mail (page masthead: Glasgow Daily Mail), 18 March 1901, p. 4.

Open the funeral report

> FUNERAL OF DR JAMES DUNLOP. - On Saturday afternoon the funeral of Dr James Dunlop took place from his residence in Carlton Place to Sighthill Cemetery. Amongst the large company of representative citizens who followed in carriages the remains of the esteemed doctor we observed ex-Bailie Dunlop, Mr Nathaniel Dunlop, Mr Matthew Dunlop, Sir James Bell, Dr John Ure, Colonel R. Howie, as representing the Third Lanark Volunteers; Colonel Forrester, Major Young, and Mr Nicholas Dickson, representative of the Queen’s Loch Katrine Guard.

The report places the funeral on the Saturday before Monday 18 March: 16 March 1901. New details include departure from Carlton Place, burial at Sighthill Cemetery, and Nathaniel and Matthew among the named mourners. Binnie is not named in this funeral notice; his attendance should not be inferred.

The archive calls the newspaper North British Daily Mail; the viewed page masthead reads Glasgow Daily Mail. Its article index groups this notice under the unrelated heading 'Cost of Queen's Funeral'. The correct short heading on the printed page is 'Funeral of Dr James Dunlop'.

Existing medical-journal obituary, DOC-012 | Existing 1861 household, DOC-001

4. Quothquan's social setting

Useful context, with no family attendance established

BNA-001 | Hamilton Advertiser, 2 March 1907, p. 6.

Open the social-club report

A supper followed by dancing

> SOCIAL AND RECREATION CLUB. - The annual meeting of the above club was held in Quothquan on Friday evening of last week, when about sixty members of the club and their friends sat down to a well-appointed supper. The Rev. Mr Picken occupied the chair, and Messrs Lyon and Scott were croupiers. The chairman, croupiers, and Mr Macdonald made a few remarks appropriate to the occasion, and thereafter the company adjourned to the schoolroom to dance. The assembly was altogether a pleasant one, and one of the most enjoyable held by the club. The secretary, Mr Gilroy, deserves due praise for the conduct and management of the night's entertainment.

The account supplies about sixty participants, named organisers and speakers, a supper, and dancing in the schoolroom. Reading 'Friday evening of last week' relative to Saturday 2 March gives 22 February 1907. That is a derived event date; the printed publication date is certain.

This is separate from the already documented March 1906 bowling-club social. It adds to the evidence for the village's organised social life, but does not name Agnes, Laurence, Nathaniel or another individual family member as an attendee.

A minor named participant in 1906

BNA-002 | Hamilton Advertiser, 3 November 1906, p. 5.

Open the Covington Leek Club prize list

> Pair of lady’s stockings - 1, Miss Mitchell, Quothquan; 2, Janet Buchanan.

This prize-list entry places an unnamed Miss Mitchell of Quothquan in a local handicraft competition. It can be retained as a small village-context detail. No first name, address beyond Quothquan, or relationship to the family is supplied. It should not be merged with E. Mitchell of Langlees or another Mitchell without additional evidence.

Reading quality

The archive's automated text was particularly unreliable for these items. The social-club account and the relevant prize line were read from the original printed images. This is why a clear-looking search snippet should not be promoted directly into a family-history fact.

Project source register used to distinguish existing and newly recovered items

5. Binnie's dated correspondence address

Supporting primary publications outside the newspaper archive

Four letters by Binnie Dunlop in The Hospital supply a sequence of published correspondence addresses. The earliest located in this pass is 18 January 1913. These were checked through the US National Library of Medicine's bibliographic records and indexed article text; the newspaper-image verification standard is not claimed for these journal pages.

Publication date	Letter	Printed address / metadata	Volume and page
18 January 1913	Is the Race Decaying?	Alexandra Court, S.W.	53(1385), p. 442
22 November 1913	Marriage and Malthus	Alexandra Court, S.W.	55(1430), p. 205
25 April 1914	Women Doctors and the London County Council	Alexandra Court, S.W.	56(1452), p. 106
18 December 1915	The Population Problem	24 Alexandra Court, S.W.	59(1540), p. 265

What can be concluded

Binnie was using Alexandra Court, S.W. as a correspondence address by the publication of the January 1913 letter. The November 1913 and April 1914 items repeat that address. The December 1915 record gives the more precise form, 24 Alexandra Court, S.W.

These sources extend the address evidence in the existing research. They should sit alongside the Medical Register entries, which show Brasted, Kent in 1912-1914 and Alexandra Court from 1916 in the material inspected. Different publication and correspondence addresses can coexist; these letters alone do not establish a permanent move date or demonstrate that a register entry was wrong.

Scope of the finding

The discovery concerns authorship, publication dates and correspondence addresses. It does not establish Binnie's location in 1906-1907 or any relationship to Laurence's parentage. The targeted BNA name search for Binnie Dunlop during 1906-1907 returned two co-occurrence hits, neither a confirmed personal notice.

Source-access notes

The January and November 1913 PMC pages opened directly. For the 1914 item, the direct page returned a browser-check screen; indexed original text and the corresponding PubMed record supplied the cited metadata. For the 1915 item, the PubMed record supplied the date and full address. Original page images are linked from the PMC article records.

1914 PubMed record | 1915 original article record

Existing project source register

6. Unresolved lead and retrieval priority

An unidentified Lawrence Brown in 1927

LEAD-001 | Dundee Evening Telegraph, 5 September 1927, p. 5

The original printed notice identifies 'Lawrence Brown, miner, 3 Cantsdam, Kelty'. He appears in the second group fined for trespassing near Kelty Station on 19 August 1927. The 17 August date belongs to a different group earlier in the item; the OCR had mixed these details.

Identity remains unconfirmed. The notice supplies no age or relatives. Laurence's documented grocery work in 1921 and 1929 differs from the mining occupation here. The inspected project has no dated 1927 address or occupation that conclusively settles the comparison. The report must not be attributed to Laurence Brown Douglas on the basis of the name and nearby location.

Compare the 1921 census | Compare the 1929 passenger list

To resolve this lead, seek an age or family identifier in the relevant court record, and establish who lived at 3 Cantsdam around 1927. Retain it as an unlinked namesake until that identification is possible. A parallel Fife Free Press notice of 10 September 1927 was seen in search results but its original page was not checked.

Highest-value retrieval: Scottish Field, November 1906

A library holdings directory lists Scottish Field from 1903 onward at the Mitchell Library. That is a useful holdings lead, not confirmation that the November 1906 issue is currently available. The library's current official periodicals page directs enquiries to General Services.

Contact	Details
Email	general.services@glasgowlife.org.uk
Telephone	+44 141 287 2901
Item to identify	Scottish Field, November 1906: illustrated description of Shieldhill, Nathaniel Dunlop's residence.

A retrieval request should specify the whole Shieldhill feature, every illustration and caption, any continuation pages, and the cover/title or contents pages needed to establish the issue, page numbers and credits. The exact page range and author are still unknown. Availability, reproduction terms and any charges need confirmation; no enquiry or order has been sent.

PUB-006 | Current Mitchell Library periodicals contact
PUB-007 | Holdings directory listing Scottish Field

After obtaining the feature, the next focused task is to compare named people, captions and rooms with the existing estate material. For the new funeral source, cemetery records may provide a burial reference, lair number or connected family burials; none of those has yet been retrieved.

7. Search record: estate and notices

Counts refer to search-result cards screened, not original articles fully read and not confirmed matches to the family. Selected promising articles were opened; only the passages expressly described as checked were verified visually. Partial searches are shown as such. Exact-keyword search was enabled.

Search (click to repeat)	Date filter	Screened / returned	Result of screening
1. Archibald + Shieldhill	All dates	12 / 2561	Mostly matches for the other Shieldhill, near Falkirk.
2. Archibald + Quothquan	All dates	12 / 299	Broad preliminary search.
3. Archibald + Quothquan	1880-01-01 to 1930-12-31	12 / 196	No confirmed staff/family identification in screened cards.
4. Alexander Archibald + Shieldhill	1880-01-01 to 1930-12-31	9 / 9	No positively identified match; page-level co-occurrence.
5. Archibald + Shieldhill gardener	1880-01-01 to 1930-12-31	12 / 93	No confirmed match in screened cards.
6. Archibald + Quothquan gardener	1880-01-01 to 1930-12-31	12 / 21	No confirmed match in screened cards.
7. Mary Archibald + Quothquan	1880-01-01 to 1930-12-31	1 / 1	Mary Archibald Harvie memorial; no confirmed link.
8. Andrew Henderson + Quothquan	1880-01-01 to 1930-12-31	1 / 1	Soldier memorial; no confirmed link.
9. Gean Quothquan	1880-01-01 to 1930-12-31	0 / 0	No results returned.
10. Janet + Crombie	1926-07-01 to 1926-08-31	21 / 21	No confirmed wedding notice.
11. Crombie + Douglas	1926-07-01 to 1926-08-31	12 / 36	No confirmed wedding notice in screened cards.
12. Quothquan	1906-01-01 to 1907-12-31	24 / 24	Social-club report and minor prize-list detail; known items also returned.

Name and keyword searches often return unrelated words appearing on the same page. Shieldhill is particularly ambiguous because many results concern the place near Falkirk. Quothquan and date filters helped focus the search on the estate relevant to this project.

8. Search record: Dunlops and variants

This was a bounded search session. A zero count, or the absence of an identified notice among the screened results, does not prove that the person or event was absent from newspapers. Coverage, OCR quality, spelling, indexing and unreviewed results remain limitations.

Search (click to repeat)	Date filter	Screened / returned	Result of screening
13. Dunlop + Shieldhill	1906-01-01 to 1907-12-31	45 / 45	Illustrated Scottish Field lead and Carnwath appearance.
14. Lawrence Douglas + Dunfermline	1907-01-01 to 1929-12-31	7 / 7	No confirmed match; one false page-level hit checked in full OCR.
15. Laurence Douglas + Dunfermline	1907-01-01 to 1929-12-31	5 / 5	No confirmed match.
16. Agnes Brown	1911-08-01 to 1911-09-30	12 / 36	No confirmed marriage notice in screened cards.
17. Agnes Brown + Edinburgh	1911-08-01 to 1911-09-30	7 / 7	Namesakes/unconfirmed matches; no confirmed marriage notice.
18. Robert Douglas	1919-09-09 to 1919-09-30	12 / 43	No confirmed personal notice in screened cards.
19. Robert Douglas + Edinburgh	1919-09-09 to 1919-09-30	5 / 5	No confirmed personal notice.
20. James Dunlop	1901-03-13 to 1901-03-23	44 / 44	Hometown obituary and funeral report; several repeats/namesakes.
21. Binnie Dunlop	1906-01-01 to 1907-12-31	2 / 2	Separate surnames co-occurring; no confirmed personal notice.
22. Laurence Brown + Dunfermline	1907-01-01 to 1929-12-31	6 / 6	No confirmed personal notice.
23. Lawrence Brown + Dunfermline	1907-01-01 to 1929-12-31	12 / 46	Unidentified miner at Kelty in 1927; original checked, identity unresolved.
24. Cuthbertson + Quothquan	1880-01-01 to 1930-12-31	22 / 22	Local surname references, but no confirmed Mary Archibald/John Cuthbertson link.

One 1914 Dundee People's Journal result was checked in the full article text and rejected: the apparent name came from 'Lawrence Street' and a separate 'Douglas Orr'. A 1916 donor named Lawrence Douglas remained unidentified. Neither was treated as evidence about Laurence.

Existing/new comparisons were made against the project's current repository, including the source register and individual record transcriptions. The website's public pages could not be retrieved with the web reader during this pass; repository comparison is not a separate verification of deployment. No claim is made that the entire archive, every name variant, or all available family records were exhausted.