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Dear Mr. Farquhar:

We saw Cecil and Gladys Younie last weekend at Howick, and they told us about your visit with them, and your interest in Younie family history. Since we have been doing quite a bit of research they passed your card along to us. I believe they had also given you our address. Eleanor's maiden name was Younie, and she is a first cousin of Cecil.

We understand that you have Younie ancestors, and were related to the Annie Younie who kept a store in Rothes. Eleanor and Cecil's Uncle Russell Younie saw this store on a visit to the area many years ago. On our first visit to the area in 1981, we found her name on one of two Younie gravestones side by side in the Rothes cemetery. We have pictures of these stones on which you can read all of the inscriptions. At that time we did not have any information about Eleanor's ancestors in Scotland and were hoping we could tie these names in to her family. We are enclosing a list of the names on these stones. We are assuming that the George Younie on the newer stone is a son of the James Younie and Margaret Allan on the older one.

Since then with two more trips and a lot of research we have been able to trace the family back to the Elchies Estates between Rothes and Knockando, including eight members in her great-great grandfather's generation, and nine members in the generation before that, who were children of a George Younie or Inie. The spelling was variable in those days. These are documented in the paper on the Younies in Scotland which we are enclosing. Perhaps you may have some information which would tie your ancestors back to one of the male members of the older family. There were four brothers in addition to Eleanor's ancestor John.

The oldest member of the family shown on the two gravestones in the Rothes cemetery was George Younie who died 11 Feb., 1847 at the age of 65. This would make his birth date about 1782. This George could be the son of James, born 1741, George, born 1743, or one of the twins Alexander or William, born in 1759. His grandfather would then be George Younie/Inie. It was very common for the first born son to be named after the grandfather in those days. It is interesting to note that your name is Alexander, and we wonder if it comes from your Younie ancestors. Eleanor's grandfather and great-great grandfather were also Alexanders.

We hope this information is of interest to you, and that we can benefit from each other's research.

Yours sincerely,

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Eleanor and Bill Brady

YOUNIE GRAVESTONES IN THE ROTHES CEMETERY:

FIRST STONE:

George Younie

Died: Feb. 11, 1847 aged 65 years (born c. 1782)

his wife:

Margaret Findlay

Died: Dec. 30, 1849 aged 78 years (born c. 1771)

Their son:

James Younie

Died: Oct. 16, 1900 aged 86 years (born c. 1814)

his wife:

Margaret Allan

Died: Oct. 16, 1893 aged 82 years (born c. 1811)

Their children:

James Younie

Died: Jan. 6 1854 aged 8 years, 9 months (born c. 1845)

Margaret Younie

Died: Dec 12, 1939 aged 91 years (born c. 1848)

SECOND STONE:

George Younie

Died: Nov. 13 1935 aged 86 years (born c. 1849)

his wife:

Helen Riach

Died: Dec 12, 1933 aged 74 years (born c. 1859)

Their children:

Helen Younie

Died; May 28, 1897 aged 18 years (born c. 1879)

James Younie

Died: Oct. 14, 1916 aged 32 years (born c. 1884)  
(Killed in action in France)

Annie Younie

Died: Sep. 14, 1971 aged 85 years (born c. 1886)

John Younie, Indian Civil Service

Died: Sep. 9 1942 aged 49 years ( born c. 1893)  
(Died in Calcutta, Bengal)

*Sister to Sophia  
mother of James  
grandmother of Hiram*

*1843  
11  
32*

*63  
11  
52*

*I knew Annie. (aff.)*

*I knew his wife, (aff.)  
a doctor, and  
visited her in St. Andrews.  
They had a dau. who  
married a doctor & lived  
in Sudbury, Ont.*