

Keig Old Kirkyard



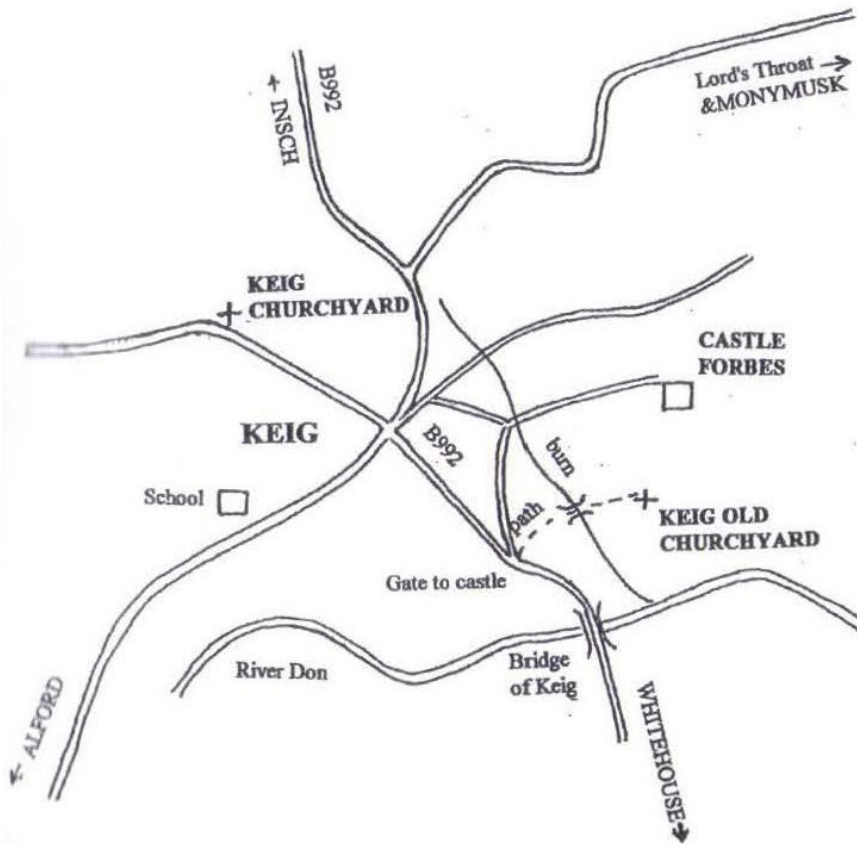
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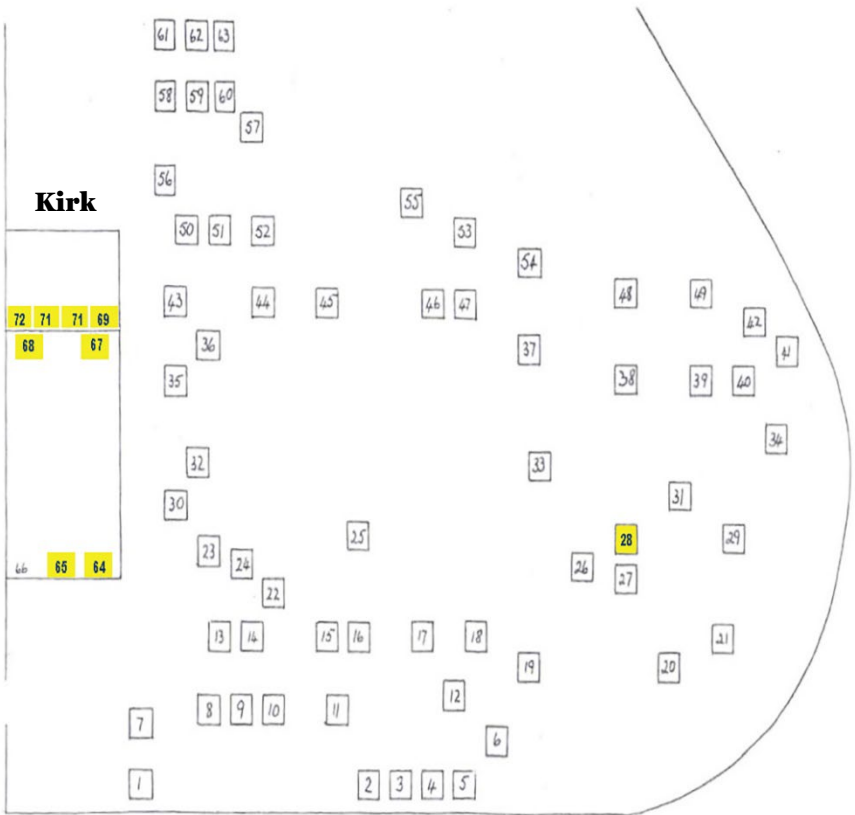
This old churchyard is situated within the private policies of Castle Forbes. Access is quite difficult. The best approach is from the B992 from Whitehouse. After crossing the River Don at the Bridge of Keig, enter the castle policies through the gate and bear right across the field, past a small clump of trees. Cross the small burn and proceed up the field following the line of the trees.

The churchyard can be very overgrown at certain times of the year and many of the gravestones are buried below the surface.

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Keig Old Kirkyard Gravemarkers



Keig (old) Churchyard

- 1 Sacred to the memory of RACHEL SMITH who died at the Quarry of Keig 9th Feb 1892 aged 79 years.
- 2 Here is interred the body of JOHN ALEXANDER squarewright lawful son to PETER ALEXANDER who died April 17 1882 aged (?)
- 3 Here is interred the body of PETER ALEXANDER who died at Boat of Keig 4th Feb 1779 aged 61 years.
- 4 In memory of JEAN CHRISTIE spouse to WILLIAM JOSS of Mill of Bandy who died 11th April 1817 in the (?) year of her age. Also the said WILLIAM JOSS who died 11th June 1828 aged 75.
- 5 Erected by WILLIAM CLARK and HELEN JOSS his spouse residing in Lumsden Village, parish of Auchindoir to the memory of their beloved daughter MARY CLARK who died 25th July 1851 in the 13th year of her age. Also MARGARET CLARK who died April 1855 aged 16 years.
- 6 In memory of the late GEORGE MOIR Canner Shunnies, Keig who died 25th March 1834 aged 69 and his wife MARGARET MOIR who died 22nd Nov 1852 aged 82.
- 7 In memory of JAMES THAIN late in Gaul's Neuk who died March 11th 1797 aged 65 also his spouse ISOBELL LOCHELL who died Oct 8th 1808. Done by their sons ALEX and JAMES.
- 8 Here lies WILLIAM PATERSON sometime of the Cobble Seat who departed this life July 2nd 1772 aged 58 years also ROBT and MARGARET PATERSON their children.
- 9 Sacred to the memory of JAMES PATERSON farmer Newbigging, Keig who died the 4th day of December 1847 aged 60 years.

- 10 Erected by GEORGE PATERSON Newbigging in memory of his son GEORGE who died 9th March 1833 aged 2 years, of his daughter MARY who died 20th Oct 1837 aged 8 years, AGNES who died 20th Nov 1837 aged 16 years, GRIZEAL who died 8th May 1839 aged 8 years and JANE who died 7th Dec 1849 aged 22 years, and of his son JAMES who died 13th July 1860 aged 35 years. Also of his spouse MARGARET BLACKHALL who died 16th Oct 1847 aged 50 years. Also in memory of the said GEORGE PATERSON farmer in Newbigging who died 29th April 1862 aged 72 year.
- 11 Erected by DAVID ANDERSON farmer West Kingsford, Alford in memory of his wife ELIZABETH PATTERSON who died 27th Sept 1861 aged 24 years.
- 12 Blank
- 13 Erected by JOHN SHEED farmer in Culfork, Alford and his spouse MARGARET DAWSON to the memory of their only son ALEXANDER SHEED who died 26th Oct 1823 aged 29 years. Much and justly regretted by them and all who knew him. Also in the memory of the said MARGARET DAWSON who died at Haddoch, Monymusk in 1855 and of JOHN SHEED who died at Haddoch of Monymusk in Feb 1859 aged 84 years. Also in memory of their granddaughter ISABELLA MITCHELL the beloved wife of GEORGE LESLIE Esq Ballymoreagh, Dingle, Ireland who died at Forbes, 11th Nov 1873 aged 57 years. Also in memory of the said GEORGE LESLIE who died at Ballymoreagh on 23rd Dec 1874 aged 63 years.
- 14 Here lies WILLIAM MITCHELL late in Burnside of Keig who died on the 26th day of August 1821 in the 48th year of his age.
- 15 Here lies interred ALEXANDER MITCHELL late farmer in Enagastel who died 22nd Nov 1764 aged 72 years. Also his son ALEXANDER MITCHELL late farmer in Milton of Bandlay who died the 5th July 1797 aged 77 years and his spouse MARY ANDERSON who died the 20th Sept 1784 aged 63 years. Also their son ALEXANDER MITCHELL who died the 6th Sept 1816 aged 54 years.

- 16 Here lies interred ALEXANDER MITCHELL late farmer in Annegathle who died Nov 22nd 1764 aged 72 years and also his spouse MARJORY INNES who died May 3rd 1767 (6 is overwritten with a 7) aged 72 years. By the care of their son WILLIAM MITCHELL. Likewise is here interred the body of MARY MITCHELL lawful daughter to WM MITCHELL in Inver of Monymusk who died Sept 24th 1795 aged 17 years. Also WILLIAM MITCHELL farmer Annegathle who died 22nd Dec 1820 aged 72 years. Also his spouse ISABELL CARR who died 15th Nov 1844 aged 91 years.
- 17 Erected by GEORGE MITCHELL farmer Annegathle to the memory of his spouse JANET SHEED who died 1st Oct 1823 aged 29 years. Also of their only son JOHN who died 7th Oct 1823 aged 3 years and also of JOHN MITCHELL brother of the said GEORGE MITCHELL who died at Kingston, Upper Canada 6th Oct 1823 aged 31 years. Also his spouse MARY SHEWAN who died 19th Sept 1854 aged 49 years also their youngest son ALEXANDER who died 13th July 1855 aged 6 years also GEORGE their oldest son who died 12th Aug 1855 aged 18 years also ALEXA their fourth daughter who died 4th July 1863 aged 24 years also in memory of the said GEORGE MITCHELL who died at Annegathle on the 9th Oct 1866 aged 77 years.
- 18 Erected by WILLIAM ALEXANDER MITCHELL in memory of his son JOHN ROBERT RUNCIMAN born 27th June 1886 died 11th Aug 1907 and of his daughter ALEXANDRINA MAUD wife of JAMES GAULD, born 27th Sept 1876 died in Singapore 17th Oct 1918 and of his son-in-law HARRY USHER, CBE born 20th Oct 1865 died in London 4th March 1927 aged 61 years. Also the said WILLIAM ALEXANDER MITCHELL born 10th Dec 1841 died 7th March 1934 and his wife ANN BARRON born 5th May 1848 died 28th Aug 1936.
- 19 In memory of ALEXANDER MITCHELL who died at Quarry, Keig Feb 9th 1863 aged 69 and his wife MARY BROWN who died December 8 1870 aged 70 and their family ELSPET died June 10th 1882 aged 65, WILLIAM died April 14 1886 aged 69, MARY died Jan 18th 1895 aged 58. Also MARGARET sister of ALEX MITCHELL died December 14th 1870 aged 81, MARGARET died Sept 12th 1910 aged 77. (Heart) ELIZABETH HAND aged 3 month.
- 20 Blank

- 21 1861. In memory of PETER COBBAN farmer Garrack, Echt who died 25th Dec 1856 aged 73 years and of his wife JANE BLACKHALL who died on the 17th Aug 1860 aged 65 years and of their eldest son JAMES who died 18th Aug 1855 aged 21 years and of their youngest son WILLIAM who died 10th May 1861 aged 21 years.
- 22 Erected to the memory of JOHN GIBBON sometime shoemaker in Newton of Forbes who died 20th April 1849 aged 83 also his spouse ELIZABETH COPLAND who died 22nd April 1846 aged 72.
- 23 Here lies the body of JOHN PATERSON who lived in Savidlie who departed this life Feb 13th 1772 age -3 years also JANET MARE(SHILL) spouse to him who died Oct 18th 1775 aged 65 years as also ALEXr their son who died young. This done by his sons viz: WILLIAM, JOHN and ARTHUR PATERSON.
- 24 In memory of ARTHUR PATERSON late miller at Monymusk who died 12th July 1843 aged 54 years also his spouse ISABELLA WALKER who died 28 Feb 1836 aged 41 years and their daughter JEAN who died 22nd May 1843 aged 21 years.
- 25 Sacred to the memory of ARCHIBALD SOMERS born in Glenton, Keig upward of sixty years in the employment of the Lord FORBES, died 15th Jan 1876 aged 74 years also his wife MARY REID who died 26th Jan 1876 aged 78 years and their children ARCHIBALD died March 1838 aged 10, ALEXANDER died Oct 1850 aged 9, MARY died 4th April 1862 aged 26, ROBERT died 9th May 1863 aged 32, GEORGE died 4th Oct 1880 aged 42, all interred in this burial ground. Also of MARY SOMERS who died 27th Aug 1859 aged 61(?) years.
- 26 In memory of PETER COBBAN late farmer in Newtown who died 7(?)th March 1822 aged 82 years also HELEN SUTHERLAND his spouse who died 1st April 1827 aged 80 years also their daughter MARY who died 22nd July 1802 aged 17 years also JOHN COBBAN farmer Newtown, Keig who died 1st Sept 1860 aged 83 years also his wife MARGARET SUTHERLAND who died 19th Sept 1838 aged 45 years also his daughter MARY COBBAN who died 18 Jan 1816 aged 15 years also their daughter MARGARET COBBAN who died 1st June 1842 (?) aged 1 year.

- 27** In memory of JAMES COBBAN late merchant in Burnside of Keig who died at Inverury 27th June 1827 aged 76 also his daughter ISABELLA who died at Inverury 2nd Aug 18-9 aged 49 also his wife MARY KERR who died at Inverury 23 Dec 1847 aged 92 and his son Dr JAMES COBBAN who died at Milton, Canada 11 Feb 1855 aged 51 also their daughter AGNES who died 1st April 1872 aged 74 years
- 28** Erected by JAMES FORBES in Inch in memory of his wife MARY CARNIE who died of childbirth 8th Oct 1813 aged 32 together with their son of noneage and of their daughter KATHERINE who died April 1809 aged 2 years.
- 29** Here lyes WILLIAM COUPLAND merchant in Meickleindvie who departed this life Februaar the 17th 1728 and of age 40 year and also his daughter JANNET COUPLAND who departed this life Februaar the 17th 1729 of age 8 moneths and his spouse JEAN LEYS who departed this life (space) and of her age (space).
- 30** Here lies JOHN BLACK farmer in Bauck(head) of Talynessle who died Nov 10th 1764. Done at the care of ELSPET STRACHEN his spouse also his son JOHN BLACK farmer in Warrackston who died Jan 27th 1776 also JEAN (MAKIE) spouse to JOHN BLACK Jnr who died 16th Sept 1877 aged 73 years.
- 31** In memory of GEORGE MILNE who died at Brindy Hill 2nd Dec 1878 aged 62 his wife ELIZABETH SHERRIFFS died 15th Dec 1864 aged 40, their son DAVID died 11th Dec 1862 aged 3 months their daughter ANNIE died 6th Jan 1863 aged 14 years, ISABELLA died in Aberdeen 12 Dec 1868 aged 19 years.
- 32** Sacred to the memory of JAMES ADAM late tenant in New Burnside of Keig who died 8th May 1828 aged 90 years. The under said WILLIAM ADAM died the 29th Aug 1842 and his wife ANN CARR died the 16th April 1847 aged 95 years. Erected by his brother WILLIAM ADAM.

- 33 Erected to the memory of GEORGE LAING late at Bridgehall, Keig who died 10th Feb 1843 aged 63 years, his wife JANE NICOL who died 7th May 1859 aged 77 years and their son WILLIAM who died 7th Mar 1825 aged 8 years and their daughter BABARA who died 7th March 1838 aged 12 years and MARGARET who died 9th Nov 1855 aged 31 years also their grandchildren JAMES LAING who died at Rothney 25th Jan 1843 aged 2 years JOHN who died at Edinburgh 29th Jan 1849 age 4 years, ALEXANDER & GEORGE who died at Manchester 11th & 23rd Dec 1854 aged 7 & 11 years and ANN McPHERSON wife of JOHN LAING who died at Heughhead, Keig 7th Mar 1873 aged 36 years. Also JOHN LAING who died at Heughhead 11th Feb 1890 aged 71 years Also their son JAMES LAING who died at Woodend, Cluny 5th Mar 1923 aged 61 years also HELEN second daughter of the late JOHN LAING who died at Vancouver, B.C. 25th Sept 1933 wife of JAMES GREWER and ANNIE LAING wife of GEORGE BROWNIE late of Bankhead, Keig who died at Inverurie 4th Aug 1938 aged 78 years also JOHN LAING who died at Crieff 3rd Feb 1953 aged 89 years and GEORGE FORBES LAING who died at Nairn 2nd Feb 1954 aged 84 years.
- 34 Erected to the memory of JAMES ANDERSON baker Aberdeen died 21st Dec 1847 aged 58 years.
- 35 -- ARCHIBALD REID late farmer in Graystone parish of Alford --- together with --- who died before -- church ---- neighbours ---, all who knew her --- her own family ---
- 36 Smooth stone
- 37 Rough Stone AC AC
- 38 Rough Stone PB
- 39 Erected in memory of WILLIAM MILNE farmer Yonderton, Balvack, Monymusk who died 2nd Mar 1864 aged 63 years also his beloved wife ISABELLA BEVERIDGE who died at Tullos, Chapel of Garioch 17th Jan 1887 aged 84 years.

- 40 ----memory of JOHN(?) COPLAND ---- 1806 aged 86 years (JEAN) PATTERSON (his spouse) who died Oct 1825 aged -- years. To the memory of his son ALEXANDER COPLAND in the village or Alford who died --- 18th April 1851 ---- and his daughter JEAN --- years and 7 months.
- 41 Daughter to JAMES GREEN & CHRISTIAN COBBAN who died May 4th 1772 aged 22 months. Here lies a young and tender babe cut off in Early Bloom who changed but this mortal life for an immortal crown.
- 42 In loving memory of RACHEL COBBAN Woodcorner, Keig who died 19th May 1916 aged 86 years.
- 43 To the memory of ANDREW SMITH who died at Mossend, Alford 24th July 1839 aged 66 years also of ELSPAT ROSS his spouse who died 23 May 1854 aged 66 years and of their daughter AGNES who died 5th May 1857 aged 31 years.
- 44 To the memory of ARCHIBALD GRANT son of the late PETER GRANT miller in Tillyfour (?), Parish of Oyne who died at Wellheads of Keig 17 April 1832.
- 45 Here lyes DAVID IRVINE son to FRANCIS IRVINE in Brindie who departed this life Feb the 15th 1724 aged 21 and his brother JOHN who departed this life March 14th 1726 aged 21 and their mother MARGARET CAY spouse to FRANCIS IRVINE who departed this life May 21 1732 aged 50 and the said FRANCIS IRVINE who departed this life March the 23 1733 aged 55.
M.J. CI. ET. AT. Here also lies MARGARET IRVINE spouse to JAMES MOIR deptd Feb 23 in year 1740.
- 46 Erected by JAMES DONALD in memory of his father ALEXANDER DONALD upwards of 32 years boatman in Keig who died 18th March 1823 aged 67 and of ISABEL DONALD daughter of the said ALEXANDER who died November 1800 aged 3 months and of his son JOHN who died at Aberdeen Nov 1807 aged 17.

- 47 Erected by WILLIAM GUILDFORD ROBISON wright in Inverurie to the memory or his stepson JOHN FRASER who died May 24th 1869 aged 7 years.
- 48 Here lies interred in the bosom of his grandfather ROBERT ADAM the body of ARTHUR WHITE son to MARGARET ADAM in Upper Coullie of Monymusk who died the 21 May 1815 aged 21 years. This stone was erected by his grandfather-in-law COLEN DONALDSON.
- 49 Here lies deposited in the hope of a blessed resurrection the body of WILLIAM ADAM in Waterside of Forbes who departed this life March 9th 1786 aged 71 years. Done by the care of JEAN WRIGHT his lawful spouse.
- 50 Unreadable
- 51 Sacred to the memory of WILLIAM CLERIHUE who lived sometime in Syllavethy and died ? July 1823 aged ?51 years also his son JOHN who died Aug -- 1818 aged 11 years also his wife JANE ANDERSON who died at Bithnie 28th Nov 1851 aged 78 years also ANN D(UNCAN?) wife of WILLIAM CLERIHUE who died at Backbriggs, Lochhell who died -- April 1813 aged 41 years and also bis daughter ISABELLA who died ----- also ISABELLA who died 11th Oct ----- JAMES -----
- 52 Here lies AGNES MOUAT spouse to JAMES CHERICHUE farmer in Salevethie who died Mar 22nd 1799 aged 65 years and also the said JAMES CLERICHUE who died at Salevethie the 26th May 1813 aged 81 also JAMES CLERIHUE son to PETER CLERICHUE who died 27th Sept 1823 aged 18 years also CATHRINE ROGERS spouse to PETER CLERIHUE in Syllvethie who died 21st Dec 1849 aged 74 years also the said PETER CLERIHUE who died 24 April 1853 aged 87 years also their daughter SUSAN who died 8th Feb 1879 aged 65 years.
- 53 Here lies JEAN CLARIEHUE lawful daughter to EWAN CLARIEHUE & MARGARET LAWSON in Balfour who died May 6 1775 aged 2 yrs. Her disconsolate parents also remembering that they also must soon die have erected this stone in her memory.

- 54 Her lyes JOHN COUTS who died Decer the 7 1706.
- 55 Rough stone who departed ... 10th Aug 1732 aged 7.
- 56 Rough stone JC.
- 57 Here lies ALEX REID who lived at Boat of Keig. He died Jany 24th 1766 aged 61 years also ELSPET SMITH his wife who died Jan 13th -- aged 57 and also two of their children JAMES and MARY who died in infancy.
- 58 Erected b WILLIAM TAYLOR in memory of bis father-in-law FRANCIS COBBAN who died 28th Sept 1888 aged 87 years also BARBARA ANDERSON his wife who died 19th Mar who 1873 died aged 72 also 1829 WILLIAM COBBAN late feuar Dyce who died 14th July 1890 aged 77 years.
- 59 In memory of ELIZABETH COBBAN who died June 20th 1829 aged 27 spouse of JOHN GORDON late merchant Auchleven and daughter of JOHN COBBAN in Leys of Leslie. This memorial is erected as a token of the respect by her brother-in-law also her mother ISABEL IRONSIDE who died Jan 30th 1836 aged 63
- 60 In loving memory of ELSPET COB BAN wife of the late WILLIAM INGRAM farmer New Leslie died 10th May 1891 aged 73 years.
- 61 (Heart) In memory of ALEXr S TAYLOR died in infancy 1890.
- 62 (Heart) In memory of JAMES C TAYLOR died in infancy 1881.
- 63 (Heart) In memory of JOHN TAYLOR died July 7th 1876 aged 3 years and 3 months.

- 64 Sacred to the memory of ATHOLL LAWRENCE CUNYNGHAM 22nd BARON FORBES born Sept 1882 died November 26th 1953 and to his wife MABEL born July 18th 1882 died March 21st 1972.
- 65 Sacred to the memory of MALCOLM ATHOLL beloved little son of LORD and LADY FORBES born Dec 9th 1928 died March 6th 1929.
- 66 The remains of the Rev Mr WILLIAM FORSYTH late minister of the gospel at Aboyne, proprietor of Harthill in Keig who died Aug 25rd aged 87 and of MARGARET TURNER his spouse who died Dec 15th aged 60 were interred in the church of Keig 1796.
- 67 WALTER ROBERT DRUMMOND son of WALTER 19th LORD FORBES born 14th May 1865 died 23rd Mar 1929.
- 68 LOUISA widow of WALTER XIXth LORD FORBES born NOV 6th 1838 died Jan 26th 1921.
- 69 Here by his appointment is interred the Rt Hon JAMES XVIIth LORD FORBES who died Feb 20th MDCCLXI in the LXXIII year of his age at Putachie the place of his birth.
- 70 HORACE COURTENAY XXth LORD FORBES born Feb 24th 1829 died June 23rd 1914.
- 71 JAMES XVIIth LORD FORBES born 1725 died July 29th 1804 and CATHERINE INNES his wife born 1740 died April 16th 1805.
- 72 ATHOLL MONSON XXIst LORD FORBES born at Castle Forbes 15th Feb 1841 died Jan 31st 1916 and MARGARET ALICE DICK-CUNYNGHAM his wife born March 11th 1853 died Feb 6th 1943.

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