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REPORT

on

The Anton Family of Redhill Farm, Rothiemay (extract)

The birth of Alexander Anton (1) was then found to have been recorded thus:-

"Alexander Anton, born 4th March 1903, at Redhill, Rothiemay. The son of Alexander Anton, farmer, and Maggie Ritchie, married 8th August 1901 in Elgin."

This marriage was then found to have been recorded as follows:-

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"8th August 1901 at the Grand Hotel, Elgin, after Banns according to the Forms of the Church of Scotland. Alexander Anton, farmer, aged 43, of Redhill, Rothiemay. The son of Alexander Anton, farmer, and Ann Riddoch, both deceased

AND

Margaret Ritchie, aged 34, of 206, High Street, Elgin. The daughter of George Ritchie, master baker, and Isabella Findlay, both deceased."

The birth of Alexander Anton (2) was next found to have been recorded thus:-

"Alexander Anton born 24th November 1856 at Redhill, Rothiemay. The son of Alexander Anton, farmer, and Ann Riddoch."

Other children then found to have been recorded to the above couple in Rothiemay were:-

Anne	born	25: 1:1859	at Redhill	
George	"	16: 1:1861	"	← " <i>Died young after ^{shortly} graduating Aberdeen UN</i>
John	"	7: 1:1863	"	"
William James	born	3: 5:1865	at Redhill	
Isabella	"	10: 6:1867	"	"

The marriage of Alexander Anton (3) and Ann Riddoch was then found to have been recorded as follows:-

"13th/

George believed to have been a divinity student (w/o from Uncle Alec)

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"13th March 1856 at Coldhome, Rothiemay, after Banns according to the Forms of the Church of Scotland. Alexander Anton, farmer, aged 29, of Redhill, Rothiemay. The son of Alexander Anton, farmer, and Ann Wilson

AND

Ann Riddoch, aged 28, of Coldhome, Rothiemay. The daughter of John Riddoch, farmer, and Isabel Riddoch."

The 1861 Census Schedules for Rothiemay were next consulted and the two following entries were found:-

- 1) "Address: Redhill.
Alexander Anton, head of house, aged 34, farmer of 80 acres, employing 1 man and 1 boy, born in Rothiemay
Ann, his wife, aged 30, born in Rothiemay
Alexander, his son, aged 4, born in "
Ann, his daughter, " 2, " " "
George, his son " 2 months, born in Rothiemay and two servants."

- 2) "Address: Redhill.
Ann Anton, head of house, widow, aged 69, born in Rothiemay
George, her son, aged 31, born in Rothiemay
Isabella Scott, her grand daughter, aged 1, born in Rothiemay."

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Prior to 1855 registrations of Births, Deaths and Marriages in Scotland were voluntarily recorded in the old parochial registers (unindexed) of each parish. The old parochial registers of Rothiemay were accordingly searched for the birth of Alexander Anton (3) which was found to have been recorded thus:-

"13th April 1826 Alexander Anton, farmer at Redhill, had by his wife Anne Wilson twins born of this date viz Alexander and Isobel baptised on the 16th April. Witnesses, George Wilson, farmer at Backside of Kinoir, and Alexander McGregor, merchant in Hilltown of Rothiemay."

Other children then found to have been recorded to the above couple in the old parochial registers of Rothiemay were:-

John	born 3rd	baptised 9:	6:1816	in Redhill	
Alexander	" 19th Feb.	" 1:	3:1818	" "	(presumably died young)
Janet	" 18th	" 19:	6:1819	" "	
Anne	" 20th	" 28:	9:1823	" "	
Margaret	" 15th	" 21:	4:1828	" "	
George	" 19th May	" 2:	6:1830	" "	
Christian	" 14th Sept."	" 3:	10:1832	" "	

The marriage of Alexander Anton (4) and Anne Wilson was next found to have been recorded as follows:-

"March 30th 1815 Alexander Anton, farmer Redhill, and Anne Wilson daughter of George Wilson, farmer Kinnore, having contracted matrimony and been proclaimed were this day married."

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The General Index of deaths in Scotland was then searched from 1856 - 1861 for the death of Alexander Anton (4), but this was not found. His wife, Anne Wilson, or Anton, however, was found to have died at Redhill, Rothiemay, on 17th June 1882. According to her death entry, she was then aged 90, widow of Alexander Anton and the daughter of George Wilson, farmer, and Janet Lobban, both deceased.

The 1851 Census Schedules for Rothiemay were next consulted but no entry was found relating to Alexander Anton (4). It was then noted, however, that in the marriage entry of his daughter, Anne (to John Fraser, date 22nd May 1851) she was described as the daughter of the deceased Alexander Anton, farmer in Redhill of Rothiemay, and Anne Wilson, but as the death records for Rothiemay are unfortunately blank from 1799 - 1854 no further search could be made for the death entry of Alexander Anton (4).

Accordingly, therefore, the old parochial registers of Rothiemay were next searched for the birth of Alexander Anton (4), which was found to have been recorded thus:-

"January 14th 1782. John Anton in Redhill had twins by his wife Isobel Lorimer baptized and named Alexander and John. Witnesses, George Adam and William Anton in Redhill and Alexander Smith in Corshellie."

The only other child found to have been recorded to the above couple in the old parochial registers of Rothiemay was:-

Christian born 24:10:1779.

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The marriage of John Anton and Isobel Lorimer was then found to have been recorded in the old parochial registers of Rothiemay, as follows:-

"July 16th 1778 John Anton in this parish and Isobel Lorimer in Cairney having contracted matrimony consigned pledges and been regularly proclaimed were this day married."

The old parochial registers of Rothiemay, which are unfortunately blank from July 1710 - January 1748, were next searched from 1748 - 1760 for the birth of John Anton, but this was not found to have been recorded during this period. It was noted, however, that the two following Anton families were recording the births of children, viz:-

- 1) To Alexander Anton, younger, in Redhill and Elizabeth Lorimer:-

Robert	baptised	24: 6:1749
Christian	"	14: 2:1754

- 2) To Robert Anton, younger, in Redhill, and Isobel George:-

Ann	baptised	21: 5:1750
Christian	"	30: 4:1752
Elspe	"	20: 1:1755

Of these two families, it was thought probable that the first was relevant and that John may have been a son, born prior to 1748. Research, in so far as was possible, was accordingly continued on this assumption.

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The old parochial registers of Rothiemay were then searched from 1700 - 1710 for the birth of Alexander Anton (5) but again, his birth would appear to have been recorded during the period for which the records are blank. The following entries, however, were noted as they were thought to relate to his brother and sister:-

"September 25th 1704. Alexander Anton in Reidhill had a child be his wife Jannet Hay baptized and called Janet before witnesses, William Smith in Reidhill and John Barron, yr, Issobell Largy and Jannet Leiper."

Also:-

William baptised 12:12:1708 in Reidhill.

The old parochial registers of Rothiemay were next searched from 1694 - 1704 for the marriage of Alexander Anton (6) and Janet Hay, but this was not found to have been recorded there.

The old parochial registers of Rothiemay date back to 1658 but contain only eight entries (no Antons) from 1658 - 1660, after which the record is blank until February 1677. These old parochial registers were accordingly searched from 1677 - 1686 for the birth of Alexander Anton (6) but the only Anton entry found, was:-

"March 7th 1678 John Antone in Inchrory had a sone baptized named James. Witnesses James Rosse, James Barrone, Janet Allan, Helen Scaffertie, and Grisell Fierie."

Owing to lack of earlier extant records, no further search was possible on this ancestral line and the investigation was accordingly here concluded.

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Secretary.