Memorials: Plaques, Hatchments, Stained Glass & Stall Plates

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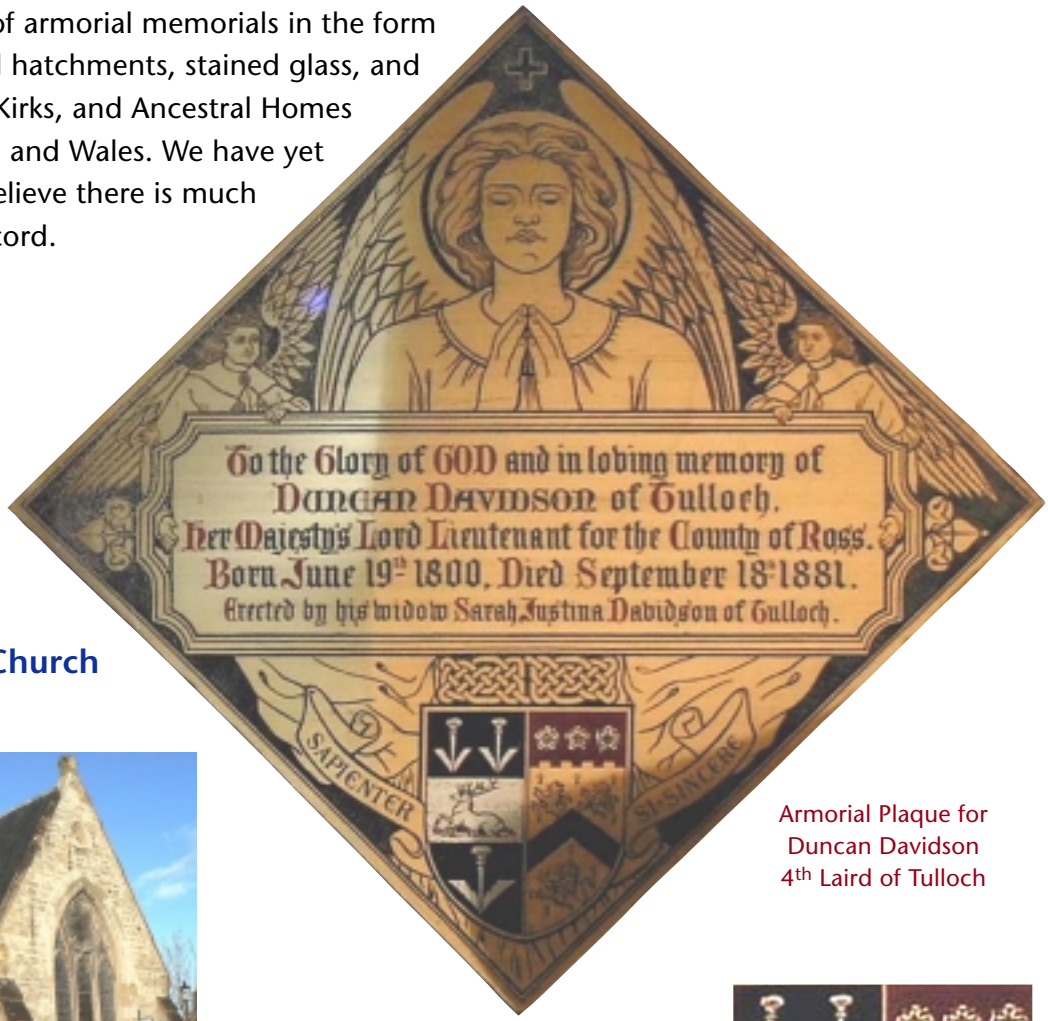
We have found a range of armorial memorials in the form of brass plaques, painted hatchments, stained glass, and stall plates in Churches, Kirks, and Ancestral Homes across Scotland, England and Wales. We have yet to explore Ireland. We believe there is much more to discover and record.



Armorial Plaque for Duncan Davidson 4th Laird of Tulloch

St James' Episcopal Church Dingwall

St James' Church

The land for this church was provided for by the Davidson of Tulloch family. Today it is the location of the memorials for the last three Davidson lairds of Tulloch.

Armorial detail of the 4th Laird's Memorial

Non Armorial Memorial for the 5th Laird

Hatchments

Durham Cathedral Hatchment

Durham Cathedral holds a magnificent library in which hangs the hatchment armorial for Anne Davison who died in 1790.
Anne was part of the large group of interconnected Davison families descended from Sir Alexander Davison of Newcastle and Blakiston who died during the Siege of the City of Newcastle in 1644.

Hatchment for Anne Davison located in Durham Cathedral library

St Andrew's Church, Utterby Church, Lincolnshire

This hatchment shows the Arms of William Davison who died in 1702. The normal Davison arms which include six cinquefoils have been replaced with six fleur-de-lis.

We do not yet know the connection between this Davison family and those Davison families located further north near Durham.

William Davison's Hatchment

Detail

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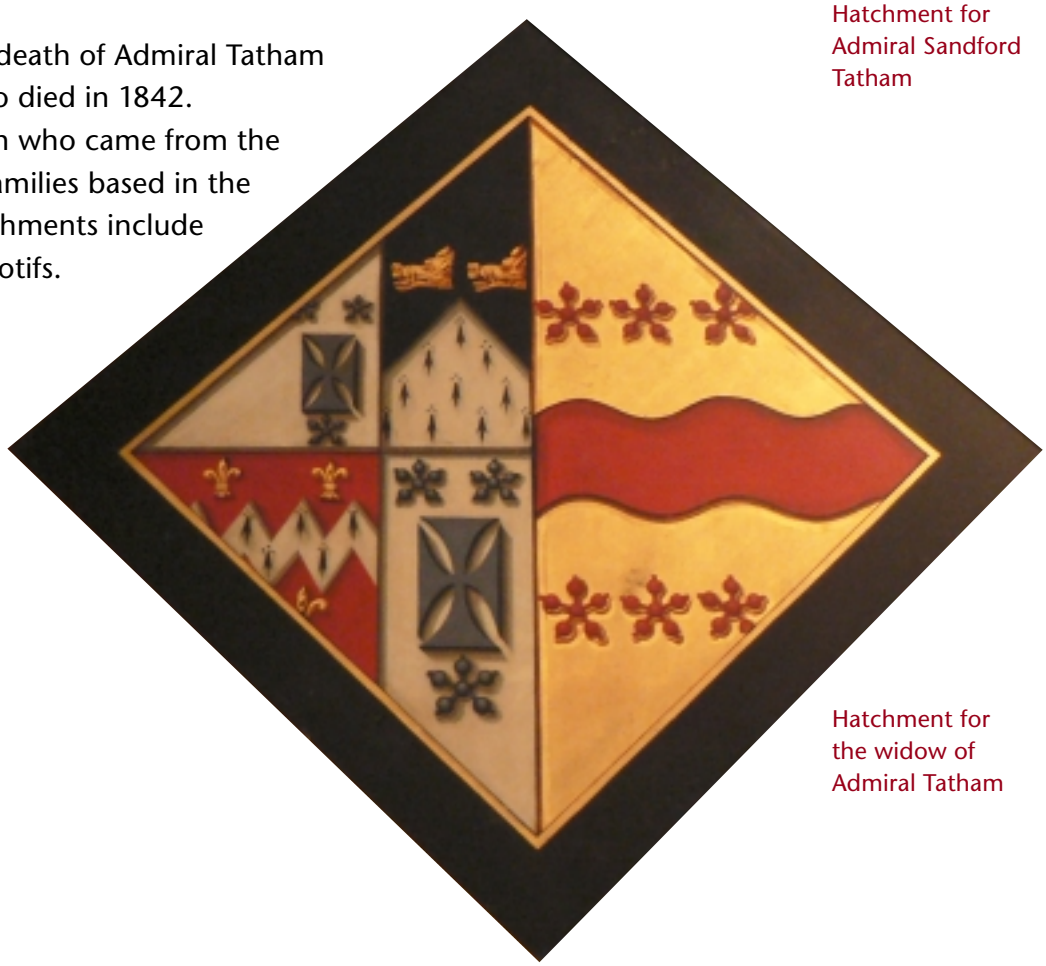
St Margaret's Church, Hornby, Lancashire

St Margaret's Church

This church, which is located in the village of Hornby to the east of the city of Lancaster, holds two fine hatchments.

Hatchment for Admiral Sandford Tatham

They commemorate the death of Admiral Tatham in 1840 and his wife, who died in 1842. The widow was a Davison who came from the main group of Davison families based in the Durham area. These hatchments include the Davison cinquefoil motifs.



Hatchment for the widow of Admiral Tatham

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Stained Glass

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Part of the Stained Glass window above the Staircase at Tulloch Castle

Tulloch Castle

There is a fine set of armorial stained glass located on the main staircase which celebrates the Davidson and Mackenzie families. We do not yet know who the artist was. It is dated 1914.

Part of the Stained Glass Memorial at Tulloch Castle

The Davidson Arms are quartered with those of the Mackenzie family. Duncan Davidson, the 6th Davidson Laird of Tulloch was married to a Mackenzie of Farr.

St Mark's Church, Connah's Quay, North Wales

Part of the Armorial stained Glass window for Charles Davison

St Mark's Church

This Charles Davison was an important industrialist and landowner in the Connah's Quay area of North Wales in the later part of the 19th century. The local church is full of high quality stained glass bearing memorials for different members of this family.

The family have used just one cinquefoil instead of the more normal six used by Davison families. This family was never formally granted arms.

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Merchant Taylors Hall, London

The Merchant Taylors Hall in the City has a good collection of armorial stained glass. All this glass dates from the rebuilding after the end of World War 2. The Arms of Archbishop Randall Thomas Davidson, later Baron Davidson of Lambeth who had been an honorary member of the Merchant Taylors are part of this set commissioned to replace an earlier set of armorial glass which had only been place since the early 1930s.

Archbishop Davidson's Arms

Photograph of the original set of arms lost in the blitz in World War 2

Armorial Window for Archbishop Davidson

St Nicholas' Church, Sevenoaks, Kent

St Nicholas' Church is an ancient church site located close to the centre of Sevenoaks town. It holds a 20th century stained glass memorial window bearing the arms of Archbishop Randall Thomas Davidson.

St Nicholas' Church

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Fairburn, near Dingwall, Ross & Cromarty

A little piece of recent history

Fairburn House was originally an ancestral Mackenzie home. Over 20 years it was taken over by CDA members Clifford and Margaret Davison who moved with their family from Ballymena Northern Ireland to create a specialized care home.

Clifford Davison was granted arms in 1987 by the Lord Lyon Court. His arms are etched on one of the windows of his home located on the Fairburn Estate.

Clifford Davison's Arms

Stall Plates

Savoy Chapel, London

Stall plates are a specialized form of armorial memorial found in places like Westminster Abbey, St George's Chapel, Windsor, and the Thistle Chapel in St Giles' Cathedral, Edinburgh. They are specifically used as memorials for the holders of particular orders of chivalry to which the location is host.

The Queen's Chapel at the Savoy, located behind the Savoy Hotel in Central London, is host to the Order of the Duchy of Lancaster. Among the stall plates located here is that of John Colin Campbell Davidson later 1st Viscount Davidson who served as the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster in the early part of the 20th century. The post is treated as a political position.

Also located in the chapel is a small stall plate for his father, Sir James Mackenzie Davidson which bears his arms.

This chapel is a delight to visit and is one of the hidden gems of London, full of heraldic items.

Stall plate of John Colin Campbell Davidson
Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster

Arms of Sir James Davidson

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