

Thus far Professor Rentoul of Melbourne. I have but little to add to the general statement that the original *habitat* of the family in Scotland seems to have been Fifeshire, the land of Macduff, or at least the pleasant belt of hill-country about Loch Leven. If research is to be pushed further, and these various lines run back to a common ancestor, it must be done from original sources north of the Tweed. I have done enough to show the persistent recurrence of family names, always a feature of interest, and perhaps also of race-characteristics, as far as is to be expected after eliminating the fifty per cent, or possibly the more than fifty per cent of these values which are due to the formative influence of the mothers of a race. Some other offshoots of the stock have come within my ken but I cannot connect them, and with a bare mention of these, I leave this part of the subject to be pursued by others.

At "King's Place," Perth, Scotland, August 4, 1882, died, without issue, Laurence Rintoul, a Justice of the Peace, leaving a considerable property to his nephew and heir, a McGregor of Banchory,—Cupar in Angus.

This gentleman, and his brother John Rintoul, a Fifeshire land-owner, also deceased, were sons of a brother of Rev. James Rentoul of Manorcunningham.

Peter Rintoul, a well-known merchant of Glasgow, died a few years since, and in the last generation, Alexander Rentoul appears as a partner in the firm of Rentoul & Zimmerman, long-established ship-brokers, at Liverpool. Rev. William Rintoul of Montreal, who died Sept. 13, 1851, leaving two sons, Robert, since deceased, and William H., agent of the Imperial Insurance Company of London, at Montreal, was born in 1797, and was the son of Robert Rintoul, b. 1748, who was the son of Alexander Rintoul, b. 1708, in Tilly Coultry, Clackmannanshire,