

# Westwood's Parochial Directory for the Counties of Fife and Kinross, 1862

## Parish of Ballingry

Ballingry, popularly termed Bingry, is an upland Parish in the south-west of the County, three miles in length, by about one and a half in breadth. It is bounded on the north by Portmoak, by Auchterderran and Kinglassie on the east and south, and by Beath and Cleish on the west. About one half of the Parish is under tillage, and the other half in wood and pasture. Coal and iron-stone are extensively wrought, and there is a furnace for smelting the latter at Lumphinnans. The inhabitants are chiefly engaged as miners or in agricultural labours. With the exception of the houses for the miners at Lumphinnans and the small corner of the village of Lochgelly which is in the Parish, Ballingry can boast of nothing of the nature of a village.

There was formerly a considerable Loch in the Parish, called Loch Orr, from which the small stream Orr issues, but it is now all drained and in a state of cultivation. Toward the eastern extremity of the site of this Loch was a small island, upon which stands the remains of an ancient castle, supposed to have been founded in the reign of Malcolm III. A little to the eastward of Lochore House were once the vestiges of a Roman Camp, now levelled and effaced. Some have conjectured that this was the spot where the 9th Legion was attacked and nearly cut off by the Caledonians. The only hill in the Parish is Benarty, on the north border, richly adorned with plantations. In addition to the Parish Church, which with the Manse is situated in the north of the Parish, Lochgelly Free Church and Manse are also in Ballingry.

The Dunfermline branch of the Edinburgh, Perth, and Dundee Railway, runs through the southern section of the Parish, and the stations at Lochgelly and Cardenden are in the immediate vicinity.

POST OFFICE and Postal Arrangements same as Auchterderran which see.

### **BLACKSMITHS.**

Lowe, Robert, Shank of Navity  
White, John, Feus, Lochgelly

### **CLERGY.**

Macainsh, Peter, Free Church, Lochgelly  
Pennell, James, Parish Church, Ballingry

### **FARMERS.**

Cation, David, (Farm Steward) Ballingry  
Duncan, Michael, Rosewells  
Duncan, William, Inchgall Mill  
Glass, Robert, Craigend  
Greig, Alexander, Wester Cartmore  
Greig, David, Hynds  
Hogg, Miss, Lumphinnans (non-resident)  
Jackson, Thomas, Esq., Brigghills

Paton, John, Wester Balbedie  
Simpson, Robert, Navity  
Soutter, John, Chapel of Lochore  
Wilson, Thomas, Kirkland  
Wilson, William, East Blair

**GENTRY & PEOPLE OF INDEPENDENT MEANS.**

Those marked thus \* are only occasionally resident.

Constable, Wm. Briggs, Esq., Benarty, Blairadam  
Henderson, Robert, Glencraig  
Henderson, William, do  
Henderson, Misses, Crosshill Cottage  
\*Hunt, Mrs, Navity  
\*Johnstone, Major, Lochore House

**GROCERS.**

Those marked thus\*are also Spirit Dealers.

\* Steedman, George, Shank of Navity  
Wishart, Robert, Lochcraig

**VINTNERS.**

Muir, John, Feus, Lochgelly  
Nicol, James, do do

**MISCELLANEOUS.**

Brand, John, Shoemaker, Shank of Navity  
Christie, Alex., & Co., Tenants of Mineral and Iron Works, Lumphinnans  
Duncan, Wm., Corn Miller, Inchgall Mill  
Henderson, D., Cabinet-Maker & Joiner, Feus, Lochgelly  
Jeffry, John, Overseer, Lochore Estate  
Keppie, Andrew Tait, Parish Schoolmaster, Inspector of Poor, Registrar, Heritors' & Session Clerk, Ballingry  
Mungall, James, Manager, Lumphinnans Works  
Mungall, Robert, M.D., Medical Practitioner, Lumphinnans  
Robertson, Geo., Tailor & Sexton, Ballingry  
Wilson, Geo., Farm Steward, Lumphinnans