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SCOTLAND

Aberdeenshire

- **Aberdeen:**

Quadrangle, Marischal College, Broad Street, Aberdeen, AB10 1AB.

[Plaque](#) to [General Hugh Mercer \(1726-77\)](#), Jacobite and then American general killed at the [Battle of Princeton \(3 January 1777\)](#), who studied medicine at the college. His death was the subject of the John Trumbell painting, [*The Death of General Mercer at the Battle of Princeton, January 3, 1777.*](#)

Argyllshire

- **Strachur:**

Strachur Parish Church, Clachan Beag, Strachur, Argyll, PA27 8DG.

[Marble gravestone](#) in the aisle of [General John Campbell of Strachur \(1727-1806\)](#), British commander of West Florida, 1778-81 compelled to surrender Pensacola to the Spanish. Released and later CinC North America, 1783-87.

Ayrshire

- **St Quivox:**

[Oswald's Temple](#), Auchincruive Estate, St Quivox, South Ayrshire, KA6 5HW.

[Designed as a teahouse](#) by [Robert Adam](#) (1778) for Richard Oswald (1705-84), one of two British representatives who negotiated the Treaty of Paris (1783).

See also London: Putney.

Borders

- **Coldstream:**

Hirsel Park, Coldstream, Berwickshire, TD12 4LT.

[Obelisk](#) (1784) to Captain William Home, Lord Dunglass of the 2nd Foot Guards, [The Coldstream Guards](#), son of the 9th Earl of Home, who died of

wounds aged 24 after the [Battle of Guilford Court House \(15 March 1781\)](#). There was previously also a [plaque](#) to him in the [Royal Military Chapel](#) (formerly the Guards Chapel), Wellington Barracks, Birdcage Walk, Westminster, which was lost when the chapel was hit by a V1 flying bomb in June 1944.

- **Jedburgh:**

[Jedburgh Abbey](#), Abbey Bridgend Jedburgh, Roxburghshire, TD8 6JQ.

Burial place (on the [South side of the choir](#)) of [Major General the Hon. Alexander Leslie \(1731-94\)](#). Present at the Battles of Long Island (1776), White Plains (1776), and Princeton (1777), as well as the siege of Charleston (1780). Leslie presided over the British withdrawal from the southern colonies after [Yorktown](#) (1781).

Caithness

- **Lybster: Lybster, Caithness, KW3 6BP.**

[Tablet](#) (1988) on wall near the war memorial to [Lieutenant General Patrick Sinclair of Lybster \(1736-1820\)](#), who served in the [Black Watch](#) and the [15th Foot](#), and was commandant of [Fort Machinac](#). Sinclair is buried to the rear of Lybster House, with a [later gravestone](#) (1936).

Dumfries and Galloway

- **Kirkbean**

Arbigland Estate, Kirkbean, Dumfries, DG2 8BG.

[John Paul Jones Cottage Museum](#). Birthplace cottage and visitor centre of [John Paul Jones](#), the ‘father’ of the US Navy. There is a memorial plaque (2008) in the grounds.

See also Dumfries and Galloway: Kirkbean; Cumbria: Whitehaven.

- **Kirkbean**

[Kirkbean Church](#), Nithsdale, Dumfries DG2 8DW.

[Marble memorial font](#) (1945) to John Paul Jones.

See also Cumbria: Whitehaven.

East Lothian

- **Haddington**

Collegiate Church of St Mary the Virgin, Sidegate, Haddington, East Lothian, EH41 4BZ.

The remains of [Lieutenant Colonel the Hon. John Maitland](#) of the [71st Foot](#) (Fraser's Highlanders), who died of malaria in Savannah, Georgia in October 1779 shortly after the [siege of Savannah](#) was lifted, and was originally buried there, were returned to the Maitland Vault in the [Lauderdale Aisle](#) in 1981.

See also Georgia: Savannah.

Fife

- **Dunbog**

Balfour Family Enclosure, Dunbog Cemetery (off A913 to Newburgh), Lindores, Fife, KY14 6JF.

[Grave](#) of [Major General Nesbit Balfour](#) (1743-1823), who was notorious as the British Commandant appointed in Charleston in 1780. Accused of mistreating American prisoners, he also ordered the execution of an American officer, [Isaac Hayne](#), who had violated his parole. Balfour was present at [Bunker Hill](#) with the [4th Foot](#) and, after seeing action at [Brandywine](#) and [Germantown](#), took command of the [23rd Foot](#) in 1778. Subsequently, he served in the Flanders campaign in 1794.

See also Inverness: Ardesier, and South Carolina: Fort Balfour.

- **Dysart**

Site of St Serf's Manse, Dysart, Fife, KY1 2TL

[Plaque](#) (2002) marking the birth site of [Major John Pitcairn](#) (1722-75), Royal Marines, second in command of the expedition to [Lexington and Concord](#) (19 April 1775), and killed at [Bunker Hill](#) (17 June 1775).

See also Massachusetts: Boston.

- **Torryburn**

Torryburn Parish Church, Main Street, Torryburn, Fife, KY12 8LT.

[Exterior wall plaque](#) to Lt. General [Sir William Erskine, Bt.](#) (1728-95), QMG to [Lord Cornwallis](#), 1777, and to [Sir Henry Clinton](#), 1778-79.

See also New York: Southampton.

Inverness-shire

- **Ardesier**

[Garrison Chapel, Fort George, Ardesier](#), Inverness, IV2 2TD

[Memorial](#) to Major Henry Balfour, [Royal Regiment of Foot](#), ‘cut off by accident’, 5 October 1776. Erected by his brother Major Nisbet Balfour, [4th Foot](#), ADC to General [Howe](#) in North America.

Lothian

- **Edinburgh**

Prisons of War Exhibition, The Vaults, Edinburgh Castle, Castle Hill, Edinburgh, EH1 2NG.

One of the [earliest known depictions of the ‘Stars and Stripes’](#), thought to date from 1780, is carved in one of the prison doors, the castle having housed some 1,000 American prisoners during the war.

- **Leith**

South Leith Parish Churchyard, Constitution Street, Leith, EH6 6BJ

Site of mass grave of around 40 mutineers from detachments of the [42nd](#) and [71st Regiments](#) killed in a skirmish with the [South Fencibles](#) in April 1779 after refusing to embark for North America.

Morayshire

- **Ballindalloch**

Inveravon Parish Churchyard, Ballindalloch, Morayshire, AB37 9BA

[Mausoleum](#) of General [James Grant of Ballindalloch](#) (1720-1806), Governor of East Florida, 1773-1802. Captured St Lucia, 1778.

Renfrewshire

- **Paisley**

Paisley Abbey, Abbey Close, Paisley, Renfrewshire, PA1 1JG

Monument by [William Mossman](#) (1848) to General [William, Lord Cathcart, 1st Earl Cathcart](#) (1755-1843). Commanded Cathcart's British Legion, 1778 but field command devolved to Banastre Tarleton in 1779. Later CinC, Ireland, 1803-1805.

Shetland Islands

- **Lerwick**

[Fort Charlotte](#), Harbour Street, Lerwick, Shetlands, ZE1 0JL

Originally built (1665) to defend the Sound of Bressay against the Dutch threat but re-activated (1781) in response to fears of the French.

Stirlingshire

- **Stirling**

Old Town Cemetery, Stirling, FK8 1EG

[Restored gravestone](#) (2025) of Major Arthur Forbes (c. 1734-1831) of HM's [North Carolina Highlanders](#), a Loyalist unit defeated at [Moore's Creek](#), North Carolina on 27 February 1776.