

Brawlbin had George baptized in 1776. George Sinclair in Brawlbin had George baptized in 1770. John Sinclair in Brawlbin married Christy Campbell. He had Barbara baptized in 1784 and Betty in 1786. George Sinclair in Brawlbin married Christy Cormack in Brubster, December 28, 1795. The Sinclairs of Brawlbin seem to have been closely related to the Sinclairs of Shurery.

Donald Sinclair in Reay and Ann Mackay in Achremie contracted for marriage June 17, 1748; James McKay, cooper, and Janet Sinclair in Golval, June 11, 1798; William Sinclair, in Clayock, Bower, and Ann Macdonald in Korkal, Strath-halladale, August 19, 1798. William Sinclair settled in Korkal. He had George baptized in 1792 and Neil in 1794.

William Sinclair in Stemster belonged to the Murkle branch of the Sinclairs. He was born about 1707. He was known as Uilleam Mor, or Big William, and was in the latter part of his life an elder under the Rev. Mr. Pope. He contracted for marriage with Elizabeth Miller in Forss, November 8, 1729, William Sutherland in Knockglass, near Baillie, and Donald Miller in Forss, being cautioners, the latter for the woman. James Sinclair in Stemster, William's son, had John baptized in 1754 and William in 1756. John Sinclair in Stemster had William baptized March 21, 1755. William Sinclair in Stemster had John baptized March 2, 1756. James Sinclair in Isauld had William baptized March 11, 1769. On the same day Donald Sinclair in Golval had John baptized, and John Sinclair in Crockurray had a daughter baptized.

NAMES.—There seems to be a tendency at the present day to ignore old family names, and also to burden children with more names than they can easily bear. To discard an old name, simply because it is old and not because it has an undesirable meaning, cannot be regarded either as a sign of superior intelligence or of due respect for our ancestors. It may perhaps be useful in some instances to have two Christian names as marks of distinction from other persons; at the same time we should not forget that William Wallace, Robert Bruce, Martin Luther, John Knox, Oliver Crom-