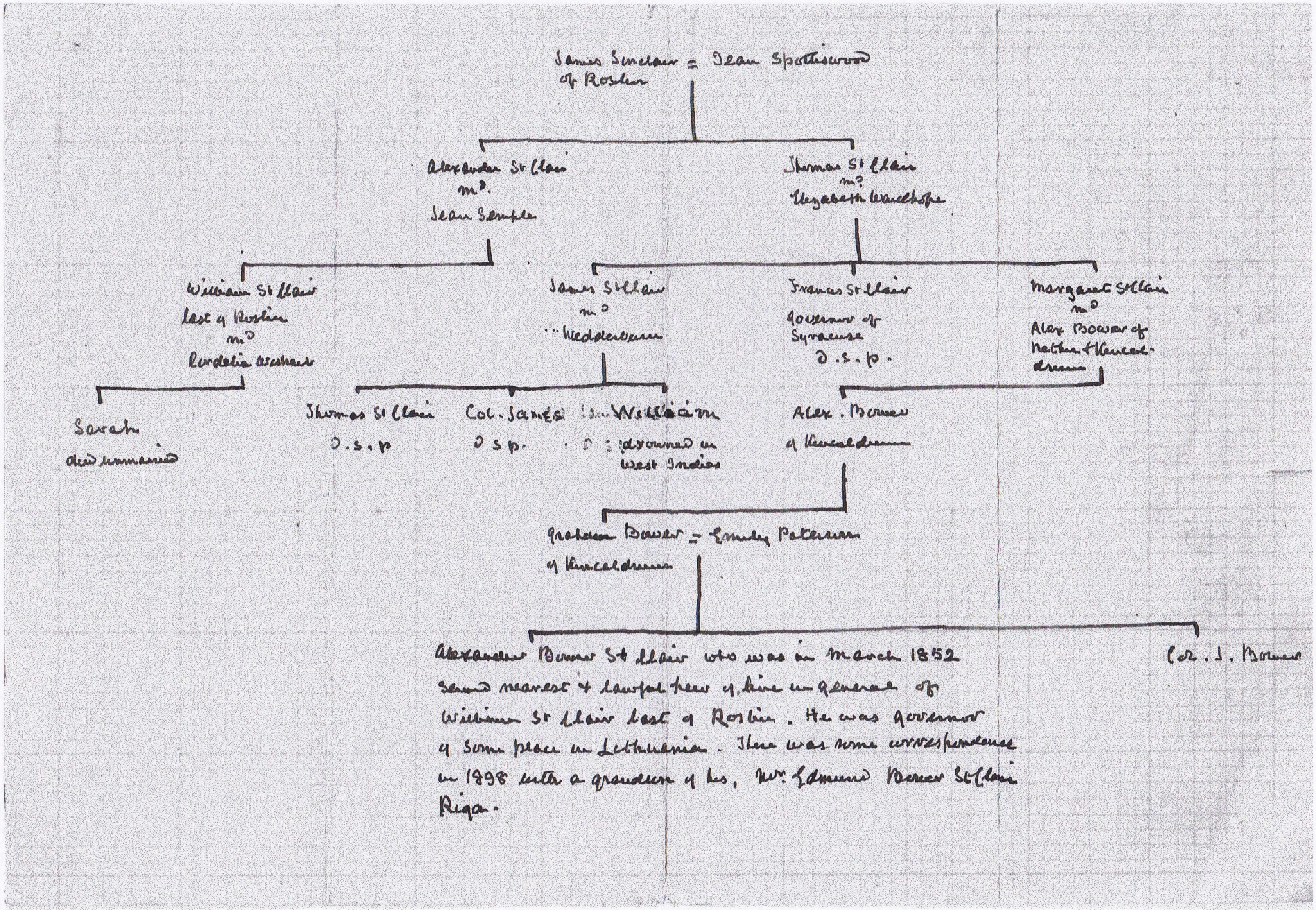
# Studwell - Uncle Sandy to Jim re possible family connections



James Sinclair of Roslin = Jean Spottiswood

- Alexander St Clair m^d. Jean Semple
  - William St Clair last of Roslin m^d Cordelia Westhall
    - Sarah died unmarried
  - James St Clair m^d ... Wedderburn
    - Thomas St Clair d.s.p
    - Col. James d.s.p.
    - William d.s. drowned in West Indies
- Thomas St Clair m^d Elizabeth Wardhope
  - Francis St Clair Governor of Syracuse d.s.p.
  - Margaret St Clair m^d Alex Bower of Nethie & Kincaldrum
    - Alex. Bower of Kincaldrum
      - Graham Bower of Kincaldrum = Emily Paterson
        - Alexander Bower St Clair who was in March 1852 served nearest & lawful heir of line in general of William St Clair last of Roslin. He was governor of some place in Lithuania. There was some correspondence in 1898 with a grandson of his, Mr. Edmund Bower St Clair Riga.
        - Col. J. Bower

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Captain Bower direct ancestor (Bower (or Bour as it was then spelt.) of the Barony or Estate of Kincreich acquired the lands of Kincaldrum by marriage with the heiress of it in 1360 - Kincaldrum was sold by Capt. Bower's father about the year 1820 - During the many hundreds of years that the Bower's of Kincaldrum held the large Tract of country this ~~f~~ Forfarshire consisting of Kincaldrum Kinnettles and Nuthie - they allied themselves with most of the Scotch noble families

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My Dear Sandy,

Several times when James & I were staying at Dolliriee Minnie (Christie) wondered why they had so many Bowers things. The soup spoons had griffin's heads and "ad Metam" - A.J. Murray at one time wanted to sell the old couple, and wrote to Uncle Johnny asking him to write a letter saying they were Raeburns - of course Uncle was furious at the idea of his grandparents going under the hammer, and wrote to say they were not Raeburns. well then was an exhibition of Raeburns in the National Gallery. Raeburns from all over the world - the Bowers were not there.

Miss Stark Christie cousin of Minnie Murray told me that Dolliriee and everything

else went to the adopted Boy, as will was made before Tony broke down. The Stark Christies do not approve of the Swiss wife getting such a big separation allowance. They told me the adopted boy was at Glenalmond.
At an Exhibition of Needlework in the National Gallery I was interested in a dress on stand No. 155. Quilted skirt in red satin worn by Margaret Murray, wife of Robert Graham, eleventh laird of Fintry at the court of Prince Charles Edward at ~~Holy~~ Holyrood in 1745, and by her granddaughter Anne Carnegy / Mrs Soutar at an assembly held by Queen Victoria in Edinburgh, lent by Lt. Col Carnegy of Lour.
Elliot Carnegy is charming, and took me once to the Chapel Yard - He had an idea he should keep it in order. He is a son of a Sydney Jew, Francis Joseph, and May Carnegy. Three brothers died in 18 months, so sister got Lour when Pat Carnegy left no lawful family. Another cousin, General

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Carnegy being abroad a good deal went to law, as he did not know that in Scotland a woman without brothers succeeds to heritable property like a man. As Elliot has money and married money it is all right for them to have it - They have three little girls - No one is almost grown up a beauty.

I don't know if you remember the Sandersons - Youngest and only one alive now is Mrs Harding Edgar. She has a very nice picture of the Miss Bower who married Pat Carnegy of Lour - Margaret was her name born 1771.

Elliot Carnegy tried to buy it from her. He also tried to get a picture from Dorothy Cowan (Ella Willmer) daughter.

Elliot met Totty at New Club and asked him to Lour. Then Totty (Hamilton) wrote another time, and asked if he would come and see about Chapel Yard - They answered

"No!" house full - Elliot said his wife got upset by Totty's "news". I said "So did I". It was queer.

About Margaret Graham I got a very good photo taken from picture, copied. Eye brows like my own

Yours

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My dear Sandy

Uncle Bob was a twin & had a club foot - His mother was Margaret Graham born 1737 married 1758 - They had 6 sons and six daughters; she was 50 when the twins were born. He left father (~~Graham~~ James Patterson Bowes) £200, and he would have left him pictures, but we had no house of our own, so I remember the question of how they were to be packed to get to Studwell. He was a very lovable person, but the family believed the Misses Murray of Dollerie extracted Bowes relics, silver pictures &c from him old & lonely. Well, well, if so, it did not bring them much luck. The present Tony Murray is a kind of idiot, he has a mental nurse. A friend was amused to see how

regularly he goes to Church with the attendant. His wife Swiss – they adopted with legal forms signed, a baby from an institution – some sort of home in North of England – the boy is to get Dollerie – He is at Glenalmond. Mrs Young has gone back to Switzerland. She gets quite a large allowance. Dollerie income comes from Fee duties. The Chief is creeping up that way – as of course you know Scotch land does not pay. The parish of Cabrach near Tachabers for very £1 of rent he has to pay out 22/- in repairs + taxes.

Yes there was a black sheep uncle in Calcutta. He was in jail for shop-lifting. He was married, and had 6 children. In a reckless moment I asked Uncle Johnny about the 6 children "all dead" was the answer – I am pretty sure that was a lie. They are Eurasians.

Imagine my surprise, when I saw one was called Elsie - I never saw her. Poor Emily was daft. The author of Lord Ogilvy's Regiment was a Forfar man and we had a long talk about it. I have his letters. You know our Lyon King at arms is a very great person, and he refused to accept Alfred's wonderful pedigree at Hamilton's request. "I must have proof of legal marriages" he said. He had a very poor opinion of Garter Duke of Norfolk. Alfred uses the motto ad Mutam - The Scotch Heralds Court is 500 years old. The title of the King is Sennachie.

Poor Emily prattled to Mr. Burnett. Lyon King, long ago. he said. "No Bowers were Dundee Importers No great position - They twice married

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anyhow the Eurasians called Rowes are superior - they are Church - I meant to say a book written by one of them and forgot - It was advertised in a Nagpur paper - a Diocesan Magazine - The Church is being dis. established in India but the Eurasians are determined to keep it going. We must call them anglo. Indians! My boy Abraham was at a Church meeting, and was delighted with their loyalty.

I had the Royal descent made out years ago, and years before that book was published by a genealogist. I did not fancy the book, because Uncle asked Emily to fill in form with my childrens names. She did not know them so could not ask me.

March 25th/47

My dear Jim

After your query about Uncle Bob I wrote to Brutie to make enquiries as she is a quarry of information on such subjects, but unfortunately always leaves me with an itch to check her information. The black sheep I never heard of before but it sounds correct & I wonder if she is so strict on legal proof of marriage whether it can be proved in his case & whether the Eurasian children were the product of a legal marriage. The Tony Murray ~~she~~ of Dollerie I have not seen for over forty years when he was a student at Cirencester Agricultural College & his mother was staying in Cirencester & asked me to run over & have tea with them. You might return the letter when you have finished with it.

Your aff uncle

Sandy

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April 1st/47

BRATLEIGH
CLEEVE HILL
CHELTENHAM

My dear Jim

Elise Belfield is Tot's daughter who married a sailor & went mental after giving birth to a kid now Maud said that the father was a Russian & not Tot & Tot was in some doubt whether to divorce his wife or not but finally decided to say it was his & knowing Tot & that his wife had some money it is what one would expect him to do. When you do go to the Graveyard call at Lower & you will see the betrothal stone of Alexander Bowen & Margaret St Clair ~~to~~ of Rosslyn with the arms of both families it is built in to the arch at entrance to the stable. I am told that there are not many left of the old betrothal stones in Scotland. I enclose a fresh letter from Bratie which may further amuse you but I have lived so long out of Scotland that I do not know my Scotch relatives as well as I ought.

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I notice that there is what is called a National Movement in Scotland which I take to mean an Home Rule movement, which also means Home Rule for England. I quite agree the stabilisation of families & pedigrees is the land but industrialisation & death duties scatter the land & the families with it.

Love to both of you from both of us

Yours affectionately

Sandy.