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Article from *The Fife News*: **Wedding in Chapel Royal, Falkland Palace – Leburn**
– **Gavin:**



Mr William Gilmour Leburn



Miss Margaret Betty Gavin

“Seldom is a marriage celebrated in such a unique setting as that in which Mr William Gilmour Leburn, eldest son of the late Mr P.M.G. Leburn and Mrs Leburn, Gateside House, Gateside, Fife, was united in holy matrimony to Miss Margaret Betty Gavin, eldest daughter of Mr George Gavin, factor, Falkland Palace, Falkland. The ceremony, according to the rites of the Roman Catholic Church (the Rev. Ewen J. Connolly officiating) took place in the Chapel Royal of Falkland Palace on Tuesday afternoon in the presence of a large company of wedding guests, who must instinctively have turned their thoughts to the many historic scenes that had been enacted within these walls when Falkland Palace was one of the Royal residences of the Scottish crown.

The Royal pew, a beautiful piece of oak carving renovated and restored to its present position during the latter years of the late Marquess of Bute’s life, is the most notable relic of antiquity for the costly set of six Flemish “verdure” tapestries, with which the walls are hung, were as recently as sixteen years ago brought from Holland by the late Lord Ninian Crichton-Stuart.

In honour of the wedding, flags decked the outer walls and large palms and graceful ferns embellished the Chapel. At the alter rails were banks of coloured geraniums and hydrangeas. During the rendering by Mr Arthur Garland, Gateside, of Wagner's "Bridal March" from Lohengrin, the dainty dark-eyed bride entered the Chapel from the house door, leaning on the arm of her father.

Her exquisite dress was of ivory charmeuse with long floating side panels lined with satin broche. It was swathed at the waist and caught up with a knot of orange blossom and white heather. The long white ninon sleeves were caught at wrist and sewn with silver thread and pearls. Her ivory lace veil had a frontal band of pearls with knots of orange blossom at side. Her bouquet was of white roses and carnations and she wore the diamond and pearl pendant given by her by Captain and the Hon. Mrs A. Maule Ramsay of Falkland House.

The bridesmaids – Misses Polly Gavin (sister of the bride) and Miss Kate Venters, Falkland – were in pale lemon embroidered crepe de chene with tulle veils to match. These delicate looking frocks had scalloped hems and were garnished with pale blue and lemon flowers. Lemon stockings and gold brocaded shoes were en suite and they carried bouquets of roses, carnations and sweet peas. Two little maids of honour who carried baskets of rose petals were dressed in white voile with ceintures of lemon roses, their white hats also garlanded with lemon roses. These were Misses Maudie Leburn, sister of the bridegroom, and May Gavin, youngest sister of the bride. Mr P.M.G. Leburn supported his brother as best man, while Captain Venters, Falkland, and Mr Aeneas Gavin, only brother of the bride, did useful service as ushers.

After the ceremony, the guests to the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march, repaired to the dining room and drawing room of the Palace, where the health of the newly married couple was proposed by the Rev. E.J. Connolly, and briefly acknowledged by the bridegroom. Wedding groups were photographed in the courtyard, the general public, who had thronged the back of the Chapel, being interested spectators.

Gowns of the Guests

Mrs Macdonald, Perth (grandmother of the bride), wore black silk relieved with white. Miss Macdonald (aunt of the bride) was in palest blue ninon over pale pink ninon with hat of the same colourings: and Miss M. Macdonald, Perth (cousin of the bride), was in pale blue voile embroidered with china beads, her hat of black lace. Nurse Gavin (sister of the bride) wore cream French voile heavily embroidered with white china beads and her brown tugel hat was lined with cream georgette. Mrs Leburn (mother of the bridegroom) came in silver grey crepe de chene with side panels of bright Oriental colourings. Her toque was of Royal blue with cherries and ribbon quills. Miss Leburn (sister of the bridegroom) wore pale blue georgette over crepe

de chene worked in Richelieu embroidery, her hat being black lace with coloured flowers. The bridegroom's aunts were Mrs James Allan, Edinburgh, navy blue with feather ruched hat and skunk furs, and Mrs Van der Briele, Glasgow, in fawn and brown marocain, with rich brown embroideries, hat of brown straw and lace. Mrs J.D. Macdonald, Woodhead, Perth (aunt of the bride) came in navy accordion frock with mole satin hat, feather trimmed. Her daughter from Edinburgh was in helio.

Mrs Gulland, Millfield, wore black velvet and Brussels lace, her daughter having a very smart toilette of mastic face in two tiers, sashed with black, her hat being black and grey. Mrs Shanks, Easter Cash, was in black silk, under a smart coat of navy cloth and taffetas, her hat of navy straw having one large grey rose and clusters of grapes. Mrs Shanks, Falkland Wood, came in leaf brown crepe de chene with a winged toque to match. Miss Dun, Upper Largo, was in black crepe de chene with black satin Napoleon hat and her sister in electric blue. Madame Deschamps, Kirkcaldy, wore a distinctive gown of pleated black chiffon, having side panels of black, red and white embroideries; she had a red hackle in her wide black hat. Mrs Dan Stewart, Perth, was in cinnamon brown, hat en suite. Mrs Mason, Glasgow, had her black frock embroidered with white beads. Mrs Baillie, Falkland, wore black, prettily embroidered in grey, and her hat was of petunia shades.

Miss Innes, Cupar, was in cream costume, with black and yellow hat. Mrs D. Bonthron, Newton of Falkland, was in navy foulard with white design, her hat having a shaded brown plume. Her daughter was in pale blue and Miss Bunting in a chiffon frock of fuchsia colourings. Mrs Anderson, Falkland, had a smart black and white toilette. Mrs Dykes in orange satin: Mrs Millar, pale grey: Miss Wills, black and white: Mrs Dryburgh, Bannaty, black satin: Mrs Henderson, Falkland, silver lace over black: Miss Henderson, shell pink: Mrs Robertson, black: Mrs Macmillan, Auchtermuchty, jade green jersey de soie: Mrs Shand, tabac coloured costume: Mrs Esplin, Cupar, brown silk with floral toque: Miss Smith, rust red silk: Mrs Robertson, black velvet. Among the gentlemen present were: -

Mr J.D. Macdonald, Perth; Mr James Allan, and Mr R. Allan, Edinburgh: Mr Geo. Dun, Upper Largo; Mr A. Shanks, Falkland Wood; Mr D. Bonthron, Newton of Falkland; Dr Shand, Falkland; Dr Macmillan, Auchtermuchty; Mr J. Baillie, Bank House; Mr Alex. Anderson, Allan Park; Mr Geo. Innes, Cupar; Mr D.F. Esplin, Cupar; Messrs Venters, Stirling, Schofield, Falkland; Mr Dan Stewart, Perth.

When the happy couple were sent off amid showers of confetti, Mrs Willie Leburn was wearing a navy blue gabardine costume embroidered with blue and gold and with a silver girdle. Her hat was od navy cire lace and cerise flowers, and her shoulder wrap a blue fox fur. The bridegroom is taking up his appointment in Hamburg, and they are proceeding at once to Germany. The honeymoon will be spent at Timmendors-Strandt, near Lubeck.

List of Presents

The following presents have been received:

Captain and Hon. Mrs A. Maule Ramsay, London – diamond and pearl pendant.

Master Michael Duncan David Crichton-Stuart of Falkland – silver loving cup.

Hon. Mrs Felix Hanbury-Tracy, London – amethyst and pearl pendant.

Mr Reginald Fairlie, Myres Castle – silver Quaich cups.

Mr James Fairlie, Myres Castle – pair brass candlesticks.

Misses E. and J. Macdairmid, Edinburgh – flower bowl.

Mr and Mrs C. Allan, Edinburgh – silver cake dish.

Mr and Mrs Dundas, Glasgow – entrée dishes.

Mrs D. Thomson, Kirkcaldy – cheque.

Mrs Macdonald, Perth – prayer book.

Miss Macdonald, Perth – cheque.

Mr and Mrs D. Stewart, Perth – tortoiseshell and silver jewel case and trays.

Mrs Leburn, Gateside House – cheque.

Mr and Mrs G. Thomson, Alva – table linen.

Mr D. Macgregor, Crammond Brig – silver egg stand and pair silver candlesticks.

Mrs and Miss Gulland, Millfield – silver fruit and bourbon dishes.

Mr and Mrs Shanks, Falkland Wood – cheque.

Mr and Mrs Bonthron, Newton of Falkland – cheque.

Miss Graham, Kincaigie, Strathmiglo – silver chafing dish.

Mrs Braid, Cults – silver photo frame.

Mr and Mrs N. Gavin, Manchester – silver tea knives.

Mr and Mrs Baillie, Falkland – travelling rug.

Mr and Mrs Venters, Falkland – hand embroidered Irish linen handkerchiefs.

The Misses Venters, Falkland – beaded handbag.

Mr and Mrs P. Robertson, Falkland – silver fern bowl.

Mr Innes and Mr W.G. Innes, Cupar – pair silver sweets dishes.

Mr and Mrs Miller, Falkland – pair silver vases.

Mr and Mrs Jas. Jackson, Falkland – crocodile pouchette.

Miss Bunting, Newton House, Newton – ink-stand.

Miss Eila Bonthron, Newton House, Newton – egg stand.

Mrs Robertson, Viewhill, Falkland – cut crystal and silver scent bottles.

Mrs and Miss Henderson, Falkland – silver napkin rings.

Mr and Mrs Lothead, Pitlochry – salad spoon and fork.

Mr and Mrs Dryburgh, Bannety – tea knives.

Mr J.R. Thomson, Orkie Mill, Kingskettle – cheque.

Mr A.E. Grosset, Cupar – silver cruet.

Miss Lumsden, Eden Valley House, Freuchie – table linen.

Mr and Mrs John Morgan, Kilgour – cut crystal fruit dish.

Mr T.H. Forrester, Cupar – rose bowl.

Mr John Gibson, Woodmill – cheque.

Mrs Brown, Falkland – cheque.

Nurse Roger, Edinburgh – marmalade jar.

The Misses Brough, Perth – Maltese lace handkerchief.

Mrs Grant, Perth – brass candlesticks.

The Misses Gavin, Falkland – trousseau set.

Mr Brough, Bridge of Earn – silk scarf.

Employees on Falkland Estate – blue wolf fur.

Miss Ramsay, Falkland – towels.

Mr and Mrs Geo. Anderson, Falkland – tablecloth.

Mr and Mrs Fraser, Falkland – fish knife and fork.

Mr and Mrs Peggie, Falkland – silver teaspoons.

Mr and Mrs Burgon, Falkland – silver jam dish.

Misses Carroll and Cairn – silver teaspoons.

Miss M. Hunter, Strathmiglo – towels.

Miss M. Buchan, Auchtermuchty – Japanese cups and saucers.

Miss A. Buchan, Auchtermuchty – butter dishes.

Miss M. Fraser, Kirkcaldy – boudoir cap and hair tidy.

Mr John Venters, Falkland – tortoiseshell and silver toilet set.

Rev. J.K. and Mrs Russell, Falkland – crystal vase.

Mrs Duff, Gateside – pair silver vases.

Mrs Dall, Ladybank – crystal fruit dish.

Mrs Ross, Falkland – silver butter dish.

Miss Ashton, Hawick – handkerchiefs.

Mr and Mrs Wm. Arnot, Strathmiglo – linen bedcover.

Miss Hardie, Falkland – towels.