

## 1696 Poll Tax List for the North East of Scotland

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In the latter part of the 17<sup>th</sup> century, the Scottish economy was in poor shape. Among several unpopular taxes introduced during this period was the Poll Tax that imposed a tax on every person over 16 (14?) years of age and not a beggar. The list of persons in Aberdeenshire is supposedly the only complete county list in existence, and enumerates some 30,000 persons, although less than 100 of these are **Brebner/Bremner** individuals.

I have transcribed the **Brebner/Bremner** and all variant spellings from the indexes published by the late Archie Strath Maxwell and found in the main public library in Aberdeen.

The [Aberdeen and NE Scotland Family History Society \(ANESFHS\)](http://www.anesfhs.org) has a series of full transcriptions of many of the Aberdeenshire parishes available for purchase, and I would recommend these to anyone who has traced their ancestors back to this early period.

Many of the 1696 parishes had different names and boundaries than their 19<sup>th</sup> century counterparts, although farm names are often continued through the centuries.

In looking through the **Brebner/Bremner** entries for Aberdeenshire, I found it most interesting that some parishes in which the families were well represented in the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries had no entries in 1696. This suggests that the founding members of those families came from other parts of Aberdeenshire, or indeed from other parts of Scotland. Trying to match individuals in this population poll with corresponding births or christenings is hampered by the lack of Old Parish Registers for many of the under-mentioned parishes during that early time.

### Presbytery of Kincardine

Parish	Name	Details	Address	Notes
Aberdeen (toun)	<b>Bremner, James</b>	un-married, Merchant		1
Aberdeen, Old Aberdeen	<b>Bremer, Isabal</b>	spouse of <b>William Baxter</b> , indweller	Old Aberdeen	2
Aberdeen Old Machar	<b>Brebner, Anna</b>	relict of <b>James Paul</b>	Seaton	3
	<b>Brebner, Catherine</b>	servant	Spital East	
Aboyne	<b>nil</b>			
Belhelvie	<b>Brebner, Jane</b>	Servant	Meney	
Birse	<b>nil</b>			
Cluny	<b>nil</b>			
Coldston	<b>nil</b>			
Coull	<b>nil</b>			
Crathie	<b>Brebner, James</b>	Cottar	Balmurell	
	<b>Brebner, James</b>	Subtenant	Balmurell	
	<b>Brebner, John</b>	married, Subtenant	Balmurell	
	<b>Brebner, William</b>	married, Subtenant	Balmurell	
Dyce	<b>nil</b>			
Drumoak	<b>Bramber, Margaret</b>	Servant	Bogtoun	
Echt	<b>nil</b>			
Fintray	<b>Brebner, John</b>	Servant	New Milne	
Glengairdine	<b>nil</b>			
Glenmuick	<b>Brebber, John</b>	married, Tenant	Bellantober	
Glentanner	<b>nil</b>			

Half Banchory Kinellar	<b>nil</b> <b>nil</b>		
Kincardine O'Neil	<b>Brebner, Agnes</b>	Servant	Wester Beltie
	<b>Brebner, John</b>	married, Grassman	Wester Beltie
	<b>Brebner, William</b>	Servant	Bogginchapell
Kindrocht/Braemar	<b>Brabner, Margaret</b>	Sub-tenant	Ellenmore
	<b>Brabner, William</b>	married, Tenant	Allanacoich
	<b>Brebner, Alexander</b>	married, Sub-tenant	Earl of Marr lands
	<b>Brebner, David</b>	married, Sub-tenant	Allanacoich
Kinnernie	<b>Brebner, William</b>	married, Grassman	Tillibrickloch
Logiemar	<b>nil</b>		
Lumphanan	<b>nil</b>		
Midmar	<b>Brebner, Alexander</b>	married, Sub-tenant	Little Sachan
	<b>Brebner, James</b>	married, Sub-tenant	Easter Tulloch
	<b>Brebner, Janet</b>	Servant	Mains of Corsenday
Newhills	<b>nil</b>		
New Machar	<b>nil</b>		
Peterculter	<b>nil</b>		
Skene	<b>Brebner, William</b>	Servant	Tearavall
Tarland & Migvie	<b>nil</b>		
Tullich	<b>nil</b>		
Aberdour	<b>Bradner, George</b>	married, Sub-tenant	Windiheads
	<b>Bredner, Isobel</b>	widow, indweller	Nether Glasly
Auchredie	<b>nil</b>		
Crimond	<b>nil</b>		
Deer	<b>Bramner, Alexander</b>	married, Grassman	Wester Maynes
Fraserburgh	<b>nil</b>		
Longside	<b>nil</b>		
Lonmay	<b>nil</b>		
Peterhead	<b>nil</b>		
Pitsligo	<b>Bremer, Barbara</b>	wife of <b>Wm. McKenzie,</b> Grassman	Ardlay
Rathen	<b>nil</b>		
Strichen	<b>nil</b>		
Tyrie	<b>Brabner, James</b>	married, Gardener	Mains of West Tyrie
	<b>Bradner, John</b>	married, no trade	Maynes of West Tyrie
Auchterless	<b>nil</b>		
Drumblade	<b>Brebner, Alexander</b>	married, Tenant	Boghead
	<b>Brebner, George</b>	married	Boghead
	<b>Brebner, John</b>		Comalagy
	<b>Brebner, John</b>	married	Adamstoune
	<b>Brebner,</b>	Tenant,	Loanhead

	<b>Margaret</b>	<b>(Alexander Mitchell)</b>	
	<b>Brebner, Margaret</b>	Servant	Buggelholl
	<b>Brebner, Peter</b>	Servant	Boghead
	<b>Brebner, Robert</b>	married, Tradesman	Wattertown
	<b>Brebner, Robert</b>	Tenant	Maines
Forgue	<b>Brebner, Alexander</b>	Grieve	Bogny
	<b>Brebner, George</b>	Servant	Bogny
	<b>Brebner, George</b>	married, and his daughter, Weaver	Manellie
	<b>Brebner, George</b>	Younger, Weaver	Manellie
	<b>Brebner, Robert</b>	married, Weaver	Manellie
	<b>Brebner, William</b>	son of Robt. above Weaver	Manellie
	<b>Brebner, William</b>	Elder, Weaver	Manellie
	<b>Brebner</b>	Younger, married, Weaver	(Manellie)
	<b>Brebner, George</b>	Weaver	Drumdola
Forgue (cont'd)	<b>Brebner, Isobel</b>	Servant	Maynes of Bogny
	<b>Brebner, Elspet</b>		Wakemill
	<b>Brebner, Robert</b>	married	Drumdola
	<b>Brebner, William</b>	married, Tenant ( <b>Janet Horne</b> his mother-in-law)	Achaber
Fyvie	<b>Brebner, Agnes</b>	wife of <b>George Kinnert</b> , Cottar	Old Milbrex
King Edward	<b>Brebner, Andrew</b>	Indweller	Minnony
Monquhitter	<b>nil</b>		
King Edward	<b>nil</b>		

### Presbytery of Garioch

Bethelnie, Old Meldrum	<b>nil</b>		
Bourtie	<b>nil</b>		
Culsalmond	<b>nil</b>		
Daviot	<b>nil</b>		
Insch	<b>nil</b>		
Inverurie	<b>nil</b>		
Keithhall	<b>nil</b>		
Kemnay	<b>nil</b>		
Kinkell	<b>nil</b>		
Kintore	<b>nil</b>		
Leslie	<b>nil</b>		
Logiedurno	<b>nil</b>		
Monymusk	<b>Brebner, Alexander</b>	Cottar, wife <b>Janet Norrie</b>	Cowllie
	<b>Brebner, John</b>		Cowllie

Oyne	<b>Brebner, Janet</b>	daughter of <b>John</b> , following:	(Old Westhall)
	<b>Brebner, John</b>	Taylor, wife <b>Janet Crookshank</b>	Old Westhall
Premney	<b>nil</b>		
Rayne	<b>nil</b>		

### Presbytery of Ellon

Cruden	<b>Brember, Elspet</b>	Servitrix	Ashallo
	<b>Brember, Janet</b>	Servitrix	Mill of Gask
	<b>Brember, John</b>		Ardengraught
Ellon	<b>nil</b>		
Foveran	<b>nil</b>		
Logie Buchan	<b>nil</b>		
Methlick	<b>nil</b>		
Slains	<b>nil</b>		
Tarves	<b>Brebner, Andrew</b>	Cottar	Newplace of Cairnbrogie
	<b>Brebner, John</b>	Servant	Tillegonie
	<b>Brebner, Robert</b>	married	New Balgove
Udny	<b>nil</b>		

### Presbytery of Alford

Alford	<b>nil</b>		
Auchindoir	<b>nil</b>		
Cabrach	<b>nil</b>		
Clatt	<b>Brebner, John</b>	married, Tenant, <b>Lord Forbes of Clatt</b>	
	<b>Rainy, Elspet</b>	wife of the above <b>John Brebner</b>	
	<b>Bremar, Christian</b>	Servant, <b>Lord Forbes of Clatt</b>	
	<b>Bremar, Elspet</b>	wife of <b>William Smith</b> , Tenant, <b>Lord Forbes of Clatt</b>	
Cushnie	<b>nil</b>		
Forbes	<b>nil</b>		
Glenbucket	<b>Brebner, John</b>	Servant to the <b>Lady Gordon of Glenbucket</b>	
Invernochty/Strathdon	<b>nil</b>		
Kearn	<b>nil</b>		
Keig	<b>nil</b>		
Kildrummy	<b>nil</b>		
Kinethmond	<b>Brabner, John</b>	Grassman, a widower	Seggeden
Lochell	<b>nil</b>		

Tough	<b>nil</b>
Towie	<b>nil</b>
Tullynessle	<b>nil</b>

### Presbytery of Strathbogie

Gartly	<b>Brebner, Thomas</b>	married, Cottar	Bucharen
	<b>Brebmer, James</b>	married, Tenant	Kirkney
	<b>Brebmer, Robert</b>	child of above	Kirkney
	<b>Brebmer, Margaret</b>	child of above	Kirkney
	<b>Brebmer, Christian</b>	child of above	Kirkney
Huntly	<b>Brebner, Alexander</b>	Herd	Tullabeg
	<b>Brebner, Bessie</b>	a Cottar wife spouse of <b>Thomas</b>	Wester Collonoch
	<b>Brebner, Isobel</b>	<b>Webster,</b> Tradesman	Sweltoun
	<b>Brebner, Isabel</b>	spouse of <b>William</b>	Nether Milne of Rawes
	<b>Brebner, Margaret</b>	a Cottar wife	Wester Collonoch
	<b>Brebner, Peter</b>	married	Easter Collonoch
	<b>Brebner (unidentified)</b>	Herd	Wittingstoun
Kimoir	<b>Brebner, Elspet</b>	Cottar Woman	Toun of Burnfield or Burnstane
Rhynie and Essie	<b>Brebmer, James</b>	married, Miller	Miltoun
	<b>Brebmer, Anna</b>	daughter of <b>James,</b> Miller	Miltoun
Gartly	<b>Brebner, Thomas</b>	married, Cottar	Bucharen
	<b>Brebmer, James</b>	married, Tenant	Kirkney
	<b>Brebmer, Robert</b>	child of above	Kirkney
	<b>Brebmer, Margaret</b>	child of above	Kirkney
Ruthven/Botarie	<b>Brebner, Jane</b>	Cottar	Brodland
	<b>Bramer, James</b>	married	Hillsyde
	<b>Bramer, John</b>	married, Cottar	Comry
	<b>Bramer, Robert</b>	married, Cottar	Comry
	<b>Bramer, Walter</b>	married	Hillsyde

- 1 This is **James Brebner** of the titled Brebner family of Corskie and Learney. He married **Elizabeth Gordon** in 1704. [View genealogy...](#)
- 2 **Isabel Brabiner** married **William Baxter** in Old Machar 29 JUL 1679.
- 3 **Anna Blaber** (note spelling variant) married **James Paull** in Old Machar 14 APR 1683.

