

## James Bremner Portrait

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The Following Address was Unanimously Agreed to at a Meeting of the Subscribers to the Portrait of **James Bremner Esq.**, Civil Engineer and Ship-Builder Pulteneytown.

The Subscribers, fellow-townsmen, and acquaintances of **Mr. Bremner** having been most desirous of presenting to his Wife and Family some mark of the esteem and admiration in which he is held by all who know him on account of his sterling worth as a man – the splendid and pre-eminent talent which he has uniformly displayed in all matters relative to his profession as a Ship-builder, and the Science of Mechanics – owing to his skill in the latter of which he has not only highly distinguished himself, but has frequently, in apparently hopeless cases, preserved lives and property to an immense extent – for his superior talents and genius in Harbour Building, and Engineering, and all Under-Water Works – and, above all, on account of the generous intrepidity with which he has so often, to the imminent danger of his own life, saved that of the shipwrecked and perishing mariner, - have determined that the most suitable offering they could present, is the Likeness of the man they esteem, which, they trust, will be accepted and preserved by his Family, as a memorial of the well-merited respect and honour, which he enjoyed among his fellow-men – not from the accidents of birth or fortune – nor from mean and fawning attempts to gain popularity – for **Mr. Bremner** is well known to be as upright in his conduct, as he is manly and patriotic in his sentiments – but solely from that reverence to which Genius is entitled, and which Genius will acquire and maintain over the whole world till the end of time.



The Subscribers express their warmest hopes and wishes, that **Mr. Bremner** may long continue an ornament and on honour to the Town in which he dwells – a source of pleasure and enjoyment to all those, who, like the Subscribers, have the honour of his acquaintance, and a comfort and delight to his amiable Wife and interesting Family.

(Signed) **William Bruce**, Provost of Wick, Chairman

Wick, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 1833

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The artist is unknown, the portrait does not appear to be signed on the front, although the rear of the canvas was not examined. The picture currently hangs in the Wick Town Hall in the main staircase leading from the ground floor. According to the plaque on the frame, it was presented to the Township of Wick by **James Bremner**, Liverpool, his great-great-grandson. The copy shown above was made from a digital photograph taken in May 2007 by **John Brebner**.

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