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**‘THE DURIE ARCHIVE’ at DUNFERMLINE CARNEGIE LIBRARY & ARCHIVES
A Call for Durie Archive Material! Where you can safely store your family information.**

Duries from all over the world are invited to store their family papers, photographs and other artefacts in ‘The Durie Archive’ at Dunfermline!

The Dunfermline Carnegie Library was opened on 29th August 1883 and was the world's first Carnegie Library funded by the Scottish-American businessman and philanthropist Andrew Carnegie, born in Dunfermline. Since then there have been several additions, the most recent, prize-winning and extensive, designed by Scottish architect Richard Murphy, opened in 2017. It is run by Fife Council and as well as a museum space - spanning over two floors - a local studies centre, three exhibition galleries, a children's library and a café, there is now an especially dedicated archive area.

As you know the Duries are considered an important Dunfermline and Fife Family - tracing their roots there to around 1260 - so the Library is very keen to build and hold our family history. All will be housed in expressly built, professionally controlled conditions; safe and accessible to all and for future researchers especially. In principle there are few restrictions on what is taken into the Archives, virtually anything with direct connections; it is not, however, a depository! Details of all material and artefacts will be computerised and will be accessible to the public, on request, through the Library

Two stages to sending information – N.B. Most material is ‘Gifted’, ‘Long Loans’ are a rarity:

1. All items going there must be catalogued; this means by Dr Bruce Durie, *shennachie* to the Durie Family.
2. They will then be sent to and logged by Carnegie Archives and all will be subject to Fife Council’s ‘Terms and Conditions’.

Please consider forwarding articles, papers, photographs – *anything with a Durie connection for archiving* - to Dr Bruce Durie to catalogue prior to delivering to Carnegie Archives:
23 Esplanade Terrace, Joppa, Edinburgh EH15 2ES. Scotland

The portrait of George Durie (1640-1703), 5th of Craighluscar, several times Provost of Dunfermline has started the ball rolling! He is now at Dunfermline and will soon be hung in public view (*See attached*). Bruce has also delivered some Durie artefacts and papers. So ‘The Durie Archive’ is open and ready for any Durie papers or items you would like held in safe keeping and to be accessible to others.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Durie of Durie, CBE DL