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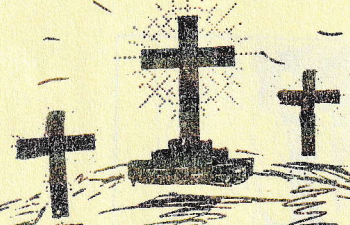
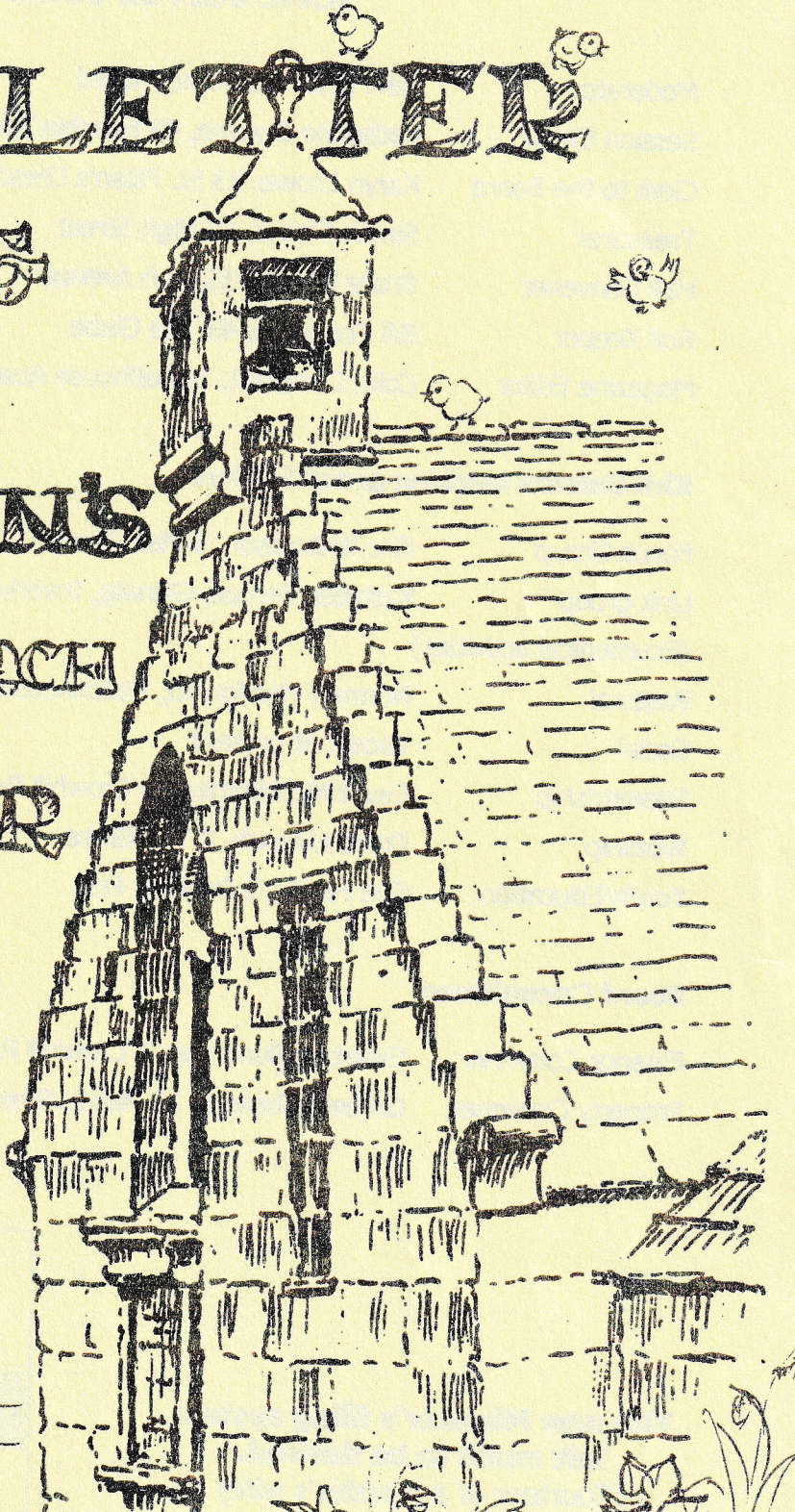
PARISH CHURCH

OF

ABERDOUR

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SOME USEFUL CONTACTS

Moderator	Rev. Peter Gerbrandy-Baird	861522
Session Clerk	Catherine Duncan, 43 Humbie Terrace	860611
Clerk to the Board	Karyn Crowe, 13 St. Fillan's Crescent	860721
Treasurer	Simon Fraser, 55 High Street	860361
Hall Convener	Bruce Drever, 15 Inch Avenue	860353
Roll Keeper	Bill Cochrane, 43 The Glebe	860786
Magazine Editor	Colin Campbell, 16 Bellhouse Road	860085

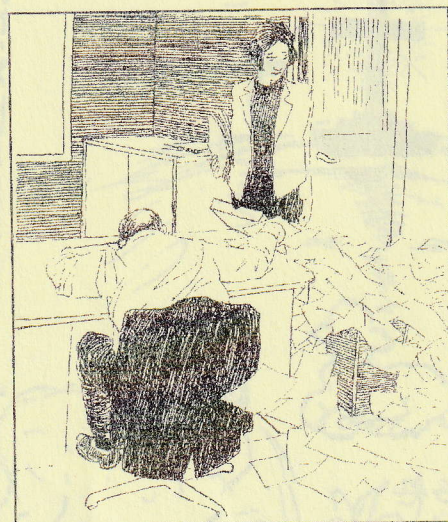
Kirk Session working group leaders

Focus Group	Eric Williamson, 9 Main Street	860201
Link group (Ecumenical activities)	Kathleen Fergus, Glenelg, Inverkeithing Road	860804
Pastoral	Norman Macdonald, Watchhouse, Lower Glebe	860585
Social	Vacant at present	
Stewardship	Ewart McSkimming, 6 Crowhill Road, Dalgety Bay	823454
Worship	David Hannah, 3 The Glebe	860877
Youth/Education	Sue Farrar, 3 Dovecot Park	860851

Board Committees

Finance Convener	Ewart McSkimming, 6 Crowhill Road, Dalgety Bay	823454
Property Convener	Graeme Stevens, 16 Manse Street	860238

**The new Minister's filing system
left much to be desired.**
(Courtesy of a Minister's wife)



Letter from the Manse

THE 3RD OF NOVEMBER 2004 seems an awfully long time ago by now. The solemnity of the Ordination and Induction Service and the fun of the 'Social' in the Hall afterwards are distant memories.

But they are excellent memories, for Caroline and I felt we received the warmest and most cheerful of welcomes a 'Manse Family' could expect or hope for. We had a great time, and so had our Families and friends who joined us on that day.

We are settling in well in to the Manse and into Aberdour. Waking up to the sounds of cattle at the back-fence is rather different from the noise and bustle of central Edinburgh, and makes for a more relaxing start to the day!

We enjoyed the 'Sale of Works' in mid-November, an evening with the Aberdour Players in the Institute, and the Boat Club Burns' Supper. These occasions were great opportunities for meeting new people, both church-members and people in the wider Aberdour community.

It looks as if there is an exciting year ahead for the St Fillan's Church-family. There are a number of Baptisms on the agenda, and so far ten weddings have been booked. There will be a service organised by the Junior Church in April, and the Sunday School Book service will be held on the last Sunday in May.

The Parish will be hosting a Pilgrimage to and a Communion Service on Inchcolm Island as part of the 'Church Without Walls' initiative in August. This special Service will be conducted by the new Moderator of the General Assembly. The event, involving all 289 Church of Scotland Parishes along the Firth of Forth is coordinated by a committee chaired by one of St Fillan's Elders, David Hannah.

The season of Lent is a time for introspection, for reviewing one's own life, and for developing a deeper understanding of the suffering of Jesus as He travelled to Jerusalem, and underwent the gruesome events of Holy Week. In Him we find the way to developing a closer relationship with God. Jesus the Man, and Jesus the Son of God, who takes away the sin of the world, and Who has mercy on us.

As we prepare for joys of Easter, let us not forget the events of Holy Week, for the feast of the Resurrection can come only after sharing Christ's despair on the Cross.

It is good to be in Aberdour; we are beginning to feel at home here. Caroline and I wish you all a very happy and blessed Easter.

Peter Gerbrandy-Baird

FORTH CHURCHES GROUP

Contributed by David Hannah

THROUGH A PROCESS of unforeseen circumstances I find myself Convenor of the Forth Churches Group Worship Convenors and want to share one of our ideas with you, and get feedback on them.

We are trying organising more musical praise and hoping to arrange auditions during the next few months with a view to getting like-minded people with musical/singing talents join in. For example there is a young person in North Queensferry who plays rock music and would like to form a praise band. There are the Aberdour Bellringers, Senior & Junior and a variety of choristers in the churches. More details will appear later, once we have confirmed a date and venue, but if you would be interested please let me have your name and contact details for a personal invitation to the auditions.

If you would like to discuss any issues on Worship in Forth Churches Group or St Fillan's contact me.

CHURCH WITHOUT WALLS - FORTH ESTUARY CHURCHES PILGRIMAGES

ON SUNDAY 28 AUGUST 05 there will be two significant pilgrimages in Fife.

The first will be to Inchcolm where our own Parish Minister the Reverend Gerbrandy-Baird will welcome the Moderator of the Church of Scotland to Inchcolm with some 250 distinguished guests to share in a Service and take Communion together. Places on the Maid of the Forth are fully booked but if you can make your own way there you will be made very welcome. Please let me know if you are planning to go under your own steam, or sail so that you can be included in the partaking of Communion.

The second and larger event will be taking place in Pittencreiff Park, Dunfermline in the afternoon with the Service and Communion taking place around the Glen Pavilion, in the Abbey if the weather is bad. Please come and support this Celebration of the Church of Scotland. Again, please let me know if you will be coming and would like to partake in Communion, it is open to all baptised Christians.

Church Membership

AS PART OF THE COOPERATIVE WORK within the Parish Grouping, a joint event was organised on Saturday 26 February 2005 at Dalgety Parish Church. Between 10am and 3.30pm, there were a number seminars and group sessions on Christian Faith and doctrine. The event was aimed at people of all ages interested in knowing more about the Christian Faith.

Following this event, there will be an opportunity for those who wish to do so, to prepare for Confirmation and Church Membership. If you are interested in becoming a Church Member, please contact the Minister, who will run a series of three or four weekday-evening discussions to prepare candidates for Church Membership during April and May.

A special Confirmation Service will be organised for Pentecost, 15 May 2005.

60th anniversary of the end of the Second World War

HM GOVERNMENT are organising a series of events to mark the 60th anniversaries of VE Day and VJ Day. The culmination of the events will be a National Service of Thanksgiving, to be held on Sunday 10 July. That date was chosen as being about mid-way between the two anniversaries.

The Churches have been asked to share in these events. If there are Members or Adherents who have ideas for a Service of Thanksgiving in St Fillan's on 10 July, or who have ideas for other events to mark this occasion, please contact the Minister or the Session Clerk.

New "Year Book"

THE LAST TIME a new Year Book was produced was in 2002, and it is in need of updating. Bill Cochrane, Roll Keeper, is coordinating the production of the 2005-2006 Year Book.

We would like to include as many new names as possible, and so the planned publication date is the end of June, to allow the addition of names of those who will join the St Fillan's Church Family at Pentecost.

We are proposing to include the names of all who are full Members of St. Fillan's Church, all Adherents, and, for the first time, all those who attend Junior Church and Sunday School (the latter with their Christian names only).

Please fill out the 'Update Form' handed out in Church, and let us know any changes in names, addresses and telephone numbers. If you know of someone who has moved house but who has not yet informed the Roll Keeper, please ask them to get in touch!

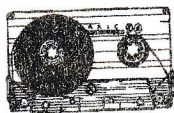
Send completed forms to the Roll Keeper, or hand them in after Church on Sundays.

Christian Outreach in St. Fillan's

PASTORAL VISITING

MINISTERS/VISITING TEAMS
no longer have access to hospital lists. It is therefore very important to let the Minister, Session Clerk or Pastoral Group know of anyone in hospital so that pastoral visits can be maintained.

WEEKLY TAPE MINISTRY



IF YOU ARE UNABLE to come to our services and would like to receive a tape either on a regular basis or as a "one off" please speak with Norman Macdonald 860585

Crèche facilities at Church Services



welcome to leave their children there.

A CRÈCHE FACILITY is provided in the Vestry each Sunday during Service time, and parents attending worship are

STAMPS



MY THANKS TO THOSE of you who take the time and trouble to collect stamps for the Church of Scotland. People leave them on my doorstep, put them through my letter box, place them into the box in St Fillan's and hand them in at our local Post Office.

They all reach their destination somehow or other. You do **not** need to sort them out, **nor** do you need to trim them with scissors. An edge around the stamps is all that is required. The last time I took stamps up to 121 the receptionist told me we'd done very well to gather in so many stamps. Please keep on collecting. Thank you, Susan Morton, 4 Manse Street, Aberdour.

Church Flowers



A BIG THANK YOU to all who arrange and/or donate money for the Church flowers.

These are admired and enjoyed in the church week by week and are greatly appreciated by those who receive them after services.

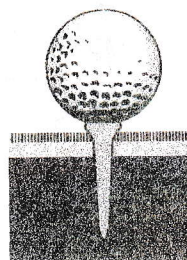
We still have some gaps in the rota, so if you would like either to donate flowers arranged by yourself or to make a payment towards the cost of the flowers, or have any other enquiries, please contact the flower organiser, Mrs. Catherine Duncan at 860611.

**ABERDOUR - St FILLAN'S
SCOTTISH COUNTRY
DANCING GROUP**

IT IS ONLY A FEW more weeks until the group stops dancing for the summer but thanks go to everyone who turns up regularly and supports the group. Not many of our dancers live in Aberdour and more of you coming to join us would be very welcome.

We'll be starting again on Wednesday 14 September 05 at 7.45pm. We welcome absolute beginners and those who may not have danced since school/university. After the first night we'll decide whether to have a Beginner's Class. The Group has been meeting in Aberdour for over 20 years and this year donated over £600 to the St Fillan's from our weekly subscriptions. If you would like more information please let David Hannah, 860777, know.

SPONSORED GOLF – 2004
Contributed by Lois Hutchison



This year's competition will take place from 6 – 10 June over Aberdour golf course.

The main aim of the event is to raise money for Christian Aid and the

Macmillan Fife Appeal either by sponsorship or donations. The fun side, apart from the golf is the competition between St. Fillan's Church and Dalgety Parish Church for the David Rutherford Cup currently held by Dalgety.

You do not need to be a member of St. Fillan's or Aberdour Golf Club, just willing to help raise money for two very worthy causes and have a game of golf for Stableford Points.

For further information contact Loise Hutchieson on 860444.



**Church Coffee Morning
and Book Sale**
Saturday 24th April
10.30 am to 12 noon in the Church Hall



A great opportunity to 'Spring Clean' and empty your shelves of books you don't want or need any more

Tickets £1.00

Baking Stall

Contact Catherine Duncan, 860611

ST. FILLAN'S LUNCH CLUB



Lunch is served between 12 noon and 1.30pm in the Church Hall on the first Thursday of every month.

Come along, sit amongst friends for a chat and enjoy a choice of soups, a choice of filled rolls and tea or coffee for £1.50.

Everyone is welcome



Could you spare two hours on the first Thursday of a month to help serve soup and rolls to people attending the St. Fillan's Lunches?



We are trying to increase the numbers willing to serve (male or female). We already have a number of willing volunteers to make the soup but we need more people happy to wait on tables.

The friendship and chat are all part and package of the deal and you even get to eat the leftover soup and rolls at the end! On average you would probably only be asked two/three times per year. Aprons provided!!

If you can help, telephone Sandra McSkimming (823454) to find out more about what is involved.

From our World Mission Representative David Graham

A snippet fromr "INSIGHT" the magazine of World Mission from the Church of Scotland:

At a recent AIDS conference, Ester Lupufya who co-ordinates AID programmes at Ekwendeni Hospital in Malawi said "It is very hard to get information at Ekwendeni. The web is very expensive and the telephone lines are so bad that it often doesn't work. We hope to take back what we learn here in Bangkok and improve our programmes as best we can".

Ester is constantly perplexed on how to provide best AIDS care in Malawi. The hospital's small ARV programme funded by the Global Fund is supporting 200 patients, but there are over 5000 people in the catchment who need ARV's. So, Ester is trying to learn all she can about alternative therapies to help people with HIV stay healthy. But she says it is difficult in a region as poor as Ekwendeni. "How do you talk of something as simple as a balanced diet, when people don't have enough to eat?"

"INSIGHT" is available for you to borrow from the "welcome" area of the church.

News form our Missionary Partners Clarence & Joan Musgrave in Jerusalem.

They are now due to return to Scotland in March 2005, hopefully by then a new minister for St Andrews Church will have be found.

CHURCH CONCERT - 4th July 05 Colorado Springs Children's Choral Ensemble



ONCE AGAIN
ABERDOUR has
been especially
selected as a

preferred location for a visiting American tour party. Around 46 people will be providing their many skills and talents free of charge for us.

As in previous years David Hannah is looking for people/families to take two or three members of the group home for a light tea, between 5.00 and 7.00pm. Every group has emphasised how much they have enjoyed 'real Scottish hospitality' and if you would be willing to help provide this for guests in our country please let him know.

But that's not all - as the concert takes place on 4th July (Independence Day for Americans) the tour co-ordinator has asked if we could arrange a little party after the concert for us to share in their celebrations. When asking American friends what would be most suitable, they said 'barbecue', so David is proposing to organise one for them.

Obviously, David doesn't want to do all this on my own and is seeking your help, in any way at all.

If you can please let David know.

FROM OUR ORGANIST JIM FAIRLIE

That man still at the "Kist O' Whistles"



Who said this? Composer of the Month

'Every seventh line ends with three syllables, in place of the two in other lines, but you will see in the sixth bar of the second part, the place where these three syllables will always recur, that the four semi-quavers usually sung as one syllable will with the greatest propriety divide into two'

This was a letter to a music publisher, from a man whose teacher years before stated, "that he was tone deaf and couldn't hold a tune".

Who other than Robert Burns, the Ayrshire poet.

This was part of a multitude of letters to George Thomson, the music publisher – who incidentally was born in Limekilns to the local schoolmaster.

He eventually became principal writer to 'The Signet' which he held for over fifty years and was also an accomplished violinist.

It was Thomson's ambition to gather the best tunes and songs of Scotland of the time and preserve them for posterity.

He ran into a problem however, because many of the tunes and songs had poor accompaniment, while, many of the verses "were coarse and vulgar" and could not have been sung in good society".

In 1792 he had a great idea. Why not enrol Burns the poet who he greatly admired, and passed on 20-25 songs "suitable to the melodies which were exceptional, except for their verses.

He offered to pay "any reasonable price you shall please to demand".

Burns accepted the invitation but refused the fee and despite the fact that he was also heavily involved with Johnson's "Scots Museum" fourth volume.

Burns contributed about half of its songs and still he continued to send others for a fifth. Now he began to feed Thomson as well, and eventually gave him about 100 songs and had contact with him up to the day he died.

When Thomson's "Select Collection of Original Scottish Airs", was published he sent the bard five pounds as a token of his gratitude. Burns was offended, and returned the money, although on his death bed he asked for the money to be refunded as he was being "hard pressed" by his tailor.

Thomson was to prove a less than satisfactory colleague. He altered the bard's songs without his permission after his death and didn't return material that he did not choose to publish himself, lest it should be passed to his rival Johnson.

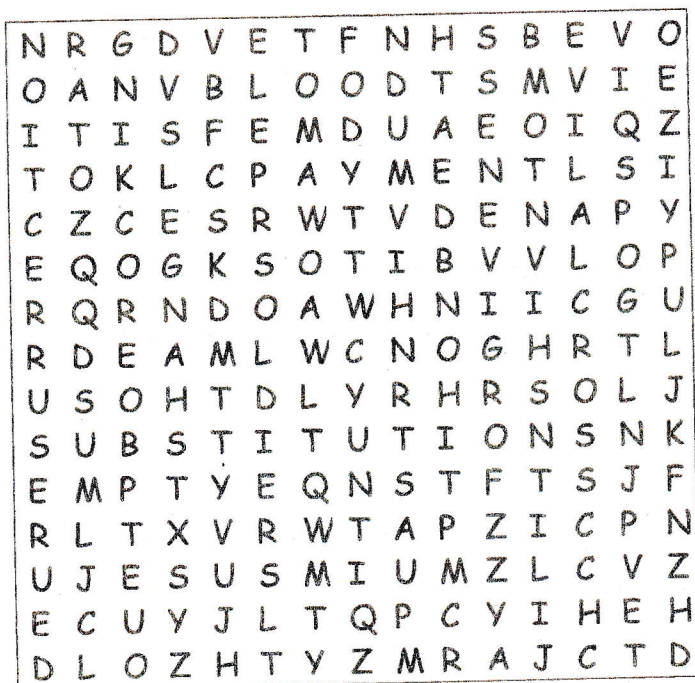
On being accused of meanness to Burns, all that can be said in his favour is that he played a considerable part in fund-raising for the Burns Memorial on Calton Hill, Edinburgh and did invite Mrs. Burns to visit in Edinburgh (on which she turned out to be a success).

So why shouldn't Burns be honoured like other composer before him, leaving to his country Scotland a legacy of songs and tunes he had gathered and added to in his short lifetime, and are now preserved for posterity.

P. S. And I haven't mentioned at least once 'Auld Lang Syne'

For the Young at Heart

AN EASTER WORD SEARCH



Alive
Cross
Empty
Nails
Saviour

Angels
Crown
Forgiveness
Payment
Soldiers

Beatings
Darkness
Jesus
Resurrection
Substitution

Blood
Death
King
Rock
Thorns

Christ
Die
Light
Sacrifice
Tomb

On Easter we remember that Jesus was cruelly mocked, beaten, and crucified.

So why is it a time of rejoicing? Because on Easter, Jesus Christ was raised from the dead. He is victorious over death and gives new life to those who believe in Him.

Through His death, burial and resurrection, we are given forgiveness of our sins and the gift of eternal life. Indeed, Easter is a time for great rejoicing!

PARISH AND CONGREGATION REGISTER

Baptisms

2004

November 21 Kyle John Maxwell

2005

January 2 Thomas Jack Brown

Jesus said "Let the children come to me"

Marriages

February 26 Graham Andrew Hendry / Kerena Wyse

God is love and those who live in love live in God, and God lives in them

Bereavements

2004

December 6 Ian McAndie

December 7 Mrs. Valerie Kerr

December 15 Mrs. Jane Maltman

2005

January 3 Arthur Meadows

January 21 Brian Redpath

January 27 Kenneth Gibb

February 13 Ian Foster

February 16 Alan and Christina Wright

*Things beyond our seeing, things beyond our hearing, things beyond our imagining have
all been prepared by God for those who love Him* *Corinthians 2: 9*

Joining by Transference

The Reverend Peter S. Gerbrandy-Baird, The Manse, 36 Bellhouse Road
Mrs. Susan Lloyd, 6 Inchmickery Avenue, Dalgety Bay
William and Mrs. Margaret Paterson, 7 Dovecot Park

Welcome, and we hope you enjoy your fellowship here

Please advise editor of any omissions from above – these will be
included next time

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Date	Time	Event	Further details
First Thursday of the month	12 noon to 1.30 pm	Lunch in the Church Hall	
Sunday 10 October	10.30 am	Harvest Thanksgiving	
Thursday 14 October	10.30 am	Open Door in the Church Hall	Kathleen Ferfus 860804
Sunday 17 October	10.30 am and 3.00 pm	Communion	
Thursday 11 November	10.30 am	Open Door in the Church Hall	Kathleen Ferfus 860804
Sunday 14 November	10.00 am	Remembrance Service at the Church Hall	
Saturday 20 November	2.00 pm	Sale of Work in the Church Hall	Elizabeth Lloyd 860044
Sunday 28 November	6.30 pm	F.C.G. joint advent evening service at St. Fillan's Church	

MAKE POVERTY HISTORY

An important date for your diary

Christian Aid Coffee Morning

at the

Church Hall

on

Saturday 21 May at 10am

*Please support this event
and help us to give generously to the poor throughout the world*

MAKE POVERTY HISTORY