**The Kindrogan Children’s Letters**

The following selection of letters written by the grandchildren of Patrick Small Keir of Kindrogan, give an insight to the kind of life of wealthy children in Victorian times.

The letters are to and from their Grandfather, dated from 1851 to 1860.

Grandfather Patrick Small Keir and his wife Jane had only one child, their son Patrick Small Keir.

Patrick married Amelia Frances Balfour Menzies in April 1836 and had three children.

Catherine Menzies Keir Date of birth 1837

Jane Amelia Keir Date of birth 8th January 1840

William Augustus Keir Date of birth 16th February 1842

Most of the letters from the girls are sent from their home in Edinburgh, 32 Charlotte Square, a large Victorian town house in a very affluent part of the city.

The letters to and from William, are from his boarding school Lorretto, in East Lothian and Cambridge University. The others are from his grandfather to him.