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Dear Mr McMichael

Whilst working in our local archives last week I came across another reference to William Ewing which I thought might be of interest.

The Stirling Burgh court books record, on 21st Dec- 1603, that William Ewing, watchman in the castle, had lent £21 Scots (divide by 12 for £ Sterling) to James Christieson in Ochterbannock (which is about a couple of miles or so from Stirling itself.)

I don't think there can be much doubt that this is William Ewing, also known as William Ewing in Raploch, whose house was right beside the castle. Of course, on its own, this item is not of genealogical importance, but it helps to fill out our knowledge. It also suggests a further family connection with the Earls of Mar, who were hereditary keepers of the castle at this time.

I hope you are well and wonder if you have had any success in disentangling the Ewings in Ireland.

Regards,

/s/ J. Harrison