

## Stenhousemuir Compiled by Charlie Clark



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### Unveiling of Stenhousemuir Cricket Club's War Memorial

The beautiful memorial tablet, brass and oak erected by Stenhousemuir Cricket Club to the memory of those members of the club who fell in the Great War was formally unveiled during the course of the match between Stirling County and Stenhousemuir at the Tryst last Saturday. A large gathering of cricketers and members of the public was presided over by Mr T. B. Jones, who stated that, as president of the club, had the honour of calling upon the Rev. D. S. Merrow, B.D., to unveil and dedicate the memorial. The Rev. Mr Merrow thereafter performed the unveiling ceremony by drawing aside the Union Jack in which the tablet was draped and following short dedicatory prayer, addressed the gathering. In the course of his remarks stated that there might be some who felt that to associate a pastime like cricket, with the war and the sacrifice of their friends was incongruous. He hoped not, however, because, after all, though life had many forms and many manifestations, the spirit was always the same, and the friends they remembered that day had practised in cricket as in other walks of life those virtues of endurance, unselfishness, loyalty, and honour, which had found their perfect expression in their last great sacrifice. The names on the tablet were exactly eleven — a cricket eleven who had won their last great match — and were follows : — James Baird, Robert Brown, Ross Dalgetty, Robert S. Dobbie, Alex. Graham, James F. Jones, James Eadie, John Robertson, John G. Sherriff, William Gardner Taylor, and John Thomson. Most of these men, seven, had belonged to the local regiment, the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. To those who had known them intimately the mere recital these names recalled many pleasant afternoons on the Tryst ground, and with every one of the names they associated a particular personality. For themselves, he supposed, they did not need a memorial. Those who were of the same generation as those who fell would surely remember them. What had happened should not interrupt their friendship. They ought, although they did not hear them converse with them, to hold fast their memory, affection, and esteem for them. Nothing but their forgetfulness and neglect could sever the friendship they had formed with the fallen when they were in presence there. The cricket club had looked forward a little, had seen the rising up the

new generation, and had been anxious that there should be some visible, tangible memorial to remind future generations of what was done by that now passing, and every young player who entered the pavilion would see recorded the names of his elders who had made the great sacrifice. It would very wrong if feelings of sadness were to predominate. The first shock of sorrow had been alleviated by time, and now they were able to think, he trusted, quietly, thankfully, and hopefully those who had gone from them. They should regard their lives and teach those who came after them to regard theirs as a kind of trust for which these men had died. By seeing this memorial, and remembering their friends, might they live all ways as worthy of them possible, and all fields of life "play the game." This concluded the proceedings.



Ross Dalgetty



James F Jones



John A H Robertson

Name	Birth	Death	Regiment
James Baird	1893	1918	Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders
Robert Brown	1886	1916	Royal Scots
Ross Dalgetty	1899	1918	Royal Scots
Robert Stewart Dobbie	1892	1918	Royal Flying Corps
Alexander Graham	1882	1917	Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders
James Forbes Jones	1878	1917	Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders
James Eadie Menzies	1893	1915	Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders
John Robertson	1892	1918	Royal Highlanders
John George Sheriff	1890	1915	Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders
William Gardner Taylor	1894	1915	Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders
John Thomson	1887	1915	Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders
Alan Smith	1920	1943	Royal Air Force