

LADY FORBES OF NEWE.

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Composed by Alexander Walker, for Lady Forbes. Scottish, Reel. A Major, AAB.

i. The Five MacDonald Fiddlers, LP, c.1963. ii. Jerry Holland , cassette, 1987. iii. John Campbell, CD, 2002

Lady Caroline Forbes was the wife of Sir Charles Forbes of Newe, Alexander Walker's employer.

Sir Charles Forbes of Newe, 3rd Bt. was born on 21 September 1803. He was the son of Sir Charles Forbes of Newe, 1st Bt. and Elizabeth Cotgrave. He gained the rank of Captain in the service of the 17th Lancers and he succeeded to the title of 3rd Baronet Forbes, of Newe on 23 May 1852. On 21 August 1830 at Kensington, Lieutenant Charles Forbes, 17th lancers, married Caroline, second daughter of George Battye Esq of Holly Lodge, Campden Hill, London.

Caroline Forbes nee Battye became Lady Forbes when Sir Charles inherited the title in 1852. George Battye held a commission in the 'Loyal Britons' Volunteers and was a magistrate for the county of Middlesex. He died in 1849. Caroline's mother was Georgina Charlotte Wynyard. Her sister was lady in waiting to Princess Augusta of Cambridge (the maternal grandmother of Mary of Teck, wife of George V). Caroline was born in 1786 and died in 1860

Charles and Caroline had three children:

Caroline Louisa Forbes Charles John Forbes, 4th Baronet b: 24 Mar 1843 George Stewart Forbes b: 26 Oct 1844

As Lady Forbes she attended a full range of functions locally at the local school and the local Lonach gathering, at Royal Occasions at Balmoral and occasions in London such as the Caledonian Ball and finally Court occasions at Buckingham Palace as noted below.

MRS FORBES (of Newe).—Train and corsage of rich white satin, lined with white taffeta, edged with cable cord, trimmed with ruche de cote of white satin ribbon, relieved with silver cord frieze Brussels lace, fastened with crescents of white jessamine, lilac, and silver lilies; joupon of rich white glace, with flounces of Brussels tulle silver cord, and tops of satin-edged silver; magnificent tunic of fine Brussels lace; looped bouquet of lilac and silver lilies. Headdress, court plume, Brussels lace lappets, with diamond ornaments and necklace.

Alexander Walker Connection

Alexander lived close to the Forbes family at Newe and would have known them all personally. He would have attended many of the family occasions as he would have been there as the provider of music.