

The Lundie Brothers in Spain - Continued

- *Rev. John Lundie's brothers, James & Marshall, died in Spain.*
- *What were they doing there?*

Marshal was 27 years old when he died in **Calañas** in 1884 and

James was 37 years old when he died in **Huelva** in 1890.

Both were Presbyterian ministers. So what were two Scottish Protestant ministers doing in

Catholic Spain? The answer to this has been lost to family lore.

Well, no more. On my recent visit to Scotland (May 2008) I obtained some newspaper obituaries that cast light on the lives of John Lundie's brothers.

Marshall Lundie was the first to die. I earlier thought he had died of tuberculosis, as his brother, Andrew Dasher Lundie had done, but the following obituary does not support that theory as the obituaries state that his death was sudden and unexpected. I await his death certificate from the Spanish authorities which if I am able to get it would give the cause of death.

The late Rev. Marshall Lundie, MA, BD - a service in memoriam of the above minister was conducted in Thread Street U.P. Church, Paisley, yesterday afternoon, by the Rev Andrew G Fleming. Mr Lundie

who was a native of Auchterarder, conducted the mission in Thread Street for three years and his services were highly appreciated: thereafter he was appointed minister at Tharsis in Spain where he laboured for a year and a half. His death which took place last Thursday, was sudden.

Source: Glasgow Herald (Glasgow, Scotland), Tuesday, December 9, 1884; Issue 294.

[The British Tharsis Company owned the pyrites mines in Tharsis, Spain. Pyrites was used to manufacture Sulphuric acid used in the armaments industry. ¹]

Rev. Marshall Lundie, MA, BD --*The death of this promising young minister has caused a widespread feeling of regret. The sad event, which took place at Tharsis, in Spain, whither he had gone to labour about 18 months ago, was altogether unlooked for. Mr Lundie was a most acceptable preacher, having officiated at different times both in the North and South U.P. Churches here before departing for Spain. Much sympathy is expressed for his parents --his father being teacher of Sheddan's Institution here, and an elder in the North U.P. Church. The Scotsman, in a notice of deceased, says he was a graduate of Edinburgh. On the completion of his studies in Divinity, he was appointed to the mission of Thread Street Church, Paisley, where he remained for three years. He was then appointed missionary agent in Tharsis, where he has laboured for a year and a half. He was a young man of ripe scholarship and of great ability.*

Source: Strathearn Herald. Dec 13, 1884.

The comment that he had been "appointed missionary agent" is of interest. I found a thesis in the University of Edinburgh library that thoroughly documented the missionary

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endeavours of the Scottish churches to evangelise the Catholics of Spain during the 1800s. So whether Marshall was there in that capacity, or as a missionary to the Scots working for the Tharsis Mining Company is not clear.

restaurant for the officers and seamen connected with the shipping in the port.

Source: Strathearn Herald March 29 1890



James Lundie

died in Spain six years later. The following obituaries have been located.

Lundie, March 21, at Huelva, Spain, the **Rev James Lundie**, MA, second son of W.H. Lundie, Auchterarder

Source: Perthshire Advertiser, March 14, 1890

Auchterarder. Death of the **Rev James Lundie**.

There reached Auchterarder last week the sad news of the death on the 21st last, of Rev. James Lundie, Chaplain to the English residents in Huelva, Spain. This gentleman, who was the son of Mr W.H. Lundie, for so many years master of the Sheddan School here, went to Spain several years ago along with his brother Mr Marshall Lundie, MA, now also dead. Mr Lundie had for many years past taken a deep interest in the spiritual and material welfare of the English residents in Huelva, and was taken away when just about to see the successful completion of his labours on their behalf. An interesting account was recently given of Mr Lundie's work by the Rev. Daniel R. Killpatrick, Glasgow, in a pamphlet entitled "Time of Refreshing in Spain" where he tells of the better accommodation recently provided for the schools connected with the Rio Tinto Company, where divine worship will be conducted, Mr Lundie having himself drawn out the plans and specifications. There were also by his efforts established a reading-room and

Who were these people?

William Hannah Lundie (teacher in Auchterarder) married Mary Tasker

Their children were:

1. Rev John Lundie (of Malan Mission, South Africa) – my ancestor
2. Helen Lundie M Rev Thomas Shearer (of Burnshill Mission, South Africa)
3. Rev James Lundie (of **Huelva, Spain**)
4. Dr William Tasker Lundie (of Edinburgh)
5. Rev. Marshall Lundie (of **Calañas, Spain**)
6. Catherine Pringle Lundie M Henry Begg & Duncan McKay
7. Andrew Dasher Lundie (died young)
8. Jessie Lundie M Rev Henry Begg Gray (went to New Zealand)
9. Alexander Brock Lundie (went to USA)

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