Jean,

I will check the Grierson of Lagg by google. The ‘evil’ Grierson did his nasty work even with his own kin. My 8th GGF, James Grierson, born at Cape Noch, was ‘transported’ in 1677 to Maryland due to his Covenanter work, I have learned. So families were divided during this religious war about how best to worship! Strange, the things we humans fight about.

I stopped at the Dunscore Old Churchyard but failed to see the sandstone slab, so will check google carefully. I send another photo of you and one of my wife at the ruins of the Lagg castle. My 10th great grandfather was the last lord to live there.

So I continue to dig deeper into Scottish history, which is also my history! A pleasant thought!

Glenn

**From:** [Jean Stoddart](mailto:barbieston@mypostoffice.co.uk)

**Sent:** Wednesday, July 06, 2011 11:00 AM

**To:** [Glenn Holliman](mailto:glennhistory@gmail.com)

**Subject:** Re: Many Thanks

Hi.Glen, I downloaded the photo of 'we three volunteers' and took copies in to Elizabeth (the laughing one) and Betty (the tall one). Of course we all three decided we were not looking out best-female reaction but we all agreed that it was kindof you to send the photo and all appreciated your appreciation. If you care to go in to the internet and 'google' Grierson of Lagg, you can get a lot of informaton, and also a photograph of the tombstone in Dunscore Old Churchyard. It is an upright sandstone slab topped by inset Armourial stone. The Inscription :- (The stone above was removed from Lag Tower, the ancient home of the Griersons) In Memory of Sir Robert Grierson, 1st Baronet of Lag who died 31st December 1733. This Memorial is erected by his descendant Sir Alexander D. Grierson, 9th Baronet of Lag and Rockall, 1897. below:- S D

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Despite my ancestors being ardent Covenanters it has been a pleasure to be of some help to a possible relative of their persecutor - remember the tale I told to you of the black ship with black sails coming up the Solway with the devil on board to collect the soul of Grierson of Lag? How much water has gone under the bridge since those days? Good luck with the ancestor search and remember the old Scot's parting to friends- "Haste ye Back". Jean in sunny Dalbeattie (quite a novelty this summer).

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**From:** [Glenn Holliman](mailto:glennhistory@gmail.com)

**To:** [Jean Stoddart](mailto:barbieston@mypostoffice.co.uk)

**Sent:** Sunday, July 03, 2011 9:50 PM

**Subject:** Re: Many Thanks

Jean, you might show this photo to the volunteers! Again, thanks for the help and look forward to the publications.

Glenn back in Newport, Pennsylvania

**From:** [Jean Stoddart](mailto:barbieston@mypostoffice.co.uk)

**Sent:** Sunday, June 12, 2011 11:22 AM

**To:** [Glenn Holliman](mailto:glennhistory@gmail.com)

**Subject:** Re: Many Thanks

Dear Glen, It is truly gratifying when visitors lets us know that their research has moved forward and also to have news of the findings. We do also appreciate being appreciated! It was nice to meet you and be of some help,makes the days worthwhile. Kind Regards, Jean

----- Original Message -----

**From:** [Glenn Holliman](mailto:glennhistory@gmail.com)

**To:** [Jean Stoddart](mailto:Barbieston@mypostoffice.co.uk)

**Sent:** Sunday, June 12, 2011 7:23 AM

**Subject:** Many Thanks

Dear Jean,

I am the American you assisted last Tuesday in the Family History Center in Dumfries. Thank you for your assistance that morning. I did go to the Archives and Ewart Library and collected considerable information to add to what you shared with me at the Center. Also, I did some research in Thornhill library. I attach a photo of the Lag Tower which my wife and I 'discovered' near Dunscore. My 10th great grandparents had lived there and at Rockhill in the late 1500s and early 1600s. Tis a thrill to discover some of my roots, and I appreciate the time and information you shared with me.

If you will visit my blog at <http://fwosborne.blogspot.com/> , one will find articles on the Greer family of America and the Griersons of Dumfries Shire. Just go to the archives or older posts to see some sights of the Center and other items I wrote up last fall 2010. Now I will be adding to the articles.

I look forward to reading more on the area and the Maxwell and Grierson families from which I descent.

Thanks again,

Glenn Hollimn

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