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1866. DEATHS in the District of St. Nicholas in the Burgh of Aberdeen.

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No.	Name and Surname. Rank or Profession, also, whether Single, Married, or Widowed.	When and Where Died.	Sex.	Age.	Name, Surname, & Rank or Profession of Father. Name, and Maiden Surname of Mother.	Cause of Death, Duration of Disease, and Medical Attendant by whom certified.	Signature & Qualification of Informant, and Residence, if out of the House in which the Death occurred.	When and where Registered, and Signature of Reg. Mstr.
904	<u>Felix</u> <u>Brodie</u>	<u>1866</u> <u>August</u> <u>Twenty seventh</u> <u>18.0.66. St. N.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>1</u> <u>year</u>	<u>James Brodie</u> <u>Lawyer of</u> <u>Hardway</u>	<u>Tuberc</u> <u>Microscopic</u> <u>duration unknown</u>	<u>James Allan</u> <u>Senr & mark</u> <u>Occupier</u> <u>present</u>	<u>1866</u> <u>August 27th</u> <u>St. Aberdeen</u>
	<u>Single</u>	<u>10</u> <u>Paradise Lane</u> <u>Aberdeen</u>			<u>Mary Brodie</u> <u>M. S.</u> <u>McGinnell</u>	<u>As cert. by</u> <u>John Whitlie</u> <u>M. D.</u>	<u>Charles Stronach</u> <u>Assistant Registrar</u> <u>Witness</u>	<u>Charles Stronach</u> <u>Assistant</u> <u>Registrar</u> <u>M. S.</u>
905	<u>William</u> <u>Luke</u>	<u>1866</u> <u>August</u> <u>Twenty fifth</u> <u>7h. 30m. P.M.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>8</u> <u>months</u>		<u>Cerebral</u> <u>7 weeks</u>	<u>Margaret Luke</u> <u>Senr & mark</u> <u>Mother</u> <u>present</u>	<u>1866</u> <u>August 28th</u> <u>St. Aberdeen</u>
	<u>Single</u>	<u>City</u> <u>Paradise Lane</u> <u>Aberdeen</u>			<u>Margaret Luke</u> <u>Domestic Servant</u>	<u>As cert. by</u> <u>George Buchanan</u> <u>Surgeon</u>	<u>John Frazer</u> <u>Registrar & Witness</u>	<u>John Frazer</u> <u>Registrar</u>
	<u>(M. S. Registrar)</u>							
906	<u>John</u> <u>Lamont</u>	<u>1866</u> <u>August</u> <u>Twenty fifth</u> <u>5.10.66. P.M.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>62</u> <u>years</u>	<u>Archibald Lamont</u> <u>Farmer</u> <u>(deceased)</u>	<u>Paralysis</u> <u>Spinal attack</u> <u>(decompos)</u> <u>6 days</u>	<u>Archibald Lamont</u> <u>Senr</u> <u>Partner</u> <u>present</u>	<u>1866</u> <u>August 28th</u> <u>St. Aberdeen</u>
	<u>Shop-bulder</u> <u>(Master)</u>	<u>Paradise Lane</u> <u>Aberdeen</u>			<u>John Lamont</u> <u>M. S.</u> <u>(deceased)</u>	<u>As cert. by</u> <u>William Pirrie</u> <u>M. D.</u>	<u>John Frazer</u> <u>Registrar</u>	<u>John Frazer</u> <u>Registrar</u>
	<u>Single</u>	<u>11.11.11. Partridge House</u> <u>Gallant</u>						

John Frazer

Hi John

Delighted to hear you're planning to write up the story of John Lamont, a character who has always intrigued me. I was told of him by my mother who lived in Ruaig as a child and was very close to her grandfather, Iain Na Hongs. I went looking for Lamont's Dock when I visited HK in 1990 but by then it was too late. The story I was told was that he built the first dry dock in Hong Kong, married a Chinese woman by whom he had two sons and died a wealthy man, leaving a thousand pounds to each of his nephews but 2000 to my great grandfather because he was called after him! This latter John Lamont built, or at least extended, what is now Carsamull. According to my mother he was a very kind generous man and very sociable (with hints that he may have been a little too fond of an occasional refreshment) and that his wife (one of the MacFadyens of Heanish) was a more sensible woman who evidently at one point took the residue of the legacy and got a fisherman from Brock to take her to deposit it in the bank in Tobermory. There were also tales that one of the legatees had bought an "estate in Mull" but I have never been able to track down who this might have been. This past summer Duncan put me in touch with the great grand-daughter of John Lamont HK and we have been in touch by phone and hope to meet soon. She is now quite old and has recently become interested in tracing her roots. She told me that John Lamont's two sons were left an annuity of £400 a year each until they were 30 at which age they came into their fortune, as Jane Austen might say, an indication of how much money he must have left. There is a considerable amount about him and the dock on the internet and there is a book which mentions his role in the development of HK, *The Thistle and the Jade*. In some places he is called Captain John Lamont but elsewhere he is described as a carpenter. He evidently had conducted a shipyard at East Point since 1841 and then built Lamont's Dock, the first dry dock in HK, at Aberdeen, completing the work on the 1st Jan 1859. It was evidently demolished on the 31st Dec. 1970. Someone told me that it was still standing when Alastair MacArthur Rosigal first went to HK but I've never asked him about it. It was evidently 335 ft. long and built of granite with "every requisite for the repair of vessels both of wood and iron, the whole under the Superintendence of European Foremen" He then went on to build the Hope Dock for the repair of Naval vessels, receiving a grant of £3000 from the British Government to proceed with the work. Both docks were bought in 1865 by the Hong Kong and Whampoa Dock company. He seems to have been mixed up with other worthies of the time such as Jardine and

Matheson. I wonder if he conversed in Gaelic with the latter? A quote from the Thistle and the Jade writing of Jardine Matheson states "John Lamont, a resourceful, self-made Scots ship-wright maintained the firm's ships. He worked on his own account, often with a queue of ships waiting attention, but still managed to build small vessels including the first foreign ship to be constructed in Hong Kong, a schooner for Jamstjee Jejelbhoy. He subsequently became proprietor of the Lamont's Dock at Aberdeen. When he died the Governor himself proposed a toast to the memory of this once "common carpenter" who partly with the firm's support had made a large fortune." Most of this info is from