

The St Andrews Golf Club

Legends' Heritage Trail

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The St Andrews Golf Club has a record of success in major championships unequalled by any other Club. In sixty glorious years between 1861 and 1921 members won twenty one Open Championships, three US Open Championships, one USPGA Championship, two Amateur Championships and one US Amateur Championship. All these champions were born or lived in St Andrews and many of them, or members of their families, are buried here. *

Cathedral Burial Ground

1. John 'Jock' Hutchison (1884-1977)

USPGA Champion 1920 and Open Champion 1921

(Parents' grave)

Born the son of a fisherman at 30 North Street in the Ladyhead, the traditional fishing quarter of St Andrews, John (Jock) Hutchison went to the USA as a golf professional in the early 1900s

This journey had been taken earlier by his older brother Thomas (Tom), born in 1877, who had gone to America in 1900. Tom finished seventh in the US Open in 1900 but tragically died having been thrown from a horse on Cumberland Island, Georgia, on an estate owned by the family of Thomas Carnegie, brother of industrialist Andrew Carnegie, that December. He is remembered on this family gravestone.

When the USPGA Championship, then a matchplay competition, was played at Flossmoor Country Club, Illinois, in 1920 Jock (Glen View GC) beat J. Douglas Edgar (Druid Hills GC) in the final.

In 1921 Jock returned to his home town of St Andrews for the Open Championship which he won following a play-off with the amateur Roger Wethered (R&A) to become the first American citizen and last St Andean to win the title.

Jock won the inaugural US Seniors PGA Championship in 1937 and took the title again in 1947.

From the early 1960s he and Fred McLeod, a fellow Scot originally from North Berwick, had the honour of symbolically opening proceedings by teeing off at The Masters, Augusta, Georgia.

Jock was an Honorary Vice-President of The St Andrews Golf Club to which he gifted the Jock Hutchison Trophy in 1935.



2. John 'Jack' Burns (1859-1927)

Open Champion 1888

Born in St Andrews, Jack Burns was originally a plasterer to trade. When the Open Championship was played over the Old Course in 1888 Jack was greenkeeper and professional at Warwickshire Golf Club and returned to his home town to take part.

At the end of what was then a two-round championship it appeared that Jack had finished in a three-way tie with Bernard Sayers and David Anderson Jnr., on 172. However, as a member of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club was looking over the cards he found that the figures on

Jack Burns' card had, through some mistake or other, been added up wrongly, and that his total was in fact 171. He was accordingly the lowest scorer and declared the champion.

Jack was later to return to St Andrews and take up his trade as a plasterer again. He died at 3, Crails Lane.



3. Andrew Strath (c.1836-1868)

Open Champion 1865

(Parents' grave)

Born in St Andrews, Andrew served his apprenticeship as a clubmaker under James Wilson for whom he worked for nine years. Also a ballmaker and skilled player he applied for the job as Superintendent of Prestwick Links when Tom Morris left to return to St Andrew in 1864. He was unsuccessful and the job went to Charles Hunter. However he resigned this post in May 1865 to take up a more lucrative offer at Blackheath and Andrew was invited to fill the vacancy.

Andrew won the Open when it was played at Prestwick in 1865 with what was then a record low score of 162 for the championship, which was then played over three rounds of the

twelve-hole Prestwick Links. This was not surpassed until Tommy Morris won with a score of 149 in 1870.

He died at Prestwick in 1868 and was buried there in the grounds of St Nicholas' Church. His grave remained unmarked until a memorial plaque was erected through a joint venture by Prestwick Golf Club and South Ayrshire Council in 2008.

Also remembered on the family gravestone is Andrew's brother David who came closest to winning the Open in 1876. Having travelled to Australia seeking to improve his health he died at Melbourne in 1879 and, like his brother, had no marked grave until a memorial stone was erected in 2006. Another brother, George, was professional at a number of Clubs in Scotland, England and in the USA where he died in 1919.



4. Hugh Kirkaldy (1868-1897)

Open Champion 1891

Until 1890 every Open Championship had been won by a Scots professional. That run came to an end when the English amateur John Ball Jnr., from Hoylake, won at Prestwick that year.

In 1891 it was back in the hands of a Scots professional when Hugh won at St Andrews with a score of 166, a record for an Open Championship played there over thirty-six holes. This would stand for all time as from 1892 the Open has been contested over 72 holes.

Hugh's brothers, Jack and Andrew, were also professionals.

Andrew (Andra) was appointed professional to the R&A in 1910 and continued in that post until his death in 1934. Andrew's grave is in the Eastern Cemetery.

Hugh's sister, Helen, married Sandy Herd in 1891. She passed away in 1892 and is remembered on this gravestone.



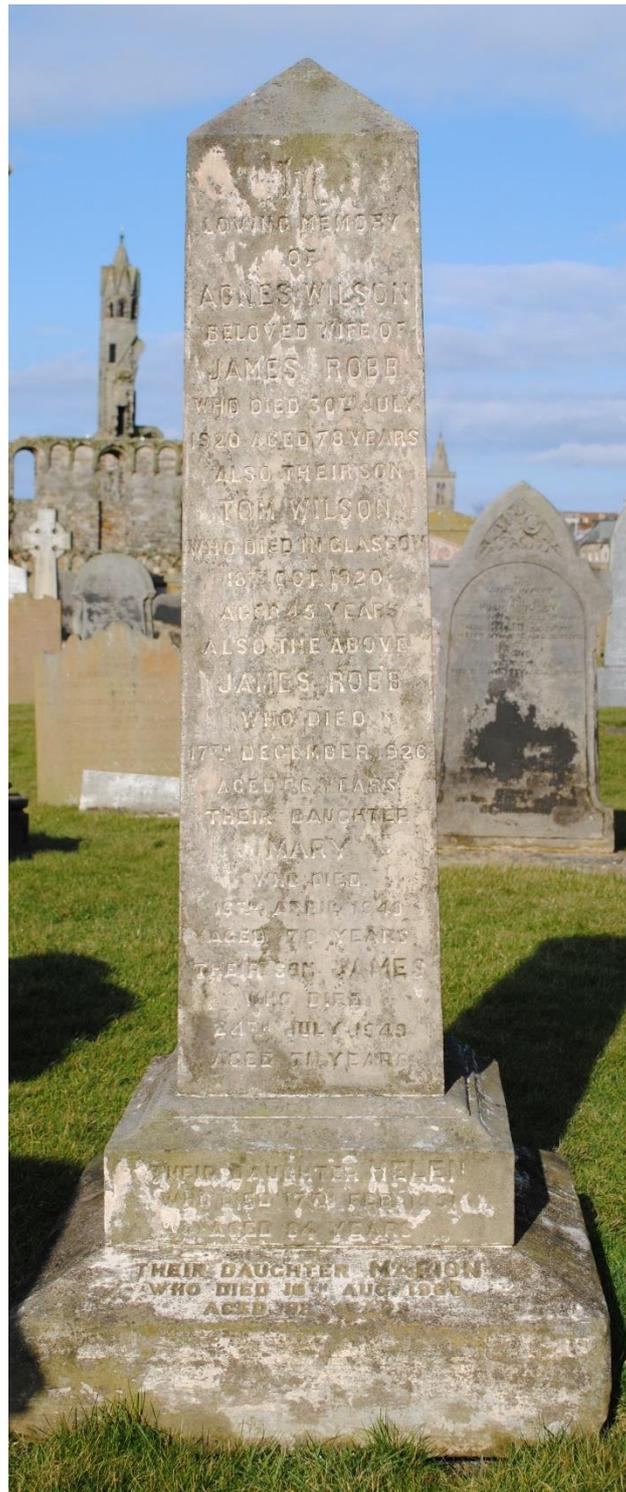
5. James Robb (1878-1949)

Amateur Champion 1906

Born in Dunfermline, James came to St Andrews with his family as a child where his father established a potato merchants business. On leaving school James joined the Clydesdale Bank in St Andrews and later moved to Ayr, where he worked for the bank for over forty years.

He won the Amateur Championship at Hoylake in 1906 defeating Mr C. C. Lingen (Sunningdale) in the final.

In 1940 James retired back to St Andrews where he lived with his sisters at 1 Lockhart Place.



6. Thomas 'Tom' Morris (1821-1908)
Open Champion 1861, 1862, 1864 and 1867

and

Thomas 'Tommy' Morris (1851-1875)
Open Champion 1868, 1869, 1870, 1872

Tom Morris is a legendary figure in golf. Apprenticed to Allan Robertson as a club and ballmaker, with whom he forged a formidable partnership playing in prize matches, he went on to hold the post of Keeper of the Green at Prestwick before returning to his home links in a similar capacity in 1864 and during his lifetime was to lay out courses across the British Isles.

It was while he was at Prestwick that the Open Championship began as the Competition for the Challenge Belt in 1860. In its inaugural year it was for professionals only but in 1861 it opened up to include 'gentlemen golfers', as amateurs were then known.

Tom won the title in 1861, retained it in 1862 and won again in 1864 and 1867.

In 1868 his son, Tommy, succeeded his father as champion and had further victories in 1869 and 1870 winning the Belt outright. As a consequence there was no championship in 1871.

A new trophy was purchased, to be contested annually at Prestwick, St Andrews and Musselburgh in turn. The championship resumed in 1872 at Prestwick, where all the Opens had been played to that point, and Tommy took the title once again.

Tragically Tommy's wife and child died in childbirth in September 1875. He never got over this. His health deteriorated and he was found dead in his bed by his father on Christmas morning 1875. In 1878 the magnificent memorial erected to his memory alongside the family grave was unveiled.

His father, Tom, died in May 1908 from injuries sustained in a fall in The New Golf Club, St Andrews.



7. Allan Robertson (1815-1859)

‘Monarch of Golfdom’

Allan Robertson was considered by his peers as the finest golfer of his generation and was referred to as the ‘King of Clubs’ and ‘Monarch of Golfdom’ by his contemporaries. As well as being a superb player he was also a skilled clubmaker, ballmaker, caddie, laid out courses and for a time supervised work on St Andrews links.

He and Tom Morris, his apprentice and later business partner, formed a very successful partnership taking on pairings of crack golfers such as the Dunn brothers of Musselburgh in many famous prize matches.

While Allan passed away the year before the Open Championship began there can be no doubt about his status and the esteem in which he was held. On his memorial stone it states: “He was greatly esteemed for his personal worth and for many years was distinguished as the Champion Golfer of Scotland.”

Allan was Captain of The St Andrews Golf Club 1853-1854.



8. William 'Willie' Auchterlonie (1872-1963)

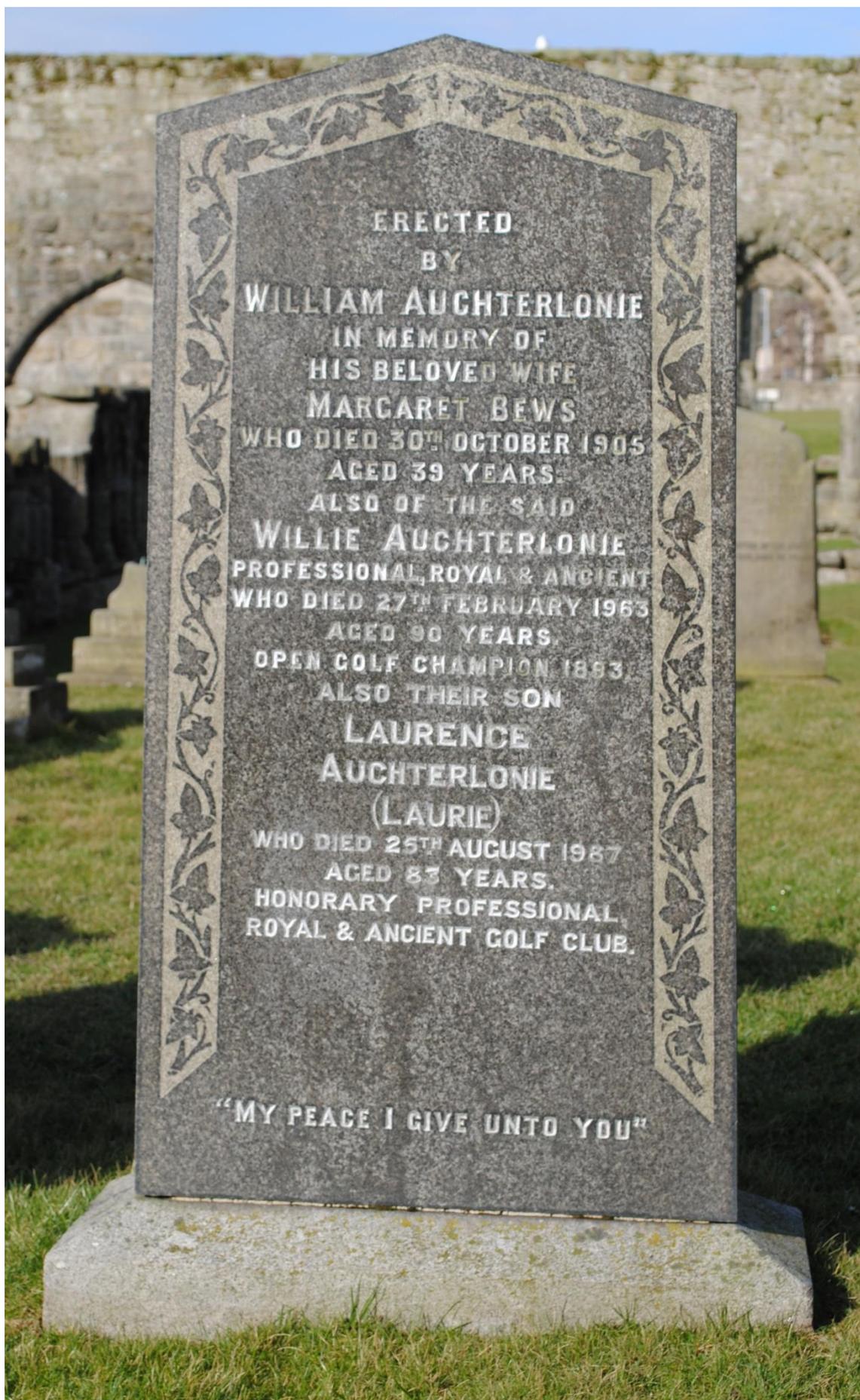
Open Champion 1893

The son of a plumber, Willie was born in Muttoes Lane, St Andrews, and served his apprenticeship as a clubmaker with Robert Forgan & Sons.

The first competition in which he took part outside St Andrews was the Open at Prestwick in 1893. Using seven clubs, all made by himself, he went on to win the championship with a score of 322.

Despite this success he saw his future as a clubmaker rather than a player and set up a successful clubmaking business in his home town. In 1935 he succeeded Andrew Kirkaldy, who had passed away the previous year, as honorary professional to the R&A.

Also remembered on the memorial stone is Willie's only son, Laurence (Laurie), who followed in his father's footsteps both as a clubmaker and as honorary professional to the R&A, succeeding his father in the post after he passed away in 1963.



9. James 'Jamie' Anderson (1842-1905)

Open Champion 1877, 1878, 1879

Jamie was the son of David 'Auld Daw' Anderson, caddie, clubmaker, ballmaker and Keeper of the Green, who famously had a stall alongside the 4th Hole on the Old Course which gave it its name 'Ginger Beer'.

With victories in the Open Championship at Musselburgh in 1877, Prestwick in 1878 and St Andrews in 1879 Jamie made history becoming the first golfer to win the Challenge Cup three years in succession and on three different courses.

He served a number of Clubs as a professional and had a clubmaking business.

Jamie fell on hard times later in life and died in the Poor House at Thornton in 1905. He was buried in the grounds of St Andrews Cathedral alongside his son, David, who had died in 1863 aged eight months. Jamie's name was never added to the stone. In 2018 a gravestone was erected alongside the existing stone recording for the first time the names of Jamie and other family members.



10. Fred Herd (1873-1954)
US Open Champion 1898
and
Alexander 'Sandy' Herd (1868-1944)
Open Champion 1902
(Parents' grave)

Both brothers were born in St Andrews, the sons of a stone mason.

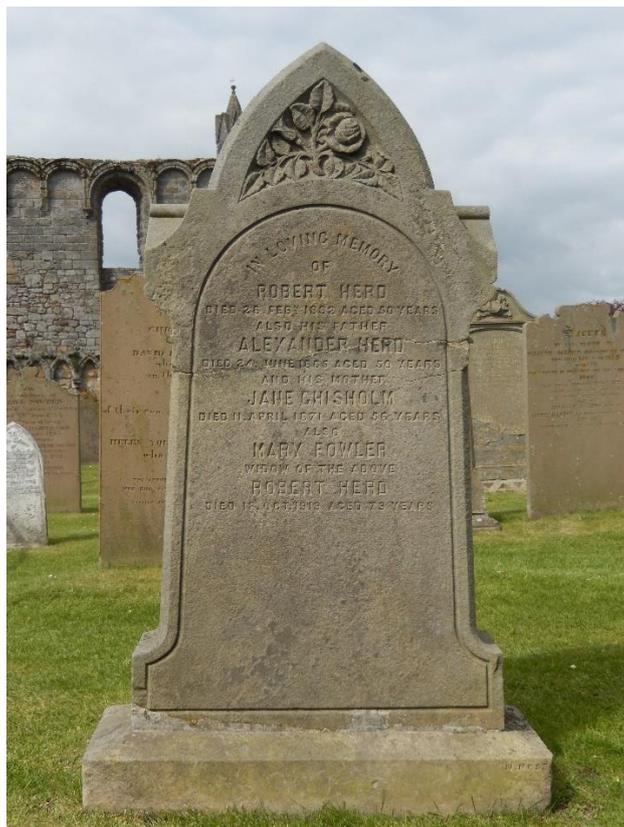
Fred Herd went to the USA in March 1898 to take up the post as professional at the Washington Park Golf Club, Chicago. He went on to win the US Open in June that year at the Myopia Hunt Club, Hamilton, Massachusetts, the first to be played at a time and place different from the US Amateur, to be contested over 72 holes and to be played over two days.

Sandy Herd was a member of The St Andrews Golf Club when he won the inaugural R&A Gold Medal, put up for competition between members of the artisan golf clubs in St Andrews in 1890. Later that year he took up the post of professional at Royal Portrush and later moved to Huddersfield.

He won the Open at Hoylake in 1902, becoming the first golfer to win the Open using a rubber-core ball, with a score of 307.

Sandy was later professional at Coombe Hill then Moor Park.

He was an Honorary Vice-President of The St Andrews Golf Club.



- **Thomas 'Tom' Kidd (c.1848-1884)**

Open Champion 1873

and

Robert 'Bob' Martin (c.1853-1917)

Open Champion (1876 and 1885)

(Both known to be buried in the Cathedral Burial Ground but have no grave marker).

Tom Kidd, who was a caddie and professional, had the honour of winning the Open Championship at St Andrews in 1873 on the first occasion it was contested in his home town. He won with a score of 179, one ahead of Jamie Anderson and four ahead of Tommy Morris, the holder, who tied on 183 with Robert Kirk.

His grave has no marker.

Bob Martin, who was born in Cupar, worked as a clubmaker for Tom Morris and Jamie Anderson and was also a fine golfer.

He won the Open Championship at St Andrews in 1876 in unique circumstances. At close of play he was tied with Davie Strath on a score of 176 for what was then a two round championship. A play-off was to take place but Davie had been accused of playing to the 17th green in his second round while the group ahead were putting and a protest lodged. No decision was taken on this before the play-off so Davie refused to take part on the grounds that had he won it he might later be disqualified. Bob therefore had a walk-over playing round the course alone.

He won the Open again at St Andrews in 1885 finishing on 171 one ahead of Archie Simpson (Carnoustie).

Bob died at his home in Strathkinness. His grave has no marker.

Eastern Cemetery

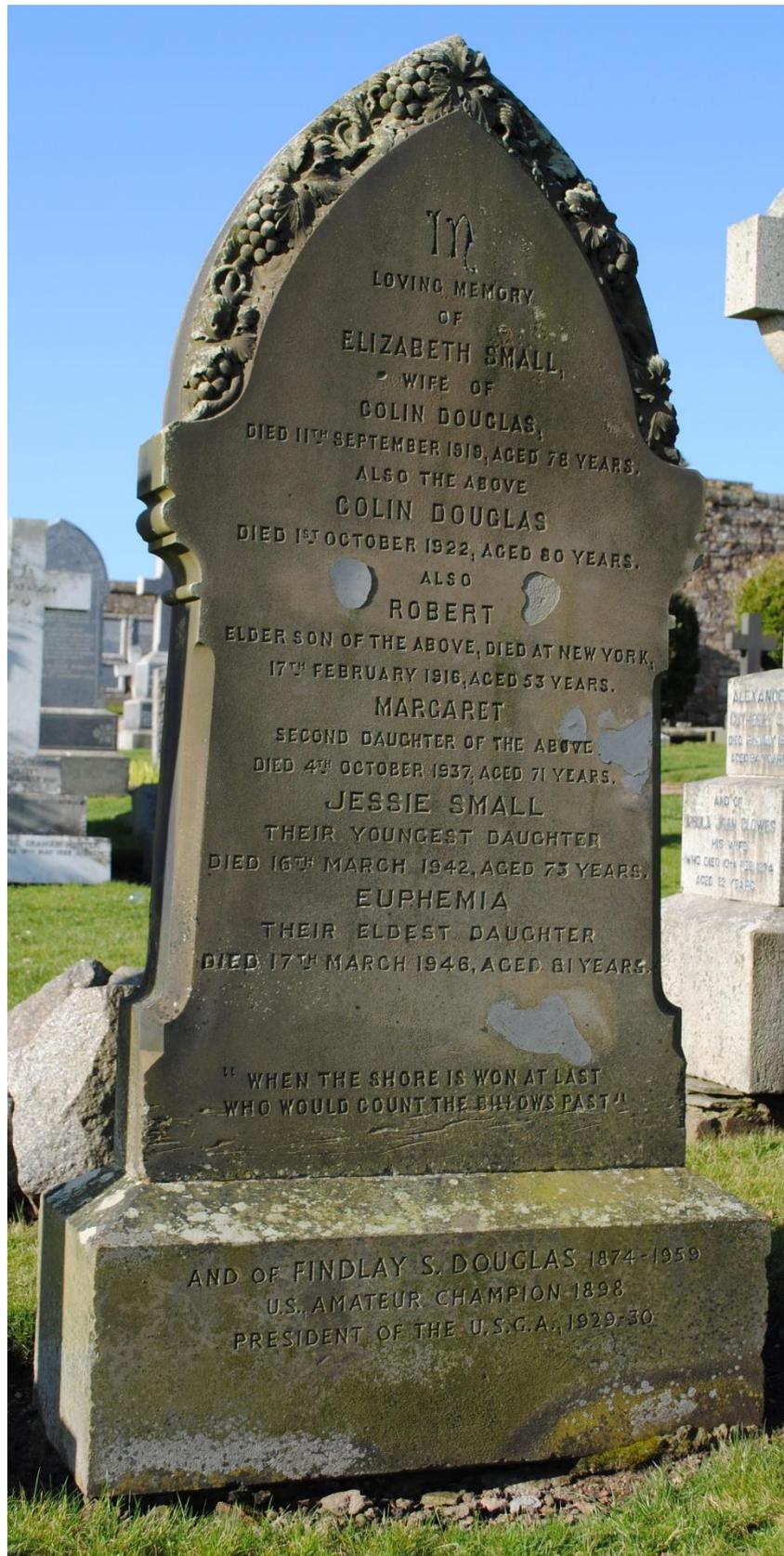
11. Findlay S. Douglas (1874-1959)

US Amateur Champion 1898

Findlay emigrated to the USA in 1897 where he was to go on to enjoy a long career working for the United States Steel Corporation. In 1898 he won the US Amateur Championship played at Morris County Golf Club, Morristown, New Jersey beating W.B. Smith, Ontwensia (Chicago) in the final.

Findlay was to make a major contribution to golf as an administrator rising to become President of the USGA 1929-1930.

He died at New York in 1959 and his ashes were returned to be interred in the family plot in the Eastern Cemetery.



12. James Foulis (1871-1928)

US Open Champion 1896

(Sister's grave)

James Foulis emigrated to the USA in 1895 to take up the post of professional at the Chicago Golf Club, Wheaton, Illinois. In 1896 he won the US Open Championship played at Shinnecock Hills, Long Island.

His parents and siblings soon moved out to join him, with the exception of his sister Maggie who had died in 1885 at the age of four and a half years and was buried in the Eastern Cemetery.

He went on to work for other Clubs during his career, laid out a number of courses and is credited, with his brother David, with improving the playability of the rubber-core golf ball and inventing the mashie niblick.



Western Cemetery

13. Lawrence 'Laurie' Auchterlonie (1867-1948)

US Open Champion 1902

The brother of Willie Auchterlonie, who had won the Open Championship in 1893, Laurie Auchterlonie went to the USA as a professional and was at the Glen View Club, Illinois from 1901 to 1911.

In 1902 Laurie made history when he won the US Open Championship at Garden City Golf Club, Long Island, becoming the first player to win this championship using a rubber-core ball and the first to break 80 in all four rounds of the championship.

He returned to St Andrews in 1911 and from 1913 lived at Mount Prospect, Largo Road.

