

MONUMENT, erected on the Boreland Hill in the Parish of Anwoth, to the memory of the Rev. Samuel Rutherford, —Born in 1600, —Ordained minister of Anwoth in 1627, —Afterwards Professor of Divinity at St Andrews, —Died in 1661. The expence of the building was defrayed



THE  
RUTHERFORD MONUMENT.

partly by a general subscription, and partly by a collection made at a Sermon preached near the Site of the Monument, by the Rev Dr Cook of Belfast, on 9th September, 1838. —Height 60 feet; —Square of base 7 feet; —Foundation stone laid 28th April 1842; —Cost upwards of £200; —J. & J Stewart Architects and Builders.

LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE  
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The foundation stone of the monument to be erected to the memory of the REV. S. RUTHERFORD, at one time minister of Anwoth, was laid on THURSDAY the 28th APRIL, 1842, the day previously fixed on for this purpose. The weather was propitiously fine; and the concourse of people, eager to witness, or participate in, the hallowed proceedings of the day, was certainly very numerous. It was generally supposed that the assembled witnesses of the interesting ceremony, could not be less than from THREE to FOUR THOUSAND. A long pole was set up on the spot where the monument was to be erected having a large white flag with the word "RUTHERFORD" conspicuously painted upon it.—This flag was the polar star of the day,—the pilgrim's compass,—or, rather, like the Israelites' "pillar of a cloud, to lead them the way." Even so early as ten o'clock in the morning, numerous groups of well dressed people were issuing from the town and neighbourhood and wending their way towards the flag capped hill, and up to two o'clock, the time when the ceremony was to commence, the living stream of human beings continually flowed on.

About 2 o'clock the procession began to move from the FREE MASONS' HALL, GATEHOUSE, in the following order. Managing Committee, preceded by Lady Ann Murray's Instrumental Band.—The Magistrates and Trades of the Burgh.—St John's Lodge New-Galloway.—St Stephen's Lodge Gatehouse; with a great number of visiting brethren from different Lodges.—The Rev. Robert Jeffery of Girthon acted as Master.—Mr Little, Depute Master.—Mr Thomson St John's Lodge New-Galloway, Senior Warden.—Mr M'Keand Junior Warden.—Mr Nicholson St Mary's Lodge Kirkcudbright, Chaplain.—Mr Stewart, Architect, carried the Plans.—Mr Shaw, Superintendent, carried the sealed bottle, which was deposited in the foundation stone, containing as follows;—London Times Newspaper, London Standard do., Edinburgh Witness do., Dumfries and Galloway Courier do., Dumfries Times do., Edinburgh Advertiser do., A Copy of the Life of

MR RUTHERFORD, and a Sermon preached by him at Anwoth in 1637, presented by the Publisher, List of Subscribers, Coins of the present Reign, Edinburgh Almanack.—Mr Ramage carried a horn containing the corn.—Mr Mundell carried a silver cup containing the wine.—Mr Kirkpatrick carried a silver cup containing the oil.—We soon crossed the Fleet along the bridge, and entered the parish of Anwoth, this we considered classic ground, and next came to the venerable and ancient castle of Cardoness, once the seat of greatness and feudal power, but now neglected and forgotten, and the unroofed walls show the changes of all sublunary things. In wending our way through lonely glens and sequestered vallies, we ascended the hill, and as we heard the strains of the soul stirring music, answered by the echoes of every dell and cave below, the feelings it created are not easy to be described, at length we reached the hill top, the place to be consecrated to the memory of the never to be forgotten MR. RUTHERFORD, looking to the west we had in view the holy ground, the remains of the sacred temple, where the godly man worshipped the God of our fathers, it was there he praised his God, there he preached and offered up his most earnest prayers and supplications in behalf and for the edification of the forefathers of many of the spectators. The Rev. Mr Johnston of Anwoth opened the business of the day by prayer, the Rev. Mr Jeffery then proceeded with the ceremony when the Corn, Wine, and Oil were used with all the mystic solemnities belonging to the ancient and honorable craft; the mallet, level, square and plum-rule used on this occasion were made from the Pulpit in which S. R. used to preach, and after the different ceremonies were finished, Mr Jeffery delivered a long speech, delineating the learning, piety, and abilities of MR RUTHERFORD, the disappointments and trials that he met with in his life, likewise alluding to the great benefits and advantages that the church of Scotland had derived, by the strenuous efforts and stand he made for the good of the presbyterian principles, and stated that he was one of the five ministers sent as commissioners from the General Assembly to London at the compiling of the Confession of Faith. The business of the day was closed with prayer by the Rev. Mr Mure of Kirkmabreck, after which the procession began to retire from the hill top quietly and in good order, and the whole multitude dispersed well pleased with the proceedings of the day, not a single accident having occurred.