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Genealogical analysis traces how contemporary practices and institutions emerged out of specific struggles, conflicts, alliances, and exercises of power, many of which are nowadays forgotten. It thereby enables the genealogist to suggest – not by means of normative argument but instead by presenting a series of troublesome associations and lineages – that institutions and practices we value and take for granted today are actually more problematic or more “dangerous” than they otherwise appear (Garland, 2014: 372).



## Genealogy of the Fyvie family collection of photographs

- A** Temple Macfarlane Fyvie (unmarried) died in a horse-riding accident.
- B** Hilda Millicent Fyvie married Albert Hart. Her grandchildren inherited a chest of drawers bought at the Fyvie auction, which included a collection of letters and photographs in one of the drawers. Copies of these photographs now form part of the digital collection.
- C** Huntly Duff Fyvie (unmarried) remained on Fyvie farm until shortly before his death. Although most of the furniture and family belongings were sold on auction, the boxes of photographs remained, becoming part of the collection considered in this thesis
- D** Mabel Lascelles Fyvie (unmarried) remained on the farm with her brothers. When forced by Huntly to leave, she lived briefly in a flat in Estcourt, before moving in with her youngest sister Noelle. She left a suitcase of photographs under her bed, after her death.
- E** Dormer Duncan Fyvie (unmarried) lived with Noelle in his later years. Several boxes and packets of photographs were found amongst his belongings after his death.
- F** Joan Fleetwood Fyvie died during childbirth. The collection which remained on the farm appears to have also included her photographs.
- G** Hazel Ross Fyvie married George Robertson. Her daughter, Fleur Lewis, found a box of photographs in Hazel's desk, after her death. Copies of these photographs now form part of the digital collection.
- H** Many of Enid's photographs appear to have remained a part of the farm collection.
- I** ——— **Wendy** *m* **Keith Adams** ——— **Tamsyn Adams**  
(+ 2) (+ 5)
- J** Lorna Drummond married Robert Haley. Her daughter, Annie Fellows inherited several albums which show the Drummonds with the Fyvies during the 1930s.



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