

Trees in and around Evanton

Historic Mentions

Bishop Forbes' Journal

Tuesday, July 27 1762 - After Prayers and Breakfast, Inchcoulter and Pitlundie were so obliging as to conduct me to view one of the greatest Wonders of Nature I had ever seen or read of, which is the Water of Aultgrad, i.e. the Ugly Burn; so called, it is thought, from the Blackness of its Current and the Roughness of its Rocks; for it rushes rapidly, for a mile, between two Ridges of perpendicular Rocks so near one another that, were one from the Countries where Earthquakes usually happen, to view it, he would readily give a solemn Asservation, that certainly it behoved to be a Rent or Fissure occasioned by an Earthquake; and for my own part, I am persuaded it has been originally formed by the Falling of the Waters of the deluge from off the Earth. You walk up the North-side of the Water - the very best way to have any tolerable View or Idea of this wonder - till you come to a deep Pool or Pot, about a mile from Balcony, into which the rapid Current disgorges itself from between the Rocks; which pot or depth is term'd in Galic, Pool-Intlugid, i.e. the Throat, or the Pool in the throat, and out of it Salmon have been fished. Up from this Throat is one continued Thicket of Wood on each side, arising out of the Openings or Fissures of the Rocks. In the compass of 6 or 7 yards of Circumference you can see **Ash, Oak, Birch, Roan-tree, Allar, Hazle, Plane-tree etc. Box-wood** likewise grows naturally here: And it is one continued Dove-Cote or Pigeon House; so that there are thousands of Doves constantly here Summer and Winter, and they would be many more were it not that the Hawks prey upon them.

1790s – Old Statistical Account (Rev Harry Robertson)

The fine groves of pines which majestically climb the sides of a beautiful eminence that rises immediately from the brink of the chasm ... all these objects cannot be contemplated without exciting emotions of wonder and admiration in the mind of the beholder.

(p 296) But as the fine plantations contribute much to the beauty of this parish ... but 17 January 1791 high winds tore up by the roots about 6000 firs in the different plantations of the estate of Fowlis.

Fowlis Legal Case 1830s

Plantation at Knockrash 70 Scotch Acres lies close to the estate of Inchcoulter.

Second lot above Knockrash – fir, bought for £4,300.