

Queen Victoria and John Brown

A love child between them and their secret marriage uncovered.

Royals Scotland's best kept secret is now told by North East Historian Bill Rennie in a New Book released by Dorrance Publishing Co.Ltd.



In "The Hidden Prince", Billy Rennie presents compelling information passed down from generation to generation regarding the secrecy surrounding a relationship between the late Queen Victoria and John Brown, who was most likely the love of her life. Although this tale is not a new one—in fact, there was a film made on the story—Rennie provides information that solidifies the secret marriage between them and the birth of a "Hidden Prince," who was raised by John Brown's family members.

What contributed greatly to the author's interest in this love story is the fact that his beloved late wife was a descendant and had credible bits and pieces passed down through her family over the years; he initially wanted to help her find out more truths behind the family history and tails/whispers passed on from and through each generation, which Bill witnessed himself on several occasions.

After reading a paper article where Michael MacDonald the then Curator of the Museum of Scottish Tartans had been forced and threatened not to pursue the very same areas (although lacking in substance) of interest that Sheena wanted to be heard and exposed, it was felt better to let sleeping dogs lie due to the perceived fear and harm it may cause to her children's future. Historically this was the show stopper for most parties wanting to enter this area of "forbidden grounds and secrets".

After many years laying unspoken it all came flooding back to life again one evening when Bill was sitting with one of his Grandchildren and the conversation turned to historical information on his family the young man had never been exposed to which included the long gone and buried. "in afore ye gwa I hiv ti tell ye the maist important een" said Bill. On telling of the direct linier parentage the young man didn't believe a word of it and laughed and was advised to go and ask his father about it. All being told Bills Grandson brought it up with his Dad when visiting for Sunday dinner and you could have heard a pin drop, with the look on his face being priceless as the question was met with his father's reply of "I, ats right enough son, fit yer Granda said is true". So a few phone calls later it was decided that the time was right to expose the truth and dare to put on paper the "unmentionable" truth. Giving the family the accreditation they should rightfully have. The upset and torment through the siblings of generations within the family as they knew who they were but were denied their right to their given parentage is very sad and not envisaged in good light, standing or shows any accountability in Bills opinion.

One might question what historical events might have been altered if this relationship had been brought to light back then. Of course, that's something we will never know.

About the Author

A Scottish citizen residing in Aberdeenshire, William Milne Rennie
Brought up on the family farm, he went on to train jumping
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His outside interests included producing Scottish culture music on WAVES radio,
and involvement in a BBC series called *Scotland's Greatest Mysteries*. Highly regarded
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