



## No Place Among the Living (19<sup>th</sup> century)

Harassed continually by the landlords, and removed from his land arbitrarily at short notice, Mr Mackinnon from Lochs lit a fire in the corner of the cemetery in the belief that he would be left there in peace for a while.

To his surprise, the Establishment intervened and alleged that he was desecrating the graves, and he was charged and taken to court. The Sheriff asked him why he behaved in the way he did.

Mr Mackinnon replied that he was not allowed a place among the living, so he had no alternative but to go among the dead.

We were not informed as to what happened to him, but Sheriffs were not known in these days for their compassion and sympathy with the oppressed crofter community.

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