



### The Wedding of Cargie Rymill and Shylie Blue 18<sup>th</sup> September 1906

Left to right: Miss Dorothy Lendon, Mr James Hay Gosse, Miss Edith Le Hunte, Mr Sidney Rymill, Masters Todd and Charles Weston (in front), Miss Kathleen Gordon, Mrs Herbert Rymill nee Blue, Mr Herbert Lockett (Cargie) Rymill, Miss M Stirling, Mr William Belworthy (Billy) Blue, Miss Isabella Susan (Ella) Gardiner.

Who was "Miss Kathleen Gordon"?

- At first, it might have been thought that she was probably Katharine 'Kitty' Gillon WAY, nee Gordon, previously BLUE. It makes sense that the mother of the bride (the new Mrs Herbert Rymill = Shylie) would be standing next to her. However, Kitty is shown in another photo of this wedding (a photo of the parents with the couple) in a different hat and dress. The photo with "Miss Kathleen Gordon" shows a younger woman than Kitty – as Kitty would have been 52 years old. Also she is clearly shorter than Shylie in this photo whereas other photos show that Kitty is taller than Samuel (so he must have been quite short) and she was comparatively taller.
- On second thoughts, it might have been Catherine Gordon (or Katherine, known as 'Katie') who was Shylie's cousin. Katie's father was Donald Matheson Gordon who was Kitty's younger brother. Katie was born 6th Feb 1889 and so would have been 17 years old at the time of Shylie's wedding but the woman in the photo looks a little older than 17 years.
- The third possibility, the most likely, was that she is a friend of Shylie, not a relative. In the Belvidere district there was at least one other Gordon family who were not related. This was the family of Sir John Hannah Gordon who was a lawyer and politician. He could have been a 'friend of the family' because Kitty would have known him from Belvidere (I think John's property was near her father's 'Beaufort') and Samuel would have known him well as their paths were crossing in the courts at that time. He figures quite a bit in Hannan's book on Samuel Way. He had a daughter, Kathleen Gordon who was known as 'Margaret', born 13th July 1882 so would have been 24 years old at the time of Shylie's wedding. Shylie and 'Margaret' would have known each other in the small Strathalbyn community – they were the same age.