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TO
GEORG MORGENSTIERNE
IN SINCERE GRATITUDE

Preface

Sir George Scott Robertson's work *The Kafirs of the Hindu-Kush* will probably always be the most valuable book about Kafiristan. Robertson was not the first European to enter Kafiristan (McNair and the Lockhart Mission were in the Bashgal Valley in 1883 and 1885 respectively), but his book, based on experience in Kafiristan from 1889 to 1891, stands as a model of pioneer field-work and for the scholar it seems quite inexhaustible. To make his book even more useful to the reader and to students this index has been prepared.

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George Scott Robertson was born in London on October 22nd, 1852. His father, Thomas J. Robertson, was of an old Orkney family.

George was educated at Westminster Hospital Medical School. In 1878 he joined the Indian Medical Service and was on active duty throughout the second Afghan War (1879-80). From 1880 he held various civil surgeon appointments in the United Provinces before being transferred in 1888 to the Indian Foreign Office. Soon after the transfer he was posted to Gilgit as Agency Surgeon where his diplomatic and political duties soon began to outweigh his medical responsibilities.

It was in the Autumn of 1889 that he made his first brief visit to Kafiristan, spending a few days in Kamdesh before returning to Chitral. The following year, having persuaded the Government of India to allow him to return to Kafiristan for a prolonged stay, he entered the Bashgal Valley for the second time on the 22nd of September 1890 and remained for 13 months — until October 24th, 1891. It was on this journey that he collected the material which was later published under the title **The Kafirs of the Hindu-Kush** (London, 1896).

During 1891 and 92 Robertson was chief Political Officer with the Hunza-Nagar Expedition. In 1893 he was entrusted with a political mission to Chitral where circumstances were such that by the end of 1895 Robertson's name was, to quote the *London Times* (4. Jan. 1916), "a household word throughout the British Empire". The story of the events that led up to this was told by Robertson in his book **Chitral, The Story of a Minor Siege** (London, 1898). Robertson was made K.C.S.I. in recognition of his role in maintaining British interests in Chitral.

In 1899 Robertson left India and returned to England, not to retire from political life, but to embark upon a new career. In Shropshire in 1900 he became the Liberal candidate for Parliament but failed to win the election. On his second attempt in 1906 he became the Liberal Member of Parliament for Bradford and remained in Parliament until his death at his home in Cheyne Walk, Chelsea, in January, 1916.

An obituary notice in the *Times* (*ibid.*), after giving an account of his accomplishments, described Sir George in these words: "He was a man of reticent habits and demeanour, speaking only on rare occasions, but always to the point."

Schuyler Jones
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April, 1971



SIR GEORGE ROBERTSON, K.C.S.I.

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CAPT. TOWNSHEND,
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Cross references are given as comprehensively as possible. In the following sentence (p. 511) the words marked with an asterisk are headings in the index: "A Bashgul* woman's* mourning* garment* is simply a tattered budzun*".

The spelling omits accents since modern publishing has done away with them. For the sake of clarity different printing-types have been used for headings:

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Key to Place Names

Many names used by Robertson in his book "The Kafirs of the Hindu-Kush" are found unchanged in the accompanying map of Nuristan 1971. The rest can be identified by this key:

Robertson's text:

(* means: mentioned on R.s map only)

Map 1971

(names in brackets are not shown. ÷ means: outside map)

-gal, -gol, -gul

*Abagram

Ahmad Diwana/Badawan

Aiun (R's map: Ain)

Akun/Akum

Amzhi

Apsai

Arnu(i)

Arnugul

Arombrom/grom

Arormia

Arundu

Ashpit/Aspit

Ashrath/Ashreth

Astor

Azharbai

Badakshan

Bailam

Bajindra

Bajour

Bamboret/Bomboret

Baprok (Nullah)

*Barah

Bargul

Bazgul

Binaram

Birkot

Bragamata(l)

Chabu

*Chandak

Chighar Sarai

Chimion

Damir

Deh-I-Kalan

Deo/Diogrom

Dir

Doian

-gal, -gil, -gol, -gul, -göl

Ateregrom

Ahmad Diwana Baba/Badawan

Ayun

Chimi

Ameshdesh

Aftsai

Arandu

(part of) Chitral (valley)

(at Arandu)

(at Arandu)

Arandu/Arnawai

Aspit

Ashret

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Ashpai

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(propably:) Shangar or Jalala

Bajinjo

÷

Bomboret

Papruk (valley)

Raro

Waigal (lower part of the village: Bergele/

Berimdesh/Bramdesh

Badzgal

Binagrom

Barikot

Bragamatal

Chapi

(probably:) Tsünuk

Chaga Sarai

Chimi

Damel

Bragamatal

Dewa

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Drushp/Drusp
 Gairat
 Gilgit
 Gourdesh
 Hunza Nagar
 Istorgats/Istrat
 Jamma
 Jandul
 Jelalabad
 Jinjam
 Kabul
 *Kaimgul
 Kala Naghar
 Kambrom
 Kamich
 Kao
 Kashtan
 Katirgul
 Kegili
 Kila Drosh
 Kstigigrom
 Ksisu
 Kti
 Kulam
 Kungani
 Kutaringul
 Laghman
 *Lake Dufferin
 Laluk
 Lutdeh
 Lutkho
 Madugal
 Mami p. 64 & 326 (& map)

*Mami = Manjam (cf. this)

Manangul
 Mandal
 Manjam
 *Maraora
 Mergrom
 Mildesh
 Mirkani/kandi
 Muman
 Mungul
 *Mushpa
 Nari
 Narsut
 Nichingul
 Nijrao
 Nilt

Drushp
 Gahirat
 ÷
 Gawardesh
 ÷
 Gawardesh
 Jamach
 ÷
 ÷
 Jamjagrom
 ÷
 Kenegil
 Noghor
 Kamdesh
 (probably:) Kamgal (in Pech valley)
 Alingar
 Kushtoz/Keshtagrom
 (northern part of Bashgal)
 Kegal
 Drosh
 Kushteki
 Kesu
 Kantiwo/Ktiwi
 Kulum
 Kanjani-da
 (near Arandu; Kumurigil?)
 ÷
 Dorah (lake)
 Loluk
 Bragamatal
 Lutkuh
 Bagalgrom (chief village of Mandagal)
 Mamin-da (pass between Parun and
 Bashgal)

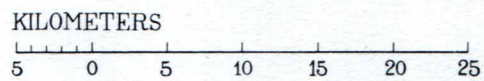
 Manalgal
 (near Dugobu-do)
 Mami (pass between Bashgal and Chitral)
 Marawara
 Mirgrom
 Muldesh
 Mirkhani
 Bagalgrom
 Mangül
 Mashpa
 Narai
 Satrgrom
 Nechingal
 ÷
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Nishi
 Nursut
 Oulagul
 *Pachunga
 *Panchgrom
 Panjsher
 *Pashat
 Peshawar
 Pittigul
 Pomora/Pomoru
 Pontzgrom
 Pontzgul
 Prainta

 Presungul
 Pshowar/Pshui/Shui Pshur
 *Pstigrom
 *Puna Ahmad Diwana
 Pushkigrom
 Runchi
 Salarzai country
 Sarat
 Satsumgrom
 Shanur
 Shidgul p. 65
 Shidgul p. 76 & p. 479
 *Shogoth
 Shtevgrom
 *Shui Pshur
 Sou
 *Stiggigrom
 *Sukod
 Su ku (misprint for Susku)
 *Sundurwar
 Sunra/Sunru
 Susku
 Swat
 Tirich Mir
 Tsaro/Tsaru(gul)¹⁾
 *Tullu
 Urmir
 Utzun
 Uzhamezhalgul
 Viron
 Waguk
 Wai(gul)
 Yasin
 Zidig

Nisheigrom
 Satrgrom
 Aulagal
 Pashangar
 Pimichgrom
 Panjshir
 (?)
 ÷
 Pitigil
 Minjan
 Pronz
 Pezgal
 Waigal (upper part of the village: Perinta'
 Waromdesh)
 Parun/Prasun
 Pshuwor
 Ptsigrom
 (probably a mistake)
 Pashki
 Zhönchigal
 ÷
 Saret
 Zumu
 (?)
 Iche(m)gal
 Shidgül
 Shoghor
 Shtiwe
 Pshuwor
 Sau
 Kushteki
 Shuker
 Sasku
 Sunduwa
 Saru
 Sasku
 ÷
 ÷
 Tsarigal
 Tili
 Ürmür
 Urtsun
 Yushumeshalgal
 Parun/Prasun
 ÷
 Waigal
 ÷
 Azetik/Semanek

1) Robertson uses this name in such a way that it includes the Wama region.



NURISTAN (1971)

BASH-GAL, river
DORAH, lake

LUTKUH, region
Dorah, mountain pasture
Dorah, pass

Kashkun, summit
3760, 3760 meters above sealevel

CHITRAL, town
WAIGAL, village/hamlet

tower/ruin
mines of Lapis Lazuli
x steatite quarry near KANTIWO