

R. Gordon Cumming

The Inverness Courier, March 29, 1866

p.5, Death of Mr Gordon Cumming

Remains of deceased sent from Fort Augustus by the Canal steamer, and passed through Inverness to the Altyre burying ground at Michael Kirk, Gordonstown.

The Inverness Courier, 12 April 1866

The Late Lion Hunter. - The effects of the late Mr Roualeyn G. Cumming are to be sold at Fort Augustus on Tuesday. Among them are several hundred walking-sticks and eighty copies of Mr Cumming's book on African Hunting.

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Fort Augustus. - The sale of the miscellaneous effects of the late Mr Roualeyn Gordon Cumming was held at Fort Augustus on Tuesday. From the peculiarity of the articles to be sold a large number of purchasers attended, including among others, representatives on behalf of Lord Saltoun, Sir George MacPherson-Grant, Lochiel, Seaforth, and other well-known collectors. The principal interest was shown in regard to the shepherds' crooks, walking-sticks and ornamental hazel, numbering over a thousand, and selected with great care by Mr Cumming himself during the last five years, forming a perfectly unique collection, as may be supposed from the fact that single specimens were sold at from 22s downwards, even the rough undressed sticks fetching large prices in lots. It was intended to have completed the sale in one day, but from the large number of articles exposed this was found to be impossible, and the remaining part of the collection, consisting principally of dressed sticks, is to be removed to Inverness for sale on an early day. We observe that the hunting trophies are now for sale by private bargain; but, from their extent and estimated value, there is little prospect of any one party acquiring them, and we understand that they will in all likelihood be brought to the hammer at London in course of the season.