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We dedicate this book to all of the farming families who have opened their homes to us, sharing their stories, their scones, and their vitality for life.

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About the Editors

Pamela J. Stewart and Andrew Strathern are a wife and husband research team with a long history of joint publications and research. They are based in the Department of Anthropology, University of Pittsburgh and are also Visiting Research Fellow and Visiting Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Durham; Visiting Research Fellows in the Research Institute of Irish and Scottish Studies, University of Aberdeen; and have been Visiting Research Fellows, at the Institute of Ethnology, Academia Sinica, Taipei, Taiwan over many years. They have published many books and articles on their research in the Pacific region and in Europe (Scotland and Ireland), and in Asia (Taiwan and China). They are the editors of the Ritual Studies Series, and the Medical Anthropology Series with Carolina Academic Press. Their coauthored books include: Witchcraft, Sorcery, Rumors and Gossip (Cambridge University Press, 2004); and Empowering the Past, Confronting the Future (Palgrave Macmillan, 2004). Their co-edited books include: Asian Ritual Systems: Syncretisms and Ruptures (Carolina Academic Press, 2007); Exchange and Sacrifice (Carolina Academic Press, 2008); Religious and Ritual Change (Carolina Academic Press, 2009); and Ritual (Ashgate Publishing, forthcoming, 2010). A list of their recent writings can be found at (http://www.pitt.edu/~strather/sandspublicat.htm).

We often find that we are writing our manuscripts while “in the field” or as Visiting Scholars in various institutions around the world. Parts of the present book have been completed in the summer of 2009 during stays in a small place, Catrine, near to Mauchline and Kilmarnock, in Ayrshire, Scotland. Parts have also benefited greatly from our most recent 2009 field stay in Carnowen near Convoy and Raphoe, County Donegal, Ireland.

We have been visiting these and other field areas in Scotland and Ireland for many years. In Scotland there is a long time-frame of connection and history for both of us. For one of us, AJS, Catrine and Sorn are the places where some earliest years were spent, looked after partly by an eldest sister, Margaret, and an aunt (mother’s sister, Elizabeth, always known as Betty), as well as his maternal grandparents. Ancestral roots run at least four generations deep in
this part of Ayrshire on both AJS’s mother’s side (Sharps) and his father’s side (Stratherns). These roots provide multiple connections with local farms and families throughout the surrounding countryside. One such farm is Blackside, whose steadings are on a dominant hill that overlooks Catrine, Sorn, and many other places. It is a hillside farm, backing onto the great grassy-gray mass of Blackside hill behind it, and surrounded by a small number of in-bye fields that can be exploited for pasture and hay-making. We have described the Blackside Hill in a previous publication (Strathern and Stewart 2001: 83-85). We have learned recently (in 2009) that this farm at one time belonged to an old-established estate in the area, Gilmilnscroft. We also learned in an earlier year of research that one previous farmer in Blackside had run the farm in conjunction with a farm on the Sorn estate, Smiddyshaw, wintering stock in Smiddyshaw when the weather was too harsh on the hill. Details of this kind fit both into a broader picture we have been gaining of the ecology of farming and changes in estate sizes over the years, and into the personal genealogical connections we have referred to above. Other such farms in the area, for example, include Blackbriggs, Blindburn, South Blairkip, Brocklar, Kenstey, and Whiteflat, as well as Mossgiel, High and Laigh Tarbeg, and Blairstyloch. Names of this kind are the very stuff of local landscapes and history. Artifacts and possessions that have come to us one way and another are also a locus of history and genealogy: for example, books, a set of agate stones (from the Burn Ann [Awn]), a violin (said to be a great-grandparental object), and photographs (of persons and kin from the past and the present). We value all of these things, places, and people connected with them, woven together in the intricate mesh of heritage and identity, coupled with the innovations, changes, and movements in time and space that are equally a part of the history of Scotland and Ireland.

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Old Farmall International tractor at Alyth Farm Show, Perthshire, Scotland, with P. J. Stewart, June 20, 2009.

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Old Allis Chalmers tractor at Alyth Farm Show, June 20, 2009, with A. Strathern. Displays of old tractors, restored and repainted, are a part of the competitions for prizes at such shows in both Scotland and Ireland.

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Series Editors’ Preface

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This set of studies is presented as a part of our European Anthropology Series with Carolina Academic Press, a Series which we had sought for many years to be able to develop. The aim of the Series is to publish contemporary anthropological work on topical issues in Europe, often with reference to the European Union but also maintaining traditions of fieldwork and ethnographic writings on this region of the world. Three earlier studies have appeared: (1) Minorities and Memories: Survivals and Extinctions in Scotland and Western Europe, Andrew Strathern and Pamela J. Stewart, 2001 (now incorporated into this Series); (2) Bear Country: Predation, Politics, and the Changing Face of Pyrenean Pastoralism, by Bryan Cummins, 2009, and (3) Believing in Belfast: Charismatic Christianity after the Troubles, by Liam Murphy, 2010.

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