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In May 2010 the Perthshire Society of Natural Science published a Journal to mark Perth800 – the 800th anniversary of the granting of the earliest surviving royal charter to Perth by King William I (the Lion). Two main papers are included in this 96-page, full-colour volume:

‘The early maps of Perth, 1715-1902’ by Jeremy Duncan builds on the notes and research of the map collection of Kenneth MacAlpine, principal teacher of Geography at Perth Academy, who served as Treasurer of the PSNS from 1944 to 1990.

‘Perth and Patrick Geddes: regional survey and geographical education’ by Kenneth Maclean, is based on his MacAlpine Memorial Lecture to the Society in 2008 and gives an account of the life and work of the polymath Patrick Geddes, including the influence that growing up in Perth had on his ideas.

Short articles include a tribute to the long-serving Secretary of the PSNS, Miss Rhoda Fothergill, and obituaries of two Past Presidents of the Society, Dr W.H. Findlay (1911-2006) and James Aitken (1913-2003).