

# Walking Perths Past

Some hows and whys

## Approaching the Scottish Seventeenth Century

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## Outline for this 90-minute session

Introduction to the project, the poem, and the edition

Making connections: EEBO, Canmore, *DSL*

Activity

Presentations

Reflections

## Walking Perths Past?

Podcast

Local engagement

Research workshop

Proof of concept

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## The Muses Threnodie

Henry Adamson

Edinburgh: George Anderson, 1638

Who is this edition for?

## Overview

[Preliminaries]

Introduction

Authorship and Date

Witnesses

Language and Versification

Literary and Historical Significance

Previous Edition

Editorial Practice

Text and Apparatus

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Why these parts?

EEBO

<https://quod.lib.umich.edu/e/eebogroup/>

To catch these mussels you call toyts of Tay

To answer us, our boatman – wondrous slow  
When we did call – thrice lifting up his head,  
Thrice to the ground did fall againe as dead.

Canmore

<https://canmore.org.uk/>

... from thence landing clam the Dragon hole

*Dictionaries of the Scots Language*

<https://dsl.ac.uk/>

Th'old wifes and matrons  
Gave great head to these things which they did say,  
And made their horned husbands to obey,  
And **mortifie** so much unto this saint

At length he finding that incarnat fiend,  
Believ'd his **response** should have steadfast end

## Activity

Either by yourself or with one other participant, use EEBO, Canmore, and DSL to delve into a passage from *The Muses Threnodie*.

Read the passage slowly.

Select details that call for attention: context, explanation, definition, discussion.

Use EEBO, Canmore, or DSL to test for connections.

Get ready to talk or write informally about your findings.

Consider *who* your information will be for.

Ask at any point for help.

## Presentations

## Reflections?

What did you discover?

What did you miss? What sorts of information was not accessible?

What new avenues for research might your procedure and findings suggest?

What further problems might arise in following these avenues?