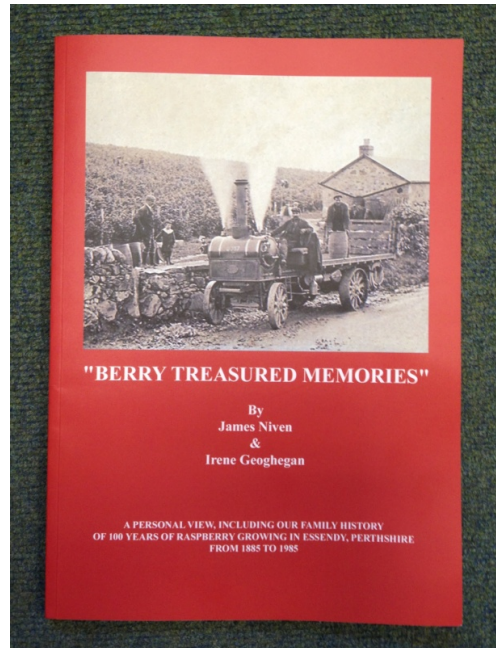


Berry Treasured Memories

By James Niven & Irene Geoghegan



Berry Treasured Memories charts 100 years of raspberry growing in Blairgowrie, Scotland, from the start of the local industry in 1885 through to 1985. The book was written by Blairgowrie fruit grower Jim Niven during his retirement and completed by his daughter Irene Geoghegan following Jim's death in 2008. This is a personal account of the Niven family's involvement with the berry-growing business and contains a wealth of detail and photographs combining Jim's own experiences with scientific and technical changes in the industry. The book will help many recall their own memories of 'the berries' and give a great insight to anyone interested in the history and development of berry growing in Scotland.

Raspberry growing in Blairgowrie and the surrounding area is one of the truly iconic industries of Scotland; for years 'the berries' have played an important part in the lives of so many people in Tayside and beyond – not just the local growers, but the pickers, whether they were local children, travelling folk, families from Glasgow or those who came in buses from Dundee or Fife, and the many across the country who have enjoyed eating this wonderful fruit.

The History Trust welcomes the opportunity to publish this book and is grateful to Irene Geoghegan for generously donating any profits to the Trust in honour of her father.

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