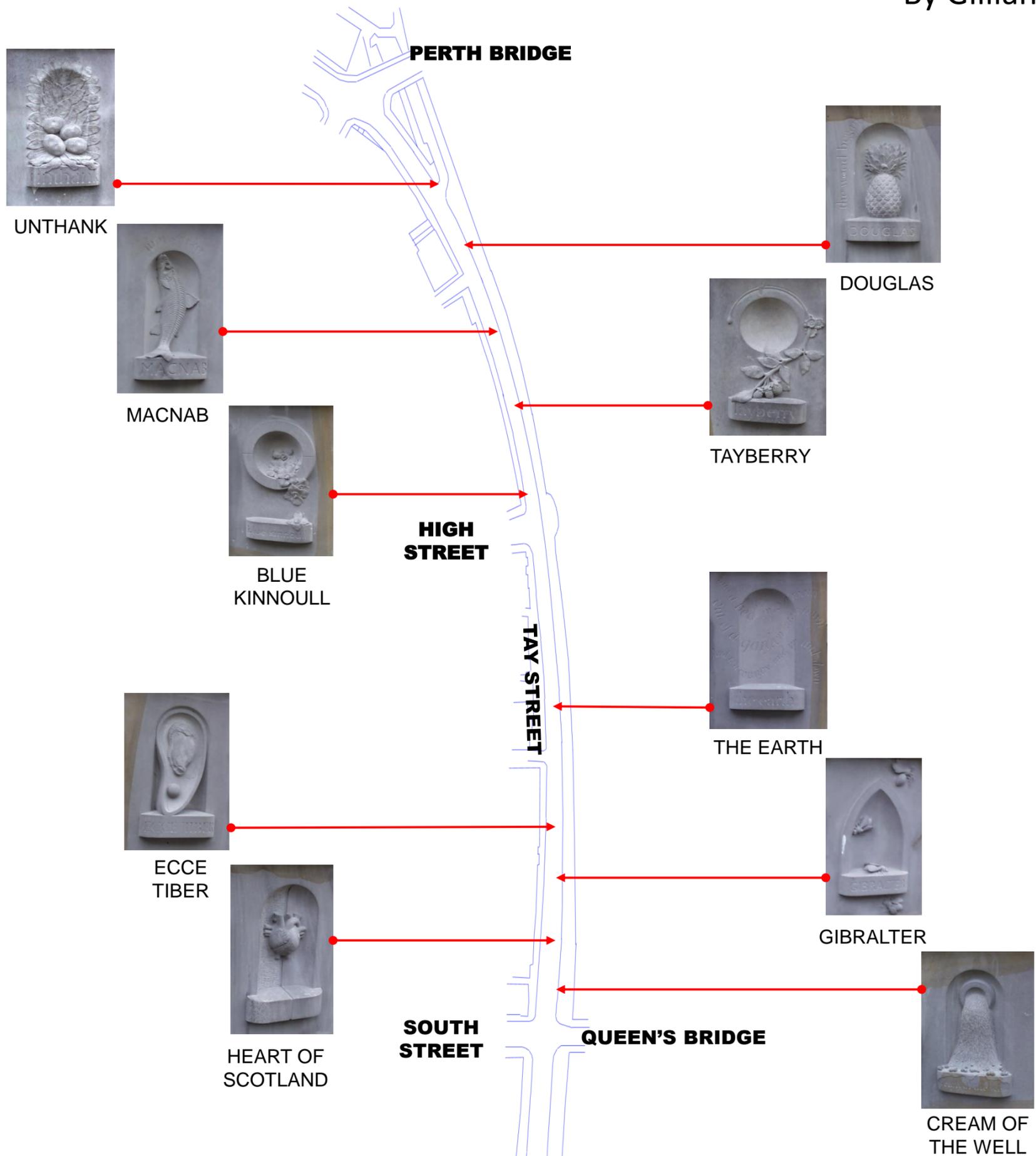


TAY STREET WALL CARVINGS

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UNTHANK - This is a reference to a farm of that name that was within the city boundary, hence the potatoes and leaves.

DOUGLAS - David Douglas, from Scone, introduced many plants to Britain including the Douglas Fir. He died on Hawaii, where pineapples grow. The pineapple was so named as it was thought to resemble a fir cone.

MACNAB - The reference to 'mousetrap' is to a salmon pool on the Tay. In the novel 'John Macnab' by John Buchan, anyone who can poach a salmon, grouse and stag in one day is awarded the 'Macnab'.

TAYBERRY - The soft fruit industry is important to the area between Perth and Dundee, with the Tayberry being a hybrid berry developed here.

BLUE KINNOULL - Kinnoull Hill, which can be seen opposite is formed from 'blue whinstone'. The poppy shown is the blue *Mecanopsis grandis* which is grown at Branklyn Gardens at the foot of Kinnoull Hill.

THE EARTH - This shows some lines from a poem of this name by Perth born poet William Soutar.

ECCE TIBER - This is a freshwater muscle from the Tay and a Tay Pearl. 'Ecce Tiber' 'Here is the Tiber', allegedly what the Romans said on seeing the Tay.

GIBRALTER - In the shape of the bow of a boat, representing a ferry to a point on the opposite bank known as Gibraltar according to old maps of Perth. The bees represent the 'Busy Bee' a boat that worked on the Tay as far as Newburgh.

HEART - Perthshire is in the 'Heart of Scotland' and the two halves represent the changes in landscape from gentle lowland to rough highland.

CREAM OF THE WELL - This is taken from 'Traditions of Perth' (George Penny, 1836) Where water is meant to hold special properties at certain times of the year.