ILLUSTRATED TALK by JAMES McCARTHY

6 February 2010 7.30pm

Journey into Africa: The Life and Death of Keith Johnston, Scottish Cartographer and Explorer (1844-79)

Journey into Africa tells the story of Keith Johnston, a young cartographer of the distinguished Edinburgh map-making firm of W & A K Johnston, who attempted to forge a route from the Indian Ocean to the Central Lakes of Africa on behalf of the Royal Geographical Society.

In his talk, Jim, the book’s author, tells of Keith Johnston’s background in Edinburgh and of his last journey which ended in his early death in a Tanzanian village. Jim also describes how he found the explorer’s last unpublished journal, and how he attempted to locate his grave in what is now the great Selous Game Reserve which Jim administered in the early 1960s.

The talk lasts just under 1 hour, to be followed by a light supper. **BYOB!**

At Jim’s suggestion, the event is raising funds for Polwarth Parish Church.