

Cally Estate Office



This photo of the Cally Office is believed to have been taken when the townsfolk were celebrating the Coronation of King George VI on 12th May 1937.

◀ Chronology of Ownership & Occupancy ▶

It appears that the building originated as 2 feus

Unknown date **Nathan Richmond**'s feu. [possibly 24 feet]

1791 Tenement of Nathan Richmond sold to Andrew Muir with life rent to his wife Janet Selkirk

1800 Sold to James Credie

1795 **John Thomson**'s feu [possibly 62 feet 10 inches]

1800 Sold by John Thomson of Torhousemuir, factor to James Murray, with consent of his wife Mary McMurdo to James Credie.

In 1800 the whole property belonged to James Credie, formerly gardener at Cally, then nurseryman. At various times the building has been used for different purposes. From 1800 into the 1840s it was occupied by the Credie family, who owned a nursery business in what is now Garries Park. To the side of the southern end of the building was an entrance into Garries Park which the Credie's probably used as access to their nursery. This entrance may have been sealed off after the Bowling Green was laid out and the pathway was opened into the park from the gateway next to Cox's Lodge.

c.1812 The Cally School for boys opened in a separate building behind James Credie's property.

1827 Transferred to David Credie, son of James Credie.

1841 Girthon Census aka Nurseyville 1

Credie	David	m	50	nursery & seedman	Kirkcudbrightshire
Credie	Grace	f	40		Kirkcudbrightshire
Credie	Margaret	f	18		Kirkcudbrightshire
Credie	Anna	f	17		Kirkcudbrightshire
Credie	Janet	f	15		Kirkcudbrightshire

Credie	Grace	f	14		Kirkcudbrightshire
Credie	Helen	f	12		Kirkcudbrightshire
Credie	Mary	f	10		Kirkcudbrightshire
Credie	Agness	f	8		Kirkcudbrightshire
Credie	James	m	6		Kirkcudbrightshire
Credie	John	m	4		Kirkcudbrightshire
Credie	William	m	2		Kirkcudbrightshire
Credie	Henry	m	1		Kirkcudbrightshire
Thomson	Jane	f	20	female servant	Kirkcudbrightshire
Stoddart	Mary	f	15	female servant	Scotland

1850 Sold by creditors of the late David Credie to H G Murray Stewart, registered 5/7/1850

1851 Girthon Census

1859 The Cally Boys School teacher, Joseph Barrett married the Cally Girls school teacher, Anne Titley in January 1859. The girls school then moved from near Cally Lake to occupy part of the Southern end of the Cally Office building. The lack of lower level windows at this end of the building could reflect the fact that the inside contained a tiered system of benches that was typical of a school classroom of the second half of 19th century. The northern end of the building was used as a schoolmaster's house.

1861 Girthon Census

Barrett	Joseph	head	m	m	34	schoolmaster	England
Barrett	Anne	wife	m	f	34	schoolmistress	England
Barrett	Frances Mary	dau		f	1		Kbts, Gatehouse
Brian	Annie	servant	w	f	24	domestic servant	Wigtown, Portpatrick

1871 Girthon Census

Barrett	Joseph	head	m	m	44	schoolmaster	England
Barrett	Ann	wife	m	f	44	schoolmistress	England
Barrett	Frances Mary	dau.		f	11	scholar	Kbts, Gatehouse
Barrett	William G F	son		m	8	scholar	Kbts, Gatehouse
Barrett	Alfred H	son		m	6	scholar	Kbts, Gatehouse
Barrett	Lavinia A	dau.		f	6	scholar	Kbts, Gatehouse
Barrett	Eva W	dau.		f	2		Kbts, Gatehouse
Hyslop	Thomas	boarder	s	m	17	clerk	Kbts, Gatehouse
Malcolmson	Jessie	servant	s	f	19	general servant	Kbts, Borgue

1881 Girthon Census

Phillips	William	head	m	m	29	certificated teacher	England
Phillips	Sarah	wife	m	f	33		England
Phillips	Edith	dau		f	9	scholar	England
Phillips	Mary	dau		f	7	scholar	Kbts, Gatehouse
Phillips	Emily	dau		f	5	scholar	Kbts, Gatehouse
Phillips	Alice	dau		f	2		Kbts, Gatehouse
Coyle	Elizabeth	servant	s	f	17	general servant	Kbts, Gatehouse

William Phillips & Sarah Cross were married in 1871 at Bryanston in Dorset. Bryanston is a small village next to Blandford Forum, as is a place called Durweston. At some stage during the 20th Century, Durweston was a name used for the schoolmaster's house (part of what was later the Cally Estate Office). It appears that William Phillips came from Gloucestershire and Sarah Cross was from Dorset. Sarah's father, George, was born at **Durweston** ex 1861 Bryanston census.

1891 Girthon Census

Phillips	William	head	m	m	39	teacher in public school	England
Phillips	Sarah	wife	m	f	43	teacher of sewing in public school	England
Phillips	Mary Louisa	dau.		f	17	pupil teacher	Kbts, Gatehouse
Phillips	Emily Sarah	dau.		f	15	pupil teacher	Kbts, Gatehouse
Phillips	Alice	dau.		f	12	scholar	Kbts, Gatehouse
Bennett	Elizabeth	servant		f	15	general servant	Kbts, Gatehouse

1901 Girthon Census

Phillips	William	head	m	m	49	teacher in public school	England
Phillips	Sarah	wife	m	f	53	teachers wife	England
Phillips	Mary L	dau.	s	f	27	teacher in public school	Kbts, Gatehouse
Whan	Anne	servant	s	f	15	gen. dom. serv.	Kbts, Gatehouse

1903 Sarah Phillips died at Ann Street, Gatehouse in June 1903.

1911 Girthon Census

Phillips	William	head	wr	m	59	teacher	England
Phillips	Mary Louisa	dau.	s	f	37	teacher	Kbts, Gatehouse
Phillips	Alice	dau.	s	f	32	teacher	Kbts, Gatehouse
McMinn	Margaret	servant	s	f	18	general servant (domestic)	Kbts, Twynholm

1913 By 1913 the boys and girls schools had combined and the new school name was Rusko School, probably because its main benefactor Mrs Ann Eliza Murray Stewart was living at Rusko House.



The man standing is William Phillips, headmaster of Cally and Rusko Schools. The 4 ladies could be his daughters Edith, Mary, Emily & Alice all of whom were teachers. If so, picture could be taken between 1903 (when Mrs Phillips died) and 1908 (when Edith died in Canada).

The link below is to a school class photograph from the “Old Photographs” part of our website.

<http://www.gatehouse-folk.org.uk/detailpage.asp?d=109&ID=4>

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1920 William Phillips died at Planetree, Anwoth in November 1920, aged 68

1920 Property sold by trustees of Mrs Murray Stewart (Frederick Wyldbore Pinney and R S Glover) to Mary Phillips.

1933 Sold by Mary Phillips to Mrs E Murray Usher 86 ft 10 inches.

During the middle part of the 20th Century, at least part of the building was used as the Cally Estate Office. The southern end of the building had a separate entrance and for some time this was used as staff quarters for the Murray Arms Hotel.

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