

## Cox's Lodge : The Lock-up



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### Gatehouse Varia Vivarium, **The Lock Up**

*"The house at the gate, leading into Cally by way of Nelson Square, is locally known as the Lock Up from the fact that at one time it was used as a place of detention and punishment for evil-doers. It was built by Alexander Murray Esq. of Cally and Broughton, and the upper part consisted of two small apartments without chimneys, each lighted by two small windows near the ceiling and having stone floors. For slight offences, the culprits were incarcerated for twenty four hours in those apartments, but in serious cases accused were detained until handed over to the county police. A night in the cells was characterised by the inhabitants as a night among the Isle of Man blankets, the reason being that the flags came from that island."*

### ◀ **Chronology of Ownership & Occupancy** ▶

At the top of Ann Street next to the gates leading into Cally Estate was the "lock up" built by Alexander Murray at his own expense about 1828 and used for housing petty offenders for short periods.

It remained part of Cally Estate until the twentieth century. It was the 'Cally Porter's Lodge' for many years before becoming the home of gardener Bert Cox, who laid out and tended the garden at Cushat Wood. The modern references to Cox's Lodge is in memory of Bert Cox.

#### **1841 Girthon Census**

McGowan	James		m	68	gatekeeper	Kirkcudbrightshire
McGowan	William		m	35	hand loom weaver (cotton)	Kirkcudbrightshire
Fisher	Magdalene		f	65	female servant	Kirkcudbrightshire
Cuddow	James		m	10		Kirkcudbrightshire

#### **1851 Girthon Census**

McCulloch	James	head	m	m	28	Cally postman	England
McCulloch	Margaret	wife	m	f	25		Kbts, Girthon
McCulloch	Mary Jane	dau.		f	5	scholar	Kbts, Girthon

McCulloch	Frances	dau.		f	3			Kbts, Anwoth
McCulloch	Catherine	dau.		f	8m			Kbts, Girthon
McCulloch	Sophia	dau.		f	8m			Kbts, Girthon

### 1861 Girthon Census

Mears	Daniel	head	wr	m	67	molecatcher		England
Mears	Sarah	dau		s	f	39	embroidress	Kbts, Kelton

### 1871 Girthon Census

Mears	Sarah	head		s	f	49	gatekeeper	Kbts, Kelton
Laurie	Anie	lodger		s	f	33	seamstress	Kbts, Girthon

### 1881 Girthon Census

Mears	Sarah	head		s	f	56	Cally gate keeper	Kbts, Kelton
Laurie	Annie	boarder		s	f	40		Kbts, Girthon

### 1891 Girthon Census

### 1901 Girthon Census

Whan	Alex	head		m	m	48	assistant wood forester	Kbts, Parton
Whan	Jane	wife		m	f	40	foresters wife	Kbts, Crossmichael
Whan	Mary	dau.		s	f	17	scholar	Kbts, Girthon
Whan	Edith	dau.		s	f	13	scholar	Kbts, Girthon
Whan	Robert	son			m	6	scholar	Kbts, Girthon
Robson	Mary	m-in-law		m	f	71	dec'd ploughman's wife	Dumfries, Mouswald

### 1911 Girthon Census

Whan	Alexander	head		m	m	58	forester	Kbts, Parton
Whan	Jane	wife		m	f	49		Kbts, Crossmichael
Whan	Robert	son		s	m	16	shop assistant (ironmonger)	Kbts, Girthon
Whan	Fanny Anderson	dau.		s	f	8	school	Kbts, Girthon

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