

## Lotus Cottage : ex Kirk's Cottage & Corriebuie



Andrew Kirk, joiner must have built the house by about 1809. He appears to have been granted a feu in 1828, but this was never registered with the Register of Sasines in Edinburgh. These details do not seem to have been registered until 1875 when the house was sold and the omission was detected and rectified.

### ◀ Chronology of Ownership & Occupancy ▶

**1809** Construction probably started by Andrew Kirk.  
**1828** Date of first feu document.  
**1836** disposition & settlement by Andrew Kirk  
William Kirk (eldest son)  
Marianne Kirk (daughter, wife of James Goodall, gardener at Cally)  
Andrew Kirk (youngest son)



1841 Girthon Census		Ann Street			
Kirk	Andrew	m	79	house carpenter	Kirkcudbrightshire
Kirk	Andrew	m	30	writer	Kirkcudbrightshire
Kirk	Thomas	m	15		Scotland
McMaster	Mary	f	20	female servant	Scotland

**1843** disposition by William Kirk, St John's Antigua to said Andrew Kirk, writer in Gatehouse

### 1851 Girthon Census

**1855** disposition by Marianne Goodall to Andrew Kirk. (now owned entirely by Andrew Kirk).

### 1859-60 Valuation Roll

Andrew Kirk of London owned a property that was managed by W S Sutherland, and Joshua Makepeace, miner, was the tenant.

**1861 Girthon Census**      **Anne Street**

Makepeace	Mary	head	s	f	28	miner's daughter	England
Makepeace	Leticia	sister	s	f	20	miner's daughter	England

**1866** inherited by Thomas Kirk, residing at St John's Antigua, nearest and lawful heir of his uncle Andrew Kirk.

**1871 Girthon Census**

Hume	James	head	m	m	55	mason	Kbts, Girthon
Hume	Nicholas	wife	m	f	55		Kbts, Borgue
Hume	Janet	dau.	s	f	30		Kbts, Girthon

**1875** Thomas Kirk sold to David Cairns.

**1876** 1828 feu recorded.

**1881 Girthon Census**

Credie	Grace	head	s	f	53	dressmaker	Kbts, Gatehouse
Thomas	David H	nephew	s	m	22	general clerk	Kbts, Anwoth

**1891 Girthon Census**

Straiton	Andrew	head	m	m	30	gamekeeper	Kbts, Girthon
Straiton	Annie N	wife	m	f	26		Wigtown, Penninghame
Straiton	Thomas	son		m	2		Kbts, Girthon
Straiton	Isabella	dau.		f	1m		Kbts, Girthon
Ford	Alexander	visitor	wr	m	68	living on private means	East Lothian, Preston Kirk

**1901 Girthon Census**

Caig	Janet	head	s	f	65	housekeeper dom.	Kbts, Rerrick
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**1911 Girthon Census**      **The Cottage**

Cairns	Isabella	head	s	f	51	private means	Renfrew, Paisley
Haugh	Isabella	servant	s	f	41	general servant (dom.)	Kbts, Kirkmabreck

**1912-13 Valuation Roll .**

Isabel Cairns, spinster, owned and occupied the house in Ann Street called "The Cottage"

**1914** sold to Dr Dott

**1920-21 Valuation Roll**

Catherine G. Dott, widow, owned and occupied the house in Ann Street called "Corriebuie". *[her husband Dr Alexander Dott died 17<sup>th</sup> October 1916, per Girthon gravestone]*

**1930-31 Valuation Roll**

Catherine G. Dott, widow, still owned and occupied Corriebuie.

**1940-41 Valuation Roll**

Catherine G. Dott, widow, still owned and occupied Corriebuie.

**1945** sold by Catherine Dott to Dorothy McWharrie

**1947** sold to the trustees of Edmund Paterson

**1950-51 Valuation Roll**

the executors of the late E W Paterson, per W & J Burness, 12 Hope Street, Edinburgh, both owned and occupied "Lotus Cottage" in Ann Street.

**1953** trustees of E W Paterson to Patricia, Ann and Henry Orr-Paterson (now Lotus Cottage).

### Lotus Cottage

The property remains in the Paterson family. We cannot verify the truth of the story that someone in the Paterson family either didn't like the name Corriebuie, or that she regularly got the names of Corriebuie and Drambuie mixed up. As a result the name seems to have been changed to Lotus Cottage, which may have been a name used elsewhere by the family.

### Corriebuie

Dr Alexander Dott and his wife Catherine Greig Torry lived at No.2 High Street, Gatehouse before moving to this property in 1914 and they called the house Corriebuie. This name came from Laggan in Inverness-shire where Dr Dott had come from. The name, in Gaelic, means 'yellow hollow', and is sometimes given to areas/rocks where gold can be found. Alexander Dott was born in 1864 at Bridge-End, Laggan (near Kingussie). There is no house name on either his birth certificate or any census. He spoke Gaelic per the 1911 census. There is an old house (now a holiday let) at Laggan (spelt Coire Buidhe). Maybe that was the name of the Dott family home at Laggan.

Dr Dott died in 1916 and Catherine Dott raised her children Mary Marjory and Alastair at Corriebuie, before selling the house in 1945.

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