



The Old Toll House

GATEHOUSE-OF-FLEET

THE TOLL HOUSES



The New Toll House, circa 1823

EXTRACTS from RECORDS of the ROAD TRUSTEES of the Stewartry of Kirkcudbright, suppressing the Old Military Road over Gallowhill.

EXTRACT from the Records of the Road Trustees of the Stewartry of Kirkcudbright, from Minutes of Meeting of Preparatory Committee, held at Kirkcudbright on the 29th day of April 1806.

William Porter of Troquhan, Preses.

That the committee do recommend to the general meeting to appoint a committee to examine and lay out the best line of road from the brae at the east end of the bridge over the Bush Burn, near the manse of Girthon, down the east side of that burn, through Cally Parks to the new toll-road from Granyford Bridge to Skyreburn, in order to avoid the steep pull over the Gallowhill, near Gatehouse of Fleet.

EXTRACT from MINUTES of GENERAL MEETING of ROAD TRUSTEES, dated 30th April 1806.

Sir Alexander Muir Mackenzie, Preses.

The meeting appoint Mr. Stewart of Gategill, Mr. Birtwhistle of Dundee, Mr. Hannay of Ruscoe, Mr. Niven, factor for Campbelton and Mr. Craig, factor on the estate of Broughton, as a committee, any three of whom a quorum, to examine and lay out the best line of road from the brae at the east end of the bridge over the Bush Burn, near the manse of Girthon, down the east side of that burn, through Cally Parks to the new toll-road from Granyford Bridge to Skyreburn, in order to avoid the steep pull over the Gallowhill, near Gatehouse of Fleet; and appoint Mr. Craig convener.

EXTRACT from REPORT of above Committee. At Gatehouse of Fleet, the 11th day of June in the year 1806, in consequence of Circular Letters from the Convener.

Convened, Hugh Stewart of Gategill, Alexander Birtwhistle of Dundee, Robert Hannay of Ruscoe, David Maitland of Barcaple, James Niven, factor for William Gordon of Campbelton, being a quorum of the committee appointed by the general meeting of Road Trustees, held at Kirkcudbright on the 30th day of April last, to examine and lay out the best line of road from the brae at the east end of the bridge over the Bush Burn, near the manse of Girthon, down the east side of that burn, through Cally Parks to the new toll-road from Granyford Bridge to Skyreburn, in order to avoid the steep pull over the Gallowhill, near Gatehouse-of-Fleet.

Mr. Hannay, chosen Preses.

The committee viewed and perambulated the proposed new road, as levelled and pitted on the ground by John Brown, land-surveyor, and they unanimously approve of the same, with these alterations, that instead of diverging from the old road in the hollow, near the east end of the bridge at Bush, the road shall diverge from the brae a little more to the eastward, and that instead of joining the toll-road at the east end of the new bridge, within Cally Parks, the road shall be carried across the burn by means of a large strong pinn a little above that bridge, and join the toll-road about half way betwixt the west end of the bridge and the plantation; and the committee are unanimously of opinion, that as soon as the road in this direction is made and opened, the old road over the Gallowhill will be completely superseded and abandoned and ought to be shut up; and they report accordingly.

(Signed) ROBERT HANNAY, Preses.

EXTRACT from MINUTES of Adjourned General Meeting of ROAD TRUSTEES, dated 13th June 1806.

Sir Alexander Gordon of Culvenan, Preses.

There was laid before the meeting the report of a committee, dated the 11th day of June current, appointed by the general meeting of the 30th of April last, to examine and lay out the best line of road from the brae at the east end of the bridge over the Bush Burn, near the manse of Girthon, down the side of that burn, through Cally Parks to the new toll-road from Granyford Bridge to Skyreburn, in order to avoid the steep pull over the Gallowhill, near Gatehouse of Fleet.

And the meeting having considered the said report, they approve thereof, and of the line of road levelled and pitted on the ground, as therein specified, with the alterations therein suggested; and upon the same being made and opened, ordain the old road over the Gallowhill to be suppressed and shut up, as being then useless and unnecessary.

Extracted by

(Signed) DA. H. GORDON, Clerk.



Best Wishes for Christmas
and New Year
from
Mrs. Murray Usher

CARSTRAMON GATEHOUSE-OF-FLEET



EXTRACT from MINUTES of the SPRING GENERAL ANNUAL MEETING
of ROAD TRUSTEES of the Stewartry of Kirkcudbright, held at Kirkcudbright,
on 30th day of April 1819.

David Maxwell, younger of Cardoness, Preses.

Upon the report of a committee, dated the 21st day of January last, appointed by the general annual meeting of Road Trustees, held here on the 13th day of October last, to inquire into the report whether that part of the turnpike-road from Castle-Douglas to Gatehouse of Fleet, viz., from the Dyer's Mill at Enrig, to the foot of the Gallowhill near Gatehouse, may be shut up and suppressed, in consequence of the new line lately made by Mr. Murray of Broughton, at his own expense, under direction of the Trustees, and whether the ground of the old road may not be declared to belong to Mr. Murray, the proprietor of the lands through which it passes, and of the lands through which the new line runs; The meeting approve of the said report, and ordain that part of the turnpike-road from Castle-Douglas to Gatehouse of Fleet, viz., from the Dyer's Mill at Enrig to the foot of the Gallowhill, near Gatehouse to be suppressed and shut up in all time coming, as being no longer of any utility to the public, because the public are now amply accommodated by the new road lately made and opened by Mr. Murray of Broughton, at his own expense, under the sanction of the Road Trustees for the stewartry, and grant the ground occupied by that part of the turnpike-road, ordained to be shut up as aforesaid, to Mr. Murray of Broughton, the proprietor of the lands through which it passes, and also of the lands through which the new road is made, and declare the same to belong to him in all time coming accordingly; excepting always, and reserving to the public the free use of the present road from the new toll-road, through the lands of Enrig towards the church of Girthon, and the lower end of the parish of Girthon.

Extracted by
(Signed) Da. H. GORDON, Clerk.

EXTRACT from MINUTES of the AUTUMN GENERAL ANNUAL MEETING
of ROAD TRUSTEES of the Stewartry of Kirkcudbright, held at Kirkcudbright,
on the 14th day of October 1823 years.

The Hon. John Gordon of Kenmore, Preses.

There was laid before the meeting the report of the committee appointed by the last spring general annual meeting, to view and inspect the alteration and improvement of the road from Bush Burn over Gallowhill to connect with the main street of Gatehouse of Fleet, all in the parish of Girthon, and undertaken some time ago by Mr. Murray of Broughton, and to report whether or not the road was executed in all respects in terms of the bargain with Mr. Murray, which report is dated the 11th day of October current, and bears that Mr. Craig stated to the meeting, that he had, on the 30th ultimo, written and forwarded circular letters to all the members of the committee; and in order that the committee might be fully master of the subject, he laid before the meeting, the extracts of the minutes, bearing date 12th October and 11th March 1819, and 29th April 1820, and stated that he had directed the county engineer to level the two lines of road as had been ordered by the general meeting, and he produced the engineer's report bearing date the 11th current. That the committee having perused these documents, and viewed and inspected the alteration and improvement of the road from Bush Burn over Gallowhill, to connect with the east end of the main street of Gatehouse of Fleet, were unanimously of opinion that the alteration and improvement of the road in question, had been executed in all respects in terms of the bargain with Mr. Murray, and will be a very great improvement and accommodation to the public. That the committee begged leave farther to report, as their unanimous opinion that Mr. Murray had completed the alteration of the road itself, the sloping of the sides of the deep cut through Gallowhill, and the building retaining-walls and fences in a most sufficient manner in every respect, and as he had besides erected a most substantial, handsome toll-house, decidedly the best in the Stewartry, they were of opinion, that in addition to the grant to Mr. Murray, and the heirs of entail succeeding to him in the estate of Cally, of that part of the present line of road from Bush Brae to Gatehouse, which will fall to be suppressed and shut up, a grant of the present toll-house should be made to Mr. Murray himself in fee-simple, in lieu of the new toll-house already built by him; which report having been considered by the meeting, they authorise and ordain that part of the present road from Granyford to Gatehouse, which passes along the east side of the Bush Burn, and through the corner of the plantation on the south-west end of Gallowhill, and then through the academy grounds, all in the vicinity of Gatehouse of Fleet, to be suppressed and shut up, as being superseded and rendered unnecessary by the new road over Gallowhill, and the same is hereby declared to be suppressed and shut up accordingly. And the meeting do hereby give and grant that part of the old road passing along the east side of Bush Burn, and through the corner of the plantations on the south-west end of Gallowhill, and through the academy grounds, in all time coming, to Alexander Murray, Esquire of Broughton, and the heirs of entail succeeding to him in the estate of Cally, in lieu of the ground occupied by the new road; and the meeting further do hereby give and grant, in all time coming, unto the said Alexander Murray, Esquire, and his heirs, in fee-simple, the present toll-house at Gatehouse of Fleet aforesaid, and that in lieu of the new toll-house built by him at his own expense, as mentioned in the said report.

Extracted by
(Signed) Da. H. GORDON, Clerk.