

73 High Street – Brae Cottage

Bruachmore & Brae Cottage are part of the old “Brewery Buildings”, which also included the brewery itself which has been converted into flats. Part of the “Devil’s Elbow” property was probably also included. *We are not entirely sure that we have separated the owners and occupants of each part of the brewery buildings correctly.*



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◀ Chronology of Ownership & Occupancy ▶

1781 The Brewery was to be sold by public roup on 10th September 1781.

1836 Feu charter recorded in favour of John McWilliam.

1841 census (Front Street 77, 78 & 79)

<u>Surname</u>	<u>Forename(s)</u>	<u>Rel.</u>	<u>Mar.</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>
Kirk	Andrew			m	33	brewer	Scotland
Kirk	Jane			f	37		Scotland
Allen	John			m	11	brewer apprentice	Scotland
Davidson	James			m	40	cotton manufacturer	Scotland
Mackie	John			m	20		Scotland
Armstrong	Mary			f	20	female servant	Scotland
Sproat	John			m	65	sheriff officer	Kirkcudbrightshire
Sproat	Jane			f	60		Kirkcudbrightshire
Bennet	Mary			f	12	female servant	Kirkcudbrightshire

These 3 families have been identified based purely on the order that they appeared in the census return.

Andrew Kirk was clearly in the right vicinity as he was a brewer.

1847 Brae Cottage was sold by John McWilliam to William Ramage along with the remainder of the Brewery buildings and Laurelbank.

1851 census (High Street N03)

<u>Surname</u>	<u>Forename(s)</u>	<u>Rel.</u>	<u>Mar.</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>
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Kirk	Andrew	head	m	m	43	brewer	Clackmannan, Alloa
Kirk	Jane	wife	m	f	50		Perth, Doune

1852 Slater's Directory : Andrew Kirk was a brewer in High Street.

1859 Valuation Roll : There were 3 houses and gardens owned by Mrs Janet Ramage. She occupied one herself and the others were occupied by (a) William Dacre Alder, writer and (b) Grace & Mary Walker.

These properties were not necessarily listed as being in High Street.

No-one with surname Alder lived in Girthon per the 1851 & 1861 censuses. No-one with surname Walker lived on the north side of High Street per the 1851 & 1861 censuses.

1861 census (High Street N32)

<u>Surname</u>	<u>Forename(s)</u>	<u>Rel.</u>	<u>Mar.</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>
Hunter	David	head	m	m	31	brewer	Dumfries, Sanquhar
Hunter	Janet	wife	m	f	19		Kbts, Balmaghie
Bennet	Mary	servant	s	f	30	domestic servant	Kbts, Girthon

1871 census (High Street N01 = empty)

No-one called Tomlinson lived in High Street in 1871 (see 1878 Valuation Roll).

1878 Valuation Roll : A house, garden & offices at Gatehouse Brewery was owned by Horatio G Murray Stewart and the occupant was William Tomlinson, brewer. There was also a house and garden at the brewery owned by HGMS – this was occupied by Misses Mary & Elizabeth Wilson.

1881 census (High Street N25 = empty)

No-one called Tomlinson lived in High Street in 1881 (see 1878 Valuation Roll). Mary & Elizabeth Wilson were teachers who occupied High Street N24, which was probably Bruachmore (next door).

1884 Valuation Roll :

1891 census (High Street N01)

<u>Surname</u>	<u>Forename(s)</u>	<u>Rel.</u>	<u>Mar.</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>
Duncan	Joseph	head	m	m	57	lemonade maker	Kincardine, Fordoun
Duncan	Mary	wife	m	f	55		Fife, Leven
Duncan	John	son	s	m	16	scholar	Kbts, Girthon
Duncan	Josephine	dau.	s	f	15	scholar	Kbts, Girthon
Duncan	Robert	son	s	m	11	scholar	Kbts, Girthon

Joseph Duncan occupied the 1st property on the north side of High Street after Laurelbank.

1901 census (High Street 24)

<u>Surname</u>	<u>Forename(s)</u>	<u>Rel.</u>	<u>Mar.</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>
Campbell	James	head	m	m	30	ostler	Kbts, Corsock
Campbell	Jessie	wife	m	f	28		Kbts, Gatehouse
Campbell	Kate	dau.		f	8	scholar	Kbts, Gatehouse
Campbell	Hester	dau.		f	5	scholar	Kbts, Gatehouse
Campbell	Hellen	dau.		f	4		Kbts, Gatehouse
Campbell	Marion	dau.		f	11m		Kbts, Gatehouse
Carter	Agnes	head	w	f	61	laundress	Kbts, Kirkmabreck
Tomlinson	Alice	boarder	s	f	18	pupil teacher	Kbts, Girthon

James Campbell occupied the last property on the north side of High Street before Laurelbank.

Note the presence of a Tomlinson (boarder) in relation to 1878 Valuation Roll.

1911 census (High Street)

<u>Surname</u>	<u>Forename(s)</u>	<u>Rel.</u>	<u>Mar.</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>
Campbell	James	head	m	m	41	postingmaster	Kbts, Parton
Campbell	Jessie	wife	m	f	37		Kbts, Gatehouse
Campbell	Kate	dau.	s	f	17	dressmaker	Kbts, Gatehouse

Campbell	Hester	dau.		f	14		Kbts, Gatehouse
Campbell	Hellen	dau.		f	12	school	Kbts, Gatehouse
Campbell	Marion	dau.		f	11	school	Kbts, Gatehouse
Campbell	William James	son		m	9	school	Kbts, Gatehouse
Campbell	Allen	son		m	7	school	Kbts, Gatehouse
Campbell	Jessie	dau.		f	5	school	Kbts, Gatehouse
Campbell	John	son		m	2		Kbts, Gatehouse
Marks	Jane	mother	m	f	63		Kbts, Gatehouse
Owens	Maggie	bro-in-l	w	f	29		Kbts, Gatehouse
Owens	David	stepson		m	3		Lanark, Mossend

James Campbell occupied the last property on the north side of High Street before Laurelbank. Note his change of occupation.

- 1924** Sold by Jean Campbell or Clark to Peter Jardine.
- 1959** Sold by Philip Thomas to Bank of Scotland for £2,600.
- 1969** Sold by Bank of Scotland to Elsie Smith. *Mrs Janet Holmden may have owned the Brewery building. Bank of Scotland may have owned Bruachmore and the land on which Tigh an Lios now sits.*

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