

Saw Mill House

Scott's Mill was built as a water-powered cotton mill in about 1790. In 1793 the owners issued the only trade token to be issued in Kirkcudbrightshire [Click here to read about this](#). [then use your browser's back button to get back here]. The building only operated as a cotton spinning mill for a few years. It later became the saw mill for the Cally Estate, and part of the property was converted to house the Cally head joiner or the clerk of works.

Part of the building was used by the 4th Kirkcudbrightshire Rifle Volunteers as a headquarters and armoury from about 1860 to 1908, and was known locally as "The Barracks".



Scott's Mill was originally feued to John McWilliam, cotton manufacturer.

◀ Chronology of Ownership & Occupancy ▶

1841 Girthon Census

Spiers	John	m	40	millwright	Scotland
Spiers	Jane	f	30		Kirkcudbrightshire
Spiers	John	m	14		Kirkcudbrightshire
Spiers	Peter	m	12		Kirkcudbrightshire
Spiers	James	m	9		Kirkcudbrightshire
Spiers	Agnes	f	6		Kirkcudbrightshire
Spiers	Mary	f	3		Kirkcudbrightshire
Spiers	Margaret	f	1		Kirkcudbrightshire
Carlyle	Mary	f	14		Kirkcudbrightshire

1851 Girthon Census

1861 Girthon Census

Graham	John	head	m	m	52	carpenter	Kbts, Kelton
Graham	Margaret	wife	m	f	46		Kbts, New Abbey

Graham	Isabella Muir	dau	s	f	23		Dumfries, Caerlaverock
Graham	Mary McMorrine	dau	s	f	20		Wigtown, Newton Stewart
Graham	William	son		m	17	carpenter	Wigtown, Newton Stewart
Graham	John	son		m	15	scholar	Wigtown, Newton Stewart
Graham	Andrew Campbell	son		m	9	scholar	Kbts, Gatehouse
Graham	Horatio G M S	son		m	6	scholar	Kbts, Gatehouse
Graham	Elizabeth	dau		f	4		Kbts, Gatehouse
Graham	James Caird	son		m	8m		Kbts, Gatehouse

1871 Girthon Census

Graham	William	head	s	m	27	joiner	Wigtown, Newton Stewart
Graham	Margaret	mother	w	f	56		Dumfries, Kirkbean
Graham	Isabella M	sister	s	f	32		Dumfries, Caerlaverock
Graham	Mary	sister	s	f	29		Wigtown, Newton Stewart
Graham	Andrew	brother	s	m	19	joiner	Kbts, Gatehouse
Graham	Horatio	brother	s	m	16	druggist	Kbts, Gatehouse
Graham	Bessie	sister		f	13	scholar	Kbts, Gatehouse
Graham	James C	brother		m	10	scholar	Kbts, Gatehouse

1881 Girthon Census

Graham	Margaret	head	w	f	66		Kbts, Kirkbean
Graham	Mary	dau	s	f	37	<i>{imbecile}</i>	Wigtown, Newton Stewart
Graham	William	son	s	m	35	clerk of Cally works	Wigtown, Newton Stewart
Graham	Andrew	son	s	m	28	house joiner	Kbts, Gatehouse
Graham	James	son	s	m	20	grocer	Kbts, Gatehouse

1901 Girthon Census

Hunter	James	head	s	m	33	estate joiner	Kbts, New Abbey
Hunter	Margaret L	sister	s	f	23	housekeeper	Kbts, New Abbey

1911 Girthon Census

Hunter	James	head	m	m	43	estate clerk of works	Kbts, New Abbey
Hunter	Elizabeth	wife	m	f	35		Aberdeen, Chapel of Garioch
Hunter	Freda Nicol	dau.	s	f	4		Kbts, Gatehouse
Hunter	Ann Eliza Stewart	dau.	s	f	2		Kbts, Gatehouse
Hunter	Arthur	son	s	m	6 mths		Kbts, Gatehouse

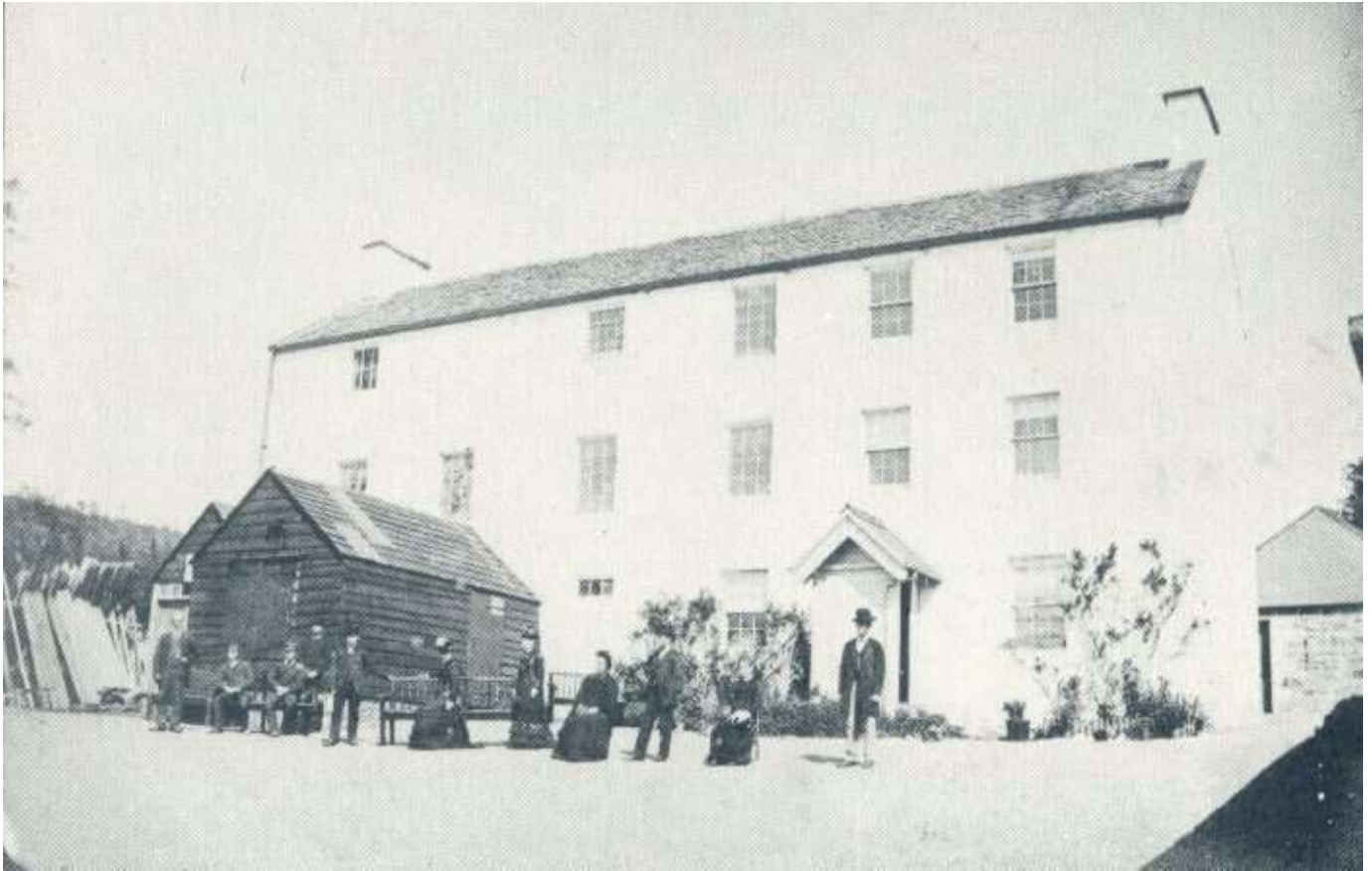
In the mid 1900s the building was used as an “overflow” or annex to the Murray Arms Hotel.

The main building has now been converted into flats. One of the outbuildings was converted into a house, now known as But’n’Ben, whilst Mosslade is a new house built in the old Mill grounds.

1859-60 Valuation Roll says Horatio Granville Murray Stewart is the occupier.

1878-79 Valuation Roll says William Graham, joiner is the occupier.

1884-85 Valuation Roll says William Graham, joiner is the occupier.



The Mill building being used partly as a sawmill and partly as a residence.

In the 1911 Census the listed occupants of the Saw Mill House were James and Elizabeth Hunter and their children Arthur, Freda & Nan. This family is pictured here.



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