

This question was posed on the front page of the February 2020 edition of Gatehouse News

Do you recognise this building ? Photo taken by William McMurray



We had already eliminated Dalmalin Lodge and Anwoth Cottage Hospital.

Not recognising the photo, but knowing that Kirkbride was built on similar lines to Dalmalin Lodge, Isabel McLeod suggested that we try Kirkbride farmhouse.



The porch at Kirkbride Farmhouse : 2020

The leaded panes in the window above the door and also the pane in the porch window pretty much conclude that this is the same building

Before going to Kirkbride we looked at the Anwoth census for 1911.

1911 Census – Anwoth [Enumeration District 2 Page 2](#)

Surname	Forename(s)	Rel.	Mar.	Sex	Age	Occupation	Birthplace
Kirkbride Farm							
McCreadie	Samuel	head	m	m	53	farmer	Kbts, Kirkcudbright
McCreadie	Margaret	wife	m	f	44		Kbts, Borgue
McCreadie	Hamilton James	son		m	13	school	Kbts, Girthon
McCreadie	Robina Jane	dau.		f	11	school	Kbts, Rerrick
McCreadie	Margaret	dau.		f	9	school	Kbts, Rerrick
McCreadie	Samuel	son		m	7	school	Kbts, Rerrick
Wilson	William	servant	s	m	18	cattleman	Kbts, Kirkmabreck

The parents and 4 children must be the family in the McMurray photo. The children in the photo appear to be about 3 years older than in the census, so the picture would have been taken in about 1914.



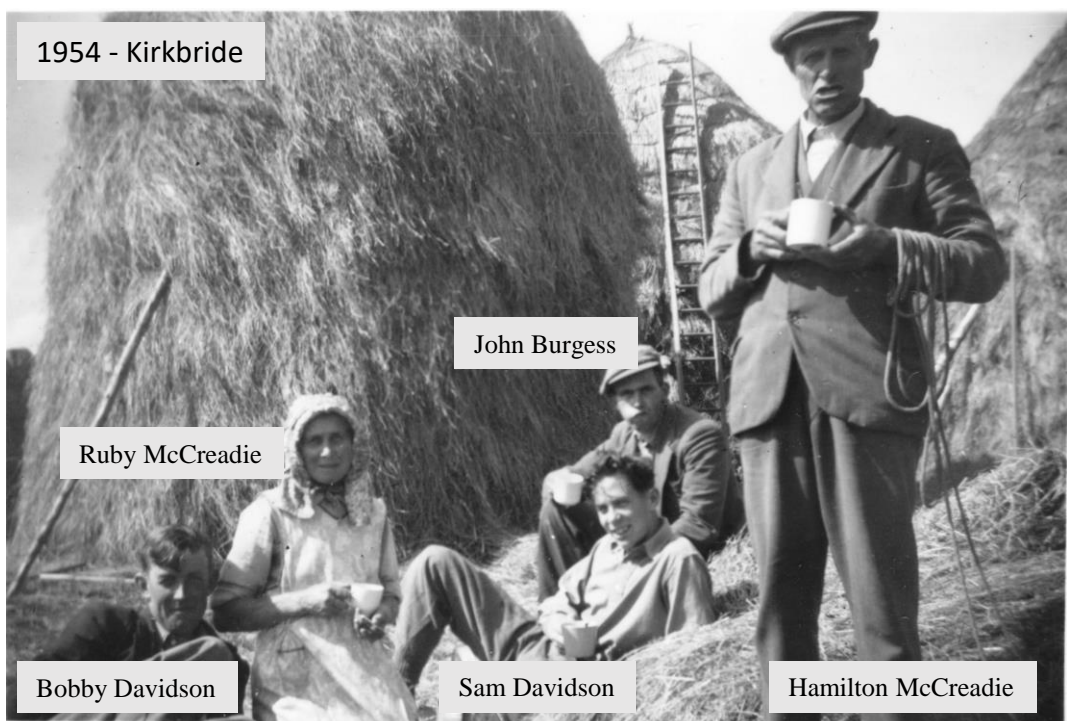
1956 - Hamilton & Mary (née Hay) McCreadie + Carolynn Smith

These photos show Hamilton McCreadie at Kirkbride in the 1950s.

Mary died in 1969
Hamilton died in 1982



Mary & Robina (Ruby) McCreadie, sisters-in-law



1954 - Kirkbride

John Burgess

Ruby McCreadie

Bobby Davidson

Sam Davidson

Hamilton McCreadie

The young child above (Carolynn Wells, née Smith) was the daughter of Marion Smith (née Connell). Marion Connell was evacuated as a teenager from Glasgow during WWII and stayed with the McCreadie family at Kirkbride. She came back to visit the McCreadie family several times after the war.

Bobby & Sam Davidson were probably related to the McCreadie family and were either regular visitors or workers at Kirkbride.

Cousins James W and Margaret Davidson (themselves grandchildren of “Carrick fisherman” William Davidson) married McCreadie siblings Margaret and Samuel (children from the above family per 1911 census).

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This aerial view of Kirkbride was taken in 2003



c.1914

The McCreadie family at Kirkbride



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