

Woodside Terrace – The Toll House

Before “The Cut” was opened in 1823, the road, or turnpike, into Gatehouse from the East came down Ann Street, past the “Old Gatehouse”, continuing along Old Ford Road, until it met a ford across the river. Prior to 1823 there was no road between the clock tower and the mill dam(s). Much, if not all, of this land was part of the Murray Arms grounds.



This photo was probably taken in the 1990s just after the mill pond had been dredged.

◀ Chronology of Ownership & Occupancy ▶

1823	After a number of alterations Alexander Murray, Laird of Cally, built a new road into Gatehouse, “The Cut”, together with a new toll house, which also included a jail or lock-up.
1824	The Toll House building was completed and the house was initially rented to George Graham for £131 a year.

1841 census Toll Bar

<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>
Graham	George			m	60	toll keeper	Scotland
Graham	Agnes			f	55		Scotland
Bryden	Agnes			f	5		Scotland

1851 census High Street (North) 39

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Graham	Anne	head	w	f	68	toll gate keeper	Dumfries, Tinwald
Bryden	Anne	niece	s	f	13	scholar	Dumfries, Tinwald
Bryden	William	visitor	s	m	11	scholar	Canada
Beattie	Jane	visitor	s	f	22	dressmaker	Dumfries, Tinwald

1854	The Stewartry of Kirkcudbright Road Act stated that unwanted toll houses should be sold.
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1861 census High Street North 01 - (Toll House)

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Caven	William	head	m	m	43	carrier & toll-keeper	Kbts, Southwick
Caven	Joana	wife	m	f	43		Kbts, Urr
Caven	Jannet	dau	s	f	14	servant	Dumfries, Dumfries
Caven	James	son		m	12	scholar	Kbts, Troqueer
Caven	William	son		m	10	scholar	Kbts, Urr
Caven	Elizabeth J	dau		f	8	scholar	Kbts, Borgue
Caven	Maryann H T	dau		f	5	scholar	Kbts, Girthon
Caven	Emilly M	dau		f	2		Kbts, Girthon

1864	An Act of Parliament abolished toll roads. The name of the road was changed from Turnpike to Mail Road or Mail Coach Road.
1866	Woodside Toll was sold for £60 to Henry Joseph Moule (or Moule) (factor on behalf of Horatio Murray Stewart).
c.1870	stable built (separate building)

1871 census Toll House unoccupied**1881 census Woodside**

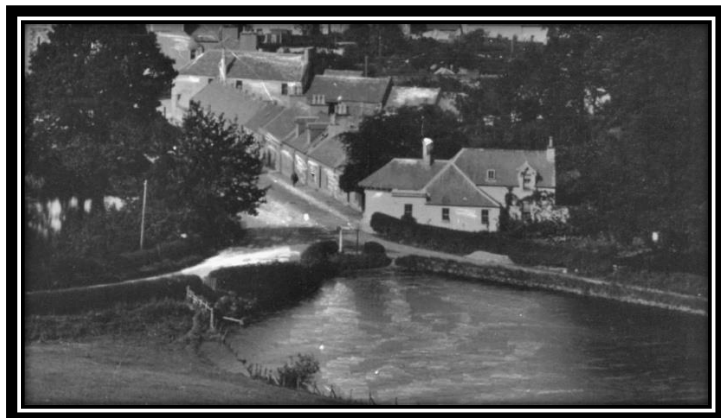
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Ramsay	Jane	head	s	f	61	annuitant	Kbts, Anwoth
Ramsay	Marion	niece	s	f	37	dressmaker	Kbts, Kelton

1891 census Woodside Cottage

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Dalrymple	Charles	head	m	m	49	gardener & forester	Kbts, Gatehouse
Dalrymple	Jane	wife	m	f	49		England
Dalrymple	Agnes Bertha	dau.	s	f	10	scholar	England
Gunn	George Adam	lodger	s	m	22	bank teller	Berwick, Duns

1901 census Tollbar

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Graham	Margaret	head	w	f	86		Dumfries, Kirkbean
Graham	William	son	s	m	57	retired clerk of works	Wigtown, Newton Stewart
Graham	James C	son	s	m	37	retired grocer	Kbts, Gatehouse
Makepeace	Isabella	dau.	w	f	59	living on own means	Dumfries, Caerlaverock
Innes	Mary M	g-dau.	s	f	18		England
Innes	William	g-son		m	12	scholar	England
Hay	Nellie	servant	s	f	21	gen. dom. serv.	Kbts, Gatehouse



This is an early photo of the Toll House when the eastern “wing” of the building had squared walls. This room was “rounded” to become a schoolroom in about 1905. The photo shows the only first-floor development in Woodside Terrace was at Bengray where there are dormer windows.

c.1905 Sold to become a private girl's school.
 Bigger round-walled room built for the school.
 The 2-storey house was added as the schoolmasters house.

1911 census Woodside

<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>
Graham	William	head	s	m	68	private means	Wigtown, Newton Stewart
Graham	James Caird	brother	s	m	50	private means	Kbts, Gatehouse
Hay	Jane	servant	s	f	19	general servant (dom.)	Kbts, Gatehouse

1912 D. Y. Veitch stated that there was a Girls' School at Woodside Toll, run by Miss Swan and Miss Spencer.
(there is no sign of these ladies in the 1911 census)



We don't have a date for this photo, but it was taken before the war memorial was erected in 1921.



A later view from "across the pond" showing a more mature garden, including bee-hives.

1962	The then owner, Willie Innes died. Toll House re-acquired by Cally Estate.
1963	Stable converted to a house – now called Tollhouse Cottage.
1964	Purchased by A C Wolffe to be used as an architects' office. 2-storey house demolished because of extensive dry rot.
1975	Back office let out as Council sub-Office and rent office.
2000	By 2000 the back office was used as a craft studio.
2004	Converted to private house.



Antony Wolffe MBE 1975

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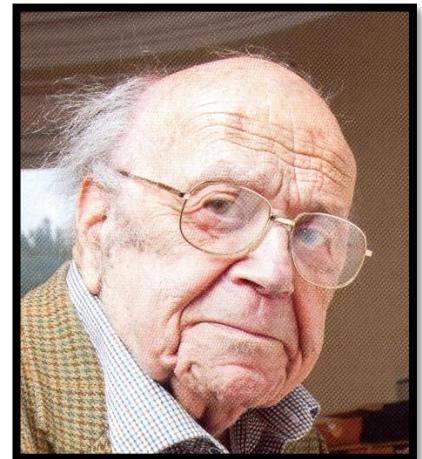


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Alix Wolffe at work in her studio

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