

Miss McGregor – Kirkmichael school mistress for forty-three years, much feared by the pupils, but a very good teacher who paid out of her own pocket for their outings. She grew up at Blackcraig where her father was keeper. She went to school at Ballintuim and Blairgowrie, and college in Edinburgh.

Ballintuim Village

Webster's (haulage), started by James, in the lower house, with one cattle float, increased to four.

Dan lived above, and was a stonemason of great repute. He trained many young men, among whom were Morris McGinn and Jimmy Wilkinson. His brother, Sandy, and sister, Peggy, lived with him. She kept the Post Office in their house. The upper and lower are all one house now. Sandy was an invalid for many years, with MS. Peggy had a son, Grant, who died as a young man.

St. Michael's Church (Episcopal)

Built from stones brought down from the foot of the Knock of Balmyle, where there was once a village called Waterloo, where old veterans lived. The land was given by the McDonalds.

Lagan-dhu (1870)

Lived in by aunts, not sisters, of Colonel George G. Constable of Balmyle. Kathy ran the Guides and Mary the Sunday School. Cecil was in the Glen orchestra, organist at St. Michael's, and in the District Nursing Association. On the last sister's death (Mary), it went to Colonel G. Constable, Balmyle.

Lagan-dhu Callie,

Part of Cally estate, was owned by the Abbey at Couper Angus and Lagan-dhu was a farm house (centre part only – two wings added later) in which lay brothers lived. Steps of Cally has a burial ground which was theirs (monks'). This is before the Reformation.

Corriefodly

Built as a shooting lodge by James Constable, grandfather of George of Balmyle, when he let Cally Moor in the season. Lived in by his son, Robert (James) after he sold Cally to Colonel Davidson about 1920. Sold on his death, and became a hotel.

Cally House (1870)

When George and Janice Constable were first married in 1857, they lived at Strone. On his mother's death (Agnes Maria Constable of Balmyle) in 1868, George and his family of three daughters, went to Balmyle and James, his wife, Jane Anna Riddell, and his eleven children, lived at Cally.

At one time, there were Constables living at Soilgarvie, Strone, Corriefodly, Cally, Langanthu and Balmyle.

Ashintully

It is told of Lizzy Leytoun that she wore a wig and, while bicycling, if it grew hot, she would hang it on the handlebars.

Merklands and Altreoch

Mackenzie Partington, convenor of the committee to build St. Michael's, in 1899. On his death, his wife built Altreoch Dower House and lived in it with her second husband, Sir Cecil Owen, a cousin, who was a civil servant in the Admiralty. She liked to advise newcomers on how to stock up for the winter, and was very interested in bees. She grew specimen daffodils and displayed them singly around the room. She left a light on outside her house at night to guide wayfarers. She was very beautiful in her youth.

Merklands was then owned by Robert, Lord Blackburn, K.C., a law lord, and Lady Constance, sister of the Earl of Strathmore, who had it until about 1877, when Mr and Mrs Russell from Angus bought it. They had given a very large estate to the nation, possibly because their son had died. After the Russells, Robert Constable and his wife, Mary (nee Campbell) lived there, and Merklands was farmed with Tomlea, Balmyle – later run as a pheasantry.

Balmyle

Alex Robertson sold Balmyle in 1778 to Alex MacDonald. It was sold by his son, Colonel William MacDonald, in 1845, to Mr and Mrs Nicoll Constable. Their son, George, and his wife, Jane (Bennett) inherited. They had three daughters, unmarried, one a photographer, once an organist and the youngest an artist. George was a very prominent personality in the Glen. On the death of Jane Constable (youngest daughter), Balmyle went to her cousin's son, Colonel George Constable, who lived there with his wife, Barbara (nee Wilson, from Canada) from 1950 until her death in 1982, when Balmyle was sold to a Mr Brian Anderson, who planned to run it as a retreat, but failed financially. It was sold to Mr and Mrs Alistair Gunn from Edinburgh, in 1994.

Ballintuim House

Owned by the McDonalds, spinster sisters who were famous for hats. It was left to a cousin in Australia, then sold to Mr Lowrie, a dentist from Dundee. Subsequently it became a hotel.

Blackcraig

Renovated and extended by Patrick Alan-Fraser, artist, and friends, in pseudo-Spanish style in approximately 1856, then became a trust, rented by Sir Humphrey and Lady Leggett. Bought by Lowrie of Ballintuim. Josephine MacLaren ran it as a guest house. She and Mr MacLaren have a son. They live mostly in Edinburgh. Caroline (Bud) McGregor grew up at Blackcraig. Her father was keeper. She became the school mistress at Kirkmichael. Her mother lived with her. Christie, the gardener at Balmyle, also worked at Blackcraig as a young man, and his wife's sister lived above the bridge.

The Forrestry Commission bought the land after the war and what was all moor was planted up.