

levels, only one showed signs of having been used as a pounder, and even that one was a doubtful tool.

Of the caves mentioned in this survey, only the Waterloo Cave seems to merit a fuller excavation some other season. From the diggings in the caves of Bute and Cumbræ, and in comparison with the findings of excavations elsewhere in Southern Scotland, it would seem that man did not favour caves as places of habitation. It is evident that he did use them to a certain extent; but if he had lived in them he would have left behind him far more traces of his occupation, one would have found his bone needles, whorls and ornaments, and also his pottery. The large cave at Dunagoil yielded a few of these, but in nothing like the same quantity as was found in the habitation area in the fort above. One may conclude that they were mostly used as eating or cooking places, or used for brief periods in times of stress, or possibly as the present Highlander uses his shielings for a short spell each year.

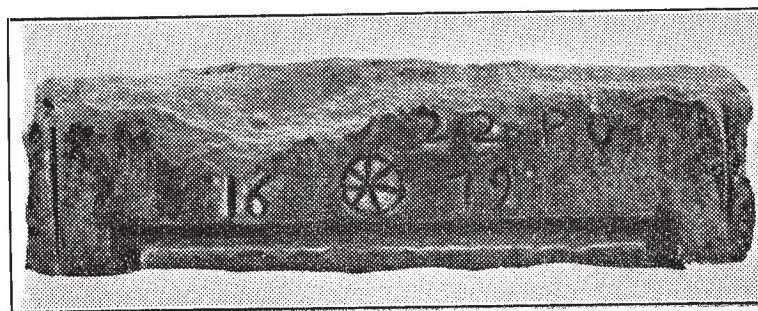
I would like to record my thanks to my various helpers in the different diggings, Mrs A. P. Orr, Miss V. Seton Williams, Mrs J. V. Thomson, Miss Salisbury, and Mr Sydney Roe, and also to Mr Ian Parker for so freely giving me access to the Waterloo Cave.

DATED HOUSES IN ROTHESAY.

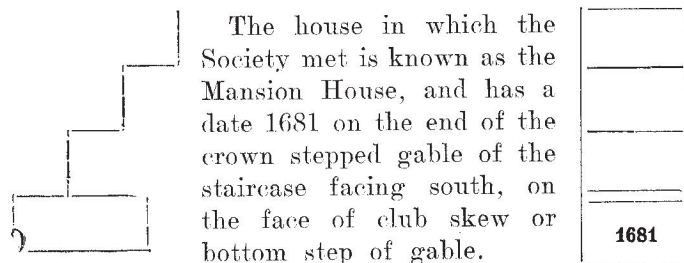
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The earliest date which I find on a building in Rothesay is 1480, on the King's Mill in Mill Street. This date is only painted on, and is not the date of the erection of the Mill, but is the date of the establishment of the King's Mill by a new charter. Dr. Hewison, in his book, says that before 1480 it stood in John Street, and must have been there till this Mill was built. I remember seeing a mill stone standing against the gable of what is now Mr M'Quisten's plaster shop. Mr M'Quisten says the mill stone was broken, as it was in the way.

The earliest date cut on a building which I have seen is 1679. This was, till recently, over an opening, in Moodie's Close, to cellars below the shop, but it is quite clear that the lintel had been used there for a second time. Probably before that tenement was erected there would be an old house there. Lintels over other openings had quite clearly been the lambs of the doorway, as the moulding was the same, a large re-countered head. The stone is now removed to the



Museum, and other markings on it are as follows, 16  79, and above this 22 P.O.



The house in which the Society met is known as the Mansion House, and has a date 1681 on the end of the crown stepped gable of the staircase facing south, on the face of club skew or bottom step of gable.

1701 Date on side of club skew in north gable of property in High Street, belonging to Councillor D. Brown. The initials R.G. are above the date.

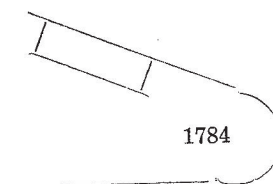
1704 Date over doorway, Bush Farm, off High Street.



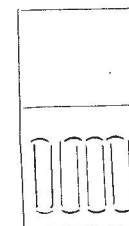
1737 Date on stone club skew, built into tenement in West Princes Street and Store Lane, evidently the date of small houses which were taken down about 1898. This property belonged to a family called Beith, and is still owned by their descendants.

1759 Date on club skew taken out of house in High Street called Springfield, where Dobbie & Co. had their office. The stone is now lying at the back of the church, St. James's.

1768 Date on face of club skew at house at the corner of Castle Street and High Street.



1784 Date on side of club skew on house at corner of Watergate and Castle Street.



1780 Date on side of club skew of house in Gallowgate in which Squair's butcher's shop is. Peculiar in that the date is on club skew to rear of building, they are mostly to the front. Had the next house not been much smaller you would not have seen the date, in fact, you have to go into the entry and up the stair to see it.

1782 Date on side of club skew of house at corner of Gallowgate and Bridge Street, belonging to the late ex-Bailie Squair.

1783 I see the date printed on the notice board of the Bridgend Church as being the formation of the congregation.

1836 is the date of the church which was pulled down a few years ago. The stone is now fixed in the wall between the Bridgend Manse and Beechwood. You can see it if you go up to the end of Bishop Terrace.

1803 Date on face of club skew of house opposite the meal mill. This house was built, owned and occupied by my great-grandfather, James Smith, builder.

1806 Date on building in John Street occupied by Mr M'Quisten, plasterer. Cotton Mills Society house buildings is evidently older than that, 1806. This was a school. The Cotton Mills Society was started in these houses in 1792.

1823 Date on end of moulded cornice next to the County Buildings of property in Watergate.

- 1831 Date on small tenement at head of Store Lane.
- 1832 Date on chimney at foot of High Street over Mr M'Lintock's office, built in 1832 by Captain James Johnstone.
- 1834 Date on corner of tower of County Buildings. Andrew Napier was the builder, and the cost was £4000, whin stone was used. In an old Gazetteer of Scotland, 1842, it is described as having an air of neatness, comfort and opulence, and out of keeping with the notion of a prison. This book of a dungeon, 10 feet by 15 feet, with a door in the roof almost too narrow to allow of anyone to gain entrance.
- 1836 Date on Gaelic Church, now High Kirk Hall, in the Vennel, or Russell Street. This was very indistinct, but has since been re-cut.
J. NAPIER, BUILDER, 1836.
- 1843 Date on property in East Princes Street, the first building with railings in front of it, and called Black's Land, this is the site of a shipbuilding yard.
- 1854 Date on stone set into the wall of St. Paul's Hall, Deanhood Place. Dean Hood, 1854. Dean Hood, Episcopal clergyman, came to Rothesay in 1838.
- 1856 Date on stone in wall near Old Craigmore House. This stone was a drinking well, so that people passing along the road could get refreshment. The water was led through the wall by the proprietor, Mr Bell. The fountain and stone were formed in the shape of a bell. Craigmore House was built in 1827, the date is not on the building, but the builder set up a sun dial in front of the house and cut his name, Rob Balloch, and the date, 1827, on this.
- 1860 Date on Free Church, Chapelhill Road.

- 1862 Date on Ballard Fountain on West Esplanade, removed from Guildford Square when Ewing Fountain was erected.
- 1863 Albert Memorial, foot of Bishop Street.
- 1864 Date on window sill, over Police Office in High Street.
- 1867 Date in wall in Barone Road. Rosemount, 1867. I rather think this refers to the terrace and not to the one house.
- 1867 Date of erection of Thomson Fountain. This has been removed.
- 1868 Date on pillar at beginning of Wimbleton, built by the late ex-Provost Orkney, built of whin stone, quarried on the spot. This is a continuation of the dyke which also appears in Longhill Quarry.
- 1869 Date over window in centre house of Orcadia, also built by ex-Provost Orkney. This monogram is over the other window—JO.
- 1871 Date on base of chimney on property at foot of Chapelhill Road built by the late Dean of Guild James Anderson and called Geelong Buildings.
- 1872 Date on small shield on pediment of Demarra Place.
- 1874 Date on lintel of doorway to house over cart shed in ex-Provost James M'Millan's yard in Bishop Street, built by the late Andrew M'Kirdy.
- 1874 Date on lamp pillar presented to the town by the late Mr Thomas Russell of Ascog, called the Five Lamps.
- 1874 Cabmen's Rest, East Princes Street.
- 1876 Cabmen's Rest, West Pier.

1875 Date on wall at centre of Elysium. This terrace was built by ex-Provost Orkney.

1877 Date on scroll over window of Russell's property in Mill Street, also in Russell Street, on small inset stone. 1877

In Mill Street there is also a small inset stone, and as far as I can make out the date is 1627
T.K.KB.

Mr Russell's idea of a square of such houses fell through owing to the rush to buy properties in the way, as a good many old houses, especially in High Street, such as "Jonny Naught's" and "The Craws."

1876 Date on bell of West U.F. Church.

1877 Date at centre of wall over the mile stone in Royal Terrace, built by ex-Provost John Duncan.

1878 Date at centre of wall of Brighton Terrace, built by the same. This was cut in a stone called snecker, but wore away very quickly. Recently I noticed that the name of the terrace and date had been recut in cement.

1878 Date at corner of Burnbank Terrace, Ardbeg Road, built by the late Mr James Cumming.

1880 A. B. Stewart Monument, born 1836, died 1880.

1881 Ewing Fountain, Guildford Square.

1882 Date on base of chimney of property 8 Argyle Street, built by the late Robert Taylor, butcher, Simpson's yard.

1882 Date on wall of Albany Terrace, beyond Craigmore Pier, built by ex-Provost John Thomson.

1883 Date on front of Norman Stewart Institute.

1879 Date on chimney front of cottage (Elyier) at foot of road over burn. Monogram J.H.G.

1887 Date on Victoria Villa, Barone Road.

1888 Date on pediment of Ladeside Mission Hall belonging to West Church.

1889 Date on stone on wall at corner of Pointhouse Crescent with the Jand LF. The houses are not in the Burgh, but the stone is just over the burn.

1891 Date on pediment over door in Ardencraig Road, "Rockhill."

1894 Date on panel over door of New Rothesay Manse.

1896 Date over door of Rothesay Post Office, opened by late Marquis of Bute while Provost of Rothesay.

1897 Date on Osborne Place, Mountpleasant Road, with initial J.F., built by John Ferguson, Pointhouse Crescent.

1899 Date on wall at Bellevue, Battery Place, built by the late Captain John M'Kirdy.

1897 Date on pediment over doorway, Victoria Hospital.

1901 Date on small panel on chimney butt at Toward View, Ardbeg, and initials, built by the late John M'Cord.

1901 Date on small panel in Russell Street continuance of Russell's buildings.

1902 Date on red building at south corner of Russell Street and High Street, built by the Misses Russell, daughters of Mr T. Russell of Ascog. This tenement is built on the site of a one-time famous hauff known as the Dog and Gun Hotel.

1902 Date on red building at foot of Watergate, built by the late Captain John M'Kirdy on the site of the Eagle Inn, which was burned.

- 1902 Date on red building in Argyle Street built by Mr Fletcher, now owned by ex-Provost E. R. Macmillan.
- 1902 Stone in wall at Burnside Avenue. near Tramway Power Station. built by JF., this building is not in the Burgh.
- 1906 Date in Bute Mansions, East Princes Street. Built by ex-Provost J. M'Millan.
- 1907 Date on Infant School, Union Street.
- 1907 Date on two shelters on Esplanade gifted by the late A. Brown, banker, Rothesay.
- 1908 Date on Albert Mansions, 1 East Princes Street, built by ex-Provost J. M'Millan.
- 1908 Date on swing bridge at mid-pier, erected 1908, R. Burness, Provosts James Fisher, Convener of Harbour; there is also the date of the old double-hinged bridge, 1834.
- 1911 Date on St. James's Church, High Street.
- 1911 Date on base of what was an electric standard in Esplanade Gardens, R. C. Miller, Provost. Blown down and broken during a storm one winter.
- 1914 Date on five storey building in Battery Place, built by the Heaton family.
- 1914 Date on pavement opposite Rockvilla, Ardbeg Road, Captain Williamson's home. The ground which the pavement covers was gifted by the Williamson family to the Burgh, formerly it was part of the enclosed green.
- 1914-1919 War Memorial on Esplanade.
- 1920 Plate at King's Stair, West Pier, to commemorate the landing of King George V. and Queen Mary, and the Princess Royal, July, 1920.

- 1914 Shelter at Ardbeg Point presented by ex-Bailie C. Muir.
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BUILDINGS UNDATED BUT THEIR DATES KNOWN.

- 1660 Old Manse, part of this building incorporated into a tenement at 135 High Street.
- 1795 Parish Church, High Street.
- 1799 Chapel of Ease, High Street.
- 1822 Rothesay Harbour constructed at a cost of £6000.
- 1840 Slip and building yard formed, lasted about 30 years.
- 1840 Old Gas Works erected. Site become a Skating Rink, then a Concert Hall, and is now the Electricity Power Station.
- 1837 Bridge over Lade in Victoria Street formed.
- 1873 Deanhood Place formed over Lade at a cost of £257 6s. Builder, Alex. Smith.