

People in Logie

Cot Cars/Cotcarse/Cotkerse/Coatcarss Cottages/House

The name Carse or Kerse is probably Scandinavian in its origin ; but the root must have been early adopted into Gaelic, where we find it in such a very Gaelic - sounding name as that of the loch dear to all Caledonian curlers, Carsebreck ; and already in 1195 it seems to be manipulated into a Gaelic diminutive, as Carsyn, now Kersie, near South Alloa.ⁱ

An interesting story appears in Logie "A Parish History" Volume 1 describing the Kirk Sessions' response to Isobel Galloway of



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Cotkerse Cottage circa 1912

Cotkerse entertaining a Roman Catholic. A copy of the kirk session's record has been added to enable the reader to see the prejudice of the time.

'1594, December 11.-Isobel Galloway, spouse to John Hutton in Cotcarse, was summoned to appear before the Presbytery for receiving in her house on the 2nd December, at night, " Alexius Vodka phisitione, a pollonian excommunicat for papistrie ; " as there was no compearance she was summoned de nova. Next week, on 18th December, " Isobell Galloway " compeared to answer for giving the said " Pollinian " "ludging in hir hous all nyt and meat and drink expres contrar to gods word and ye commandment of ye kirk . . . and confessis she ludgit ye said man all nyt and gaive him meat and drink, bot wist not quhat he was on ye morn and submits his self in ye brethreins will yairfor, She is sherplie rebwikit for ye said offence and certifeit gif she receive in hir hous ye said Alexius or any ither yat is excommunicate. Fra thyne furt she sall vndisly ye discipline of ye kirk w^t all seuiritie."ⁱⁱ

Cotkerse Cottages do not appear in the sasine search sheets initially as separate entities as they were subsumed into the estates which they were part of. The earliest details that we have at present come from the census returns and these give a fascinating insight into the development of the cottages.

1841 Censusⁱⁱⁱ

Cot Kerse

The 1841 census shows three people living in Cotkerse, four people living in Coat Kerse namely: Margaret Dawson aged 16, her trade or profession is illegible on this record; Margaret Bishop aged 80 was also living here with two servants ;Margaret Sinclair aged 12 years and another female servant aged 12 whose name is illegible.

Bothy of Cot Kerse

Only one person was staying in the Bothy on the day of the Census and that was an agricultural labourer called MOIR, who was born in Perthshire. Unfortunately the first name is not legible.

It should be remembered that the enumerators in the 1841 census were asked to round down all ages greater than 15 to the nearest 5, therefore someone aged 28 would be shown as 25 years old and someone aged 34 would be listed as being 30 years old.

1843 Gentlemen's Seats in Scotland^{iv}

The 1843 Gentlemen's Seats in Scotland shows John Dawson as a resident in Coatcarss. Sadly no other information was forthcoming in this document.

1851 Census^v

House 1

The 1851 census lists a lot more people staying in Cot Cars, SCOTT Peter is listed as a 32 year old ploughman living with his 33 year old wife Elizabeth and their five children Mary aged 13; Peter aged 11; Thomas aged 9; Elizabeth aged 7 and Margaret aged 2. LUCAS William aged 18 years was a Visitor whose job was labourer, visitor who was born Logie, Perthshire.

House 2

OGILVIE Catherine was living in another part of the cottages and she was 52 years of age and an Annuitant, born London. MORRISON Elizabeth aged 20 years was staying in the same part of the cottage with Catherine and was her servant. Elizabeth was born in Logie, Clackmannanshire.

House 3

CARMICHAEL Henry aged 29 was a ploughman who was born in Alloa, Clackmannanshire and lived there with his wife and three children. CARMICHAEL Elizabeth aged 29 was the wife and the children were Sarah aged 6; Jane aged 4 and Elizabeth aged 1

House 4

PEEBLES Alexander aged 21 was a ploughman, born Inverkeithing, Fifeshire and lived with his wife Janet aged 21 years who was born in Dunblane and their daughter Mary aged 1 year and who was born in Perthshire.

1857 Gentlemens Seats in Scotland^{vi}

Staying in Coatcarss House in 1857 was Miss OGILVIE and staying in Cotcarse Cottage was Mrs DALGLIESH. No further information was supplied in this journal.

1861 Census^{vii}

House 1

KEIR Adam who was a 26 year old ploughman, born Saline, Fifeshire is listed in the 1861 census as staying in Cotcarse with his 23 year old wife Agnes who was born Dunfermline, Fifeshire.

House 2

RANKINE James was a 23 year old ploughman, born Dollar, Clackmannanshire and living with his wife Jane aged 26, born Clackmannan, Clackmannanshire.

House 3

McLAREN Hugh was a 40 year old agricultural labourer, born Kenmore, Perthshire and was living with his wife Anne aged 39 born Comrie, Perthshire and their four children Hugh

aged 9 who was born in Comrie, Perthshire; Peter aged 7 who was also born in Comrie, Perthshire; daughter Christian aged 1 year, born in Logie, Perthshire.

House 4

McLAREN Elizabeth aged 59 was an annuitant, born Dunipace, Stirlingshire and she was living with SHARP Elizabeth aged 23 who was a niece, born Larbert, Stirlingshire.

1871 Census^{viii}

House 1

CAMERON Donald aged 24 years was ploughman, born Clifton, Perthshire and stayed in Cotkerse with his wife Christina aged 32 born in Perthshire and their daughter Jessie not yet 1 year and born in Kilmadock, Perthshire. They had one servant called MENZIES Helen who was aged 13 who was born Dunblane, Perthshire.

House 2

McFADYEN John aged 24 years and a journeyman blacksmith, born Stirling, Stirlingshire was living on his own in Cotkerse.

House 3

CAMERON Elizabeth A aged 38 was an agricultural Labourer, born Perth, Perthshire and was living with her children Agnes aged 13 born Stirling, Stirlingshire; Mary A aged 9 and a scholar, born Kippen, Stirlingshire; William aged 4 and a scholar, born Logie, Stirlingshire; Anne aged 2, born Logie, Stirlingshire. They also had a nursling called SMITH Isabella who was 2 months old and born Logie, Perthshire.

House 4

McLAREN Elizabeth aged 68 and a Retired farmer, born Dunipace, Stirling was living with FERGUSON Mary her 25 year old general servant, born Grangemouth, Stirlingshire.

1881 Census^{ix}

House 1

McFARLANE John aged 50 and a road surface man, born Thornhill was living in Cot Carse with his wife and 5 children. John's wife was called Mary aged 48, born Kincardine. The children were Mary aged 20 and listed as a dairy maid, born Gargunnoch; Jane aged 13 who was a peacer in a wool factory, born Gargunnoch; William aged 11, Scholar, born Gargunnoch; James aged 8, Scholar, born Gargunnoch; Christina aged 6, Scholar, born Menstrie, Clacks.

House 2

McNAUGHTON James aged 23 who was an agricultural labourer, born Parish of Ruskey and living with his wife Margaret aged 25, born in Rutherglen, Lanarkshire and two children Annie aged 5, born Drummond; Margaret aged 2, born Menstrie.

House 3

HARDIE Robert aged 43 was a Coachman & Domestic servant, born St Andrews and his wife was Janet also aged 43 and who was born in Crail, Fifeshire. They lived with their two sons and two daughters plus a servant. The children were Elizabeth aged 13, Scholar, born Monzievard; James aged 11, Scholar, born Forgandenny; B Hugh, Scholar, born Forgandenny; Janet aged 7, Scholar, born Forgandenny. BALFOUR Thomas aged 65, was employed as a gardener and domestic servant, born Monirrail, Fife.

1891 Census^x

House 1

MITCHELL William aged 31 years and whose employment was as a gardener, born Dalgety, Fifeshire and he stayed in Cotkerse with his wife, two sons and two daughters. The wife's name was Janet aged 30 and she was born in Aberdour, Fifeshire. The children were: Janet aged 9, scholar, born Fifeshire; William was aged 6 and was a scholar, born Dalgety, Fifeshire; Margaret aged 4, born Dalgety, Fifeshire and Thomas aged 1, born Logie, Perthshire.

House 2

WARDROP Alexander was aged 45 and was employed as a coachman, born Midcalder, Edinburgh, he was staying with his wife Ann aged 44 who was born in Inverness and their son was Alexander aged 15 who was employed as a groom, born Colinton, Edinburgh.

House 3

HOUSTON John was aged 28 years and was an estate joiner and was born in Longland, Kirckudbright. His wife Mary aged 27 was born in Grahamston, Wigton. Their children were: Grace MC aged 4 and was born in Dumfries; Mary M was aged 2 and was born in Partick, Lanarkshire and Andrew was aged 10 months and was born in Logie, Perthshire.

House 4

COLLINS John aged 36 was a gardener, born Strone, Argyll and his wife Christina aged 32 and who was born in Rosshire.

Cotkerse House

Cotkerse House was unoccupied during the 1891 census.

1896 Death Ann Guthrie ~ Glasgow Herald (Glasgow, Scotland), Friday, March 6, 1896; Issue 57^{xi}

The Stirling Directory showed McGUFFIE Ann wife of late Rev George McGuffie and who passed away on the 4th March 1896 and who was resident in Cotkerse House at the time of her death.

Stirling Directory 1897^{xii}

Mrs Ann McGUFFIE of Cotkerse House was listed in the Stirling Inventory of Estates 1896 in the Stirling Directory as leaving £4069.5.3p and also indicated that her maiden name was Archibald.

Birth 1898 SHARPE Robert McCallum. Statutory Birth Certificate^{xiii}

SHARPE Robert McCallum was born at 2am on 15th June 1898 in Cotkerse, Blairlogie. His parents were SHARPE John, Gamekeeper and SHARPE Agnes nee STRANG who were married on 21st July 1882 at St Ninian's.

Circa 1900

Around 1900 Cotkerse Cottages had a major rebuild with the roof being taken off and an extra floor added to double the houses available to tenants.

1901 Census^{xiv}

House 1

DUNCAN James aged 34, joiner born in Alloa, Clackmannanshire and his wife Margaret aged 33 born Alloa Clackmannanshire resided in Cotkerse with their 3 children and his mother-in-law. The children were Janet aged 11, born Alloa Clackmannanshire; Elsie Aged 7, born Logie, Stirling and John aged 4, born Logie, Stirling. HOWIESON Janet aged 64, born Clackmannan was also staying with them.

House 2

DUNCAN Alexander aged 33, gardener born Urquart, Clackmannan and his wife Agnes aged 28, born Dalkeith, Edinburgh and their two children Adelaide aged 2, born in Stirling and James aged 1 month, born Logie, Stirling.

House 3

SHARPE John aged 40 estate foreman born Forfar and his wife Agnes aged 40, born Gargunnoch, Stirling were staying in Cotkerse with their six children; George aged 17 distillery worker born Brecian, Forfar; Agnes aged 11, born Carnwath, Lanark and aged 9, born in Kinglassie, Fife; John aged 6, born England; James aged 4, born England and Robert aged 2, born Logie, Stirlingshire.

House 4

WARDROP Alexander aged 54, coachman born Midcalder, Midlothian and his wife Anne aged 51, born Inverness.

House 5

DOCHARTY Charles aged 40, estate labourer born England and his wife Mary aged 31 born in Ireland and their daughter Sarah Theresa aged 4, born in Anderston, Glasgow.

House 6

Cotkerse House

CAMERON Duncan aged 30, cattle dealer born Brasdale, Inverness and his wife Agnes aged 24, born Carmyle, Lanark and their two children Duncan aged 3 born Glasgow, Lanark and Lily aged under 1 month, born Logie Stirling were staying in Cotkerse House.

1911 Census^{xv}

House 1

MURDOCH Isabella aged 86 and listed as single and having no occupation, born Blairdrummond, Kincardine, Perthshire was living alone in Cotkerse.

House 2

BINNIE Jane aged 69 and a widow, born St Ninian's Stirling was living on her own.

House 3

DUNCAN James aged 44, Estate Joiner, born Alloa, Clackmannanshire and his wife Margaret aged 43 and listed as having been married for 22 years and born 3 children all of whom were still alive. Margaret was born in Alloa, Clackmannan. They had three children, only were John aged 14 who was employed as an estate worker, born in Logie, Stirling was still residing with them at the time of the census. HOWIESON Janet aged 74 and a widow was listed as mother-in-law who was retired and had been born in Alloa, Clackmannan.

House 4

DAVIDSON Robert aged 37 estate gardener, born Eddleston, Peebles and his wife Annie aged 30 who is listed as having been married for 4 years and had 2 children who were still living. Annie was born in Edinburgh. The children were Martha Isabella aged 3, who had been born in Eddleston, Peebles and Annie aged 1 and had also been born in Eddleston, Peebles.

House 5

House 5 was listed as unoccupied in the 1911 census.

House 6

Cotkerse the Cottage

THOMSON John aged 40 chaffeur, born St Ninians, Stirling and his wife Maggie aged 40 was listed as having been married 11 years and had 1 child who was still living. Maggie was born in Alloa, Clackmannanshire. Their child's name was Isabella aged 11, was attending school and had been born in Stirling.

Cotkerse House Photo 1940

The Archives holds a photograph of MILLER David which was taken around 1940 at the front of Cotkerse House when he was resident there.



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David MILLER in front of Cotkerse House (circa 1940)

Cotkerse House Postcard 1945

The archives hold a copy of a postcard which was sent to James MILLER at Cotkerse House in 1945.

17 January 1946

The first instance of **Cotkerse Cottages** in the land registers appears on **17th January 1946** when the Trustees of Helen Jane Hamilton Blair or Barbor or West of **Gogar**, disposed to Hugh Royden Neilson, Chapelton, Stewarton, Ayrshire of the following lands and others being part of, or including the lands and others last vested in John Morries Morries, otherwise John Morries Morries Stirling (sometime Younger), of **Gogar** and **Blackgrange**, residing at **Gogar House** near Stirling, by whom said Granter acquired right by (1) Holograph Will, dated 12th October 1895, and Codicil, both registered in books of C. and S. 27th April 1912, of said John Morries Morries. (2) Will dated 28th April 1911 and registered in books C and S. 27 April 1912 of said John Morries Morries, and (3) Will dated 21st October 1929, and Codicil at Llandudno dated 16th April 1942, of said Helen Jane Hamilton Blair or Barbor or West, from whom said Granter acquired by her said Will and Codicil, vis inter alia (I) the lands of **Gogar**, comprising **Gogar House** and **Policy Parks**, 5 houses and offices at **Cotkerse**, West Gogar Cottage, and the lands on the North of the Stirling Alloa Road pertaining to **Blackgrange Smithy**, all bounded on the north partly by the public road from Stirling to Menstrie, on the east partly by the medium filium of the river Devon and on the south by the Public Road from Stirling to Alloa, the boundary being the now disused road at the old bridge over said River; and (II) the lands of **Westgrange** comprising the farms of **Westgrange**, **Broom** and **Haugh of Westgrange**.



Cotkerse Family Photo 1947

The archives hold a lovely family shot of the Miller family taken in 1947 in the garden of Cotkerse House. Rear Row: David Miller, Isobel MILLER. Front Row: Janet (Granny GOODWIN), James MILLER and Mary MILLER

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Cotkerse House

21 June 1948

Disposition by Hugh Royden Neilson, Chapelton, Stewarton, Ayrshire to Hugh Frank Parkenham Borthwick-Norton, Southwick Park, Fareham, Hampshire, of inter alia (I) Lands of **Gogar**, including 5 houses and offices at **Cotkerse**, **West Gogar Cottage**, **Farms of Gogar Mains**, **East Gogar** and **West Gogar**, and lands on north of Stirling Alloa Road pertaining to **Blackgrange Smithy**. The cumulative price of the above land and property amounted to £23 000.

31 July 1951

Disponed by Eva Sardina Borthwick-Norton, widow of Hugh Frank Pakenham Borthwick-Norton, Southwick Park, Fareham, Hants to Andrew Buchanan Hendry, Farmer, Northfield Farm, Cambus, of inter alia (II) eastmost upper House of Block of 4 houses at **Cotkerse**, **Blairlogie**, with garden ground and coal house, forming part of the lands and Estates of **Gogar**, in Parish of Logie. The cost of the one house in 1951 was £3500.

25 September 1951

Disponed by Eva Sardina Borthwick-Norton, widow of Hugh Frank Pakenham Borthwick-Norton, Southwick Park, Fareham, Hants to David Miller, **Cotkerse House**, Menstrie of (I) Piece of ground, bounded on west partly by and extending 60 feet along **Gogar Loan**, with buildings &c. thereon consisting of **Cotkerse House** and Westmost upper and lower houses of block of 4 houses at **Cotkerse** and outbuildings pertaining therto, and (2) area of garden ground to the north of said subjects, bounded on the west by **Gogar Loan** and on the north by Hillfoots Road, along which together it extends 99 feet. (II) **Easter House** known as **Dumyat Cottage**, with west third yard containing 4 falls of ground, in the Village of **Blairlogie**.

Cotkerse House Wedding 1952

Wedding day of David HUNTER and Isobel MILLER of Cotkerse House in 1952, the reception took place in the Allan Water Hotel. Left to Right: Peter HUNTER



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1952 Wedding

(brother of David); Helen DIACK (niece of Isobel); David, Isobel and Ann ROBB of Giral Farm.

14 July 1955

Sold by David Miller of **Cotkerse House**, Menstrie to Peter William Dickson Fleming, Automobile Association Road Patrol, Oakbank, Kippen of **Easter House** now known as **Dumyat Cottage** with west third of yard containing 4 falls of ground, in village of **Blairlogie**.

30 April 1960

Sold by David Miller of **Cotkerse House**, Menstrie to William Miller, **Cotkerse House**, Menstrie of piece of ground, bounded on west by and extending 118 feet along **Gogar Loan**, with **Cotkerse House** &c. thereon, with portion of Loft which projects over subjects belonging to Andrew Buchanan Hendry.



Cotkerse House 1960

Proud mothers in 1960. Isobel Hunter with Brenda and Linda at the side of the pram, Robina Tannoch with Logan in the pram and Maud Tannoch of Giral Farm with William.

14 January 1972

Sold by David Miller, formerly of **Cotkerse House**, Menstrie, now **West Lodge**, Blairlogie to George Dennis Gower, Foot O'Green Cottage, Whins of Milton, Bannockburn and his wife Merle McCreath Gower, equally and survivor of (1) westmost upper house of Block of 4 houses known as **Cotkerse Cottages, Blairlogie** and (2) 36/1000 Acre of garden ground .

13 June 1973

Sold by David Miller, formerly of **Cotkerse House**, Menstrie, now **West Lodge, Blairlogie**, with consent of Andrew Buchanan Hendry, exchange of coal houses to Hew Andrew Trotter and Jennifer Mary Holden or Trotter spouses, 14 Queens Avenue South, Edinburgh, and survivor. Of coal house pertaining to upper house at north-east corner of block of houses at **Cotkerse, Blairlogie**.

22 July 1974

Notice of payment of improvement grant of £177 paid by County Council of County of Stirling to David Miller, **West Lodge, Blairlogie**, in respect of westmost house on ground floor of house known as **Cotkerse**.

5 October 1978

Sold by William Finlayson, formerly Orchard Farm, Cambus, now **Gogar Mains** to Gisella Koch, **Cotkerse House, Blairlogie**, of 38 square yards of ground, bounded on the north

by mutual pathway and on east, south and west by subjects belonging to said grantee, part of the land of **Gogar** [comprising inter alia subjects at **Gogar Mains** and **Cotkerse**]

7 February 1978

Sold by William Finlayson, farmer, sometime Orchard Farm, Cambus, now **Gogar Mains, Blairlogie** to Central Regional Council of 495 square metres of ground. Obligation whereby said granter binds and obliges himself to restrict height of buildings &c. over 128 square metres of ground, part of eastmost lower house of block at **Cotkerse, Blairlogie**, with garden ground pertaining to.



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David and Mary Miller 1983

Cotkerse House 1983

David and Mary MILLER of Cotkerse House outside Logie Kirk in 1983. David had just received a certificate to commemorate 50 years as an Elder of Logie Kirk.



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