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ST JOHN'S TOWN OF DALRY

Drive through St John's Town of Dalry (known locally as Dalry) and you'll probably not realise that this quiet village has a not-so-quiet past. This is also true when you look at Canmore – while there are a number of heritage sites listed, many lack information or pictures, and they don't get close to reflecting how rich the Dalry's history is – it includes medieval mottes, folklore tales and the 'Pentland Rising', to name but a few! None of them feature much at all in the National Hoistoric Record at the present – could you help us to enrich this resource through putting your knowledge into MyCanmore? Here's a wee selection of some sites that stood out to us but feel free to have a look for others!

St John's Chair **Canmore ID: 64298**

There's apparently a stone chair sat in the middle of a Dalry street that's said to have been used by St John himself, or one of his followers!

This is mentioned in the Canmore entry but there are no images – do you have one you could upload to show off this unusual feature?

The entry also mentions a font stone that might still sit within the churchyard at Dalry – does anyone know anything about this or perhaps have a photograph that they could add?

Town Hall and War Memorial **Canmore ID: 339997**

You can't drive through the village without spotting the eye-catching Town Hall at its centre.

Canmore currently doesn't have any information or photographs of this building, and while it lists the presence of the war memorial contained within, there are no details about this either.

We're guessing that this is a well-loved local landmark and it would be great to share it with the world through Canmore.

Properties along Main Street and Midtown **Canmore ID: Too many to mention!**

The beginning of Dalry dates back centuries, so it's no surprise that many of the properties along its central route have their own Canmore entries. A lot of them appear to have been photographed during a survey in the 1970s but there are no recent photographs or information.

Surely these properties each have their own story – when were they built? Have any of them changed purpose throughout their lifetime? Does anyone have any local knowledge or a recent photograph they could add?

PRO TIP!

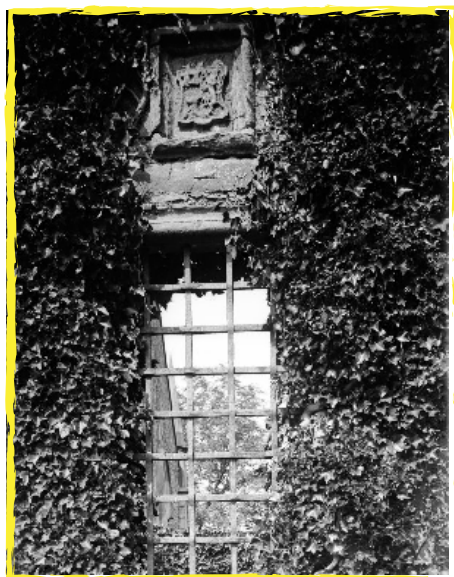


Make sure to Search for 'St John's Town of Dalry' to miss out any imposters from elsewhere in Scotland!

Parish Church and Gordon Aisle Canmore ID: 209953; 64316

Other than some photos of a few gravestones taken in the 1980s, Canmore doesn't have any photographs of the church or contain any information on its history.

Apparently, the ruins of a 16th-century burial place known as the 'Gordon Aisle' sits within its grounds. Pretty amazing. Canmore has some information but only one image.



Lovely photo but not getting a whole lot of the structure there... can you do better?!

Covenanters Memorial Canmore ID: 339998

Now this one isn't old – the Covenanters Memorial 'burning bush' sculpture near the playpark – but it commemorates an important part of Dalry's history. While it does appear in Canmore, its entry is nothing more than a point on the map. Does anyone have a photograph, or the time to write down a few words about how the sculpture came to be and what it symbolises?

Martyr's Graves Canmore ID: 64289

Dalry has an amazingly rich Covenanter's history. There are many gravesites within the Galloway Glens which relate to what has become known as the 'Killing Times' and in the churchyard at Dalry you will find the 'Martyrs' Grave' of Robert Stewart and John Grierson – two Covenanters killed by Claverhouse in 1684.

Now there's some information in the entry but no photographs, and it would be great for Canmore to have some images for anyone who is interested in researching one of the most turbulent times in Scottish history.

Someone has already contributed a transcription of the main body of the grave's inscription through MyCanmore:

*Behold behold a stone here's forc'd to cry,
Come see two martyrs under me that ly!
At Water of Dee who slain were by the hand,
Of cruel Claverhouse and's bloodie band.
No sooner had he done this horrid thing
But's forc'd to cry Stewarts soul in heaven
doth sing.
Yet strange'. His rage pursu'd even such
when dead
And in the tombs of their ancestors laid.
Causing their corps be rais'd out of the same
Discharging in churchyard to bury them.
All this they did cause they would not perjure
Our covenants and reformation pure.
Because like faithful martyrs for to dy
They rather chus'd then treacherouslie
comply
With cursed prelatie the nations bane
And with indulgencie our churches stain.
Perjur'd intelligencers were so rife
Shew'd their curs'd loyalty to take their life.
It would be nice to have a photo to go with it...*

St John's Town of Dalry Golf Course, Canmore ID: 345476

There seems to have been a golf course that sat just to the north of Dalry, and a fairly old one at that – it appears on maps in 1909 and Canmore has three photographs of players using the course in 1914!

Does anyone know anything more about this course? Any ideas how long it was running for, or when it closed? How many holes and does anyone know any names of those that worked or played there?!

Any information like that could really add to its entry on Canmore!



NEW SITES

What you can't do in MyCanmore is add new sites, but if there are any that you would like documented, you could upload their images to Canmore entry **ID: 113890**, St John's Town of Dalry General, and include a description. This way they can still be included in the national record for everyone to see.