

Kirkintilloch Graveyards

Old Aisle Cemetery

The Old Aisle is the principal cemetery of Kirkintilloch. It began as the churchyard for St Ninian's, the parish church of Kirkintilloch and Cumbernauld, which was founded c 1140. In 1644 a new church was built in Kirkintilloch (the Auld Kirk), but due to a lack of space at the new church, people continued to be buried at the Old Aisle. A new section of the Old Aisle was opened by the Parish Council in 1863 and over the years the Old Aisle has been extended and continues in use today.

Auld Kirk (St Mary's)

The Auld Kirk was built in 1644 as a replacement for the old parish church of St Ninian's at the Old Aisle. Burials around the Auld Kirk continued until the middle of the nineteenth century, but the limited space meant that burials at the Old Aisle also continued. The burials around the Auld Kirk caused the ground to rise so high that eventually the ground was levelled and the memorial stones removed to the south east corner.

Orchard Burial Ground

The Orchard Burial Ground was opened in 1837 as the churchyard for St Andrew's UF Church, although the burial ground was little used, as access was difficult. The common ground was closed in 1862, and in 1873 the church and land were sold. The burial ground was closed in 1894, although a few later burials took place by special permission – the last being in 1923. In 1988 the burial ground made way for the new relief road, and the bodies were exhumed and reburied in the Old Aisle Cemetery.

Quaker Burial Ground, Gartshore

Quakerism was introduced to Scotland in 1653, and by 1671 the group of Quakers centred on Glasgow, Hamilton and Kirkintilloch felt the need for a burial ground of their own. Land was provided on the Gartshore Estate, and the first interment took place in 1674. The last burial took place in 1884.

Other East Dunbartonshire Graveyards

- Baldernock Churchyard
- Cadder Churchyard, Bishopbriggs
- Cadder Cemetery, Bishopbriggs (opened 1887)
- Campsie Churchyard, Clachan of Campsie
- Campsie Cemetery, Lennoxton (opened 1833)
- New Kilpatrick Churchyard, Bearsden (opened 1649)
- New Kilpatrick Cemetery (Hillfoot), Bearsden (opened 1903)

Graveyard Records

The following records can be viewed in the Archives:

Registers

- Orchard Burial Ground 1837-1854
- Old Aisle Cemetery 1863-1990
- New Kilpatrick Cemetery (Hillfoot) 1903-1991
- Cadder Churchyard list of burials (undated mid 19th C)

Lair Plans

- Auld Kirk Churchyard
- Baldernock Churchyard and Cemetery
- Cadder Cemetery
- Campsie Cemetery
- New Kilpatrick Cemetery

N.B. Records for Campsie and Cadder cemeteries are still held by East Dunbartonshire Council's Cemeteries Department – email cemeteries@eastdunbarton.gov.uk or call 0141 574 5508.

Other Records

The Archives also hold records of the heritors, parishes and committees which managed the local churchyards and cemeteries before 1975.

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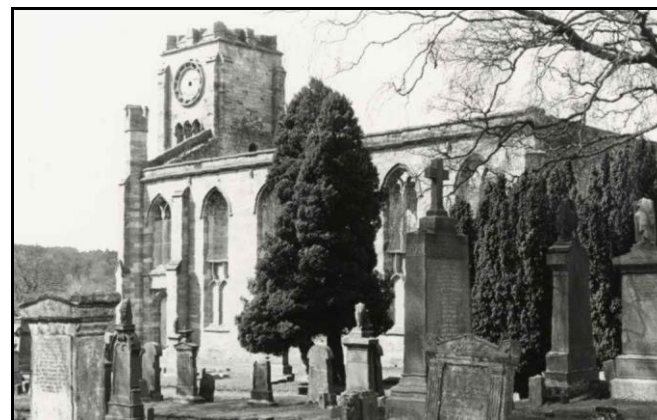
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