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Part 3:
Standing Building Survey
of the Steading



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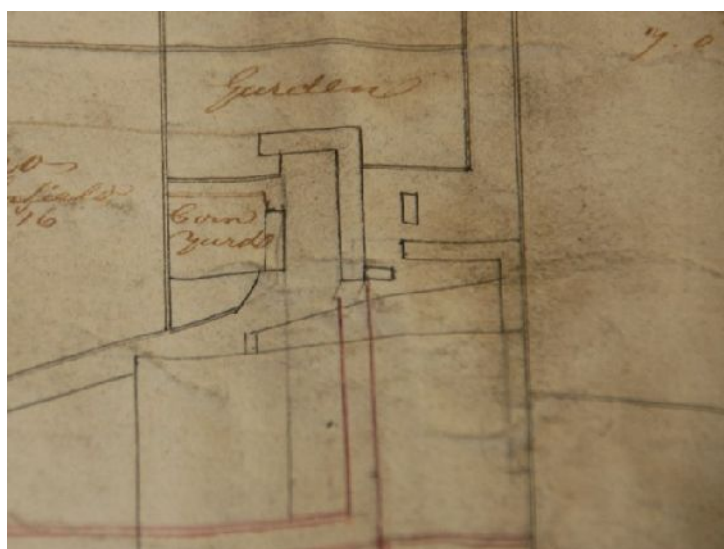
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The 18th-century plan (Illus 107) shows an L shaped steading to the S and E of what appears to be the mansion. This line is continued S by a pencilled range. Other buildings lie on the N and E of the cornyard which is situated W of the buildings. Some parts of the SE range may have been incorporated into the later steading but it is difficult to identify individual buildings. The mill was one of the Improvement additions and is not shown. Nor can the doocot be identified. The cornyard was moved from this position as part of the Improvements. The building on the E side of the cornyard appears to be on the same footprint as the old chapel (see Part 2 of this report).



Illus 107 18th century estate plan (Blairs Museum T6270 BLRBM)

The existing steading buildings may or may not incorporate any of these earlier buildings but essentially they are the late 18th/early 19th century Improvement steading buildings with additions built after the college was established in 1827/9.

Rev Charles ‘Priest’ Gordon (1935) in his *Memorial of Blairs* writes:

‘connected with the farm there was a steading of excellent offices,-consisting of accommodation for farm servants, of stables, of barns, of byres etc. There was in particular a most excellent very powerful Threshing Mill, driven by water, the mechanism of which was greatly admired by many connoisseurs who came purposely to inspect it. Not withstanding, these offices, particularly that range of them which was set apart for Black Cattle, were no longer sufficiently spacious for the farm in its now extended and improved state, and being desirous of doing everything, to the best of my judgement, for the good of the place, I built in the course of the summer, eighteen hundred and twenty eight, a new range of superior offices, which, together with the former ones, must be quite sufficient for many years to come’.

As it now stands the steading comprise two separate courts to the E and W of a central passage with a small number of ancillary buildings added at different times. The table below indicates on which maps each building is shown. Illus 108 shows the overall plan with the numbering used in this section of the report. Details are shown in Illus 121, 122.

Each building will be discussed individually, then each court will be summarised.

Building No	1830	1842	1865	1899/1901	1923/5	present
1	X	X	X	X	X	X
2				X	X	X
3	X	X	X	X	X	X
4						1970s?
5						1970s?
6						1970s?
7	X	X	X	X	X	X
8						X
9						1970s?
10	X	X	X	X	X	X
11		?	?	?	?	Rebuilt 1970s?
12				X	X	X
13	X	X	X	X	X	X
14	X	X	X	X	X	X

15			X			
16	X	X	X	X	X	X
17	X	X	Unroofed	X	X	X
18	X	X	X	X	X	X
19	X	X	X	X	X	X
20		X	X	X	X	X
21	?			X	X	X
22	wall	?	wall	X	X	X
23					X	X
24		X	X	X	X	X
25				?	?	X
26						X
Stockman's cottage			X	X	X	X



Illus 108 Plan of steading Inset location based on OS. Reproduced from Ordnance Survey digital map data, © Crown Copyright, All rights reserved. 2012. License No 0100031673)

Building 1. The Doocot

Status B listed HB number 16482

Date of construction Late 18th/early 19th century. Probably part of main improvements by 1780. First map evidence 1830

Dimensions 4.10m square externally

Original use Doocot

Description

Walls

Square plan of squared granite rubble c. 700mm thick with small cherry pinnings. A ground level door faced W to the road through the steading. This appears to have opened into a small chamber c. 1.8m high at ground level with joist holes indicating the floor of the pigeon loft above this chamber. The ground floor chamber is full of collapse from the roof etc and there is no indication or oral knowledge of its function. The pigeon house was entered from the S at 1st floor level with a wooden door. Two iron hooks below the door suggest access was originally by an external ladder but subsequently the ground on the S side of the doocot has been built to a ramp.

W door: 1.75m high, width at outside: 930mm with inner rebate for door.

S (upper) door: 1.75m high 800mm wide.



Illus 109 Doocot looking NE



Illus 110 Doocot in the 1950s (Blairs Museum 712)

Roof

Now missing, this was a pyramidal-form slate roof with birch lining. A (hexagonal?) cupola or glover at the apex provided two rows of flight holes and ledges for the birds to alight on. A Photograph c. 1950s shows the detail (Illus 110)

Interior

Brick-built nest boxes lined the walls of the upper chamber from c. 700mm above the floor. On the N, E and W walls there appear to have been 7 rows of 8 boxes, with fewer on the S wall because of the door. The boxes are 320mm high, 250mm wide and 380mm deep. The bricks were 220-230 x 100-110 x 70mm and hand-made.



Illus 111 View into doocot through upper (S) door showing nesting boxes

Building 2

Date of construction By 1899

Dimensions c 12 x 5m

Original Use Unknown

Description

Walls Abuts doocot to S, the N and E walls are of small rubble stones. W side cast iron pillars and infilled with timber and corrugated iron.

Roof Lean-to of corrugated iron.

Building 3 S range of E court

Date of construction By 1842

Dimensions C. 33m x 6.7m externally

Original Use Cattle. Dairy until new dairy built in c. 1970s (ES)

Description

Walls Large rubble stone blocks in pronounced horizontal courses with granite lintels and rybats. Five doors (all but one now blocked) in the N wall opening into the central court. Wide door (blocked) in E gable, wide door with concrete surround in W gable. The early photograph shows no wide door in this gable. Both gable doors may have been put in when this was used as a dairy with cows going in at one end and out the other.

Roof Reroofed with metal frame with corrugated asbestos, plastic roof lights and ridge ventilation. A photograph c. 1950s (Illus 112) shows the E end of the building with a slate roof abutting Building 7 and a chimney at the E end. This appears to show a W gable further to the E than the present W wall.



Illus 112 From beside doocot. Building 7 gable and building 3 abutting it. (Blairs Museum 715)

Another photograph (Illus 113) shows the building extending to the present line – it is possible that this was originally two buildings, later joined. This photograph shows a chimney over the W gable with a bell.

Interior The interior is concrete lined with central drain, milking cubicles and pipework. No early details survive.



Illus 113 Looking N, showing gables of Building 18 (LHS) and Building 3 (RHS). Note gateway into the main yard. This is shown on maps from 1842-1923. (Scottish Catholic Archives CH/SCA/PG/964)

Building 4

Date of construction 1970s?

Dimensions c 43m x maximum width 7m.

Original Use Passage and silage

Description

Walls Concrete block and corrugated structure between Buildings 3 and 5, elsewhere it is simply a roofing of space between Buildings 5/6 and the original E range (Buildings 7, 10).

Roof Corrugated asbestos over metal framework

Interior Concrete floor slats for drainage up to end of Building 3. This was a passage between self feed areas and milking parlour in the 1970s/80s.

S end from Building 3 concrete lined with high access door at S end. Used for silage in 1970s/80s.

Buildings 5 and 6

Date of construction 1970s?

Dimensions c. 30m x 19m overall.

Original Use Self feed cattle winter court and silage storage/ self-feed

Description Two parallel E/W bays infill much of the 19th century open central court of this steading. Both were built in 1970s by one of the priests, Rev Roderick Wright, as part of a new cattle handling and dairy (IF and ES).

Walls Concrete blocks and corrugated iron walls.

Roof Corrugated asbestos over metal frame.

Interior Three areas. From N to S: 1. silage clamp alongside old N range of steading (Building 13) concrete lined, including S wall of Building 13. 2. Cattle cubicles. 3.

Open court.



Illus 114 Building 7: The Mill, looking NNE. The wheel would have been near the position of the small tree behind the GPO pole.

Building 7 Mill and grain store. S end of original E range of E court.

Date of construction Before 1829 (see extract from Rev Charles Gordon's *Memoir to Blairs* above). This is likely to be part of the late 18th century main improvements, possibly by 1780.

Dimensions c. 26.5m x 7.5m externally.

Original Use Water mill and grain store.

Description Two-storied building originally with attic grain store above mill (Illus 114).



Illus 115 Ranging rod on RHS of ashlar section of wall where mill wheel would have been fixed.

Walls Large rubble stone blocks with dressed granite at rybats and skewes. Skewputs with upper curved recess to hold skew stones. Granite ashlar in E wall beside original wheel pit where mill wheel originally attached (Illus 115). Original 4 windows on E and W into grain loft. Door blocked at attic N gable for access through to Building 10/11.

Roof Pitched roof with slate and metal roof lights.

Interior S end interior altered by insertion of tall concrete block grain bins from roof to floor. No original features. N end re-organised in 1970s as dairy milking parlour with milking pit and cows beside the E and W walls (ES). Cows entered at S end of W wall and went out through either N end W wall (to inside court) or S end E wall (to outside). These doors have granite lintels and appear original. Another door in E wall into Building 8 (part of dairy). No mill fittings survive.

Building 8

Date of construction 1970s?

Dimensions c. 8 x 4m externally

Original Use Part of dairy including pasteurisation plant.

Description

Walls Concrete blocks

Roof Corrugated asbestos on low pitched lean-to against E wall of Building 7

Building 9

Position of mill wheel pit, now filled in with rubble.

Building 10 N end of original E range of E court.

Date of construction Before 1830. This appears to be part of the 1828 extensions.

Dimensions c. 21m x 6.15m

Original Use Stables and cart/carriage shed with loft above. In 1970s/80s used for cattle housing dry cows and young stock and later as a tractor shed (ES). Now joiner's store and workshop.

Description Two storied building forming N end of E range (Illus 116), N end continued by arch over entry of original 1828 road to steading (Illus 117). The attic level continued over arch and opened into Building 13 attic. Slightly narrower and lower than Building 7 to which it was linked by Building 11. Granite archway in N wall with iron pivots for double doors now replaced by modern doors. There is a small door in W wall into entrance archway. This N end may have been a carriage bay; the doorways suggest it was divided off internally. To the S of this there is a window, then two high doors 2.55m high and 1.25m wide) with narrow vertical ventilation slits. This suggests the S end may have been stabling for carriage/riding horses. There is an attic above with a blocked opening in the S gable and attic windows to E and N (W obscured by Building 12). The S gable also has a blocked opening at ground level.



Illus 116 Looking SE across the frontage of Buildings 13 and 10. Note the arches at far end (Building 10). The LHS arch was carriage bay. Next to it, partially covered by metal door is archway into central courtyard.

Walls Large rubble stone blocks with dressed granite at rybats and skewes.

Roof Pitched roof with S end damaged when Building 11 rebuilt. N end hipped to cover the corner. Slate with modern metal ventilators.

Interior Most of the interior has been gutted and re-structured for present use as joiner's store and workshop.



Illus 117 S (Inside) of archway over road into courtyard. Building 10 RHS, Building 13 LHS. Attic continued across above arch.

Building 11

Date of construction By 1842 but replaced ?1970s.

Dimensions

Original Use

Description

Walls Infill between the N and S buildings of E range with access through attic level between the two. A photograph (Illus 120) shows this as a stone-walled continuation of Building 10 with an archway below a straight stone lintel with an attic floor above. At this stage is partially blocked by what appears to be a stone wall with two doors in it.

In its present form it is much collapsed but the stone wall has clearly been replaced by concrete blocks.

Roof Originally slate. More recent roof collapsed.



Illus 118 Remains of Building 11 between building 7 (LHS) and Building 10 (RHS)

Building 12

Date of construction By 1899/1900 there was a building on this footprint but rebuilt possibly in the 1970s.

Dimensions c. 14 x 5m

Original Use Unknown. Recent use for cattle, now joiner's store.

Description

Walls A stub of rubble stone walling at S end is probably from late 19th century building. The present structure is of concrete blocks, wood and tin.

Roof Lean-to against outer wall of Building 10. Asbestos cladding.

Building 13/14 Original N range of E court.

Date of construction By 1830, almost certainly part of the 1828 extensions. There is a clear line between the arch into the court at the W end of Building 10 and Building 13 which may simply be stages in the construction.

Dimensions L plan with long arm (Building 13) forming the N range of steading and a short W arm (Building 14) adjoining the Laundry/'central wing'/ of the Menzies House

Building 13: c. 37m x 6m Building 14: c. 10m x 4.5m

Original Use Livestock- possibly work horses and cart bays with hay loft above.

Chimney at W end possibly for horse boiler house for preparing warm mash for work horses. In 1980s attic used for deep litter hens and ground floor for store for potatoes and turnips (ES). Now store for old furniture.

Description

Walls Large rubble stone blocks with dressed granite at rybats, lintels, arches and skews.

Building 13

The S side of Building 13 had been concrete lined (to attic floor level) when it was used a silage store so no openings could be recorded from the outside. The N wall had 10 attic windows with a dormered opening into the hay loft. The windows were matched in the S wall. Much of the N wall was obscured by later building 27 which is lined. However two blocked doors and a blocked window were noted at ground floor level. A wide opening with a sliding tin door may be a modern break-through; it could not be examined in detail. The W end of the S wall, facing into the original court could be partially examined internally and shows the arches of at least three cart bays (2.45m wide and 2.25m high). A fourth opening may have been a cart bay but has a modern straight lintel.

Building 14

Much of both E and W walls of Building 14 was obscured by a skip and by later Building 27. On the W wall there were two attic windows and at ground level a blocked window, door and wider opening below a long straight lintel (not measured as behind skip). On the E wall there were two blockings on the visible N end of the ground floor and an attic window and a wide blocked opening at attic level. The first OS map of 1865 indicates a through passage through the building at this point.

Roof Pitched slate roof with granite ashlar chimney at W end of Building 13 and another central in Building 14. The chimney stack details are the same as stacks on Menzies building.

Interior Only part of the interior of Building 13 was accessible and was generally difficult to record as it was piled high with furniture and timber. The attic floor had been removed/collapsed. Building 14 was entered but no details survive as it has been completely lined internally.

Building 15

Date of construction Between 1842 and 1865. This structure extended N from the N end of Building 18. It is only shown on the 1865 OS map and nothing is visible on the ground.

Building 16 Original S range of W court.

Date of construction Before 1830. Possibly late 18th century.

Dimensions c. 13m x 3m

Original Use Pigs. Later thought to have been used for calves (IF, ES).

Description

Walls Large squared rubble blocks with characteristic stacks of three vertical stones between, similar to stonework of E wall of the N and central parts of the old chapel. Granite lintels, rybats and chimney.

Roof Pitched roof of corrugated asbestos. Photographs show original slate roof. Chimney stack at E gable with stack details as Menzies House.

Interior The E end has a window to the S and a door to the E with a small fireplace in the SE corner. It is divided off from the rest of the building and from Building 20. The W end has 4 doors into the central court and 1 into Building 20 (now blocked). The W end appears to have had 3 pens c. 1.6m wide, probably originally for pigs. The E door from the court opens into a wider room c. 3.95m wide.

Building 17 Original W range of W court.

Date of construction Before 1830. Possibly late 18th century. Appears unroofed in 1865.

Dimensions c. 25 x 7m

Original Use Livestock- higher than Building 16 so possibly not originally pigs. Later pigs. Thought to have been used for calves in 1980s (IF). Now used as kennels.

Description

Walls Large squared rubble blocks with characteristic stacks of three vertical stones between. Granite lintels, rybats and skews. Four doors in E wall open into central court. Blocked vent in apex of S gable. W wall small vents (all but one blocked) high in W wall.

Roof Pitched slate roof (recently repaired) with metal roof lights and ceramic roof vents. Ridge higher than Buildings 16 and 18.

Interior Interior divided into two 'rooms'. The doors into yard suggest originally 4 'rooms'. S room has three concrete-walled pig pens each with a central feed pass and a pen on either side. N room has four single pens.

Building 18 Original N range of W court.

Date of construction Before 1830. Possibly late 18th century. Abuts Building 17

Dimensions c. 18 x 4.5m

Original Use Not known. Recent use cattle/calves.

Description

Walls Large squared rubble blocks with characteristic stacks of three vertical stones between. Granite lintels, rybats. Door in S wall into central court, second door into Building 19. Wide opening in E gable has concrete surround so either break-through or widened. Small opening to side of this with metal shutter, function unknown.

Roof Pitched slate.

Interior Central drain in concrete floor.

Buildings 19 and 20 Original E range of W court.

Date of construction Building 19: Before 1830, possibly late 18th century- but it appears longer on 1830 map. By 1842 Building 19 foreshortened and Building 20 shown- this explains its rather awkward junction with Building 16.

Dimensions Each c. 7 x 4m

Original Use Not known

Description

Two small blocks on either side of a wall with entrance gate posts- shown from 1865.

Walls Large squared rubble blocks with characteristic stacks of three vertical stones between at gables and for wall beside gateway. Some smaller rubble stone used in parts of E wall. Both buildings have doors into the central court. Building 20 also had a door to the E. Building 19 had a wide opening in the S gable with pivots for double doors. An opening in the N gable appears to be a break-through.

Roof Pitched roofs originally slated now collapsed.

Interior No details.

Building 21

Date of construction 1865- 1899

Dimensions c. 8 x 3.5m

Original Use Unknown.

Description

Walls Rubble stone with granite rybats.

Roof Pitched slate roof

Interior Cement rendered internally with traces of pens for livestock.

Building 22

Date of construction The wall shown from 1842. Also see this as a wall in photograph Illus 113, so possibly the lean-to is post c. 1950.

Original Use Not known

Description

Walls Large squared rubble blocks with characteristic stacks of three vertical stones.

Roof Appears to be lean-to roof, sloping down to W with elaborate wall top at E.

This suggests this might originally have been a freestanding wall which appears to be drawn on both the 1842 map and the 1865 OS map. The S end shows that the roof pitch was originally much steeper and has subsequently been raised with brick.

Interior No access.

Building 23

Date of construction By 1923/5

Dimensions c. 6 x 3m

Original Use Not known

Description

Small rectangular structure built against outside of NE corner of vegetable garden wall. The window to S faces into steading. Door to E faces doorway of Building 24.

Walls Wall of large rubble blocks with granite rybats and lintels.

Roof Missing, appears to have been ridged

Building 24

Date of construction Not on 1830 map. Is on 1842 map although it appears in black ink rather than red on plan so has possibly been added. Is on 1865 OS map. 1842-65.

Dimensions c. 7 x 6m

Original Use Not known. The position beside bleaching green in 1842 might suggest it was a laundry but the fine stonework and apparent lack of a chimney mitigate against this.

Description

Small almost square building with access through garden wall into formal garden to N and to original bleaching green to S.

Walls Squared stonework with well dressed granite lintels, sills and rybats. Large window (1.45m high x 0.93m wide) in the W wall (Illus 119) with door (1.85m high x 0.93m wide) beside it. A second door in the E wall. Blocked window quite high in S wall.

Roof Totally overgrown with ivy but appears to have higher gables to N and S. NO roof surviving.



Illus 119 Building 24, detail of window molding.

Building 25

Date of construction Unknown

Description Very small brick infill of angle between buildings 17 and 18. Has a slate roof and a small square brick chimney in the SE corner.

Building 26

Date of construction Unknown

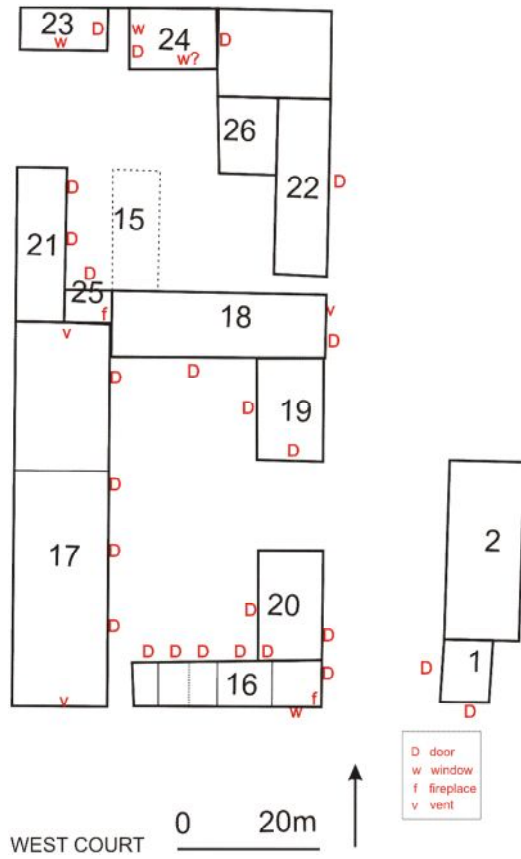
Concrete block wall. Collapsed rubble . No details.

Central court in the E court

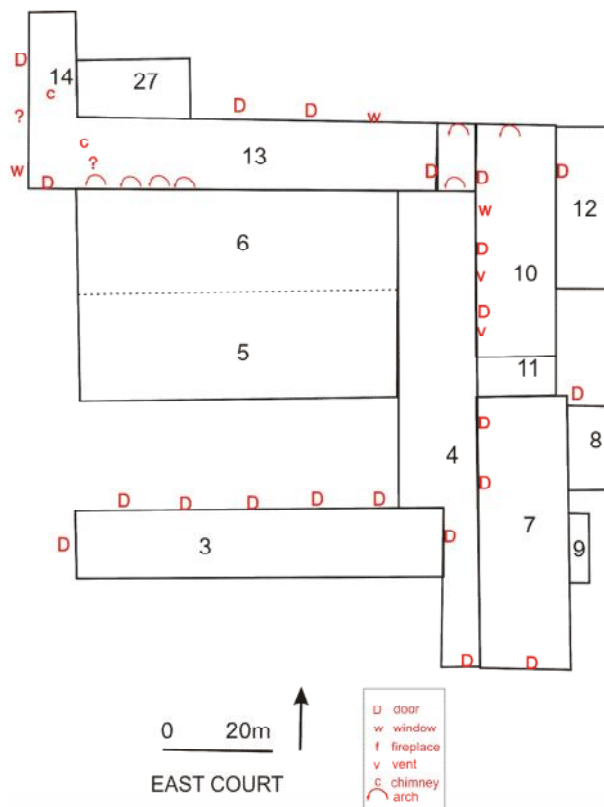
The 1865 OS map clearly defines a rectangular area alongside the S range of the E court. A photograph (Illus 120) shows this to have been a stone walled enclosure. Space was left alongside the S side of Building 13, to allow access of carts through the archway entrance and into the cart bays in that building.



Illus 120 Photograph of the steading E court showing enclosed central yard. Man with bull standing by W gable of building 3. Mill building 7 in RHS background, with Buildings 10, 11 to LHS. The archway into the courtyard (red arrow) can just be seen in LHS. Note the tall stable doors and slit ventilators of the W wall of Building 10. (Blairs Museum T1001-8)



Illus 121 Annotated plan of W court Inset location based on OS. Reproduced from Ordnance Survey digital map data, © Crown Copyright, All rights reserved. 2012. License No 0100031673)



Illus 122 Annotated plan of E court Inset location based on OS. Reproduced from Ordnance Survey digital map data, © Crown Copyright, All rights reserved. 2012. License No 0100031673)

15 Discussion of the development of the steading

The 18th century pre-Improvement steading appears to have been a long range to the E and smaller structures by the corn yard which was then where the formal garden now lies. No certain parts of this steading remain and it may have been demolished in the late 18th century when the grid layout was established and the road to the S realigned. By 1830 the steading comprised two courts (Illus 123).

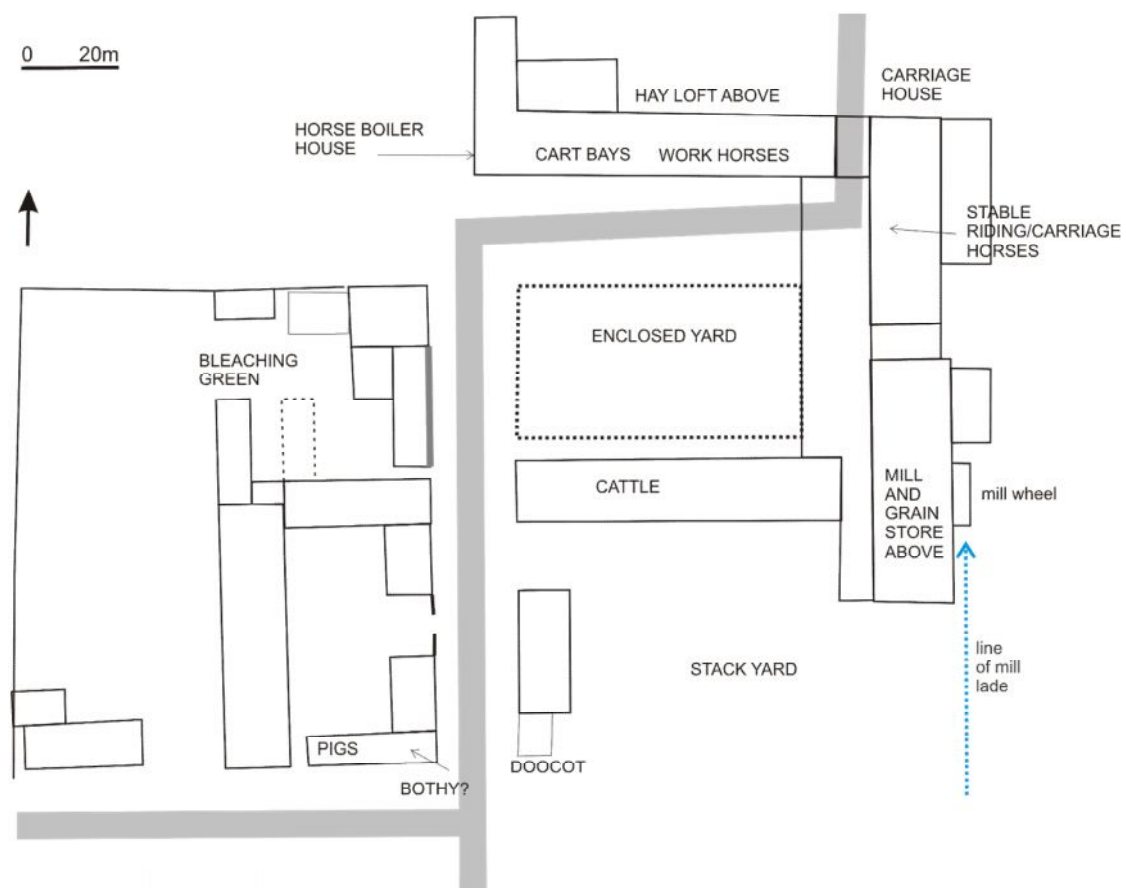
The smaller W court has noticeably finer stonework than the large E court with large squared rubble blocks with characteristic stacks of three vertical stones. This suggests the two courts are not contemporary. The position of the W court in line with the old chapel and the W end of the original Menzies House, and its small domestic scale give some grounds for suggesting this was the earlier part of the steading. The similarity of the stonework with that used for the back E walls of the N and central parts of the chapel would support this. It is reasonable to suggest that this is the late 18th century court described by Rev Charles Gordon (see extract above) as not sufficient for the needs of the college. He also specifically mentions the mill (Building 7) as in use before the college took possession. The doocot may also be regarded as part of this initial layout. It appears likely that this was part of the work undertaken by John Menzies' uncle, prior to 1780 and continued by John between 1780 and 1827.



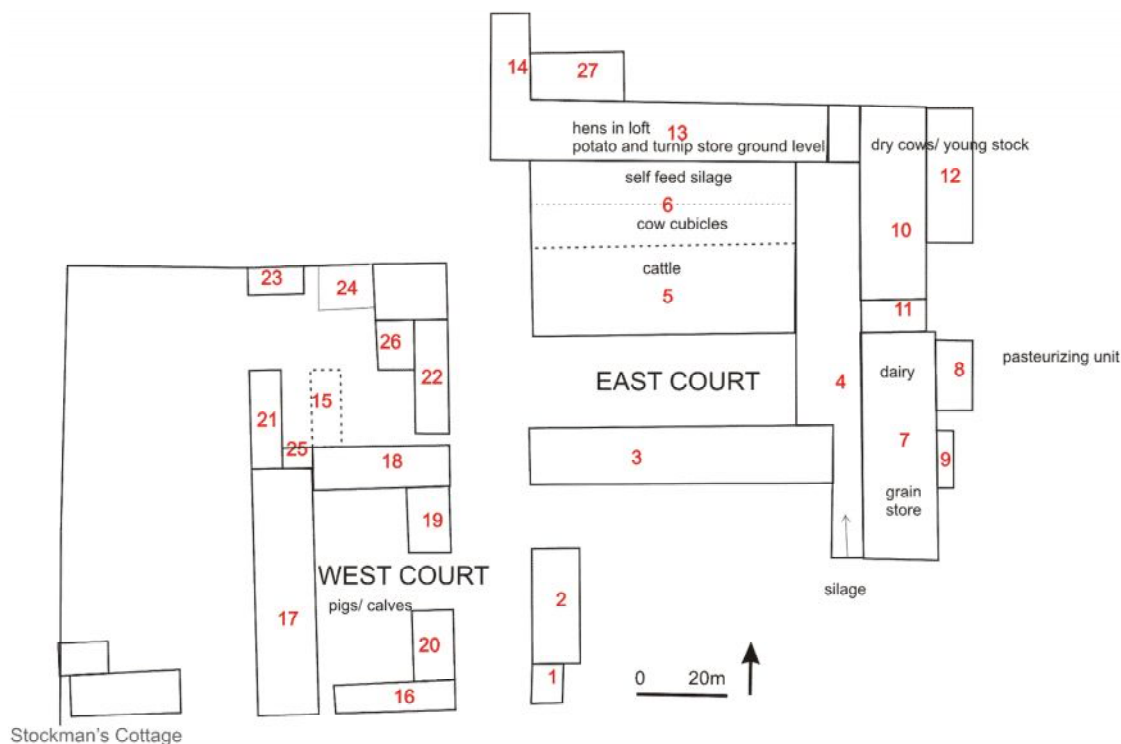
Illus 123 Suggested dates of main steading phases

The E court is on a larger scale and reflects the greater needs of the college. This must be the range of buildings built in 1828 by Rev Charles ‘Priest’ Gordon (Gordon 1835). The N range and the entry below the arch between the N and E ranges reflect the N approach to the Menzies House/College after 1827/9. It is a good example of a 19th century Aberdeenshire farm steading (Glendinning and Wade Martins, 2008)

As far as possible the original (Illus 124) and 20th century (Illus 125) functions of the steading are shown below. The 19th-century functions are based on the structural evidence. The 20th-century functions are based on oral evidence (IF, ES) as well as the structural alterations.



Illus 124 Functions 19th century as suggested by the structural evidence Inset location based on OS. Reproduced from Ordnance Survey digital map data, © Crown Copyright, All rights reserved. 2012. License No 0100031673)



Stockman's Cottage

Illus 125 Functions c 1986 from oral evidence Inset location based on OS. Reproduced from Ordnance Survey digital map data, © Crown Copyright, All rights reserved. 2012. License No 0100031673)

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Appendix 2: The photograph catalogue

Photograph number	Building/Area	Detail
Blairs 1		
0001	Steading, Doocot	W wall
0002	Steading, Doocot	S wall
0003	Steading, Doocot	Detail door S wall
0004-5	Steading, Doocot	Detail nest boxes
0006-7	Steading, Doocot	Detail stonework
0008	Steading, Doocot	Holes for floor joists
0009	Steading Building 2	Looking SE
0010-11	Steading Building 5,6	Looking NE
0012	Steading Building 5	S wall
0013	Steading Building 13	SW corner, laundry behind
0014	Steading Building 3	N wall
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0023	Steading Building 11	Collapse of Building 11 from E
0024	Steading Building 7	E wall looking N
0025	Steading Building 7	S wall
0026-27	Steading Building 7	Detail E wall showing ashlar for mill wheel
0028	Steading Building 12	S wall with part of old stone wall
0029	Steading Building 7	Detail E wall showing ashlar for mill wheel
0030	Steading Building 7, 4	S walls
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0032-35	Estate, Swirls	N wall Building 1
0036	Estate, Swirls	E wall Building 1
0037	Estate, Swirls	Interior looking E. Building 1
0038-39	Estate, Swirls	Interior looking E. Building 1, oven
0040-41	Estate, Swirls	Interior looking W. Building 1
0042	Estate, Swirls	Interior looking E. Building 1, oven
0043	Estate, Swirls	Roof Building 1 W end house
0044	Estate, Swirls	Interior looking W. Building 1, fireplace
0045	Estate, Swirls	Interior looking W. Building 1 raggle of wall between

		house and chalmers
0046-48	Estate, Swirls	Interior building 1, E byre
0049-50	Estate, Swirls	Interior building 1, central byre
0051-52	Estate, Swirls	Interior Building 1, W byre
0053-54	Estate, Swirls	Interior Building 2, N byre
0055-57	Estate, Swirls	Interior Building 2, S byre trevis on N
0058-60	Estate, Swirls	Interior Building 2, S byre cow ties S side
0061-62	Estate, Swirls	Exterior looking N
0063-64	Estate, Swirls	Building 2, looking W
065	Estate, Swirls	Building 1 S wall, porch
0066-67	Estate, Swirls	View looking N
0068-70	Estate, Swirls	Stack bases
0071-73	Estate, Swirls	W walls
0074-76	Estate, Swirls	Wash house
0077-78	Estate, Swirls	View from N
0079-80	Estate, Braeside	View looking SW
0081	Estate, Braeside	S wall
0082	Estate, Braeside	E wall
0083-86	Estate, Braeside	S wall details
0087	Estate, Braeside	Chimney detail
0088	Estate, Braeside	Looking SW
0089	Estate, Braeside	E gable
0090-94	Estate, Braeside	Oven at E end of E room
0095-97	Estate, Braeside	Fireplaces
0098	Estate, Braeside	Detail chimney
0099-0100	Estate, Braeside	Views looking S
0101	Estate: Gazetteer 24	Site of chapel Looking S
0102-105	Estate	General view of college from S
0106	Estate: Gazetteer 25	Site of cairnfield
0107-108	Estate	S dyke and beech plantings
0109-110	Estate: Gazetteer 25	Site of cairnfield
0111-112	Steading Building 7, 11	N gable building 7 and detail skewput
0113	Steading Building 10, 12,13	N walls
0114-117	Steading Building 10	N wall and arch details
0118	Steading Building 10	Looking S along W wall
0119	Steading Building 12	Detail slit vent in S wall
0120	Steading Building 13	Looking W in interior
0121	Steading Building 10	Detail of arch into Building 4
0122-125	Steading Building 13	Interior looking E along inside of S wall, cart bays
0126-7	Steading Building 13	Cart bay in S wall from outside (from in Building 6)

0128-0131	Steading Building 14	W wall and details of chimneys
0132-0137	Steading Building 13	N wall and details chimneys
0138	Steading Building 10	Interior looking N
0139	Steading Building 10	Interior looking S
0140-144	Steading Building 17	Interior of S section, pig cubicles
0145-148	Steading Building 18, 19, 20, 16.	E walls, Looking S
0149	Steading Building 18, 19	E wall
0150	Steading Building 19,20	Gateway into W court
0151-155	Steading Building 20, 16	E walls
0156-157	Steading Building 16, 17	S walls, looking W
0158	Steading Building 16, 17,	S walls, looking E, doocot in background
0159	Steading Building 17	W wall
0160	Steading Building 17,16	Looking N into W court
0161-162	Steading Building 17	E wall
0163	Steading Building 18	S wall
0164	Steading Building 16	N wall
0165	Steading Building 1	Dooct S wall
0166-167	Steading Building 16	Interior bothy at E end
0168-170	Steading Building 22	E wall, looking NW
0171-172	Steading Building 22	Detail wall coping
0173-174	Steading Building 18	Interior looking W, showing corner of building 17
0175-176	Steading Building 21	E wall
0177	Steading Building 25	Looking S
0178-179	Steading Building 25	Details chimney and fire
0180	Steading Building 26	Looking towards 26
0181	Steading Building 22	W wall
0182-183	Steading Building 8	Dairy notice
0184-185	Steading Building 10	S gable with blocking
0186-187	Steading Building 13	Detail of hay loft door in N wall
0188-192	Steading Building 13 W wing	Details of blockings in E wall
0193-194	Steading Building 13, 10	Looking ESE across N side of W steading
0195	Estate: gazetteer 31	Stockman's cottage S face
0196-199	Garden	S entry from road to garden
0200-204	Garden	Vegetable garden
0205-206	Garden	S side of rectangular foundation between vegetable and formal gardens
0207-208	Garden	Potting shed
0209-0211	Garden	E gateway from inside with flanking walls
0212-213	Gardeners cottage	E wall
0214	Gardeners Cottage	E wall, N end

0215	Gardeners Cottage	E wall, S end workshop
0216-217	Gardeners Cottage	Workshop interior
0218	Gardeners Cottage	collapse main house
0219-221	Garden	Wrought iron gate at W of garden
0222	Gardeners Cottage	N wall, looking S, wash house in foreground
0223-225	Gardeners Cottage	Wash house and detail fireplace
0226	Gardeners Cottage	Collapsed roof
0227	Recreation Areas	Sports field pavilion
0228	Recreation Areas	Sports field
0229-30	Recreation Areas	Ball wall W side
0231-232	Recreation Areas	Ball wall E side
0233-237	Garden	Formal garden, views looking E to old chapel
0238-240	Garden	Formal garden detail wall and blocked door in NW corner
0241	Garden	Formal garden, looking S to pond
0242-243	Garden	Formal garden, pond
0244-245	Garden	N side of rectangular foundation between vegetable and formal gardens
0246-248	Garden	Formal garden looking W and SW
0249	Garden	Looking N across E end of garden beside old chapel
0250-251	Garden	Door to buildings 23,24
0252-253	Old Chapel, Menzies Apartments, Menzies House	From S
0254-255	Old Chapel	E wall looking S
0256	Old Chapel	Detail chimney
0257-265	Old Chapel	Details of E wall
0266-267	Menzies Apartment	Detail of E wall
0268	Old Chapel	E wall looking S
0269	Old Chapel	E wall, looking N
0270-271	Old Chapel	Details windows and chimneys
0273-274	Menzies Apartments	Chimney details
0275	Old Chapel	Roof external
0276	Old Chapel	S gable, vestry below ivy
0277-280	Menzies House	S wall with projecting stair
0281	Menzies House	Detail window from stair
0282-285	Laundry	W wall and details
0286	Laundry	Chimney detail
0287-290	Laundry	S gable and details skew puts
0291	Laundry	E wall
0292	Laundry	Detail central chimney

0293	Laundry	Skew put SE
0294	Laundry	Skew put NE
0295	Laundry	E wall, repairs at N end
0296-297	Laundry	N wall
0298-300	Menzies House	E end blocked off after demolition E wing
0301	Menzies House	N face, boiler house to RHS
0302	Menzies House	N face, window detail
0303-304	1854 extension/boiler house	E wall
0305	1854 extension/boiler house	W wall
0306-307	1854 extension/boiler house	Junction between boiler house and Menzies House
0308	Menzies Apartment	Looking S between Menzies Apartment and Meat House
0309	Steading Building 24	W wall
0310	Steading Building 24	Looking N between buildings 23 and 24 to door into garden
0311	Steading Building 24	Interior, looking W
0312	Steading Building 24	Interior, detail window molding
0313	Steading Building 23	From building 24
0314	Gardeners Cottage	from vegetable garden
0315-316	Garden	Looking towards old college
0317-319	New College	General view from garden
0320-322	Old Chapel, Menzies Apartment	General view from garden
0323-324	Old Chapel	W wall
0325-326	Menzies Apartment	W wall
0327-330	Menzies House	W end, gable
0331-0332	Menzies Apartment	Details dormers
0333-334	Old Chapel	Chimney details
0335	Old Chapel	S end of projection, roof detail
0336	Menzies Apartment	S gable
0337	Old Chapel, Menzies Apartment	Detail junction
0338-339	Menzies House, Menzies Apartment	Detail junction
0340	Menzies Apartment	Detail different brick upper level
0341	Old Chapel	N face of projecting central section
0342-343	Old Chapel	Vestry door, W wall
0344-346	Documentary	Painting in Blairs Museum of N façade Menzies House
0347-348	Documentary	Painting in Blairs Museum of N façade Menzies House
0349	Loretto and Clovelly	N façade
0350-351	Menzies House	Circular blocking in N wall of house beside junction

		with boiler house
0352	Meat House	Meat house interior
0353-354	Meat House	looking E from garden
0355-358	New College	N façade
0359-368	New College	Details of entrance tower
0369-375	New College	Entrance door and details from outside
0376-377	New College	Entrance door and details from inside
0378-381	New College	Details of windows
Blairs set 2		
001	Steading	Doocot looking NE
002-6	Old Chapel, Menzies Apartment	E side from N
007-8	Menzies House	Stair block from N
009-10	Gardeners Cottage	From vegetable garden, looking SW
011-13	Garden	Details blocked door in NW corner W wall formal garden
014-18	Garden	Heated peach wall (marked by ranging rod)
019-21	Garden	End of brick lining at N end W wall formal garden
022	Garden	Formal garden, blocked wall in N wall beside heated peach wall
023-24	Old Chapel	Detail of N side of projecting central section
025	Garden	N side of N garden wall with bee boles, later used for lean-to sheds
026	Garden	Bee boles
027-30	Garden	N side of N garden wall with bee boles, later used for lean-to sheds, details of pulleys (?)
031-32	New College	E wall latrines
033-35	New College	Interior latrines
036	New College	Passage between latrines and wash areas
037-38	New College	W wall locker room
039	New College	E wall wash rooms
040	New College	Roofless joiner's workshop and wash rooms on RHS
041	New College	Looking W at E gable gymnasium and E end washrooms
042	New College	S gable, E wing
043	New College	Looking W to E gable gymnasium block, S gable E wing to RHS
044-45	New College	Looking N through passage between W wing and kitchen block (RHS)
046	New College	Central courtyard, looking towards back of N wing

047	New College	Stair window from outside
048	New College	E wall W wing from courtyard
049	New College	W wall E wing from courtyard
050	New College	N side of kitchen block
051	New College	From corner of kitchen block looking ESE to Boiler House and Menzies Apartment
052	New College	W extension of gymnasium block
053-54	New College	Looking E, W end 1906 extension, W wall W wing and gymnasium extension
055	New College	W wall gymnasium extension
056	New College	W wall W wing
057	New College	N wall gymnasium and extension
058-59	New College	S wall N wing & 1906 extension and fire escapes
060-61	New College	W end 1906 extension
062	New College	E wall E wing, S end. Boiler House LHS
063	New College	E wall E wing and E end N wing
064-65	New College	E end N wing and parish room, Chapel to RHS
066	New College	E gable N wing, upper library window with statue Rev Charles 'Priest' Gordon
067	New College	Parish room
068-69	New College	Boiler House N wall
070-71	Steading	Doocot looking NE
072	Old Chapel, Menzies Apartment, Menzies House	W façade from garden
073-78	Old Chapel	W façade details
079	Old Chapel, Menzies Apartment,	W façade
080	Menzies Apartment,	W façade
081	Old Chapel, Menzies Apartment,	W façade, detail of junction
082	Menzies Apartment, Menzies House	W façade, detail of junction
083-84	Old Chapel	Details of brickwork
085	Old Chapel	Vestry door in W wall
086-87	New College	Back(S) of New College from garden
088	Old college	Roofscape from garden
089-90	Estate. Gazetteer No 17	Dressed stone to S of steading, possibly related to mill lade and aqueduct
091-95	Laundry	Details of drying racks, c. 1900
096	Laundry	Interior looking S
097-99	Steading Building 7	Dairy interior milking pit
100	Steading Building 6	Interior looking W cow cubicles
101-2	Estate	College from high ground to S

103-4	Estate. Gazetteer No 17	Culvert of lade below road
105-106	Estate. Gazetteer No 17	Overgrown Mill pond
107-8	Estate. Gazetteer No 17	Stonework of inlet from burn to mill pond
109-111	Estate. Gazetteer No 17	Revetted burn by mill pond
112-17	Estate. Gazetteer No 16	Views of overgrown curling pond
118-120	Estate	Views S to college
121	Estate. Gazetteer No 13	Looking N
122	Estate. Gazetteer No 13	N facades
123-126	Estate. Gazetteer No 10	Maidenfold steading showing 19 th century buildings with modern infill
127	Estate. Gazetteer No 11	Maidenfold cottages
128	Estate. Gazetteer No 3	Salmon Croft from S
129	Estate. Gazetteer No 4	Fishing bothy from S
130-131	Estate. Gazetteer No 19	Old Avenue
Blairs set 3		
001-3	Laundry	External E wall brackets for washing lines
004-6	Laundry	Internal shaft for belt drive for original washing machines
007	Garden	Bee boles detail
008-14	Estate	General views across estate landscape
015-16	Estate. Gazetteer No 8	Porters Lodge and gate posts from road
017	Estate. Gazetteer No 8	Porters Lodge and gate posts from avenue
018-19	Estate. Gazetteer No 7	Old Post Office and Smithy from S side of road
020	Estate. Gazetteer No 6	Garage from S side of road
021	New College	N façade from avenue
022-23	Estate. Gazetteer No 18	Lade from mill below road, bridge sides recently rebuilt
024	Estate. Gazetteer No 18	Culverted outflow
025	Estate. Gazetteer No 6	Garage from road
026	Estate. Gazetteer No 9	Blairhilly looking NE
027	Estate. Gazetteer No 9	Blairhilly chimney detail
028	Estate. Gazetteer No 5	Burnside cottages, looking NW
029-33	Estate. Gazetteer No 12	Kintewline house and steading
034	Kincausey	Estate lodge
035	Estate. Gazetteer No 1	Netherlands croft
036	Estate. Gazetteer No 2	Binghill Cottage
037-41	Estate. Gazetteer No 20	Details of field gates and dykes on main E/W stock road
042-43	Estate. Gazetteer No 21	Culvert below dyke on main E/W stock road

044-47	Garden	Woodland and summer houses
Blairs 4		
001	New College Interior	2 nd floor sick bay looking S
002	New College Interior	2 nd floor sick bay detail
003	New College Interior	2 nd floor sick bay looking N
004	New College Interior	2 nd floor nun's room
005	New College Interior	2 nd floor looking N along passage beside nuns' rooms
006	New College Interior	2 nd floor dumb waiter at N end E wing
007	New College Interior	2 nd floor looking W along passage of N wing
008-10	New College Interior	2 nd floor Sitting room, N wing, looking E and details
011	New College Interior	2 nd floor N wind showing original ceiling height and partitions
012	New College Interior	2 nd floor N wing bedroom
013	New College Interior	2 nd floor looking W along N wing passage towards 1906 extension
014	New College Interior	2 nd floor N wing bedroom
015-17	New College Interior	2 nd floor N wing bathrooms with detail of original ceiling
018-20	New College Interior	2 nd floor 1906 extension showing metal roof frame and wooden cubicles
021	New College Interior	2 nd floor dormitory W wing looking S
022-23	New College Interior	2 nd floor dormitory W wing looking S into room, then looking W
024	New College Interior	2 nd floor W wing bathrooms
025-26	New College Interior	Back stair between 1 st and 2 nd floors
027	New College Interior	1 st floor looking E into dining room
028-32	New College Interior	1 st floor dining room looking E with details of fireplace and door
033 -34	New College Interior	1 st floor library looking E
035-37	New College Interior	1 st floor library looking W
038	New College Interior	Paneling fixings to wall
039	New College Interior	1 st floor library ceiling
040	New College Interior	1 st floor library statue Rev Charles 'Priest' Gordon
041	New College Interior	1 st floor library gallery and brackets
042-43	New College Interior	1 st floor library stair
044-47	New College Interior	1 st floor tower room
048-50	New College Interior	1 st floor stained glass window on main stair
051-57	New College Interior	1 st floor 1906 extension reception room
058	New College Interior	1 st floor 1906 extension rector's sitting room

059	New College Interior	1 st floor W wing priest's sitting room
060	New College Interior	1 st floor W wing priest's bedroom
061-62	New College Interior	1 st floor classrooms in gymnasium block
063	New College Interior	Ground floor main stair looking up
064-65	New College Interior	Ground floor inside of entrance details
066-68	New College Interior	1 st floor Drawing room and details
069	New College Interior	Ground floor scullery
070	New College Interior	Ground floor dumb waiter
071	New College Interior	Ground floor passage beside refectory looking N
072-73	New College Interior	Ground floor Refectory
074-75	New College Interior	Ground floor W wing passage by classrooms
076-78	New College Interior	Ground floor W wing classrooms
079-84	New College Interior	Ground floor study hall in 1906 extension
085	New College Interior	Ground floor food store in S end E wing
086-7	New College Interior	Ground floor vegetable preparation room
088	Old Chapel and Menzies Apartment	Detail of stone courses at wall base
089	Old Chapel	Detail of N door and differences in brickwork
090	Old Chapel/theatre interior	Looking S
091-92	Old Chapel/theatre interior	Capitol of pillar
093-95	Old Chapel/theatre interior	Looking N
096	Old Chapel/theatre interior	Detail capitals
097	Old Chapel/theatre interior	S end detail of doors to vestries now partly blocked with central blind alcove
098-99	Old Chapel/theatre interior	Pillar showing central beam and outer panels
100	Old Chapel/theatre interior	Pillar showing base of central post set on bricks
101-2	Old Chapel/theatre interior	Central cupola from below
103	Old Chapel/theatre interior	Looking E to inside of door up steps from outside into N portion of chapel
104	Old Chapel/theatre interior	Looking S
105	Old Chapel/theatre interior	Shutters on inside of windows of W wall central block
106	Old Chapel/theatre interior	Detail of door from chapel
107-108	New College	Kitchen interior looking S
109	Menzies House	Detail of stonework in N wall showing small black pinnings
110-111	New College interior	Sacristy/Museum
112	New College interior	Oratory looking N
113	New College interior	Oratory looking S
114	Stading Buildings 19,20	Looking E
115	Stading Buildings 20	Looking E

116	Steading Buildings 19	Looking E
117-118	Old Chapel	Detail of stonework

