

People in Logie Caradona

The land for “**Caradona**” was first feued to **Thomas Edgar** by Feu Charter from **Major General Sir Steuart Wellwood Hare** acting as Factor and Commissioner for his father **Lt. Col. James Hare of Blairlogie Castle** dated 21st April 1927. **Thomas Edgar** had previously lived at **Cotkerse Cottages**.

The Feu Disposition contained various impositions on **Thomas Edgar**. Firstly, he had to pay an annual feu duty of £2 - 10 - 0. Secondly, he had to build a house according to plans approved by the **Hares** with an annual rental value of at least three times the specified feu duty. It also had to be completed within twelve months from the date of the Feu Charter. **Thomas Edgar** had to build a wall around the full plot of land in substantial limestone or brick at least four feet in height. And on no account could he use the premises for the sale of alcohol or the manufacture of anything.

Apart from these minor points, **Thomas Edgar** could do whatever he liked with the land he had feued! He first named the house **San Julian** – which was the name it would have for the next forty years – and he lived there with his wife **Elizabeth** for almost twenty years until he died just after the end of the war in 1946.

In 1948, **Elizabeth Edgar**, who had lived on in the house following **Thomas’s** death, sold **San Julian** to the **McDiarmids**, and it was owned in the name of **Elizabeth McDiarmid**, the wife of **Hugh McDiarmid**, an engine driver. **San Julian** was still listed as owned by **Elizabeth McDiarmid** until 1958, when the records list it as empty for a year. What is still to be established is whether **Hugh McDiarmid** died during this time at **San Julian**, leaving his wife in occupation, and whether she herself then died to leave the house empty or removed to a new home.

The new occupier in 1959 was **Andrew E.R. Phillips**, but he was quickly superseded by **Charles B. Studley**, until, after only a year, a new owner/occupier **William Kennedy** took up residence in 1961.

William Kennedy lived in **San Julian** until 1971, when he sold it and moved on to **Hunters Quay, Dunoon**.