

People in Logie Morven



Morven was built in 1934, by Major General Steuart Wellwood Hare, then the owner of The Blair. He completed the plans in 1933 for what he first called The Bungalow, as lodging for his chauffeur.

At this time, The Blair was tenanted from Major General Hare by Dame Alice Burn Murdoch, and she also rented The Bungalow to house her chauffeur Alexander J. Mackie. In addition, Ivy Cottage was also rented by Dame Burn Murdoch for the gardener to The Blair, Archibald Donaldson.

This "partnership" lasted until the end of the war, when, along with other parts of the Blair Estate, the house was sold to a private buyer in 1946.

In 1946, Thomas D. Marshall, (a retired gentleman) purchased the house and moved in with his wife Elizabeth (Bett) and daughter Mairead. It is believed that it was at this time that the name of the house was changed to Morven.

However, in 1977, Tom Marshall's daughter moved to Strathpeffer and Tom sold the house in 1978 in order to move with his wife to Tain to be near his daughter. While he was at Blairlogie, Tom had become Session Clerk at Blairlogie United Free Church, and, on his death, his wife arranged for him to be brought back to Blairlogie for his funeral at the United Free Church and his burial at Logie Kirk.

In 1978, the house was bought by Cyril Harris, who moved to Blairlogie from Stirling, where he had lived with his wife Pamela Mary and his two sons Richard and Clive. Cyril was a railwayman with a career spanning Hounslow, Waterloo and Glasgow, before he retired and moved into Morven. Both of their sons had left home and got married before the family left Stirling, but Cyril and his wife lived at Morven until Pamela died in 1999. Cyril is still owner/occupier today.