

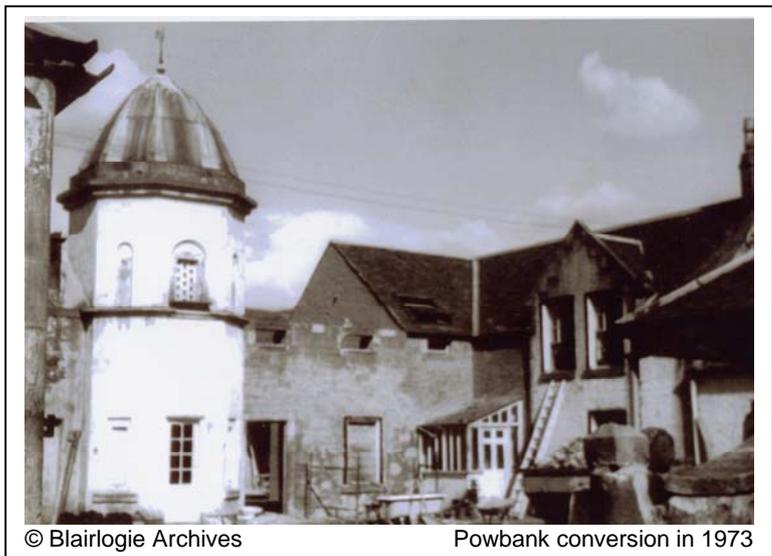
People in Logie

The Courtyard Houses at Powis House

Powbank ~ Powburn ~ Doocot ~ The Steading

The outbuildings in the courtyard at Powis House, consisting of garage buildings, car ports, steadings and the doocot, were purchased from the “Powis House Ladies” by **Kate and Frank Matthews** in 1973. **Kate and Frank** had previously lived at **Invermore**. The whole set of **Powis House** outbuildings was in a bad state, with elders growing through the porches and rooms. The doocot area was a total ruin, apart from the tower, having been gutted by a fire in the late 1960's

Powbank was created with the help of the architect **Duncan Stirling**, and became the home of **Kate and Frank Matthews** in 1973. At this time, the water supply came from the Ochils via the long standing Logie and Blairlogie water pipe system. As this was routed through the farms, supply was erratic, and stopped completely at milking time. **Frank Matthews** died in 1985, and **Kate Matthews** lived on at **Powbank** until 1996, when she sold it to the present owners.



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Powbank conversion in 1973

Mabel Burnard, one of the “Powis House Ladies”, had a godson, **Daniel McLeod**, who moved to the Logie area in the mid-1970's – first to teach at Dollar Academy, and, later, to become a lecturer at Stirling University. **Daniel McLeod** purchased the building opposite **Powbank** in the courtyard complex in 1976, and renovated the building to become **Powburn**. He moved in with his wife **Morag** in 1977. They had three children, **Colin, Malcolm and Jane** and lived in **Powburn** until 1983, when they sold the house to **Leslie James Arthur**, a civil engineer who had previously lived in **Hillside** in Blairlogie Village. The **Arthurs** – **Leslie**, his wife **Frances**, and their two children **Jeannie and Alastair** – sold the house in 1998 to the present occupiers.



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Doocot in 1989

In the late 1980's, **Margaret MacGillivray**, the last surviving member of the “Powis House Ladies”, decided to create her own, smaller retirement home, and she repurchased the ruined **Doocot** building from **Kate Matthews**. The renovated **Doocot** was finished in 1989, and **Margaret MacGillivray** moved in at the beginning of 1990. Sadly, she died from a cancer within a matter of weeks, and the new house was bought by **Stephen and Mary Connolly**, who lived there until 1994, when it was sold to the present occupants.

In the mid-1990's, **Kate Matthews** decided to renovate the remaining buildings in the complex, and created, from the old garage and car port buildings, the house now known as **The Steading**. In 1996, **Kate** moved into **The Steading**, having sold **Powbank**.



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in 1994