

# People in Logie Struan Villa



The earliest record of Struan Villa dates back to 1876 when the land on which Struan stands appears to have belonged to Alexander Hugh BRUCE. He appears to have sold it to Peter MACFARLANE on the condition that a dwelling house to the value of £250 was erected before Martinmass 1877. In addition a fue duty of £4.10s.0d. was payable annually.

However, a disposition recorded in 1893 was made by George MACFARLANE a contractor from Blairfield, Dundee to Peter MACFARLANE. It would appear that to acquire the property, Peter MACFARLANE had to borrow £200 from James FINLAYSON of Stirling and £100 from Mary JOHNSTON also of Stirling.

James FINLAYSON's debt was assigned to James NICOL, a grocer from Bannockburn, following his death in 1901.

In 1904, Peter MACFARLANE sold a piece of land to Lieut. Col. James HARE of Calderwood & Blairlogie and it is thought that this piece of land could possibly be currently known as Ochil Neuk.

In 1905 Peter MACFARLANE sold Struan to William ALLAN and his wife Helen Stewart ALLAN (nee Cramb) of Muirlands Cottage, Causewayhead.

At this time Peter MACFARLANE discharged his debts to James NICOL and Mary JOHNSTON.

The 1911 census shows that William Allan 70 years of age who was a retired farmer born in Dunfermline in Fifeshire was living in Struan Cottage as the head. Helen Allan,

William's wife 66 years of age was also living in Struan Cottage, strangely the census shows that William and Helen had 23 children and that none had survived. Helen is shown to have been born in Dunblane, Perthshire. William's brother, John Allan 64 years of age was also staying in Struan Cottage. John is listed as single and a retired farmer who had been born in Dunfermline in Fifeshire.

Frederick Inkerman ATKIN, a butler of Burnside Cottages, Alva and his wife Marion (nee Jeffrey) purchased Struan from William ALLAN and lived there with their son John Jeffrey ATKIN until 1944. It would appear that John Jeffrey was called up during this time as, at the end of 1944, whilst living at Yarrow Cottage, Croftshaw Road, Alva and still in HM

Forces, he sold Struan to the Halifax Building Society with the consent of John SHARPE and his wife Isabella (nee Duguid), who had been renting the property from 1931.



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L to R: Charles SHARPE  
Abner GALLEY  
John (Jock) SHARPE  
at the foot of the Dumyat  
in the early 1930s.

During the Second World War, John (Jock) Sharpe was an Air Raid Warden. John Sharpe's death certificate shows that he passed away in Struan on the 17<sup>th</sup> July 1947 aged 53 years.

Subsequently, Halifax BS sold on to Isabella SHARPE in 1948.

On her death in 1972, her executors sold Struan to John David DENT of Hursworth-on-Tees, Darlington, County Durham who in turn passed it on to John Hay SCOTT of Linden Avenue, Stirling in 1974.

In 1981 the property again changed hands this time being sold to Dr. John Raymond PIGGOTT and Mary Jean PIGGOTT (nee Bruce) of Pitt Terrace, Stirling.

The present owners, the McGee's, purchased Struan in 2001.



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Margaret Piggott standing with  
John Carrington-Porter with John Piggott seated  
with beard at end of table  
at VE Celebrations in Reading Room 1995





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