

NEW CUMNOCK

AULD KIRKYARD DISCOVERY TRAIL

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ANDREW STIRLING

Born: 3 Jun 1827

Died: 12 Jul 1900

MARGARET ROWAN

Born: 1814

Died: 1 Jun 1891

Five things April, Jemma and Laura have discovered are:

1. Andrew was a head teacher and in 1846 he was the first teacher of the Free Church School on the Castlehill at New Cumnock.
2. Andrew loved to teach outdoors. He liked to get his pupils to grow flowers and go swimming in the Nith.
3. His wife was Margaret Rowan and they had four sons. They all lived in the school house.
4. Andrew was much loved by his pupils.
5. After he died people wanted to put up a statue to remember him.

SOMETHING FOR TO DISCOVER



YOUR ANSWER:

How many years
was Andrew a teacher
in New Cumnock?



THOMAS KIRKLAND

Born: 22 Feb 1845

Died: 24 Jul 1903

MARGARET LAMBIE

Born: 1854

Died: 10 Apr 1900

Five things Brooke, Cody and Lauren discovered are:

1. Thomas's father Alexander and his uncle Hugh came from Sorn and created the New Cumnock Gas Light Company.
2. He married Margaret Lambie and they had two children.
3. Thomas worked first in his father's shop as a grocer and later as draper.
4. His aunt Agnes Kirkland married John Hyslop of Bank.
5. One of his hobbies was local history and he wrote an article in the Schoolfellows Magazine.

SOMETHING FOR TO DISCOVER



YOUR ANSWER:

Find Thomas's sister Mary Kirkland's headstone inside the Auld Kird ruins and write down the South American place name you can see?



WILLIAM HUNTER

Born: 12 Jun 1814

Died: 5 Sep 1860

HELEN LAIDLAW

Born: 1823

Died: 30 Apr 1911

Five things Eilidh, Demi and Shauna have discovered are:

- 1 William Hunter worked as a farm labourer at Garclaugh.
- 2 William was a cheese and grain merchant before he became a banker.
- 3 William and Helen had four sons and a daughter, two died in infancy.
- 4 His son John Hunter married a dress maker from Glasgow.
- 5 Sir Tom Blane Hunter is William's great great grandson.

SOMETHING FOR TO DISCOVER



YOUR ANSWER:

Who on the headstone had the same name as Sir Tom Hunter's middle name?

IVIE CAMPBELL (I)

Born: 30 Sep 1754

Died: 28 Jul 1831

JEAN GEMMELL

Born: 1754

Died: 1786

MARGARET DUNBAR

Born: 1755

Died: 4 Aug 1844

IVIE CAMPBELL (II)

Born: 7 Jul 1799

Died: 3 Dec 1867

JEAN RICHMOND

Born: 1810

Died: 18 Oct 1853

IVIE CAMPBELL (III)

Born: 20 Aug 1833

Died: 18 Dec 1910

CHRISTINA McCAIG

Born: 1832

Died: 23 May 1892



Five things Corbyn and Blair discovered are:

- 1 Ivie Campbell (I) was one of six children and was born at Garclaugh.
- 2 He married Jean Gemmel and had three children.
- 3 After Jean died he married Margaret Dunbar and had seven more children, one which was also called Ivie (II) born at Dalgig.
- 4 Ivie (II) was a prize-winning farmer at Dalgig.
- 5 Ivie and his wife Jean Richmond had one child, a son Ivie (III).

SOMETHING FOR TO DISCOVER



YOUR ANSWER:

What farm did Ivie (III) and his wife Christina McCaig later live at?



JOHN McKNIGHT

Born: 9 Nov 1766

Died: 2 Aug 1836

CATHERINE RANKINE

Born: 9 Mar 1770

Died: 1809

WILLIAM McKNIGHT

Born: 2 Oct 1768

Died: 1831

AGNES CRICHTON

Born: 21 May 1775

Died: 19 Oct 1859

Five things Scott, Callum and Greg discovered are:

- 1 John and William McKnight who were brothers were born in the Old Mill which was built to serve the barons of Cumnock.
- 2 Robert Burns stayed at McKnight's Mill on 10th January 1789.
- 3 William married Agnes Crichton and they had 12 children together.
- 4 William died after 27 years working at the Castle Inn.
- 5 In 1833 the current parish church was built. The McKnight family built the Crown Inn next to the new church and in 1837 his widow Agnes was the Innkeeper with her daughter Catherine as her assistant.

SOMETHING FOR YOU TO DISCOVER



What poem did Robert Burns write at the Old Mill?

YOUR ANSWER:

JAMES BLACK

Born: 1710

Died: 1775

AGNES GILMOUR

Born: 1719

Died: 1775



HUGH BLACK

Born: 1798

Died: 9 Jun 1889

ELIZABETH HERBERT

Born: 1806

Died: 3 Feb 1897

JOHN BLACK

Born: 1845

Died: 12 Oct 1919

ELSPETH TEMPLETON

Born: 1864

Died: 23 Dec 1890

Five things Gary, Liam, Ross and Luke discovered are:

- 1 James Black was married to Agnes Gilmour and they had 11 children.
- 2 Their first son called James was born at Mains in 1734, he died when he was very young.
- 3 Twins James and Agnes were born in Dalleagles in 1756.
- 4 Three generations of the family were blacksmiths and lived at Mains, Dalleagles, Connelburn and Afton Bridgend.
- 5 John Black and his wife Elspeth Templeton lived at 152 Mossmark Cottages.

SOMETHING FOR YOU TO DISCOVER



Who erected James's and Agnes' headstone in the Kirkyard?

YOUR ANSWER:



WILLIAM ARTHUR

Born: 11 May 1809

Died: 20 Feb 1894

ELIZABETH HOUSTON

Born: 17 Dec 1826

Died: 3 Aug 1885

Five things Claire and Nicola discovered are:

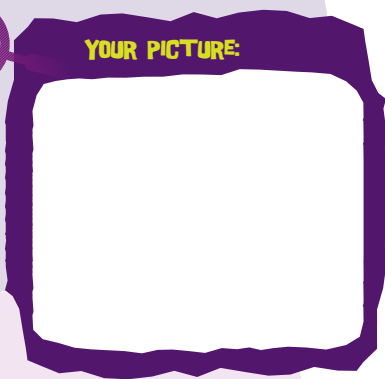
- 1 William married Elizabeth Houston and they stayed at Wellhill Farm.
- 2 William and Elizabeth had no children.
- 3 William Arthur set up the Old Folks Party and was the chairman.
- 4 When he died he had over £10,000 and he left £1000 to the poor and money for a new church.
- 5 William had a church named after him called the Arthur Memorial Church, near the Auld Kirkyard which was built in 1913.

SOMETHING FOR TO DISCOVER

YOU

Can you find William Arthur's gravestone and draw a picture of it with the church named after him in the background?

YOUR PICTURE:



REVEREND JAMES YOUNG

Born: 29 Jul 1711

Died: 1 Aug 1795

ELIZABETH HUNTER

Born: 1742

Died: 3 Dec 1825

Five things Mason and Abigael discovered are:

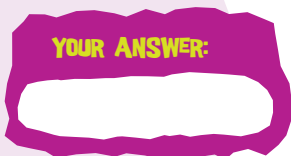
- 1 He was married to Elizabeth Hunter and they had 13 children together.
- 2 He was the fourth minister of New Cumnock from 1758-1795.
- 3 Robert Burns wrote a poem called "*The Kirk's Alarm*" and he was called 'Jamie Goose' in it.
- 4 He wrote the First Statistical Account of New Cumnock in 1790, when 1200 people lived there.
- 6 His headstone is in a special position against the wall of the Auld Kirk.

SOMETHING FOR TO DISCOVER

YOU

What was the job of the minister's son Robert who erected the headstone?

YOUR ANSWER:





ANTHONY MILLIGAN

Born: 1 Apr 1832

Died: 29 Sep 1906

JEAN GEMMELL

Born: 1846

Died: 31 May 1907

Five things Aimee, Nicole and Abbie discovered are:

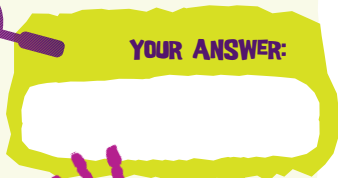
- 1 Anthony's parents were Elizabeth Park and George Milligan, a coal carter.
- 2 Anthony married Jane Gemmel and had six children, one was born in New Cumnock and five in Sanquhar.
- 3 In 1881 they lived in 9 Bradleys Cottage, Sanquhar and in 1891 they moved to Nether Linn cottage on the Mansfield Estate.
- 4 Anthony's job was an agricultural labourer then farm servant before changing to a coachman in 1891.
- 5 Anthony worked for the Stuart-Menteth family of Mansfield House.

SOMETHING FOR YOU TO DISCOVER

Anthony lived at Nether Linn cottage, can you find out the meaning of the Scots word Linn?



YOUR ANSWER:



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WILLIAM HYSLOP

Born: 1775

Died: 16 May 1850

JOHN HYSLOP

Born: 17 Apr 1817

Died: 7 Mar 1878

WILLIAM HYSLOP

Born: 20 Aug 1855

Died: 14 Dec 1936

MARGARET LOGAN

Born: 1786

Died: 26 Jun 1864

AGNES KIRKLAND

Born: 1827

Died: 17 Nov 1903

MARGARET GIBSON

Born: 22 Dec 1856

Died: 28 Dec 1945

Five things Stacey, Nicole and Rachael discovered are:

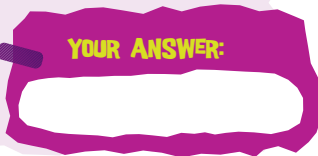
- 1 William Hyslop and his eldest son John was a prize winning farmer at Blackcraig.
- 2 John Hyslop married Agnes Kirkland on the 8th of August 1855.
- 3 John was skipper of the New Cumnock rink and won the Eglinton jug three years in a row for curling.
- 4 In 1860 John formed the Bank Coal company working in the New Cumnock coalfield and lived at Bank House.
- 5 In 1903 his son William formed the New Cumnock Collieries Ltd, then the largest coal company in the parish.

SOMETHING FOR YOU TO DISCOVER

Who erected the stone in memory of William Hyslop?



YOUR ANSWER:





A - Andrew Stirling



B - Thomas Kirkland's shop



C - Hunter's Shop



D - Ivie Campbell (II)
of Dalgig



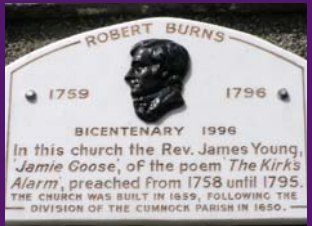
E - Old Mill Farm



F - James and
Agnes



G - William Arthur



H - Burns Plaque



I - Mansfield House



J - John Hyslop and William Hyslop

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