

Events in the life of the Stonebyres estate

Date	Details	Sources
14th Century	Castle dates back to 14th C	Hamiton advertiser article from Lesmahagow Parish History Society (LPHA)
15th Century	Establishment of the Wer/ Weir/Vere family at Stonebyres. It stayed in the family til early 1800s	Annals of the Parish of Lesmahagow, J. B. Greenshields , 1856
1524	Owner's son, William,murders Mr James Hamilton , Burgess of Edinburgh	Annals of the Parish of Lesmahagow, J. B. Greenshields , 1856
1525	William Weir is murdered by Lindesay of Covington	Annals of the Parish of Lesmahagow, J. B. Greenshields , 1856
1520s - 80s	Feuding and violence with neighbours	Annals of the Parish of Lesmahagow, J. B. Greenshields , 1856
1587	William Weir of Stone Byres murders John Weir of Poneil grandson of James Weir of Blackwood and beats up another relative	Annals of the Parish of Lesmahagow, J. B. Greenshields , 1856 Also in Upperward of Lanarkshire, Irving & Murray, 1864 p210
1587	William Weir makes reparation for the murder by swearing a "bond of manrent" - agreeing that James Weir is his chief)	Annals of the Parish of Lesmahagow, J. B. Greenshields , 1856
1592	Act of Parliament confirms the bond of manrent	Annals of the Parish of Lesmahagow, J. B. Greenshields , 1856
	Lands of Stonebyres were values in The Roxburgh Tax relief Roll at 21 chalders, 8 bolls of victual.	Annals of the Parish of Lesmahagow, J. B. Greenshields , 1856
1631	Willaim Weir donated 7 dollars (a dollar is 60 scots shillings) to Glasgow University Library	Annals of the Parish of Lesmahagow, J. B. Greenshields , 1856
1644, 1647, 1648	Sir William Weir of Stonebyres was on the committee of war for Lanarkshire	Annals of the Parish of Lesmahagow, J. B. Greenshields , 1856
1678	James Weir of Stonebyres Commisioner of Supply	Annals of the Parish of Lesmahagow, J. B. Greenshields , 1856
1679	Laird of Stonebyres a commisioner (Scots act of parliament)	Annals of the Parish of Lesmahagow, J. B. Greenshields , 1856
1704	Laird of Stonebyres a commisioner (Scots act of parliament)	Annals of the Parish of Lesmahagow, J. B. Greenshields , 1856
18th Century	Name of owners changed to Vere.	Annals of the Parish of Lesmahagow, J. B. Greenshields , 1856

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18th early 19th century	Stonbyres estate included much of surrounding area at this time it is gradually sold off	Annals of the Parish of Lesmahagow, J. B. Greenshields , 1856
1840	David Hamilton makes Jacobean additions	Binney, Marcus; Harris, John and Wingate, Emma. (1980) The Lost Houses of Scotland -
1842	House and estate sold by Mr Daniel Vere Sheriff substitute at Lanark to James Monteath for £25,500. Bought with monies from the estate of Archibald Douglas Monteath.	Annals of the Parish of Lesmahagow, J. B. Greenshields , 1856
?	James Monteath adds "modern arrangement of superb dwelling house" to existing building. He paid "£25,600, and laid out £23,000 in the erection of a mansion-house and in draining the estate".	Hamilton Advertiser article from LPHA, <a href="http://www.britishlistedbuildings.co.uk/sc-7697-stonebyres-coach-house-and-adjoining-build#.VImHu3bhDIU">http://www.britishlistedbuildings.co.uk/sc-7697-stonebyres-coach-house-and-adjoining-build#.VImHu3bhDIU</a>
c1850?	Coach house build architect John Baird II	<a href="http://www.britishlistedbuildings.co.uk/sc-7697-stonebyres-coach-house-and-adjoining-build#.VImHu3bhDIU">http://www.britishlistedbuildings.co.uk/sc-7697-stonebyres-coach-house-and-adjoining-build#.VImHu3bhDIU</a>
1850	James Monteath dies June 3rd	<a href="http://www.douglashistory.co.uk/history/Places/douglas_support.htm">http://www.douglashistory.co.uk/history/Places/douglas_support.htm</a>
1853-1868	Court cases between benefactors of Archibalds estate and owners of Stonebyres	Cases decided by the Court of Session, Tiend C ourt etc, House of Lords 20 <sup>th</sup> July 1866 -20 <sup>th</sup> July 1867 Series 3 Vol 5 P827-841
1858	Map Survey for OS -the first accurately surveyed map of the estate	<a href="http://maps.nls.uk/view/74955460">http://maps.nls.uk/view/74955460</a>
1859 ish	Next owner is Lt- General Thomas Monteath Douglas CB of Douglas Support "a distinguished Indian Officer (involved in the Indisn mutiny).	Annals of the Parish of Lesmahagow, J. B. Greenshields , 1856
1859ish	A huge block of stone with the Monteath coat of arms and scenes from Indian battles was added over the entrance	Date given in Hamilton Advertiser article from LPHA
1861	Gen Monteath's only surviving daughter in 1861 married Sir William Monteath Scott, Bart of Ancrum."	Ordnance Gazetteer of Scotland, Groome, 1895 Vol. 6 p398
1867	Some legal fuss over the way Gen Monteath had behaved as a trustee etc Court case - (Possibly an earlier case too)	Cases decided by Court of Session, Tiend C ourt etc, House of Lords Series 3 Vol 5 P827-841
1868	Thomas Monteath Douglas died at Stonebyres 18th October	<a href="http://www.douglashistory.co.uk/history/thomasdouglas2.htm">http://www.douglashistory.co.uk/history/thomasdouglas2.htm</a>
?	Miss Monteath - Scott - Gen Thomas Monteath's grandaughter becomes owner	Hamilton Advertiser article from LPHA

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1896	OS survey map showing changes to house and landscape is published	<a href="http://maps.nls.uk/view/82893792">http://maps.nls.uk/view/82893792</a>
1906	House sold to Mr James Noble Graham of Carfin House, Crossford	Hamilton Advertiser article from LPHA
1906-1914	House restoration. Panelling in rooms, carving (woods from Italy and Portugal) new floors and tiling. The banqueting hall became "one of the finest in Scotland". He never lived in the house.	Hamilton Advertiser article from LPHA.
1911	OS Map Revision	<a href="http://maps.nls.uk/view/82893795">http://maps.nls.uk/view/82893795</a>
1924	House re-purchased by Miss Monteath-Scott. She only occupied it a few months of the year. Furnishing in only a few of the 30 bedrooms and the public rooms	Hamilton Advertiser article from LPHA
1933	Miss Monteath-Scott dies (November)	Hamilton Advertiser article from LPHA
1933	Irene Ashcroft inherits Stonebyres from Miss Monteath-Scott	Hamilton Advertiser article from LPHA
?	Mrs Ashcroft instructed that "the coat of arms were defaced from the old door lintel, which has lain beside the house since it was removed at the last rebuilding"	Hamilton Advertiser article from LPHA
193?	Kennaway, estate agent in Edinburgh buys the estate from Mrs Ashcroft	Provost's scrapbook 1935 p121 (Lanark library)
1934	Kennaway's sell fabric of house to demolition contractor Mr J F Lamonby and the remainder of the estate to the Dept of Agriculture (19/10/34)	Provost's scrapbook 1935 p121 (Lanark library)
1935	3rd Aug:There is a dispute over who owns the balustrading	Provost's scrapbook 1935 p121 (Lanark library)
1936?	Part of estate taken over by the Dept of Agriculture (Sir Arthur Rose scheme) where 14 workers houses were put up for men coming under the allotment scheme.	Hamilton Advertiser article from LPHA, Ex provosts scrapbook 1937 p249 and 1937 p250 (Lanark library)
1937	Small holdings scheme not successful as small holders not self supprting after 18 months	Ex provosts scrapbook 1937 p249 and 1937 p250 (Lanark library)
1941	OS survey revision	<a href="http://maps.nls.uk/view/82893798">http://maps.nls.uk/view/82893798</a>