

Grantown Heritage Plaques: Morlich House

This site marks the position of the first house built in Grantown. It was the dwelling and workplace of John Grant, a weaver from Rothiemurchus. The first stone was laid on Friday 28th June 1765 by William Anderson, a master mason from Portsoy who had been engaged to construct the building which was to be 58 feet long and 20 foot wide, with 9 foot walls at one end to accommodate two storeys where the weaving shop was to be situated. Though that building was demolished and replaced by the current building which was the National Bank, we can have some idea of its appearance from the houses in the corner of the square opposite. In one of these lived Archie Haston who helped build John Grant's home and workplace. The site was described as lot Number 10 North Side.



Morlich House: Site of Grantown's first house



A nineteenth century view of Grantown North Side



Next to Morlich House stands Lethendry Lodge, where lived Robert Grant, the well-known Glasgow University Professor of Astronomy, publisher of a Catalogue of the stars in 1883. He was also behind a project for controlling the public clocks in Glasgow by a direct current of electricity from the University s they could be regulated by true Greenwich time.

Lethendry Lodge