## Grantown Heritage Plaques: Castle Road.



Castle Road looking north

Lot no. 6 on the corner ws built on by a farmer, Donald Grant of Balnaclash. For half a century it hooused Bessie Rose's shop, remembered fondly by generations of schoolchildren. Next door in the taller block, was at one time housed the armoury of the local militia and home of the drill instructor.



Alex Ross's shop - the town's first inn and later the first grammar school.

The police station stands on the site of the town's first inn which was soon to become the first Grantown school. The first school master, John Innes left quietly one night without paying his debts.

The Inn was run by the legendary Janet MacKenzie, who left to set up an Inn in Tomintoul.

The road running North-East from the Square leads across Dava Moor to Forres and Nairn. Previously it led directly to Old Grantown and Castle Grant, the home of James Grant, later known as "The Good Sir James" founder of New Grantown, in 1765.



West Lodge. Entrance to Castle Grant.



Castle Grant



The Ian Charles Hospital

Just as castle road becomes castle Road East and leaves the old Burgh boundary as the famous A939, it passes on the left the "lan Charles" and the Health Centre.