

# THE GRANGE

## A HISTORY IN MAPS

In its early days, Edinburgh consisted of a cluster of houses below the castle which in time extended down the hill and was later enclosed by the Flodden Wall in 1513. As the population increased, buildings had to go upwards rather than outwards, but eventually it became impossible to contain the overcrowding within the town walls. The city fathers embarked on a grand plan, submitted by James Craig, for building on land to the north over the Nor Loch and hence the New Town was established by the end of the 18<sup>th</sup> century.

Early in the 19<sup>th</sup> century many of the affluent burghers, with a desire to escape to more spacious surroundings, looked to the south of the town. George Square had been built and the Burgh Loch (The Meadows) had been drained. The south-facing land of the Burgh Muir appeared to be ripe for development and Sir Thomas Dick Lauder arranged for some of his land from the Grange Estate to be made available for building. Houses were already going up in the Lands of Canaan.

Map N<sup>o</sup>. 4 and illustration N<sup>o</sup>. 5 show how The Grange appeared before this development started. Arable land, with avenues of trees and isolated farm houses, gave a picture of the rural landscape. In the centre was Grange House, with its origins going back as far as 1506.

This collection of maps is selected to show, by comparing one with another, just how The Grange expanded. Feuing plans were produced to agree the layout of new roads, etc, incorporating existing thoroughfares, wooded areas and buildings. Each plot of land was generous, allowing for a substantial building with garden. Builders could design mansions of individual character in a secluded and attractive environment.

From the 1840's onwards there was considerable building activity as shown in the Lancefield maps of 1851, 1861 and 1871. During this period the major buildings were completed south to Grange Loan. In 1856 the Edinburgh City Boundary was extended to the Pow Burn (Jordan Burn). Thereafter things took a slower pace and the Ordnance Survey map series of 1877, 1896, 1932 and 1989 portray at much larger scales the shapes of individual houses and even the layouts of their gardens. Each map is a time capsule giving a picture of how things were and what was being done at a particular time.

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<b>1</b>	1590 VALESO Edinburgh
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Names taken from these maps could lead to many interesting stories based on The Grange: for example, the Chapel of St Roque and the Convent of St Catherine of Sienna, Little Transylvania, the Penny Well, Hewits Place and Woodhead Place.

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Robert Bartholomew  
Editor

### List of Maps and Illustrations

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1	1590	Francesco Valeso. Scotland.		-
2A	1654	Joannis Blaeu. Lothian. (enlarged)		NLS
	1735	John Adair. Midlothian.		EMS.s.321
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	1773	Andrew & Mostyn Armstrong. Three Lothians.		EMS.s.464
	1775	Taylor & Skinner. Roads of North Britain, plates 2 & 3.		NLS
3A	1851	J M W Turner. View of The Grange.		-
	1812	James Knox. Shires of Edinburgh.		EMS.s.37
3B	1816	Robert Kirkwood. Ancient Edinburgh.		EMS.s.61
4	1817	Robert Kirkwood. Edinburgh. (reduced)		EMS.s.264
5	1820	Mary Stewart (later Lady Elton). View of Edinburgh from the top of Blackford Hill.		-
6A	1825	Grainger & Miller. Plan of the Lands of Grange. (enlarged)		-
6B	1851	David Cousin. Feuing Plan of the Lands of Grange.		-
7	1864	Robert Raeburn. Feuing Plan of The Grange. (reduced)		EMS.s.466
8	1851	Alfred Lancefield. Edinburgh.		EMS.b.2.45
9	1861	Alfred Lancefield. Edinburgh.		EMS.b.2.163
10	1871	Alfred Lancefield. Edinburgh.		-
11	1891	John Bartholomew. Edinburgh & Leith.		EMS.b.3.13
12	1877	Ordnance Survey. 1:1056 Edinburgh. (reduced).	West	NLS
13	1877	Ordnance Survey. 1:1056 Edinburgh. (reduced).	East	NLS
14	1896	Ordnance Survey. 1:2500 Edinburgh III. Sheet 11.	West	NLS
15	1896	Ordnance Survey. 1:2500 Edinburgh III. Sheet 12.	East	NLS
16	1932	Ordnance Survey. 1:2500 Edinburgh.	West	NLS
17	1931	Ordnance Survey. 1:2500 Edinburgh.	East	NLS
18	1988	Ordnance Survey. 1:10,000. 2 sheets joined.	NT 27 SW	-
	1989	marking recent developments. (enlarged)	NT 27 SW	-