

Pre - 1750 Buildings in Edinburgh Old Town Conservation Area

Building No.

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Building Name

Old Surgeons' Hall,
Drummond Street

Listing Category

B



Date

1697

Description

In 1656 Edinburgh Town Council sold Curriehill House to the Royal College of Surgeons. Curriehill House was taken down. In 1697 Old Surgeon's Hall was built in Surgeons' Square, by James Smith, to enable the College to licence surgeons and apothecaries. It is to this building that in 1828 William Burke and William Hare brought the bodies of their murdered victims and sold them as specimens for Dr Knox's anatomy classes.

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Building Name

Canongate 23-33 (Bishop
Paterson's House) & White Horse
Close, 31 Canongate

Listing Category

B



Date

17th century

Description

Withstanding some essential alterations and considered as a whole is a unique survival from the 17th century. The long low ranges at the sides have been considerably modernised. The higher buildings at each end still have a lot of the original appearance. Originally 17th century.

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Building Name

356 Castlehill &
2 Castle Wynd North,
Cannonball House

Listing Category

A



Date

17th Century

Description

So named because of a cannonball stuck into its west gable, facing the castle, which can be seen to this day. It is a rubble-built steep-roofed merchant's house dating from the 17th century, and located at the east side of the Esplanade. On a pedimented dormer window is inscribed AM MN 1630, which refers to the original inhabitants Alexander Mure and his wife. On the front door handle can be seen a risp, or scratching device, forerunner of the doorbell. The building was extended eastwards in the 18th century, and again to form a part of the Castlehill school by John Carfrae in 1913.

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Buiding Name

Outlook Tower,
549 Castle Hill

Listing Category

A



Date

17th Century

Description

This 17th century building is now the Outlook Tower, also known as Camera Obscura, one of Edinburgh's top tourist attractions. In 1853 a camera obscura was installed in the dome by an Edinburgh optician Maria Theresa Short. A new instrument was installed by Patrick Geddes in 1892. The tenement, the townhouse of Ramsay of Dalhousie, was originally a four storey building.

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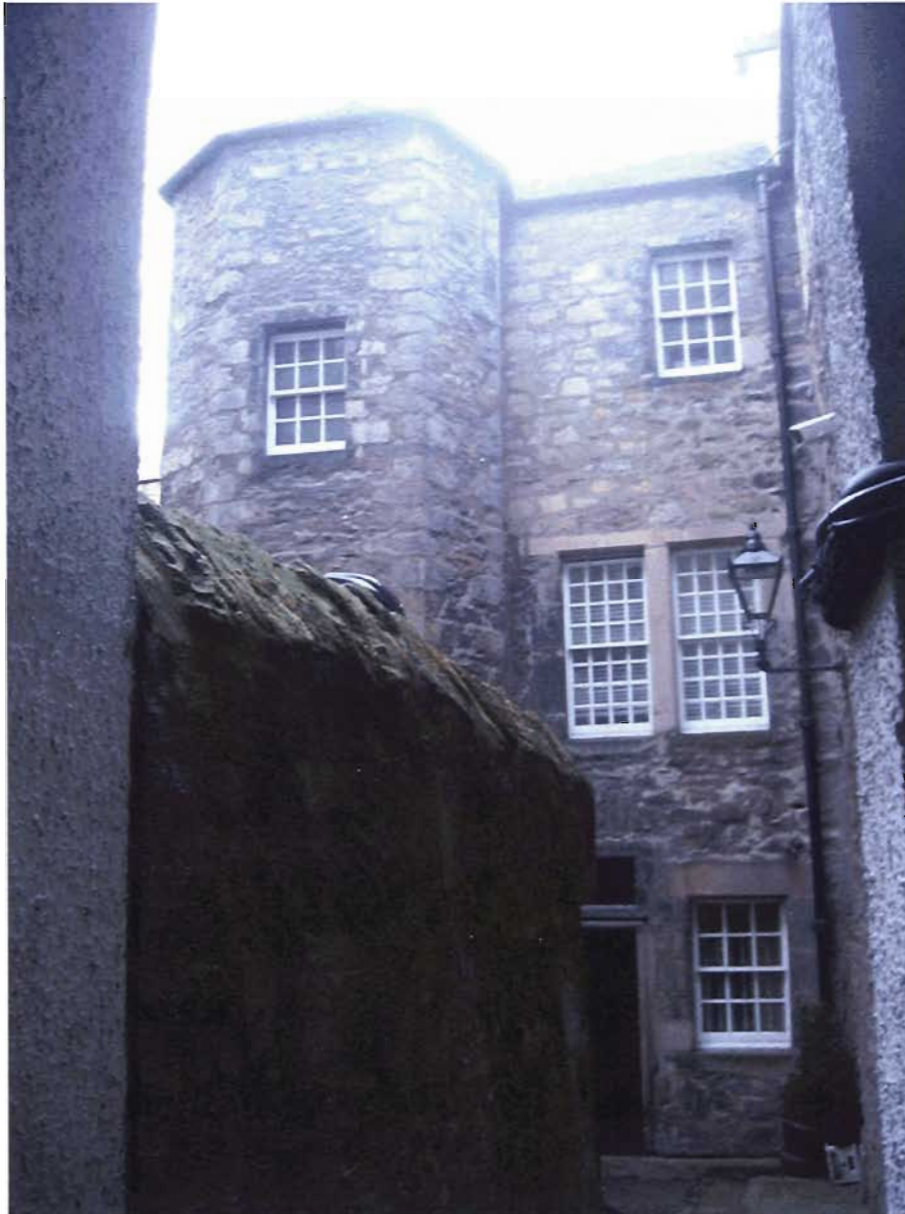
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Buiding Name

537 & 539 Castlehill,
Jollie's Close, Semple's
Close & Sempill House(part)

Listing Category

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Date

17th Century

Description

Earlier 17th century with later alterations.

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Building Name

Boswell's Court
352 Castle Hill

Listing Category

A



Date

17th Century

Description

Early 17th century with later alterations.

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Building Name

2-6 North Bank Street &
Wardrop's Court,
Blackie House

Listing Category

A



Date

17th century

Description

The late 17th century tenement was remodelled by Henbest Capper as a university hall of residence for Patrick Geddes, in memory of Professor JS Blackie.

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Buiding Name

Anchor Close
243 High Street

Listing Category

A



Date

17th century

Description

At the east side of the close there are two 17th century buildings originally of four stories

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Building Name

High Street,
14 Tweeddale Court

Listing Category

B



Date

17th century

Description

Dated 1576. Remodelled and extended 17th century onwards

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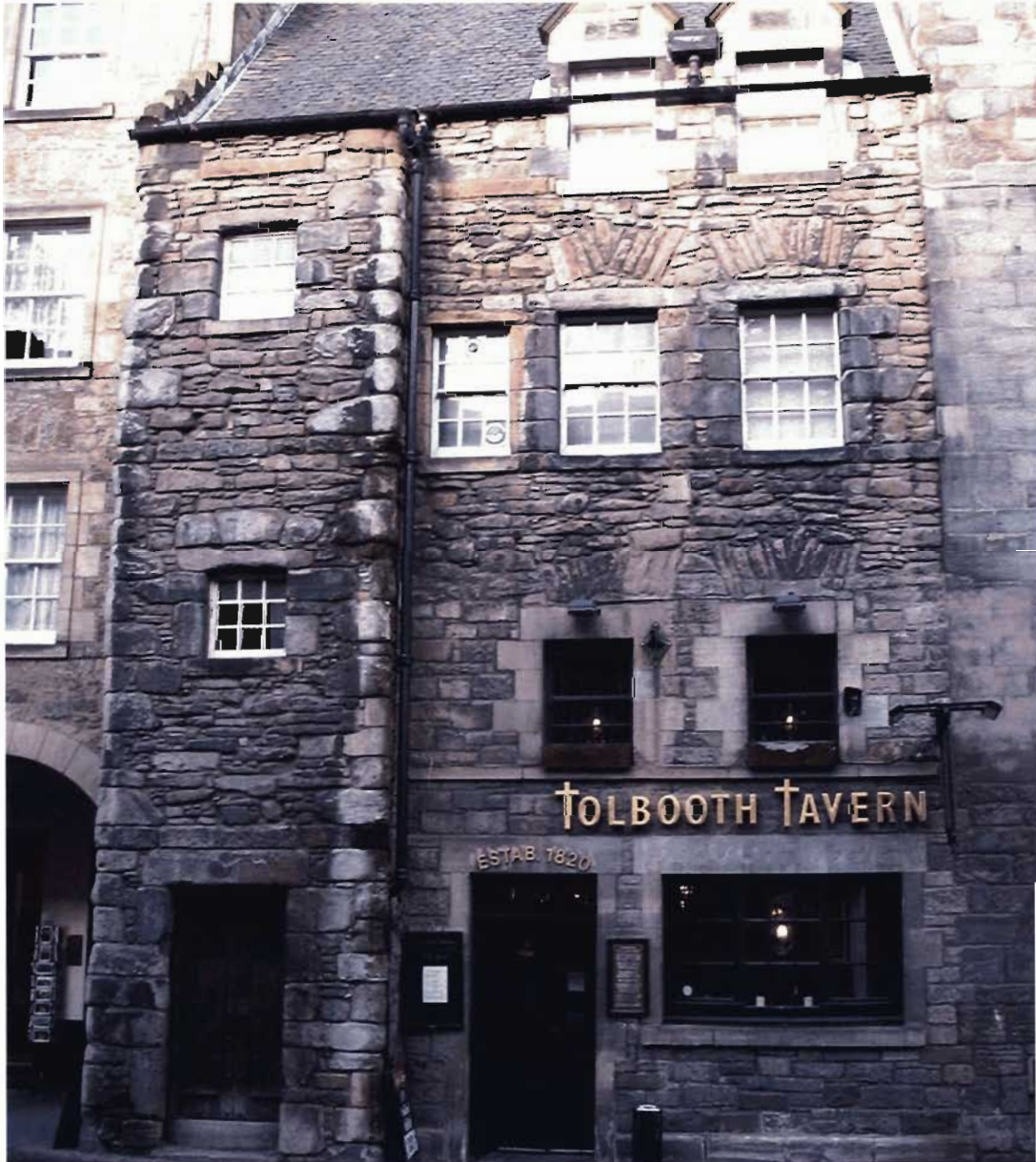
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Buiding Name

167-169 Canongate

Listing Category

A



Date

17th century

Description

Before 1647. The building is L shaped. The 2 lower floors have been altered and provided with a modern wooden shop front. The floor above has 2 original windows.

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Building Name

Canongate 194-198
Old Playhouse Close

Listing Category

B



Date

17th century

Description

17th century. 3-storey and garret 5-window with centre pend, dormer gablets with row of small dormers above. Turnpike tower in Old Playhouse Close, 3-storey wing to close.

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Building Name

Canongate 189-191
Flats 2, 4 & 6

Listing Category

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Date

17th century

Description

Originally 17th century, rebuilding by Robert Hurd completed 1958.

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Building Name

Canongate 3,
Russell House

Listing Category

A



Date

1690

Description

Fine example of a restored 17th century tenement in Edinburgh vernacular style.

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Building Name

High Street,
3 Advocate's Close
'Adam Bothwell's House'

Listing Category

A



Date

Circa 1630

Description

Although commonly known as Adam Bothwell's House, Bishop Bothwell died in 1593, and the likelihood is that the house was built for Sir William Dick of Braid, wealthy merchant and Lord Provost.

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Building Name

98 Grassmarket and
105 West Bow

Listing Category

A



Date

Early 17th century

Description

Early 17th century with later alterations and additions.

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Building No.

55

Building Name

Canongate and St John
Street, Lodge Canongate
Kilwinning

Listing Category

B



Date

From 17th century

Description

NORTH SECTION (former 3-story section of Playhouse Close) 17th century.
SOUTH SECTION Built 1735-36. Chapel is claimed to be the oldest Masonic Lodge
room now remaining anywhere in the world. Historic association with many eminent
Scots including Boswell and Burns.

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Building No.

56

Buiding Name

89 West Bow

Listing Category

A



Date

Late 17th century

Description

The foot of Victoria Street is the lower and surviving end of West Bow which ran from the Grassmarket to the Castle Hill. A group of 5 houses escaped destruction. No 89 is the most interesting.

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Building Name

101 & 103 West Bow

Listing Category

A



Date

Late 17th century

Description

Late 17th to early 18th century. 3-storey and attic 5-bay tenement with shop to ground floor, stepped with slope of street. Harled with stone margins. Date 1561 on base stone of gable finial.