



Annan in 1914-the last team of oxen in the area.
The man with the black snake whip is Tom Armstrong,
and Jessie Clow is also in the picture.

The other store and post office in Annan was the one erected by William Speedie. Other residents of this building were Mr. Sibbald, Mr. Joe Morris, Mr. William Riddell, Mr. Brian Young, who purchased it in 1968. He later sold it Mr. Sam Maruoka.



On the lot between the Speedie post office and the school a stone cottage was built by James Davidson, and in the barn at the back, he carried on a carpentry business along with Robert Clark.

J. Robinson had lived in a house next to the church and was a weaver.

Another building of note was the old Drill Shed which stood across the road from where the Hall stands. Men were being drilled here in 1862. The Drill shed served as a shelter on a number of occasions for school parades. It was burned in the 1920's during a church service.

At one time there was a residence north of the present store, and occupied by a Mr. McArthur and family. From a shed on this property, he carried on a carpentry business. Later this building was moved to the farm of Charles McArthur, along with another building that had stood where the present garage is. The latter building had been a blacksmith shop.

Over the years the size of some of the rural hamlets have decreased from their original area. Before the turn of the century in the village of Annan, there were 2 hotels, 4 stores, one school house, one public library, one Presbyterian Church, a drill hall, 2 blacksmith shops.