

THE BUILDING OF
ABERDOUR – BY
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1798

In the closing years of the 18th century Mr. William Gordon the laird of Aberdour decided to build a new village sea wards of his estate .

New Aberdour was inhabited since the Iron age in a small settlement form.

In the 6th century A.D. it was the place where St. Drostan landed when he parted from St. Columba to spread the gospel in Buchan. The old church near the sea was dedicated to St. Drostan and was the place of worship for the area. Not far away stood a ruined castle called Dundarg, the red fort. In which John Comyn, Earl of Buchan, had been defeated by King Robert the Bruce in 1308.

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Mr. Gordon ignored these relics of the past, and planned for the 19th century. His builders worked well and by 1798 solid stone houses with thatched roofs and garden plots had been erected along three streets laid off in the form of a rough H, as Low street, High street and Elfin street.

Mr. Gordon who lived nearby in an 18th century mansion called Aberdour house, he felt ~~justified in giving~~ ^{gave} his creation the name of ~~New~~ Aberdour.

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