



1832

1851 Sasine in favour of James Bryson

*That lot or portion of the lands of **Greenmount** (formerly part of the lands and estate of Whinnyhall marked number eleven on William Crawford's plan of said estate, and bounded ... by the road leading from the new turnpike road betwixt Burntisland and Kinghorn up to the old lime kilns and dividing the ground thereby feued from the field marked number twelve on the said plan (part of which is now feued to Sir John Gladstone) on the south east and north east; by the lands belonging to Mr Beatson and by a line running parallel to and three feet distant from the march betwixt the land hereby feued, and the **Anchor Stock** on the north and west, and by the lands of **Craig Kennochy** belonging to Mr Dick or the town of Burntisland on the south which lot of ground ...which in all time thereafter to be called **James's Park**...*

Said James Bryson obliged to give off from the south east side...such an extent of ground as should be necessary for widening the present road forming its south eastern boundary to the full breadth of forty feet measuring from the line of the wall erected by Sir John Gladstone...with a footpath at the west side of ten feet ...a row of trees planted fifteen feet apart along the sides of footpath....along east side of road a strip of shrubbery and wood of ten feet broad ...other half of expense of maintaining them to be borne by David Greenhill.

*David Greenhill grants privilege of obtaining water for supplying dwelling houses and offices to be built by him ...from a spring commonly called **Megs Bell** ...to east of old lime kiln...laying a main pipe along south east front of said ground ...page 5: to erect within 2 years, buildings to the value of at least one thousand pounds ..prohibited from roofing any with red tiles...no taverns or tippling shops .*

3 deeds – docs 23,24,30. 1851 – 53. All similar wording. Anchor Stock or Megs Bell location?

Land formerly part of Greenmount sold by David Greenhill (Trustee, maybe son?, of Alexander Greenhill) was bought by James Bryson, Civil Engineer, to be called **James's Park**. Western part sold to James Milne soon after. It was bounded on *east by the wall of the garden let by me [James Bryson] to Andrew Mather & William Danniells*, Obligated to build houses, plant trees and shrubs. Water to be piped from spring at Meg's Bell, by David Greenhill. Also sewer. Stipulated that houses not to be roofed with red tiles, no taverns or tippling houses allowed, but hotel would be possible so long as "*kept in a quiet and respectable mannerso as not to disturb or prove a nuisance to the neighbourhood.*"

At some point the extra S was dropped and it became James Park.



1894

Document mentions neighbouring field feued to Sir John Gladstone (where Gladstone Terrace was built?). He was father of PM Wm Ewart Gladstone & was a slave owner. Born Leith, died Aberdeenshire Dec 1851. https://wikivisually.com/wiki/Sir_John_Gladstone,_1st_Baronet

2020: Line of trees can be seen along pavement of what is now Kirkbank Road. Line of older cottages with wall and pillar opposite with path that led to Greenmount Orchard? Also older cottages on west side. Were they built by Bryson or Milne? Villas at top east side and lower west side and Erskine Church. built between 1894 and 1913.

Map of Greenmount Estate by William Crawford— several maps by him on National Library of Scotland website but not this one.

James Bryson – not found online.



1913