
Following in the footsteps of William Chirside, 1567.

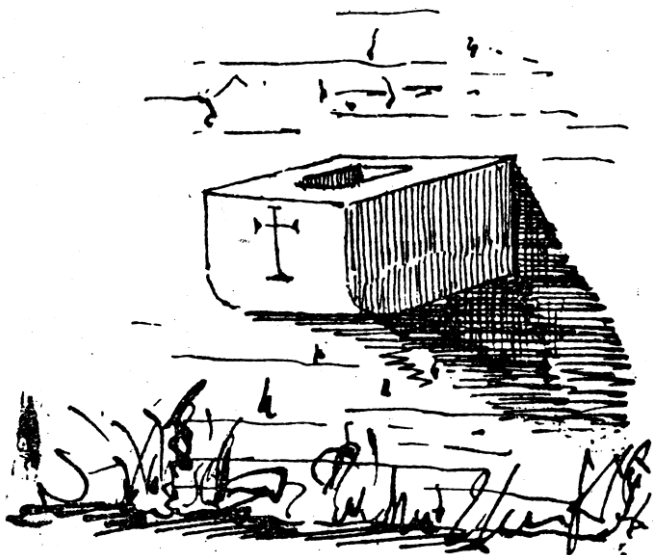
part of the 450th anniversary celebrations
of Blantyre Old Parish Church.



an Augustinian Prior



original Bothwell Church

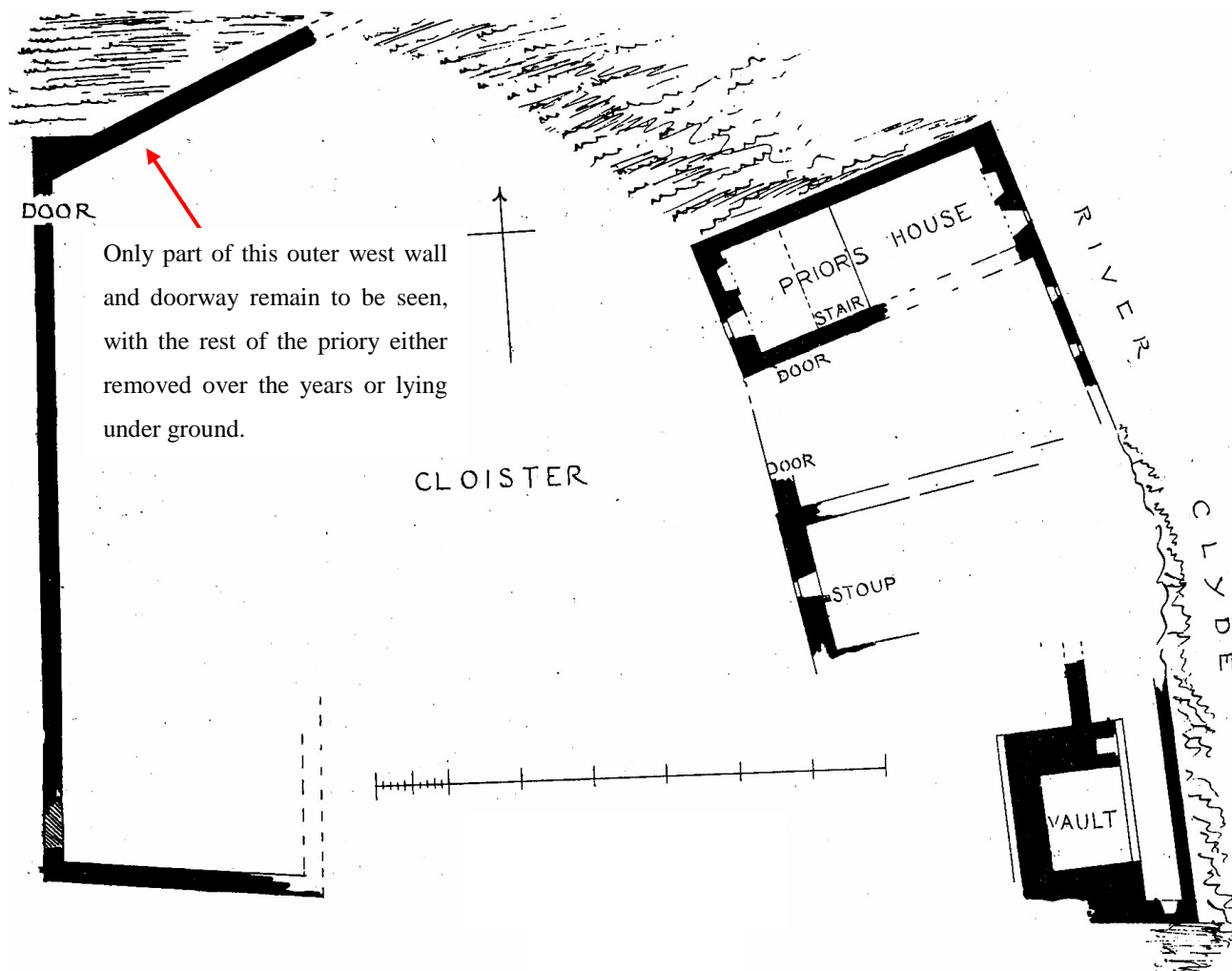


the Stoup at Blantyre Priory

List of the known heads of Blantyre Priory

Name	Date
William de Cokeburne	1296 - 1304
Walter, Prior of Blantyre	1340
John de Eglinton	1380 - 1381
William Forfare	1430
William Fressell	1451
William Bassindene	1451 - c.1472
John Cavers	1472
John Bassindene	1472 - 1476
John Turnbull	1476
William Busby	x 1489
William Bell	1489 - 1508
John Aitkenhead	1506
Robert Cottis	1508 - 1536
John Cessford	1509 - 1512
William Cottis	1536
Robert Cottis junior	1534 - 1536
James Salmond	1536 - 1545
John Donaldi	1538-1541
John Moncreif	1538-1547
Thomas Hugonis	x 1543
John Roull	1547-1549
John Hamilton	1549 -1552
William Chirnside	1552-1567
John Hamilton	1567

Ground plan of Blantyre's Augustinian Priory.



Only part of this outer west wall and doorway remain to be seen, with the rest of the priory either removed over the years or lying under ground.

The ancient lands of Blantyre were owned by the Dunbar family, and it was Patrick de Dunbar and his wife Euphemia who founded the priory sometime between 1239 and 1248, during the reign of King Alexander II. The priory was of the Augustinian order and was a satellite, or dependant cell, of Jedburgh Abbey.

