

Covenanting in the Upper Clyde Valley

122. Blackwood House. Access via the old A74 road from Canderside Toll; just prior to turning over the M74 bridge into Blackwood Village, turn right into the estate and the house will be reached about one mile along the road. The stone to John Brown is in the side garden. Being a private garden seek permission first.

123. Lanark Cemetery. The vehicle gate is about 200 metres or so east of the Main gate. The Covenanters Memorial takes pride of place in the middle of the vehicle avenue. It is a very interesting memorial in that it covers the happenings in a parish and covers a lot of detail about what took place in Lanark. Another smaller stone to William Harvie stands over against the south side of the old St.Kentigern's Church. It is a small upright one easily recognisable because it is well looked after. William Wallace was married in this church.

124. Lesmahagow Churchyard. First to catch the eye is a fine granite Memorial with a moving testimony from Archibald Stewart who was hanged in Glasgow. Adjacent and northwards is a sadly worn flat stone within a kerbed enclosure to Thomas Weir and his son. In the middle of the yard a very large table-top stone to David Steel shot at Skellyhill farm. Fragments of the original stone are underneath. Nearby and towards the church there is a new upright stone to Thomas Linning with a fragment of the older stone lying beside it. Nearby and along the row westwards is an obelisk to the Linning family.

125. Skellyhill Farm. Follow the New Trows Road up the hill to the first fork in the road; fork right and continue uphill till the next junction, turn left and follow the road down and round till the next junction where a sign post will be seen for the farm. A rough track leads up to the farm where the memorial will be easily seen marking the spot where David Steel was shot.

126. Waterhead Farm is further round on the same road. There is a plaque on the barn wall commemorating John Steel.

127. Logan Farm. Logan Farm is further out than the sketch map overleaf allows, in fact it is approximately 3 to 4 miles drive in the car. Access to the road is just round the bend from Skellyhill and road to it is reasonably good.. You will pass through a farm yard enroute and you may be asked what your business is. Make sure you know that you are heading out to Logan farm where the first Society meeting took place in December 1681 at which James Renwick was present.

David Roy.



**Memorial to Archibald Stewart
Lesmahagow
19th March 1684**