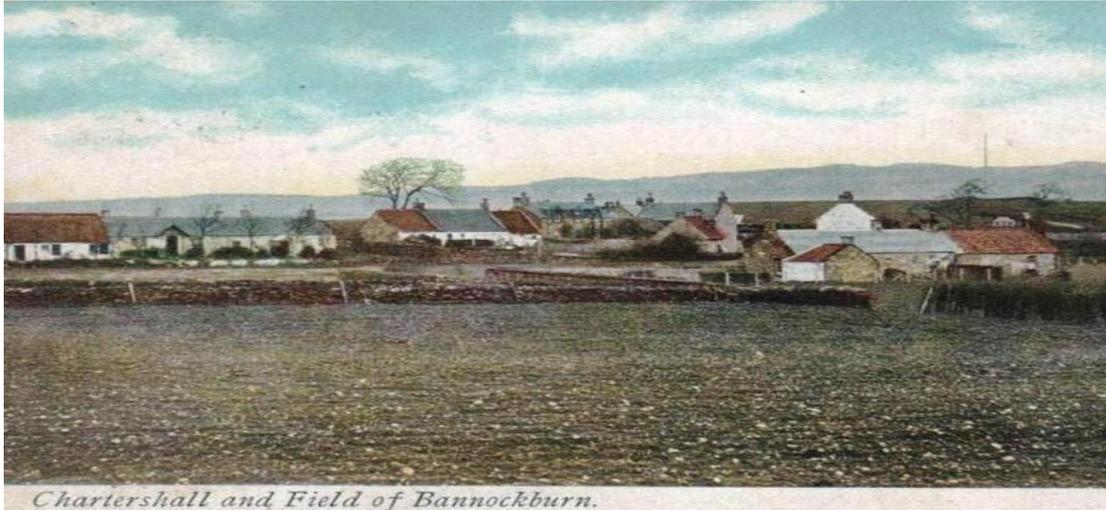


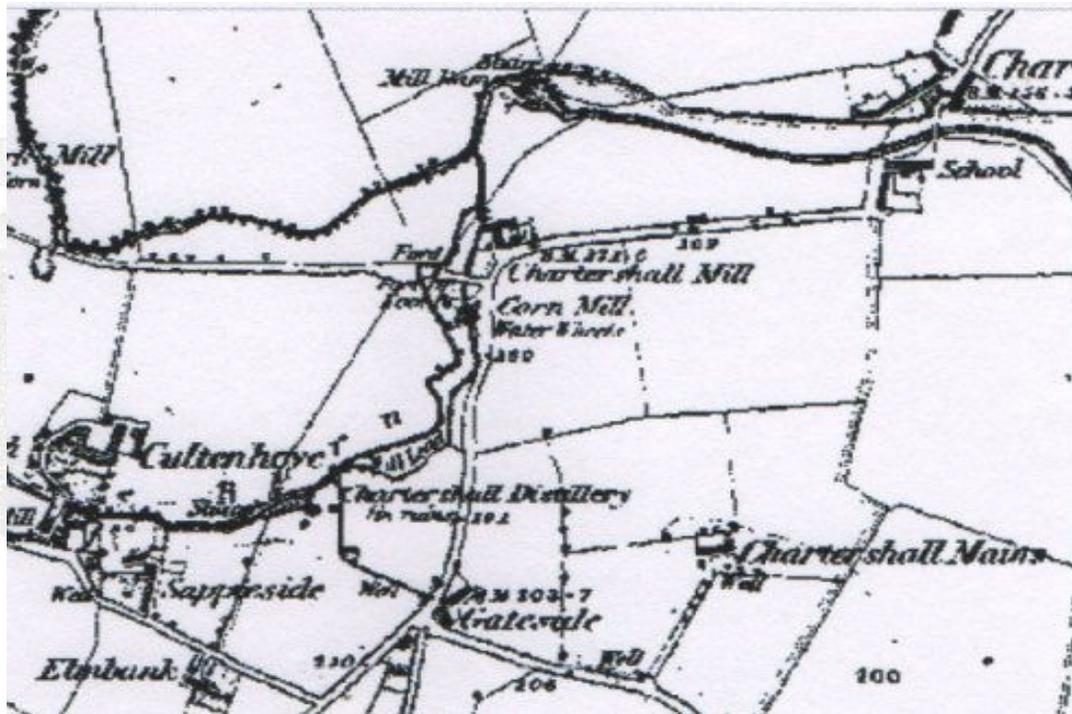
Chartershall

A hamlet situated on the field of Bannockburn, on the edge of Milton Bog



Chartershall and Field of Bannockburn.

Chartershall, circa 1605



Map of Chartershall area: 1865

Chartershall derives its name after an ancient family the Charteris of Canglour. Comparing old houses around Sauchie such as Drummonds Ha and Murrayshall one can see the resultant Chartershall. The Barony of Sauchie in St Ninians included the baronies of Canglour, Cultenhove, Touchgorme, Meikle and Little Sauchie. Although Chartershall does not appear in the records until 1584 circa, the battle of Sauchieburn was said to have been fought on the lands of Little Canglour. The Roman road runs through part of the lands North Westwards to Snabhead.



Chartershall Bridge now frames a modern motorway overpass

Above is Chartershall old road bridge with new road bridge in background. Chartershall had its own oat mill and in the 18th century the old bridge was built over the mill lade (Bannock burn) to feed the oat mill with water energy for the mills water wheel. Inscribed on the bridge legend states: *“This bridge was rebuilt by the justice of the peace 1747”*. The older rubble portion of the old road bridge dates back to 1696.

Around 1965 circa, a new road bridge was built aside the old bridge to suit modern traffic flows. Still allowing the mill lade to still serve Milton Mill at Whins of Milton. Unfortunately the building of yet another road bridge to allow construction of a major motorway all but destroyed the network of slueces that directed and controlled the flow of the original mill lade.



2 Cottages over the bridge that was originally had a smiddy workshop in centre

Sections of the 1865 map above show signs that Chartershall was a self sufficient community no doubt serving the local farm population and surrounding estates farms, supplying eggs, milk vegetables. Meat and other supplies, as many in the community would work for the estates and farms. Rabbit coursing and pigeon catching was prolific and they were a main course on the dinner table in these days for most households.

An oat mill, corn mill, distillery, school and alehouse can be seen in the area. Smiddies also played a role in the community. Two smiddy workshops operated in the village making products such as horse shoes, nails for same, tip and tail plates for working boots along with handles for metal milk cartons and various metal products. A typical smiddy set up was a cottage at either side or the workshop in the middle.

With agriculture and estate owners and employees along with other workers, meant that the area had a very active work and social community. With the onset of foundry works such as Carron Iron works, hand made nails were a much sought after commodity and kept the smiddies busy into the 20th century.



Alas Chartershall today does not have such industries such as the smiddy and the distillery today the village has reverted to a very quiet hamlet although a few of the 19th century homes still exist as the Old Smithy Cottage above, there is a few new homes but in general the village remains around the same size.