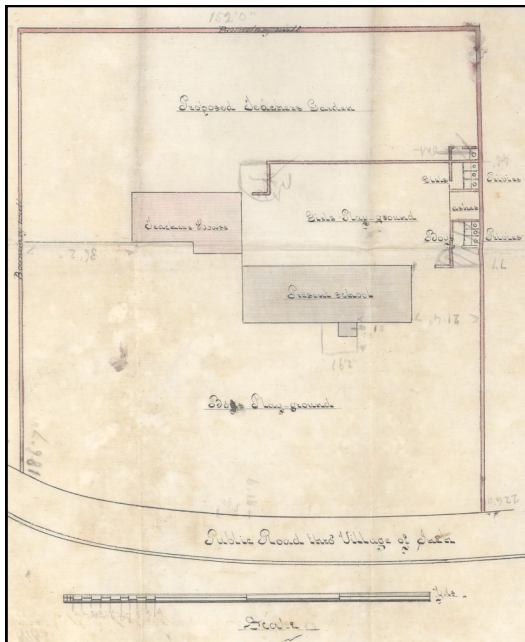
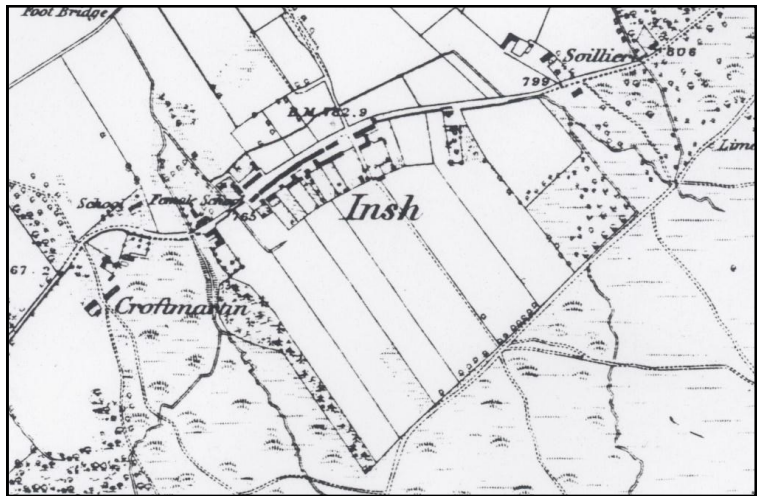


The second statistical account of Kingussie and Insh parish (written in 1835) describes various schools within the parish boundaries and specifically mentions the school at Insh. The 1st Edition Ordnance Survey map, from 1870, shows the position of a school and a female school.



The Highland Archive Centre holds records from Insh Public School from 1873 onwards. From school board minutes to log books and admission registers, these records tell the story of the school, its staff, buildings and pupils. They are an invaluable source for local and family historians and provide a fascinating insight into school life and local, national and international events.

INSH SCHOOL BOARD.—HEADMASTER (CERTIFIED), wanted for **INSH PUBLIC SCHOOL**, to take up duties not later than 30th October next; salary, £85 per annum, with free house and garden. Apply, with five copies of testimonials, on or before the 15th prox., to **D. MACDONALD**, Clerk to the Board, Balachroick, Kingussie.

The school board minutes from 1899 show the process of hiring staff. Advertisements were placed in the Inverness Courier and the Scotsman, one of which is included in the minutes. The next entry states that Mr James Forrest was appointed to the position of Headmaster (after two others refused it!) and the school log book entry from 1st December 1899 records that Mr Forrest began his duties on the previous Thursday.

The Clerk laid on the Table Correspondence from Mr. Forrest, the next Candidate Selected, in which he expresses his willingness to accept the appointment. The Board having fully Considered the matter resolved to appoint Mr. Forrest Head Teacher of Insh P. School, on the terms as advertised, and the Clerk was instructed to wire to him accordingly. The Chairman

