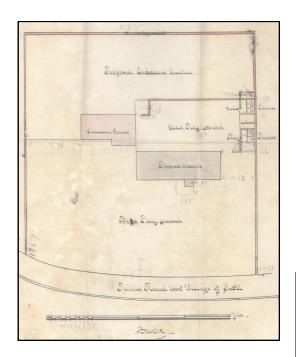


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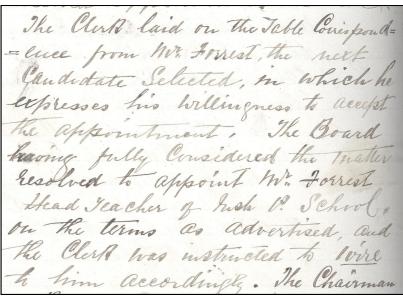
The second statistical account of Kingussie and Insh parish (written in 1835) describes various schools within the parish boundaries and specifically mentions the school at Insh. The 1st Edition Ordnance Survey map, from 1870, shows the position of a school and a female school.



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.

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 are included in the minutes. The next entry states that Mr James Forrest was appointed to the position of (after two others Headmaster refused it!) and the school log book entry from 1st December 1899 records that Mr Forrest began his duties on the previous Thursday.











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School log books were kept weekly by the head teacher and, as with all the those in our collections, the Insh log books are full of glimpses into a way of life which no longer exists. Pupils were often excused from lessons to help with potatolifting, haymaking or other work. An entry from 1942 reads "the absence of some children under 12 years of due to was casual age employment."



Mov. 30% School closed Funeral of the late Sir John Machherson Grant.

Dec. 4th Stormy weather has lowered the attendance this week.

The rivers Spey and Feshie have overflowed their banks.

The weather plays prominent part in school log books with storms often Bad mentioned. weather impacted on the pupils' ability to attend and therefore the grant received by the school. A touching entry from 1943 mentions three children being off waiting for boots.

The Insh log books record events significant to the surrounding area, such as the death of Sir and John Macpherson Grant. also give insight into an the impact had in the international events community, recording evacuees arriving from Glasgow and Edinburgh and celebrations at the end of both world wars.

The school finally closed on the 3rd July 1947.





