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BUILDING STONES OF ST. ANDREWS

This leaflet takes you on a guided walk around the town to see a selection of stones used for over eight centuries in the construction of buildings in St. Andrews. The stones themselves span an age range of 500 Million years, from 700 Million-year-old Baltic gneiss rocks (the oldest rocks on Earth) to the Jurassic Period (Portland Limestone), when dinosaurs roamed the Earth.

19 Church Street
(Formerly Fife's Bookshop, now White Stuff)
This shop frontage is of plastered granite from Fife. The same stone has been used in the piers of the shop at the corner of Church Street and Market Street (formerly Bute Street). The granite contains a few bluish or greenish veins of a darker rock, which are considered to be voids and filled with the granite stone.

78 Market Street
Church Street frontage
(Formerly the Electrolyte Depot, now Regent Restaurant)
This building has been faced with large cut slabs of greenish-grey slate, probably from Fife, and is supported by granite pillars. The granite is from the Fife granite area, and is a result of the granite intrusion of the Jurassic Period. The granite was emplaced in the Fife granite intrusion, which is a large igneous intrusion that extends from the Fife granite area to the Fife granite intrusion.

Whyte-Melville Fountain
Market Street
This fountain was built in 1970, it is made of red sandstone and granite from Fife. The granite is from the Fife granite intrusion, and is a result of the granite intrusion of the Jurassic Period. The granite was emplaced in the Fife granite intrusion, which is a large igneous intrusion that extends from the Fife granite area to the Fife granite intrusion.

86c Market Street
(Formerly Fife's Bookshop, now White Stuff)
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80 Market Street
(west side)
The east side of 80 Market Street, as seen from the road, is made of red sandstone and granite from Fife. The granite is from the Fife granite intrusion, and is a result of the granite intrusion of the Jurassic Period. The granite was emplaced in the Fife granite intrusion, which is a large igneous intrusion that extends from the Fife granite area to the Fife granite intrusion.

Portrait of George John Whyte-Melville, painted by William McEwan

Granite edging about a red sandstone wall.

Biographical details of George John Whyte-Melville, born in 1805, and his relatives.

Detailed views of the stone buildings.

SAFETY INFORMATION
This trail is about 2 km long and involves walking on public footpaths and crossing roads. Where possible, use pedestrian crossings.

TRAVEL INFORMATION
Rail: The nearest railway station is Dundee, served by Scotrail. Road: The A91 from St Andrews, A985 from Kirkcaldy, A99 from Upper Largo, A914/A916/A93 from Dundee, A915 from Fife, and A917 from Fife.

Note: The stones used in the construction of buildings in St. Andrews are aged between 500 Million years and 700 Million years, spanning the Precambrian and Palaeozoic eras. The stones include gneiss, granite, sandstone, and slate, among others.