

# LISTED BUILDINGS IN THE HIGHLAND REGION

<b>TITLE</b> Stratherrick Road, Drummond Hill		<b>DISTRICT</b> Inverness	
<b>MAP REFERENCE</b> NH 66145 43171		<b>PARISH</b> Inverness Burgh	<b>PHOTOGRAPHED</b>
<b>Item No</b> 248			<b>CATEGORY</b> B

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Circa 1890. Large 2-storey 5-bay symmetrical Italiante villa, now in commercial use, with piended roof, prominent doorpiece and ballustered aprons. Pink sandstone with cream ashlar dressings. Band and string course to 1<sup>st</sup> floor. Bracketed eaves course.

**FURTHER DESCRIPTION:** principal (S) elevation with central single-leaf paneled door with fanlight set in round-headed and keystone arch in advanced pilastered doorpiece with ballustered apron and bi-partite window above. Outer bays slightly advanced with pilastered tripartite windows with carved friezes. Regular fenestration to 1<sup>st</sup> floor. Slightly advanced outer bays to N elevation with central projecting bay window to centre at ground, ballustered balcony above. Single-storey wing to E.

Plate glass set in timber sash and case windows. Grey slate with lead flashings. Series of coped wall-head, gable and ridge stacks.

**INTERIOR:** modernised but retaining many original features including arcaded entrance hall, ornate fireplaces and vestibule mosaic.

A large and imposing villa which makes confident use of the Italiante style and a range of classical detailing. The building is notable for its doorpiece and the ballustered aprons, as well as the contrasting pink and cream masonry. It is unusual in that it has an institutional as opposed to residential presence. Drummondhill was built by William Burns and his wife Jane Fraser. Burns was a leading Inverness solicitor and he acquired the land in 1886-7. The house was constructed shortly after and their initials are carved above the entrance. It was the last of several large villas to be built in this part of Inverness in the second half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. During this period many of the villas were owned and lived in by lawyers. Although the architect of the house is not known it is possibly by Alexander Ross who was a prolific architect in Inverness during this period, and is credited with designing the associated lodge.

## REFERENCES

2<sup>nd</sup> Edition Ordnance Survey Map (1902). J Wordsworth, 'Drummondhill, Stratherrick Road, Inverness'. Dictionary of Scottish Architects, [www.codexgeo.co.uk](http://www.codexgeo.co.uk).