

CITY OF GLASGOW COLLEGE
BRIEF FOR COMPUTER ANIMATION PROJECT
MUGDOCK CASTLE



Background

Mugdock Castle is situated in Mugdock Country Park, north of Milngavie. It is the ancestral home of the Graham Clan who purchased the 'lands of Mugdock' from the Earl of Lennox in the mid 13th century. The Castle is built on a natural mound of volcanic rock giving it panoramic views over the surrounding countryside. Originally it was protected by water on three sides which gave it a highly defensible position. Today only the south-west tower of the original castle remains complete. It is four storeys high and is arguably one of the most important castles in the region.

Mugdock Trust is leading the way in updating the existing audio visual information within Mugdock Castle. Moving from a static to an animated experience is the aspiration of this project and it is anticipated that the work will be completed in advance of a visit of the Clan Graham Society of North America to Mugdock at the end of July 2020.

The Brief

The task is to research and compile a short section of animation for visitors arriving at Mugdock Castle in the year 1800. There are 2 options for the animation which should be seen from the visitor's point of view as he (or she) makes his way around the Castle. The scenes to be animated are as follows:

Option 1

A narrator sets the scene as a visitor approaches Mugdock Castle. The visitor sees a view of the original re-imagined medieval buildings intact and passes through the portcullis into the courtyard handing his horse to a servant. He walks through the inner courtyard past domestic buildings and the dungeon whose inhabitant calls out to him. He arrives at the south-west tower where he ascends the external staircase to the tower entrance and steps inside.

Option 2

He is met by a member of the Graham family who hands him a refreshment and speaks to him of famous 17th century Grahams eg James Graham 1st Marquis of Montrose, John Graham 'Bonnie Dundee'. With his Graham guide he ascends to the top of the tower which has a view of the castle layout below and Glasgow in the distance. The loch surrounds the castle on 3 sides and he hears a story of cattle rustling and hangings at Gallow hill. Still at the top of the tower, the visitor returns to the present day and the reconstructed buildings fall away to reveal the Castle's 21st century ruins. He looks at his guide who is now in modern dress.

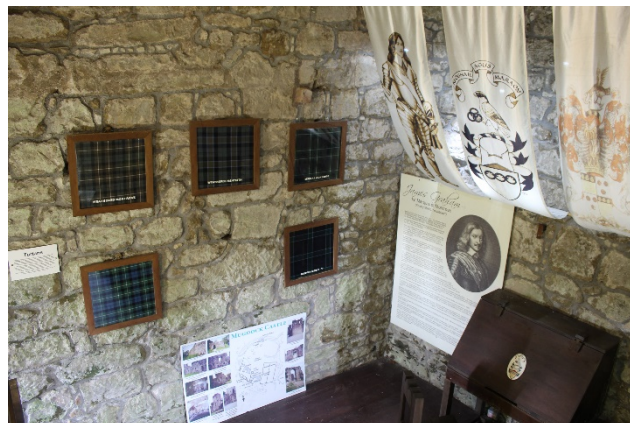
The following photos may help with the project. Other photos are available as are historical information leaflets.



Mugdock Castle aerial



Mugdock Castle approach



Mugdock Castle - Graham Room