

## On This Day – 21 January 1822

Last court held at Clackmannan Tolbooth Cross



*The Tolbooth and Stone and Mannan*

The Tolbooth, which can be seen in the main street of Clackmannan – next to the Stone of Mannan from where the town gets its name – was built in 1592. Only the belfry tower is still standing, and was added in 1680.

William Menteith, the local sheriff, no longer wanted to hold prisoners in his own house and hold open-air trials, and so requested the tolbooth be constructed to serve both purposes. It was in use until 1822, but was increasingly in a state of disrepair, and ultimately the criminal court usually held there was moved to Alloa – perhaps a sign of this village being slowly overtaken and overshadowed by its neighbours.

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