



Castle Kilbride

TRUE OR FALSE?

Many of you know Castle Kilbride National Historic Site from its iconic architecture, but do you really know Castle Kilbride? Staff at the museum thought it would be fun to give you more insight through interesting facts spanning from 1877 until today to see what you may know! Find out below to see how well you know Castle Kilbride.

There are 22 questions celebrating the 2022 Heritage Week. Give yourself one (1) point for every correct answer.

TRUE OR FALSE?

- 1. James Livingston paid tribute to his wife and their love by designing the driveway in the shape of a heart?**
- 2. On the west side of Castle Kilbride there is a small outbuilding with two doors. This double-room brick privy (fancy word for outhouse) was designed to mimic the architecture of the Castle. With two separate rooms this privy could accommodate Livingstons of all different ages and the right side was for women and children, while the left side was for men.**
- 3. Castle Kilbride is home to thousands of artifacts, and 65% of which are original to the Livingstons.**
- 4. During the restoration and conservation work in 1994 inside the museum, a few wine bottles were found in the walls in the basement of Castle Kilbride. Some bottles date back to 1899.**
- 5. The library in Castle Kilbride is lavishly decorated with original Krug furniture. Krug was founded in 1880 in Kitchener, ON and was one of the most sought-after furniture manufacturers of the Victorian period.**
- 6. An artist scandal at Castle Kilbride? American artist, Henry Scharstein painted some of the murals inside Castle Kilbride, faked his own death in the US and was later located in Canada painting a home.**
- 7. At least four Livingston daughters were a member of the Ladies of the Maccabees, a female auxiliary of the Knights of the Maccabees operated entirely by women.**

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8. Castle Kilbride has a painted floor? Just like the walls of the Victorian mansion, the main floor hallways have been beautifully painted to mimic linoleum flooring.
9. Castle Kilbride is home to one of Baden's first telephones
10. There are still traces of the Livingston family found inside the home. Impression marks from a cane belonging to J.P. Livingston are found on the floors of one of the upstairs bedrooms and an "A" is carved into one of the steps of the stairs.
11. Spanning the entire ceiling of James and Louisa's bedroom is a single piece of linen, a derivative from the flax plant.
12. Castle Kilbride is home to multiple Homer Watson paintings, including The Old Mill and Stream, the sister painting of one that hangs in Windsor Castle.
13. On top of the skilled examples of art from the 3D Trompe l'oeil, to hung portraits and landscapes, the home is also decorated with fine art from James & Louisa's daughter Carrie.
14. Laura Louise (Livingston) Veitch had one of the largest antique toy collections in Canada. Her favourite doll, the bellboy, still resides at the Castle.
15. The detailed newel post of the main staircase incorporates all four designs of the marble fireplaces.

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16. Although Castle Kilbride is a one-of-a-kind gem, the sister home of Castle Kilbride is in Listowel, Ontario and is known as Livingstone Manor.

17. The large art nouveau floor lamp in the main hallway at Castle Kilbride was said to be hand wired to electricity by none other than Sir Adam Beck, the Hydro Knight.

18. Castle Kilbride was the home of Aunt Josephine in CBC's, "Anne with an E."

19. There's a reason why the walls and ceiling at Castle Kilbride sparkle. There is 24K gold paint in many sections of the home!

20. Castle Kilbride was home to many children over the years. A total of 4 children were born in the home: Harry, Alice, Edna, and Laura Louise.

21. In 2017, the "Hooked on our Heritage" exhibit, hosted at Castle Kilbride in partnership with the Kitchener-Waterloo Rug Hooking Guild caught the eye of the National Gallery. They acquired two pieces from two different artists for the national collection!

22. The lookout on top of Castle Kilbride is called a "belvedere" which is Italian for beautiful view. James Livingstone would use it to gaze upon beautiful Baden, his flax fields, and mill.

ANSWER: ALL QUESTIONS ARE TRUE!