Moving Stories

During Victorian times, much of the workforce for Scotland’s oil industries came from Ireland. Many young men would travel to Scotland in search of work, sending wages home to support families at home. Some married Scots girls, or brought across their Irish sweethearts to settle in Scotland.

Almost a half of the adult population of the Stankards Rows were born in Ireland. A particular reputation for hiring Irish labour which might explain why almost a half of the adult residents of Stankards Rows were of Irish birth.

To Stankards from the Emerald Isle

Stankards Rows were built in about 1866 to serve the Uphall Station and the large oil industry. Each single room dwelling was built of rough stone and was shared by three or four families. There were rows of three single room dwellings.

The communities that served Scotland’s shale oil industry.

On the Night of 2nd April 1871...

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