



George Street—looking north Circa 1870. On the left is the site of the present Caledonian Hotel.

On the right of this intriguing photograph, found in our Dunollie archive, we have Stevenson Street, which is named after Hugh and John Stevenson, two of Oban's founding fathers.

The pair were tenants of Dunstaffnage, arriving in Oban in the mid-1700's, before playing an instrumental role in the development and growth of the village.

On the left, we have Pairc-na-Llama (Gaelic for, Llama Park), which was owned by Hugh Stevenson's Grandson, John. In the early to mid-19th century, the Stevenson family, upon touring South America, brought Llamas to the town centre of Oban. It was in what soon became known as Pairc-Na-Llama, that John Stevenson allowed these creatures to graze for many years.

This idyllic little park in the heart of the town eventually gave way for the construction of the Caledonian Hotel, renamed Station Hotel in 1881, following the arrival of the railway in the previous year. Today the Pearl Hotel

As a wee anecdote, the 25th MacDougall Clan Chief, Admiral John, in 1865, attended a prosperous meeting in London, with the vision of establishing a rail network, linking Oban with central Scotland.