

FOREWORD

traits. I hope these illustrations of places associated with the life of Burns, which he made immortal by associating them with his poems, may enable readers to understand the atmosphere of the great lover of nature in her fairest and, to Burns, most inspiring forms.

While the great poem, "Tam o' Shanter" may be regarded as mainly local, it is included in this collection because in addition to being a great poem, it is associated with Alloway, where Burns was born, and it is an evidence of his remarkable powers, as he wrote it in a single day sitting on the bank of the Nith at Ellisland farm.

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