

REDUNDANT PIPE ORGAN

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William Hill / Bruce 1841

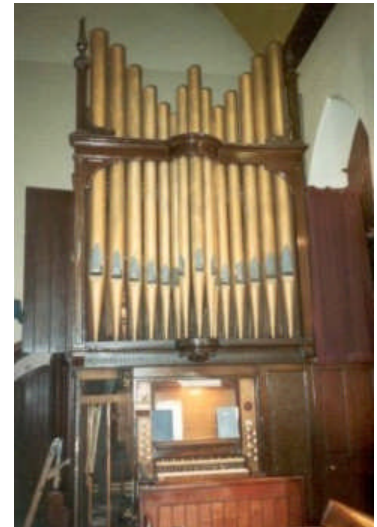
Dalry Congregational Church, Edinburgh, UK

2 manuals and pedals
13 stops

Mechanical Action to manuals
Charge-pneumatic to Pedal Bourdon
Mechanical Drawstops

Size: 9' wide, 9' deep, c.15' high

Dalry church closed in January 2005 after 125 years of worship. Situated only a few hundred yards from Haymarket it housed until recently an exceptional little organ, which was not well known, although the Edinburgh Society of Organists did hold one masterclass meeting there about fifteen years ago.



This organ was thought to have been built by the renowned William Hill of London in 1841. Some of the pipework bears the markings of James Bruce of Edinburgh (who ceased working c.1850). The Great Stop Diapason 8' is a chimney flute of a type at which Bruce excelled at making.

It is thus perhaps the organ built by Hill for Drummond of Millearn House near Auchterarder in 1841, which Bruce mentions he worked on in a letter dated 16th December 1842.

The organ found its way to Albany Street Congregational Church at some point before being moved to Dalry and enlarged by Herbert King in 1892. Since then, it remained unaltered - in every sense of the word.

The 1892 work complements the earlier work remarkably well and the whole organ has a bright, clear but not overpowering sound. It would suit a small to medium sized church.

Concerned about its future, I have now acquired the organ and it has been moved for storage to the manse at Stow until a new home can be found. The dismantling and removal was largely carried out by Forth Pipe Organs.

This fine instrument is immediately available for someone who will give it a good home.

Due to pressure on storage space, the organ will be auctioned if no new owner is found shortly.

All suggestions welcome.



The specification is:

Great (Hill/Bruce):

Open Diapason 8,
Stop Diapason 8,
Principal 4,
Flute 4,
Fifteenth 2.

Swell (King):

Bourdon 16,
Open Diapason 8,
Gamba 8,
Clarabella Flute 8,
Gemshorn 4,
Harmonic Piccolo 2,
Oboe 8,
Tremulant.

Pedal (King):

Bourdon 16.

Couplers:

Swell to Great
Great to Pedal
Swell to Pedal

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