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Scotland's best preserved tower house and one of its most enchanting landmarks, **CRAIGIEVAR CASTLE** in Aberdeenshire, is the fitting subject of the first annual collectible holiday ornament from the **NATIONAL TRUST FOR SCOTLAND FOUNDATION USA**. Each hand-blown and hand-painted glass ornament, crafted exclusively by European artisans benefits the **NTSUSA PRESERVATION FUND** maintained for the **NATIONAL TRUST FOR SCOTLAND**.

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### *A Brief History of Craigievar Castle*

It truly delights me that Craigievar Castle was selected for the first NTSUSA ornament. Sales of the ornament will greatly assist in the costly care and maintenance of this and other invaluable monuments in Scotland. Craigievar is near and dear to my heart, so I'm especially thankful for your support.

Craigievar Castle was built between 1610, when its lands were purchased by William Forbes, and 1625-26, the dates displayed on its richly ornamented plaster ceilings. There are no surviving building papers. William (1566-1627) was the younger brother of Patrick Forbes, Bishop of Aberdeen: the family already owned the neighboring estate of Corse. William was educated at Edinburgh University and, as befitted a younger son, became a merchant. He made a fortune through the Baltic trade, earning the nickname 'Danzig Willie.' In 1603 he married Margaret Woodward, daughter of the Lord Provost of Edinburgh. Her initials and arms, alongside those of her husband, play a prominent part in the decoration of the castle.

William Forbes invested his profits in a network of estates including Craigievar and Fintray. Understandably he was keen to express the status his wealth had brought him, by building a castle next door to his family's property. As a well-travelled patron, William was familiar with contemporary architecture on the Continent, as well as in Edinburgh, James VI's capital.

It is now clear both from documentary and archaeological evidence that there was an existing castle on this site, to which William Forbes made alterations. The reharling of the castle in 1973 revealed a number of early features, including a blocked-up window in the north-eastern corner of the Hall. But it is not immediately apparent that Craigievar is the result of two building phases, because of the confident overall control that infuses its design.

**Ian Gow**

*Chief Curator — The National Trust for Scotland*



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