GENERAL

Johnston — 1297, "Comnocke", diminutive of Old Gaelic, *cuman*, "a shrine".

RQR 12/1859 — [ref illegitimacy] "... the practice of young women when attending fairs and markets for the purpose of being hired as servants; they are generally escorted home by their sweethearts, usually under cloud of night, and both parties frequently, if not tipsy, then at least elevated. Their usual temperance at other times renders them only the more easily affected by intoxicating liquors on the occasions in question, occuring as they do at distant intervals".

VR 1941/42 — Reference to extended areas, including the Wood Road Pool, effective from 25 August 1937.

EG, 2.8.1895, extracted in CO 3/8/1/3, County Council 1895-1895, between pp 29 and 30 (County Council, 1.10.1895)
Auchinleck parish within Cumnock Burgh (Holmhead) added to Old Cumnock Parish w.e.f. 10th August 1895. The parish councillor for the area will now be a member of Old Cumnock Parish Council, not Auchinleck Parish Council.

ACC, HC 7.9.1954, p.8 — Discussion of proposed extension of burgh, which would include ACC houses in Glenlamont/Glencairn area.

CC, F 17.1.1964, 1abc — Details of burgh extension. CC, F 7.2.1964, 10, has map - 5 separate parts (6.62A near Holmhead Hospital; 7.47A near Broomfield; 2.49A, Harrowbank; 0.87A at end of Emrys Avenue; 59.99A, Caponacre.

CC, F 19.8.1966 — Flooding, last Saturday night/Sunday a.m.. Bad at Wiseman;s (Leslie Walter, manager)

CC, F 9.12.1966 — Centenary Souvenir issue. See also CC, F 2.10.1959, 450 years as a Burgh, e.g. 1519.

C.D.A.
GH, W 23.7.1958, 9d — Initial proposal of Cumnock TC's Consultant Architect, Professor R Matthew, Edinburgh.
They include the demolition of Cumnock Academy, its site to be used for road widening and a shopping centre. New Academy. New Municipal Buildings. Riverside Promenade along Tanyard Lane.
Lots in early 1964 Cumnock Chronicle.

CUMNOCK & DOON VALLEY INITIATIVE
n.r. — Launched October 1989; £50,000,000 investment fund.

PRINCE'S FOUNDATION FOR THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT
August 2007 — Cumnock, Scoping Workshop report.

GAY TOWN CONTEST
AP, F
8.4.1960, 11a. — The girls representing Cumnock in the Gay Town Contest finals, Glasgow Pavilion, on Tuesday, will be Vera Parker, 18, Park Crescent, Dalmellington; Janette Houston, 16, Mount Oliphant Crescent, Ayr;

Elizabeth Munro, 16, 61 Mill Street, Ayr; and Joyce McCreath, 15, 42 Lochlea Drive, Ayr.

CC 30.5.1969 — No Miss Cumnock competition, as only 5 entries (3 local)

BURGH OFFICIALS

BURGH SURVEYOR

SMALL was the first proper Burgh Surveyor. **THOMAS GOLDIE**, 1897-1907, had combined such surveying jobs as were required with that of Hall-keeper of the Town Hall. Small began similarly, but in 1908 the roles were changed.

THOMAS SMALL, 1907 - 1915

AA 9.5.1907 — Robert Small, South Queensferry, appointed to be new Burgh Surveyor.

EAC, CU00040 CTC 8.2.1915 — Small resigns, and to finish 8.3.1915. He has taken a similar appointment in Dunbar.

ROBERT FORBES, 1915 - 1956

EAC, CU00040 CTC 8.2.1915 — Post to be advertised in Glasgow Herald and Cumnock Chronicle. On 24.2.1915 agreed to a short leet of Thomas Thomson, Auchterarder; Robert Forbes, Buckie; R H McFarlane, Sandbank; George Horne, Paisley. Interviews 27.2.1915 when post offered to and accepted by Robert Forbes.

AA 4.3.1915 — Robert Forbes, formerly Burgh Surveyor, Buckie, appointed to be Burgh Surveyor.

EAC, CU000040 CTC 8.3.1915 — To commence duties on 22.3.1915. [From c March 1917 to February 1919 Forbes was on military service: during his absence, ANDREW HARVEY, an employee of the Town Council, was made Interim Burgh Surveyor]

Strawhorn, 103 — Served until 1956.

AP, F 16.3.1956, 16b — Is to retire.

CC, F 6.7.1956, 1 — "Built practically the whole of Cumnock.". Actual date of retirement was 12th June 1956.

CC, F 20.7.1956, 10cd — Verse tribute to Robert Forbes.

Strawhorn, 167 — Died in 1963, when it was recalled that he had planned and built 1500 of Cumnock's houses and could well be named 'the Architect of Cumnock.'

CC, F 10.1.1964, 14e — Events of 1963. Died 2nd July 1963

ROBERT FORRET, 1956 - 1975

AP, F 16.3.1956, 16b — Robert Forret, Buckhaven, has been appointed to succeed Robert Forbes.

Strawhorn, 167 — Appointed to succeed Forbes

TOWN CLERK

ANDREW WHITE, 1866 - 1878

Strawhorn, 79 — Royal Bank agent, &c.

Strawhorn, 101 — Died in 1878. A man of 'stainless character and sterling integrity.'

ARCHIBALD BRAKENRIDGE, 1878 - 1903

Strawhorn, 101-102 — Had been Burgh Treasurer and Procurator Fiscal.

Strawhorn, 102 — In 1900 John Hume became depute, and in 1903 roles reversed. Ceased being Depute when Hume died. Brakenridge died in 1933.

JOHN HUME, 1903 - 1923
Strawhorn, 102 — Appointed as Depute to Brakenridge in 1900. Roles reversed 1903. Died in post, 1923.

R D HUNTER, 1923 - 1941
Strawhorn, 102 — Died in post, 1941.

ROBERT DALGLISH HUNTER, Junior, 1941 - (1966)
Strawhorn, 167 — Had been assistant to his father from 1936. Still in post, 1966.

BURGH TREASURER

THOMAS SHIELDS, 1866 - 1873	Strawhorn, 102
ARCHIBALD BRAKENRIDGE, 1873 - 1879	Strawhorn, 102. Resigned to become Town Clerk.
DAVID SMITH, 1879 - 1901	Strawhorn, 102
GEORGE BEGG, 1901 - †1908	Strawhorn, 102
JOHN HENDERSON, 1908 - 1922	Strawhorn, 102
R D HUNTER, 1922 - 1923	Strawhorn, 102. Reigned to become Town Clerk
JOHN ALLAN, 1923 -	Strawhorn, 102
ROBERT LORIMER, 1930 - (1966)	Strawhorn, 167

PROVOSTS (SENIOR MAGISTRATE until 1892)

1866 - 1878	William DALGLEISH, draper
1878 - 1881	John McCOWAN, innkeeper
1881 - 1887	George T SAMSON, cheese merchant
1887 - 1890	William McLETCHIE, wright and builder
1890 - 1893	John BANNATYNE, draper
1893 - 1896	Thomas HUNTER, seed merchant
1896 - 1899	James RICHMOND, mason and builder
1899 - 1902	John ANDREW, chemist
1905 - 1905	Thomas McCAUGHIE, barber
1905 - 1908	James RICHMOND (2nd time)
1908 - 1911	William HILL, draper
1911 - 1917	James RICHMOND (3rd time) †1917, in post
1917 - 1919	David SMITH, policeman
1919 - 1922	Andrew MILLER, photographer
1922 - 1925	Charles TAYLOR, engineer
1925 - 1928	Allan McCALL, miner and fruit merchant
1928 - 1931	James NEIL, commercial traveller
1931 - 1934	John CARRUTHERS, shoe merchant. [Died 15 August 1953, in 86th year: AA Th 20.8.1953]
1934 - 1935	Emrys HUGHES, journalist
1935 - 1947	Nan Hardie HUGHES [Died Friday 27th June 1947, aged 61. AA, Th 3.7.1947, 12c]
1947 - 1954	James HOLLAND, miner
1954 - 1957	John EDGAR, teacher
1957 - 1960	John WEIR, bus driver
1960 - 1963	Harry E TURNER, teacher [AA, Th 4.7.1963, 23de. Originally an industrial chemist, then a teacher, and has now been licensed as a minister]
1963 - 1966	James Keir Hardie McTURK, civil servant. [AP, F 31.10.1975, 10, died Tuesday, aged 56]
1966 - 1969	Thomas FINN, headmaster, St Conval's
1969 - 1972	David B LORIMER, administrative assistant at Ballochmyle Hospital

1972 - 1975 John KING, engineer

COUNCIL MEETINGS
1949 10th Jan (AP 14.1.1949, 7bc)

CUMNOCK MUSIC FESTIVAL – CUMNOCK CARNIVAL

AP, 18.6.2010 May Thompson has been Carnival Queen for 35 years, but will on Saturday crown new Queen, Rachel Milligan, P7, Greenmill.
[May is nursery teacher at Greenmill]

UNSORTED

CO3/8/2/1, 92-93, Standing Joint Cttee 17.4.1891
Reference to new 3-storey building being erected across the street from the police station house.

ACC, PAC 6.10.1932 Unemployed Marchers. Report on provision made at Auchinleck and New Cumnock.

MASONIC TEMPLE
Ayrshire Chronology 1912 Consecration of new Masonic Temple at Cumnock. (November 1912)

MODEL LODGING HOUSE
AA 29.10.1903 New Model Lodging House opened last Monday.

OLD PEOPLES CLUB
Strawhorn, 1966, Also designed by **Robert Mathew, Johnson-Marshall & Partners**: Senior Citizens Club.

HOUSE, [1827-1835]
AA, ATD 61/9/18 1835 Disposition of 6F, "being north part of property commonly called Hillside on south side of the Barrhill, part of property acquired by William Gilfillan .. and on which he has built a slated house". Bounds given: appears to have been acquired by Gilfillan c.1827.

COTTAGES (2) [1871]
AA, Th 2.3.1871, 1c Contractors wanted for2 cottages. Plans: **John Baird**. Offers to Robert Wardrop, Garlaff.

HOUSE, 1927
CO3/12/1/15 BBC 22.2.1927 7A house, Cumnock, for John Graham, solicitor.

HOUSE, 1947
ACC Planning, 4782 October 1947. House, Cumnock, for D S G Sword.

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