GENERAL

AA 22.8.1850 — Feued from c.1750. Earliest door lintel is dated 1752. By 1785 the north side had been built up, and thereafter feuing began on the south side.

Imp Gaz, 1855, I, 367 — Regularly built, principal occupation is handloom weaving. Population in 1841, 1362; 1851, 1439.

3SA, 1946-50, 504 — 12 feus set out in 1752. Lace manufacture from 1876.

Hume, VB in Ayrshire, 1988, 8 — Most weavers cottages had 2 rooms - 1 for the loom(s), which often had 2 or 3 windows. Cf also Maybole and Crosshill.

AA, Th 21.1.1841, 4e — "It was agreed that public meetings, roups, &c., which formerly were wont to be proclaimed by tuck of drum should in future be called with a hand-bell, the former practice being calculated to frighten horses passing through the village…"

Letter of Mary Morton, Darvel, to Mary Morton, her cousin, South Australia, 6th July 1910 (Transcript in EAFHS Journal 25, August 2009, 13: PHOTOCOPY in Parishes general at Darvel)

"The factories close here in a fortnight for the summer holiday. Your grandmother would not know Darvel now. All the hand loom weaving is a thing of the past; in there (sic) place we have lace and madras muslin factories which employ hundreds of workers. This is the slack season in the factories but on the whole the folks are well off, earn good wages. There are such a lot of girls needed in the finishing of the goods that Darvel is a fair place for a big family of girls."

EG 12532, F 24.1.1913, 101b102a — Have adopted Burgh Police (Scotland) Act, 1903, Part 11. See Ref.

LICENSING

AA, Th 4.5.1922, 6a — County Council, Tu 2nd May 1922. Noted that Darvel & Newmilns Burghs had passed No Licence resolutions, and that they were being challenged at law.

KS, Sa 19.4.1924, 6e — Darvel has voted for Continuance, i.e. No Licences

UNSORTED

AA, Th 20.8.1840, 4a — For sale, 24F 4E, the property of the late Alexander Anderson, weaver, and p.p. by William Russell, weaver, and others.

AA, Th 2.2.1871, 1c — A sub-branch of the Union Bank will be opened Mon 6th February 1871.

c.1906-1911 DSA	House, Darvel, is in J B Whyte's LRIBA application list. (1906-1911), Whyte & Galloway

NAME

Johnston	Pont: Darnevaill - ?Gaelic, *dobhar an daile*, "oakwood by the hamlet"?

PEOPLE

BAILIES

1841 (AA 21.1.1841, 4e)	Robert ANDERSON, mason, senior bailie; John CLELLAND, shoemaker, junior bailie.

COUNCILLORS

PROVOSTS

1875 - †1893	James RICHMOND, lace manufacturer (1828-1893). Died, 27.11.1893, aged 65. AA, Th 30.11.1893, 5b: ex partner in Alexander Morton & Co.
c.1910	Alexander JAMIESON (KS, Sa 7.6.1924, 7cd. Portrait, by Andrew Law, presented to Darvel TC)
1935 - 1938	Robert CALDERWOOD, union official. Died, aged 57, W 30.4.1952. AA Th 1.5.1952, 12c.

OFFICIALS

TOWN CLERK

fl. c.1910, 1913		Andrew CAMERON
fl.1950	[A2078]	George N MORE, 65 King St., Kilmarnock

BURGH SURVEYOR

fl 1918	William B MITCHELL
fl.1945	Robert P. BOYD

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