GENERAL

Johnston	1260, "Gauston", Gaelic, *gall toun*, "strangers' town".
AA, Th 2.5.1822, 4d	Giving evidence to the Justiciary Court in Ayr during the trial of James Roxburgh, weaver in Galston, Angus Gunn, the county constable said that he "took the dragoons [to Galston] in consequence of the character of the place. Galston was such that it was reckoned not easy to execute warrants there with a small party."
Census, 1831	Galston. 27 men are employed in coal-works, and 14 in quarries.
Census, 1841	Increase attributed 'principally to the improvement of the cotton manufacture, and to the erection of an iron furnace in the neighbourhood.'
KWP 25.4.1863	Building Improvements in Galston West of Bridge Street much changed to the better. In Wallace Street, house of Hugh Finlay has taken on a handsome elevation, and its slated roof towers above the thatch uniformity. 2 storey building of Mr H Paton, in the heart of the town, at Bridge over the Burn Awn. [Shops - houses] Gilmour, coalmaster, has built a fine villa at westmost point of town. William Cameron, Union Bank, is putting up villa at opposite extremity. Messrs Anderson, builders, putting up weavers' shops, with dwellings over.
AA, Th 19.5.1864, 5c	First elections of Police Commissioners held 6th May 1864, and they first met 9th May 1864. "Like every other social change, the present was opposed by unnecessary alarm and existing prejudice; but the do-nothing system has outlived its day, and order and improvement became clamorous for regard. When our high-roads without had become models of order and taste it was not proper that, in any degree, we should be a sink of nastiness within."
ASH, SA 22.2.1868, 5de	Duke of Portland has designated a field near the station for building ground, and several feus have been taken up [5e]: ground for a villa at Airyknowe granted to James Hendrie.
AA 24.2.1898	Considerable activity is manifested in the building trade. A handsome villa is being erected in Clarksland Road, a double cottage at Courtthorne, a double cottage in Maxwood Road, the Police Station is being enlarged, and other minor undertakings are in progress.
KS 7.4.1900	Galston, in common with the burghs further up the valley, is having a fair share of the building boom, which may be taken as an index of prosperity. In Brewland Street the Co-operative Society is erecting a 3-storey block costing over £3000; in Glebedykes 2 handsome double cottages are being built by Messrs Richardson and Timothy; in Church Lane a hosiery factory is being built for Mr William Sharp; the Mission Church has had a handsome gallery added to it; while the railway station buildings are being reconstructed and enlarged.

VIEWS, &c.

NMRS Sheaf Catalogue — Watercolour sketch in NLS by Thomas Brown, vol.1, nos 65-66 - 2 views. Undated.

OFFICIALS

SENIOR MAGISTRATE
1864 - Andrew MAIR (see AA, Th 19.5.1864, 5c)

PROVOST
c.1906 - February 1921 — John A YEUDALL (resigned. See TC Minutes)
March 1921 - Thomas KYLE
- 1968 — John RICHMOND, died 11th August 1968.

CLERK TO POLICE COMMISSIIONERS
1864 - James HENDRIE (see AA, Th 19.5.1864, 5c)

TOWN CLERK
c.1877 - †April 1921 — Robert BLAIR
April 1921 - James GUTHRIE
Fl November 1937 — R W T REID

BURGH SURVEYOR
c.1892 - † October 1922 — James STEEL
TT, F 5.5.1899, 2g — Appointed "some time ago" as Master of Works, was already serving as Treasurer.
WSA 2189, F 20.10.1922, 3b — Died 14th October while watching football match at Portland Park. Had been Burgh Chamberlain for 30 years, and also had become B.S. Leaves w, 2s, 3d. Elder son is an architect, yst d assists in Chamberlain's office.
December 1922 - William STEEL, son of predecessor.

UNSORTED

BURNS TAVERN
RIAS Collection — 1952 plans by **Robert Hurd**.

HOUSE, 1794?
Sas Min 505 of 1876 — 21F 8E, Galston, in 1794 F Disp. NI, 1876, Rev James B White. [Sas Min 771 of 1876 - Disp by JBW to James Arnott, coal miner, Old Manse Close]

HOUSE
AA, Th 28.5.1840, 1c — For sale, Lot 9th of the Feus in Galston, between Feu of John Lapraik, and the Passage leading to the Old Manse.. Belonged to John Hendry, then to John Morrison. 2F. See ref.

HOUSE, WILLIAM CAMERON
KWP 25.4.1863 — William Cameron, Union Bank, is putting up villa at opposite extremity.

HOUSE, GILMOUR
KWP 25.4.1863 — Gilmour, coalmaster, has built a fine villa at westmost point of town.

HOUSE?, DR RAMSAY
Sas Min 3689 of 1868 — Disp 1868 by Portland to Dr J K Ramsay of 20P 15Y at Galston.

HOUSE?, JOHN REID

Sas min 3434 of 1873 — Disp 1869 by Portland to John Reid, banker, Glasgow. 11P 27Y, Galston.

HOUSE, DR ROBERTSON
Interview, 0202098, Ian McGill — Butterfly house by Rowell with McGill, c.1960.

MINERS' ROWS
KWP 24.6.1865, 6c — Accommodation for the miners of the Portland Iron Co in course of erection. ¼ mile west of town - 3 rows, each for 18 families.

SHOP
AA, Th 17.1.1822, 1b — For sale: 26F 26E with houses thereon as were property of and possessed by Andrew Lindsay sometime surgeon in Galston and now occupied by John Lyon, surgeon. Part "is neatly fitted up as a druggist's shop."

VICTORIA ROLLER SKATING RINK
ASH, F 7.1.1910, 8b — Opened last Saturday.

VILLA, ROBERT PATON
DSA — (c.1880-1911), **William Newlands**

ACC BA4800 Aug 1973 — House, Belvedere, for William Melvin. **Hay Steel MacFarlane & Partners**, Kilmarnock, architects. Aprroved November 1973.

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