GIRVAN HARBOUR

Hume	Rebuilt 1869-70, and extended in 1881-83. A river mouth harbour, with quays on the south bank, protected by a concrete breakwater with a small light-tower at the seaward end (1881-83). A relatively recent addition is an L-plan piled pier in the inner harbour, giving increased berthage. There was a coal quay on the north bank, but this has been demolished.
CL 16.6.1988	PHOTOCOPY herewith.
AA, Th 19.3.1840, 1g	Contractors wanted for 150 feet of Quay. Details: John Wilson, factor, Girvan.
2SA, 1845, 403 Sept 1837	Quay built 'lately'. Very limited.
ASH, sa 26.4.1862, 3f	Piling work has begun on new Jetty on North side, for T F Kennedy. Mr **Alexander**, Ayr, builder.
AA 21.8.1862	Jetty on north side of the harbour formally inaugurated last Saturday.
AA 18.9.1862	Plans: Mr Walker, Government engineer, London.
KWP 28.11.1863	Proposed new/rebuilt South Pier, and breakwater on North side. Plans of Mr **McDerment**, Ayr.
EG 7757, Tu 25.6.1867, 717a	Royal Assent given to Provisional Order, in terms of General Pier & Harbour Act, 1861.
AA 25.2.1869	Contractors - new jetty at Harbour - **J I McDerment**.
AA 2.4.1885	On Saturday Mr Kinniple CE was engaged taking measurements with the view of erecting a landing wharf at the south side of the harbour, from the wooden slip to c. 200' upwards.
Groome, c.1891, 88	1869-70 improved. 1881-1883, improved at a cost of £1200. This included construction of a pier from W side and breakwater from NE side of old harbour. Grain trade to Glasgow and Liverpool
AA 9.10.1890	The Harbour Trustees and the GSWR are jointly erecting a new wharf, at the north side of the harbour, for landing fish. Mr Bain, Ayr, contractor.
Patton, 56	There was a sailing trade to Ailsa Craig, for which a Mr A Girvan built a small steamer, Ailsa, in 1906: there was also a tea-room built on the island. There was no regular service of larger steamers because of the bar at the harbour mouth, but between the wars the Juno, and later the Duchess of Hamilton, called, from Ayr, as did, 1932-1937, the Jeanie Deans on some of her longer trips. Also frequent was Queen Empress of Williamson Buchanan fleet.
Patton, 57	The Ailsa trade was continued after 1924 by the Ailsa II (later lady Ailsa), built at the Ailsa yard in Ayr. She was sold in 1932. 1934, m.v. Lady Ailsa. 1955, m.v. Lady Ailsa, which was fishing-boat like, and run by I. Girvan, grandson of A Girvan.
GTC, 26.4.1923	Agree to proceed with acquisition of Harbour.
GTC, 4.6.1923	Have offered £700 for the harbour: understood that the Commissioners are minded to accept.
GTC, 20.8.1923	Reported that restoration of the Harbour has been recognised by the Secretary of State as a scheme of public utility, to which the equivalent grant could be applied.
GTC, 27.9.1923	Agreement between Girvan Town Council and Harbour of Girvan Improvement Commissioners signed and sealed.
GTC, 14.1.1924	To construct concrete apron along the openings on the south side of the Pier.
GTC, 4.2.1924	Henderson, MICE, Aberdeen, appointed to advise on repairs and other operations required.
GTC, 7.4.1924	Specification received from Henderson & Nicol for temporary remedial work - to go to tender.

GTC, 28.4.1924	Awarded to P McMonagle & Co., Glasgow, at £317 14s 6d. [Work cancelled, GTC 2.6.1924]
CH, F 16.5.1924, 2c	Ailsa II, for William Girvan & Son, has been launched at Ailsa, Ayr, to replace a smaller vessel also built by Ailsa.
CH, F 30.5.1924, 2e	Work of repairs, by P McMonagol & Co (sic) has begun.
CH, F 20.6.1924, 3cd	Ailsa II had first cruise, with Girvan TC &c., on Tuesday night, to Ailsa Craig.
GTC, 17.6.1924	Engineers to prepare plans of permanent wall with extension of landed stage, landing steps, &c.
GTC, 17.6.1924	To inform LMSR that the harbour is now 'sufficiently dredged' to allow *Juno* to call. [GTC, 15.3.1926, To charge LMSR £2 10s 8d for each double trip of the *Juno*] [GTC, 8.8.1927, to charge Williamson-Buchanan Steamers Ltd £2 10s 8d for each double trip of the *Queen Empress*.]
GTC, 23.6.1924	South Pier repairs to be done by direct labour.
GTC, 12,8,1924	Harbour Order Bill received Royal Assent, 7th August 1924.
GTC, 1.9.1924	Offer of John Bannatyne, Irvine, for reconstruction of subsidence accepted.
AA 5.3.1925	Contractors - Repairs to North Wharf - GTC - **Henderson & Nicol**, Aberdeen, civil engineers.
GTC, 23.3.1925	Contract for repair of North Wharf, to specifications of Henderson & Nicol, let to H.M. Murray & Co., at £1876 9s 9d.
GTC, 23.3.1925	Agree to get 6 waggon-loads of sleepers from GSWR, at 30/- per waggon, to be used as groynes.
GTC, HbrcC 22.11.1926	Reconstruction work suspended for winter.
GTC 27.5.1929	Recommendation of HbrC that Henderson & Nicol report on cost of completing the work rejected by TC.
GTC, 14.3.1930	To accept offer of dredger "*Dragon*".
GTC, 28.3.1930	Fisheries Board for Scotland will grant £4425 to construction of breastwork, &c., at Fish Wharf, and the protection required to prevent movement of boulders at Scott's Hole. **Henderson & Nicol** to prepare plans.
GTC, 30.6.1930	Work at Scott's Hole to be by direct labour.
GTC, 11.8.1930	Fish Wharf. Contract awarded to Matthew Muir & Co Ltd., Kilmarnock.
GTC, 2.3.1931	Shelter, Harbour, for GTC approved by Dean of Guild Court.
GTC, 28.9.1933	Letter from Williamson-Buchanan Steamers regarding congestion on the pier.
GTC, 9.4.1934	Additional turnstile to be installed on the pier.
AA, Th 11.8.1960, 6 (photos) and 23ab	New jetty opened last Thursday, but no constructional details.
SRC, 1975/Print 3, H&T 11.2.1975	Dredging, cost £86,000, approved.
AP, F 5.4.2013	£500,000 project under way to provide 35 new pontoon berths. Semi-circle already in place, with fingers to follow. Financed through a European scheme, led by Donegal County Council, to promote maritime tourism in the west of Scotland, Northern Ireland and the Republic.

COALING PLANT

GTC, 1.2.1926	Draft agreement with Girvan Coaling Co Ltd approved.
GTC, DoGC 22.2.1926	Coal-loading plant, Harbour, for Girvan Coaling Co Ltd.
GTC, 29.7.1929	Discussions with South Ayrshire Collieries (1928) Ltd (Lucas, manager) about possibility of coal loading.
GTC, 27.8.1929	Meeting with SAC(1928)L, Sir Samuel Kelly, &c., and discussion of work required to enable boats of a suitable size to be loaded at Girvan.
GTC, 15.5.1930	Steps being taken to dismantle coal loading plant.

GROYNE

GTC, 20.10.1930	Development Commissioners will grant-fund, to extent of £4000, construction of reinforced concrete groyne.
B 17.4.1931	Groyne. Contractors - Reinforced Concrete Groyne, for Girvan TC. **Henderson & Nicol**, Aberdeen, civil engineers.
GTC, 27.4.1931	Groyne. Contract offered to Matthew Muir & Co Ltd.
GTC, 25.4.1932	To have fixed flashing light, as recommended by NLB, at cost of £91 7s.
GTC, 22.1.1934	To have remains of sleeper groyne on the north side removed.
KIPPERING SHED	
GTC, 17.12.1934	Site for one, sought by Reginald Moss, approved.
GTC, DoGC 24.12.1934	Approved.
KIPPERING SHED	
ACC Planning, A4759	May 1952. Kippering and Curing Kiln, Girvan Harbour, for James Kirkwood
JETTY & RESTRAINING WALL	
ACC Planning, A2814	October 1950, for Girvan T.C,.
LIFEBOAT	
GTC, 27.4.1931	part of Fish Quay to be roped of, 16th May 1931 (Saturday), for naming ceremony of lifeboat.
AA, Th 26.9.1968, 10a	Troon's old lifeboat has come to Girvan. Girvan's old lifeboat has gone to the reserve fleet, in the Irish Free State.
LIFEBOAT STATION	
RNLI website, March 2011	1983
MILK BAR	
ACC Planning, 4433	May 1947. Milk Bar, Girvan Harbour, for A.H. Pryde. REFUSED.
TELEPHONE KIOSK	
GTC, 30.11.1931	Permission for one granted to Postmaster General.
SHIPYARD	
See Henderson & Drummond	
ACC Planning, 3359	February 1946. Boat shed, Newton Kennedy, for Alex Noble.
AP 1.3.1946	Application to ACC by Alexander Noble (Silverhills, Rosneath) to erect a boatbuilding shed at Newton Kennedy. Agent: Henry J Crone, Glasgow, surveyor.
Henderson & Drummond, 9	First keel, the *Margaret Stephen*, laid June 1946, and delivered in February 1947.
Henderson & Drummond, 32	"Back in the early days the first building on the site was simply a 30 ft long shed to house equipment. This was extended to 70 ft in 1947 to house additional machinery due to increasing demands for building and repair work."
Henderson & Drummond, 32	"The first slipway was built in 1948."
AP, F 4.2.1949, 6ad	Launch, Tuesday, of *Mizpah*, for Alexander and George Dornan, Portpatrick. Details. Nobles have been in business 2 years 9 months; 5 boats have been completed. Photo.
ACC Planning, A1063	May 1949. Amendments to application/consent 3359.
Henderson & Drummond, 32	"In 1950 a construction shed measuring 70 ft by 60 ft was built to avoid the rigours and handicaps of working in the open air."
ACC Planning, A3205	January 1951. Office, &c., for Alexander Noble.
Henderson & Drummond, 32	"An engineering shop was erected in 1951."
Henderson & Drummond, 32	"A small drawing office and general office were added in 1952 and later substantially extended."
Henderson & Drummond, 32	"A second slipway was built in 1956."
AP, F 3.2.2012 [1962]	50 Years Ago. It's arguably the most powerful ring-netter in the Scottish fleet - the 58ft *Sapphire* launched from the Girvan boatyard of Alexander Noble & Sons. [It] boasts a 200hp Gardner diesel engine and the latest Kelvin & Hughes echo sounder, [and] is built for

Maidens brothers Angus and Willie 'Pin' McCrindle and is launched by their sister Ella.

AA, ATD 62/11, 119, AA 29.11.1962
Launched from Noble's on Monday - the trawler *Seascan* for UKAEA, which is to be used for detecting radioactive fish in the Irish Sea.

Henderson & Drummond, 32 "A large new slipway with an electric winch was commissioned in 1970, allowing Nobles to handle vessels of up to 250 tons displacement."

Henderson & Drummond, 32-33 "The new slip used to launch *Margarets* was constructed in 1986… on the site of no.1 slip."

TRANSPORT

RAIL

STATION (1)

AA 20.10.1859 Contractors - stone goods shed and timber station and carriage shed - MGR - **John Miller**.

STATION

Groome, post 1891, 88 Railway Maybole to Ayr opened 1856; Maybole to Girvan 1860. Girvan and Portpatrick Railway built 1871-1876, operated as G&PR from 1881, and in 1892 became part of GSWR.

AA 13.10.1892 Considerable progress is being made with the new Railway Station.

AA 30.3.1893 To be opened 1.4.1893.

AP 25.1.1946 Station Buildings [town side] completely gutted by fire, 22 January 1946.

STATION (3)

ACC Planning, A452 December 1948. Rebuild part of Girvan Station, destroyed by fire January 1946, for the Railway executive. [**W.Y. Sandeman**, civil engineer, Scottish Region]

James Crichton, Making History at Girvan station, AP 7.9.2012, 21
Opened in 1951.

VIADUCT

Hume 190986. Opened 1860 by the Maybole and Girvan Railway. A 3-span viaduct, with dressed stone archways and rubble spandrels and wing walls.

ROAD

CLASSIFICATION

GTC 8.2.1932 From 16.5.1932 Montgomerie Street, Church Square and Hamilton Street will be Class 2 roads.

BRIDGE, ??

AA, CH2/532/2 4.3.1696 Stone Bridge to be erected at Girvan over the Water of Girvan at the new church.

BRIDGEMILL BRIDGE

AA 14.5.1868 Conts - Bridge over Girvan at Bridgemill - **-- Reid**, road surveyor.

KIRKBRAE

AA Th 16.1.1851, 1a — Girvan Road Trustees to meet 10.2.1851. Agenda includes proposed improvement of the Kirkbrae at Girvan.

NEWTON KENNEDY BRIDGE

(I)

AA 15.9.1892 — Iron bridge to be built to Newton Kennedy.

AA 27.4.1893 — Contractor: **Sir William Arrol**. Work will be commenced immediately.

AA 15.3.1894 — Formally opened last Friday.

II

SRC, B&P, 6.3.1979, 340 — 2 plots of land acquired in association with proposed bridge replacement.

PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS

GTC, 26.11.1934 — 5 proposed by Chief Constable, and one more recommended by Town Council. See ref.

INDUSTRY

JAMES AULD & SON, Joiners, &c.

CH, F 20.6.1924, 2a — N/D&C, late James Auld

CH, F 20.6.1924, 2b — The joinery business of James Auld & Son has been taken over by C. McDougall.

FOUNDRY

AA, Th 4.7.1861, 8a — To be warrant sale of plant, &c., of the Foundry occupied by William Parker.

HOSIERY & KNITWEAR FACTORY, Bridge Street

AP, F 14.1.1949, 8b — J Grimmond, knitwear manufacturer, Glasgow, began work, Monday, in the former British Restaurant.

ACC Planning, A3285 — February 1951. extension, for John Grimmond Ltd.

ACC, TPC 10.4.1951 — This had been the British Restaurant.

KIPPERING FACTORIES

AP 1.3.1935 — The Kippering Factory of Reg Moss, Great Yarmouth, at Girvan Harbour began work on Tuesday. It is the third, and largest, kippering plant in Girvan.

SAW MILLS

AA, Th 7.8.1851, 3e — The first steam-powered machinery in Girvan is about to be erected at the Saw Mills and Bone Crushing Mills being erected near the Harbour for Messrs Graham and Nelson.

TWEED MILL

AA, COx/x, Carrick Survey Valuation Roll, 1916-1917, undated newspaper cutting

"Prior to the outbreak of war an Ayrshire man went to Germany to study the continental methods of manufacturing woollens. He had barely settled there when he had to clear out in a hurry; he was, indeed, lucky to escape internment, how lucky you may judge from the fact that within a year he has installed 80 machines in a factory down Girvan way, each capable of turning out £25 worth of stock per day, and he is now supplying a market hitherto practically the monopoly of traders in the fatherland."

AP, F 17.10.1952, 10c — Fire, last Friday. £2500 damage confined to drying shed. Discovered by H Abott (sic) Hopetown Henrietta Street and fought by him, Walter Armstrong and men from gas works until fire brigades from Girvan and Maybole arrived. MD Ronald Armstrong thought it was caused by wool dust getting into the electric fans which circulated warm air in the shed.

AA, Th 8.9.1955, 14d — Died, 5.9.1955, Walter McC Armstrong, Dunallan, Stair Park. 66, b. Kirkcowan. Came to Girvan when his father opened a tweed mill in the town, of which he eventually took control. He became chairman when it became a limited company 8 years ago. During the past few years the mill ceased to make tweeds and turned to the manufacture of mohair goods - mainly for the export market.

AP, F 9.9.1955, 13d — The tweeds were patronised by George VI. The mohair goods "made a more than fair contribution to dollar earnings." W,s,d. [Another son, Thomas Hay, was run over by a bus, aged 9, in 1941. AP, F 31.1.1941, 8a]

ARMSTRONGS

Walter Armstrong — b 17 February 1854, died 15 January 1937. Wife was Margaret Corson McCallum or Armstrong, 23 January 1867 to 22 March 1956
Elder son, William Sharpe Armstrong, 16 January 1883 to 18 December 1939
Son, Walter McCallum Armstrong, 7 August 1889 to 4 September 1955. Wife, Mary Hay O'Beirne or Armstrong, 25 May 1899 to 3 January 1988. Son, Thomas Hay Armstrong, 1 Dec 1932 to 23 Jan 1941.
Daughter, Margaret Corson Armstrong, 26 May 1892 to 7 June 1968.

AP, F 22.1.1937, 8e — Died 15th January 1937. A Kikcudbrightshire man, born at Bridge of Weir (sic: AA Th 21.1.1937 8a has Bridge of Urr). He was associated with his father in the Maxwelltown and Tarff Mills, Kirkcowan, before ggoing to Girvan 26 years ago where he commenced the making of hand-loom woven tweeds. 82, and died at home, Glengarry, Louisa Drive. W, 2s (in the business) and 2d (1 is Mrs Eugene Andrews). Had few hobbies, but was passionately fond of motoring and was for many years a director of Girvan Gas Co.

UTILITIES

ELECTRICITY

GTC, 10.11.1926 — Ayrshire Electricity Board proposal to extend supply to Girvan approved in principle.

GTC, 22.11.1926 — Agreement with AEB signed and sealed.

GTC, 10.1.1927 — Formal consent to (draft) Special Order made by the Electricity Commissioners under the Electricity (Supply) Acts 1882 to 1922 in respect of the Burghs of Girvan, Largs and Maybole, in the County of Ayr, for which application has been made by the Ayrshire Electricity Board."

GTC, 25.3.1929 — Alexander Ramsay, consulting engineer, Glasgow, appointed to advice.

GTC, 11.6.1929 — Ramsay's report tabled.

GTC, 28.10.1929 — Accept introduction of overhead transmission scheme throughout the town, with steel standards, but not to proceed meantime with electric street lighting.

GTC, 23.2.1931 — AEB will take immediate steps to introduce electricity to the Burgh.

GTC, 27.4.1931 — McMaster Hall to be let to AEB for 3 days for a "display of electrical appliances."

GTC, 17.8.1931 — Streets to have underground cables approved.

GTC, 17.8.1931 — Houses about to be built by GTC will be lit with electricity.

GTC, 28.9.1931 — Sites for Transformer Stations agreed at The Mart and in Piedmont Road. AEB want a third at Stair Park, but not approved by GTC.

GTC, 9.5.1932 — AEB to hold short ceremony, 13th May 1932, to mark introduction of electricity into the town.

GAS WORKS

IANews 196, Spring 2021 — '50 years ago we were in Girvan ... taking photographs to illustrate Brian Bracegirdle's book The Archaeology of the Industrial Revolution, Heinemann, 1973. The gasworks at Girvan had five benches of seven and one of eight retorts, fired by hand. The charge was changed every four hours, and each time the central retort was emptied into a special shoot to funnel it into the furnace below, which heated the retorts. The others were discharged by 11 ft rakes into a barrow (see photo) and quenched under a water jet after some had been thrown onto the barrow. The hydraulic main passed across the tops of the retort benches, on the way to the exhauster.' [Pat Bracegirdle, editor, IA News]

AA, Th 24.12.1840, 4f — Subscription List has been opened for a Gas Work here.

AA, Th 17.7.1851, 3c — Report of AGM 14.7.1851.

GTC, DoGC 28.2.1927 — Gas Manufacturing Plant, Gas Lane, for Girvan gas Co.

GTC, DoGC 4.2.1929 — Engine House, Gas Lane, for Girvan Gas Co.

GTC, 3.6.1935 — Agree to sell their 300 shares to Caledonian Gas Corporation Ltd.

IANews 196, Spring 2021 — Photograph, from c.1971.

LAGGANWHILLY

ACC Planning, 2728 — May 1944. Gasholder, Lagganwhilly Road, for Girvan Gas Co. Ltd.

GRANGESTONE

Was an explosives factory in World War II. Developed as an industrial estate by Girvan Town Council. The boundaries of the burgh were extended to include it 16.5.1963.

ACC 1950, AR 15.12.1949 — Inference that part of the factory was being used by Girvan High School.

ACC Planning, A3385 — March 1951. Lavatories, Grangestone Annexe, Girvan H.S., for Ayrshire Education Authority.

Grant's Focus, 2 — Acquired by Girvan TC on 17th December 1962 for £20,000: another £50,000 spent on site improvements. Their consultant engineers were **Cowan & Linn**.

1976 Postcode Directory lists — (inter alia) Northgate Group Ltd., Ladywell Avenue, GIE

Notes made 11.9.2004, at Dalbeattie

In August 1939 the Ministry of Supply appointed Adam Wilson to find sites for Agent explosive factories. These were to be relatively safe from bombing, but close to the manufacturing plant and laboratories at Ardeer. Six Agent factories were created, and managed by ICI's Nobel Division. These were at Dalbeattie, Drumgans near Dumfries, Powfoot, St Boswells, Wigtown and Girvan. The HQ was "The Oaks", Dumfries.

The Dalbeattie site, at least, was built by McAlpines.

AILSA CRAIG QUARRIES CO LTD

VR 1963/64 - 1966/67 — Factory. Girvan T.C. Ailsa Craig Quarries Co Ltd., tenants.

VR 1967/68 - 1970/71 — Girvan T.C./ empty

VR 1971/72 — GTC. Wallace & Muir (garage)

VR 1972/73 - VR 1974/75 — GTC. Grangestone Engineering

VR 1975/76 - VR 1990 — KCDC. Grangestone Engineering

VR 1991	Caledonian Land. Grangestone Engineering
VR 1992 - VR 1994	KCDC. McQuisten Timber Ltd
VR 1995	KCDC. Unoccupied
VR 1997	SAC. Unoccupied

Not found thereafter, and nor are most Grangestone properties - what happens? Is it all taken into an exspand Grant's site.

ALGINATE INDUSTRIES LTD

VR 1959/60	Store, McAlpines. Ministry of Supply. Alginate Industries Ltd, tenants. Factory (part). Ministry of Supply/ selves
VR 1960/61 - VR 1962/63	As 1959/60 + Box Store, and factory, &c., both Ministry of Supply, tenanted by Alginate Industries Ltd.
VR 1963/64 - VR 1974/75	Factory. Girvan T.C. Alginate Industries Ltd., tenants
VR 1975/76 - VR 1983/84	KCDC. Alginate Industries Ltd.
VR 1984/85 - VR 1986/87	KCDC. Kelco/ AIL International Ltd.
VR 1987/88 - VR 1990	KCDC. Kelco International Ltd.
VR 1991	Caledonain Land/Kelco International Ltd.
VR 1992 - VR 1993	KCDC/Kelco International Ltd
VR 1994 - VR 1995	KCDC/Unoccupied
VR 1997	SAC/Unoccupied

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CHILTON BROTHERS LTD

[See 19 and 32 Ladywell Avenue, which have not been fully distinguished]

SVR 1970-1971	1.8.1970
VR 1971/72	Chilton Brothers Ltd., c/o Levy & McCrae, Glasgow
VR 1972/73 - [1976/77]	Chilton Brothers Ltd
Nr	Closed c.2004.

GIRVAN CONCRETE PRODUCTS LTD

VR 1964/65 - VR 1974/75	Factory. Girvan Town Council. Girvan Concrete Products Ltd., tenants
VR 1975/76 - VR 1981/82	KCDC. Girvan Concrete Products Ltd.
VR 1982/83	KCDC. Unoccupied
VR 1983/84 - VR 1984/85	KCDC. R. McQuiston
VR 1985/86 - VR 1990	KCDC. McQuisten Timber Ltd.
VR 1991	Caledonian Land. McQuisten Timber Ltd
VR 1992 - VR 1994	KCDC. McQuisten Timber Ltd
VR 1995	KCDC. Unoccupied.
VR 1997	SAC. Unoccupied.

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GRANGESTONE ENGINEERING

See AILSA CRAIG

GRANT'S DISTILLERY

Grant's Focus, 1	"One of the places they looked at was an old Ministry of Supply site near Girvan, covered with derelict munitions buildings. But it was pouring with rain, and what's more the gateman had refused them access.

Grant's Focus, 2 — Deal with Girvan TC concluded by end of January 1963, and the site acquired for £25,000.

AA, ATD 62/11, 165, March 1963 — Girvan TC have agreed with William Grant & Sons Ltd the sale of 60A at Grangeston, for £20,000. Grants to build £1,250,000 Distillery employing 180.

GH, Tu 5.3.1963, 14h — Girvan TC, last night, approved sale of 60A, for £20,000, to William Grant & Sons Ltd., for the purpose of building a distillery. Work to begin in April 1963, and to cost c. £1,000,000.

AA, CO 3/18/2/37A B9250 — Application in principle, lodged 6th March 1963 by Cowan & Linn, approved by County Council, 9th May 1963. Partial PHOTOCOPY herewith.

Grant's Focus, 8 — **Cowan & Linn Ltd**., Glasgow, civil engineers; "Miss **Margaret B Brodie** ARIBA assisted in the design and outward appearance of the buildings." Project engineer: **Robert Liddell**.

AA, ATD 62/11, 167, CH 8.3.1963 Cowan & Linn, engineers.

Scots Magazine, n.s., vol 79, no 2., May 1963, 180

The news that Grant's are planning to build a new distillery at Girvan is welcome. It is a shock when at the same time newspapers remind us that the unemployment rate in this Ayrshire town is 12 per cent. … The distillery will employ almost 200 and also it will make use of space on the Grangestone site: this is a sad derelict of a sprawling chemicals works which the Ministry of Supply erected during the war and forgot to demolish.

BI 75/879 June 1963 — Work is in progress, tenders have been accepted. **Cowan & Linn**, Glasgow, civil engineers.

AA, ATD 62/11, 320, CH 29.11.1963

Photograph of the distillery in course of erection. Production is planned to start on 25.12.1963.

AP 27.12.1963 — Whisky production began this week. [AP, F27.12.2013, 23, 50 Years Ago, production has begun, distillery is up and running. Grain whisky for Grants Standfast.]

AA, ATD 62/11, 335, CH 3.1.1964 Opened last Monday.

VR 1964/65 — First VR, and in all VRs to 2011 - at some point (2004 or earlier) name changes to William Grant & Sons Distillers Ltd.

AA, Th 4.7.1968, 28a — water scarcity in Carrick due, in part, to Grants having commenced gin distillation.

AA, Th 11.12.1975, 8ad — Canteen opened on 26th January 1975: it is operated by Sutcliffe Hill & Co.

AP, F 2.3.2012, 16 — 26 additional warehouses approved this week: to go up in phase over the next 30 years. Each will be 77 m by 68 m, and 14.4 m high to apex. Olive green cladding.

THOMAS PORTER & SON

AA, ATD 62/11, 165, March 1963 — Their factory, making toilet rails and chromium plating work, is due to be in production in about 3 months, and will employ 100 (70 men, 30 women).

VR 1964/65 - VR 1983/84 — Factory. Thomas Porter & Son (Glasgow) Ltd.

VR 1984/85 — Douglas (Engineering) Ltd

VR 1985/86 - VR 1986/87 — Douglas Manufacturing Ltd.

VR 1987/88 - VR 1989/90* — Ionic Surface Treatments.

VR 1990 - VR 2011 — A. F. Ross & Sons

ROWNTREE MACKINTOSH LTD

VR 1980/81 - VR 1985/86 — Factory. Rowntree Mackintosh Ltd

VR 1986/87 - VR 1989/90 — Rowntree Mackintosh plc.

VR 1990 - VR 1991 — Rowntree Mackintosh Properties Ltd

VR 1992 - VR 1993	Rowntree Mackintosh Ltd
VR 1994 - VR 2011	Nestle UK Ltd.

Water Tower

VR 1970/71 - VR 1992	Alginate Industries Ltd. Kelco by 1990 - see above
VR 1993 - VR 1994	KCDC
Not found thereafter	

Store

VR 1984/85 - VR 1990	KCDC. Unoccupied
VR 1991	Caledonian Land. Unoccupied
VR 1992 - VR 1995	KCDC. Unoccupied
VR 1997	SAC. Unoccupied
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Workshop

VR 1985/86 - VR 1990	KCDC. Mallon Printing Services
VR 1991	Caledonian Land. Mallon Prinitng Services
VR 1992 - VR 1995	KCDC. Unoccupied.
VR 1997	SAC. Unoccupied
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Workshop

VR 1985/86 - VR 1997	KCDC, &c. Never occupied
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Factory

VR 1986/87 - VR 1987/88	KCDC. James Bryden.

LADYWELL AVENUE, 5	HULL CORPORATION
VR 1968/69 - VR 1993	Factory. Hull Corporation
VR 1994 - VR 2011	A. F. Ross and Sons

LADYWELL AVENUE, 11	LAPORTE INDUSTRIES
VR 1970/71 - VR 1972/73	Inter-Alia Pharmaceutical Services Ltd.
VR 1973/74 - VR 1974/75	United Overseas Pharmaceuticals Ltd.
VR 1975/76 - VR 1983/84	Laporte Industries Ltd.
AA, Th 18.9.1975, 7gi.	Laporte Industries factory is nearly completed. To manufacture pills, replacing existing factory in Ilford.
VR 1984/85	S.D.A. Unoccupied
VR 1985/86 - VR 1987/88	S.D.A. British Dental Floss Ltd.
VR 1989/90 - VR 1990	S.D.A. Gorine Ltd.
VR 1991 - VR 1995	Caledonian Land plc. Gorine Ltd.
VR 1997 - VR 1998	Liverpool Victoria Friendly Society. Gorine Ltd
VR 1999 - VR 2011	British Dental Floss Ltd.

LADYWELL AVENUE, 19	CHILTON BROTHERS LTD
VR 1974/75 - VR 1978/79	Euro Carpet Mills Ltd.
VR 1979/80 - VR 2000	Chilton Brothers Ltd.
VR 2001 - VR 2006 part	Chilton Scotland Ltd. Part 'unoccupied' in VRs 2004, 2005
VR 2008 - VR 2011 part	John McKechan. Unoccupied.

VR 2008 - VR 2011	John McKechan. Workshops, variously occupied, 1A, 2B, 3A.

LADYWELL AVENUE, 21 - 35	WORKSHOPS
VR 1982/83 - VR 1995	Kyle and Carrick District Council. Various tenants
VR 1997 Vr 2011SAC. Various tenants	

LADYWELL AVENUE, 10	GENTECH
VR 1970/71	Board of Trade. Gordos Corporation, tenant
VR 1971/72 - VR 1976/77	Gordos Corporation
VR 1978/79 - VR 2011	Gentech Industrial Ltd.

LADYWELL AVENUE, 12	EVERLASTIC LTD.
AA, ATD 62/11, 717, AA 3.2.1966	Everlastic Ltd, Nottingham, who make lingerie, swimwear, &c., are to build a factory at Grangeston, due to open in September 1966.
VR 1967/68 - VR 1971/72	Factory. Everlastic Ltd.
VR 1972/73	Northgate Group Ltd
VR 1973/74 - VR 1978/79	Courtaulds Ltd.
VR 1979/80 - VR 1984/85	Gossard Ltd
VR 1985/86 - VR 1986/87	Reid Agricultural (Ayr) Ltd
VR 1987/88	D McConechy, Scotia Motor Factors Ltd. (part - premises under reconstruction; part tenanted by Assel Motors).
Essentially two untis (nos 1, 3), which come together again as	
VR 1993 - VR 2006	Grangestone Farm Services, who are also occupiers of part: other part unoccupied
VR 2008 - VR 2011	Grangestone Farm Services. 7 variously tenanted units.

LADYWELL AVENUE, 14	
VR 1974/75 - VR 1976/77	Board of Trade Industrial Estates Commission. Century Aluminium Co. Ltd., tenant/
VR 1978/79 - VR 1981/82	Board of Trade I.E.C. Unoccupied
VR 1982/83 - VR 1990	S.D.A. Unoccupied. (part also used as store by Chilton Bros (1984/5, 85/6) and later by Grants (89/90 - 91))
VR 1991	Caledonian Land plc. Unoccupied.
VR 1992 - VR 1994	Caledonian Land plc. Voltech Electrical Services Ltd
VR 1995	Caledonian Land plc. Magnum Power Services.
VR 1997 - VR 1998	Liverpool Victoria Friendly Society. Magnum Power Services
VR 1999 - VR 2000	Liverpool Victoria Friendly Society. A.G. Manufacturing Systems Ltd.
VR 2001	Hellesdon Scotland Ltd. A.G. Manufacturing Systems Ltd.
VR 2002	Blainsfield Ltd. Anglia Manufacturing Systems lts.
VR 2003	Blainsfield Ltd. Unoccupied
VR 2004 - VR 2005	10 Group
VR 2006	Lear Investments Ltd.
VR 2008 - VR 2011	Lear Investments Ltd. British Dental Floss Ltd.

LADYWELL AVENUE, 16, Garage	
VR 1999 - VR 2011	Philip and Colin Hamilton

LADYWELL AVENUE, 26	Units 3 and 4.
VR 1984/85 - VR 1987/88	S.D.A. Manpower Services Commission, tenant
VR 1989/90 - VR 1990	S.D.A. G Rylands, tenant
VR 1991 - VR 1993	Caledonian Land plc. Rowntree Mackintosh Ltd.
VR 1994	Caledonian Land plc. Nestle UK Ltd.
VR 1995	Caledonian Land plc. Unoccupied.
VR 1997 - VR 1999	Liverpool Victoria Friendly Society. Chilton Brothers Ltd.
VR 2000	British Dental Floss Ltd. Chilton Brothers Ltd.
VR 2001 - VR 2011	British Dental Floss Ltd

LADYWELL AVENUE, 28	HUGH GALT & SONS LTD
VR 1984/85 - VR 1990	S.D.A. Hugh Galt & Sons Ltd., tenants
VR 1991 - VR 1995	Caledonian Land plc. Grangestone Engineering
VR 1997 - VR 1998	Liverpool Victoria Friendly Society. Grangestone Engineering Co.
VR 1999 - VR 2000	Liverpool Victoria Friendly Society. James Muir t/a Grangestone Engineering Co.
VR 2001 - VR 2002	British Dental Floss Ltd. James Muir t/a Grangestone Engineering Co.
VR 2003 - VR 2011	British Dental Floss Ltd. Grangestone Emgineering.

LADYWELL AVENUE, 30	GRANGESTONE ENGINEERING
VR 1982/83 - VR 1990	S.D.A. Grangestone Engineering, tenant
VR 1991	Caledonian Land plc. Grangestone Engineering
VR 1992 - VR 2003	Not found (presumably regarded as part of 28)
VR 2004 - VR 2011	British Dental Floss Ltd. Grangstone Engineering.

LADYWELL AVENUE, 32	CHILTON BROTHERS LTD
VR 1971/72 - VR 1986/87	Chilton Brothers Ltd.
Not found thereafter	

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