*D = situated in Dundonald Parish

IRVINE HARBOUR

Hume — Late C19. A rivermouth harbour, with the main quays (wood piled) on the south bank. there are 3 rail-mounted cranes, 2 by **Alexander Chaplin & Co.**, Glasgow, and one by **Smith Rodley**. The harbour office and custom house are small single storey structures.

AA, Th 11.9.1806, 4d — 'At Irvine a survey of the harbour has been made by Mr **Farmer**, and several plans for improving it have been proposed, which have met the approbation of the Magistrates, and many Gentlemen interested in the trade, and we trust we will be enabled next year to say that they are putting them into execution, with a certainty of having a far greater depth of water, and more convenience in the harbour.'

AA, Th 9.1.1840, 1c — Contractors wanted for a number of jetties at Irvine Harbour. Plans with -- Wyllie, harbourmaster, and with James Johnstone, Town Clerk. IHT.

AA, Th 19.11.1840, 4f — Improvements have been carried out over the last year "upon a plan furnished by Mr **Gibb** (engineer)"

KH, F 12.9.1845, 4c — GPKAR. Contractors wanted for a railway from Irvine Station "to the New Wharf now in course of erection" at Irvine Harbour.

AA 18.2.1847 — Railway to harbour and new wharf erected by Irvine Harbour Trust opened 4.2.1847.

EG 8010, F 26.11.1869, 1507b-1508b — Application for Provisional Order by Irvine Harbour Trustees. Powers to Construct Quays or Wharfs and other works, and to borrow money; Extension of time for completion of works; Amendment of former Provisional Order and Acts; and other purposes. Proceeding under General Pier and Harbour Act 1861 and General Pier & Harbour Act 1861 Amendment Act. Works envisaged are

Quay or Wharf on south side, from the east end of the West Wharf north-easterly to the west end of New Wharf;

Quay or Wharf on south side, from east end of said New Wharf north-easterly to north-east corner of Ballast Dock.

To extend time for completion of North and South Breakwaters, authorised by Irvine Harbour Improvement Order 1867.

KS, Sa 24.9.1870, 3c — New works contemplated:

Quay or wharf on south side, between E end of West Wharf, and W end of New Wharf.

Quay or wharf on south side, between E end of New Wharf, and NE corner of Ballast Dock.

TT, F 3.12.1897, 5a [c.1870] — The Wharf was built between 26 and 30 years ago.

TT, F 18.9.1896, 4g [c.1876] — One of the offering contractors for the proposed new weir is the contractor who built Henderson's Wharf "now about a score of years ago, and whose work has stood well the test of time."

EG, 10400, Tu 27.9.1892, 1085a — To be a Port in terms of Customs Consolidation Act, 1876. Effective, 1st October 1892. Boundaries are the Stevenston Burn and the North Gailes Burn, and extends three miles to sea.

Legal Quay for Lading and Unlading. "All that open place, quay or wharf lying along the south side of the river Irvine, called the Quay of Irvine, and extending from the eastern or highest extremity thereof to the lower or western extremity thereof, 1667 feet, and being from 21 to 30 feet in breadth." [Numbers written out in full in original]

TT, F 11.9.1896, 4f — Proposed improvements, including an eastward extension of the wharfage, and a westward extension to include a new steam crane for loading coal. GSWR have monopoly of the wharf, and have just taken

over the last bit of frontage at Henderson's wharf. See PHOTOCOPY herewith.

AUTOMATIC TIDE MARKER

List 43 — Irvine Automatic Tide Marker Station, built 1906, to patent by **Martin Boyd**, the then harbourmaster. 4-storey square tower with no roof, enclosing signal mast and lighting mechanisms. White rendered brick exterior with simple horizontal and vertical openings. Moulded wallhead cornice. Adjacent timber flotation chamber set in river. Through cables and pulleys a series of balls and eclipses moved up and down the mast and gas lights illuminated to indicate the depth of water to waiting shipping.
Provided an accurate means of showing the depth of water over the harbour bar. System patented 1904. B.

AO, Tu 18.2.1834, 4b — Refers to Alexander Boyd, gardener, Dreghorn, who has invented a marine telegraph for showing depths in harbours. In 1827 he had invented the bee-alarm, which tells when hives are swarming. [How, if at all, does he relate to Martin Boyd?]

E, 1.6.1906, 555c — "The recently erected signalling tower, pilot house and automatic tide signalling apparatus at Irvine Harbour, which is the invention of Mr Martin Boyd, harbour master, was formally opened on 23rd ult in presence of the members of the Harbour Trust, a large number of shipowners and prominent citizens of the burgh. The apparatus is operated automatically by a large float in the river, which communicates its rising and falling motion by means of wire ropes to long slides of coloured glass placed between the lights in the tower and the lenses in front of the lights, thus exhibiting from the tower combinations of coloured and white lights, indicating to mariners approaching the harbour the depth of water on the bar at the entrance to the port."

SHELTER

ACC Planning, A8836 — July 1955. Dock Workers' Shelter, Irvine Harbour, for National Dock Labour Board.

SHIPYARD

AA, Th 5.7.1821, 4c — Launched 19 June 1821 by Gilkison, Thomson & Co., the 122 tons register brigantine Coronation.

SHIPYARD

Card Index — John Samson, died 30.11.1833, had been to c.1824 tacksman of Troon saltpans, then moved to Irvine as coalmaster (Shewalton), shipmaster and shipbuilder.

Pigot, 1837, p.260 — Charles Samson, ship builder, Irvine Quay.

AA 4.1.1838 — Launched, 1.1.1838, schooner *Fortune*. Buchanan, foreman.

AA, Th 9.4.1840, 4c — Launched, Monday, for themselves, by Samson & Co:- 300 ton barque *Samson*.

AA, Th 14.1.1841, 4f — Launched, Wednesday 6th, from yard of Samson & Co., a 111-ton schooner. She is a credit to her draughtsman, Robert Curle, foreman to the company.

AA, Th 6.1.1842, 4c — Samson & Co. Launched last Thursday, the *Flora Mure*, of c.600 tons. The largest vessel ever built at Irvine. Draughtsman: Mr Curle.

EG 5579, Tu 6.10.1846, 422b — fl. Peter Murchie, formerly shipbuilder and shipowner, Port Glasgow, now shipbuilder, Irvine

SHIPYARD

[NB, confusion with Irvine's Shipbuilding & Dry Dock Co., Hartlepool]

EG 7839, Tu 7.4.1868, 414b — W.e.f. 3.4.1868 Hugh Calderwood ceaseds to be a partner in Irvine Shipbuilding Co. Partnership continues between James Fitzsimons, William Christie and Robert McKay, all described as shipbuilders.

ASH, Sa 13.4.1872, 1c — To sell or let, ship building yard p.p. by Irvine Shipbuilding Co. 4292A. "well adapted for iron shipbuilding".

TT, F 23.6.1899, 3bc [c.1897] — Irvine Shipbuilding and Engineering Co established about 2 years ago by Messrs Roger & Sneddon in the old shipyard at a time 'when a shipyard had been a long-felt want in Irvine.' Roger is George William Roger.

TT, F 3.3.1899, 5d — Irvine Shipbuilding & Engineering Co Ltd. Launch last Tuesday; steel screw steamer *Birker Force* for W S Kennaugh, Liverpool.

TT, F 18.8.1899, 5h — Two steam trawlers launched last Friday, for owners in Hull, the *Jed* and the *Kennet*.

AA, Th 2.1.1902, 5b — Note of vessels launched by Irvine Shipbuilding & Engineering Co Ltd in 1901. See ref.

G W ROGER Married (TT 23.6.1899) 22.6.1899, Glasgow, Marion Hetherington, dau of l John H. Hetherington, yarn merchant

SHIPYARD - AYRSHIRE DOCKYARD CO, 1910-1926

See also Hazel Johnson's report of Dugald McIntyre's lecture in Troon &c, Journal 60, Summer 2010, filed in PEOPLE file.

McIntyre, D, 2006, 55 — Mackie & Thomson vacated their Govan Old Yard (acquired by Harland & Wolff for expansion) and moved to Irvine, changing name of company to Ayrshire Dockyard Co. MD from c.1910 was John McIntyre, formerly of Ailsa.

McIntyre, D, 2006, 56 — Irvine TC 3.9.1912 agreed to Mackie & Thomson acquiring land on the banks of the Irvine on which they would erect a shipyard. Also taking over old shipyard, and buying 6 further acres to the north. To build yard and slipways.

EG 12549, Tu 25.3.1913, 340a341a — Irvine Burgh. Provisional Order. To confirm agreement between Irvine TC and Mackie & Thomson Ltd., Govan, re establishment of shipyard in Burgh, with financial support from the Town. Use part of Town's Moor for Infectious Diseases Hospital.

McIntyre, D, 2006, 59-62 — quotes at length from IH 1.7.1913 on progress, with a forecast of completion by end of year.

AA 11.12.1913 — Harland & Wolff Shipyard. First launch is expected in February. [McIntyre chapter on Irvine indicates a close relationship between Harland & Wolff and Mackie and Thomson]

McIntyre, D, 2006, 63 — First launch was *Lalandia*, on 9th July 1914.

ASH, F 4.1.1924, 3g — Launches in 1923: cargo steamer *Clan Macfadyen*, of Glasgow – cargo steamer *Metcalf*, of Montreal

McIntyre, D, 2006, 76 — Jn McIntyre retired c.1926. Shipyard was running down. Burst of activity in 1928 and "petered out finally in 1936"

McIntyre, D, 2006, 90-91 — List of ships launched at Irvine 1914-1924.

AP, F 9.1.1925, 4a — 1924: *Grania*, ss, cargo, Dublin, 278 tons; *Baron Mackay*, ss, cargo, Ardrossan, 6317.

CHURCH STREET

ACC Planning, 3322 — January 1946. Extension, Ayrshire Dockyard Co Ltd.

ACC Planning, 3852 — August 1946. Fabrication Shed, I, for ADCL.

ACC Planning, 4250 — March 1947. Engineering and Joiners' Shops, Church Street, I, for ADCL.

ACC Planning, 4875 — November 1947. Design offices, &c., Church Street, for ADCL.

ACC Planning, A469 — December 1948. Alterations, Church Street, for ADCL.

ACC Planning, A9284 — November 1955. Fabrication workshop, Church Street, for ADCL.

ACC Planning, B1260 — May 1957. Alterations, Church Street, to form offices, for ADCL.

WEIR

TT, F 18.9.1896, 4g — Proposed. One of the offering contractors is the contractor who built Henderson's Wharf "now about a score of years ago, and whose work has stood well the test of time."

ROYAL NAVY
DINOSAUR II

Warlow, 47 — Landing Craft Base. 1.11.1943 to 31.12.1944, renamed FULLARTON (qv). Major Landing Craft work up and repair base Troon, and slipway Irvine. Independent command

FULLARTON

Warlow, 61-62 — Landing Craft Base. Commissioned 1.1.1945 ex Dinosaur II. Paid Off 30.11.1946, finally closed 16.2.1947.

TRANSPORT

ROAD

IRVINE BRIDGE

List 8 — Rebuilt 1748, widened in stone 1827, and re-widened in iron 1889. 4 segmental arches in rustucated masonry. Splayed cutwaters. B.

NMRS — **John Herbertson**, 1825.

SDD, P/BL/95/AR/4, nd — To be demolished.

KS, F 4.1.1974, 13b — Was demolished in June 1973.

BRIDGE, Chapel Brae

AA, Th 31.8.1809, 4a — Estimates wanted

AA, Th 14.9.1809, 1d — Report. TRANSCRIPT herewith.

AA, Th 5.10.1809, 1d — Report. TRANSCRIPT herewith

AA, Th 5.10.1809, 4c — Editorial comment. TRANSCRIPT herewith.

BRIDGE

SRO, RHP 5771 — Bridge over Irvine, **Crouch & Hogg**, 1910.

FILLING STATION, A78

ACC Planning, B247 — July 1956. Filling Station, A78 Irvine, for Scottish Oils & Shell-Mex Ltd.

FOOTBRIDGE, across river

ACC Planning, B1413 — June 1957. Alexander Dunlop, for Irvine T C

FOULERTON ARCHES

Ayrshire News 9, July-August 2010 — Officially opened last month.

Web — Opened 18th April 2010, formally opened 14th May 2010. Design: URS Corporation, Edinburgh. Built, Graham Construction. 15.3 m tall arches. 162 tons. Planned from c.2006.

BAILEY BRIDGE

ACC, RC 1.3.1948 — To have meeting with Irvine TC regarding congestion in Bridgegate and Irvine Cross.

ACC, RC 28.4.1948, 642 — Note of meeting with Irvine TC, 22.4. Recommend improvements to roads, additional traffic lights. The RC also suggested improving West Road as an alternate route.

ACC, Roads Cttee, 2.10.1967 — Irvine Town Council want a second crossing at Merryvale.

ACC, Roads Cttee, 4.12.1967 — Report of meeting 8th November 1967, at which it was agreed that both ITC and ACC should approach the new IDC regarding a second

crossing. The site preferred by ITC is between "Merryvale Road and Golffields Road, already constructed by the Town Council to a suitable standard for heavy traffic." [This is further north than the Bailey Bridge: there is a footbridge]

AA, CO 3/10/5/31, GPC 14.5.1971 Report on various sites for new Loudoun school. Site at Milgarholme (sic) Farm: "access to the [site] could not be had from the principal route proposed along the disused railway line."

RAIL

IRVINE STATION [GSWR]

Hume — Opened 1839 by GPKAR. A 2-platform through station. The line is on a viaduct, with the platform buildings entered from the railway at first floor level. The main offices are on the down side, in a handsome 2 storey coursed rubble building on an L-plan, and there is a smaller stone building of similar construction on the up platform. Both platforms have awnings.

AA, Th 10.1.1839, 1a — Contractors wanted for stations at Irvine and Ayr; GPKAR.

KH, F 12.9.1845, 4c — GPKAR. Contractors wanted for a railway from Irvine Station "to the New Wharf now in course of erection" at Irvine Harbour.

AA 14.9.1876: ASH, Sa 16.9.1876, 1a — Contractors - alterations and extensions - GSWR.

ASH, Sa 14.10.1876, 8c — Successful contractors are **John Armour & Son**, Irvine, builders; **Robert Yuille**, Saltcoats, joiner, &c. Est cost: c.£6000.

AA 19.10.1876 — New station, plans as follows. On the town side a 2-storey building, and a similar building on the other side. The ground floor of the latter to be used as stables. A subway is also to be built.

BRIDGE

AA, Th 20.9.1838, 4c — The [GPKAR] Contractors have commenced taking down the houses at Halfway Street, Irvine, for the site of the bridge over that street, which will be commenced immediately.

IRVINE BANK STREET STATION

ASH, F 17.8.1888, 5e — Mr [Robert] McAlpine is contractor for the Irvine branch of L&AR, the first sod of which was cut on Tuesday.

AA 22.5.1890 — In Bank Street. Station buildings are of a most commodious and improved description - when acquired by the Railway Co. the property consisted of two modern semi-detached villas. Very little alteration and expense was necessary in transforming them into a passenger station. The line is to be opened to passengers, 2.6.1890. Company engineer: **John Strain**, resident engineer on the Irvine branch, **T F Thomson**.

KS, Sa 7.6.1924, 3b — Name changed, w.e.f. 2.6.1924, from Irvine (CR) to Irvine Bank Street.

HOUSES

ACC Planning, 3070 — July 1945. Houses, bank Street Station, for LMSR.

GLASGOW, KILMARNOCK & ARDROSSAN RAILWAY

EG 5482, Tu 11.11.1845, 521c523a — Bill. From Crofthead (Neilston) to Kilmarnock, with a branch from Lugton to Dubbs; a branch from Fergushill to Irvine, and a branch to Perceton Colliery

QUEENS BRIDGE

List 12 — Railway Viaduct on the line from Glasgow to Ayr. 6 low flat segmental arches across the River Irvine. B.

Hume	Built c.1840 for the GPKAR. A 6-span masonry viaduct, with flat segmental arches.
AA, Th 17.5.1838, 4b	GPKAR. The foundations of the bridges over the Garnock and Irvine have been laid.
AA, Th 28.6.1838, 4c	Foundation Stones of the Garnock and Irvine Bridges laid today. [Day of Victoria's Coronation].
AA, Th 5.7.1838, 3cdef	Report of the Foundation Stone laying ceremonies at Longford and Maress Bridges. John Miller, Edinburgh, engineer. The plaques said that they had been laid by George Johnston, (Redburn), but he was not there as his brother had died the day previous, so the honour fell to George Fullarton, younger of Fullarton.
AA, Th 20.9.1838, 4c	In regard to the Irvine Water, or 7th Lot, the work has been a good deal kept back on account of the wetness of the season, difficulty of getting the founds excavated, &c. It is expected, weather permitting, that the whole of the building in the piers and abutments will be completed in the course of five weeks, and the Contractors do not intend to throw the arches till the dead of winter is past; but will continue preparing the arch stones, centering, &c., so that the undertaking may be proceeded with early in the year with all expedition.

INDUSTRY

IRVINE INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, Portland Road

SVR 1967-1968	16 November 1967, factory, £1100, for Fulton and Wyllie.
SVR 1967-1968	1 July 1967. factory, £1020, for John R Fairclough (Metals) Ltd
SVR 1967-1968	11 December 1967. Factory, £480, for Muraplax Ltd.
SVR 1967-1968	28 July 1967. Factory, £3500, for Plastic Rotational Mouldings Ltd.
SVR 1968-1969	1 July 1968. Factory, £520, Irvine Spring Co.
SVR 1968-1969	1 August 1968. Factory, £1900, Scotpark ltd.

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Note also that much of the southern Irvine area, e,.g, around Shewalton and Gailes, including Newhouse, is in Dundonald Landward, q.v.

David ALLAN (KNITWEAR) LTD., Harbour Street

ACC Planning, A8140	January 1955. Packing Shed.

AYRSHIRE METAL PRODUCTS LTD

IH, F 14.12.1962, 4ef	Began as shipbuilders, before concentrating on ship repairing, and now concentrate on light engineering. Currently part of the Lithgow Group.
SRC, E&ID, 22.2.1979, 238	Proposed redundancies. Manufacturers of office and factory partitioning.

BLEACHFIELD

AA, Th 4.8.1808, 4b	Bleachfield presently occupied by David Jaffray. For sale. c.3A 3R. Also, by roup, W 24.8., "a new caravan, 16 weavers' looms", &c.
AA, Th 24.11.1808, 1a	For sale, as presently possessed by David Jaffrey.

BRITISH TEXTILE Manufacturing Co Ltd., 35-39 Cochrane Street

ACC Planning, 4775	October 1947. Building, CS, for BTM Co Ltd.
ACC Planning, 4911	December 1947. Extension, CS, for BTM Co.Ltd.
ACC Planning, 5292	May 1948. Alterations, CS, for BTM Co Ltd.
ACC Planning, A4022	September 1951. Mechanics' Workshop, CS; **Henry Dawes**, Kilmarnock, for British Textile Manufacturing Co. Ltd.

CHEMICAL WORKS [BOYLE], Gailes Road

ACC Planning, A1909	January 1950. Tank, Boyle Chemical Works, Irvine, for Scottish Tar Distillers Ltd.
ACC Planning, A2368	May 1950. Officer extension, &c., Boyle Chemical Works, Irvine, for Scottish Tar Distillers Ltd.

CHEMICAL WORKS [HENDERSON]

ASH, F 9.3.1894, 4e	Obituary of John Armour I. John Armour & Son were builders of Henderson's works.
AA, Th 3.2.1876, 6c	Report of case in Court of Session: see ref for fuller account. 'Some years ago' William Henderson & Co feued land from Shewalton and built a 'large alkali work, where they manufacture sulphuric acid, sulphate of soda and soda ash.'
ASH, Sa 4.8.1877, 8b	Lengthy article on William Henderson, important in development of chemical industry (see ref), and whose has, despite financial setbacks, by "his ability, determination and dogged perseverance ... [constructed] ... very extensive and improved chemical works at Irvine, where he lives in a princely mansion". [His house was Williamfield].
AA, Th 6.1.1881, 7b	William Henderson died on Sunday, in London (Langham Hotel, -do, 5d). He was born in 1827, and in 1857 discovered the wet process of extracting sulphur from copper ore. He built his works in Irvine about 10 years ago, and was also formerly a director of the Eglinton Chemical Co.

CHEMICAL WORKS [ORR]

AA, Th 3.2.1876, 6c	Report of case in Court of Session: see ref for fuller account. In 1873 William Orr feued 20 acres (in proximity to works of Henderson & Co) and built 'large chemical works for the manufacture of bleaching powder, first by Weldon's new magnesia process, and afterwards by Weldon's lime process.'

CHEMICAL WORKS [WALKER]

AA 19.11.1891		Mr Alex Walker has leased a considerable area near the old Bottle-work and will erect there a large [chemical works].
AA 3.12.1891		Passed at Dean of Guild Court on Tuesday.
BI 2/21	December 1891	New chemical works for Alexander Walker & Co by **John Armour**. extensive shedding, and 3 120' chimneys, &c.
TT, F 11.9.1896, 4g		"Park Terrace is now nearly rebuilt, the roof is being put on the Williamfield Stables, and the damage done at Messrs Walker & Coy's Chemical Works is now being repaired."

COAL PITS

AA, Th 3.2.1876, 5d	report to Town Council on state of pits, as leased by Paterson & Co.

EASTWOODS LTD [See Dundonald]

EGLINTON AERATED WATER WORKS, Bank Street

TT, F 24.3.1899, 5c	Sold by John Beatson to Pryde & McNair, Glasgow.
TT, F 5.5.1899, 8c	Pryde & McNair. Advcrt.

EGLINTON & STAR HOSIERY CO LTD, 23-27 New Street

EG, Tu 26.7.1938, 634b	In liquidation.

[NB, also, e,.g. EG 19.8.1938, sequestration of late David Caddies, sometime hosiery manufacturer, Irvine]

ACC Planning, A2818 — October 1950. Extension, 23 New St., for Eglinton & Star Hosiery Co. Alexander Dunlop, Kilmarnock, architect.

ACC Planning, A3341 — March 1951. extension, 23 New Street, for Eglinton & Star Hosiery Co. **Alexander Dunlop**, withdrawn.

ACC Planning, A4384 — February 1952. Renewal of front wall and roof, 23-25NS,; **Alexander Dunlop**, for Eglinton & Star Hosiery Co.

ACC Planning, A4449 — February 1952. Mechanics' Workshop, 23-25 New St; Alexander Dunlop, for Eglinton & Star Hosiery co.

ACC Planning, A9219 — October 1955. Extension, New Street, for Eglinton & Star Hosiery Co.

EGLINTON BOTTLING WORKS, 4 Low Green

ACC Planning, A1799 — December 1949. Alterations here, for A.G. Barr & Co. Ltd.

EGLINTON CHEMICAL CO LTD

EG 10269, F 3.7.1891, 686b — To be EGM, 21st July 1891, at offices at 29 St Vincent Place, Glasgow, to vote on (1) voluntary winding-up, (2) appointment of William J.A. Donald, general manager, as liquidator, and (3) sale of works, &c., to United Chemical Co Ltd (now United Alkali Co Ltd), as per agreement of 19.10.1890 and Disposition of 19.5.1891.

EGLINTON FACTORY, 28 Bank Street

*VR 1943/44 - VR 1947/48 — Walter Henderson Ltd

ACC Planning, 3851 — August 1946. Alterations, for Walter Henderson Ltd.

ACC Planning, 5076 — March 1948. Chimney, Bank Street, for Walter Henderson Ltd.

VR 1948/49 - VR 1951/52* — Irvine Knitters Ltd.

FACTORY

BI 11/125 August 1900 — Factory, Cotton Row, for James Watson & Sons; **John Armour, junior**, architect.

FOUNDRY

AA, Th 7.2.1822, 1d — Ad. Commencing manufacture of Chain cables. Robert Raeside, Irvine.

FOUNDRY

AA, Th 30.8.1838, 1f — To sell or let, Foundry at Quay lately possessed by John McDougall, founder and anchorsmith.

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KWP, 20.7.1861 — George Miller, formerly manager, Kilmarnock Foundry Co., has taken, on own account, engineering works at Irvine Quay.

FOUNDRY (assumed)

PRG 3.5.1873 — Sequestrated: Dean, Hay & Co., [James Dean, sole partner], ironfounders, Halfway.

FOUNDRY (BRASS), 25 Cochrane Street

ACC Planning, 2879 — November 1944. Alterations, CS, for D. Flanagan Ltd. **Black & Shapley**, architects.

ACC Planning, 4241 — March 1947. Alterations, BF, CS, for David Flanagan Ltd.

FRIARS CROFT

ACC Planning, 4275 — March 1947. Casting shed, 2 FC, for Wm Cairns.

FULLARTON WORKS

EG 7727, Tu 12.3.1867 — Dissolved, 2.3.1867. Dick, Dean & Co., blacksmiths, engineers, &c., Fullarton Works. John Dick, James Dean.

HARBOUR FORGE COMPANY

Sas Abr 1387 of 1886, 482.12 — Partners in 1886 are Alexander Clark, William Allan and John Baillie Craig.

HOSIERY WORKS, Ballot Road

ACC Planning, 3418 — February 1946. Erections, Ballot Road, for Hosiery Manufacturing Co. Ltd.

ACC Planning, 5248 — May 1948. Alterations, Ballot Road, for Hosiery Manufacturing Co Ltd.

ACC Planning, A3892 — August 1951. Material store, and oil store, Ballot Road, for Hosiery Manufacturing Co Ltd.

HOSIERY WORKS, 65-67 Fullarton Street

AP, F 18.2.1949, 11b — Rayson Knitwear. For sale.

HOSIERY WORKS, 88-90 Montgomery Street

ACC Planning, A2083 — March 1950. Rear addition, for Seafield Knitwear Co.

ACC Planning, A3420 — March 1951. Addition, Seafield Knitwear Co Ltd (H.B. Frew, applicant). Robert Rennie, architect.

HOSIERY WORKS, 108-110 Montgomery Street

ACC Planning, A1005 — May 1949. New hosiery, 108-110 MS, for Iona Hosiery Co. Robert Rennie, Saltcoats, architect.

[VRs suggest that it is new, or at least a conversion of substandard houses, 3h(u),108 in VR 1948/49

ACC Planning, A3241 — February 1951. Additions and alterations, 108110 MyS. Robert Rennie, for Iona Hosiery Co.

ACC Planning, A3310 — February 1951. Addition: Robert Rennie for Iona Hosiery Co. (see A3241).

ACC Planning, A8439 — April 1955. Addition, 1081-110 MS, for Iona Hosiery Co.

FREE STANDING ADDITION

ACC Planning, B1103 — April 1957. For Andrew Malcolm.

HOSIERY WORKS, 14 Quarry Road

ACC Planning, A8450 — April 1955. Hosiery factory, QR, for J & M Millar.

IRVINE BREWERY

EG, Tu 6.4.1869, 419a — Notice of Retirement. Irvine Brewery Co dissolved 2nd April 1869 by retirement of Archibald Richmond, spirit merchant, Kilmarnock. The other partners were George Easton, brewer, Irvine, and William Stirton, brewer, Glasgow. Business will be continued by said George Easton.

IRVINE CHEMICAL CO. LTD.

EG 10301, F 23.10.1891, 1117b — Proposed reduction in capital.

EG, F 4.3.1892, 353b — Notice of reduction in capital. [Not sure if actually an Irvine business]

IRVINE FORGE CO

EG 10257, F 22.5.1891, 549b — On 21.5.1891, Irvine Forge Co dissolved by retiral of Robert Kerr, blacksmith, Irvine. The company was continued, same name, by the two other partners, Duncan Gilmour, engineer, Irvine, and Andrew Taylor, engineer, Kilmarnock, with a new partner, Alexander Gilmour, engineer, Irvine.

C&I 1896 — D 7 June 1896, Duncan Gilmour, iron forger, Castle Park, Irvine. Executors include his sons Alexander Gilmour, iron forger, and John Husband Gilmour, engineer, both of Castle Park.

IRVINE IRON WORKS & FOUNDRY

ASH, F 14.1.1910, 1g — Auction sale of land, machinery, &c., announced.

IRVINE FOUNDRY

ACC Planning, 3106 — August 1945. Alterations, for Henry Brown & Co.

IRVINE KNITTERS Ltd., 28 Bank Street

ACC Planning, A3426 — March 1951. Extension, 28 Bank Street, Irvine, for IKL

IRVINE MILL

ASH, F 24.11.1899, 8c — Destroyed by fire last Friday.

IRVINE STEAM LAUNDRY

TH, F 5.1.1900, 1c — Advert. Irvine Steam laundry, Golffields. Proprietors, A & L Stanger.

KYLE FACTORY, here?

ACC Planning, A683 — February 1949. Remove sand, Kyle Factory, Irvine, for ICI Ltd.

LANARKSHIRE BUILDERS

ACC Planning, B1987 — November 1957. Lay out of works, temporary office (1st Development), for Lanarkshire Builders Ltd., Mossend.

LIME KILNS

ASH, sa 18.9.1869, 1a — Archibald Kenneth & Sons are retiring from business as lime merchants and burners at Irvine Lime Kilns. Have been in business more than 20 years. Kilns let to John N Murray.

LONGMUIRS (GRAIN MERCHANTS)

EG, Tu 15.6.1915, 871b — Business transferred from James F Longmuir & Son to Longmuir & Hunter. See ref.

PORTLAND GLASS CO LTD., Portland Road

ACC Planning, 4202 — February 1947. Extension, PGCL, PR, for ICI Ltd, Explosives Division.

ACC Planning, A1118 — June 1949. Alterations, Portland Glass, for ICI Co Ltd.

ACC Planning, A5366 — December 1952. Erect store and 2 lock-ups, Portland Glass, for ICI.

ACC Planning, A7323 — May 1954. Additions and alterations to compressor house, Portland Glass, Irvine, for ICI.

Must equal ROCKWARE. Manager's house, 90 Bank Street, seems to confirm this.

ROCKWARE GLASS LTD., Portland Factory

EG, F 8.12.1961, 761a — Records Factory Acts exemption granted the company, of "Portland Factory, Irvine, and Kirk Sandal, near Doncaster."

SAND & GRAVEL EXTRACTION

ACC Planning, A2145 — March 1950. Win and work sand and gravel, Royal Ordnance Facttory land; Alexander Russell & Co (Glasgow) Ltd.

ACC Planning, A5273 — November 1952. Win and work sand and gravel, Sandy Road; A & J Paterson.

ACC Planning, A6378 — September 1953. Win and work sand, Ayr Road; Kenneths Building Services Ltd.

SCOTBOARD

SRC, E&ID 20.10.1981, 1460 — Proposed closure discussed.

SEAGATE FACTORY, 22 Ballot Road

ACC Planning, 3848	August 1946. Additions and alterations, for John Kirsopp (Glendonald) Ltd.
ACC Planning, 5002	January 1948. Alterations, SF, BR, for J. & P. Coats Ltd.
ACC Planning, A832	April 1949. Temporary office, Seagate Factory, for United Thread Mills Ltd.
ACC Planning, A9404	December 1955. Addition, 22 Ballot Road, for Goodwear Woolies (Ayrshire) Ltd.

SHIPMILL COLLIERY

ACC, Police & Law, 7.1.1946	Reported that Nos 2 & 3 Mines, Shipmill, Irvine, have been abandoned and safely filled-in.

TANWORKS

AA, Th 6.6.1822, 1d	Irvine. For sale, the Tan Works of Irvine. Currying Shop, Cellar, Counting House, Drying Shade, Steam Engine, Bark Mills, Tan Pits, &c. "The premises are situated on the west side of the river, and near to the Bridge of Irvine, and are well adapted for carrying on business or at a small expense may be converted into a brewery." Details: Robert Rankine, writer, Irvine. Roup, Tuesday 16th July, in the house of John Holms, innkeeper, Irvine.
Sas Abr/ment 3035 of 1825	Disp 1825 of Tanwork of Irvine by James Patterson and others to Alexander Campbell, late merchant, Glasgow. 177.210.

THORNHOUSE SOAPWORKS, Dalrymple Drive

AP, F 7.7.1933, 9b	Re-opened last Friday following reconstruction after November 1932 fire. Props: John Cowan & Co. Architect: **James Lochhead**.
ACC Planning, A9805	March 1956. Conversion to aircraft component manufacture, for Scottish Aviation Ltd.

TIMBER IMPORT

EG, F 19.3.1869, 347a	ref to Charles Samson, partner in C. & A.M. Samson, timber importers, Irvine.

WILSON PIPE FITTINGS Ltd., Portland Road (Gailes Road)

ACC Planning, A4886	July 1952. Industrial Plant, PR, for Wilson Pipe Fittings Ltd.
ACC Planning, A6692	December 1953. Partial re-construction, Welbeck Buildings, Irvine. J.M.Bass, engineer, for Wilson Pipe Fittings Ltd.
ACC Planning, A6693	December 1953. Laboratories, &.c, Portland Road. J.M.Bass, engineer, for Wilson Pipe Fittings Ltd.

WILSON SPORTING GOODS CO LTD, Ayr Road

AP, F 6.7.1962, 22d	To be opened. Jack Lewis, architect.
AP, F 13.7.1962, 9abc	Factory formally opened last Sunday by Sam Snead (this is during the weekend of the Open at Troon). Others present included the film magnate, Sir Alexander B. King.

UTILITIES

GAS WORKS, Ballot Road

ACC Planning, A4382	February 1952. Gas purification Plant, IGW, Ballot Road, for Scottish Gas Board.
ACC Planning, A4383	February 1952. New Gas-making Plant (4 retorts, in existing retort house), IGW, Ballot Road, for Scottish Gas Board.

ACC Planning, A5208 — October 1952. New Meter House, Irvine Gas Works, Ballot Road, for Scottish Gas Board.

ACC Planning, A5209 — October 1952. New Governor House, Irvine Gas Works, Ballot Road, for Scottish Gas Board.

MANAGERS

n.r. — House is at 59 Bank Street. Manager to c.1943, Andrew Walker; after c.1943, David Gardner.

WATERWORKS

AA, Th 3.2.1876, 1a — Petition by Town Council for right to acquire land and construct a water supply to be heard in Sheriff Court.

AA 6.9.1883 — There is an implication in AA 6.9.1883 that the engineers are Messrs **J & E Leslie & Reid**, Edinburgh.

CO 3/8/1/4, ACC 1898-1902, 371, County Council 18.12.1900 — Irvine Corporation Water Bill noted by ACC.

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