BENCARRIGAN

FREE CHURCH
List 24 — lC19, marked on 1895 OS.

WAR MEMORIAL
List 25 — c.1920.

BENNICARRIGAN FARM
IOAH, 64 — 1817.

BENNAN

EAST BENNAN
AA, Th 15.9.1853, 1d — Furnished house to let for 1 or 2 month. Has parlour, 2 bedrooms, kitchen and 2 attics. Rent moderate. Details, John McKelvie, Fort Street, Ayr

BLACKWATERFOOT

See Separate File.

CATACOL

PROPRIETORSHIP
IOAH, 202 — Rossmore's land was bounded by the Alltgolach (just south of Pirnmill) and the Altnamamra (at the headland between Catacol and Lochranza).
Nr — These boundaries do not include Dougarie.

FREE CHURCH
ASH 5.5.1860 — Fixed seats to be put in. **Alexander Armour**, Saltcoats, joiner.

TWELVE APOSTLES
See also Christine McKerrell, The Twelve Apostles, in Scots Magazine, new series, vol 133, no.3, June 1990, 273-280. [Photocopy herewith]
List 7 B

CATACOL FARM
AA, Th 24.7.1851, 1f — To let. Has 30A of pasture land, amd 4000A of hill, divided from it by a "recently built" head dyke. There is "an excellent farmhouse and steading."

CORRIECRAVIE

HILLSIDE
ACC, PAC 1.10.1936 — Thatched, but homely.

DIPPEN

DIPPIN HOUSE
G, 28.10.2000 — Obituary of George Baines (1927-2009), pioneer of open-plan teaching. Phone books give address as Dippin House

DIPPIN LODGE

List 27 — mC19, with lC19 additions. 2s villa, converted to irregular plan shooting lodge.
Landsborough — "The Duke's finely-situated Lodge at Dippen".
KWP, Sa 10.8.1861, 6e — The Duke's shooting-lodge at the Dippen rocks is a very smart and tastefully laid out spot.
VR 1975-1976 — Prop, Isleworth Hire Co Ltd., Acton

STABLES
List 28 — mC19, remodelled lC19, stables.

DOUGARIE

DOUGARIE LODGE
List 8
AA, Th 26.6.1851, 4b — Lord and Lady Rossmore 'have recently arrived at Dougary, their seat in Arran.'
Academy Architecture, 1894, 87 — 1894. Proposed alterations to Dubhgharadh Lodge for the Duke of Hamilton. **John James Burnet**, architect. [PHOTOCOPY, RCAHMS C22228, herewith]
RCAHMS, BU 409, BU 410 — 1908 photographs. PHOTOCOPIES herewith.

BOATHOUSE
List 9 — c.1900, J J Burnet.

GAME LARDER
List 29 — ?C19

THE TOWERS [STABLES and KENNELS]
List 30 — eC19 and additions.

WALLED GARDEN
List 31 — 1909.

KILDONAN

NAVY
Warlow, 170 — Royal Navy Shore Signal Station 1923-1924.

KILDONAN CHURCH
List 16 B — eC20 simple Arts and Crafts Church.

KILDONAN HALL
AA have — April 1949 plan by **James C Montgomery**, ARIAS, Old School Buildings, Lamlash. [Looks like existing hall, but lying parallel to road.]

DRIMLA COTTAGE
List 17 B — 1896

DRIMLA LODGE
List 18 B — 1896, colonial-type villa unique in Arran.
Slaven & Checklands — Built c.1891 by George Clark, Kilmarnock, after his 2nd marriage.
Bussell, 50 — 1901.
nr — Peculiar brick house with corner towers and balconies.
C&I 1905 — Herbert Montgomerie Clark, son of late George Clark, manufacturer, Kilmarnock, formerly of Drimla, Arran, thereafter at Hallhouse, Fenwick, died 10.6.1905 at Hallhouse. Exor, brother, George Clark, manufacturer, Kilmarnock.

Gamekeepers' Cottages

KWP, sa 10.8.1861, 6e

... the fine cottages erected for the Duke's gamekeepers; there is one on the high road near Kildonan, and another about half a mile or so from Lamlash; they have every appearance of comfort, and the gardens and grounds around are well laid out.

KILDONAN CASTLE

C&DA, --, 125-127

A ruinous ancient keep, erected on a rocky plateau on the sea-coast, at the south end of the island of Arran. It is protected by a precipitous [126] cliff on the east or seaward side, and by a ravine on the north. The structure measures 28'5" by 22 feet. The entrance door seems to have been on the ground floor, with a wheel-stair adjoining, in the north-east angle, which led to the hall on the first floor. Above this level, another wheel-stair in the south-west angle conducted to the upper floors. The ground floor is vaulted, and the hall is also covered with a slightly-pointed barrel vault 13 feet in height. The top storey, now ruinous, was probably likewise roofed with a vault, which would sustain the stone slabs forming the roof. The walls on the ground floor are about 6 feet thick, while those of the first floor are diminished to 4 feet 6 " in thickness. The basement is lighted by a narrow slit at the north and south ends. The hall has a fireplace in the south wall, and two larger windows in the side walls near the south end. There is also a garde-robe, with descending flue, at the south-east angle. [127] The surviving features of the tower indicate a structure of the Second or Third period, but nothing remains to fix its date more definitely. It was the fortress of a branch of the Clam Macdonald.

KILDONAN FARM

AA, Th 9.7.1807, 1a

To let, c.300A. "Any active and enterprising tenant, wishing to settle in this island, and capable of introducing the modern practice of husbandry there, will find this an excellent opportunity for commencing operations, as in a few years hence the leases of the whole island will be out, and the possession of this farm in the mean time will gain him an acquaintance with the customs and manners of the people." Details from James Lamont, at Brodick Castle.

KILDONAN INN

KWP, Sa 10.8.1861, 6b

Kildonnan Inn lies below the Castle - a comfortable place, but of course without any pretensions to tiptopism.

KILDONAN SCHOOL

SRC, E(Sv), 10.11.1977, 1221

Surplus.

LITTLEMILL SCHOOL

KWP, Sa 10.8.1861, 6b

Lies embowered among trees at the base of the ridge of hills between the Inn and Breadalbane Cottage. it is one of the General Assembly's Schools, and has been heightened in the roof and otherwise improved a few years ago, by the Duke of Hamilton.

MANSEFIELD

List 19 CS

nr

eC19. 2s, 3b, former FC manse. marked on 1864 OS.
Nice house with lying panes.

SCHOOL (here?)

KJ, 2.2.1854

On the 24th ult., Sir John Shaw of London remitted to Mr McKelvie, of the General Assembly's School, Little Mill, South End, Arran, the sum of £5 Stg to purchase books and prizes for the children attending that

institution. These donations have been neither few nor far between and have been the means of doing much good to a well-deserving community, as well as giving encouragement to an able and zealous teacher.

SHOP, KILDONAN
KWP, Sa 10.8.1861, 6b — The Shop, the only place of merchandise within four or five miles on each side of itself, and in which everything from a needle to an anchor is sold, stands next house to the Inn.

SIGNAL STATION
BN, xlii, 287 1882 — 1882. Signal Station to be built at Kildonan for Lloyds of London.

KILMORY

CHURCH
List 1 C
nr — 1785;1810 aisle. 1881 alterations. Chunky ashlar, with gable window of 6 circular openings.

KIRKYARD
KWP, Sa 10.8.1861, 6d — refers to old fount stone, for holy water, lying uncared for in south-east corner of the kirkyard.

MANSE
List 10 C
nr — C18 core, Victorian additions.
3SA — Partially burnt in 1710.
NAS, CH 2/1153/1, p.106 — Presbytery ordered manse to be built, 30.4.1701.
p 138-139 — Completed and inspected, 26.2.1703
NAS, CH 2/1153/10, p.50 — Heritors to make repairs and alterations, 1848.

KILMORY HOUSE

KILMORY TERRACE
VR 1975-1976 — 1, 2, property of Milk Marketing Board.

SCHOOL
KWP, SA 10.8.1861, 6c — Kilmorie Parish School .. The schoolroom is of a good size, and pretty well filled, but too low in the roof; some of the modern improvements which grace other parts of the island in the school department ought at once to be extended to this, as also to the schoolmaster's dwelling.
ASH, Sa 15.8.1874, 1a — Conts wanted for Board School, Kilmory. Plans with Mr Speirs, Clachaig, Lamlash.
SRC, E(Sv), 13.10.1977, 1032 — Surplus.
SRC, E(FE) 14.3.1978, 359 — The former Kilmory P.S. is to be used for Community Education (Outdoor Pursuits, &c).
SRC, B&P, 6.6.1978, 742 — Transfer to Education (Community Education) approved.

AUCHALEFFAN
IOAH, 66 — The "new house" is c.1890.

AUCHAREOCH
NAC, 12/00066/PP — February 2012. Proposed farm-based Education and Animal Centre, for G & K Graham, per a Kettering C.S.

TORRLIN TERRACE
IOAH, 69 — No.1 in 1947, Bute County Council

KILPATRICK

See BLACKWATERFOOT file

LAGG

BRIDGE
ScPict, V/101 Sept 1899 — Fine new Bridge built over the Cloined Burn.
B, lxxvii, 247 [1899] — Bridge across Kilmory Water opened 26 August 1899. Engineer: Mather, civil engineer to the Arran estate. Contractors: Crawford & Son, Lamlash, builders. Built of iron and concrete. 50' long, and about 10½' wide. 2 spans.

BRIDGEND COTTAGE
List 13 C — eC19

BURNSIDE COTTAGE
List 14 C — Vernacular

CLACHAIG
2011 — Sale Particulars, in Sale Particulars boxes.
LIMEKILN
List 15 C — In use until c.1898.

CREAMERY, TORRYLIN
Bussell, 49 — Opened in 1946.

DISTILLERY, TOR(RY)LIN
Book of Arran, II, 237 — Closed by 1836.
Pigot, 1837, 313 — Mathew Spiers, distiller, Lagg.

DISTILLERY (2)

LAGG HOTEL
List 11 C
ASH, Sa 2.3.1861, 3e — Inference that the New Inn, Lagg, is of recent construction.
KWP, Sa 10.8.1861, 6d — The inn has just been considerably extended and repaired ...
sv, nd — Pleasant with rustic bargeboarded dormers. OK extension. Setting is everything.

TORLIN
KWP, Sa 10.8.1861, 6c — ... the ... splendid farm steading of Torlin, Mr Finlay Cook's ..

LENIMORE and THUNDERGUY

FREE CHURCH, Lenimore
ASH, F 7.1.1910, 8i — Obit of John Kennedy, minister of Lenimore F C till union (1900 one?), when it remained with F C., and he moved to Pirnmill U.F.
3SA — Demolished in 1956.

WELLSIDE, Thuderguy
Schedule, 2010 — 1929

LOCHRANZA

See Separate File

MACHRIE

VR 1975-1976 — shows much of Machrie to be property of Lady Mary Boscawen.

"ASHLAR"
IOAH, 38 — 1885.

"CROCHANDOON"
IOAH, 39 — 1898. Also plan of farm.

MACHRIE FARM
List 32 — mC19, with lC19 Baronial embellishments.

STRING ROAD and road to Machrie
Bussell, 56 — String Road designed by Thomas Telford, and completed by 1817.

CAIRN (918337)
IOAH, 42 — Commemorates spot where King Edward VII had lunch while stalking in 1902.

POST BOX, STRING ROAD
Sc Mag, n.s., vol.99, no.2., May 1973, 108 — Photograph. [The vermiculated stonework is similar to a house in Beith]
Sc Mag, n.s., vol.99, no.4, July 1973, 379 — Letter of J McAlister, Broomfield, Lamlash, says that it was built about 100 years ago by his grandfather, for the proprietors of Dughgharadh lodge. It has not always been so squat.
CL, 17.8.1989 — Illustrated.

PIRNMILL

UNITED FREE CHURCH
List 22 — 1910, simple Arts and Crafts.

MEMORIAL TO JOHN KENNEDY
List 23 — --.
ASH, F 7.1.1910, 8i — Obit of John Kennedy, minister of Lenimore F C till union (1900 one?), when it remained with F C., and he moved to Pirnmill U.F.

FREE CHURCH, now CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
sv, nd — tin chapel

VILLAGE HALL
AB, Sa 9.5.1987 [in AB 12.5.2007, 15bc] — The former Arran High School huts which were taken from Lamlash to Pirnmill are about to be assembled as a new village hall for the community.

GARAGE
IOAH, 205 — Built 1912 by John Anderson, with a window from the 1911 Glasgow Exhibition.

HAZELWOOD BOARDING HOUSE

RCAHMS E52507 — Copy (2004) of c.1940 postcard. PHOTOCOPY herewith.

HOUSE
AA, DHP — House, Pirnmill, for David H Reid, 1936, **Allan Stevenson & Cassells**.

SCHOOL
sv, nd — 1912

MILL
sv, nd — Badly altered.

VILLA
sv, nd — Gothicky fanlighted villa at south end, middle one of 3.

PLADDA

GENERAL
RCAHMS, E52375 - E52378 — 2005 aerial views of the island. PHOTOCOPIES herewith.

LIGHTHOUSE
Commissioners of NL website — 1790, Thomas Smith. 29m. Fixed light until 1901, automated 1990. First lighthouse built for the Commissioners of Northern Lights in the Clyde.

3SA, --, -- — 1826.

EG 5462, Tu 2.9.1845, 280a — W.e.f. 1.10.1845, the duties are to be reduced from 1/2d to 3/8d per ton, and to 6/8d per ton for 'unprivileged foreigners.'

KWP, Sa 10.8.1861, 6bc — The lights on both towers are lighted according to a table furnished the keepers, discretion being allowed to light up a little earlier or a little later ... [See Ref].

RCAHMS BU 315,BU 344 — C19 images. PHOTOCOPIES herewith.

NAS — NLC 86, but nothing earlier than 1970 (NLC 86/3/1, Visitors Book 1970-90)

SHELTER
KWP, Sa 10.8.1861, 6c — On the island is a house for the reception of shipwrecked mariners, but it lies in a most dilapidated and dirty state.

SHEDOG and SHISKINE

ARRAN OUTDOOR CENTRE
nr — House of mC19, with extension dated 1888. Plain, ashlar, painted margins.

BALMICHAEL FARM
VISITOR CENTRE
(2007) — Leaflet herewith.

CHURCH, CLACHAN
Bussell, 57 — 1805.

McLaughlin, Molaise, 56-57 — Quoting from C19 source. Churchyard remains: at its centre is the tomb of St Molios, said to have been brought from Iona. Shows saint as mitred abbot with staff and chalice. [It is now built into the tower buttress at St Molios]

Anon, Shiskine, 8 — First church was 1708, replaced by a larger church in 1805. Remains to roof height today.

HAMILTON ARMS

Planning Register [Bute], 769 — 1075, additions and alterations, for Mary Currie, per **Architectural Design Services**, 26 Park Circus, Glasgow.

INGLEWOOD
nr — C20.

LADESIDE TERRACE
IOAH, 36 — 6 Ladeside Terrace built in 1954. Some of the other BCC houses here are of 1948

MILL see SHEDOG FARM

ST MOLIOS', SHISKINE
List 3
Centenary Guide — Built 1886-1889
NAS, CH 2/1153/13, p.142 — Plans approved by Presbytery, 28.3.1888.
Architect, xxxix, 178 — 1888. To be built. Architects, after competition: **Burnet, Son & Campbell**, Glasgow.
Anon, Shiskine, 3 — Opened 21 July 1889.
NAS, CH 2/1153/13, p.219 — Certificate of Completion dated 2.5.1890. John Burnet, Son & Campbell, architects.
Anon, Shiskine, 3 — Guild Room and Kitchen added in 1962.

ST MOLIOS GRAVE SLAB
Anon, Shiskine, 8-9 — Removed here from Clauchan in 1889 for preservation. "The figure is of a priest wearing Eucharistic vestments. It is in relief and shown standing within a trefoil shaped niche. On the right side a crosier shows he was probably an abbot. He is dressed in a style typical of a C13 churchman."

HALL
Anon, Shiskine, 3 — 1971

MANSE
Anon, Shiskine, 3 — 1978

SCHOOL, FEORLIN
AA, Th 28.1.1841, 4e — Last Saturday week, the gable of a house at Feorlin, Shiskine, used as a school house, collapsed, killing four children.

SCHOOL, SHEDOG
ASH, Sa 16.3.1861, 3g — Report of recent school inspectors' visits refers to 'new School at Shedog'.

SCHOOL, SHISKINE
nr — Dated 1900.
CO 5/5/3/12 13.2.1963 — Architect (probably Baron Bercott & Associates (George Horspool)) to put forward suggestions for extensions and additions at Shiskine and Whiting Bay Schools.
SRC, 8.9.1981 — Classroom extension, Final measurements, £13,887.

SURGERY, SHISKINE
AV, 28.8.2008, 4 — Opened in 2008 on a prominent open greenfield site, first of two in Arran (the other is in Whiting Bay), owned and built by an Edinburgh company, and leased to the health board. A letter writer (Adam Nelson) doesn't like them. "May sit comfortably in a Wester Hailes or Cumbernauld environment."

SHEDOG

AA, Th 25.4.1822, 1d — Stock sale, including true Airshire bred cattle, 1st May 1822.

AO, Tu 9.4.1833, 4d — Letter to paper from A.B. In 1824 a progressive farmer (from Renfrewshire?) was put into the 'fine haugh farm of Sheduck' as an example to the natives.

C1851 — Shedog. James Wilkie, m43, miller, b. Renfrewshire. Alone.

C/Scotlands People — James Nairn (c.1819-1897) was 'miller', 'farmer and miller', &c., in the 1861, 1871, 1881 and 1891 Censuses. He died in 1897, and his wife Elizabeth (nee Hamilton, b.c.1835) in 1910. Both seem to have been been born in the parish, but were married in Ardrossan in 1859. Of their 3 sons and 7 daughters, John (1863-1924) and James (1875-1950) seem to have continued the business.

TORBEG

AO, Tu 3.12.1833, 4f — D, Toribeg [sic], Arran, 19.11.1833, Ritchie Johnston, formerly of Port Glasgow, merchant.

TORBEG FREE CHURCH

KH, F 16.10.1846, 4c — Shiskine Free Church. Foundation stone laid Tu 6.10.1846. The congregation has been worshipping in a cave.

St Molios' Centenary Guide — 1847. Closed in 1958 and became SHISKINE PUBLIC HALL.

3SA, --, -- — 1917.

TORBEG F C MANSE

List 34 — eC19. 2 storey, 3 bay house.

St Molios' Centenary Guide — A few years after 1847. 1910.

Anon, Shiskine, 8 — 1848. (p.12 says 1910)

TORBEG, REV NICOL MEMORIAL

List 35 — c.1877. **Cumming**, Ardrossan, stonemason.

WAR MEMORIAL, FEORLINE

List 33 — c.1920

UKNIWM — Unveiled 5.8.1922, executed by **D. Cumming**. Ref: ASH 18.8.1922..

GRANITE

AA, Th 10.1.1839, 3c — 'A good deal of bustle is observable on the Corrie and Shiskan shores, occasioned by the quarrying of the granite blocks for the Glasgow and Air railroad'.

SLIDDERY

SCHOOL

KWP, Sa 10.8.1861, 6d — The school has been built by the proprietor of the island, and has but lately been opened, and has been over to, or taken under, the wing of the General Assembly.

KWP 5.10.1861 — Refers to school at Sliddery, undated, in letter praising Duke of Hamilton.

IOAH, 60 — 1860, closed 1946. Building used as a shop, 1946-1961. Now house.

WATER SUPPLY

EG, F 31.3.1961, 200a — Bute County Council proposal to supply water, extracted under agreement with Trustees of late Duke of Hamilton.

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