FLATT ROAD

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ACC Planning, A8713 — June 1955. 2 semi-detached bungalows, Flatt Farm Road; Rennie & Bramble, for James Briggs.

FORT STREET

7(?)

ACC Planning, A8280 — February 1955. Convert amusement arcade to licensed restaurant, FS, for Corrado Castelvecchi

FRASER STREET

-, GAS SHOWROOM

ACC Planning, A1923 — January 1950. Conversion to show room, for Scottish Gas Board.

GALLOWGATE STREET, ---, GOLDEN GRILL (Nardinis)

ASH, 26.7.1968, 5 — Now open.

GALLOWGATE STREET, 1 — See 1 Main Street

19, ANCHOR INN

EG 12540, F 21.2.1913, 209b210a — George Allan, ex of here, sequestrated. In Greenock.

GALLOWGATE STREET

10-16

ACC Planning, A6844 — January 1954. Alterations to café, 10-16GS; JAD Paton, for Luigi Macari & Sons

68, LARGS HOTEL

ACC Planning, A5378 — December 1952. Canopies, for William Shaw

84, CENTRAL RESTAURANT

1956 — Vincenzo Neri & Son.

GATESIDE STREET, 11

List 18 — early C19, altered and raised in mid C19 to 2 storey 3 bay house. Originally red sandstone and margins, painted later. Central pilastered doorpiece, 12-pane sashes throughout. Eaves course and cornice. End stacks and slate roof. B.

ASH, F 24.11.1899, 5e — Tenement in Gateside Street in course of erection for James Morris. George Barclay, Largs, builder.

GEORGE STREET

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ACC Planning, A8990 — August 1955. 1 block of 4 2A houses, GS, for G H Tyre & Sons Ltd.

GLENACRE DRIVE

45

ACC Planning, A3181 — January 1951. House, GD, for James Neilson.

47-53

ACC Planning, A8240 — February 1955. 4 3A houses, 47-53 GD, for G H Tyre & Sons Ltd.

59-61

ACC Planning, A5256 — November 1952. 2 police houses, GD, for Ayr County Council

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ACC Planning, 1789 — July 1939, house for Harold Cochrane.

ACC Planning, A1226 — July 1949. Re-confirm July 1949 planning permission, Glenacre Drive, for Thomas Cochrane.

48-50

ACC Planning, A8815 — July 1955. 2 semi-detached 4A houses, GD, for Ayr County Council.

GOGO STREET

8h1, 8h3, 2-1 SANDRINGHAM TERRACE

VR 1902/03 — (Also lists 3-5 Sandringham Terrace and Picture House in Gogo Street.)

5, BURNFOOT VILLA
VR 1902/03 John Caldwell, builder
2h7, VOLO VILLA (1902/03), then GLENCLOVA
VR 1902/03 Margaret L and Mary A Orr
9, COBURG VILLA (1902/03), then BRIGEND
VR 1902/03 John Gloag
11, GOWANLEA
VR 1902/03 Alexander H McLean, Glasgow
11A, WOODBURN VILLA
VR 1902/03 Archibald Boyd
4h15, PLANETREES
VR 1902/03 George Osborne Baird
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VR 1902/03 Thomas S Colquhoun
2h19, h21
VR 1902/03 T.l. Robert McCulloch, wine and spirit merchant
4h & 2cotts 23
VR 1902/03 Jessie More or Trench
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VR 1938/39
27, MOIRA
VR 1938/39
29, KILARD (1938/39), then TIGH-AN-STRUAN (1952/3, boarding house)
VR 1938/39
31,33
VR 1902/03 GSWR
2h33, GOGO BANK
VR 1902/03 Jane Lochhead
41/43, GLENVIEW (1952/32, boarding house)
VR 1902/03 T.l. Robert fyfe, draper
6h47,6h49,51, SPENCER BUILDINGS
VR 1902/03 Richard Watkins Friday of Trigony Hall

2,4,4h6, VICTORY PLACE
VR 1902/03 T.l. Thomas Robertson

--, BUS DEPOT
See 114 Main Street

GOGOSIDE
ACC Planning, A2468 June 1950. Development, Gogoside, for Halkshill Estate Ltd.
ACC Planning, A7222 May 1954. Change of use from waste ground to caravan site, Gogoside, for Halkshill Estate Ltd. Refused.

GOGOSIDE ROAD
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ACC Planning, A8723 June 1955. A.i.P, 28 feus, for John and Jenny Robertson.
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ACC Planning, A7089 March 1954. semi-detached bungalow, GR, for William Tyre.
ACC Planning, A8773 June 1955. Bungalow, GR, for William Tyre & Son.
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ACC Planning, A7651 August 1954. Bungalow, GsR, for William Gibb.
15-17
ACC Planning, A5563 February 1953. 2 semi-detached bungalows, GR, for William Kidd.
45, FLUSSH VILLA

Between 38 and 40, GOGOSIDE GARAGE

GOGOSIDE ROAD, OFF
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ACC Planning, 1251 November 1938, bungalow, off GR, for Robert McKimmie.

ACC Planning, 1626 May 1939, , bungalow, off GR, for Robert McKimmie

GREENHILL

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ACC Planning, A3110 December 1950. House, Greenhill, FR, for James Briggs.

3

ACC Planning, A3355 March 1951. 4-apt house, G, for Ian G. Jenkins.

2

ACC Planning, A4423 February 1952. Bungalow, G., for John S. Smith

GREENOCK ROAD

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ACC Planning, A1160 June 1949. Dance Restaurant, Greenock Road, for Henry Kemp. Refused April 1952. Appeal dismissed.

ACC Planning, 1682 May 1939. Bungalow, GR, for Mrs A. McLean.

ACC Planning, A5058 September 1952. House, GR, for William Mackie.

ACC Planning, A6863 January 1954. House, Greenock Road; Abercrombie & Maitland, Paisley, for H.K. Wakefield. Not built.

ACC Planning, A7128 April 1954. House, Greenock Road; John L. Edgar, Glasgow, for William Pearson. Not built.

ACC Planning, B141 June 1956. House, Greenock Road (landward); Thomas Smith, Coatbridge, for John Lees. Cancelled.

ACC Planning, 3412 February 1946. House, South Routenburn, Greenock Road, for Agnes Gordon.

ESPLANADE CAFÉ (NARDINI'S)

BUILDING

LMN 13.4.1935 Architect's impression of new super café, restaurant and ballroom. Thoroughly uptodate and the building and interior equipment has been designed on the most modern and elegant lines. Outside finished in Snowcrete and with a rustic base forms a most striking landmark on the front. Design: C Davidson & Son, Paisley.

LMN, 1.6.1935 Formally opened last Saturday. The massive soda fountain is a remarkable bit of work itself, and is in charge of an American expert dispenser. Contractors include: brick and joiner work - James Y Keanie, Johnstone; plumbers, Hunter & Goldie, Paisley; plaster and cement work, D S Lang, Paisley; asphalt, W G Walker & Sons, Ayr; painterwork, A Gilchrist & Sons, Glasgow. Soda fountain: Lumley & Co, London. Tables and chairs: W Lusty & Sons Ltd. London. Carpets: Clark & Co., Largs.

LMN 7.9.1935 Pietro Nardini died last Friday. He retired to Italy 2 years ago but returned to see the new super café. Came to Paisley over 40 years ago. 65. To be buried in family vault at Barga.

ACC Planning, 3043 May 1946. Alterations, EC, for P. Nardini and Sons.

ACC Planning, 5312 May 1948. Alterations, Greenock Road, for P Nardini & Sons.

ACC Planning, A1999 February 1950. Extension, Greenock Road, for P Nardini & Sons

Nr Closed 2004.

CONTEXT

Christopher Whyte, Euphemia and the Laughing Virgin, London, Gollancz, 1995 (ppbk, 1996, Indigo), ch 4, p145 in ppbk edition

"Going to Nardini's for an ice cream was her idea. A gentle rain was falling, though Arran was still in sunshine. They gazed through the glass panes at the stupendous seascape while she toyed lusciously with her chocolate sundae."

FAMILY

ASH, 26.7.1968, 5c The Nardini history of catering goes back to about 1888 when Pietro Nardini left Italy for Germany and finally came to Britain, selling china figures. When he arrived in Paisley he liked the town so much that he settled there and finally had ten shops in Paisley and one in Johnstone. The firm branched out in Largs in 1920 when the eldest son, Auguste, opened the Fryfare in Nelson Street. Four years later the Esplanade Café was built and it was officially opened by Mr Pietro Nardini in 1935.

By 1938 all the shops in Paisley and district had been sold and Mr Auguste Nardini's brothers, Nardino and Sandrino, had come to Largs to help with the

business. The firm continued to expand with the opening of a kiosk at Seamill and the Snack Basket in Main Street, Largs and now the Golden Grill has been opened.

In 1959 the firm became a limited company under the name of P Nardini & Sons Ltd. Mr Nardino Nardini's eldest son, Aldo, is now a director and other members of the family, including Pietro, another son of Nardino, and Fabrizio, son of Sandrino, are helping to operate the business.

ASH, 26.7.1968, 5h — Mr Augusto Nardini, senior partner of Messrs P Nardini & Sons Ltd., had conferred on him by the Italian Government the Cavaliere Usfeciale in recognition of his furtherance of good relations between this country and Italy. The award had the endorsement of the Queen and of the British Government.

--, COCHRANE BUILDINGS

Old List 9 — c.1840. 2 storey terrace; coursed stone blocks, painted stucco dressings, 12 sash windows in length; boxed parapet and cornice, ridge slate roof, hipped either end, modern dormers. 4 pilastered doorways with fanlights. St Helens and Ocean Grove Hotels. B.

VR 1900/01; VR 1910/11 — 1-4 Cochrane Place. Margaret Campbell or Marr

--, BROOKSBY

List 19 — Probably David and James Hamilton, architects. Built c.1840. Classical house with symmetrical west elevation. Polished ashlar with channelled and battered basement, windows with architraves or margins, band course above basement and ground floors, angle margins, modillion cornice and blocking course to all elevations. South entrance elevation: 2 storeys over basement. 3 bays. L bay deeply recessed with modern, harled, square lift shaft in re-entrant angle blocking original bipartite on W face. Central door, approached by steps with modern handrail; raised roundheaded fanlight. Projecting portico, entablature supported on 2 square piers with angles chamfered near base and capital; modillion cornice, and single 1st floor window above. Basement windows advanced in outer bays. Ground floor windows with pierced blind balustrade and cornice. 1st floor windows with blind balconies and shallow pediments over cornice raised on pilaster strips. West elevation: similarly detailed windows on outer bays, 3 central, taller advanced bays, basement projects to give ground floor terrace with parapet (originally supporting a verandah). 3 tall round-headed 8-pane sash windows to ground floor. Corniced windows above. North elevation: single windows and tripartite on each floor; east elevation has low flatroofed central extension and a variety of window openings. Grouped square stacks linked by cornices. Piended slate roof.

Interior: entrance hall with central Roman Doric screen opening to stair with corniced doors and stair with richly patterned later C19 cast-iron balustrade. Ground floor rooms refitted in later C19; coffered ceilings with egg and dart, bead and reel and leaf and vine mouldings. Room to SW decorated with grotesques and crests with names of literary figures.

Set behind low polished ashlar boundary wall with squat gatepiers. Rectangular walled garden enclosure to east. LMN 3.7.1897 describes house as being built about 60 years ago 'as a yachting residence for Mr Matthew Perston a prominent Glasgow merchant' but it does not appear in 1836/37 local Directory. Opened as a nursing home 26 June 1897. Refs: J & R Simpson, Largs and District Guide, 1899, p.15 and photo opposite p.13. A.

Davis — This large and imposing classical house of c.1840 was probably built to the designs of David and James Hamilton for a Glasgow merchant. It occupies a suburban site close to the centre of Largs. Brooksby became a convalescent home in 1897 and still operates as such.

AA Th 9.3.1848, 4g — Died at Brooksby, 14th curt (sic), infant daughter of Matthew Perston, Esq.

OS Name Book 1857 — "A large and elegant mansion built of freestone ... Robert Graham Esq is proprietor and occupier."

VR 1900/01; VR 1910/11 — Victoria Infirmary, Glasgow.

1, THE VANDUARA

VR 1929/30 - VR 1930/31 — Margaret Stewart Gavin.

VR 1937-38 — Prop: Mrs Annie Pettigrew Derby.

VR various — Seems to have previously been 10 Aubery Crescent, and in VR from at least VR 31/32, and as property of Annie P Derby (Mrs William Derby)

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NACRM, W/74/613 — 1975, 54 flats and 21 houses, for Walkerston Investments. **Crudens Ltd**.

8, AUCHENEAN VILLA

VR 1937-38 — Prop: P Nardini & Sons.

72-80, DUNRAVEN; CRESCENDO; BEECHWOOD; MOSELLE; GLEN ELDON (later THE ANCHORAGE

AA, Th 14.1.1864, 1f — Largs. Villas to sell:
Glen Eldon. on east side of Greenock turnpike, and p.p. by Miss Galloway. dd+4.
Moselle. adjoining Glen Eldon to the south, pp by Captain R G Thomson. dd+5.
Also 3 feus to the south of Moselle, bounded on the south by the new Brisbane Road.
The villas are 'quite new, elegant in style and substantially fitted up with every convenience. Dets from prop, Captain Thomson, or from John Boyd, writer, Largs, or John Emslie, writer, Ardrossan.
[VR refs suggest that M and GE are 78 and 80, and the feus 72-76. 72-76 were in common ownership in 1899/1900. Archibald Morris and family in Crescendo for much of early C20. 80 became The Anchorage in the 1930s]

---, MOORBURN

List 20 — Dated 1876. Asymmetrical Italianate villa; 2 storeys, square plan, with tower 2 storey 2 bay wing to E. Snecked stugged ashlar with polished dressings. S elevation: 3 bays. Central door, approached by steps, projecting porch supported by 2 square piers. Bold mutule cornice and decorative cast-iron balustrade over porch and also over projecting ground floor bipartite in advanced gabled left bay. 1st floor with round-headed glazed balcony door over porch. Architraved window in right bay below bracketed projecting bipartite; 1st floor tripartite in L bay. Lights in outer bays divided by colonettes, round-headed and with channelled voussoirs. Decorative gable heads and deeply projecting eaves. W elevation almost identical, minus doorway, canted ground floor window in right bay below bipartite with relieving arch above. Sash windows, mostly with pilastered jambs. S elevation of 2-bay wing to E has pilastered and corniced doorcase; simplified window details. End and axial stacks and slate roofs.
Interior: some panelling and decorative plasterwork, especially in entrance hall and stairs. B

VR 1900/01 — T.l. Robert Aitken

VR 1910/11 — T.l. James Fleck

ACC Planning, A1113 — June 1949. Car Park, Moorburn House, for Largs T.C.

ACC Planning, A1567 — October 1949. Greenhouse, Municipal Chambers, for Largs T.C.

ACC Planning, A4565 — April 1952. Public Toilets, Carpark behind Municipal Chambers, for Largs T.C.

STABLE BLOCK

List 20 cont — Stable block to NE is rubble-built with ashlar dressings. Off-centre segmental headed carriage entrance and round headed attic window in gable above; 2 windows to left, modern garage at right. Slate roof. B

OS Name Book 1857 — A neat building ... in the lawn is an artificial curling pond bounded by a sod bank of about one foot high."

TEMPORARY MARQUEE TO REAR

ACC Planning, 2518 — May 1943. Entertainment Pavilion, Moorburn, for Barrfields Entertainments Ltd.

ACC Planning, 2680 — March 1944. Alterations to temporary marquee, for Barrfield Entertainments Ltd.

26-28, BURNMOUTH VILLA

VR 1937-38 — Prop: Miss Morrises.

40, LARGS PARISH MANSE

OS Name Book 1857 — A handsome villa.

AA 8.10.1885 — A new manse is to be built - architect Allan Stevenson. [A compromise between minister, who had brought in Sellars to produce rough plans for new manse, and heritors, who had brought in Stevenson to prepare plans showing how old manse could be repaired.] [This site?]

MANSEFIELD

LNAFHS, Spr 2020, 9 — Hugh Morris Lang, senior, lived at Mansefield after he returned from St Croix. Married in Largs, 1832.

Riach, p.14 — Dr Hugh Lang of Mansefield, joined Free Church at Disruption (1843)

OS Name Book 1857 — A handsome villa. Proprietor and occupant, Hugh Lang, MD, Esq.

52, SPRINGFIELD

OS Name Book 1857 — "A substantial modern building ... occupied by Mr William Boyd, who keeps a boarding school for young ladies." Prop: Jane Boyd.

VR 1937-38 — Prop: Alexander Motherwell.

ACC Planning, A7376 — June 1954. Additions and alterations, Sprignfield Hotel, 52 GR; J A D Paton, for Mr & Mrs Alexander Ewing.

ACC Planning, A7911 — November 1954. Sun Lounge, SH; J A D Paton, for Alexander and Ann Ewing.

ACC Planning, B469 — September 1956. Cocktail Bar, &c. SH; J A D Paton, for Alexander and Ann Ewing.

SOUTH KIRKLAND

OS Name Book 1857 — A marine villa, divided into 2 ... for summer visitors. Prop: Miss Jane Boyd."

60, HUTTON PARK (HOTEL, 1950s)

OS Name Book 1857 — A handsome marine villa. Prop: Thomas H Inglis. Occ: Robert Orr.

VR 1937-38 — Prop: T.l. Sir William Reid

SA 1/3 October 1938 — 30 houses are to be built at Hutton Park by William Tyre & Son, builders. Own architects.

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ACC Planning, A834 — April 1949. Planning permission, Greenock Road/Hutton Park Crescent, for Margaret Tyre.

ACC Planning, A2247 — April 1950. Completion of house (A834), Greenock Road, for Alexander T. Dewar.

ACC Minutes, 1950 I, 84, TPC 9.5.1950 — Begun pre-war but work stopped roughly at first floor level. A2247 proposes completion with a flat roof.

78, MOSELLE

ACC Planning, A5619 — February 1953. Change of use from house to private hotel.

WOODBANK

OS Name Book 1857 — A good dwellinghouse. Property of Dr Hunter.

SRC, WSC 22.5.1984, 519 — NT. Housing development, Woodbank, for Lawrence Building Co Ltd.

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ACC Planning, 4027 — November 1946. Bungalow, 96GR, for Alex Simpson, junior. VRs suggest may be a house in grounds, with inhabitant occupier.

100, ROSEBANK (HOTEL)

OS Name Book 1857 — A plain but very neat dwelling.

ACC Planning, 3972 — October 1946. Alterations, R, for Myra Smith. [ACC, TPC 12.11.1946, **J A D Paton**, agent]

ACC Planning, B1935 — November 1957. Subdivision (2 flats) of Rosebank Hotel; J A D Paton, for Tom and Phyllis Thorne. [Not done? - still listed as hotel in VR 1960/61 (Annie Madden)]

106. MORVEN

ACC Planning, 1122 — August 1938. Formation of house above existing garage, for Miss A B Williams. Fryers & Penman.

112, ELMBANK VILLA, with LODGE

C1851 — Hugh Kerr, doctor, worked in St Croix; spo, Adriana Heyliger. He died 1854.

OS Name Book 1857 — A neat building. Occupier, Mr Monteith.

Fl c.1900? — Major Alexander H Eckford (1837-1914), Indian army and Provost. His wife, Elizabeth, was the daughter of Hugh Kerr, died 1854

VR 1911/12 - 1919/20 — Dr Robert Munro MD

VR 1920/21 - 1926/27 — Miss Dona Munro, liferentrix

VR 1927/28 - 1928/29 — Robert Lorimer, advocate

VR 1929/30 - 1934/35	Andrew Potter Lusk
VR 1935/36 - 1941/42	Helen Agnes Lusk
VR 1942/43 - 1946/47	Helen L Hill
VR 1947/48	ELMBANK HOTEL. Janet Brown
VR 1948/49 - 1950/51	Janet Brown
ACC Planning, A2431	June 1950. Subdivision, for Janet Brown

Thereafter, with first props as follows: one may be the lodge

VR 1951/52 - 1953/54	Janet Brown (VR 1972/73*, Ann Ewing)
VR 1951/52 - 1962/63	Helen Inglis (VR 1972/73*, Paul and Helen Brian)
VR 1951/52 - 1954/55	Margaret Murray (VR 1972/73*, Thomas and Janet Lyle)
VR 1951/52 - 1957/58	Jean B Cairns. [VR 1958/59 - 1964/65, General Electric Co Ltd., Hunterston] (VR 1972/73*, Robert and Joanna Muir)
VR 1951/52 - 1953/54	William Strachan (VR 1972/73*, Williamina Keeley)

112 (a new house?)

VR 1959/60 - 1972/73*	Jean B Cairns

118, LANDOUR

OS Name Book 1857	A handsome building. Residence of Thomas McCunn, Esq.
Sasine References	Major p.o.g is "1A 2R 12P extending from the top of the bank of the wood to new Largs Greenock turnpike, bot SW by Greenock road". Also pog on seaward side of road. FD not yet found
	John Boyd of Waterside, writer, Largs and John Allan, s/time manufacturer, Glasgow
	Janet Carrick, and her husband William Miller Buchanan, late assistant surgeon, EICo, Bengal, currently in Largs

	1844	2401 of 1845	2295.3
T.l. Thomas McCunn	1868	3655 of 1868	3629.145
Thomas and William McCunn	1882	3733 of 1882	374.17
William McCunn	1884	6106 of 1884	409.76
T.l. William McCunn	1897	2418 of 1897	912.73

VR 1912/13 - 1913/14	T.l. Anderson Turner, Dowanhill
VR 1914/15 - 1919/20	Jeanie (Mrs William P.) Rutherford
VR 1920/21 - 1972/73*	Marist Brothers.
ACC Planning, 4567	July 1947. Alterations, 118GR, for Marist Brothers.
ACC Planning, A7962	November 1954. Nissen hut (renewal), for St Columba's Preparatory School, Landour, for Marist Brothers, per Brother Urban.

124, NORTHFIELD [later known as St COLUMBA'S COLLEGE]

List 22	In the style of David and James Hamilton. c.1830. Asymmetrical 2-storey villa with Tudor details. Harled with ashlar dressings and porch. S elevation: 7 bays; off-centre door behind basket-arched gabled porch; single window above, and single windows in L bay (hoodmoulded and blind at ground floor); tall, paired, corbelled, octagonal wallhead stack. Advanced gabled bay to R has hoodmoulded sashes with lying pane glazing and round headed attic light. 3 bays beyond to R, outer with advanced gable and lying-pane sashes. W elevation has 4 bays, 2 outer advanced and gabled; projecting ground floor window to L and canted window to R, 1st floor windows hoodmoulded. Central ground floor sashes with hoodmoulds, 1st floor windows basket-arched, eaves course raised above and finialled. Octagonal gable-head, wall-head and ridge stacks; gable finials. Slate roof, with decorative ridge tiles.
	Similar in style to Priory lodge which is identified as being by David and James Hamilton. B.
Davis	Similar in style to David and James Hamilton's Priory Lodge and probably, therefore, also designed by them. Northfield is thought to date from c.1830. A wing to the rear is said to have been added in 1870. Northfield was the home of the Henderson family who owned a shipping line. It more recently became St Columba's College before returning to use as a private house.
Sasine Reference	Subjts at Largs now known as Northfield described as 2R 4F o.g. on SW side of Largs Greenock Road, and 2A 13F o.g. bot SW by turnpike, bg parts of lands of North Kirkland. FDisp between Brisbanes and

Mary, Elizabeth, John (female) and Janet Robertson, daughters of John Robertson, sometime banker, Glasgow, with consent of John Paterson, builder and mason, Largs
1834 1852 of 1834 240.139

OS Name Book 1857 — A neat residence. Occupied by Mrs Robertson.

Sasine Reference — Trustees of Mary, Elizabeth & John Robertson
1861 556 of 1861 426.259

Riach, p.32 — Charles Watson, minister, St John's, lived here from 1868 after his marriage to Miss Crum. He died 14 Jan 1908.

Sasine Reference — Rev Charles Watson, FC Minister, Largs and his spouse Mary Gray Crum
1873 3988 of 1873 93.7

VR 1900/01 — N. Rev Charles Watson and his spouse Mary Gray Crum or Watson.
VR *1910/11 - 1919/20 — John Henderson, retired manufacturer
VR 1920/21 - 1921/22 — Exors late John Henderson
VR 1922/23 - 1943/44 — Mrs Frances Amelia Henderson
VR 1944/45 - 1971/72 — Annie D.L. Ferguson.
VR 1972/73* — Marist Brothers

GARDEN FOLLY

Davis — In the garden stands a small ornamental building constructed from pumice stone.

130, HOLLYWOOD [on site of UNDERBANK]
UNDERBANK

McSherry, Largs, 35 — 1873, for the Holms family.
VR 1911/12 - 1915/16 — William Holms-Kerr, stockbroker
VR 1916/17 - 1919/20 — T.l. William Holms Kerr. Janet Holms-Kerr, widow, tenant
VR 1920/21 - 1935/36 — Andrew Crawford, ship-owner, later described as shipbroker
VR 1936/37 — Robert Davidson - empty

HOLLYWOOD

nr — Hollywood Hotel was built 1935 as extension of Underbank; architect? T G MacLachlan, Ayr.
VR 1937/38 - 1940/41 — Robert Davidson, hotel proprietor
VR 1941/42 - 1946/47 — Robert Davidson. The Admiralty, tenant

Bernard Fergusson, The Watery Maze, London, Collins, 1961, pp 228-229, 272-281, 321, 413
Originally requisitioned in October 1941 as HQ for the Expeditionary Force and Combined Training Centre, for Pilgrim, *alias* Puma, which was the project to capture the Atlantic Islands (Canary Islands). Known as HMS *Warren*. In June-July 1943 HMS *Warren* was the venue for a conference, code name Rattle, at which the nature of the re-invasion of the continent was decided and agreed.

Warlow, 115 — QUEBEC II. Hollywood Hotel. Combined Operations centre. Commissioned 12.9.1941 as additional Base Ship, independent command. Paid Off 31.3.1942. (MONCK commissioned at Largs 1.4.1942 - qv)
HQ of Joint Air, Military Naval Staff. Flag struck. Hotel had been HQ Rear Admiral Commanding Northern Patrol from 2.9.1940 (ex Kirkwall). Flag Struck 10.6.1941, and later had been allocated as a Naval Hospital. Flag of Commandant, CTC, Inveraray (QUEBEC) transferred to QUEBEC II 10.3.1942 as Vice Admiral Combined Training. Nominal Depot Ship: Motor Boat T26 (ex Moja) from 12.9.1941.

Warlow, 152 — WARREN. Largs, Combined Operations base. Commissioned 12.10.1942. Flag of Rear Admiral Combined Operations. Paid Off 31.12.1946, retard party remained.
Also HQ FO Commanding Overseas Assault Forces. Hollywood Hotel was part of the establishment. Aircraft Recognition School to Dinosaur 2.6.1945. Nominal Depot Ship: HSL 3945 from 12.10.1942 to April 1943, then Harbour launch (S) 301 from April 1943.

Brochure (nd, probably late 1930s) — "The hotel itself was originally a private mansion house, but it has been entirely reconstructed and redecorated, and a large new wing has been added to it, containing a ballroom, a sun lounge, an excellent cocktail bar, and an indoor salt water swimming pool measuring 45 feet by 25 feet." Photocopy herewith: original in possession of Jean Kennedy.

VR 1947/48 — Trustees of Robert Davidson

VR 1948/49 - VR 1952/53 Convalescent Home. Co-operative Convalescent Homes Ltd.

ACC Planning, A1467 September 1949. Alterations, to form additional bedrooms, for S.C.W.S. Convalescent Homes Ltd. **K.F. Masson**, architect.

ACC Planning, A3174 January 1951. 2 4-apt semi-detached houses, H, for Co-operative Convalescent Homes Ltd.

ACC Planning, A4349 January 1952. Convert coach-house into two houses, H, for Co-operative Convalescent Homes Ltd.

VR 1953/54 - 1964/65 Home, 2 houses. Co-operative Convalescent Homes Ltd.

Fergusson (above), 413 [1961] "The Hollywood Hotel at Largs, *alias* HMS *Warren*, is now a Co-operative Society's Convalescent Home."

VR 1965/66 - 1972/73* Home, 4 houses. Co-operative Convalescent Homes Ltd.

McSherry, Largs, 35 Closed 1982.

nr Demolished 1985.

---, DANEFIELD

List 23 Dated 1883. Large asymmetrical mansion house with Scots Baronial detailing. 2 storey and attic over raised basement. Yellow ashlar with polished red sandstone dressings and band courses. South elevation: projecting porch at W corner covering steps leading to door in raised ground floor. Elliptical-arched doorway in shallow billet-moulded panel, datestone in ball-finialed pedimented gable. Gabled bay above door corbelled over ground floor, smaller gabled bay to right of tall, corbelled stack with shafted flues. Recessed bay at L, out back at 1st floor with boldly corbelled canted attic bay. Windows on all elevations mainly mullion and transom at ground, mullioned above; some 3-light attic windows. W elevation: gabled bay at R with corbelled slender engaged columns flanking 1st floor and attic. Conical roofed round tower at N with door on NE face. East elevation: large projecting stair tower, with corners chamfered and corbelled to square at upper level. Large mullioned and transomed 1st floor window to L. Large grouped brick stacks, and slate roofs.

Edward Hubbard, The Work of John Douglas, London, 1991, 256

John Douglas, Chester, architect. House, Largs, Ayrshire, for W G Crum. Refs: BA, 26, 1886; JD's obituary in Chester Chronicle.

NAFHS Journal 85, Autumn 2023, pp 33-38 ('The Crum Family, Thornliebank, Glasgow), p.36

Danefield built for Jessie Graham Crum (1834-1912). It seems to have paid for by her brother, William Graham Crum (1836-1926), who was living (C1881) at Mere Old Hall, Cheshire, [hence the link to Douglas].

Davis This towered mansion with its tall chimneys and striking use of stone columns is dated 1883. One instantly thinks of William Leiper as possible architect of this exciting house which combines English Manorial with possibly Scottish Baronial details. However, the inspiration may have been derived from French architecture rather than from an eclectic mix of British styles. At any rate, the mansion composes well and is of considerable architectural significance.

Sas Abr 3632/1882 372.133 1882, Feu Disp to W G Crum. 2A 3R 2P.

Sas Abr 6225/1884 411.21 1884, new Feu Disp of a total area of 8A 2R 14½P.

nr Conversion of stables to house, 1982-1988, for Eric McMillan**: McMillan & Cronin**, architects, Largs.

STABLE BLOCK

List 23, cont L-plan single storey and loft stable block to N linked to house by depressed arched entrance. Variety of square headed door and window openings on courtyard elevations, 2 gabled loft entrances above. West elevation with single and mullioned windows, banded courses of masonry and 1 swept-roof and 2 piended dormers. Small finialed ventilator, brick stack and steeply piended slate roof.

nr Conversion of stables to house, 1982-1988, for Eric McMillan, of **McMillan & Cronin**, Largs, architects.

LODGE and GATES

List 23, cont Possible c.1883. L-plan single storey. Squared red sandstone rubble with ashlar dressings. Raised on plinth, door and windows all with roll-moulded jambs, windows mostly with gabled heads. Door with canopy recessed on south elevation, and low, modern flat-roofed 3-bay extension to E. Ridge stack, and steep pitch piended slate roof. Square-plan chamfered gatepiers

have ball finials on curved plinths. Decorative cast-iron gates with ogival detailing. B

VALUATION ROLLS

Danefield. [NB, seems to have been Largs Landward [LL] until 1948. In Largs Burgh VRs from 1948/49.

Fl 1886 Miss Crum of Danefield: donor of a window, St John's, 1886

VR 1911/12 - 1912/13 [LL] William Graham Crum, calico printer, Auchenbowie, Bannockburn. Jessie Graham Crum, spinster, tenant.

VR 1913/14 [LL] William Graham Crum, calico printer, Longworth Manor, Farringdon, Berks

VR 1914/15 - 1929/30 [LL] Charles Taylor Cockburn, chemist

VR 1930/31 [LL] Eliza Reid Cockburn

VR 1931/32 - 1947/48 not seen

VR 1948/49 - 1972/73* Dorothy J. S. Kelly. Appears to be some form of sub-division from mid 1950s: see below

House, Danefield

VR 1954/55 - 1956/57 Andrew Gilmour

VR 1957/58 - 1963/64 Jessie F.S. Gilmour

VR 1964/65 - 1966/67 Robert Smith

VR 1967/68 - 1969/70 Robert Smith, Meigle - empty

VR 1970/71 - 1972/73* Robert Smith

House, Danefield [from VR 1966/67, House, AF)

VR 1956/57 - 1958/60 John A Lister

VR 1960/61 - 1961/62 Andrew and Mrs Harley

VR 1962/63 William and Margaret Sinclair

VR 1963/64 - 1964/65 Richard and Gaynor Clarke

VR 1965/66 - 1967/68 Norman Padley

VR 1968/69 - 1972/73* John MvKinnon

House, Danefield (from VR 1966/67, House, GF)

VR 1956/57 - 1967/68 Daniel Skinner

VR 1968/69 - 1971/72 Marian and Florence Gadja

VR 1972/73* Florence Gadja

--, KIOSK

ACC Planning, 2297 September 1941. Kiosk, GRE, for Harry Kemp.

152-162 These may be part of the Mactaggart & Mickel development at Danefield - see Danefield Avenue

CLYDE COLLEGE See ROUTENBURN

170, SOUTH ROUTENBURN

ACC Planning, 3412 February 1946. House, SR, GkR, for Angus Gordon. Appears to be gardener's house, first noted in VR 47/48.

ACC Planning, A4376 February 1952. Subdivision (2 flats), SR; **J.A.D. Paton**, for Angus Gordon.

172 APPIN Landward in mid1950s

ACC Planning, A6117 June 1953. Bungalow, GR, for Alexander Clark.

176, WHITEHOUSE

ACC Planning, B1580 August 1957. 4A bungalow, GR; J A D Paton, for Edith Young.

194, DALMHOR

NEWHAVEN

SRC, W&SC, 30.10.1979, 1377 NT. Walkerston Investments.

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