LARGS HARBOUR

List 27 — Built 1832-1834. L-plan pier. Coursed tooled rubble with some concrete alterations and wooden buffers. Wooden steps at SW corner. Later concrete slip entering harbour at angle of no historic interest. Refs : RHP 13055; Groome, iv, 470; NSA, v, 804-805. CS

Hume — Built 1834. An L-plan masonry pier, the head of which is used by passenger steamers. To the North are the remains of a ramped rubble ferry pier.

David C Kerr, 'McKellar's Boats', in Scottish Local History, 53, Winter 2001, 19
'However, a pier was already being constructed by the Largs Pier & Harbour Company, formed by local people in 1832. The new pier opened in 1834 at a cost of £4275.'

AO, Tu 26.6.1832, 4c — Proposed. Contracts are open until 5.7.1832, for completion by May 1833.

AO, Tu 15.1.1833, 4c — Foundation Stone laid Thursday last. CE: **John Gibb** of Aberdeen. Contractors: **Forbes & Sutherland**.

AA, Th 17.1.1833 — Foundation stone of pier laid last Thursday.

OS Name Book 1857 — Foundation stone laid 10 January 1833. First landing here 1 December 1834. Cost £4275. Owned by 31 £50 shareholders.

ASH, Sa 20.2.1864, 6f — Quoting writer in NBDM. Nearly 30 years since built - company is indifferent to people, do nothing but collect dues. Needs repairs, and better lighting. "In proof of the mismanagement of the pier and utter indifference of the company to the convenience of passengers, while carts of guano, flour, meal, potatoes and coal, and cattle and sheep crowd the pier, ladies in carriages are not allowed to drive beyond the weighing machine. I ned hardly allude to the manner in which empty fish boxes and beer casks are allowed to stand in the very centre of the thoroughfare".

SERVICES

EG 5426, Tu 29.4.1845, 138c — John Stewart, Crescent, Largs, gives notice that he has sold, on 22.4.1845, his shares in the Glasgow, Largs & Millport Steam Packet Co.

ROYAL NAVY

See Also THE MOORINGS (COPRA), HOLLYWOOD HOTEL (QUEBEC II and WARREN)

MONCK

Warlow, 95-96 — Largs/Port Glasgow/Rosneath, HQ Combined Training.
Commissioned 1.4.**1942** (Quebec II (qv) at Largs paid off 31.3.1942). Paid Off 30.9.**1946**. Retard party for 1 month. HQ of Senior Officer Assault Ships and Craft. Was HQ Combined Training at Largs, Vice Admiral Combined Training and Staff Largs to London 27.7.1942. Approved to expand 19.11.1942. Included FO Carrier Training, RN Barracks, Landing Craft Base Port Port Glasgow and ICE School Rosneath by 1944. Nominal depot Ships: MB Moja (T26) 1.4.42-January 1943; RAF Launch 412, January 1943 - February 1944; Eureka PB 357 from February 1944.

TRANSPORT

ROAD

GOGO WATER BRIDGE

McSherry, Largs, 32 — First bridge demolished by floods of August 1910. Replacement March 1911, dedicated to memory of Sir Thomas Makdougall Brisbnae.

PARKING RESTRICTIONS

EG, Tu 4.4.1961, 205ab — Waiting prohibited on some roads, and restricted on others, in town centre. See Ref.

RAIL

RENFREW & AYR COUNTIES RAILWAY

EG 5482, Tu 11.11.1845 — Bill. Proposed line from Greenock to Largs, with a branch to Gourock.

LINE FROM GPKAR

EG, F 14.11.1845, 596ab — Bill. Proposed railway line from the GPKAR at Beith to Largs, with a branch from Hourat to Dalry.

STATION

AA, 21.5.1885 — The bridge over the Gogo burn being erected by Messrs Arrol Brothers, Glasgow, is now nearly complete. The station is growing a-pace and will not take very long to finish. Mr Thomas Lamb, Glasgow, is the contractor for it. Yesterday a train of 2 carriages steamed into the new station with about 12 Directors of the GSWR to inspect the new works, thus inaugurating a direct train service to Largs.

LMWN, W 12.4.2017 — Services began on Monday, 1st June 1885.

AA, 17.9.1885 — Contractors - Goods Shed, Largs Station. GSWR.

Scots Pictorial, 15.3.1899 — Article, illustrated, on proposed continuation of railway from Largs to Skelmorlie, to link with Wemyss Bay line. Plans include new pierhead buildings, &c. See illustrations. Not proceeded with.

BI 45/538 January 1935 — Plans for a new station under consideration by LMSR.

A 4.1.1935 — The LMSR are considering plans for the replacement of the present wooden station with offices, restaurant, shops, &c.

BI 47/553 April 1936 — Plans, including shops on the frontage, have been passed by the Dean of Guild Court.

INDUSTRY

DISTILLERY

AA, Th 9.6.1831, 4d — William King, distiller, Largs, has been sequestrated.

LEATHER GOODS FACTORY, Lade Street

ACC Planning, 4952 — January 1948. Leather Goods Factory, Lade Street, for John Paterson.

UTILITIES

GASWORKS, Gateside Street

Plaque — 1932. Burgh Engineer: William Marshall. Builders: Henry Balfour & Co Ltd., Leven.

Frazer Street

ACC Planning, 5289 — May 1948. Alterations, Gas Works, Frazer Street, for Largs T.C.

SEWAGE PUMPING/FILTERING PLANT, Buchanan Street

ACC Planning, A6572 — October 1953. Sewage Pumping and Filtering Plant, Buchanan Street, for Largs T.C.

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