Johnston — 1275, Mayboill. Gaelic, *magh baoghail*, "plain or moor of danger".

AA 9.5.1889 — Grey Street = Kirkwynd
Reform Place = Kirkport

ACC, PC 13.11.1951, 91-92 — Proposed for listing by the Department of Health for Scotland, and reported to ACC by A M Rosie, County Planning Officer:-
5 Cassillis Tce - Parish Church - 16-18 Cassillis Road - Factory, St Cuthberts - Castle - 17-21 KirkWynd - 33 Castle St - 34 Castle St - Tolbooth - John Knox House - Collegiate Church.
Rosie doesn't think factory should be listed, and notes that Kirk Wynd and Castle Street are in ultimate clearance area.

HISTORY

BURGH OF BARONY, 1516

Reg Mag Sig, III, no.112 — Charter granted by James V to Gilbert, Earl of Cassillis, "et ega prepositum et prebandarios ecclesie collegiate de Mauboille, et pro edificiis fabricandis in villa de Mauboille", and creates the town of Maybole a free Burgh of Barony. dated 14.11.1516.

Census, 1821, 496 — One female, 100+. 'The increase of trade has been considerable in this parish.'

Census, 1831 — Maybole, 23 fishermen. 'The improved state of manufacture in the latter place [i.e. Maybole] has tended to increase the population.'

Census, 1841 — Increase attributed 'partly to an erroneous return (in 1831) … and partly to an influx of workmen at Grange, in the service of the Ayr Water Co. A few persons have emigrated since 1831.'

AA, Th 5.10.1893, 6f — [In terms of of new Burgh Police Act, Maybole's Police Commissioners will be reduced from 12 to 9, having a population less than 10,000]. Maybole Police Commissioners petitioning Sheriff Court for a reduction in the burgh boundaries (to those of the Water District), but also wish to retain 12 Commissioners. [See also Girvan]

CO3/8/2/1, 283, Standing Joint Cttee 24.7.1894 — Implies that the burgh has been reduced in size.

1896, Inspector Galbraith acting as Sanitary Inspector for Maybole (Maybole, Kirkmichael, Kirkoswald, Dailly, Straiton). Only serving police officer in Ayrshire still taking on this role.

1913 (EG 12539, Tu 18.2.1913, 189a) — Have adopted House Letting and Rating (Scotland) Act, 1911.

DESCRIPTIONS

Abercrummie 1680/1696 — "It hath one principall street, declining towards the east ... with houses on both sydes built of freestone, and it is beautifyed with the situation of two castles, one at each end of the street. That on the east belongs to the Earle of Cassillis; beyond which, eastward, stands a great new building which be his granaries. On the west end is a castle, which belonged sometime to the Laird of Blairquhan, which is now the Tolbuith, and is adorned with a pyramide, and a row of ballesters round it, raised upon the top of the stairecase, into which they have mounted a fyne clock. There be four lanes which passe from the principal street; one is called the Back Vennel, which is steep, declining to the south-east, and leads to a lower street, which is far longer than the high chief street, and it runs from the Kirklands to the Welltrees; in which there have been many pretty buildings belonging to the severall gentry of the countrey, who were wont to resort thither in winter, and divert themselves in converse together in their owne houses It was once the principal street of the towne, but many of

these houses of the gentry being decayed and ruined, it has lost much of its ancient beautie. Just opposite to this venall there is another that leads north west from the chief street to the green, which is a pleasant plott of ground enclosed with an earthen wall, wherein they were wont to play at foot-ball, but now at the gowffe and byasse bowls. At the east end of the principall street are 2 lanes: the one, called the Foull Venall carryes northward: the other furder east, upon the chiefe street, passes to the south-east and is called the Kirk Venall and is the great resort of the people from the towne to the church".
[The refs to various town houses, filed at High Street, are taken from Robert Pitcairn's notes to the 1836 reprint of Abercrummie.]

[1886] Apart from the Tolbooth, Maybole Castle, and the Collegiate Church, "a few old houses are still traceable ... but they are fast disappearing".

GENERAL

AP, F 7.6.2013, 22 [1963] Fifty Years Ago. Dutch firm of flower growers has called a new tulip, Maybole. Chosen because it is 'such a lovely name.'

PROVOSTS

MARSHALL	1885-1894	Died 1916, was, from 1877, sole partner in Jacks. See Card Index.
John McCUBBIN	1927-1936	
James McCULLOCH	1936-1942	
John GIBSON	1942-1944	Resigned, as Provost and Councillor, AP F 6.10.1944, 6f.
Thomas HICKS	-1947	
Alexander BURNS	1947-1951	Blane, 8
James Thornton GRAY	1951-1954	
Tom MURRAY	1954 -1957	Appointed. AA, Th 13.5.1954, 15a
John DUNLOP	1957-1960	
Sarah D DUNN	1960-1963	Blane 52: sister to John D Watt, a provost of Prestwick.
James MACRAE	1966-1969	

OFFICIALS, &c

TOWN CLERK

William HANNAY
Fl 1851. See Card Index

James GIBSON 1876-1932
Blane, 58: "veteran town clerk", died 5th March 1932.

James M GIBSON, 1932
Blane, 55. Succeeded his father, but briefly, and retired in November 1932.

David BRIGGS, 1933 - 1964
AP, F 11.2.1977, 2 Has died, aged 77.

John R ('Jack') BOYD
Fl 1975

BURGH SURVEYOR

Archibald PEDDIE
-1925 Blane, 57

James Mayne JOHNSTONE
1926-1944 Blane, 57. Previously at Jedburgh, and began work in March 1926
Blane 56: Retired on 15th April 1944. Balne 57/58: became a Maybole councillor, 1945-46, but then left Maybole and finally emigrated to, and died in, Sydney.

A H McCORQUODALE
1944 - 1947 Began on 8th May 1944 Came from Inverkeithing. [Blane 56]

Is leaving to become B.S. at Lanark. [AP, F 28.2.1947, 5c]

Alexander BROWN
1947-1949 — Has been appointed to succeed McCorquodale. He is presently Assistant B.S., Irvine. [AP, F 28.2.1947, 5c]
Resigned after misuse of public property, December 1949. [Blane, 2]

Alexander GORDON
1950 - 1952 — Appointed in March 1950. Has been appointed BS, Inverkeithing. [AA, Th 20.11.1952, 14a]

Archibald A ALEXANDER
1952 - — Has been appointed. A native of Galston, and for past 2 years Assistant BS, Troon. [AA, Th 5.2.1953, 14e]

Fl 1967

BURGH TREASURER

John FISHER - 1930
William A HASTIE 1931 - — AP 19.12.1930: Has been appointed, having been 2 years assistant to Fisher. Takes up office on 1.1.1931. Native of Stirling.

UNSORTED

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AA, Th 14.7.1808, 4a — Cassillis Arms. William Poe has moved to the west end of town "where he has now fitted up a New Inn in the most handsome manner."

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AA, Th 22.12.1808, 1a — To feu, the park of Dr Logan fronting the Main Street. Plan with proprietor, and with Quintin Jamieson, postmaster. To form 2 lots on Main Street, and 5 on the park, running north to south, with communication with Main Street and Weaver Vennel.

AA, Th 26.7.1821, 1d — For sale: dwelling house, stable and garden, fronting the Girvan road, property of and presently possessed by Hugh Dunn, carrier, Maybole. "The stable is newly built, has a slated roof, and excellent loft, and can accommodate five horses."

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AA, Th 23.8.1821, 1e — For sale: new and substantial slated dwelling house at west end. 2 storeys, and garrets, with small house behind, large garden, &c., all as p.p. by Captain John Bell. Also for sale, the park adjoining, which is suitable for feuing, with frontages to Main Street and "street leading to the Spout of Welltrees."

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AA, Th 28.1.1841, 1b — For sale, or to let. House "situated above the church", with garden and field, totalling c. 2A. House is "well-furnished" and commands "an extensive view and although completely in the country is within a few minutes walk of the town of Maybole." Dets, Walter Andrews, solicitor.

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AA, Th 27.1.1876, 6c — That well-known inn so long occupied by the late Alexander Thomson has been demolished. It has been acquired by Alexander Guthrie, baker, and he is building a house of two storeys, with two ground floor shops. Mr Sym is the builder, and Mr Hunter the joiner.

BALFOUR, Andrew, builder
AA, Th 20.3.1828, 4d — His properties for sale, in Maybole and Kirkoswald, by his Trustees. The Maybole properties are:-
Two two-storey houses "lately built" lying nearly opposite Duncanland Toll, with gardens in front, "all fronting the road formerly leading from the Kirklands of Maybole to St John's Cottage."

Building Plot fronting the new public road to Ayr, near Duncanland Toll, and adjoining large slated house presently possessed by said Andrew Balfour.

BELL, THOMAS, Junior
AA, Th 20.3.1828, 4d — His properties for sale. One is "next Welltrees", with others described in relation to it, and another is "opposite the Burgher Church", with one property described in relation to it.

BUNGALOW FOR R SMITH, MAYBOLE
DSA — (c1925-56), **James Houston**

CO-OP
NMRS Sheaf Catalogue — Sketch plans, Carrick Provident Co-op, nd, **J Murdoch**, Ayr.

FORESTERS HALL
AA 14.9.1893 — Ancient Order of Foresters. Memorial Stone of building at present being erected laid last Saturday.

GREENLAW'S HOUSE
ACC Planning, 3744 — July 1946. Alterations to Mr Greenlaw's house, for Ayr County Council.

KINGS ARMS
AA, Th 23.2.1871, 1d — To let. Has been occupied for more than 40 years by late James Rennie.

MASONIC TEMPLE
AP 14.10.1921 — Consecrated last Saturday. **George P Greenlaw**, architect.

MAYBURGH COTTAGE
AA, Th 13.3.1828, 1e — For sale. Near Duncanland Tollbar and "quite new."

'NEW HOUSE'
AA, Th 13.8.1807, 1b — Details of Orchard and Roaston, Kirkmichael, to be had from "Mr Pagan, New House, Maybole.'

SHOP
AO, Tu 23.4.1833, 1b — Shop to let, opposite the Cassillis Arms. 'The property is newly built, and finished to meet modern style'.

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