MILLPORT BURGH
GENERAL, ARCHAEOLOGY, ESTATE AGENTS' DETAILS and PUBLIC OFFICIALS, &c.

GENERAL COMMENT

AA, Th 10.2.1831, 3e — We understand the Marquis of Bute has resumed feuing on shores of Rothesay and Millport Bays, and is also willing to grant villa feus in the Kyles of Bute.

AO, Tu 19.3.1833, 4b — Work is about to start on a 'handsome pier' ... 'for the benefit of those families who are in the habit of frequenting [Cumbrae] during the summer months'. A road around the island is 'in contemplation'. Millport 'is one of the most interesting and best frequented bathing places on the west coast'.

William Davidson, Observations on the Climate of Largs, with Notices of the other principal Watering-places on the Clyde, and their general Characteristics, Edinburgh Medical and Surgical Journal, lxix, 1848, 32-39.
[Article in "Ayrshire - General" at Holidays]
"... Millport is a very pleasant, rural and retired watering-place, has beautiful views and a sheltered walk through the centre of the island. From its mild climate, dry soil and good accommodation, it has within these few years become a favourite resort".

Imp Gaz, II, 422 [1855/65] — "Millport depends, to a large extent, for its support on the influx during summer of temporary residents from Glasgow; it wears almost wholly and even characteristically the aspect of a sea-bathing quarter, and it has steadily risen and maintained its footing in popular favour."

Hamilton Advertiser, Sa 2.8.1856 2d; Sa 16.8.1856 3c
Letters (humorous) about habits of Hamiltonian young women in Millport.

1933-34 VALUATION ROLL — Extracts from CO 5/4/2/2 in Glasgow City Archives File.

1950s
Bill Paterson, Tales From the Back Green, London, Hodder & Stoughton, 2008, ch. The Last Days of Eden (pp 110-119).
PHOTOCOPY herewith.

CROCODILE ROCK
J R D Campbell, Millport & The Cumbraes, Irvine, 1975, 8
Identified and first painted, c.1913, by **Robert Brown**, a retired Glasgow architect. A letter of thanks was sent to Brown, 13 July 1913.
Scots Mag, n.s, vol 111, no.1, April 1979
It was first painted about 1900 by a Robert Brown, a retired architect from Glasgow. One day Mr Brown was standing at the door of a pub in Glasgow Street when he was asked how many he had had to drink that day. When it was suggested, "Just the usual?", Brown replied, "Aye, aye, just that, but I have an idea that rock is awful like a crocodile". Next day Mr Brown was to be seen painting the rock and it has remained painted the same colours, with frequent renovations, ever since. [Letter from R W A Swain, Bolton le Sands].

MILLPORT BURGH COUNCIL

OFFICIALS

COUNCIL, 1878
Earl of Glasgow; Robert Robertson, William Wishart; Robert Tyre, William Allan, Alexander Brown, James Gillies, James Robertson.
(Cumbrae School Board was Glasgow, John Macgown, Alexander Smart, William Crawford; James Ross, clerk,)

BURGH SURVEYOR

Robert ADAM	B.S. in 1903
John DYMOCK	Appointed 18 October 1912. retired 1947
John RUSSELL	Appointed 1 February 1947.
A GAMBLE	June 1956 – December 1959, when offered post with Ayr County Council Water Dept in Ayr

UNSORTED

AUCHENGREE HOUSE, Bute Terrace
Glasgow Property Index 1898 — Unsold. Upset: £1250.

CAMBRA COTTAGE
C1881 — James P Keigwin, Episcopal Clergyman. See Cathedral: People.

CRAIGENROSS HOUSE
C1881 — T.R.H.H. Noyes, Episcopal Clergyman. See Cathedral: People.

CRAIGIE HOUSE
C&I 1910 — George Clark, of Craigie House, Millport, died 2nd July 1910.

DOUNE and HUNTLY COTTAGES. Ferry Road
Glasgow Property Index 1898 — Unsold. Upset: £800.

HOUSE
LMN, 3.11.1877 — Building in progress: House, for Colin Campbell.

HOUSE, Quay
GM, W 28.2.1787, 71c — For sale, 'that new house belonging to and p.p. by Charles Castle on the Millport Quay.'

MASONIC HALL
ASH, F 25.11.1887, 5d — Foundation stone of new Masonic Hall laid Saturday last.

MANSION HOUSE
A, 115.1934 — Reconstruction and additions, mansion house on island. **John Smith**, Greenock, architect.

MILL
AA, Th 7.2.1822, 1b — To let. "The Mill, Kiln, houses and the farm attached to the Mill."

MILLPORT CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY LTD
EG, F 15.4.1938, 330b — Final winding-up meeting to be in Town Hall, 17th May 1938.

CENSUS 1881 (in order)

Ninian Park House	William Marton, gardener
Ninian Park House	John Hill, fishmonger
Ninian Park House	James Muir, optician
Whinfield House	Agnes Goldie, dairymaid
Denmark Cottage	James McKendrie, grain merchant's clerk.

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