LOUDOUN PARISH CHURCH [1]

AA 9.5.1844	[see below]	Built in 1738. New church built 1844 on site.

LOUDOUN PARISH CHURCH [2]

List [P/BL/5/AR: September 1963] 1		
		Erected in 1844. Has a fine clock tower and steeple. ... Ref: Groome, V, 111. B.
Pont, edited		"It is a handsome building in a mixed style of architecture, with tower and spire about 120 feet in height".
Clouston		1795 bell, Watt?, Edinburgh.
KS 2.8.1879	[1844]	Attributed to James Ingram in his obituary.
AA 9.5.1844		Foundation stone laid 3.5.1844. On site of old church built in 1738.
nr		Formally opened 14.9.1845.
AA 2.12.1897		Loudoun Parish Church, which has been undergoing extensive alterations, will probably be re-opened about the New Year. New gallery, re-seating, and new organ [Brindlay & Fisher, Sheffield].
KS 15.1.1898		Reopened last Sunday after internal alterations. Interior totally refitted, including new organ, by Brindley & Foster, Sheffield.
	STAINED GLASS	
sv		See separate list herewith, based on 12 Feb 2006 site visit, and draft BoS text..
	CHURCHYARD	
List 1		Covenanters memorials in church yard.
AA 30.10.1823		Covenanter Memorial to John Nisbett has recently been erected.
Mair, PHN, 75		The obelisk monument to various Covenanters was unveiled 26th April 1913.
SCMA Newsletter, 59, September 1995, 7		
		The six covenanter stones have been restored "recently" by Kevin Roberts, sculptor, Dumfries.

LOUDOUN MANSE [116 LOUDOUN ROAD]

List 21. K&L, 9th Amendment, February 1990:	
	Said to date from 1760s, and built as parish manse; additions to either flank. Original house is harled, ashlar margins, all white-painted; 2 storeys; 5 regular bays, centre door in lugged architrave with cornice; cill band and eaves/lintel band at 1st floor; small paned sashes. Additions on either gable, full-height, retaining original roof profile, and possibly early C18; red ashlar window bays and 1st floor windows added late C19/early C20. Axial stacks also added then. Slate roof. Said to have been visited by Robert Burns. B.
my notes, nd	"Odd, like a large Georgian farmhouse with red stone bays tacked on".
AA 27.2.1817	Conts - Manse - plans with William Crooks.
Sc Pictorial, III, 63, 11.6.1898	"The manse is now being altered to an extent that will probably efface much of the interest attaching to it".
ACC Planning, A2440	June 1950. Alterations, Loudoun Manse. Wright & Kirkwood, Glasgow.
PEOPLE	
Glasgow Girls, Kirkcudbright, 2010	
	Home of Eleanor Allen Moore or Robertson, whose paintings such as Marmalade, c.1913, and Silk Dress, c.1918 were painted there. Subsequently married and lived in China.

LOUDOUN EAST CHURCH

List 2	Dated 1846. Gothic; triple lancets in centre, and flanking lancets; small befry and squat spire. C.
KH, F 19.9.1845, 4b	Free Church. Site obtained and "the heavy materials well forward".

KH, F 7.11.1845, 4f — Free Church. Mason: **Anderson**, Gauchalland; wright, Messrs **Hood**, Newmilns.

KH, F 13.3.1846, 1fg: AA 19.3.1846 — Foundation stone laid W.11.3.1846.

nr [Dick?] — Foundation stone laid 10.3.1846. Mason: James Anderson. Wright: J & T Hood.

KH, F 21.8.1846, 4b — This edifice is now fairly covered in. J Anderson, builder.

KS, Sa 5.11.1870, 2h — Free Church, Newmilns. Re-opened last Sunday after repairs and alterations.

AA 1.10.1885 — Loudoun Free Church reopened last Sunday after repairs, &c., e.g. new windows.

AA 20.10.1892 — On Monday last the new hall recently annexed to the Free Church was opened.

LOUDOUN EAST MANSE

Dick Folder 95 — Notes from "The First Hundred Years - the story of Loudoun East Church of Scotland Newmilns 1846-1946. Manse built 1848-49. Mason was William Anderson, wright, James Mitchell. On p.20, Dr Bruce Taylor, minister 1896-1899, recalls his time at Newmilns: "as the time drew near for my ordination, my friends came around me. John Burnett, the architect for the British Museum, undertook the papering of the manse", and on p.21: "There were other things too. The dampness of the well-designed manse? Was it the Ballochmyle stone, or was there no ventilation under the floors?"

NEWMILNS WEST CHURCH (I: built as ANTI-BURGHER CHURCH]

Anonymous, Newmilns West, 5 — Secession Church formed in Newmilns 1773: a Meeting House built. In front of the site of the West Church. "It was a long barn-shaped erection with a wooden stair at each end leading to the gallery."

Anonymous, Newmilns West, 5 — First minister (James Greig) ordained 30th November 1773.

Anonymous, Newmilns West, 6 — Re-united with Burghers 1820, and became known as United Secession Church.

LOUDOUN WEST CHURCH II

See also Anonymous, Newmilns West [Anonymous, A Short History of Newmilns West Church 1773-1834, [Newmilns], [c.1934]. PHOTOCOPY herewith: including internal and external photographs.

Anonymous, Newmilns West, 7 — "The building of the new Church … was undertaken in the year 1833. It is a square building, typical of the stern traditions which it hoiunred and of the plain homely people who built it."

Anonymous, Newmilns West, 7 — Opened 6th December 1833.

Anonymous, Newmilns West, 8 — Cost £1200.

Hay 250 — 1833

Groome — 1833

AA 28.2.1833 — Conts - Utd Secession Church - Baillie Hood

AA 2.1.1834 — Formally opened 8.12.1833. Cost £1100

KS 23.2.1884 [1833] — opened 6.12.1833

Anonymous, Newmilns West, 8 — 1847 union of United Secession and Relief Church to form United Presbyterians.

KS 11.2.1882 — Re-opened last Sunday after "an almost complete renovation". Interior - reseating of the area, the erection of a new pulpit of a very ornate design and the most perfect workmanship, the introduction of 2 stained glass windows and a good many minor details. £500. executed by John Hood, Newmilns, joiner.

Anonymous, Newmilns West, 12 — Renovated 1901, and again in 1923 when electric light was introduced.

SAC, ACC General Purposes Committee, 20.7.1961
The congregation have petitioned church authorities for permission to dissolve, and have offered the building to County Council. Offer not accepted.

HALL

Anonymous, Newmilns West, 12 "In 1930-31 the hall accommodation proved to be inadequate, and a new suite of halls, comprising large hall, session room, vestry, cloak room, and kitchen, was erected on the site of the obsolete premises." £882.

LOUDOUN WEST MANSE (1)

Anonymous, Newmilns West, 6 The manse of 1818 took "the place of the original Manse at Whatlands, where stands now the entrance gates to Crosstree Farm."

LOUDOUN WEST MANSE (II)

Anonymous, Newmilns West, 6 1818, at the top of the High Street

LOUDOUN WEST MANSE (III)

BI 3/32 November 1892 U.P. manse: John Macintosh, Galston, architect.

Anonymous, Newmilns West, 11 "… on the fine site at the top of the Borebraes." £1200.

BROWN'S INSTITUTE, 72 Main Street
See also LIBRARY, below, built as annexe to it.

AA 28.7.1870: KS 30.7.1870 Formally opened yesterday. Starke & Anderson, junior, Galston, architects.

ASH, Sa 30.7.1870, 5cf Formally opened Wednesday 27.7. Grecian. Architects are Mr Starke, and Mr Anderson, junior. The contractors are Messrs Anderson, Galston.

ACC Planning, A706 March 1949. Bathroom, Brown's Institute, for Newmilns and Greenholm T.C.

web Restoration 1998-2000 funded by Score.

CEMETERY

AA 5.2.1885 At a meeting of the Parochial Board of Loudoun on Tuesday ... agreed to form a new cemetery of 1½ acres. A plan was shown, drawn up by Mr Charles Reid, surveyor, Kilmarnock, of an area of 2 acres, and 1602 lairs.

CLINIC, &c., 73-79 Loudoun Road

ACC Planning, A7589 August 1954. 2 Police Houses, Nurses' House and Clinic, Loudoun Road, for Ayr County Council.
[73 Nurses House, 75-77 Police Houses, 79 Clinic]

ACC, HC 2.12.1954, 69-70 C & J Cunningham, Galston, brick, £3874 13s 1d; H McCall & Son, Darvel, joinery, £2078 9s 7d. Total cost, £8569 6s 1d.

DRY SKI SLOPE

SuppVR 1974-75 Occupied 15.2.1975.

FIRE STATION, 141 Main Street

ACC Planning, A5484 January 1953. Reconstruction to form Retained Fire Station; Eric Hurcomb, for South Western Fire Area Joint Committee.

FOUNTAINS

AA 10.4.1890 — The 2 fountains gifted to the town respectively by Provost Hood, and Miss Brown of Lanfine have now been erected and appear very handsome.

GIRLS SCHOOL

AA, Th 14.1.1841, 4c — About three years ago, a girls' day school was instituted under the patronage of the late Lady Flora Hastings, and is now continued under the patronage of the two Ladies Hastings, and Miss Brown of Lanfine, and averages about fifty pupils. The success that has attended its institution is very decided, the female teacher, Miss Glanville, from Edinburgh, being highly accomplished; and her exertions being well calculated to improve the minds of those under her charge, to raise their status and thus increase their usefulness in society.

JAMIESON PARK

PAVILION

ACC Planning, A7472 — June 1954. Pavilion, Jamieson Park, for Newmilns Burgh Council.

LADY FLORA'S INSTITUTE

List 11 — Dated 1875. An attractive low gabled building in red sandstone with Gothic features, by F T Pilkington, architect. Contains a small museum of local interest. Ref: NSA, V, 844-845. B.

Sas Min 2295 of 1872: 66.160 — 1872 Disp by Hannah Tribe or Auld to T.l. Sophia, Marchioness of Bute, of houses and yards bounded on the south by the High Street in bN.

BN 25.4.1873 — Ref quoted in Hugh Dixon's thesis on F T Pilkington - copy in NMRS.

British Architect, Oct 1874 — Ref quoted in Hugh Dixon's thesis on F T Pilkington - copy in NMRS.

AA 14.10.1875 — The workmanship of this school, the gift of the late Lady Flora Hastings [wrong!!], is now nearly completed. It is a graceful building, adding considerably to the architectural interest of the village, and stands a few yards to the north of Main street, the front facing the street. A number of old houses have been taken down, so as to admit of a more pleasing frontage to the institution. This is a very judicious improvement, as the street at this point is much contracted, and interferes with the aspect of the whole thoroughfare. The school is extensive, and will accommodate a large number of scholars.

ASH, Sa 16.10.1875, 8c — Nearly completed.

KS 22.9.1877 — Formally opened last week. See ref, transcript herewith.

Builder, 15.10.1898 — Ref quoted in Hugh Dixon's thesis on F T Pilkington - copy in NMRS.

Annual report, N&G Burgh, 1904 — 202 Girls. During the summer holidays the pail system of dry closets was abolished, and a range of 6 automatic flushing trough closets fitted up.

ACC Planning, A2398 — June 1950. Re-arrangement of frontage, for Newmilns & Greenholm T.C.

nr — Architects for conversion, 1987-199x, to sheltered housing: Robert Potter & Partners, Ayr, for Kirkcare. Job archt, William Rae.

FAMILY

The Duke of Norfolk who died 11.2.1917, born 27.12.1847, was M1, 1877, to Flora, daughter of 1st Baron Donington and Edith, Countess of Loudoun. She died 1887, only son died young; Norfolk M2, 1904, and had s, 3d, by this marriage.

SUPERINTENDENT

AP, F 21.1.1949, 15cd — fl 1949, Jean Brown, daughter of Peter Thomson, New Cumnock.

LIBRARY

[Built as an annexe to Brown's Institute, which was internally altered at the same time.

BMC, BNG 1/3/1/12, Newmilns & Greenholm T C Minutes 1931-1934, 6.10.1931

Three sketch plans, by James Hay & Steel. Plan I chosen.

BMC, BNG 1/3/1/12, Newmilns & Greenholm T C Minutes 1931-1934, 14.12.1931
Plans lodged with, and approved by, Dean of Guild Court.

IVN 12.2.1932 Contractors to be James Alexander & Son. Galston.

IVN 14.7.1933 Recently re-opened. (The library was previously in Brown's Institute.)

MORTON HALL

Sas Abr 3899 of 1887 with reference to acquisition of land in Newmilns refers to William Morton, "sometime manager for Messrs Dick, gutta percha manufacturers in Manchester, now merchant in Birmingham".

CO3/8/2/1, (Standing Joint Committee, 1890-1897)
On p.399-400, meeting on 22.10.1895, reference to a large site 'which running through to the Main Street, has been acquired by a gentleman with the purpose of erecting a handsome hall and retiring room &c which it is his intention to gift to Newmilns. On 430-1, at a meeting on 24.3.1896, the hall is called 'in course of erection, and County Council agree to take rear of feu for the new police station (q.v.)

AA 9.4.1896 Foundation stone laid last Saturday. Built of Ballochmyle stone.

BI 7/73 April 1896 Copy herewith. Arthur Harrison, Birmingham, architect.

AA 7.1.1897 Opened last Friday.

WILLIAM MORTON

Mair, PHN, 22 William Morton was a boot and shoe manufacturer in Birmingham, and a partner in William Morton & Co., lace manufacturers.

TT, F 19.5.1899, 8a William Morton, Northampton, has just opened a shop in King Street, Kilmarnock. A native of Newmilns, with brother he has an "enormous" shoe factory in Northampton, and about 100 retail shops in UK. This is his first in Scotland.

NEWMILNS PRIMARY SCHOOL

East Ayrshire list 2010 1960.

ACC, GPC18.10.1963 Contract let to Crudens Ltd., Musselburgh, at £84,012.

ACC, AR 8.10.1964 Work began February 1964; completed, and to open in November 1964.

Historical Aspects, 71 Opened on 18th November 1964.

AA, CO 3/10/5/25, GP 17.3.1965 Informally opened 26th February 1965.

CLOCK

ACC, Bursaries &c S/c 21.4.1964 The fire destroyed a clock, presented to Archibald Hood, headmaster, in 1939, and paid for by public subscription. New school to have a replacement clock and appropriate plaque.

NEWMILNS SCHOOL

AA 23.7.1874 Conts - additions and alterations, Newmilns Public School: Harry Blair, Glasgow (68 Bath St), architect.

ATD 16/15 Additions of 1886, 1897 and 1910, all by John Macintosh.

BI 3/34 January 1893 Plans of Mr Ingram likely to be chosen. Competitive - only 2 sets of plans submitted.

AA 30.3.1893 We understand the School Board have accepted the offer of Mr John Brown, builder, here, to erect a new public school ... beside the UP Church.

AA 23.8.1894 New school ... was opened after the holidays.

BI 15/178 January 1905 Works at playground - terraces, steps of polished Arbroath stone, lamp, &c. John Macintosh, Galston, architect.

ACC Planning, 3951 October 1946. 2 huts, Newmilns H.G. School, for Ayr County Council.

ACC Planning, 3986 October 1946. Dining Hall, Newmilns H.G. School, for Ayr County Council.

AP 5.2.1960 Destroyed by fire last Monday.

AA, CO 3/10/5/21 GPSC 18.2.1960 Largely destroyed by fire 1st February 1960. Survivors were the west wing (of 3 rooms) and three detached buildings: a 2-class hut, the Domestic Science/Technical block and the Dining Hall.

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SCHOOLMASTERS

xxxx - xxxx Archibald Hood

xxxx - 1923 Hugh Macarthur, died 1924

NEWMILNS SECONDARY SCHOOL

AA, CO 3/10/5/34, GPC 17.5.1974 Former Secondary School to be demolished.

NEWMILNS TOWN HOUSE

List 4 Crowstepped; double flight of entrance steps with railings; simple pedimented doorway; bellcote with cupola and weather vane dated 1739. Lower storey of this building was used as a Tolbooth. Ref: 3SA, 510-11. B.

Fisher, T&T, 1996, 158 PHOTOCOPY herewith.

OLD MEN'S CABIN, Brown's Road

Mair, PHN, 74 Opened in 1930; extension 1985.

PLAYING FIELDS, Gilfoot

ACC Planning, A1867 January 1950. Playing field, Gilfoot, for Newmilns and Greenholm B.C.

PAVILION

ACC Planning, A8067 December 1954. Pavilion, West Gilfoot, for Newmilns and Greenholm B.C.

POLICE STATION, King Street?

CO3/8/2/1, 389-390, Standing Joint Cttee 8.10.1895

Newmilns Police Commissioners want a Police Station in the town, and offer site. [See CO3/8/2/1, for full ref details. Site isn't suitable, site in Back Street, across road from Morton Hall site looked at, and then Morton offers rear of the Morton Hall feu.

CO3/8/2/1, 471-472, Standing Joint Cttee 14.7.1896

John Murdoch instructed to prepare plans.

BI 7/79 October 1896 John Murdoch.

AA, Th 1.10.1896, 1a Tenders wanted for new police station in Newmilns, to plans of John Murdoch, Ayr, architect.

CO 3/8/1/3, County Council 1895-98, 287, County Council, 15.12.1896

Standing Joint Committee have approved erection of a station house in Newmilns. The principal contractors are mason, Matthew Muir & Co., Kilmarnock, £835 0s 0d, and joiner, Hugh Thomson, Stevenston, £310 10s 0d. Total cost, £1361 14s 4d.

CO 3/8/1/3, County Council 1895-98, 458, Report of Standing Joint Committee to County Council, 5.10.1897

Now ready for occupation.

CO 3/8/2/2, 36-37, Standing Joint Committee, 14.9.1897

Brought into use early to house additional forces brought in to Newmilns because of the lace workers' strike.

CO 3/8/2/2, 36-37, Standing Joint Committee, 19.10.1897

Occupied, 27th September 1899.

PUBLIC LAVATORIES, Greenside

ACC Planning, A485	December 1948. For Newmilns & Greenholm T.C.

PUBLIC SHELTERS, Main Street and Gilfoot

ACC Planning, A2430	June 1950. Public Shelters, Main Street and Gilfoot, for Newmilns T.C.

SCHOOL, Greenhead

Historical Aspects, 69	1781-1872

TEMPERANCE HALL

ASH 1.5.1858	Now nearly complete. Plain ... but substantial. To be formally opened F7.5.1858.
KWP 15.5.1858	James Mitchell, architect.

VICTORIA SCHOOL, Union Street

Historical Aspects, 69	1860

WAR MEMORIAL

WS 20.10.1922	Unveiled last Sunday. No details.
Per info SJW	**Scott & Rae**.

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