TRANSPORT

ROAD

BRIDGE

AA, Th 6.3.1851, 1a — Bridge money application for new Bridge over Burn in Stevenston village.

ASH, Sa 7.7.1860, 3b — Bridge in centre of Stevenston currently being rebuilt. The contractor is **James Millar**, Saltcoats.

FOOTBRIDGE

AA 1.11.1883 — A substantial new footbridge has been erected across the Stevenston Burn by Mr Warner of Ardeer. The only bridge which existed before was that erected by the Ardeer Golf Club.

FOOTBRIDGE

AA 17.11.1898: TT 18.11.1898 — Opening last Saturday of new iron bridge over Stevenston Burn, and of DRINKING FOUNTAIN on the open sward near the shore. The FOUNTAIN has been designed by Mr E W Findlay, of Nobel's Factory: is of artistic appearance. [TT calls FOUNTAIN, jubilee Fountain]

RAIL

AYRSHIRE & CALEDONIAN JUNCTION RAILWAY

EG 5482, Tu 11.11.1845, 532c533b — Bill. Proposed line from Muirkirk (junction with Caledonian Railway extension), to Stevenston (junction with Ardrossan Railway), with a branch to Irvine Harbour.

L&A RAILWAY, bridge over GSWR. NS 274414

ASH, F 14.10.1887 — Description of works on L&A line from Barrmill to Ardrossan. Biggest bridge on line is that over GSWR at Stevenston. Span of 113', made of concrete and steel. Contractor: **Robert McAlpine**.

AA, 19.1.1888 — L&A bridge over GSWR completed last Sunday. Contractors: Messrs **James Goodwin & Co**., Motherwell. Resident engineer: **A J W Watkins**, CE. Engineer of the lines - **John Strain** CE.

Demolished

SIGNAL BOX

ACC Planning, A1787 — December 1949. Electricity supply to new signal box, Stevenston

STATION, GSWR

Hume — Rebuilt c.1900 by the GSWR. A 2 platform through station with the main offices in a single storey building on the up platform, of stone and harl, with wooden trimming and a bracketed steel-framed glazed awning. There is a wooden shelter on the down platform with an awning supported on cast iron brackets. A lattice girder footbridge links the platform, and supplements the level crossing at the west end of the station.

B, xcvi, 222 — Extension to be built. 1909. W Melville, Glasgow, engineer.

STEVENSTON MOORPARK STATION

KS, Sa 7.6.1924, 3b — Name changed, w.e.f. 2 June 1924, from Stevenston (CR) to Stevenston Moorpark.

INDUSTRY

CARPETS

Census, 1831, vol ii, 946-947 (General Notes on Ayrshire)

'Carpets are mentioned as the woollen manufacture at Kilmarnock, Stevenston and Stewarton.'

COALMINING and related facilities - GENERAL

2Sa, [12/1841] 439

In 1678 Sir Robert Cuninghame began work at 'deep shank' near Stevenston Kirk and Burn. Erected water wheel. On W side of parish sank pit through own property and that of Lord Eglinton. He established harbour at Saltcoats to ship coal, begun 1684, completed 1700. Built water wheel with 2 gins to drain pits. In 1685 sold Kerelaw House, Ardeer lands (1707) to offset debts. he died in 1715. At this time the public works were in a low state.

In 1719 works were property of shipmaster who sent Provost McTaggart of Irvine to London to purchase a steam engine and an engineer. Not a success. In 1728 passed to a a new company, English, which failed in 1731. In 1732 acquired by John Cunninghame of Windyhall, who set up an engine at "deep shank" at Stevenston. In 1737 the works passed to Rev John Reid of Seabank, and in 1763 they were leased to Mr A Crawford, who died in 1765, and the lease was surrendered in 1767. In 1770 John Reid came into possession of Auchenharvie estate and took additional name of Cunninghame: he formed a partnership with Warner of Ardeer. Then improved harbour and formed 2 mile canal from pits to harbour, which was opened in 1772. A new pit opened in 1784 using a steam engine - it now uses a Watt & Boulton machine constructed by John Neilson of Glasgow.

Shoreline ruin is remains of 1719 engine house.

Lindsay

In the parish of Stevenston, coal was mined for export to Ireland from before 1700; but land carriage to the coast was expensive, and when Robert Reid Cunningham inherited the estate in 1770 he built a 2¼ mile lockless CANAL from the mines to a point within 600 yards of Saltcoats harbour. This canal, which was finished and navigated on 19 September 1772, had a minimum width of 12 feet at bottom and a minimum depth of 4 ft; and it was 'very wide and deep in some places from the inequality of the ground'. As new pits were opened along the route, 'long side branches' were cut to serve them. Refs: OSA, NSA. OS, and H Hamilton, Econ History of Scotland in the C18. 1963, pp 186 and 211.

GM, Th 10.2.1785, 46a

In report of a shipping accident at Saltcoats, it is stated that they mistook 'the light of Mr Warner's coal-pit' for the light at Saltcoats Harbour.

AUCHENHARVIE COLLIERY

ASH, Sa 14.11.1863, 4f

Miners' houses to be built for Auchenharvie Colliery. Contractors are **James Millar**, mason, and **William Service**, joiner.

ASH, Sa 28.4.1877, 4f

Messrs Merry & Cunninghame have acquired Auchenharvie Colliery (4 pits) from Messrs Kenneth and Whitefield.

CO 3/8/1/2, ACC 1894-96, 237-238, 24 July 1894 report on Mining Classes, giving number of men at every? Mine in Ayrshire.

Auchenharvie, 363, 10th.

AYRSHIRE FOUNDRY CO LTD

GPI 1895	In liquidation. Property unsold. Upset of £16500 reduced to £15500.
Glasgow Property Index 1896	Unsold. By September 1896 upset has come down to £9750.
Glasgow Property Index 1897	Unsold. Upset still £9750.
ASH, F 14.1.1910, 1g	Tools, boilers, &c., advertised for sale.

BREWERY

AA, Th 20.10.1808, 4b	To let. Property of h.l. James Ritchie, and last occupied by James Ritchie, brewer.

CABINET WORKS

TT, F 27.1.1899, 5a	It is rumoured that a cabinet factory is to be built here.

EAGLE FOUNDRY

EG 10287, F 4.9.1891, 960b	On 1st September 1891, John Wilson, sole partner, sold the business to George Forsyth, who will trade under the same firm name.

GASWORKS

KWP, 17.10.1857	1857.
ACC Planning, A3161	January 1951. Alterations, for Scottish Gas Board.
ACC Planning, A6107	June 1953. Meter and Governor Houses, Stevenston Gas Works, for Scottish Gas Board.

STEVENSTON COLLIERIES

AA, Th 26.8.1875, 8a	To let. The present lessees, Merry & Cuninghame, are not seeking a renewal of their lease.

STEVENSTON MILL

AA, Th 6.4.1809, 1b	To let.

DAM

SRC, WDC 26.2.1985	Agree to demolition, as an MSC project, of Old Mill Dam, Stevenston.

STEVENSTON (or ARDEER) QUARRY

AA, Th 20.9.1838, 4c	Supplying stone for GPKAR at Kilwinning, but much troubled with whin dykes.
AA, Th 28.11.1839, 1d	Ardeer Freestone Quarry to let.
TT, F 7.4.1899, 1d	Ardeer Quarry. Sale of cranes, &c., "in consequence of the stoppage of the quarry."

UTILITIES

DRAINAGE

CO 3/8/1/3, 233-234 County Council 6.10.1896

Stevenston Drainage: £800 approved.

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