CORSEHILL CASTLE

List 20 — A very ruinous mansion on the outskirts of Stewarton, evidently of a late date. It was the seat of the family of Cunningham, and was apparently on the L-plan. Ref: C&DA, iii, 495. B.

Reg Mag Sig, II, no.2471 — Charter of James IV conferring lands of Corshill on Margaret Boyd daughter of Archibald Boyd, pro amore et favore. [The story is in Norman MacDougall's biography of James IV]. Dated 27.12.1498. No mention of tower.

Reg Mag Sig, VII, no.1230 — Charter granted by James VI to Alexander Montgomerie, Earl of Eglinton, of lands of Corshill. Dated 26.4.1615. No mention of tower.

AGAA, IX, 1895, 7 [1618] — Protocol Book of Robert Broun. Instrument signed at place of Corshill 30 December last [1617]. Dated 21 January 1618

NMRS, Sheaf Cat, K&L — 1791 engraved view by W Thomas: AYD/181/1.

AA 26.6.1845 — Renovations last week.

THE DOWRIE

Plans, from Brogden Collection, at NMRS. Early C18, for Sir David Cunningham of Corsehill. 2s 3b house. [Is this, in fact, Doura, Kilwinning??]

LAINSHAW

List 16 — Early C19, later mid C19 enlargement. A large square 3-storey classical mansion with Gothic features, including dripmiulds, corner finials, some pointed headed sash windows in office wing; recessed porch has 2 Doric columns in antis. Greater portion of mansion was erected by William Cunninghame of Lainshaw, who died 1849. Now an eventide home. Refs: Millar. B.

Millar, Castles ...., 1885 — Described by Pont (eC17) as "a stronge old Donijon, the ancient inheritanc of ye predecessors of our Scots Kings". Inheritance of James High Steward from 1283. Passed to Montgomeries of Lainshaw shortly after 1565. Mansion erected at different periods. Greater part is C18, built by 1st William Cuninghame of Lainshaw, †1797.

AA 8.7.1824 — Foundation stone laid 25.6.1824 of additional wing to the ancient castle inhabited by William Cunningham of Lainshaw.

AA, Th 16.9.1954, 20abc — Andrew Arthur (†1936) was here c.1898 to c.1920, when moved to Rosemount.

ACC, SWC 6.2.1947, 201 — Offer of £8750 accepted.

ACC, SWC 6.5.1948, 685 — Estimated conversion costs of £11,000 approved.

ACC Planning, A1422 — September 1949. Conversion, for Ayr County Council.

ACC Planning, A3808 — July 1951. Electricity Supply.

ACC, Welfare C 4.12.1952, 60 — Work has been completed. Supervisor starts work 16th Dec 1952, and first residents expected January 1953. To ask Lord Boyd Orr to formally open. [County Council, 27.1/1953, 10, invitation declined - on government business in China]

ACC, Welfare C, 5.2.1953, 55 — To be formally opened F 27 Feb by chairman, Cllr James Reid, Saltcoats.

ACC, Welfare C, 27.2.1953, 55 — Formal opening. There are presently 6 old people in residence.

AA, Th 5.3.1953, 5abc — Formally opened as an old peoples home last Friday.

SRC, SW(SS), 1.12.1981, 40 — Final measurements, fire upgrading, £77,876

EAST GATE

List 17 — Pair 2 storey battlemented lodges; connected screen wall pierced by centre gateway and flanking pointed arched opening; raised concave pointed coping and Gothic finials. Probably mid C19 century. B.

CO3/12/4/22 BBC 5.8.1920 — Additions to Gate Lodge, Lainshaw; **James Cairns**, Glasgow, architect.

LAINSHAW MAINS FARM

List 19	Imposing classical estate building. Centre 2-storey farmhouse has centre pediment surrounded by tall octagonal domed lantern raised on round drum; lower 1 storey supporting wings form symmetrical range. B.
STABLES	
List 18	1 storey courtyard range; pedimented arched opening. C.
MATRON	
- November 1954	Miss Todd
November 1954 -	Jessie Grant

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