GENERAL NOTES

Johnston — 1371, Le Trone. Welsh trwyn; Gaelic sron, "point, nose, cape".

Site Visits — 280991

There is a good series of "Reminiscences of Old Troon" (12 in all) in KS from July 1886 to 28.10.1886. [A typescript reprint exists in Dick Institute - Folder 29. My photocopy of the typescript is in the Parishes, Assorted Articles file]

Gilbert T Bell, Troon - An Architectural Appreciation, SF, August 1967
2 pp - photocopy herewith.

GM, Th 2.11.1786, 345c — Fullarton estate offering ground at Troon, 'an eligible place for sea-bathing', for feuing. Details: Charles Emmerson at Fullerton.

GM, W 24.1.1787, 29a — Reference to Troon, 'a noted smuggling place.'

AA, Th 9.6.1808, 1a — Two Acts of Parliament have now been passed, one for making a harbour here, and another for making a rail way from Kilmarnock to Troon, the Marquis of Titchfield proposes immediately to lay out ground for building upon on a regular plan, and to feu out suitable lots or areas for that purpose. It is also intended to feu out certain portions of the adjacent grounds for villas.

AA, Th 28.7.1808, 1d — A plan of the proposed new town being now made out, it will be shown in Troon on Thursday 11th August, when terms for feus, &c., will be discussed. Douglas, Rodinghead, will attend.

AA, Th 28.7.1808, 4d — "The intended harbour at the Troon, we understand, will be very soon begun. Already the forming of the course for the iron railway to Kilmarnock has been begun."

AA, Th 18.8.1808, 4c — Plan viewing day. "A great number of gentlemen met at that place, and a number of situations for houses and villas looked out."

Census, 1821, 496 (Dundonald) — 'The formation of a harbour at Troon, and railways, have much increased the population of the parish of Dundonald.'

AO, Tu 9.4.1833, 4d — Troon, 6.4.1833. 'We were happy to observe a number of our friends from Kilmarnock, etc., in Troon to-day. Good weather sends them abroad, and when seeking the sea breeze, where should they go but Troon, where they may inhale the pure air and return to their homes invigorated' ... 'when summer opens up ... we are no longer insulated creatures, thousands visit us, and we no longer remember the dark winter that has passed away ... pleased and gratified with the society of those who visit us from a distance'.

2SA, 1845, 679 December 1841 — Population 1841: 1409. Erection of harbour has caused increase in population of parish. Sea-bathing is very popular.

2SA, 1845, 684 December 1841 — The original charter of erection (for harbour?, burgh?) granted to William Fullarton of Fullarton in 1707, but not developed for 100 years.

2SA, 1845, 688 December 1841 — "Entire new town" erected since 1SA. Thatch has now disappeared, and all buildings are slated.

Imp Gaz, 1855, II, 457 — Sea-bathing in summer.

Imp Gaz, II, 806 [1857/65] — "Many of the inhabitants are employed in a large ship building yard, a rope and sail manufactory, and some other works; and not a few of them draw an entire or partial maintenance from letting lodgings to families of sea-bathers"

AA, Th 7.7.1881, 4d — James Dickie, Paisley, has feued much of the meadow (former ropework) bounding the beach, and is to build houses. 'The beautiful meadow so long the ornament of Troon, and a great attraction of visitors thither.'

AP, 8.7.1881 (In AP, F 3.7.1931, 2c: Fifty Years Ago)
The lethargy which has for nearly twenty years characterised the feuing of ground on the peninsula on which Troon is situated is now thrown aside since the advent of the accession of the young Duke of Portland. During the deadlock of his predecessor it was with the utmost difficulty as much could be obtained as would suffice for a police office and a lifeboat house. An extensive builder from Glasgow has just broken ground, and already shown commendable energy in entering upon the utilisation for building purposes of the beautiful meadow, so long the ornament of Troon and a great attraction of visitors thither. The ground is feued by James Dickie, Esq., a wealthy native of

Troon, who is well-known in Paisley, owing to his having been for several years lessee and tenant of Ralston House. He has feued a large portion of a meadow bordering on the beach where, in days of yore there was a great ropework of Troon. Speaking of this, it may be stated that the large loft of the ropework was in 1820 used as a preaching station, there being at the time no church nearer than Dundonald. On a Sabbath evening when the minister had drawn the service to a close, the congregation found themselves isolated from terra firma in consequence of the water having risen several feet above the foundation. When descending the ladder the pioneer of the flock found himself up to the loins in sea water. The minister gave out a psalm and predicted that the water would, as in the days of Noah, soon be assuaged. This however did not satisfy one of the company, for he waded out, brought his horse and cart, and had the whole of the flock removed to green pastures.

AA 2.11.1893 Besides the Parish Church and the new Conservative Club, there are 4 double villas just now in course of erection.

TH, F 8.12.1893, 4d "Quite a number of trim little villas are in course of being built in Troon. As they are nearly all constructed of the fashionable red sandstone, and have some pretensions to architectural beauty, they are undoubtedly an off-set to the streets in the newer portions of town."

AA 27.9.1894 The extraordinary amount of house building which has been going on in all directions for some time past has made it desirable that a few additional street names should be found. The following have been submitted and approved of by the Duke of Portland:- Wood Road, Titchfield Crescent, Union Street, East Union Street, Shore Road, Barassie Street, Bentinck Drive, Dallas Street, Victoria Drive.

TT, F 11.9.1896, 1a Boundaries of proposed burgh. On the North, Darley Burn; on the South, the road past Crosbie Church known as the Wrack Road (between the sea and the GSWR); on the East, the west wall of the original GSWR line; on the West, the sea.

CO 3/8/1/3, County Council 1895-98, 279, Joint meeting of Finance and Valuation Committees, 1.12.1896 Reference to recent formation of Troon as a Burgh.

TT, F 5.5.1899, 1a Burgh Commissioners have agreed to let 6 bathing machines for the season, 1899.

TT, F 7.7.1899, 5cd Visitors for July 1899 listed.

ASH 12.7.1901 New street names adopted by Troon TC: Logan Road, Dundonald Road, Gillies Street, Darley Street, Collenan Street. The road from Yorke Road to Craigend to be Craigend Road. The road from Craigend Burn to Gaws to be Crosbie Road. The road from Crosbie Tower to be Fullarton Road.

EG 12565, Tu 20.5.1913, 543a Kilmarnock District Committee. To discuss proposed Barassie SLD, and SSD, to have same boundaries as existing SWD, SDD.

3SA, 1955, 612 Port and holiday resort even before coming of the railway. Shipyard opened in 1860s, and Ailsa Shipbuilding Co established 1886. Duke of Portland planned layout of village: only good 2-storey houses permitted. Some 20 years later garden city plan developed for wealthy villa residences. Became a Burgh in 1896. Population now 10,000. TTC improved water supply and drainage problems by constructing Loch Bradan Reservoir.

ACC, PHSC 3.7.1930 Complaint of R.C. Challenor about state of affairs at Holiday Camps at Barassie. Council have no powers..

1949

ACC Planning, A1144,A1145, A1146 June 1949. Feuing Grounds for Welbeck Estates Co Ltd per **Stevenson & Ferguson**. Darley Woods - Barassie (superseded by B1896) - Southwood and Monktonhill Road, Donald Crescent and Wallacefield Road, Bentinck Crescent.

BUILDING STONE

AA, AGN 1143 Fullarton was sold to the Bentincks in 1805. Local quarries were opened c.1870 (Craiksland) and c.1845 (Colennan - Messrs Hosie & Barr). Prior to that Pans Rock Dolerite had been used in Troon, e,g, at the Portland Arms.

SPECIAL DRAINAGE DISTRICT
County Council 18.12.1894 — approve KDC expenditure of £600.

BURGH OFFICIALS

PROVOST
1927-1933 — Dugald McALISTER (c.1873-1951). Has died aged 78; of 65 South Beach. AA, Th 29.11.1951, 8e

TOWN CLERK

Robert YOUNG — Town Clerk 1896-1929; Joint Town Clerk 1929-1946.
AP, F 22.11.1946, 4de. Retired 5th November 1946. Has been Town Clerk (and previously Clerk to Town Commissioners) since 1896. Joint Town Clerk with Adam since 1929.
Died 22 March 1955. Obit in AP F 25.3.1955, 14c. Born in 1865 in Newton on Ayr, and worked 1878-1885 in office of Ayr Town Clerk, John Pollock. Was in an Edinburgh law office 1885-1893, where he "and the principal of the firm carried through the whole of the legal arrangements for the construction of the Forth Bridge and he was present at the opening ceremony". To Troon 1893, and TC when Burgh established in 1896.

George Taylor ADAM — Joint Town Clerk 1929-1946; Town Clerk 1946-1951
Has died 30.10.1951. 54, b Stonehaven. w+sd. KS Sa 3.11.1951, 5c

BURGH SURVEYOR
AA 4.2.1915 — **Adam Simpson**, CE, formerly assistant Burgh Surveyor in Kilmarnock, has been appointed Troon Burgh Surveyor.

Fl.1953 — R. WILSON

ASSISTANT BURGH SURVEYOR
c.1950 - 1952 — Archibald A Alexander, who has been appointed B.S., Maybole. [AA, Th 5.2.1953, 14e.]

COUNCIL HOUSING

AA 16.6.1927 — Dean of Guild Court has approved plans for 104 houses in Logan Drive/Muirhead Crescent for Troon TC.

AA 23.3.1934 — Contracts are open for 20 houses in Gillies Street - Troon TC - Burgh Surveyor.

ABN 23.3.1934: B 29.6.1934 — 20 houses in Gillies Street proposed. Plans: **M S Brodie**, Burgh Surveyor.

B 20.7.1934 — TTC housing on land acquired from Ailsa Shipbuilding Co. Lay ouit plans prepared 1934. 30 Houses: Burgh Surveyor.

A 18.1.1935 — Conts required for 52 houses. Kennedy Road/ Harbour Road. Troon TC per Burgh Surveyor.
[Similarly noted in B 18.1.1935, ABN 18.1.1935, and in B 26.10.1934, where the plans are credited to **M S Brodie**, Burgh Surveyor]

B, 6.5.1938 — 128 houses on Springbank estate farm {????}, Ayr Road - plans approved 1938 - C Brodie, Burgh Architect.

B, 15.12.1939 — Houses to be built. **M S Brodie**, Burgh Architect, architect.

ACC Planning, 3726 — July 1946. Temporary housing, Cavendish Place, for Troon T.C.

ACC Planning, 3728 — July 1946. 40 houses, Brown Avenue/ Gillies Street, for Troon T.C.

ACC Planning, 3729 — July 1946. 20 Swedish houses, Brown Avenue/ Brodie Avenue, for Troon T.C.

ACC, TPC 10.9.1946, 1255-71	Records this as 20 Swedish and 22 Aluminium.
ACC Planning, 3833	August 1946. Tarran houses, North Shore, for Troon T.C.
1949	
ACC Planning, A1043	May 1949. 2 semi-detached houses, Welbeck Crescent, for Troon T.C. J.G. McMillan, Director of Housing.
ACC Planning, A1044	May 1949. 2 semi-detached houses, Donald Crescent, for Troon T.C. J.G. McMillan, Director of Housing.
ACC Planning, A1205	June 1949. 8 houses, Logan Drive, for Troon T.C. J.G. McMillan.
1950	
ACC Planning, A2527	July 1950. 82 houses, Barassie, for Troon T.C.
1952	
ACC Planning, A5145	September 1952. 57 houses (Barassie, 3rd Development), for Troon T.C.
1953	
ACC Planning, A5702	February 1953. 33 houses (Barassie, 4th Development), for Troon T.C.
ACC Planning, A5925	April 1953. 4 old people's homes, Logan Drive, for Troon T.C.
1955	
ACC Planning, A9269	November 1955. 45 houses (Barassie, 5th Development), for Troon T.C.
1957	
ACC Planning, B1191	May 1957. 38 houses (Barassie, 6th Development) for Troon T.C.
C21	
NORTH SHORE ROAD	Lawrence McPherson Associates

COUNCIL HOUSING [MUIRHEAD]

AJ 11.3.1937; also in B 12.3.1937	1937, result of competition for proposed Muirhead housing scheme. First premium awarded to **John A W Grant**, Edinburgh. Est cost: £149,000.
AP 12.3.1937	1: John A W Grant, Edinburgh. 2: James McNab, Glasgow. 3: Alexander Mair, Ayr.
B 26.3.1937	400 houses on a new site of 40 acres.
BI 48/565 April 1937	Competition for layout of Muirhead housing scheme - 1st **John A W Grant**, Dundee.
B 22.7.1938	220 houses to be built, 1939. John A W Grant, architect.
ACC Planning, 3229	November 1945. 20 houses, Murihead, for Troon T.C.
ACC Planning, 3691	June 1946. Houses, Muirhead, for Troon T.C.
ACC Planning, 4956-4960	January 1948. Layout for temporary shops, Muirhead, Troon T.C., and shop applications by respectively Troon Co-op, Douglas, Doig, McCallum

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