GENERAL RELIGIOUS HISTORY

Cowan, 1967,9	Known as Affleck. Parish confirmed to Paisley by Walter (2), son of Alan, steward of Scotland, c.1238. Confirmed to Paisley by William, Bishop of Glasgow in 1239.
Hoyle, 1972, n.p.	It has been suggested that the church was enlarged by Walter Fitzalan I, grandfather of Walter, High Steward, 1145/1146, and on site of presumed Celtic cell, 18' by 10'. [No sources cited]

AUCHINLECK PARISH CHURCH (known as BARONY CHURCH -)

List 1 1843. Tower and chancel 1897; Gothic. Hay, 51 & 248. C. [Groome says 1838. Clouston cites bell as John C Wilson, Glasgow, 1858]

Steven	Chancel built 1897, architect, Ingram of Kilmarnock. 3 light Gothic window, memorial to Lady Boswell, by Stephen Adam & Co. Tower, 1894.
NMRS	1831 Ingram Kilmarnock - not executed. 1835, Kay, not executed. 1835, James Jamieson, wright, Catrine. 800 seater. £750. finished in 1838.
HR365/1 11.4.1831	To be built on site adjoining old church. 3 plans submitted but none approved. 1 by Ingram, architect, 1 by Hughan, architect, 1 by Kay, architect. To be modelled on church at Coylton, with 800 sittings.
CH352/12. p63, 28.10.1835	Plan for new church by [William?] Kay, architect, Ayr, rejected by heritors. Heritors' plan presented and approved. estimated cost £840 [p.69] Building commenced on new site in Spring 1836. To be completed by 1 October 1837.
HR365/1, 14.12.1835	Architect - James Jamieson, wright, Catrineholm [paid for superintending work and making plans]. Contractor - Sir James Boswell heritor (described as contractor twice - no other contractors' names occur) Inspector of work - James Jamieson. Work to begin Spring 1836. Est cost £840.
AA 11.2.1836	Advert for contractors.
NSA, 1845, 330 [Written 9/1837]	"now roofed".
HR365/1, 1.11.1839	During course of building Sir James Boswell added 2 rooms to new church for own use and at own expense.
AA, Th 12.12.1839, 4d	Formally opened 24.11.1839.
ASH 27.11.1858	Recent improvements at expense of Lady Boswell - old houses and walls about churchyard taken away - large addition to churchyard, high wall to W & S of it. E side of church, a 2' ashlar wall, gates. Church - new belfry, with a neat little spire, on the east gable. Bell.
HR365/2, 27.11.1891	Pews to be altered, using the present timber; seat backs lowered and sloped. To have 440 instead of 380 sittings in the area. Area floor to be renewed. New platform for pulpit, font and communion table to be made. 4 doors in E & W gables leading to area, and doors to outside stairs in E & W galleries to be closed up. New enclosed gallery stairs to be made. Gallery fronts to be lowered. Small tower to be erected over new staircase on E side. **Architect R S Ingram**. Conts - G Reid, builder - I Dalziel, joiner - M Campbell, plasterer - I McKinnon slater. Est cost £722 19s 10d.
AA 14.4.1892	Additions and alterations, including tower and belfry; architect R S Ingram. Church closed last Sunday and expected to re-open about the end of August 1892.
HR365/2, 18.12.1895	Chancel to be added and organ introduced. Architect - R S Ingram.
Steven, pp 11 & 22	notes many fittings inc 1897 font and communion table, and C17 wall tablets. [All presumably destroyed by fire.]

Steven, 1898, 10	Chancel added at S end in 1897, thus completing cruciform shape. Has open Gothic roof and Gothic 3-light window with stained glass. Paved with marquetry of teak. Gas candelabra of wrought iron and bronze. White marble steps up to chancel. Reopened, August 1897
	STAINED GLASS
Brit Arch xlvii 176-177	Memorial window to be erected to Lady Boswell. 3 lights. C15 style. 1897.
BI 7/77, 8.1898	Memorial window to Lady Boswell - commission placed with Stephen Adam & Son, 199 Bath Street, Glasgow.
HR 365/2, 1.10.1896	Subjects: central light has figure of Charity surrounded by children - on either side texts - surrounding the whole, arms and motto of the Boswells. Artist - **Stephen Adam & Son**. [Steven, p.10, says Charity based on picture by Reynolds.]
BI 7/84, 3.1897	Lady Boswell window, 3 lights, "Other foundation can no man lay", in the manner of late C15.
RGIFA Dictionary of Exhibitors	1897 - part of Lady Boswell's Memorial Window. Stephen Adam & Son.
AA 4.3.1897	Messrs Stephen Adam & Son are showing in their Bath Street studios a stained glass window to be erected in Auchinleck Parish Church im memory of Lady Boswell. 3 lights, in the manner of the latter half of the C15. Central light - a figure of Charity.
AA 12.8.1897	The window is illustrated in last Saturday's "Scots Pictorial".
	ORGAN
TT, F 1.10.1897, 1c	To be inaugurated on Sunday, 3rd October.
AA 7.10.1897	Organ inaugurated last Monday: Messrs Ingram & Co., London Hereford & Edinburgh.
	FIRE AND RECONSTRUCTION
FES VIII 211	Interior burnt 3 April 1938.
AP 8.4.1938	Destroyed by fire last Sunday.
BI 49/580, 7.1938	Damaged by fire. Rebuilding plans in hands of **J & J A Carrick**.
AP 1.7.1938	J & J A Carrick proposed as architects for rebuilding.
CH2/532/22, p395, 6.4.1938	Church to be reinstated following fire.
B, cli, 93, 8.7.1938	New church to be built.
ACC Planning, 1247	November 1938, alterations for Barony Kirk Session.
B, cli, 1193, 16.12.1938	New church to be built. Architects J & J A Carrick. Est cost £7750.
AP 29.5.1942	Re-dedicated last Wednesday (22nd May 1942).
AP, 28.12.1945, 1e	Appeal for funds for memorial window in chancel to Rev James Hill. "Work on this has been delayed owing to the artist - Mr Gordon M Webster - being on military service. He is now demobilised."
AP 28.12.1945	Proposed memorial window in chancel to Rev James Hill: committee have under consideration sketch by Gordon M Webster.
BSMGP Dir of SG Windows 1949, 56	2 stained glass windows in chancel, 1947, **Gordon M Webster**.
Honey draft	3 light window in chancel east window - Charity, in memory of Lady Boswell, †1884. **Gordon Webster**, 1947. This is a replacement for the Adam window lost in the fire.
Honey draft	2 light window in chancel north wall - Solomon and Moses. **Gordon Webster**, 1947, in memory of Rev James Hill, †1940.

AUCHINLECK PARISH CHURCH, FORMER. NOW MUSEUM and BOSWELL MAUSOLEUM

List 2	Walls of 1683 kirk partly reconstructed 1754, Boswell burial aisle, 1641 Monteith bell. [Hay - primitive rectangle with Gothic belfry. Clouston:

	bell inscribed "* Iacobus Monteith * fecit Edinburgh anno dom 1641". Repaired and enlarged 1754.] B.
NSA, 1845, 330	Date of building not known. Part of structure is pre-Reformation. 400 sittings. Contains burial vault of Auchinleck family.
Reg Mag Sig III, 1693	Charter signed in church of Auchinleck, 20 July **1537.**
Hoyle, 1976 rev, n.p.	Enlarged 1641-43 by David Boswell (†1661) - 1st person to be buried in mausoleum - to present size and rectangular plan, and belfry added. Also vaukted over portion from which burials were made inside church. Act of Assembly 1643 forbade burials within churches, and made another chamber with steps down to it, and on other side of the burial chamber.
CH532/1, 9.9.1647	Heritors ordered to have church repaired and 'dressed'.
ASH, Sa 23.12.1865, 3ef [c1683]	Article states that the walls of the old church were raised and a new roof put on c.1683.
Yale, 97/1769	"Building of Aisle. 1695-1702".
CH532/4, p.129, 11.9.1722	2 gavels to be pinned and cast. Choir to be taken down and widened 3'6"; rebuilt conform to rest of church. New roof and bellhouse to be built at east gavel. West loft to be repaired with 3 windows and new stair to be built in "the new addition and two doors in the same." Cast estimated at £488 Scots.
CH532/6, p.26, 28.5.1747	Kirk to be repaired according to minute of 11.9.1722.
Yale 127/2360,2361, 2363, 2364	"Repairs to kirk, Auchinleck. 1715-1747" and "Receipts. 1715-1747".
AO, Tu 24.9.1833, 4b	At ordination of James Chrystal 19.9.1833, 'owing to the smallness and uncomfortable state of the church, divine worship was conducted in the open air'.
CH532/12, p.63, 28.10.1835	Heritors to build new church. The present church is "ruinous and dangerous."
HR365/1, 11.4.1831	To be left standing in old churchyard.
Steven, 1898	Ancient church "roofless and ivygrown", possibly on the site of the church built by the first Walter- dating backwards at least to 17th century (p.3). Belfry above the door contains bell inscr "Jacobus Monteith me fecit Edinburgh 1641." (p.4). Site of jougs still visible on wall. (p.34)
ACC, PHDAC 5.10.1933	Report from HM Office of Works that necessary preservation work will cost c. £300. The Committee recommends that ACC contribute £100.
Weekly Scotsman 15.8.1963	Plans to renovate Old Church, **Robert S Wallace, architect, Troon**. [NMRS Ayrshire Cuttings Box]
Hoyle, 1972	Restoration work begun in 1971 by the Auchinleck Boswell Society.
AA, AGN 48	Note in list of societies says Museum opened 18.8.1978.
Ayrshire Life, 6, March-April 1984, 20-24	Profile of Gordon Hoyle (85). Auchinleck Boswell Society founded in January 1970. Restoration 1971 - 1976; completed through a Job Creation scheme. Opened as a museum 18 August 1978.
<u>MAUSOLEUM</u>	
Steven, 1898, p.23	Stands against wall of old church. When this church ceased in use the Auchinleck aisle became the burying place of the Boswells.
Hoyle, 1972	Built onto north wall of church by Lord Auchinleck, nd.
1SA, XI, 433	Church was enlarged and repaired in 1754.
Chalmers, III, 1824, 524	Repaired and enlarged 1754.
NSA, 1845, 330	Built by Alexander, Lord Auchinleck (†1782)
Hoyle, rev 1976, n.p.	Repaired 1971 and side walls restored to height of 12', 1971.
<u>COAT OF ARMS (on N wall)</u>	
Hoyle 1976	Added to building c.1845. Arms of Sir James Boswell of Auchinleck, 1806-, impaled with those of his wife Jessie Jean Montgomery Cunninghame. Motto - Vray foy.

CHURCHYARD

[There is a series of articles on Auchinleck Churchyard in ASH, beginning at 23.12.1865: copies herewith]

CH 2/532/3, 368. 24.5.1714	Walls repaired, 1714
Hoyle, rev 1976	Burial place of Matthew Tait, d.1792, stands few yards from SW corner of old church. Well-preserved, with woman's head at each top corner, 1 smiling, 1 sad.
HR 365/1, 6.2.1848	Churchyard to be enlarged, and a wall erected around the boundary
ASH 27.11.1858	See this reference under the church itself. [Steven, 1898, 68: Lady Boswell had church grounds enclosed with wall and made into a garden.]
ASH, Sa 23.12.1865, 3ef	Much improvement of late years at the sole expense of Lady Boswell. Shrubs, flowers. Most of the old stones have been deciphered, and have been cleaned and lettered anew solely at the expense of Mr John Gibson, builder, Dalmellington. These stones now placed in walls of old church.
AA 15.3.1866	A memorial pillar to William McGavin and William Murdoch, both distinguished natives, has lately been erected. [Steven: Erected by John Gibson]
ASH, Sa 24.3.1866, 5ab	Monument to McGavin and Murdoch "lately" erected, at expense of John Gibson, Dalmellington, a native of Auchinleck.
HR 365/2, 14.4.1881	Addition made along length of road to Dumfries House. Cost [exc site]: £363 6s 11d.
CH2/532/22, 463, 2.4.1940	Addition made to burial ground, 1940.
ACC Planning, 2287	September 1941. Lay out new cemetery, Auchinleck.
AP, F 25.2.1949, 7c	ACC have approved work on extension to cemetery, £2500.

WAR MEMORIAL

HR 365/4, 6.7.1920	To be erected in churchyard.
AA 14.4.1921	Design by **James A Morris** chosen. 19' high. Circular plinth with steps to octagonal base, central column and Celtic cross. Bronze panels.
AA 4.1.1923	Unveiled. [GTBell gives date 26.12.1922] 19' with small Celtic cross on top.

CHURCH HALL, 116/118 Main Street

CH2/532/22, 170, 1.2.1933	Proposed new church hall in connection with Barony Church approved. Cost £2500.
CC, F 19.1.1934, 2g	**Valentine**, Kilmarnock, architect.
CH2/532/22, 210, 7.2.1934	Hall to be built.
AP 31.8.1934	To be formally opened on 18.9.1934.
AP 21.9.1934	Architect, **W F Valentine, Kilmarnock**.
CO3/8/75 BA1755	Extend Church Hall, **James Houston & Son, Kilbirnie**. 30.8.1968. C5392.
AA, Th 29.8.1968, 1cd	Plans approved by ACC.

MANSE (1)

1613

Reg Mag Sig VII 896	27 July 1613. Manse mentioned in charter of 1613.
CH532/3, p368, 24.5.1714	General repairs to manse and offices. Both are thatched.
CH532/4, p129, 11.9.1732	Addition for a kitchen, 20' long within walls and 14' wide, 2 windows 3' high by 2' wide and a door to the hall. Hall to be paved, high house to be mended and roof thatched. est cost: £254 16s 4d.
CH532/5, p108, 23/10.1735	Manse and office rethatched.
1SA, 1791-92, VI, 16	" ... one of the most commodious neat small houses to be met with, was built in 1756."
NSA, 1845, 330	Addition built in 1786. [No ref to either of these in Presbytery minutes]

CH532/8, p578, 20.3.1794	Addition to be built and manse repaired, estimated cost £89 10s. Completed: 18 February 1796 [p.611]
Yale, 177/3129	"Repairs to Auchinleck Manse. 1813-1820".
HR365/1, 5.7.1821	Interior and exterior repaired and renovated. Gate piers built. Est cost, inc repairs at school, £228. Conts: Andrew Cowan, wright and Andrew Morton, mason.
HR365/1, 16.5.1844	Plan of addition to manse approved. Conts: William Gibson, mason, Auchinleck and Adam Black, wright, Cumnock. Architect: James Jamieson, wright, Mill Affleck. Est cost £194 15s.
Baird, Auchinleck Box	Demolition has begun.

MANSE (2)

HR365/2, 7.8.1901	Plans of new manse approved. Conts: Andrew Calderwood, mason - David White, joiner - John Ford, slater. Final cost £1600.
KS 17.8.1901, 5	Begun this week. Plans of Robert S Ingram.
CO3/12/1/2 BBC 1.10.1901	Manse approved, Robert S Ingram. Also gets knuckles rapped for starting without Council approval.

ANTIBURGHER CHURCH, RIGG See Rigg

BAPTIST CHURCH, Well Road

ACC, YSFE 23.4.1964	£266 grant given to 42nd Ayrshire (Auchinleck) Scouts, towards purchase (£1300) of old Baptist Church in Well Road.

BIRNIEKNOWE CHURCH [R.C.]

Our Lady of Lourdes & St Patrick's Centenary 1867 1967:	The energetic Father O'Dwyer followed in succession and set about the task of finding a site and obtaining funds to have a church built. A site was made available by Lady Boswell, as well as the use of a quarry and sand-pit. A church and Presbytery were designed and erection began under the supervision of the priest himself. The buildings were completed in 1867.
Our Lady 1867 1967:	On August 15th 1878 St Patrick's School was opened.
AA 3.8.1882	Messrs Ingram have prepared plans for a new classroom for the Catholic school in Birnie Knowe.
Our Lady 1867 1967:	c1883, Sisters of St Joseph of Cluny, from Girvan, took charge of school. "The sister in charge was Sister Laurienne. The nuns came to the new convent in 1885..." Retired from teaching because of deafness caused by illness, "Sister Laurienne was ... left free to visit the sick and the poor ... It was while she was pursuing this work that she was knocked down and killed by some waggons near the spot where the Celtic cross to her memory still stands. This tragic accident occurred in August 1888."
Our Lady 1867 1967:	In 1893 nuns from the Order of the Cross and Passion were persuaded to run the convent and school, after the Girvan nuns had returned to Girvan, and a party of London-based Franciscan Sisters failed to settle in. "It was now realised that the Church was too small ... the entrance became the baptistery, and a new porch was set up; the confessional had to be removed, the gallery was built, and the roof was raised and supported by huge oak beams."
CO3/12/1/6 BBC 4.2.1913	Additions to Birnieknowe Convent for Marquess of Bute; David Scott, Dumfries House Estate Office.
Our Lady ... 1867 1967:	School remodelled 1927.

DARNCONNER CHURCH

Steven	Opened: 14 March 1897.

AA 18.3.1897	The new church at Darnconner was opened on Sunday. Designs of Robert S Ingram, and is in the Gothic style. Outside walls are of the famous Ballochmyle red sandstone, while inside white Kilwinning stone has been used. Open timber roof. £3000.
GOSPEL HALL, Park Road	Brick

LUGAR CHURCH AND MANSE See Lugar.

O.S. MANSE

CO3/12/1/2, Wks Cttee 22.5.1900	Additoons, for Rev Spence.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES & ST PATRICK, AUCHINLECK [R.C.]

ACC Planning, 1603	April 1939. Hall, Sorn Road.
Shaw	1940.
AP 14.6.1940	Hall to be formally opened on Thursday.
AP 28.6.1940	Formally opened last Sunday.
ACC Planning, A1176	June 1949. Addition to St Patrick's Hall, for Diocese of Galloway. **Alex Dunlop**, Kilmarnock, architect.
GO 5.7.1963	Foundation stone laid 3.7.1963. Architect, **Charles Gray, Edinburgh**.
Our Lady of Lourdes and St Patrick's Centenary 1867 1967:	
	Opened June 1964. Brought from old church at Birnieknowe: Stations of the Cross, Sanctuary Lamp, benches, font.
Muirkirk RC site visit 09.11.08	Stained glass window also from "the Birnie chapel".

PEDEN CHURCH, AUCHINLECK

ACC, Housing Cttee 3.7.1945	Kirk Session have approved site of proposed new church.
ACC Planning, A2888	October 1950. Hall-Church, Back Rogerton, for Church of Scotland General Trustees,.
AP, F 27.4.1951, 6ef	**Photo**. Laying of Foundation Stone. Carrick in photo.
Sc Churches	Opened 14 January 1953. Architect, James Carrick, Ayr. £18546.
AA, Th 22.1.1953, 21a-e	Dedicated W 14.1.1953. Foundation stone had been laid in April 1951. James A Carrick, Ayr, architect.
AP, F 4.12.1953, 12e	Ayr Presbytery (Tu 1.12.1953). J & J A Carrick, architects for the new hall-church, Auchinleck, also appointed to new hall-church, Castlehill.
AP 6.4.1956	3 stained glass windows, "Easter", in chancel unveiled last Sunday.
CC, F 6.4.1956, 11d	Unveiled last Sunday. Resurrection. "Executed with spiritual discernment and reverence." Design**: C.E. Stewart**, Glasgow.

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