AUCHINLECK PARISH

GENERAL

Johnston:	1239, Auchinlec. Gaelic *achadh an leac*, field of the flat (or tomb) stone.
Smith:	"In the Auchinleck district there are but few remnants of antiquity."
Stat Acc 1st Vol p.15 [1791/1792]	Population declined recently, migrated to Muirkirk for iron and coal tar works, and cotton mill at Catrine. Several houses empty.
Census, 1831	Auchinleck. 60 men employed in coal works.
NSA p.326 [1845]	poulation 1831 - 1662. Arable. Several hundred acres now improved. Cheesemaking. Quarries: limestone and sandstone - limestone for agric use. Coal - Auchinleck Estate, recently opened on Ballochmyle estate. Snuff boxes.
Imperial Gazeteer v4 p92 [1855]	Freestone and limestone quarries. Handloom weaving principal occupation. Pop parish 1851, 3697. Increase due to workers at Lugar Iron Works.
Groome, p.85 [1884]	Held by Abbey of Paisley in 1265. Pop 1831, 1662 - 1861, 4213 - 1871, 6174 - 1881, 6681.
EG, 12679, F 19.6.1914, 708	Petition to form Auchinleck into a burgh. Petitioners and proposed boundaries in Boundaries file. Nothing found regarding resolution of petition.
3SA, p.658 [1951]	Coalmining principal industry. Pits are Barony, Highhouse, Cronberry Moor and Lugar. Pop (town) 4600 (c1946-1950). Main Street, no gardens. Older houses constructed of Auchinleck sandstone, known locally as white sandstone. 1918-1939 402 flatted houses erected by ACC. 100 houses under construction, ACC, and 24 under construction by SSHA.

AUCHINLECK and ETON

AA, Th 13.4.1961, 8de	ETON BOYS STAYED WITH LOCAL MINERS. Photocopy herewith.
AP, 11.1.2013 [1963]	Fifty Years Ago. Four Etonians visit Auchinleck during the festive season; organise two successful parties. One attended by 400 children, the other by 600. Link established in 1961 when seven Etonians visited and stayed with miners' families in Auchinleck; subsequently six miners stayed at Eton The link described by one villager as "unique and rather wonderful."

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