COAL, GENERAL

AA, Th 6.1.1876, 1a — Level crossing application near Dippol Burn: applicant is Archibald Hood as trustee for late William Walker, of Ballochmyle Collieries.

AA 16.4.1925 — Three pits of William Baird & Co have closed - Gilmilnscroft 6, Common 16 and Berryhill.

Coal Mining in C&DV District, nd — CDV District has a long association with coal mining and it is possible that coal was being worked at Gilmilnscroft near Sorn in 1497. It is certain that the monks at Mauchline were using coal in 1528. Some expansion occurred in the late C18 mainly to provide fuel for burning lime which was used on the farms as fertiliser. Most of the coal at this time was worked by ingaunees [drift mines] and bell-pits, but deep mines drained by steam engines were sunk at Mauchline (near Crosshands), Muirkirk, Cumnock and two at Stair, all before 1793. During the C18 the working conditions of the miners were appalling and their social position has been described as pathetic. Prior to 1799 miners were practically slaves, bound to serve the proprietor of the soil, and were actually sold to the new owners whenever the colliery changed hands. In many areas these 'gifted' men wore iron collars, like a dog, riveted round their necks. In 1799 an Act of Parliament was passed liberating colliers and salters, but only after much opposition from both the Town Council and the Merchants of Glasgow. Development of the industry was slow in the C19 until the building of the railways. This, plus the growth of the iron industry, resulted in expansion especially near Muirkirk, Lugar and the Doon Valley.
Today coal mining is still the District's principal source of employment with approximately 4,500 miners employed which represents about 37% of the male labour force, but the District is less dependent on mining today for employment than it has ever been for even as recently as 1959 68% of the male labour force were employed by the National Coal Board.

AIRD'S MOSS

OLD FOUNDRY HOLM, 643269

AUCHINLECK BRICKWORKS

ACC Planning, A77 — August 1948. Mess, &c., AB, for A Kenneth & Sons Ltd.

AUCHINLECK TILEWORKS

AA, Th 12.1.1871, 1e — The business has been sold by Alexander Wodburn to Alexander Hind.

BARGLACHAN COLLIERY

McClelland Diary, 26.1.1792 — Visited.

BARONY COLLIERY

list 24 — First phase 1906-1912, new shaft sunk and production flow re-organised in 1950s. A large colliery complex, with two shafts, one (no.3) for man and coal winding, the other upcast for emergency use. The listing encompasses more important elements surviving from both phases of construction.
Old No 1 & No 2 winding engine houses. Built 1906-1912, and formerly housing steam winding engines, pair of single storey and basement red and yellow brick buildings, with round headed openings. Side walls (6 bay) and tripartite gable elevations have red brick panels surrounded by yellow brick, arched heads of the windows and doors are also of yellow brick. Skews and skewputs of red sandstone. Roofs

	slated, with two ridge ventilators on each. On shaft side gables unusually extended to provide pedimented screen walls in front of roof extensions to accommodate winding ropes. Minor alterations to both buildings. Electricity Generating Station. Built 1906-1912, single storey and basement red and yellow brick building [ ] by 4 bay, extended on long face by 4 bays, both sections with hipped roof. Architectural treatment [similar to winding engine] houses, externally little altered. Water treatment house, chimney and boilers. Water treatment house is in red brick 2 storey building 5 by 1 bay building with replacement corrugated and perspex roof. Style compartable to other older buildings, use of yellow brick limited to window heads at the upper level. Two Lancashire boilers in brick setting, with later concrete buttresses, associated steam piping, later brick and concrete flue and a plain circular-section brick chimney stalk. At the base remains of cast-iron economiser. No.3 Headgear. No 3 headgear four legged welded steel A-frame structure with four pulley wheels. Barony Colliery first large modern colliery in Ayrshire. After 1st shaft sunk for the Eglinton Iron Co in connection with the Lugar Ironworks. In 1957 an electricity generating station was opened on adjoining site, to burn coal slurry from washing plant. Power station closed and demolished in 1983. Colliery closed in 1989. B
AA 29.9.1910	The new Barony Pit has now been sunk to a depth of 160 fathoms - ultimate aim 340 fathoms. When completed will be largest, deepest and best equipped colliery in West of Scotland.
Glenfield Ramblers, v7,1913,p.99	Visited September 1910 by Glenfield Ramblers - then in course of construction.
AA 12.2.1931	Pithead Baths opened last Saturday [7.2.31] - First in Ayrshire. Pit owned by William Baird & Co.
AP 13.2.1931	PHB. £15,000. 45th opened since Miners Welfare Committee, and 11th in Scotland, with 10 in course of erection. Substantial brick building about 120 yards from the pithead. The locker rooms, one for clean clothes and the other for pit clothes run almost the full length of the building and are 80'6" by 28'. A genial warmth permeated the whole building on Saturday, a calorifier disseminating the heat that comes from the pithead. There is ample lavatory accommodation, a place where dirty boots are rapidly cleaned by revolving brushes, while provision is even made for greasing the boots. There are 882 clean clothes lockers and a similar number of pit-clothes lockers, while there are 48 cubicles of Terrazzo for bathing purposes, fitted with hot and cold sprays. The cubicles occupy the centre of the building, between the two locker rooms. Handily situated there is an attendant's room and also a First Aid room where minor injuries can be attended before leaving the building.
ACC Planning, 2501	April 1943. Canteen, BC, for Miners Welfare Commission.
AP 8.3.1946	Sinking of new 300 fathom shaft - halted by war - now resumed.
ACC Planning, A2447	June 1950. Explosives Store, Barony Colliery, for N.C.B.
ACC Planning, A3866	July 1951. Medical Centre, and extension to Pit Head baths, for National Coal Board.
ACC Planning, A4562	April 1952. Alterations and reconstruction, for N.C.B.
ACC Planning, A5846	April 1953. Mineral Railway Sidings, for NCB. Cancelled, see A6675.
ACC Planning, A6226	July 1953. Electricity supply.
ACC Planning, A6240	July 1953. Winding Headframe Gear, no.3 Shaft, for National Coal Board.

ACC Planning, A6675	November 1953. Move Water Meter House, Barony Colliery, for N.C.B.
ACC Planning, A6790	December 1953. Transformer House, and Sub-station, Barony Colliery, for National Coal Board.
ACC Planning, A7196	April 1954. Stores, Offices, Lamp Cabin, &c., Barony Colliery, for National Coal Board.
ACC Planning, A7225	May 1954. Engine Winding House, No.3 shaft, for National Coal Board.
ACC Planning, A7440	June 1954. Weigh Bridge and Weigh Office, Barony Colliery, for National Coal Board.
ACC Planning, A7929	November 1954. Coal Preparation Plant, Barony Colliery, for National Coal Board.
ACC Planning, A8657	June 1955. Car Circulation Hall, for National Coal Board.
ACC Planning, B1114	April 1957. Explosives Destruction Building; Covered way between Baths and No.3 Shaft. National Coal Board.
AA, Th 15.1.1959, 7de	Development work in 1958 concentrated on No.3 shaft. Major unexpected faulting found during the year.
GH, Th 20.12.1962, 8h	Eton at Auchinleck. In April 1961 7 Eton boys visited Auchinleck, and in June 1961 6 miners from the Barony visited the school. The Barony pit is currently idle, making 1128 men jobless, after last month's tragedy when 4 men were killed, and the pit made idle after shaft collapses. As a result 4 Eton boys (named) are presently staying with Barony mining families.
AP, F 30.11.2012, 24 [1962]	50 Years Ago. Memorial service for 4 men (Henry Green, John McNeil, Thomas Fyvie, George Wade) killed by subsidence. 1100 out of 1600 miners have been idle since the subsidence halted production.
AA, Th 11.7.1963, 11c	Closed since November 1962. To re-open - a new shaft is to be sunk.
CC, F 10.1.1964, 14e	Events of 1963. 20th June 1963, announced that Barony will re-open.
CC, F 3.1.1964, 2b	Planning permission has been granted for a substation, winder house and compression house.
CO3/8/7/5	Building Warrant BA1537 - Canteen, for NCB; Brown and Wallace, Troon. Plan C4958. 27.3.1968.
AA, Th 30.1.1969, 20e	Training Centre. Approved, Tuesday, by Ayrshire County Building Authority.
"Coal Mining in C & D V District"	Originally owned by William Baird & Co, the Barony mine was first sunk in 1907 and by 1912 employed 39 men below and 49 above ground. By 1913 No.2 pit was opened ... No 3 Pit was opened in 1945, and since then the mine has continued to expand. The pit is joined under ground with Killoch.
Young, Auchinleck, 24	Begun by Bairds 1906, and in 1912 became deepest mine in Scotland. The original two shafts were joined by a third (sunk 1938-40, 1947-1950). The colliery closed in 1989.
web	Restoration 2007-08 funded by Score.
The Glennie Newsletter, 16, Winter 2008, 1 [c January 2008]	The Barony A Frame is an iconic structure; the sole reminder of East Ayrshire's deep mining history. Instead of rusting away on derelict land the A frame now takes pride of place in landscaped grounds, and is a fine memorial to those who worked and died at the Barony colliery. Visitors will be able to walk around and under this magnificent structure and get an insight into mining life. Information boards have been erected around the Frame telling the story of the Barony and its workforce from the sinking of the first shaft through to the disaster, strike and ultimate closure. The commemorative stone that previously stood in the lay-by off the Barony Road has now been set in a memorial garden so that visitors

can sit quietly and pay their respects to those men who worked and died at the barony.

The opening of the heritage site is the culmination of many years of effort by the Trustees and East Ayrshire Council officers. However they will not be resting on their laurels as further interpretative materials will be added as funding permits, including a sculpture depicting mining life.

The A Frame and garden will be open to the public from Spring 2008. Admission is free. Guided tours can be arranged through Margaret Butter by telephoning 01294 276434.

The Glennie Newsletter, 17, Summer 2008, 2

Officially opened 21.1.2008 by Prince Charles. The Barony A Frame Trust has appointed designers **PLB** to develop ideas for interpretation of the history of coalmining at the A Frame.

BARONY and ETON

AP, F 30.6.1961, 13e — 4 of the 6 Barony miners who went to Eton, 10th-12th June, were guests of Mr R Honeyman at the Odeon, Ayr, on Monday, when they saw "Mining Review", a film featuring the Eton boys visit to the Barony in May. J tanner; J Wilson; G Young; S McLelland.

BARONY POWER STATION

Opened (Commissioned) 11.10.1957. Closed March 1983. Cooling Towers demolished 20.11.1983.

ACC Planning, A5365 — December 1952. Generating Station, Barony, for British Electricity Authority.

Commemorative Brochure [Copy at Baird Institute}

Designed by James Williamson & Partners, civil engineers, and engineered and built by John Laing & Son Ltd. Steelwork by Colville Constructional Co Ltd., cooling towers by Bierrum and Partners, and chimney by Tileman & Co Ltd.

Young, Auchinleck, 3 — "… the innovative Barony Power Station, designed to burn 150,000 tons of washed slurry per year into electricity. [It] was commissioned in October 1957 and its twin cooling towers, each two hundred feet high, dominated the Central Ayrshire landscape. However, as deep mining contracted so also did economic sources of coal slurry and inevitably the power station closed in 1982. Within a year the towers were history."

ACC Planning, A7174 — April 1954. Caravan at Watston Farm, Ochiltree, for John Laing & Son Ltd. Remained there until January 1957. [See also A7374, caravan at Cairnhall, Mauchline Road, Ochiltree].

AP 11.11.1955 — Picture, in course of erection.

KS Annual 1955 — £10½m. Designed to produce electricity from colliery slurry.

Coal Mining in C & DV District — Coal-fired station of 330Mw; first opened in the 1960s this station uses waste coal slurry obtained from both Barony and Killoch mines.

BOXMAKING

Census, 1831, vol ii, pp 946-947 (General County Notes)

' and 50 men are employed in making wooden snuff boxes at Old Cumnock, 30 at Mauchlin, 22 at Auchinleck and a few elsewhere.'

CHIPBOARD FACTORY (EGGER)

CC 30.8.1996 (in Baird, Auchinleck box)

Plans were lodged in August 1996.

COAL DEPOT

TT, F 3.12.1897, 1b — Gauchalland Coal Co have opened a depot adjacent to the Railway Inn, selling their Gilmilnscroft coal, &c.

COMMON BRICKWORKS [?]
OS 1:2500 has WORKS at 581231

ACC Planning, 4585 — July 1947. Brickworks, on Catrine/Cronberry Road, for John Campbell.
ACC Planning, A291 — October 1948. Toilets, Common Brickworks, for A, Kenneth & Sons Ltd.
ACC Planning, A3679 — June 1951. Addition to Brick Plant, Common Brickworks, for A Kenneth & Sons Ltd.
ACC Planning, A8692 — June 1955. Office and lavatories, CBw; Rennie & Bramble, for A Kenneth & Sons Ltd. Cancelled by 1961.

COMMON, COALFIELD

AA, Th 10.5.1821, 1b — Contractors wanted to make 200 falls of new road to a coal field at Common.
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.
Common, 738 (2nd)
CO 3/12/1/1, 465, ADC 19.10.1897 — Common Colliery. William Walker & Co. manager appears to be a Mr Hood; company represented at a meeting by a Mr Begg, who defers a decision to Hood.

CRONBERRY TILE WORKS

AA, Th 14.5.1840, 4a — Advert: now in full production.
AA, Th 25.2.1864, 8e — Son born 19.2.1864 to James Morton, tile manufacturer.

CURRIES, Orchard Road

AA, Th 19.12.1968, 18ae — In 1926 two miners (brothers) acquired Currie's soft drink factory in Dalmellington, and moved, same year, business to Patna. A third brother joined the business, and in 1928 they moved to Auchinleck. Last brother sold the business to present owners in 1959.
Young, Auchinleck, 10 — Business acquired by Dunn & Moore in 1993, "soon after which Auchinleck was abandoned."
CO3/12/1/6 BBC 1.4.1913 — Aerated water factory, Orchard Road, for Mr Smith; James Richmond, builder, Cumnock.
ACC Planning, 3409 — February 1946. Alterations, Orchard Road, for Currie & Co.
ACC Planning, 3563 — June 1946. Alterations, Orchard Road, for Currie & Co.
ACC Planning, A103 — August 1948. Alterations, Orchard Road, for Currie & Co.
ACC Planning, A1107 — June 1949. Garage, &c., Orchard Road, for Currie & Co.
ACC Planning, A1329 — July 1949. Electricity Supply. MFP 15.11.1949.
ACC Planning, A2870 — November 1950. extension, for Currie & co. See A3206.
ACC Planning, A3206 — January 1951. Extension to ice cream factory, for Currie & Co.
ACC Planning, A3927 — August 1951. Extension to ice cream factory, for Currie & Co.
ACC Planning, A5297 — November 1952. Machinery house, for Currie & Co.
ACC Planning, A6518 — October 1953. Factory extension, Orchard Road, for Currie & Co.
AA, Th 19.12.1968, 18ae — Advert. New washing and bottling lines. photograph.
CC 29.10.1992 (in Baird, Auchinleck box)
To close in November 1992.

GASSWATER

Smith — At Gass Water there is an old racecourse.
AA, Th 28.3.1839, 4f — Died, 20.3.1839, aged 70, William McTurk, tacksman of the Gasswater Limeworks.

KH 27.6.1845 — [Precise site not known]. The Lugar Iron Company have, on Auchinleck lands, opened out a large seam of plumbago or black lead.

BARYTES MINE, 626230

A G MacGregor, and others, Barytes in Central Scotland, Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, Geological Survey of G.B.: Scotland, Wartime Pamphlet no.38, London, Geological Survey and Museum, Feb 1944.
Developed and worked 1917 to 1921 by Hedworth Barium Co Ltd. Passed to present lessees, Wrenthall Baryta Co Ltd., Hoylake, in 1923.

VR 1920/21 – 1922/23* — Hedworth Barium Company, Newcastle upon Tyne

VR *1924/25 – 1947/48 — Wrentnall Baryta Co Ltd., London
[VR 43/44, for instance, names WBCL as per Donald J W Orr, Brunagh, Hoylake, and occupant of 1 Wrentnall Cottages as T A Martindale, manager.

ACC, PLC 5.7.1948 — Reported Tranfer from Wrenthall Baryta Co, Lodnon, to Anglo-Austral Mines, of petroleum licnce 436, and carbide of calcium licence 145.

VR 1948/49 – 1963/64 — Anglo-Austral Mines Ltd

ACC Planning, A568 — January 1949. Work and win minerals, Gasswater, for Imperial Smelting Corporation Ltd. Approved, May 1953.

ACC Planning, A850 — April 1949. Overhead power lines, Gasswater, for Anglo-Austral Mines Ltd., per G.E. Delafield, 37 Dover Street, London W1.

ACC Planning, A1328 — July 1949. Electricity supply. MPFP, 30 January 1951.

ACC Planning, A9393 — November 1955. GPO telephone line and poles to Gasswater, for Anglo Austral Mines Ltd.

CO3/8/5/35 — Lease of Anglo-Austral Mines Ltd expired April 1964.

CC17.8.1962 ? — PHOTOCOPY herewith

Glasgow Spelaeological Society, Newsletter, July 1965
Only just closed.

WORKS, 626233

WRENTNALL COTTAGES, 1/2 - 7/8 running sw to ne, 627234

CO3/12/1/12 — BBC 18.3.1924 — 12 4A houses at Gasswater for Wrenthall Barytes Co Ltd, London; Alex Reid, consulting engineer, London. [8 houses completed, BBC 27.1.1925]

BBC 15.4.1924 — 5A 2-storey house for Wrenthall Barytes Co Ltd; Alexander Reid, London.

CO3/8/5/35 — Lease of Anglo-Austral Mines Ltd expired April 1964. Condition that all building be taken down. 10 cottages, “Wrenthall Cottages” - 3 occupied in late 1963.

VR 1964/65 — 2 cottages (2 and 8) still occupied, by George Hornbrook and Norman Watson.

GASSWATER COLLIERY

ACC Planning, A4989 — August 1952. Construction of mine, to be known as Gasswater Colliery, for N.C.B.

ACC Planning, A5069 — September 1952. Explosives store, Gasswater Colliery,for N.C.B.

ACC Planning, A5070 — September 1952. Haulage House, and sub-station, for N.C.B.

ACC Planning, A5103 — September 1952. Electricity Supply.

ACC Planning, A5129 — September 1952. Settling Tank, for N.C.B.

ACC Planning, B1349 — June 1957. Extension, and aerial ropeway, Cairnhill, Cronberry, for National Coal Board. Refers to A4989, but cf Old Cumnock.

HALLGLENMUIR

AA, Th 25.2.1864, 1e — Coal, fireclay and ironstone. To let.

HIGHHOUSE COLLIERY

Hume — Late C19. A 2 shaft pit with steel framed corrugated iron clad surface buildings. There is still [1974] a steam winding engine on one shaft,

built c.1896 by Grant Ritchie & Co Ltd, Kilmarnock, with 2 horizontal cylinders 20" diameter by 4' stroke and a drum 10' diameter by 6'7" wide. The engine has Stephenson's link valve gear, operating slide valves, and reversing is by hand. The head frame for the steam engine shaft is of unusual design, and was wooden until c.1968.

CO3/12/1/4 BBC 4.4.1905 Workmen's houses, Highhouse, for William Baird & Co; **J & R S Ingram**. [30 - presently erected, July 1905. CO3/13/1/1/1]

AP 7.7.1939 Pithead baths in course of erection.

ACC Planning, 4449 June 1947. Nissen hut, Highhouse Colliery, for National Coal Board. [First NCB application in ACC files]

Coal Mining in C&DV District Still in operation. First sunk in 1894 this pit employed a maximum of 514 men below ground and 80 above ground in 1910. It is one of the oldest operating mines in Scotland.

Young, Auchinleck, 3 Closed 1983.

AP, 29.5.2015, 67 Planning 15/0338/LB, proposed demolition of engine house and head frame.

HOSIERY FACTORY, Orchard Road

AP, F 18.11.1949, 9a Obit of Henry P Hoyle, mining engineer - see Card Index. One of his sons owns Auchinleck Hosiery.

ACC Planning, A689 February 1949. Extension, OR, for Auchinleck Hosiery.

ACC Planning, A2529 July 1950. Canteen, extension, &c., Orchard Road, for Auchinleck Hosiery, per Gordon P. Hoyle.

IRONSTONE MINING

AA, Th 7.5.1840, 4d A recent gift to the Ayr Mechanics Institution has been specimens of blackband ironstone from the Nether Carbello property of Robertson of Duncanziemere, the first to be found and worked in that part of the county.

ASH, Sa 27.1.1866, 3d [Auchinleck Churchyard 4]. Black band ironstone was first discovered in this district, about 25 years ago, on the farm of Duncanziemere, 'and it was worked by the Muirkirk Iron Company, and carted to the furnaces at Muirkirk, which has been the means of opening up many pits of ironstone, as well as establishing the Lugar Ironworks and the other mineral fields in the district.'

LUGAR COLLIERY

AP, F 25.12.1953, 13b Lugar and Mortonmuir Collieries to close. Lugar, which employs 130 men, 'was only started to take out a particular deposit of coal and was more or less an emergency scheme about the time of the last war.'

LUGAR IRONWORKS See LUGAR

MONA LEWIS, Auchinleck Road, Cumnock

ACC Planning application C452, 1964, Hatchery and Hatchery Cottages, for -; Rowell & Anderson.

SVR 1964/65 Occupied 28 August 1964. F & R Sykes Ltd.

MORTONMUIR COLLIERY

ACC Planning, 3250 1946. Associated works (railways, &c), with sinking of pit, for Bairds & Dalmellington Ltd.

AP, F 25.12.1953, 13b Lugar and Mortonmuir Collieries to close. 25 men employed at Mortonmuir.

UTILITIES

AUCHINLECK GAS WORKS

ASH 16.5.1857	Advert for contractors.
AP, F 11.2.1949, 1e	S C Johnston, Royal Bank, Cumnock, appointed Stockholders' Representative.
ACC Planning, A4179	November 1951. Gasholder, Auchinleck Gas Works, for Scottish Gas Board.

DRAINAGE

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

Auchinleck Drainage Scheme has been completed

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

Auchinleck Drainage: £790 approved.

SEWAGE WORKS, UNDERWOOD

ACC Planning, A6895	February 1954. Outfall Sewer, &c., from Auchinleck to Underwood, for Ayr County Council.

HOUSES

ACC Planning, A8751	June 1955. 2 semi-detached houses, Underwood, for Ayr County Council.

TELEVISION, CUMNOCK

CC. F 29.9.1961	Piped TV, Cumnock. Receiving mast in Rigg Road. Began Wed 20.9.1961, North British Relay Services.

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