LUGAR

Coal Mining in C&DV District	... fine examples of Coal Board housing can be seen. On top of the hill ... is the present Regional HQ of the NCB, and this was the site of the Lugar Iron Works.
McWilliam	Of all the new towns and villages none have been so vulnerable to change as those that were founded for miners. The charming terraced rows built about 1840 at Lugar were demolished in the 1950s and now there is only the village shop of the same period.
Hume	Rebuilt c.1866 by the Eglinton Iron Co. The main part of the ironworks is the site of modern NCB workshops, but the laboratory block and another single storey rubble building survive. In the village, built to serve the works, the Square, an L-plan row of foremen's cottages, with the church, 1867, formerly a foundry (c.1840s) at one end still exist. All the older rows of workers' housing have gone, apart from walls now forming boundaries, but some brick rows built in the 1920s survive, as do the houses of the works manager and underground manager, school, schoolhouse and institute (1892). The school and institute are now hosiery works.
Yale, 182/3240-3242	'Lugar Iron Works. 1837-1860'.
Groome, 1884, 563	Population 1861, 753; 1871, 1374; 1881, 1353.
Groome, 1884, 85	4 furnaces in 1879.
AA, Th 19.4.1855, 4c	"The blast is again on two of the Lugar furnaces, and the place now presents a stirring appearance."
Imp Gaz, II, 380 [1855/1865]	"It was built chiefly for the accommodation of the workpeople connected with the recently erected Lugar Ironworks."
KWP 16.4.1864, 3f	Lugar. We understand that the Portland Iron Works lately belonging to Messrs Freeland and Lancaster were purchased on Wednesday last by the Eglinton Iron Co.
ASH, Sa 16.4.1864, 6b	Hurlford and Auchinleck properties of Portland Iron Works (Freeland and Lancaster) acquired on Wednesday last by Eglinton Iron Co.
ASH, Sa 22.12.1866, 5e	Furnaces. "After being in darkness for the last eight or nine years, we have again the pleasure of seeing the furnaces put into operation. The works which were begun in 1845 by the Messrs Wilson and Dunlop, and which for many years gave light to the surrounding district, has been completely altered; the old furnaces are wholly removed, and the new ones are built considerably higher up the hill than the old. One of them was put into blast on Monday last, and it is expected the others will soon follow".
ASH, Sa 31.7.1869, 8c	Latest new furnace put in blast Monday last.
RQR, December 1869	Population increase due to 'the extension of the sugar [sic: Lugar] works'.
KS, Sa 10.6.1871, 3f	'The Blair Ironworks are at present taking down rows of houses, engine seats and engines, and forwarding them to Lugar, where mining operations are carried on to a large extent'.
AA 23.9.1886	A new industry here [is] "coal briquettes"; the plant which Mr Angus, manager of the works, has had erected for the production of the new fuel is capable of turning out 200 tons a day.
3SA, 1951, 665	Single storey cottages of yellow brick or greyish sandstone, built in rows. 267 were built by Iron Works, now owned by NCB. Rosebank Tenements not built by Iron Works. Ironworks closed in 1928: at date of 3SA still scientific and admin staff on site.
ACC Planning, 4745	September 1947. Offices, Lugar Works, for National Coal Board.
ACC Planning, A368	November 1948. Storage huts, Lugar, for National Coal Board.

ACC Planning, A3155	January 1951. Science Laboratory and Gas Generator Chamber, for National Coal Board.
ACC Planning, A4076	October 1951. Office Block, Lugar, for National Coal Board.
ACC Planning, A5474	January 1953. Central Workshop, &c., Lugar, for National Coal Board. Amended plans approved April 1953.
ACC Planning, A7085	March 1954. Renewal of A3870, timber buildings, for NCB.
AA, Th 12.5.1955, 4de	New NCB workshops. 4 bay block. Notes taken from an article in "coal", May 1955. NCB standard design.

ACC, Roads Estimates Sub Committee 13.12.1962

Discussion of upgrading of Rigg Road, Auchinleck, which will become main approach when NCB Main Offices (combined West Ayr and East Ayr areas) are established at Luigar, early in 1963. Alternative, Peesweep Brae, is present main access, but too steep.

ACC, C146	1963 application for large extension to Central Office, for NCB Scottish Area. Head architect **E. Riss**; drawn by FWG. Contains useful site plan.
ex inf	Architect of Council Chamber, &c., at Lugar is **Douglas Buchanan**, CDVDC.

Lugar Church and Manse

List 12.	Stands on the site of the old foundry and dates from 1867. A plain rectangular structure with one storey manse adjoining. 3SA, 666-667. C
KS 29.6.1867	The Eglinton Iron Co have erected a large and commodious church at Lugar.
AA 6.12.1906	Petition to form Lugar into a q.s. parish. Church built 1867, cost £1541. Manse built 1867, cost £800. [AA 14.3.1907 - petition granted last Friday.]

1-10 Craigston Square

List 13	L-shape range of 1 storey miners dwellings. C

Craigston House

List 14	Early C19, standing in own grounds. Ashlar, 2 storeys, 3 sash windows, those on ground floor having entablatures on scroll brackets; low parapet and moulded cornice; centre pilastered doorway. C
ACC Planning, A9328	November 1955. Subdivision (2 flats); Stevenson & Ferguson, for National Coal Board.

Lugar Institute, 26 Front Row

List 15	Built 1892. Pleasant irregular composition, main hall to left, lower 1 storey wing to right with entrance and flat gabled triple bay. 3SA, 666-667. C

AA 21.4.1892; KH, F 22.4.1892, 3d

The large and well-appointed Institute which Mr William Weir of Kildonan, one of the partners in the Eglinton Iron Co., had built and furnished for the benefit of the workmen at Lugar, was handed over by him on Friday to a committee of management. Plans of **R S Ingram**. £5000. Billiard room, games room, reading room, concert room, library, swimming and private baths, skittle alley.

AO 22.4.1892	Lengthy account of opening. "We have on many previous occasions spoken of Lugar as, in all respects, a model mining village. Its situation is pleasant, its appearance picturesque, its dwellings healthy and comfortable, its schools models of elementary education, and its church and faithful pastor are there to point the way to the better land". Ref to similar institute, opened by Weir a few months ago, at Gartsherrie. "The Company very generously presented the site, and the old office,

which the architect reconstructed, and it now forms a billiard room with two tables and a room where draughts, backgammon and other similar games can be played without disturbance. ... The Institute was then opened to the public, Mr Robertson and others associated with the works and Mr Ingram, architect, with ready zeal and great courtesy, conducting the strangers present over the large, beautiful and most commodious building; and numbers of the 'strong swimmers' present, in elegant bathing dresses, were to be seen diving into and sporting about in the large swimming bath like the most agile amphibious otters. The skittle alley too was filled and busy with expert players at that game ..." Ingram's description is photocopied herewith.

A Boyd, The Biography of John Smith, Ardrossan, Guthrie, 1930, p.15

'Some years ago the Baird Company erected a fine building for baths, recreation rooms and a library stocked with a number of valuable books of poetry, history, science and philosophy for the benefit of the Lugar people.'

ACC Planning, B336 — August 1956. Alterations, Miners' Welfare Institute, Lugar, for CISWO.

SRC, E(Sv), 15.8.1978, 955 — Taken over by ACC from CISWO, nd.

SRC, E(Sv), 10.11.1977, 1221 — Surplus.

SRC, E(Sv), 15.8.1978, 955 — Has been let for industrial use since 1968, but is now surplus to SRC requirements.

SRC, 2.10.1979 — Transferred to Economic & Industrial Development account.

LUGAR SCHOOL

AA 15.10.1908 — At the School Board last Thursday, Messrs **Ingram & Brown** were commissioned for plans of extension to Lugar School, and for additions to Auchinleck School.

ACC Planning, A5247 — October 1952. Classroom hut, Lugar P.S., for Ayr County Council

ACC Education S/C 19.2.1963 — Agreed to close Lugar School when new school at Logan Toll is opened.

AA, CO 3/10/5/26, GPC 15.4.1966 — Leased to Hollybush Knitwear Ltd, 13th November 1964. Now to be sold to them, for £750.

HEAD

1942 - 1949 — John B STRACHAN [AP, F 14.1.1949, 6fe; transferred to Hillhead PS, Kilmarnock]

Bowling Green

3SA, 1951, 667 — Laid down in 1925.

LUGAR BOSWELL THISTLE, Rosebank Park

ACC Planning, A663 — February 1949. Football pavilion, Rosebank Park, for John Lindsay.

Rosebank Cottage

Sas Abr 988 of 1886 — reference to **1848** lease to James Muir, Rosebank, Lugar, of 1R 30F.

CO3/12/1/5 BBC 5.5.1908 — Alterations for Robert Muir; John Dalziel.

Thornwood Drive

1-7, 2-8

ACC Planning, B1514 — July 1957. 8 houses, new road at Lugar; Stevenson & Ferguson, for National Coal Board.

CO3/12/1/6 BBC 7.7.1914 — Constable's house, ACC, J A Lockhart, Ayr.

CO3/12/1/12 BBC 4.3.1924 — 8 4As and 16 3As, for William Baird & Co; **Allan Stevenson**.

COMMON

AP, F 18.10.1929, 6 — Trial for culpable homicide at a hut in Common Bing.

COMMON & GLENLOGAN WORKS CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY
EG, Tu 6.12.1938Members have resolved to wind up the Society. See ref.

COMMONDYKE

ACC, PHSC 30.9.1930 — CO. Ballochmyle Row, Auchinleck (47 houses); Gordon, Carskeoch; Walker's Row (12), Stable Row (6), Single Row (5), Double Row (6) Commondyke. Bairds.

ACC, PHDAC 3.11.1932 — Revised Clearance Order.

COMMONLOCH

ACC, PHC 9.1.1936 — Demolition Order. 95 houses, 99-194 Commonloch, property of Christina Gordon, Carskeoch.

CRONBERRY

Groome, 1884, 311 — Owes mining origin to Eglinton Iron Co. Pop in 1871, 997; 1881, 799.

CO3/12/1/7 BBC 3.6.1919 — Roadmans house, Ayr District Council, **Allan Stevenson**.

CO3/12/1/12 BBC 15.4.1924 — 20 flatted 3As for William Baird & Co; **Allan Stevenson**.

CO3/12/1/15 BBC 13.9.1927 — 8 2As, William Baird & Co.

ACC Planning, A2350 — May 1950. Electricity supply to 28 N.C.B. houses. No decision noted.

ACC Planning, A3861 — July 1951. Electricity supply to 28 N.C.B. houses.

ACC Planning, A6633 — November 1953. Hut (P.O. and shop), Cronberry, for Charles McAusland.

DEMOLITION

AP, F 3.11.1950, 6a — Photograph of demolition in progress.

Cronberry Station

CO3/12/1/3 BBC 1.3.1904 — Additions to house, Cronberry Station, GSWR, William Melville.

Cronberry School (1)

ACC Planning, A985 — May 1949. Lavatories, Old School House, C, for Alex Duncan

Cronberry School (2)

AP 21.2.1930 — Contractors - New school at Cronberry - AEA - **William Reid**.

DARNCONNER

ACC, PHSC 30.9.1930 — CO. First Square, Second Square, Front Row, Back Row, Darnconner (79 houses) Gordon, Carskeoch, Patna.

ACC, PHDAC 3.11.1932 — Revised Clearance Order.

Darnconner School

AA 22.3.1906 — Formally opened last Thursday.

ACC, GPSC 20.11.1947, 1370 — Accede to Highways Committee request to use schools at Darnconner and Fergushill for storage of materials.

ACC, GPSC 22.10.1953, 20 — To be demolished.

HIGH WOODHOUSE

EG, F 22.10.1915, 1602b — Glasgow undertaker seeking j,f. on estate of late Mateusz Bahanovski, 45 High Woodhouse, Auchinleck.

GENERAL INFORMATION

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.’

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