HARBOUR

List 6 — Harbour Pier. Built with dressed sandstone. Improvements carried out in about 1860. Ref: Groom, I, 112-113. B.

Hume — Improved c.1860. A sandstone pier on an L-plan with a protective wall on the outer limb of the L. The outer face of the pier has a pronounced batter. There are single storey wood and rubble gear stores, and nearby a range of 12 single-storey and attic fishermen's cottages and a similar block of 2 houses.

Imp Gaz, 1845, I, 119 — Tidal harbour recently constructed. Cost: c£6000. Basin cut from rock, and pier built on the rocky ledge.

AA 3.6.1847 — Work in progress. Quay with parapet wall, using freestone from Arran. Conts: Gordon & Garrow.

AA 30.12.1847 — Design: Mr Mitchell.

AA 1.5.1884 — Plan of Mr G M Cunningham, CE, Edinburgh, to erect a 750' long pier, a continuation of that existing, and another 900' long, affording a harbour 6 or 7 acres in extent, and capable of taking about 700 boats. [Not done]

ScPict III/64, 18.6.1898 — "... The harbour will rouse your pity. It is well-built but small, and the shifting sands have made it their habitation. Except at high water it cannot be entered, and the unlucky fishermen have still to launch their boats from a shelving dangerous beach ... "

LIFEBOAT

1906 - — William & Harriet. Thames Ironworks Co Ltd. Bequest of late Mrs Richardson, Greenwich. [Engineer, 6.4.1906, 347c]

FISHING

AP, F 25.12.1953, 12e — CHANGE IN LOCAL FISHING METHODS. Because of the poor herring returns which Ballantrae district fishing boats have experienced in the last two seasons, owners are being compelled for economic reasons to abandon their traditional modes of fishing or travel to grounds farther afield. In recent weeks, three Dunure 'ringers' have been converted to seine-net vessels. They are the *Girl Margaret*, the *Hercules* and the *Dewy Rose*, and they have found their change of character to be justified by some good landings of white fish, which continue to provide the chief revenue for fishermen operating in the Clyde and landing at Ayr. A Girvan boat, the *Erica*, has also been adapted as a seine-netter. Two boats which have been induced to seek pastures new are the *Senorita* (Maidens) and the *Aliped VII* (Girvan); they are now fishing successfully off the north coast of Ireland, and in the past fortnight they have made many good landings of herring at Irish ports. They were attracted to the Irish grounds as a result of a visit to Ayr of Ulster fish-salesmen. But conversion to seine-netting seems to be the most likely prospect for Clyde fishermen, for the catches of white fish continue to be good, both as to quality and quantity. Haddock have again turned up in the firth in good numbers at Irvine Bay and Turnberry, and these have been fetching prices as high as 14s per stone at Ayr. It is an earnest of the melancholy state of affairs with herring that last week only 227 crans were landed at Ayr; and that these were of such poor quality that only 27 crans were sold for the home market, the remaining 200 crans being disposed for canning, dog food, oil and meal. Many of the Ballantrae district boats will be tying up this weekend for their new year holiday.

RAIL

CO 3/8/1/3, County Council 1895-98, 517, Finance Committee 11.1.1898
County Council support for a Light Railway from Pinwherry to Ballantrae sought by Carment, Wedderburn & Watson, WS, Edinburgh.

CO 3/8/1/3, County Council 1895-98, 556-8, Report of Finance Committee to County Council, 8.3.1898
Council are being asked to make a financial advance. The line was surveyed some years ago, and construction costs are estimated at £40,000.

CO 3/8/1/4, County Council 1898-1902, 48-49, Finance Committee 9.8.1898
Carment &c WS say County Council are their first step, as without Council support, 'we cannot expect to be able to go on with the scheme.'

ROADS

GENERAL

AO, Tu 16.4.1833, 4e — Report of death of Forbes Hunter Blair of Dunskey. 'It was mainly through his exertions that the recent vast improvements on the Port-patrick line of road, south of Girvan, were effected'.

AO, Tu 29.10.1833, 1b — Contractors wanted for 'several extensive alterations' to the road between Ballantrae Bridge and Head of Glenapp. Plan: **Grainger & Miller**, Edinburgh.

A77, HAGGSTONE to SOUTH MARK

SRC, H&T 4.2.1982, 436 — Realignment, Let to W & J Barr & Sons (Scotland) Ltd., for £295,333.

ALTIMEG BRIDGE, A77

ACC, Roads 3.10.1960 — Contract let to A McCracken & Sons (Maidens) Ltd, for £39452.

BALLANTRAE BRIDGE (1)

List 13 — Built 1770 in stone, 2 main arches with ashlar voussoirs, centre pier and buttress, and small arch at side. 3SA, 857-8. B.

Hume — Built 1770. A 2 span bridge, with arch rings of dressed stone and rubble spandrels and wing walls. The arches are segmental and there are triangular cutwatres extending upwards to form refuges. In the south abutment is a small segmental arch at a higher level, probably for a mill lade. At the north end is a single storey cottage, probably a tollhouse.

SRO, GD 135, Box 48 — 1774 letter from John Hamilton to Earl of Stair asking him to send his subscription of 10 guineas to the building of the bridge.

SRO, GD 135/139 — Letter of 28 August 1776 from John Hamilton, Bargany, to 5th Earl of Stair on "the severe and expensive operation" this summer of building new bridge at Ballantrae. "The foundation of the pillars which nobody ever suspected to be difficult has cost a great sum & has taken the whole season from the beginning of May to accomplish".

BALLANTRAE BRIDGE (2)

AP, F 22.11.1963, 18a — "Messrs Whatlings have made a start with the preparatory work for the building of the new road bridge ... at Ballantrae".

AA, ATD 62/11, 498, CH 23.10.1964
First used Thursday of last week, (i.e. 15.10.1964).

RIAS Collection — 1961 plans by Shearer and Annand, Edinburgh.

WATER OF APP, BRIDGE OVER

AA, Th 5.3.1840, 1a — Bridge Money application.

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MILESTONES

AA 6.1.1814	Conts - milestones on Girvan Ballantrae and Girvan Colmonell Ballantrae roads - Road Trustees, Girvan.

INDUSTRY

AIRD MILL	See ARDSTINCHAR MILL

ARDSTINCHAR MILL

AA, Th 2.3.1809, 1d	Ardstinchar Mill and lands. To let. Lands are of about 30 acres, the "great part of which is fine holm land."
Wilson	Aird Mill.

FISH FARM, FINNARTS BAY

AP, F 28.1.1977, 3fg	Application approved by KCDC.

GARLOCK QUARRY

ACC Planning, A534	December 1948. Work and win minerals, Garlock Quarry, for Earl of Inchcape. Approved, February 1954

PORT SALLY QUARRY, FINNARTS

ACC Planning, A533	December 1948. Work and win minerals, Port Sally Quarry, Finnarts, for Earl of Inchcape. Approved, February 1954

PROVENDER MILL, Shellkniowe

ACC Planning, A4208	November 1951. Provender Mill, Ballantrae; **A Maclean Goudie**, Stranraer, for R & A Hannay Ltd.
ACC Planning, A5350	November 1952. Electricity supply to new mill (R & A Hannay Ltd).

WINDMILL, 69038322

List 15	Cylindrical stump, roofless. A landmark. C.
Abercrummie	1696. a wynd-mill lately built.
Smith	"the second one in windy Ayrshire"
Hume	Late C17 or early C18. A well preserved rubble "vaulted-tower" mill.
SRO, GD 109/3279	1684 Contract between John, lord Bargany, and **James Johnston**, carpenter in Dumfries, for the building of a windmill at a cost of £75 Stg.

UTILITIES

DRAINAGE

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

Ballantrae Drainage Scheme has been completed

WATER

CO3/8/2/1, 302-5, Standing Joint Cttee 2.10.1894

Proposed extension of reservoir (on Glenapp land), to plans of Mr Eaglesham.

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