BARR PARISH CHURCH [1]

Parish, 1653.

Simon Ferguson, The Story of Barr		Church, 1978 updated 1986: Presbytery agreed 26.6.1650 to build a replacement for "Kirkdomini" at the Barr, using material of Kirkdomini. Transportation of material recommended to care of laird of Kirkmichael, ygr, and Fergus McKubin. Church completed by July 1653 when newly created Session met there.
Chalmers, 1825, III, 540		Church built for new parish in 1653. Materials of Kirkdomine used.
AA, CH 2/532/1	26.6.1650	Materials of old 'kirk dominae' to be used for building new church.
SRO, CH 2/366/2	20.2.1658	Described in an instrument of sasine as "the new church of Barr".
2SA, V, 412	[Sept 1837]	In good repair - 390 sittings.
SRO, CH 2/366/1	30.10.1861	Repair 1861. Roof repaired. Gallery supported on iron beams. Contractor: John Austin. Est cost: £67 7s 6d.
SRO, HR 366/1	6.7.1866	Centre passageway seated to increase capacity.
	11.7.1879	Site levelled. Tombstones replaced in positions and walls repaired.

BARR PARISH CHURCH [2]

List 4A, Δ7.9.1978Δ		1878. Early Gothic gabled chapel with vestry at north end and SE porch. Slate roof, skew gables with S cross and N chimney, rubble walls, freestone dressings. Simple lancets with triplets under containing arches to gable ends. Picturesque SE bellcote with corner buttresses. CS.
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SRO, HR 366/1	28.9.1877	New church, with 260 sittings, to be built on glebe.
AA, CH 2/532/17	5.12.1877	New church proposed to be built on the glebe.
Simon Ferguson, The Story of Barr		Church, 1978 updated 1986: Plans of Allan Stevenson approved by Heritors meeting on 6.2.1878.
SRO, HR 366/1	25.2.1878	Architect and superintendent of work: Allan Stevenson, architect, Ayr. Conts to be John Maltman, Maybole, mason; James McCreath, joiner, &c. Est cost: £892 15s.
AA 7.3.1878		A new church is to be built, to plans of **[Allan] Stevenson**, Ayr, "a rising young man in his profession, who is also architect for the mansion house of Pinmore presently being rebuilt."
3SA, 1951, 846	[1878]	Whinstone for building was cut from the bed of the Stinchar.
SRO, HR 366/1	20.8.1878	Boundary wall to be built. New bell ordered.
AA 28.11.1878		Formally opened last Sunday. EE. [24.11.1878].
SRO, HR 366/1	18.12.1878	Has been completed. Final cost was £1163 4s 6d.
Ferguson, 24		John Maltman, Maybole, mason; James McCreath, Ayr, joiner.
Clouston		Bell is c.1870. Bell in outbuilding is John C Wilson, Glasgow, 1878.
SRO, HR 366/1	7.3.1888	1888. Gallery to be erected. **Allan Stevenson**, Ayr, architect. Complete by 11.5.1888.
	13.10.1891	In 1891 belfry removed from peak of south gable, and rebuilt on south-east corner. Tie rods inserted to prevent roof spreading further. Est cost: £159. Architect: **Tennant**.
	22.4.1918	1918, decayed stronework repaired.
Ferguson, 20		Font and Communion Table are from Free Church. [See ref in AA, CH 3/532/24, 1.9.1953]
Ferguson, 25		Restoration in 1978, including screen below gallery. P J Lorimer, London. Main contractor: A Douglas & Son, Barr. Builders; Messrs McQuaker, Pinwherry.
	FITTINGS	
SRO, HR 366/1	14.4.1871	Memorial plaque to Henry Hughes Onslow of Balkissock erected in 1871.
	11.7.1879	Choir seat erected in front of pulpit, 1879.

MANSE (1)

AA, CH 2/532/2	4.1.1699	1699 Repair. 2 gavells to be rebuilt; great stair to upper rooms to be built; thatch whole house; repair offices, &c. Cost: 500 merks,
AA, CH 2/532/4	10.11.1725	1725, Offices rebuilt; manse thatched. Stable, byre, barn and brewhouse walls rebuilt. Manse thatched. Est cost: £198 10s.
AA, CH 2/532/6	26.2.1747	New manse to be built on same site, but offices retained.

MANSE (2)

AA, CH 2/532/6	26.2.1747	New manse to be built on site of old, retaining offices. Est cost: £1000 Scots.
AA, CH 2/532/8	6.3.1782	1782. Offices to be rebuilt 98' by 18' and thatched. Manse to be renovated and some windows enlarged. Est cost: £94 2s 11d.
AA, CH 2/532/9	3.3.1803	Rebuilt, 1803. [see MANSE 3]

MANSE [3]

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CS271/58068		In 1804 Presbytery of Ayr approved plans for a new manse by Robert McCord and Alexander Jardine, masons, Girvan. See reference.
AA, CH 2/532/9	3.3.1803	New manse to be built on same site. Architects and contractors: Robert McCord and Alexander Jardine. Est cost; £749. Completed by 15.8.1805.
AA, CH 2/532/10	20.4.1820	Addition to E end for milkhouse, pantry and cellar. Est cost; £120.
SRO, HR 366/1	2.11.1859	Manse and offices to be renovated. Est cost: £130. Cont: John Bowman.
	6.7.1866	Walls cast and whitewashed 1866.
	25.9.1906	Alteration, 1906. Manse repaired. Oriel windows put in parlour and bedroom above. Also in attic. Est cost; £239.
AA, CH 2/532/24	3.9.1957	1957, Repairs and improvements. Part of back premises to be demolished. est cost: £2000. **J & J A Carrick**, Ayr, architects.

CEMETERY [OLD CHURCHYARD]

List 2		Site of original parish church. C.
SRO, HR 366/1	11.7.1879	Old church site levelled, tombstones replaced and walls repaired.
	2.7.1911	New gateway to kirkyard to be erected. Gift of Rev George Dods in memory of his son.
AA 27.6.1912		Photograph of Memorial Arch, dedicated 15.6.1912. The arch is of native whinstone, and is designed by J K Hunter. The granite cross is by Mr McLachlan, sculptor, Ayr, and the iron work - gates, railing - by Isaac Terry, Ayr.
	McKEEN MEMORIAL	
AP, F 30.5.2014, 31		Restored by Graciela Ainsworth, Edinburgh, after attempt to replace it by SCMA. Edward McKeen, covenanter, shot 1685.

BARR FREE CHURCH [former][1]

AA 10.8.1843		Foundation stone laid 2.8.1843.

BARR FREE CHURCH [2], later ANGUS MEMORIAL

AA, Ch 3/757/1	9.11.1890	Presbytery approve of scheme to build new church.
	5.4.1891	Architect's plans approved. Est cost (without steeple): £925.
AA 9.7.1891		The foundation stone of the new Free Church was laid the other day [last Thursday]. Architect: Mr Petrie, Glasgow. Red sandstone. It consists of a nave with small transept joined by a couple of Gothic arches supported on a column having moulded capitals and base. The E and W gables contain a temple lancet window, and when the building is complete will have a spire c.70' high.
AA, CH 3/757/1	1.11.1891	Memorial window to be erected to Rev William Ferguson, died 1891.

AA 25.3.1897		Memorial window has been erected in memory of Mrs Wilson [Maggie Macdonald] of New Zealand. Subject: Good Shepherd.
AA 3.7.1902 (+ correction AA 10.7.1902)		Memorial window, "Isaiah", executed by Messrs J & W Guthrie and Andrew Wells Ltd., West George St., Glasgow. Gift of Arthur family.
AA 28.8.1902		"Isaiah" window dedicated last Sunday, along with David McFadzean memorial window, "The Sower", no artist given.
AA, CH 2/532/23	6.5.1947	To be reopened as church of joint congregation.
	1.11.1949	Clock to be put into working order.
AP, F 4.2.1949, 8cf		Report of Ayr Presbytery meeting, 1.2.1949, suggests a dispute over its use, and reference to Rev A.D. McMurray
AA, Th 9.7.1953, 11c		Now in 'a sad and ruinous condition', and to be converted into a Church Hall.
AA, CH 2/532/24	1.9.1953	To be converted to Church Hall. Building to be made watertight. Pulpit offered to National Church Extension Cttee; plaques to remain, pews to be sold. Completed by 5.10.1954.
Building Warrant BA 3952		July 1972. Change of use, church hall (St Andrews) to 2 houses, for L/Col J T and P J Lorimer. P J Lorimer, London NW1, architect. £5000. P.App D435.
AP, F 20.5.1977, 2bc		Garage, for John Lorimer, upsetting people.
FREE CHURCH MANSE		
List 11A, Δ7.9.1978Δ		2 storey late Georgian house, whitewashed walls, slate roof with barge boards, eaves band linked to end strips and window margins, 3 windows wide, original sashes 1st floor, splayed bays ground floor, centre doorway under lean-to hood. CS.
Ewing		1844
AA, CH 3/757/1	8.2.1849	Ms history of congregation: manse opened in 1844.
AA, CH 3/757/1	24.3.1869	1869. Room off study at back of the house to have a window made in it.
	21.3.1883	1883. Roof to be extended over the 3 gables. Repairs to roughcasting.
CO3/12/2/2	NBSC 3.5.1902	Additions and alterations, UF Manse.
FREE CHURCH SCHOOL		
AA, CH 3/757/1	21.3.1849	School to be built on feu of the church.
	2.4.1849	School with dwelling in upper floor to be built.
	18.10.1850	Inspected and complete. Final cost: £155.
	22.3.1866	1866, porch erected inside door.
	19.6.1867	CLOSED.
	21.3.1870	1870, porch built outside door.
KIRK DOMINAE		
List [P/BL/5/AR: June 1963] 1		Ruin of mediaeval chapel. Ref: Groome's Gazetteer, i, 130. B.
Smith		Kirkdandy. Ruins of a small chapel. Kirkdandy Fair was an annual event.
Chalmers, 1825, III, 539		Not rebuilt in 1639, abandoned 1642. Parishioners requested to rebuild Kikrdominae for use in the south part of parish (Girvan).
AA, CH2/532/1	28.6.1642	New kirk to be built at Dailly. Nothing to be done regarding building the Kirk of Kirkdomini.
	26.6.1650	Materials of Kirk dominae to be used to build Barr Parish Church.
1SA, VI, 57		1653. Roof removed to put on new parish church.
Chalmers., 1825, III, 538		The parishioners of the new parish of Barr took the roof for their new parish church in 1653.
1SA, VI, 56		1792. Ruin extant, and visible.
2SA, 1845, 409		Ruin extant, 1842. Well is approached through a 'regularly built archway'.

Paterson, 1848, I, 255 — Ruins still visible. There is a well at rear of kirk - dedicated to Holy Trinity.

Simon Ferguson, The Story of Barr Church, 1978 updated 1986, p.8
"Today the site of the old chapel is a place of great beauty and peace. The Holy Well on the hillside above it still shows the remains of its arched stone entrance, but of the chapel itself there is no trace. The prominent ruin adjacent to it, visible from the public road and often pointed out as the remains of Kirkdamdie, is in fact the ruin of a dwelling-house of no great antiquity".

BARR PRIMARY SCHOOL

Site Visit 30.11.1997 — C19 red sandstone core, much extended.

CO3/10/2/75 21.5.1898 — Letter of James Gregg, Traboyack. He has just bought property occupied by Ann McKenna, and is proposing to reconstruct it as cottage for his mother. "Have I liberty to roof over all the gable end next the school, and could there be liberty granted by the Board to take coals through the play ground, provided I put on a gate". Board are of opinion that gable was part of "old school which was removed and is, therefore, property of the Board".

8.12.1899 — Old Gable to be taken down.

AA, ATD 62/11, 43, CH 10.8.1962 — Proposed extension to be built 1962-1963 will cost an estimated £20288 9s 11d.

ACC, AR 13.12.1962 — Work in extension began August 1962.

BOWLING GREEN

AA 27.5.1926 — Formally opened last Saturday. [No clubhouse]

POLICE STATION

Annual Report for 1970 — Closed 1.8.1970.

PUBLIC HALL

CO3/12/2/5 FLC 3.5.1912 — Public Hall, &c., **John Arthur**, Glasgow, architect.

BN, civ, 513 — Opened 4.4.1913.

AA 10.4.1913 — Formally opened last Friday. Architect: John Arthur. Roughcast, half timber and red tiles. [Site Visit 30.11.1997: fishscale tiles, look slate?]

Carrick Herald F11.4.1913 — F.o. 4.4.1913.

ACC, PAHC 15.3.1932 — Carnegie Institute: administration remains with parish council (i.e., not transferred to ACC)

AA, Th 22.1.1959, 27e — Government approval for extension has been obtained.

AA, Th 26.5.1960, 10d — Extension to be formally opened 4.6.1960.

AP 10.6.1960 — Extension to Village Hall f.o. last Saturday.

FOUNTAIN

Site Visit 30.11.1997 — Cast iron. In memory of John McTaggart, died in Bloemfontein, 1901.

AA 10.7.1902 — Drinking Fountain at west end of village, near churchyard. Formally opened last Thursday. Mason: Mr Melville.

CGA, TD 299/2/2 — Undated catalogue of **Walter McFarlane & Co**., Glasgow, shows very similar design.

WAR MEMORIAL

AP 16.11.1923 — Dedicated last Sunday. Designer: H McLachlan, sculptor, Ayr. Granite Celtic Cross.

PLAYING FIELD

CH, F 28.1.1938, 4d — Girvan D.C. meeting. Proposed. Suggested that the old German cannon could be sold for scrap, and its cement base used for the children's swings.

SCHOOL

AA, CH 2/532/4 10.3.1725	School ordered to be built. [NOT CARRIED OIT]
AA, CH 2/532/8 25.3.1772	Schoolhouse to be ordered to be built immediately.
SRO, HR 366/2 16.7.1862	Schoolroom walls to be heightened to 11' by lowering the floor and raising the joisting of the ceiling. Dwellinghouse to be added. Ready to be furnished by 12.11.1862.

CLASHGULLOCH SCHOOL

AP 4.2.1938	Closed last Friday. Had 6 pupils.
ACC, GPSC 24.9.1953	To be sold, to R. Dunlop, Pinvalley.
ACC Planning, B180	June 1956. Alterations, Clashgulloch Schoolhouse, for Andrew Kay (Knockeen)

ROWANTREE SCHOOL

SRO, HR 366/2 19.2.1862	A new school is to be built at Rowan Tree Toll. Completed by 14.2.1865.
AA 11.6.1863	The Marquess of Ailsa has just erected a schoolmaster's house here. Last summer he built a schoolhouse.
CO3/10/2/75 3.2.1892	Barr and Bargrennan School Boards willing to reopen Rowantree School.
CH, F 6.6.1924, 3c	J.P. Court case after break-in here (and Black Clauchrie boathouse)
AA, Th 15.1.1953, 12a	Donald Campbell, 63, teacher at the 2-pupil Rowantree School died at the weekend in Dumfries Infirmary.
ACC, TSSC 21.1.1953, 5	Rowantree School is to be closed, the teacher James Campbell, having died. The 2 pupils are going to Bargrennan - this to be made permanent.
ATD 62/10 nd, c.1953	Rowantree School is to be closed, the teacher James Campbell, having died. The 2 pupils to go to Bargrennan. [The undated paper clipping is on the same page as references to the sinking of the Princess Victoria].
AA, Th 12.2.1953, 6c	Ayrshire Education Committee agree to permanent closure.
ACC, GPSC, .1.1953	To be let to Campbell's brother (James) and sister.
ACC Planning, A6698	December 1953. Convert school/schoolhouse into dwelling house, for James Campbell.
ACC Planning, A6698	Reported project abandoned by October 1956.

HERDS FAIR

AP, F 25.12.1953,9bc	First Rowantree Herds' Fair held at the School in 1882. See landward: Rowantree.

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