ESTATES, CASTLES AND MANSION HOUSES

ALTON ALBANY

List 13 — L-shape, limewashed, black painted dressings; gabled porch in corner; ridge slate roofs, main gable having triple sashes on both floors. Extensive byres to rear around courtyard. C

List 13A, Δ7.9.1978Δ — 2 storey simple classic early Victorian house beside the River Stinchar. White render, black quoins and window margins, slate roofs. West front, tall gabled bay with triplets left, 3 windows right with lying-pane glazing, tripartite ground floor right. Large two-bay porch with round arched openings. Rear extensions. B.

Davis, 1991, 143 — William Abercrummie in 1696 noted Alton Albany as a most pleasant dwelling, though only 'a common ordinary house' of a 'petty Heritor'. During the 18th century this was a house of the McJanets, but the present mansion appears to date from the first half of the 19th century, and was enlarged in 1861 to the designs of John Murdoch, Ayr, for Henry John Hughes-Onslow of Balkissock. These additions comprised a porte-cochere, bay windows and wings to one side and rear. The home farm was also altered at this time. Described in 1931 as 'comparatively modern', Alton Albany was more recently - some ten years ago - the subject of extensive modernization works carried out for A Fergusson, Esq., by Anthony Richardson & Partners, London.
There is a walled garden and an attractive Tudor style stone lodge of perhaps c.1860.

CM, Sa 1.10.1768, 4b — For sale, estate of Altanalbany, &c., and Auchensoul. 1650A.

AO, Tu 12.3.1833, 1f — Estate of Albany, c.7600A, for sale. Contains six farms: Albany & Little Schalloch - Auchensoul - Brockloch - Schallochwell - Traboyack - White Clauchrie inc Foumarts.

AA 7.2.1861, 1a — Estimates wanted for additions and alterations to Alton Albany Mansion House - John Murdoch.

[VR 1899/1900] - VR 1914/15 — Prop: Major Arthur Hughes Onslow (b.1862, d.1914). Appears to be let to sporting tenants, e.g in 99/00 Maj/Gen John Francis Hercy; 09/10 & 13/14, John Septimus Hignett; 14/15, Viginti Tertius Thompson.

VR 1915/16 — Prop: T.l. Major Arthur Hughes Onslow

VR 1916/17 - VR 1938/39 — Geoffrey Hughes Onslow (son of Arthur, b.1893, d.1971). Appears to be occupied by self, but VR 20/21 gives Major Hew C Kennedy as an apparent sporting tenant.

VR 1939/40 - VR 1941/42 — [Can't find house, though Lodge and Gardens are listed as GHO. Has it been unroofed?]

[VR 1973/74] — Trustees of Geoffrey H Hughes-Onslow.

ACC, D2735 Sept 1973 — Proposed sub-division for Alexander Fergusson. **P J Lorimer**, London, architect. Applications was withdrawn.

VR 1975/76 - [VR 1989/90] — Alexander Ferguson

LODGE

List 13B, Δ7.9.1978Δ — 1 storey and attic lodge of c.1840 in Tudor style at west end of Stinchar Bridge. Gabled wing to right with 5-light mullioned bay to ground floor and freestone quoins. Slate roofs and bargeboards, tall octagonal chimneys. CS.

VR 1989/90 — First VR in which it is owner-occupied (W Wilmer)

GARDENS

VR 1925/26 — First VR reference to a house at the Gardens.

VR 1986/87 — Last VR reference to a house at the Gardens.

WHITEKNOWES

[VR 1973/74] — First VR reference to house, 'Whiteknowes'. Still property of Alexander Ferguson in 1989/90.

BLACK CLAUCHRIE

Notes from VRS	PHOTOCOPY HEREWITH
FRIBA Application	Shooting Lodge, J K Hunter, architect.
Site Visit 23.11.1997	Dated in Billiard room, 1898-1901.
Davis	Built as a shooting lodge for the Austen family between 1898 and 1901.
C&I 1910	Robert David Jardine Mein AUSTIN of Black Clauchrie and 7 Moray Place, Edinburgh, died in Lausanne 15.8.1910.
C&I 1934	Reginald Mein Austin, of Blackclauchrie and c/o Jardine Matheson & Co Ltd, Shanghai and Hong Kong, died at Shanghai 12.8.1934. Relict: Margaret Grant Mein Austin.
ACC, Highways 4.2.1946	Letter from A.F. Williams seeking financial assistance for road.

BOATHOUSE

CH, F 6.6.1924, 3c	J.P. Court. Break-in here.

GLENGENNET

Scotsman, Sa 7.3.1914, 3	For sale. Shooting estate and lodge, with 1500 acres. The Lodge 'built at a cost of about £2500, is handsome, commodious and beautifully situated.'

KILKERRAN

ESTATE

EG 5296, F 26.1.1844, 29c	Petition by Sir Charles D Fergusson to vary the entail, viz by disentailing these lands: Inchichnaven, Burghill and Darneconner, parish of Barr, eastern ½ of lands of Glenour, lands of Knockdow and Polcardoch, and the western ½ of Glenour, which lands of Glenour are described in the lease thereof as Byre & Glenour, Knockdow and Polcardoch, and called the 5 ½ merk lands of Meikle Sallachan. Also 40/- lands of Knockbreak. [Added to the entail: Crosshill (q.v.)]

FARMS

ALDINNA

SC6/72/23	Steading, 1849. Mason, W & J Anderson. Joiner, James McNab.
ACC Planning, B1897	October 1957. Improvements; Forestry Commission. Approved, February 1959.

WATERHEAD (not in VR 1892/93]

ACC Planning, A739	March 1949. Shepherd's house, W, for Department of Agriculture for Scotland. [VR 1949/50 has an £8 house at W - listed under Aldinna]

ALTON ALBANY

NAME Burn of the Albannach

Peadar Morgan, Stands Alba Where it Did?, in Scottish Place-name News, 39, Autumn 2015, pp 2-4, 3

"The third *Allt nan Albannach* is south of the early kingdom, in Carrick. W J Watson thought the name contained the genitive plural for the first hundred years or so of records (1588, *Altenalbenoch*), before becoming identifiable as modern **Alton Albany**. There is an even earlier associated name (1434, *Achnyalbenach*), which if not garbled allt, refers to a local *achadh* 'field' or *àth* 'ford'."

AUCHENGAIRN DALWYNE AND DOUGHTY

DALWYNE

ACC Planning, 3739	July 1946. Ho, Dalwhine, for James Fergusson of Kkrn. Amended plans submitted October 1948 and approved February 1949.

DOUGHTY

Fergusson, B, TW, 32 — [1920s] "… and then Tom MacTaggart, who lived to be ninety, and who had been born and laid in a manger, in accordance with the best of precedents, in the shepherd's house of Doughty (pronounced 'Dochty') far back in the hills."

AUCHENSOUL

List 14 — Creamwashed; 2 storeys, 3 sashes, centre gabled porch, ridge slate roof. Limewashed byres at side. C.

Edin Even Courant 9.6.1800 — Situated upon the water of Stanchear and on a piece of holming ground - comprise a dwelling house, barn, byre and stable - all slated. Built c.1797.

AA, Th 22.8.1968, 22b — To let. 1555 acres, inc 1404 acres of hill land.

AUCHLEWAN, 231918

AO, Tu 15.1.1833, 1b — To let. 'The farm is all on a limestone bottom, and the kiln already built'.

OS NX2391, revised 1976 — roofless

BALIGMORRIE, 221905

BALLIGMORRIE COTTAGE, 219906

BALMALLOCH

BALMALLOCH CHAMBER CAIRN

Henshaw — NX 264845. Bargrennan Group round cairn. 57-60' in diamter, 7' to 8' high: on the east merges with the knoll on which it is built. Two chambers exposed, at right angles. One aligned ENE-WSW, entered from E side of cairn, exposed for 7'5" from back slab, but eastwards buried under piled cairn material.

BELLYMORE

NMRS, AYD 54/1-23 — Farm plans ('Kilkerran') inc Bellamore, nd.

BENNANE

BLACKCLAUCHRIE

CARNWHIN

CHANGUE

AA, Th 7.8.1851, 1a — Contractors wanted to build boundary dykes between Laxton and Darlae, and between Changue and Darlae. Dets: James Fergusson, Dunmurchie.

CLASHGULLOCH [Not in 1892/93 VR]

ACC Planning, 5232 — April 1948. Alterations, Clashgulloch Cottage, for Forestry Commission.

CLASHNACROY

CRAIGENRAE AND CARNFORE

AA, CO 3/10/5/33, GPC 16.3.1973 and 15.6.1973 — Craigenrae to be acquired from Forestry Commission by ACC for £3,000.

CRAIGENREOCH [Not in 1892/93 VR]

ACC Planning, A814 — March 1949. Bothy, C, for Department of Agriculture for Scotland.

CRAIGMALLOCH

CROSS BURN BOTHY [Not in 1892/93 VR!]

NX 388878.

Forestry Commission notes 4/1983 — The Cross Burn Bothy was completed in Spring 1980. A competition to design a bothy was organised with the University of Edinburgh Dept of Architecture back in 1978 and the "wigwam" shape designed by Nichola Foot emerged as the winner. Further alterations and detailed plans were then drawn up by Mike Jardine, another Edinburgh architecture student, prior to construction undertaken with the help of Youth Opportunity Programme youngsters. The Bothy is designed to be prefabricated and bolted together on site. The pre-fab sections are made mainly out of 8' by 4' sheets of ply carefully cut following detailed diagrams to minimise waste. The whole building sits on 3

raised concrete blocks and therefore has no dampness problems. A wood-burning stove helps keep weary walkers comfortable. The Bothy has now been in active use for 3 years and is very popular with walkers tackling the Merrick and surrounding hills.

DALJEDBURGH MILTON AND MERKLAND

SC6/72/23 Byre and Stable, 1849. Mason: W & J Anderson; Joiner: James McNab.

MILTON

ACC Planning, A784 March 1949. Alterations, shepherd's house, Milton, for Department of Agriculture for Scotland.

DALQUHAIRN

AA 22.9.1887 Farm to sell. Dwellinghouse was recently considerably enlarged.

DALWYNE See AUCHENGAIRN

DARNACONNAR

DINMURCHIE

List 9A, Δ7.9.1978Δ Solid mid C19 Georgian-style farmhouse. 2 storeys, stone walls, freestone dressings, 3 windows, hipped slate roof. L-shaped block of steadings to rear. CS.

AP, F 9.11.2012, 27 Proposed acquisition by Hadyard Hill Community Benefit Fund, for use as community hub. PHOTOCOPY herewith.

DOULARG

ASH, Sa 24.6.1876, 5b Has been sold for £11,000 to Mrs Hughes-Onslow of Balkissock. It "is in the midst of Mrs Onslow's lands".

FARDEN AND PALMOODIE

GLAIK

KIRKLANDS

KNOCKEEN AND BALSKAIG

LAMDOUGHTY

ASH, Sa 24.6.1876, 5b Has been sold for £13020 to John McClimont, Girvan.

COTTAGE

ACC Planning, A7895 October 1954. Cottage, LdyF, for Robert Weir.

LANE [Not in 1892/93 VR]

CO3/12/2/3 NBSC 16.2.1906 Cottage, Lane Farm, for James Rowan. [is this actually in Barr]

MARK [Not in 1892/93 VR]

NMRS, AYD 54/1-23 Farm plans ('Kilkerran') inc Mark, nd.

MEIKLE SHALLOCH [Not in VR 1892/93: but cf SHALLOCHWELL]

AA Th 13.2.1806, 4c To let: there is "a very commodious mansion house and offices"

AA, Th 28.4.1831, 1d Alton Albany shootings advertised for let: 'There is tolerable accommodation at a farmhouse near the chalybeate of Shallochwell, which forms part of the estate'.

MINERAL WELL

AA Th 13.2.1806, 4c "Adjacent to the houses is a mineral well of great celebrity, of which those inclining to take the benefit can have good accommodation in the mansion house".

MERKLAND, 239914

FOOTBRIDGE, 24279171

MILLJOAN GLENGENNET AND CORPHIN

House, Corphin

ACC Planning, 3380 February 1946. H, C, for Angus M, Milligan. In VR 48/49, looking like replacement of older house.

MILTON (Not in VR 92/93)

REFUSE COUP

ACC Planning, A4021 September 1951. Refuse Coup, M, B, for Ayr County Council.

MINUNTION

COTTAGE

ACC Planning, B1225 — May 1957. Cottage, Minuntion (Pinmore); Stevenson & Ferguson, for George Knox.

COTTAGE (NOT BUILT)

ACC Planning, B1490 — July 1957. 3-apt house, Minuntion, for George Knox. Scheme abandoned.

NETHER BARR

AA, Th 18.4.1822, 1a — To sell. Nether Barr and Lockston, 205 acres.

AA 20.8.1885 — Farm to let: Nether Barr, Dalgarva & Barr Mill. Dwelling house and offices "were recently erected".

ACC, PHDAC 7.7.1932 — Alterations, NB, for James Wyllie.

NORTH BALLOCH AND ROWS

SC6/72/23 — Byre and Shed, 1849. Mason, W & J Anderson. Joiner, James McNab.

PINCLANTY, 231912

COTTAGE

ACC Planning, B113 — June 1956. Cottage, P, for Andrew Sloan.

PINMORE MAINS, 210900

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ACC Planning, A7049 — March 1954. 4-apt bungalow, PM, for David Auld & Son.

GLENBURNIE, 208903

THE BUNGALOW, 211901

PINVALLEY

ACC Planning, A6161 — June 1953. Improvements to farmhouse, cottage, steading, Pinvalley & South Balloch farms; D Grant, for Department of Agriculture for Scotland.

PYNANNOT

ROWANTREE

ROWANTREE HERDS' FAIR

AP, F 25.12.1953, 9bc — "Rowantree Herds' fair was held in the Jolly Shepherds Hotel (Barr) on Friday. Mr Andrew Donald in the chair. It was one of the largest gatherings for a number of years, shepherds coming from places as far apart as Coalburn (Lanarkshire), Sanquhar and Stranraer. After the official business had been dealt with, it was found that there were no unclaimed stray sheep to be disposed of for the benefit of the funds, so the company settled down to a programme of song, recitation and story. Among those who entertained were Messrs Sykes, Tait, MacKay, Lafferty, the Scobie brothers, Kerr - all those and Peter Parker too. The Herds Fair is a very old gathering which tradition places at more than 150 years old, though such records as are known show the first Fair as being held in Rowantree School in 1882. In 1883 and 1884 it was held in the Sui Toll, and in 1885 it was transferred to the Jolly Shepherds Hotel where, with very few exceptions, it has been held ever since. Some of the older shepherds of Barr remember when the dances used to be held in the small shed beside the hotel. This shed was too small for the enthusiastic crowd which attended, so that reels, &c., had to be danced on the road outside. Hence the village cobblers were very busy men for many weeks afterwards. Often, too, feats of strength were performed at these Fairs, and it is said that after a fair the ground used to te littered with broken crooks resulting from that popular game of those days, 'swee tree'. Rowantree Herds Fair is not only a get-together of shepherds and their wives; it is also a sort of friendly society. Among those who have benefited from its generosity in the past are retired shepherds, widows of shepherds and the school children of Barr and Rowantree; in fact, most of the profit from the Fair and dance is disbursed in such a way."

SHALLOCH ON MINNOCH

ACC Planning, A8490 — April 1955. New house, &c., and conversion of old house to steading; D Grant, for Department of Agriculture for Scotland.

SLATE QUARRY

AA, Th 6.6.1822, 1c — To let. Culzean estate.

SHALLOCHWELL — [cf Meikle Shalloch]

SOUTH BALLOCH AND CLASHGULLOCH

ACC Planning, A6161 — June 1953. Improvements to farmhouse, cottage, steading, Pinvalley & South Balloch farms; D Grant, for Department of Agriculture for Scotland.

SOUTH BALLOCH

ACC Planning, A1908 — January 1950. Temporary timber house, South Balloch, for Forestry Commission.

SUI TOLL [Not in VR 1892/93]

AP, F 25.12.1953, 9cd — Rowantree Herds' fair held here in 1883 and 1884, then moved to Jolly Shepherds Hotel, Barr.

TARFESSOCK

TRABOYACK

TUNSKEEN [Not in VR 1892/93]

BOTHY

AP, F 6.8.1965, 12d — Work has begun to form into a Bothy. Involves Civil Defence personnel, Scouts. Idea of Bernard J. Heath, Huddersfield.

AA, Th 9.6.1966, 23b — Was first project of Mountain Bothies Association, founded last December. Co-ordinated by Bernard Heath, 7 Jim Lane, Marsh, Huddersfield.

G, Sa 4.6.2022 — Obituary of Bernard Joseph Heath, accountant and founded of MBA, 1928-2022. MBA formed after Heath found a plea for such a body in the visitors' book at Tunskeen. Tunskeen was first project of MBA, led by Heath and Brian Bunyan.

UPPER BARR

List 12 — Stucco; 2 storeys, 3 sashes in painted stone surrounds; centre doorway has moulded hood on ancones. limewashed byres at side to left. C.

WATERHEAD — See ALDINA

WHITE CLAUCHRIE

WHITEKNOWES [Not in VR 1892/93]

COTTAGE

ACC Planning, A7556 — July 1954. 5A cottage, WkF; Stevenson & Ferguson, for G H Hughes-Onslow

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