The ASH 5.10.1888 article on Bath Lane Tannery refers to a old bark mill owned by John Muir & Son at Lochside, close to Kilbirnie Loch. It is implied that "it was there the brothers Pollock first started business as cabinet-makers: in which line they were followed by Mr Balfour; and the whole of the cabinet making of the district started from that mill".

TT, F 13.1.1899, 4e, reports that the long-running dispute in the furniture industry has been settled. IT appears to have lasted 10 months, and was Scotland-wide. Papers around this time have some editorial stuff.

NB. The references below to History of the F- I- in Beith refer to a booklet, History of the Furniture Industry in Beith, published , nd, by Best Scotland 2000 Ltd, Kilmarnock. There are a number of copies of this at NAC Library HQ Local History Section, Ardrossan. Gu67. The full extracts I've made are in the Ayrshire General Articles ring file under "Furniture".
NB. Stratten & Stratten (see book list) references, photocopies in Ayrshire Guides files.
[There is no mention in Pigot, 1837, of the furniture trade. Two 'cabinet makers' – James Dale, Whang Street; James Love, Townhead.]

BS, Sa 11.9.1920. Beith 39 Years Ago (from WS 3.9.1881). The 8-10 week strike by cabinet workers is at an end.

In minutes of Beith School Board, CO 3/10/2/77, at a meeting on 9 April 1895, responding to prodding from central government over delays in school building, the Board offered as one reason "the threatened reduction of the population by the closing of one of the largest factories in the town, and the depressed state of the principal industry of the place".

LAIGH ROAD. It would appear that Victoria (35), Caledonian and Janefield Works were close to one another on Laigh Road, but this still needs further confirmation. In 1955/56 Victoria was valued at £35, while the SCWS (? C & J combined?) was valued at £840.
Note also writs referred to in CO 3/8/5/71, which record a Feu Ch from Hugh Brown to Matthew Pollock, 1897 (is 1879 meant?), A Disp by Matthew Pollock Ltd to SCWS, 1945, 2 Disps by William D T C Sym to SCWS, 1948 and 1949, and SCWS, Minute of Consolidation, 1957.

ACC, TPC 14.10.1947, 1213 Report on derelict land in the county includes Old Cabinet Works, with some frontage to New Street. Christian Brethren hall adjacent.

AYRSHIRE CABINET WORKS See MEADOWBANK

BARR MILL, Barrmill

Hume	Mid C19. The main block is a 3-storey, 2 by 10 bay rubble structure, cut down from a taller building and now with a flat roof. Other buildings on the site include a 2 storey 7 bay block and a 2 storey 3 by 5 bay block with segmental arched windows. Now occupied by a firm of fertilizer manufacturers.
Pont/Dobie	Thread manufactory erected in 1836 by Hugh Crawford.
Porterfield	Crawford Brothers, thread makers, established at Crummock in 1775, built a new mill at Barr Farm in 1836.
2SA, May 1839, 591	Flax spinning mill, at Northbar, 'recently erected'. 80 employees. Prop: Mr James Crawford.
AA, Th 19.11.1840, 1d	"On the neighbouring property of North Barr, there had lately been established an extensive flax-spinning mill, at which a village will soon be formed."
ASH, F15.7.1887, 4e	James Crawford of Mainshamilton died 8.7.1887. Since death of brother, Hugh, sole partner in Crawford Brothers, thread manufacturer.
Stratten & Stratten, 1891	Founded over 100 years ago - one of oldest linen thread manufactures in UK. Illustration, but largely lacking in useful information. Works

	are "several large and well-designed blocks of buildings, affording scope for the operation of some hundreds of hands". Offices are "appointed in handsome modern style".
Ayrs.Hist Comm & Desc, 1894, 29	"[Beith] is a place of considerable trade, being famed for its manufacture of linen thread, of which a large quantity is made here by Messrs Crawford Brothers, both for home and export trade".

BEITHCRAFT

Review of 1974 in ASH x.1.1975	The main building of Beithcraft was totally destroyed by fire in July 1974, and in August 1974 the company announced plans to build a new 'ultra-modern' factory. [An earlier ref in ASH, c1971, suggested that Beithcraft were the only furniture makers still operating in Beith, having recently acquired the old Co-op Works]
History of the F- I- in Beith	Beithcraft closed in 1983, and was the last firm in Beith. It appears to have been Robert Balfour's company, which started c.1870 in M & J Pollock's first factory, near Kilbirnie Loch, and which built new factory in Beith, 1872.
Scotsman, Th 22.5.1969, 14	Beithcraft traces origins back to 1860 when Robert Balfour arrived from Glasgow and set up business at the age of 18; his sons joined him in the business and in 1908 name changed to West of Scotland Manufacturing Co Ltd. In 1952 acquired James Hunter & Sons, Lochwinnoch. [Some of this doesn't seem accurate. Article, copy herewith, is an advertising feature].

BIRSIEKNOWE IRONSTONE PIT (number 1), 349511. Within RNAD site

CABINET WORKS, Braehead

VR 1899-1900	Prop: T.l. William Orr Tenant: Walker & Gillespie, cabinet makers. Valuation: £20.
History of the F- I- in Beith	c.1920, Wilson & Wood, "Braehead".

CABINET WORKS, [CRUMMOCK PARK WORKS], Kirk Road

Stratten & Stratten, 1891	Wilson & Galt, Crummock Park Works. Company is about 10 years old.
VR 1899-1900	Wilison & Galt, cabinet makers. [William Wilson, William Galt]. Valuation: £70.
History of the F- I- in Beith	says Galt & Wilson established between 1875 and 1885.
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KH, F 3.8.1883, 3g	It is rumoured that a Glasgow cabinet firm have feued land in Crummock Street, for a new factory.

CABINET WORKS (NEW), 14 Mains Road

VR 1899-1900	Gibson & McEwan, cabinet makers. [William Gibson; Archibald McEwan]. Valuation: £40.
VR 1906/07	William Gibson.
WS, Sa 27.6.1908, 2b	William Gibson, aged 53, who had a cabinet manufacturing business in Bunswynd, died in Ayr last week.
VR 1907/08 - VR 1911/12	Heritable creditors, proprietors. Wyllie Brothers (Matthew and John), tenants.
VR 1912/13 - VR 1917/18	Heritable creditors, proprietors. MacNeill Brothers, tenants. [See MEADOWPARK]
VR 1918/19 - VR 1919/20	Heritable creditors, proprietors/ Empty
VR 1920/21 -	CHOCOLATE WORKS. Vivienne Chocolates Ltd.
VR 1932/33	Vivienne Chocolates Ltd Empty (burned down)
VR 1937/38	Alexander M Fraser Empty (burned down)

CABINET WORKS, Reform Street

VR 1899-1900	Dale & Co., cabinetmakers. [Mary Dale, spouse of Thomas Dunlop, plumber - George Dale]. Valuation; £18.
History of the F- I- in Beith	says that first manufacturer in Beith, c1845 to 1855, was Matthew Dale. Matthew Pollock was an employee of his. [AA 19.10.1888 gives his name as James Dale, and says both Matthew and John Pollock served apprenticeships with him]

CABINET WORKS, Reform Street

Stratten & Stratten, 1891	Third firm established in this field in Beith, c1879. The other partner died c.1888. Main factory has been "recently erected" - "skilfully designed".
Ayrshire Historical Commercial and Descriptive, 1894:	
	[Full copy in Ayr & Ayrshire, Tourist Guides and the Like, blue A4 ringfile]
	J & J Gardiner, manufacturers of dining room drawing room and parlour furniture, Reform Street. Founded c.1879, sole prop now James Gardiner, the other founder having died. "the main factory is a substantial well-built structure of 4 floors"
VR 1899-1900	James Gardiner, chair manufacturer. Valuation: £45
History of the F- I- in Beith	says Gardiner, former Pollock employee, established c.1875-1885.
VR 1937-1938	John Gillespie & Sons, Viewpark Cabinet Works. Valuation: £40.
ACC Planning, A1927	January 1950, Lavatories, Viewpark Works, for Beith Textiles Ltd.
ACC Planning, A8148	January 1955. Electricity Supply, Viewpark Textile Works.
VR 1955-1956	Viewpark Works, 11c Mains Road. Prop & Occ: Beith Textiles Ltd.

CALEDONIAN CABINET WORKS, 39 Laigh Road

Hume	345533. Founded 1879 by Matthew Pollock. A complex of 2 and 3 storey red-brick and red-and-white brick buildings dominated by a 6 storey tower. The street frontage consists of two 3-storey blocks, one 5-bay, with a stone faced ground floor and red and white brick upper floors, and the other 4 bay. Now largely disused.
History of the F- I- in Beith	says founded by Matthew Pollock after a difference of opinion with his brother.
Stratten & Stratten, 1891	Matthew Pollock was an apprentice of James Dale. Founded Victoria Works with brother 1857, and stayed until 1879.
ASH, F 30.11.1888, 4g5a	Erected in 1879, and with woodyards covers more than 2A. ".. series of three and four storey white brick buildings of unique and substantial architecture, with towering chimneys ..." Employs c.230.
Reid, Bs, 66 [BS 17.1.1891]	New engine started going last Saturday. c.200 hp, and made by Robert Kerr & Sons, Auchengree.
AA 7.2.1895	Caledonian Cabinet and Chair Factory (Matthew Pollock) destroyed by fire last Saturday.
VR 1899-1900	Cabinet Factory, Laigh Road - Matthew Pollock, cabinet manufacturer. £170.
VR 1937-1938 - VR 1943/44	Caledonia Cabinet Works, Laigh Road. Matthew Pollock Ltd. £312.
VR 1944/45	Taken over by SCWS with effect from 30th December 1944
VR 1945/46 - VR 1972/73	SCWS.
ACC Planning, 3645	May 1946. Sprinkler tank, Caledonian Cabinet Works, for SCWS.
ACC Planning, 3829	August 1946. Alterations, and staff lavatories, CCW, for SCWS Ltd.
AA, CO3/18./2/59, 3829	1946 plans for alterations and repairs for SCWS. **Kenneth F Masson**, chief architect, SCWS, Glasgow.
ACC Planning, A2563	July 1950. Alterations to female toilets, CCW. Kenneth F Masson, for SCWS Ltd.

AA, CO 3/8/1/31, County Council 28th March 1972
Reference to proposed closure.

VR 1973/74 - VR 1978/79 SCWS (CWS from 74/75). Part empty, part occupied by BEITHCRAFT Ltd.

VR 1979/80 - VR 1980/81 CWS Ltd. Premises, under reconstruction.

VR 1981/82 Not found

COLDSTREAM MILL

Hume 385544. Early C19. A 2 storey rubble building on an L-plan, with a small single storey rubble extension and a larger wood-and-corrugated-iron one. There is an 8-spoke wood-and-iron overshot wheel, about 3'6" wide by 20' diameter. Still occasionally used.

ACC Planning, A9820 April 1956. Alterations, for Andrew Smith.

Scots Magazine, ns, 91/3, June 1969, l/e
Letter from miller's wife, Margaret Smith, stating that her husband still mills meal daily during the winter.

CRAWFORD

EG 5509, Tu 10.2.1846, 50b Crawford & King, manufacturers & warehousemen, Beith, dissolved 2.2.1846. Debts will be uplifted by Crawford, Ritchie & Co. Partners were John Crawford, James King.

DOCKRA QUARRY

ACC Planning, 5331 June 1948. Continue use, Dockra Quarry, for Dockra Lime Quarry Ltd.

EGLINTON CABINET WORKS

EG, 20.3.1903, 304b Dissolved, 14.3.1903, Hutton, Black & Co., Eglinton Cabinet Works (George Hutton, Andrew Black, George Sim). Hutton and Black continue as Hutton & Black.

FACTORY, Laigh Road

CO3/12/4/22 1.3.1923 For Walter Pattison; John S Snodgrass.

GATESIDE SMITHY

Hume 363536. Mid C19. A single storey rubble building, with 2 square section, red brick chimney stacks. Still in use.

GIFFEN LIMEWORKS

Hume 364507. Mid to late C19 and later. Probably the last traditional limekilns to work in Scotland, closed in 1972. A bank of two single-draw rubble kilns, reinforced with buttresses, and with old rails, and heightened in brick. Covered conveyors link the segmental arched draw holes with a wood-framed, corrugated iron crushing and bagging mill.

GIFFEN MILL and MILL HOUSE

List 2 Mill House: mid C18. 2 storeys, 3 bays. Harled with painted margins, rubble built side and rear elevations. Central door with eared architrave, bolection moulded frieze and cornice. 3 windows in 1st floor, possibly enlarged. Straight skews; slate roof. NSA, V, 580. C&DA, iii, 194.
Mill: Early C19 to south and breaking forward from house. Long 2 storey range, rubble built and lime-washed. Random window and door openings. Dovecot in north gable, together with small owl emblem, from Giffen Castle. Slate roof. NSA, V, 580. C&DA, iii, 194. Hume, i, 48. The mill is in a semi-derelict state. B.

Old List 25	2 storeyed mill and mill house adjoining; owl emblem on wall from Giffen Castle. B.
Hume	Early C19. A 3 storey 4 bay rubble building on a rectangular plan, now gutted and used as a store.
Smith	At Giffen Mill, built into the walls, there are parts of the figures of a four-footed animal, a man and an owl, said to have been taken from Giffen Castle.

HESSILHEAD QUARRY

ACC Planning, A514	December 1948. Work and win minerals, Hessilhead Quarry, for James Reid & Co (1947) Ltd. Blank.
ACC, TPC 9.3.1948, 409	Report by A.M. Rosie. See ref.

JANEFIELD CABINET AND CHAIR WORKS

Hume	348544. Founded c.1883 by Stevenson Higgins & Co. A 2 storey and attic, red brick block on an L-plan, now a foundry.
History of the F- I- in Beith	Stevenson Higgins & Co founded c1875-1885 at Bonnie Doon, Beith, and moved 4 years later to Janefield Works.
Stratten & Stratten, 1891	Works started 8 years ago (i.e. c.1883)
CO 3/10/2/77 BSB 19.2.1895	Hugh Higgins, cabinetmaker, appointed to casual vacancy on School Board.
VR 1899-1900	Cabinet and chair works, Laigh Road. Stevenson, Higgins & Co., chairmakers. £80 valuation.
Reid, BS, 79-80 [BS 23.1.1915]	Hugh Higgins died in Paisley last Wednesday. From Aberdeenshire, came to Beith 37 years ago, and worked for Robert Rodger, Whang, and then worked in Victoria Works of M & J Pollock. In 1884 set up Stevenson, Higgins & Co. with William Stevenson and late Hugh Stevenson. Began in Bunswynd, in an old currying shop of Mr Ramsay, before moving to Janefield. 64
CO3/12/4/22 3.5.1923	Additions by John S Snodgrass.
VR [1937/38] - VR 1945/46	Cabinet and chair works, Woodside Road. Stevenson, Higgins & Co. £200 valuation.
VR 1946/47 - VR 1950/51	Janefield. SCWS.
ACC Planning, 3644	May 1946. Sprinkler tank, Janefield Cabinet Works, for SCWS.
ACC Planning, A3608	May 1951. Spray Polishing Shop, Janefield Cabinet Works, for SCWS.
ACC Planning, A3721	June 1951. Boiler house, &c., JCW, for SCWS.
VR 1951/52	Not found, but may be different address. [Cf, noted by Hume]

JOINERY

Hume	348541. Mid C19. A 2 storey 2 by 4 bay red brick building, with small paned windows and an outside wooden stair. There is also a small wooden timber store.

KNOWS

Pigot, 1837, 248	James Stevenson, power cotton manufacturer, Knows.
2SA, May 1839, 591	Mill erected. 38 steam looms.

LITTLEHIRST QUARRY

ACC Planning, B1395	June 1957. Partial use for experimental shot-firing, for ICI Nobel.

LOANHEAD QUARRY

ACC Planning, A535	December 1948. Work and win minerals, Loanhead Quarry, for William Smith & Son Ltd. June 1951.

LONGBAR COALWORKS

AA, Th 21.1.1841, 4d	References to Russell & Wardrop, to Robert Russell acting partner and Robert Wardrop, Beith, the other partner, and to William Reilly, oversman.

MAULSIDE MINE

ACC Planning, 3653	May 1946. Alterations, Maulside Mine Office, Brackenhill Road, for Peter Allan.

MEADOWBANK CABINET FACTORY, 11D Mains Road (formerly MEADOWBANK ROPERY)

ROPEWORKS

Stratten & Stratten, 1891	Matthew Wylie & Son, established over 100 years ago by John Wylie, grandfather of MW. On this site c.12 years
VR 1906/07	Matthew Wylie & Son, ropespinners
VR 1907/08 - VR 1913/14	William Wylie, proprietor. Matthew Wylie & Son (William Wylie, sole partner), tenants
VR 1914/15	Creditors Trustees, M Wylie & Son, proprietors. Empty.
VR 1916/17	William Wylie/empty.

CABINET WORKS

History of the F- I- in Beith	says McNeil [sic] Bros started in Dalry, and came to Beith (Ayrshire Cabinet Works), c.1910
nr	They were initially tenants in the factory previously owned by William Gibson, and which subsequently became the chocolate factory
VR 1917/18	Factory, empty. McNeill Brothers [Neil, James and John McNeill]
VR 1918/19 - VR 1954/55	MacNeill Brothers, Ayrshire Cabinet Works. 1937/38 valuation was £71 10s.
ACC Planning, 3046	June 1945. Alterations, for MacNeill Bros.
ACC Planning, 3669	May 1946. Alterations, Ayrshire Cabinet Works, for McNeill Brothers.
ASH, F 4.12.1953, 1e	N/D&C: MacNeill Brothers, Ayrshire Cabinet Works, Beith. Partners: Neill, Neil junior and William Patrick MacNeill.
VR 1955/56 - 1957/58	John Ferrari
ACC Planning, B818	January 1957. Change of use, to non-ferrous smelting, &c., for Oaklands Metal Co Ltd., Willington.
VR 1958/59 - 1963/64	Oakland Metal Co Ltd., Willington, Derbyshire
VR 1964/65 - 1965/66	Premises/empty. Exors of Henrik Klein, Swadlincote.
VR 1966/67	Not found

MIDDLETON QUARRY

ACC Planning, A538	December 1948. Work and win minerals, Middleton Quarry, Beith, for Kings & Co Ltd. Approved, October 1953.
ACC Planning, B899	February 1957. Erect various buildings, Middleton Quarry, for Kings & Co. Ltd.
ACC Planning, B1736	September 1957. Erection of plant, Middleton Quarry, for Kings & Co. Ltd.

MILL OF BEITH

Hume	366559. Late C18 to EC19. A small rectangular rubble building with an offset square kiln. The lower part of the wheel gable is faced with ashlar. The wheel was mid-breast, about 3' wide by 16' diameter and was fed from a rough dam on top of a dyke which forms a high natural waterfall. Now gutted and disused.

MUIR & RAMSEY, curriers and leather merchants, Beith and Greenock

EG 5561, Tu 4.8.1846, 327a	Dissolved 6th July 1846. Bryce Muir - Robert Ramsey - John Muir. Witnessed by William Cowan, David Young, Beith.

NET FACTORY (NEW)

VR 1899-1900	Mains Road. Prop: William M Allan. Tenant: A J Allan & Co. Valuation: £27 10s.
VR 1937-1938	Mid Road. A J Allan & Co Ltd. Valuation: £50.
VR 1948-1949	Mains Road. A J Allan & Co Ltd.
ACC Planning, A6414	September 1953. Toilets, net factory, Mains Road, for A.J. Allan & Co.
VR 1955-1956	19 Mains Road. A J Allan & Co Ltd.

NETTLEHURST LIME QUARRIES

EG 10237, F 13.3.1891, 313b	W.&A. Smith, farmers, Bankhead and Wheatiefauld, and limeburners, Nettlehirst. Dissolved, 11.11.1890. Alexander Smith continues at Wheatiefaud, and at Nettlehirst.
EG 12538, F 14.2.1913, 181a	Ref to Edward MacLarty MacIntyre, partner in MacIntyre Brothers, quarrymasters, Nettllehirst.
EG 12589, Tu 12.8.1913, 852ab	Henry G Patrick of Giffen taking cessio action against MacIntyre Brothers (Edward MacL MacIntyre and James MacIntyre, jun, partners).
ACC TPC, 9.3.1948, 409	Report by A.M. Rosie. Operated by Crawford Lime Co Ltd. One of the tidiest quarries he has visited, mainly due to the horizontal rock beds.
ACC Planning, A515	December 1948. Work and win minerals, Nettlehirst, Kilwinning, for Crawford Lime Co. Ltd. Blank.

BURIAL GROUND

ACC TPC, 9.3.1948, 409	"There is a private burial ground within it, but I presume this is a matter for the owners connected with it." (A.M. Rosie).

OLD MILL

LIMESTONE EXTRACTION

ACC Planning, A2139	March 1950. Win and work limestone, Old Mill Farm, Beith. Dockra Lime Co. Ltd.
ACC Planning, A6366	August 1953. Mess, Old Mill Quarry, for Dockra Lime Co. Ltd.

BRICKWORKS

ACC Planning, A6106	June 1953. Brickmaking shed, OMQ, for Dockra Lime Co ltd.

ROEBANK

[Actually in Renfrewshire, but close to boundary, and closely connected to Beith businesses]

ASH, F 28.9.1888, 3ab	Founded c.1847 ("41 years ago").
Stratten & Stratten, 1891	Hugh Melville & Co., Roebank Print Works. Over 50 years old, and founded by Hugh Melville with his brother and others.
Ayrs, Hist Comm & Desc, 1894, 29	"Silk-printing is in full operation at the establishment of Messrs Hugh Melville & Co., at Roebank".
ACC Planning, B849	January 1957. Alterations, Roebank Factory, for George Hughes.

SDA FACTORIES

nr	Architect, Building Design Partnership, Glasgow. nd.

TANNERY

ASH F 7.9.1888, 3ab	Article. Acquired by William Barr from Robert Ramsay, who †c1858.
Stratten & Stratten, 1891	William Barr, Bathwell Tannery. Acquired 1858 by William Barr from Trustees of Robert Ramsay, at which time c.70 years old. Two tanyards, the "Old" and "New", the New Yard put down by Ramsay 48 years ago (i.e.c1843).
ACC, YSSC 12.6.1946, 957	Suggested that the Old Bath Well Tanneries - derelict lands - could be rehabilitated as public open space or recreation ground.

TANNERY

ASH, F 5.10.1888, 3ab — Article. Company seems to have been established 1821, present prop: William Muir (son of John Muir). Original partners were John Muir (WM's father), Bryce Muir and Robert Ramsay (WM's uncles). WM sole partner after father retired in 1854.

Stratten & Stratten, 1891 — John Muir & Son, Bath Lane Tannery. Present prop, William Muir of Mains, became partner with father in 1846.

THREAD MANUFACTURE [Cf also BARR MILL]

AA, Th 5.4.1821, 4c — We are happy to learn that the manufacturing of lint thread, which is caried on in Beith, has improved considerably within the last six weeks. The yarn is imported principally from Ireland in a spun state, and at Beith it undergoes the different operations of twisting, bobbining, twining, bleaching and folding up in ounces, quarters and pounds. About ten years ago the twisting mills were wrought by the hand, and it required a person for each mill; now a steam engine is used to drive the mills, and three of them are managed by one person. By this improvement, and some other favourable circumstances, the manufacturers are enabled to sell the thread for about 4s the spindle; being about one shilling a spindle cheaper than they could sell it ten years ago. The manufacture employs about 150 hands, and occasions an annual expenditure of about £9000 in Beith.

Pigot, 1837, 248 — Thread Manufacturers. Hugh Brown, Head Street; Thomas Caldwell, Roebank; Crawford & King, Whang Street; Hugh Crawford, James Crawford, John Crawford, all Whang Street; James Faulds & Co., Strand; Robert Faulds & Co., Braehead.

TWINE & GRIMMET MANUFACTURERS, Meadowbank

EG, F 1.10.1915, 1504a — Matthew W(ylie) Thompson & Co. M.W. Thompson has retired: business continues under William Wylie.

VICTORIA ENGINEERING WORKS, Laigh Road

TT, F 25.8.1899, 1f — For sale, property of John Love, engineer and ironfounder. Love also selling two tenements in Mitchell Street, and a vacant feu in Kings Road.

VICTORIA WORKS, Laigh Road [35 Laigh Road in VR 1955/56

Stratten & Stratten, 1891 — (under Matthew Pollock) says that M & J Pollock ran the Victoria Cabinet Works from 1857 until 1879, when Matthew Pollock left to found Caledonia. [Article on Matt Pollock in ASH 30.11.1888 (see CALEDONIA) implies that M & J Pollock had existed for 28 years prior to split (i.e. since c.1851)]

KH, F 13.7.1883, 3h — --- Hodge, manager of the West of Scotland Cabinet Works (Balfour) is leaving to be manager at the Victoria Works (John Pollock).

ASH, F 5.10.1888, 3ab — Article on Bath Lane Tannery refers to practical suggestions offered by John Pollock of the Victoria Cabinet Works.

ASH, F 19.10.1888, 3ab — Article on John Pollock's Victoria Cabinet and Chair Manufactory. Retained by John Pollock when M & J Pollock dissolved. Works are "built of white brick, and occupy about 1½ acres of ground". Employs more than 300 people.

EG 10295, F 2.10.1891, 1041b — Prior to 30.9.1891, the partners in John Pollock & Co were John Pollock and Alexander Gray. Thereafter it was John Pollock alone, trading as John Pollock & Co.

GPI 1894 — Not sold. Upset £3500. 1A 1R 2P.

GPI 1895 — Not sold. Upset £2600.

VR 1937-1938 — William C Wilson & Son, upholsterers. Valuation: £35.

VR 1948/49 - VR 1950/51 Prop: William C Wilson. Occ: William C Wilson & Son.
VR 1951/52 - [1955/56] Prop: Agnes M Wilson. Occ: William C Wilson & Son.

GEORGE LOGAN

Kilbirnie Cuttings, 15 ASH? nd. Quotes a piece from December's *The Studio* on George Logan, a designer with Wylie & Lochhead. He trained under John Pollock, Victoria Works

WEST OF SCOTLAND FURNITURE MANUFACTURING CO CABINET WORKS, Grahamfield Place

ASH, Sa 3.8.1872, 5c Reference to accident to employee of **James Jack**, builder, at "a large chair manufactory in course of erection for Mr Balfour".

KH, F 13.7.1883, 3h --- Hodge, manager of the West of Scotland Cabinet Works (Balfour) is leaving to be manager at the Victoria Works (John Pollock).

KH, F 3.8.1883, 3g **J W Small**, of Edinburgh, "the eminent draughtsman and designer of art furniture, author of 'Leaves from my Sketch Book', and whose exhibits at recent London Art Furniture Exhibition were spoken highly of, is to manage the West of Scotland Cabinet Works.

ASH, F 31.8.1888, 3ac Article on Robert Balfour, and his West of Scotland Cabinet Works. Covers 2A, close to GBK Jt Railway. Balfour succeeded to the business c25 years ago (i.e. c.1863). Employs 280.

CO3/12/4/5 BBC 2.5.1912 Additions; John S Snodgrass.

VR 1937-1938 Grahamfield Place. West of Scotland Furniture Manufacturing Co. Ltd. Valuation: £264.

ACC Planning, 2296 September 1941. Alterations, GP, for Coty (England) Ltd. VRs show them to be subtenants of part of works.

VR 1948-1949 Grahamfield Place. Cabinet Works. West of Scotland Furniture Manufacturing Co Ltd.

VR 1955-1956 20 Grahamfield Place. Cabinet Works. West of Scotland Furniture Manufacturing Co Ltd. Valuation: £400.

AA, CO3/18/2/58A, no.28 1963 proposals for a new office (**James Houston & Son**) to replace those lost in recent (called so 8th November) fire.

WILLOWYARD FARM BONDS &c

ACC C612 Factory 7, Willowyard, 1964 for Co-ordinators Services (Engineering) Ltd. Plans by A B Hornall Ltd, builder, Denny.

CO3/8/7/5 7.2.1968 Building Warrant BA1467 (Planning Application C4801), for Whisky Bonds at Willowyard, for Hiram Walker & Sons (Scotland) Ltd. Cowan & Linn, Glasgow.

[And similar approvals thereafter]

BI 80/939 June 1968 Work in progress.

AP 10.12.1971 Approved by ACC, £1,000,000 whisky bonds for Chivas Bros at South Balgray.

FUTURE TECHNOLOGIES SYSTEMS

Usher, 98-9 An object lesson. Their first factory, at Willowyard, was opened by Margaret Thatcher, and they quickly had a second factory in Beith, an office in Glasgow, and a consultancy in London. The company failed in 1986.

WOODSIDE

TILEWORKS

AA, Th 7.1.1841, 1a To let.

FURNITURE FACTORIES, &c., IN LOCHWINNOCH

EG 5474, Tu 14.10.1845, 325b

	Dissolved, 20.3.1845. James Taylor & Co., carpet manufactuers, Burnfoot, Lochwinnoch.
EG 5494, F 19.12.1845, 803c	J & W Stevenson & Co., power loom manufactuers, Knowe, Lochwinnoch. Sequestrated; partners are John, William, James junior, Hugh and Robert Stevenson. Hugh S is Threepwood, Beith.
EG 8020, F 31.12.1869, 1706b	Seq. J & A Williamson, bleachers, Calderbank, Lochwinnoch. John Williamson, sole partner.
WS, Sa 4.7.1908, 3c	The Viewfield Works of Joseph Johnstone, chair manufacturer, were badly damaged by fire last Saturday. Report refers to risk (averted) to 'large addition built quite recently' and also to the adjoining Calder Chair Works of James Hunter.
EG, Tu 8.6.1915, 843a	James Hunter & Sons, Calder Works. James Hunter junior has withdrawn, leaving partners as James Hunter, John Goudie Hunter and Andrew Wilson Hunter.

UTILITIES

DRAINAGE

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

Beith Drainage: £2100 approved.

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