ACADEMY

CO 3/10/2/77	22.1.1895	Plans of **Robert Smith** for extension of Academy approved.
	14.8.1895	Contractors: **William Muir**, mason, and **J & R Smith**, joiners.
Danskin's Cube Book, 1872-1901		August 1900. Proposed additions and alterations to Beith Academy. Estimated cost, £1661 1s 10d; Measured cost (including latrines), £2102 13s 11d.
ACC Planning, 3757		July 1946. Alterations, Beith Academy, for Ayr County Council.
ACC Planning, 3914		September 1946. Dining room, Beith Academy, for Ayr County Council.

ANNEXE, Barrmill Road

Reid, BS, 89	Built from 1930, and demolished in 1997-1998. Replaced by PRIMARY SCHOOL
ACC Planning, B172	June 1956. Staffroom, Annexe No.1, for Ayr County Council.

BACKBURN SCHOOL

SAC, ACC, County Council 27.2.1962	Feu Charter, over former Backburn School, to Beith Bethany Hall Christian Brethren.

BEITH GOLF CLUB

AA, Co 3/10/5/34, FESC 19.2.1974	Grant of £5000 towards new clubhouse, which was begun in March 1973.

BEITH JUNIORS

ACC Planning, A7273	May 1954. Steel-framed enclosure, Bellsdale Park, for Beith Juniors Supporters Club

CLUBHOUSE

ACC Planning, 4125	January 1947. Reconstruct clubhouse after fire, for Beith Junior F.C.
ACC, TPC 11.2…1947, 236-240	Fire was in September 1944.

PAY BOXES

ACC Planning, 3702	June 1946. Payboxes, Bellsdale, for Beith Junior F.C.

BEITH PRIMARY SCHOOL, Barrmill Road

Reid, BS, 89	Opened in September 1998
Site visit with David Watts, 11.11.10	Artists involved were Bruce McLean - Exploring Time; Gillian Steel (space suit lady), Susan Bradbury (copy of glass from Spiers), Mohammed Shadawi (sic) (Journey into School).

BOWLING GREEN

AA, Th 18.2.1864, 5f	A bowling green mooted, and possible sites discussed.
ASH, sa 5.11.1864, 1a	Contractors wanted - Bowling Green.
AA 22.6.1865: KWP 24.6.1865 6c:	ASH Sa 24.6.1865, 3f Formally opened last Saturday (17.6.1865).

CEMETERY

Site Visit		220298.
AA 4.6.1863		In course of erection. **Robert Snodgrass**, architect.
ASH, Sa 13.6.1863, 3c		Progressing favourably. Contractor, including for the LODGE HOUSE, is **John Muir**, Townhead.
AA 8.10.1863		First burials, 3 October 1863.
CO3/12/4/22	16.5.1929	Additions to lodge: John S Snodgrass.

SHELTER/LAVATORY

ACC, Special Subcommittee on Burial Grounds, 23.10.1935
Recommend building shelter/lavatory.

CHARITY SCHOOL

AA, ATD 69	Plans. Plans of site, school and mistress's house undated. Plan of ground, part of Knockbuckle, being feued by Mr Patrick is measured by Robert Aitken, and dated 8 January 1848.

COMMUNITY CENTRE

DSA	1956, J B G Houston.
ACC Planning, A9972	May 1956. Public Hall, Kings Road, for Kilbirnie District Council.
CO 3/8/5/18 7.1.1960	Letter from **James Houston & Son**, Kilbirnie, re a more modest Town Hall, Kings Road, replacing that submitted by them October 1955 and approved in June 1956, but not built.

SAC, ACC General Purposes Committee 22.6.1961
Agree to Kilbirnie DC's suggestion that an outside architect (James Houston) be appointed to expedite matters.

AA, CO 3/18/2/35A B8900	Community Centre, for Kilbirnie D.C., **James Houston & Son**. Plans, August/September 1962, approved January 1963, built June 1963 to November 1964.

DRILL HALL

AA 20.3.1913	Territorial Drill Hall to be built; Gabriel Andrew, architect.

DRINKING FOUNTAIN

CO 3/26/2, notes on an envelope tucked in	Erected in Strand in 1876 (the year in which Beith got a full gravitational water supply). Note says it was gifted some years before.
AA 21.9.1876	Drinking fountain formally handed over 14.9.1876 by John Gilmour of Rhu. Red and grey Aberdeen granite, square obelisk. Design: Mossman, sculptor, Glasgow.
WS, Sa 18.9.1915, 4c	Beith 39 Years Ago. A memorial fountain in Beith, gifted by John Gilmour, Mount Vernon, Rhu, was handed over last Thursday. [WS 16.9.1876]

FIRE STATION

B 14.1.1955	Plans in hand for new fire station, ACC, R G Lindsay, architect.
BI 66/779 February 1955	Proposed Fire Station. R G Lindsay, County Architect.
AA, CO 3/18/2/11	B5655. 1960-62 by **James Houston & Son**.

GARDEN, WILSON STREET

ACC Planning, A5718	March 1953. Create garden, vacate site, Wilson Street, for Kilbirnie District Council.

GATESIDE SCHOOL

CO3/10/2/77 6.9.1889	Copy of T Disp of 1855 by William Patrick of Roughwood, in which it is stated that "sometime ago" he built a school at Gateside.

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PATRICK SCHOOL

AA 19.9.1850	Recently opened. Soiree held 12.9.1850.

GREENHILLS SCHOOL

CO 3/10/2/77	16.12.1889	**Robert Smith**, architect, to prepare plans of addition.
	16.6.1890	Extension plans approved.
	11.7.1890	J & R Smith, joiners
	15.9.1890	W Calderwood, mason.

CO3/12/4/5 BBC 6.1.1910	Additions; John Snodgrass.
ACC Planning, 3813	August 1946. Dining Room, Greenhills Public School, for Ayr County Council.
AA, CO 3/10/5/20	TSSC 24.6.1959 To close at end of 1958-1959 Session.
ACC, GPC 16.10.1964	Sold to James Milne, Lylestone Farm, for £1200, subject to his getting planning permission for joiner's workshop.

HEALTH CENTRE, Reform Street

Site Visit 220298	Dull. See Ref
AA, Th 9.10.1975, 2e	Will open w.e.f. 3rd November 1975

HESSILHEAD SCHOOL

Porterfield	2nd storey added in 1844.

LIBERAL CLUB

TT, F 24.12.1897, 3bc	Formally opened last Monday, though it has been in use since the spring. [Not a new building]

LIBRARY/CLINIC

ACC, Finance Cttee 9.11.1950	Approve costs of conversion of former Unionist Club.
ACC, Health Cttee 6.9.1951, 90	Cost, £1543 19s 10d. Contractor, H Robertson, Beith

MASONIC TEMPLE, 3-5 Eglinton Street

See Village

ORR'S TRUST PUBLIC PARK

[Imp Gaz, 1854, 144	A field of 4 acres was leased in Spring 1852 for use of the town's people for recreation].
AA 25.8.1870	Formally opened last Tuesday.
KS 27.8.1870	Donor is Robert Orr of Croydon, a native of Beith.
ASH, Sa 27.8.1870, 5ad	Formally opened last Tuesday. Gift of Robert Orr, now of Bedford Park, London.
ASH, SA 17.1.1874, 5d	Robert Orr, Croydon, the donor, died on Monday week, aged 82.
WS, Sa 21.6.1913, xx	It is 45 years since Robert Orr, Bedford Park, Croydon, gave funds for a public park. A BOWLING GREEN, formally opened on Monday, has now replaced the 'much abused "curling pond", so called'.
ACC, PAHC 15.3.1932	Orr's Trust for a Public Park: administration remains with parish council (i.e., not transferred to ACC)

LAVATORY

ACC Planning, A3098	December 1950, for Kilbirnie District Council.

POLICE STATION

AA 4.11.1858	Conts, Police Station at Beith, J I McDerment.
AA 24.5.1883	Builders tenders wanted for new constabulary station at Beith. Plans: **McDerment & Murdoch**, Ayr.
Brit Arch, 1.6.1883, 274	Contractors wanted for new constabulary station at Beith. Plans: McDerment & Murdoch, Ayr.
AA 11.9.1884	The new Court House, recently erected, was formally opened on Monday. [Is this this building?]
B, 6.9.1935, x	Constabulary Station to be reconstructed. **W Reid**, County Architect, Ayr.

POLICE STATION, Kings Road

Site Visit 220298	Bungalow of no discernible architectural merit.

PUBLIC LIBRARY, 12 The Strand

List 58 [Old List 6] Early C19 Classical house. 2 storeys and basement, 3 bays. Ashlar. Plinth, outer pilasters supporting entablature and blocking course. Central recessed door at head of 8 steps, doorpiece with Doric columns in antis and flanking pilasters supporting dentilled cornice. Fluted architraves with rosettes and dentilled cornices to ground floor windows. 3 architraved windows in 1st floor. Slate roof. Roof line spoilt by removal of stacks. B.

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ACC Planning, A4191 November 1951. Alterations to form Library and Clinic, Unionist Club, Beith, for Ayr County Council.

SCHOOL

CS271-58273 1835 Action by Hugh Brown of Broadstone to interdict decision of a Committee of Heritors for selling Beith Schoolhouse Property.

SCHOOL

AA, Th 9.7.1840, 4c A new school and master's house have just been completed. A road to it has been formed through land given by Wilson of Blackhll, and is known as 'Wilson's Lane.'

AA 18.3.1875 Addition to school formally opened last Monday.

SCHOOL

CO3/12/4/22 25.7.1929 New school, ACC.

SCHOOL [U.P.]

ASH, Sa 17.3.1860, 3b Proposed new UP School on site between New Street and Mitchell Street.

ASH, Sa 2.3.1861, 3d 'lately erected', and to open 1.4.1861.

TELEPHONE EXCHANGE, Kings Road

CO 3/8/5/18 28.2.1962 Internal ACC memo re proposed H Type Telephone Exchange at Kings Road.

CO3/18/2/58A October 1962 More internal correspondence, and ref to MPBW, Gkasgow.
Cf Uddingston (1958, ? Walter N. W. Ramsay)

TOWN HOUSE, 2 The Strand

List 59 [Old List 5] 1817. 2 storey classical hall in painted ashlar. 3 bays to The Strand with outer pilasters and pedimented gable capped by domed bellcote. Central segmental headed entrance, with flanking similarly arched windows. Cill course to 3 large architraved sash windows in 1st floor. lunette with painted town arms in pediment. Similar treatment to 4 bays in Eglinton Street with outer pilasters supporting cornice and blocking course. Slate roof. Ref: Groome, I, 138. NSA, V, 601. B.

Fisher, T&T, 1996, 46, 220 PHOTOCOPY herewith.

GUA DC/1/1066 1817 notes on laying of foundation stone.

AA 29.5.1817 To be rebuilt. Foundation stone laid last Thursday. Plan of **William Dobie**, Beith.

WS, Sa 27.6.1908, 2d [1817] The Subscriptions for a new Court House in Beith were begun by William Wilson of Crummock, and the foundation stone was laid 25 May 1817.

Clouston 1823 bell, Thomas Mears II.

2SA, 1845, V, 601 Built by subscription in 1817. Lower part is two shops. The upper part is a large hall for courts and public reading room. Lock-up in lower part for criminals.

ACC, PAHC 15.3.1932 — Beith Townhouse Trust: administration passes from parish council to Ayr County Council

WAR MEMORIAL

Site Visit — 220298

Reid, BS, 84 — Unveiled 6.11.1920. Carved by Robert McLachlan, stonemason, Ayr. Originally on Bigholm Hill, and moved to Janefield Place. Ref gives two dates: Su 13.7.1947, and nd 1949

GTB — c.8.11.1920.

AA, ATD 109 — Has pencil plan and sketch of War Memorial, Beith, unsigned and undated.

BS, Sa 21.9.1929, 4e — Reference to proposals to have it re-sited.

WATERWORKS

CO 3/26/2 - notes written on an envelope tucked in

1873, partial gravitational supply introduced

1876, full gravitational supply introduced. Supply from Threepwood.

AA, Th 10.2.1876, 5b — The water works are in a forward state. On the 3rd the water was turned into the pipes for the purpose of testing them.

AA, Th 17.2.1876, 4f — Formally opened on Tuesday by Mrs Ralston Patrick of Trearne. Engineer: Mr **Copland**, CE, Glasgow. Works include an 8 acre reservoir, north east of the town, near Cuff Hill, which holds 10½ million gallons.

ASH, Sa 19.2.1876, 5e — Formally opened on Tuesday.

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SPIERS SCHOOL

See Also R H Bruce Lockhart, My Scottish Youth, London, Putnam, 1937. The author's father was the first headmaster here.

List 4 — **James Sellars**, 1887-1888. An extensive range of school buildings in Scottish Renaissance style. Built in snecked and stugged red sandstone with polished dressings. Gabled asymmetrical west elevation of 1 and 2 storeys, with bold off-centre 2-stage tower and outer octagonal turret. Main entrance in base of tower, with elaborately detailed pilastered doorpiece capped by urn finials and steep pediment, enclosing the carved seal of the Governors of the Spiers School, Beith. Blank square panels in the upper part of the 1st stage of the tower were probably intended for clockfaces. This stage is finished with a finialled balustrade. 2nd stage has keystoned round-arched openings and angled Ionic columns. Above, an elongated ogival lead cap with finial. A wide advanced gabled bay to the right of the tower has weighty channelled angle buttresses and 3-light windows to ground and 1st floor; that to the 1st with pilasters and engaged Ionic columns supporting an ornate Jacobean pediment. Scrolled skew putts and apex finial on gable end. 5 further bays to right, comprising 3 recessed with gable head windows at 1st floor; 1 wide advanced bay with tripartite at ground floor, 2 windows in 1st floor and crest in scrolled pedimented panel in gable head; octagonal turret with circular windows in the 3rd floor and facetted roof, fills the re-entrant angle with the outer bay. Lower plain ranges at the rear. Slate roofs throughout. Ref: Architect, 28.9.1888; Groome, 2nd ed, I, 138. Built at cost of £12000, the gift of Mr R Spier of Marshalland. B.

The Spierian, Jubilee Number, 1938, [a BoS ref]

Erected with bequest of John Spier. Originally to have been an orphanage for 24 boys and designs prepared for it by J T Rochead -

	insufficient funds. Finally built in 1887, with additional funds left by his mother. Was intended to have a statue of John Spier. Architect: J T Rochead. [No]
RSA, 1866, 81	1866, proposed Spiers College. J T Rochead. [NOT BUILT]
ASH, F26.8.1887, 5c	Foundation stone to be laid 24.9.1887
AA 29.8.1887	Memorial stone was laid last Saturday. The Institution, which is intended for the higher education of children connected with the district, is being erected from plans prepared by Messrs Campbell Douglas & Sellars, architects, Glasgow. Its architectural style is of the type common in Scotland in the C17. The chief frontage is of considerable extent, upwards of 180' in length, and the gable of the common hall, which is richly decorated, and a tower of 100' in height, form prominent features in it. Headmaster's House. Janitor's house will be erected close to the main building, and a gate lodge will also be erected. Site reserved for a gymnasium. [BN, liii, 534: est cost, £12,000]
ASH, F 30.9.1887, 3a-d	Sketch. Main contractors are **P & W Anderson**, Glasgow, masons and **A McFarlane**, Glasgow, joiner.
AA 27.9.1888	Formally opened last Monday.
ASH, F 28.9.1888, 5cde	Formally opened last Monday. **Campbell Douglas & Sellars**, Glasgow, architects.
Brit Arch, 28.9.1888, 234	School for 270 pupils, covering 16 acres. 2 storeys with 1 storey wing. Red stone. Tower 100' at front elevation. Main entrance at foot of tower, with vestibule. Marble tablet to Spier family. Entrance hall with grand staircase. Upper floor: large hall, 42' by 27', monument room for sculpture. Floor of marble mosaic. 6 classrooms for 180 boys; 4 for 90 girls. P & W Anderson, Glasgow, masons; McFarlane & Son, Glasgow, joiners. John Keir & Son, Irvine, slaters; D & J Tait, Dalry, plasterers; Galbraith & Winton, Glasgow, tilers. Campbell Douglas & Sellars, architects. Official opening, 27.9.1888.
BN, lv, 425	Opened 24.9.1888. Reproduces some features of the Old College of Glasgow. 105' tower. Grounds laid out by **W L Love**. Sellars, architect.
TT, F 28.7.1899, 1d	Advert. "The buildings include chemical laboratory and large gymnasium."
CO3/12/4/4 BBC 1.8.1907	Additions; T Graham Abercrombie, architect.
The Spierian, Jubilee Number, 1938	Alterations and additions, 1907. Science Room and Art Room added. Old science laboratory taken into janitor's house, and mathematical room, which adjoined it, became woodwork shop.
AA 30.12.1920	War Memorial unveiled: angel supported on school arms in granite.
The Spierian, Jubilee Number, 1938	War Memorial unveiled 22.12.1920. Designed in 1919, and placed in main corridor. **James Houston**, Kilbirnie, architect.
ACC Planning, 2837	October 1944. Dining Room, for Ayr County Council.
ACC Planning, 4589	July 1947. Classrooms, Spiers, for Ayr County Council.
ACC, TPSC 25.6.1947, 775-6	Primary to continue for now.
ACC, GPSC 23.12.1948, 19	Letter regarding minor work, a henhouse, is from **Abercrombie & Maitland**, architects, Paisley.
ACC Planning, A7927	November 1954. Boys' cloakroom, Spiers' School, for Ayr County Council.
AA, CO 3/10/5/28, GPC 15.3.1968	Approval given for a bronze plaque, 12" by 8½", to late G R Mair, ex headmaster. To be placed alongside two other plaques erected, with permission of ACC in 1951.
nr	A study of possible alternative uses was carried out by Assist, Glasgow.
nr	**Closed in 1972**.

nr — Memorial stone laid "Saturday last" [ASH 30.9.1887]. Architect, Campbell Douglas & Sellars. In style of Old Glasgow College. **Demolished January 1986**. Some stained glass now at Garnock Academy, and some marble monuments built into walls of Auld Kirk of Beith. An inventory of Mrs M Spier, taken 1986, also includes plans by J T Rochead, letter Mrs Spier to JTR, "building is not to go on at present", 31 December 1858. Competitive plans sought in 1878/1879. Receipts of ---- Brodie, sculptor.

HEADMASTER'S HOUSE

Brit Arch, 28.9.1888, 234 — Built in 1888, Campbell Douglas & Sellars, architects. Contractors as for school.

The Spierian, Jubilee Number, 1938 — Designed to accommodate boarders - never exceeded 14 in number.

PAVILION

The Spierian, Jubilee Number, 1938 — Erected c.1893.

EAST KILBRIDE

ACC, FC 14.6.1945 — Agree to sell Newhouse and South Craighall Farms, East Kilbride.

KILBARCHAN

County Council, 31.10.1967 — "Receipt by the County Council discharging the feu duty of 15s 1d payable to them as Trustees for Spier's Trust in respect of Weaver's Cottage, Kilbarchan, now owned by the National Trust for Scotland."

HEAD

ACC, TSSC 24.9.1947, 1102 — Heads of Dalry HGS and Spiers School, Beith, to be called RECTOR, so bringing into conformity with other Ayrshire schools.

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RNAD BEITH

Warlow, 160 — Planned July 1941, approved November 1942.

ACC Planning, 2278 — August 1941. Factory, Giffen Station, for ICI Ltd., on behalf of Ministry of Defence

[This looks like the genesis of the RNAD site]

ACC Planning, A5753 — March 1953. Convert part of hostel, to dwelling house, RNAD; **G J Kinghorn**, architect, 158 Irish Street, Dumfries, for John Blackley & Son Ltd. Withdrawn.

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