COYLTON

CASTLES AND MANSIONS

CARBIESTON HOUSE

AO, Tu 10.12.1833, 1e	Died, Pitcairly, 20 November 1833, Captain Cathcart of Carbieston, RN.
EG 7913, Tu 22.12.1868, 1595b	Robert Cathcart of Carbiston and Pitcairlie, Fife. Petition to disentail Carbiston, and entail instead land if equivalent value at Grange of Lindores, Fife.
AA, 25.6.1908	Death last Friday of Claud Hamilton. In 1894 he built the beautifully situated dwelling house known as Carbieston House.
AP, F 4.4.1947, 7d	Died, 1 April 1947, Carbieston. James Naismith Rankin, 76, formerly of William Rankin & Sons, cork merchants, Glasgow. Founder member of WMC: leaves son (Lt-Col A C Rankin) & 2d.

CUSHATS, THE, 416213

List 10	Victorian gabled house, originally within the policies of Sundrum Castle. 1 storey. Gabled dormers have ornamented bargeboards; steep slate roof; pink harling; ground floor windows with drip moulds. C.
OS Name Book 1850s	Sundrum Cottage [here?] A modern building in the Elizabethan style, 1 storey high with attic and projecting roof neatly laid out and kept in very good repair. Property and residence of John Hamilton, esquire.
3SA, 1946-50, 762	Built at the end of the C19 by the Hamiltons of Sundrum.
AA, Th 30.4.1931, 1g	For sale, at £2500. Hall, 3 rooms, 5 bedrooms, and 24 acres.
AP, F 31.1.1936, 12b	Died, Wednesday, at The Cushats, Frank Henry MacPherson, solicitor, Ayr. Had only recently acquired The Cushats (the old Sundrum Dower House) and carried out much reconstruction, and "had quite recently taken up his abode there."
EG, F 9.9.1938, 753a	Notice in sequestration of late Frank H Macpherson.
Prestwick TC Minutes, TC 27 June 1945	Freedom of Prestwick conferred on David F McIntyre (SAL), of The Cushats.
AA, Th 16.9.1954, 17b	For sale. Reference to "Lounge hall, panelled in oak".
AA, CO 3/18/2/47, C258	Alterations, 1963, J R Notman for W B Dunlop. 'No progress', April 1964. Part PHOTOCOPY herewith.

BRIDGE IN POLICIES

List 11	Single arch, low stone parapet spanning Water of Coyle. C.

LODGE, 420216

n.r.	Originally lodge for Sundrum
List 12	Classical, 1 storey, cream-washed. Palladian window towards road. Railings, square gatepiers. C.

WALLED GARDEN, 418215

DINWOODIE, 405156

C1891	583-3-19	WHITESTANES HOUSE, 14 rooms. Servants, children (Alexander John Happell, 3 India; Lilla Mary Happell, 1, India, William Horatio Happell, 11 mo?, Englans), 2 visitors (Bertha Mary Page, u26, England; Evelyn Isabel Page, u18, England). [NB, also at 583-3-20, Whitestanes Cottage, Alex 79 & Janet 82 Happell, he farmer, b Kirkmichael.]
VR 1892/93 – VR 1897/98		House and garden, Martnaham Muir, William Alexander Happell of Martnaham Muir.
VR 1898/99 – VR 1901/01		James Gowans
TT, F 9.6.1899, 4h		James Gowans, Dinwoodie, has been made a JP.
C1901	583-2-20	Unoccupied.
VR 1902-03 – VR 1906-07		Quintin MacAdam, farmer
VR 1909-10		Robert Thomson Kennedy Blair
VR 1910-11 – VR 1920-21		Peter Watson of Drumsuie

CO 3/12/1/6	BBC 4.3.1913	Additions and alterations, Dinwoodie, for Peter Watson. J & H V Eaglesham, architects.
VR 1922-1923		William Millar
VR 1923-24		Robert O Orr McCrone
CO 3/12/1/11	BBC 10.4.1923	Alterations to 3A house, Dinwoodie, for Robert McCrone. Allan Stevenson.
AA, DHP		Repairs to gatehouse after fire, 192-23, **Allan Stevenson** for McCrone.
VR 1924-25 – 1926-27		Dinwoodie Estates Ltd. John Hamilton Haney, tenant
VR 1927-28 – VR 1941-42		James Walter Samuel Greenlees
	LODGE	
CO 3/12/1/11	BBC 24.4.1923	3A Lodge, Dinwoodie, for Robert McCrone. Allan Stevenson.
	WOODEND, 404156	
	PEOPLE	
Ayr Cemetery		William Miller, Dinwoodie (late of The Fort, Dishargarh, Bengal), 9.8.1860 - 9.10.1922. Wife, 28.8.1860 - 25.9.1944.
GADGIRTH HOUSE, 408222		
Photographs in		AP 12.3.1937; AP 19.8.1949
List 7		Regency. Stucco; 2 storeys and basement; centre flat bowed projection in front and to rear; 1:3:1 sash windows; low boxed eaves and cornice; hipped slate roof. Porch has segmental front, flat coupled pilasters, panelled doors, fanlight. Ref: NSA, V, 656. B.
KH, F 12.6.1846,		Died, Calcutta, 13.4.1846, George Vint, formerly of Gadgirth.
Paterson, History of Counties of Ayr and Wigton, 1863, I, 229		
		Built in 1808 by Colonel Burnett, who †1833
OS Name Book	[1850s]	A neat substantial plain building three storeys high and attic … built on the site of a very old mansion in 1808.
AA 7.1.1892		Existing house built in 1808.
CO 3/12/1/3	BBC 1.12.1903	Cellars and servants bedrooms, &c., Gadgirth, for Finlay Smith; Honeyman Keppie & Mackintosh, Glasgow.
CL		1929, for sale.
AP, 12.8.1949		Sold at auction 9 August 1949 in Hotel Dalblair, Ayr. House with 12 acres sold to Ayr County Council for "surprisingly low" £4300. "A typical example of a Wren mansion, it contains many unique features – fine marble baths, marble surrounds to fireplaces and panelling and fittings of Italian chestnut."
ACC, Property & Supplies Committee, 2.5.1950		
		A "large valuable fitted book case " at Gadgirth to be moved to County Buildings, and adapted for use in the County Clerk's Room.
ACC Planning, A2675		August 1950. Conversion to Children's Home, for Ayr County Council.
ACC, Children's C, 5.10.1950		Tenders accepted. Total cost, £3804 4s 0d.
AA, Th 2.7.1953, 19de		Formally opened as a Children's Home, 24th June 1953. By Childrens Committee chairman, James Reid (Saltcoats) (ACC, Childrens C, 24.6.1953, 71)
n.r.		Fire 1958 - children moved to new home in Irvine. Officially closed 1968.
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AP, March 2014.		Built 2005. Doesn't look very exciting
	GARDEN COTTAGE	
ACC Planning, A1693		November 1949. Alterations, for Martin Maclaurin, 16 Rosebank Crescent, Ayr.
	HOUSE	
ACC Planning, A3739		June 1951. Bathroom and kitchen, house, G; William Cowie & Torry, for T & E Girvan.
	HOUSE	

ACC Planning, A6145 — June 1953. Colt House, South Lodge, Gadgirth, for Major Herbert Watt.

OBELISK, 41292250

MARTNAHAM LODGE

Sturrock, 45 — fl 1830s-1860s: H S James of Martnaham.

AP, F 28.1.1949, 6de — Photo. Eglinton Hunt meet, here, 22 Jan 1949.

Bldg Warrant BA 3247 — May 1971; alteration and extension. Noad & Wallace, Glasgow, for Mrs Patricia Knox. £20,000.

SVR 1972-1973 — 1.10.1972

OLD HA', 40562190

Smith — Remains of Gadgirth Castle.

2SA, Dec 1841, 656 — Old castle now replaced by a mansion.

AA 7.1.1892 — "Little more than a score of courses of stone at one corner."

RANKINSTON HOUSE

Edinburgh Evening Courant, 24.7.1775 — "New built", flatted.

COTTAGE

ACC Planning, A8137 — January 1955. Cothouse, RH; Henry Dawes, Kilmarnock, for Robert Morton.

SUNDRUM

HISTORY

Reg Mag Sig, II, no. 3720 — Charter granted by James IV to John, Lord Cathcart, of lands and barony of Sundrum, with its castle, fortalice, &c, dated 21 March 1512.

SUNDRUM CASTLE, 410212

List 13 — Greater portion of existing mansion built by the first Hamilton of Sundrum in 1792; incorporated is a much earlier tower. Main range: 3 storeys, 4 widely spaced sash windows, those on the first floor lighting the principal rooms. Harled walls, stone battlemented parapet; dentilled course; ridge slate roof, round corner turret, end stacks. Interior contains some good late C18 classical decoration. Adjoining office wing at side has 3 gables connected by low screen wall; centre gable Palladian window, clock in attic gable, cupola and weather-vane. Ref: Millar. B.

Paterson, Kyle I, 1863, 243 — Modern mansion built by John Hamilton, who succeeded in 1837, within last 20 years. Incorporates old tower – has massive rent from top to bottom. Vaulted hall in old tower used as dining room.

Millar, Castles and Mansions, 1885 — Frequently altered, but ancient part distinguishable. Fortalice, with greater part of mansion built in 1792 and skilfully wrought into old part. Tower walls 10'. Stone with arms of Alan, 7th Baron Cathcart (1647-1732 – he united the estates of Sundrum and Cathcart in 1713) quartered with those of his wife, Elizabeth, daughter of Viscount Stair, were recently found by present laird and fixed in wall of old church at Coylton. In 1373 Sir Duncan Wallace had charter of lands of Sundrum and Dalmellington. Came to Hamiltons in 1750.

OS Name Book [1850s] — A large plain stately old mansion from 3 to 4 storeys high, slated and in tolerable repair.

Pallinsburn 2005 sale catalogue — Acquired by Hamiltons in 1762

Pallinsburn 2005 sale, lot 205 — Designs by John Paterson for the Dining Room at Sundrum, as executed.

Card index — ex-President Ulysses Grant stayed here F14/Sa15 September 1877. It was the summer residence of Lord Provost Sir James Bain.

AP, F 10.1.1947, 7cde — East wing, gutted by fire 1947, built c.1888

CO 3/12/1/5	BBC 4.5.1909	Additions and alterations, Sundrum, for E S Coats. Balfour Abercrombie, architect, 13 West Regent Street, Glasgow.
Pallinsburn 2005 sale catalogue		Sold by Hamilton sisters to William Coats in 1917 for £38,000.
NMRS		Additions and alterations, no date, Balfour Abercrombie.
VR 1936-1937		Hotel. [Licence was granted April 1936]
AP 23.4.1937		Architect for alteration to a hotel is a Mr Ingram.
Dundee Evening Telegraph, W 8.1.1947, 4c		Fire, early this morning, has destroyed the east wing.
AP, F 10.1.1947, 7cde		East wing, between the main building and the old clock tower, was gutted by fire, 8 January 1947. It had been built c.1888. Manager is J W Smith; wing was occupied by one permanent guest, Lady Primrose, who had been there since moving to avoid the London blitz.
ACC Planning, 4191		February 1947. Restoration of fire damage, S, for Percy T. Lovely.
nr		Restoration, from 1986, for Robert Phelp. J R Notman, Glasgow, architect, with James J Dempster, Glasgow, for the exterior. Scheme not completed.
	BURNBRAE COTTAGE, 401206	
	BURNSIDE, 402206	
Darley Hay		1935 Additions and alterations for J Boyle; Allan Stevenson & Cassells.
	CHAPEL	
BN, vol 51, p.6861886		Proposed Chapel and Crematorium for John Hamilton of Sundrum. Stone and diapered red and purple brick. C F A Voysey.
	GARDENER'S HOUSE	
ACC Planning, 4616		June 1947. Alterations, for Percy T. Lovely.
	LODGE	
ACC Planning, 4617		June 1947. Alterations, for Percy T. Lovely.
	ESTATE	
AA, Th 20.6.1912, 4h		Died 13th June 1912: Donald MacLaren, land steward 1892-1909.
ACC Planning, 1576		April 1939. Huts, Sundrum, for Norman Conn. [VR 1940/41 gives NC as proprietor of 'Lot 16, Sundrum.'
ACC Planning, 1719		June 1939. Sanitary conveniences, Sundrum, for Norman Conn.
ACC Planning, various		1940s. many holiday huts. Types include "Brand" and "Inverclyde".
ACC Planning, 4514		June 1947. Lavatories, Sundrum Camp, for George Thomson.
ACC Planning, 4569		July 1947. Shop, Sundrum, for George Thomson.
ACC Planning, 4573		July 1947. Lay out of additional hut sits, for George Thomson.
ACC Planning, A931		April 1949. Lavatories, Sundrum Camp, for George Thomson.
AP, F 27.5.1977, 51		Advertising Feature. 'New' Sundrum Holiday Centre. Includes Sundrum Club and Grubber Bar. Opens this weekend. Developer is Drew Dodds. (William D Dodds, Tunnoch Park)

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