DALMELLINGTON

GENERAL, VILLAGE, ARCHAEOLOGY, TRANSPORT, ESTATE AGENTS, &c

GENERAL

See also (in Assorted Articles file)
Memories of Dalmellington 65 Years Ago, written by William Colville, †1921, and first published c.1950, and again reprinted in the 1970s by Countryside Society. Refers to a period of c.1855.

George S Hendrie, The Parish of Dalmellington: Its History, Antiquities and Objects of Interest, Dalmellington, William Murdoch, 1902 reprint. Original of this at Baird Institute. 1st edition was 1889.

Johnston:	1275, Dalmellingtoun. Perhaps Gaelic *dail meallan*, field among a cluster of knolls or hills, but cf Dumfermline, and English *ton*, a village.
Sc Mag, February 1975 (ns 102/5), 487	1427 Dalmelytoun; 1511 Delmellingtoun. ? G *dail*, meadow + *muileann*, mill, with ME *ton*, farm(stead).
Hume, SVBWG, Excur, Ayr, 1988	Village has early history, but present form was developed in C19 as industrial township for hand-loom weaving, coal and iron mining and brick making. In C18 it had been busy with handloom weaving, using local wool. Hand -loom weaving declined in early C19 as mechanisation took over.
Cockburn, Circuit Journeys	18/19 Sept 1844. " .. I wish I had Barbeth. When the time shall come (as come it will) when English cottages or English neatness shall be introduced into Scotland, what a village Dalmellington may be. A few old trees, irregular ground, tumbling burns, a spire, and a mill. What more is wanted? Loch Doon, like Loch Cree, is scarcely a Loch. It is a n aneurism on the river. 26 September 1847. "I grieve for Dalmellington. It has the appearance, and the reputation of being a singularly virtuous and happy village; and I am told is perhaps the last placein Ayrshire where, with a good deal of old primitive manufacture, rural simplicity and contentment still linger. But it is now to taste of manufactures in an <u>improved</u> state. The devil has disclosed his iron, and speculation has begun to work it. There seems to be about a dozen of pits sinking within half a mile of the village, and before another year is out those now solitary and peaceful hills will be blazing with furnaces, and blighted by the presence and the vices of a new population of black scoundrels. They were already kying snoring and, I presume, drunk, on many indignant knolls."
2SA, [9/1837], 1845, 316	Population in 1831, 708. There are two small woollen mils employing 30 hands; the larger had a carpet factory added 4 years ago.
KWP 18.7.1857	D "has ... received lately an impetus in the building line. A neat handsome villa is seen here and there but newly erected, while others are in course of erection ..."
Groome, 1884, 338	11th Century burgh of barony. A "stagnating village" recently centre of traffic to new ironworks.
AA, Th 24.9.1896, 4f	Coaching tours, in association with GSWR, through Ness Glen and into Galloway. Number of bookings, August 1896, 343.
2SA	Populations 1755, 739 - 1791, 681 - 1831, 1056 - 1837, 1126.
2SA, 1845(9/1837), p.317	Agric improvement. 600 acres tile-drained and limed. 1150 acres could still be improved. p322: 40 years ago land neither limed nor drained.

Note also, e,.g. in ACC, HC, 22.3.1945, that the Clyde Valley Regional Planning Advisory Committee (Abercrombie) suggested centralisation of population at Patna, and this seems, initially, to have been accepted by the Council.

VILLAGE

SPECIAL WATER DISTRICT 19 July 1892.

AUCHENROY CRESCENT
AYR ROAD
7, FILLING STATION
ACC Planning, B811 December 1956. Additions and alterations, for J.T. McGuire & Sons.
BACK ROAD [Not in Postcode Directory]
CO3/12/1/4 BBC 6.2.1906 Cottage for John McCreadie.
BEECHCROFT, 474063
BELLSBANK CRESCENT
BELLSBANK ROAD
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ACC Planning, 1051 July 1938, alterations, BR, for Miss Murray.
ACC Planning, 1810 July 1939, cottage, BR, for Ayr Town Council.
BRADAN AVENUE
BROOMKNOWE
SRC, W&S 9.10.1984, 918 SA. 8 houses, Broomknowe, Dickson & Scott, Dalmellington.
ACC Planning, A4295 December 1951. Additions (baths and larders) to 40 houses, Broomknowe Cottages, for National Coal Board. Amendments, &c., to 1956.
BURNHEAD
BURNTON
RUNNING DOG, 474071
BURNTON ROAD
CARSPHAIRN ROAD
29
ACC Planning, A2678 August 1950. House, CR, D; **William Cowie & Torry**, for Dr E S Lee.
CASTLE CROFTS
3SA, 1951, 734 County Council housing scheme erected between wars.
CO3/12/1/5 BBC 5.1.1909 Cottage, CC, for -- Wight; John McCreadie, Dalmellington.
CO3/12/1/6 BBC 6.6.1911 House, CC, for A D Napier; **Allan Stevenson**.
CO3/12/1/8 BBC 29.8.1922 7A house near Castle Crofts for Peter Murray; Mr Hyslop, contractor, Dalmellington
BBC 25.9.1922 House, Castle Crofts, for William Wright; [Allan?] Stevenson.
CASTLE ROAD
14A,14B
ACC Planning, 1761 June 1939, 2 houses, CR, for Bairds & Dalmellington Ltd.
CATHCARTSTON
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nr 1 2A and 2 3A houses for CDVDC, part of 76/77 programme, completed by November 1981.
6-7
List 9 Harled; 2 storeys; 3 sash windows; gables have rolled carved skews. C. [Deleted - August 1989]
8-11 consec
AA, Th 24.9.1896, 4f Report of meeting of Gaa Committee.
ACC, PAHC 15.3.1932 John Gaa Trust for Education and Reading Room: administration remains with parish council (i.e., not transferred to ACC)
List 10 1 storey; interesting date stone, possibly inserted: AMc 1744. CS.

ACC, Health Committee 1.4.1965 Demolition Orders served on 9 and 10, both property of Trustee's of John Gaa's Charity.

AA, Th 18.12.1975, 17cde To open w.e.f Friday 19th December 1975. Dalmellington & District Countryside Society founded in March 1973.

Hume, SVBWG, Excur, Ayr, 1988 Weavers cottages built in 1744. One opened as visitor centre in 1985 by Dalmellington and District Conservation Trust.

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Sasine Minute 2538 of 1825 22.2.1825. John Gaa merchant D seised in houses called Cathcartstown - on Disp by John McKnight residing in D, 12.2.1825.

CHALMERSTON ROAD [Not in Postcode Directory]

CO3/12/1/6 BBC 4.4.1911 House, CR, for Thomas Malone, South America; W B Gibson, builder, Dalmellington.

CHURCH HILL

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List 3A Dated 1858. 2 storey and attic; 3 windows, advanced crowstepped centre, skewputs to end gables, coursed rubble, freestone dressings, chamfered window margins, pointed lunette to attic; bipartites ground floor. Small-pane modern glazing, centre doorpiece with architrave and keyblock (dated 1858). Rear incorporates marriage lintel of 1632. CS.

CO3/12/1/2 BBC 4.9.1900 Cottage, CH, for Messrs Stodart and Baird.

CO3/12/1/3 BBC 3.3.1903 Additions to ho for William Crombie; J J Aitken.

CO3/12/1/5 BBC 5.7.1910 House, CH, for John Paterson.

CORSERINE TERRACE

CRAIGLEA CRESCENT

1/3 SVR 1950/51, ACC

CROFT STREET

CUMNOCK ROAD

3, LOTA COTTAGE

DALCAIRNEY ROAD

DALFARSON AVENUE

DALTON AVENUE

ERIFF ROAD

FINLAS AVENUE

GAS BRAE [Not in Postcode Directory]

CO£/12/15 BBC 3.3.1908 House, head of GB for James Gibson, joiner; Allan Stevenson

BBC 3.3.1908 D Villa, head of GB for James Gibson, joiner; Allan Stevenson

BBC 3.3.1908 House, GB, for James Gibson, joiner; Allan Stevenson.

BBC 7.7.1908 House, GB, for John Bain.

CO3/12/16 BBC 5.9.1911 House, GB, for and by W B Gibson, builder, Dalmellington.

GATESIDE STREET

GORDON HOUSE (on New Cumnock Road), 481064

HIGH MAIN STREET

CO3/12/1/4 BBC 2.4.1907 House, HChurchS, for -- Stevens; Allan Stevenson.

CO3/12/1/5 BBC 29.11.1910 Houses, HMS, for George Gibson.

MERRICK HALL

See 27 Main Street

CO-OPERATIVE

AA 25.6.1896 [Church Street]. 2 storey building in Church Street, erected in 1883. A new additional structure has now been built. 30' frontage.

AP 5.6.1931 New co-operative grocery formally opened last Saturday. William Mercer, architect. Locharbriggs stone facade: other external walls of Sanquhar brick.

46, DOON CINEMA

Moore 1972 Opened on 2 October 1933

Builder, 14.7.1933, p.77 Plans prepared, 1933, by Stellmacs, Glasgow.

ACC Planning, A1399 — August 1949. Alterations, for Doon Cinema (Dalmellington) Ltd., Maybole. William Cowie & Torry.

ACC, PLC 6.11.1950 — Letter from William Cowie & Torry asking Council to support application for building licence.

ACC Planning, A3500 — April 1951. Alterations, Doon Cinema, HMS, for Doon Cinema (Dalmellington) Ltd.

HIGHCROFTS

sv 1991 — for Bield Housing, 1990-1991.

HIGH STREET

1, Doon Tavern

List 7 — Stucco; 2 storeys; 3 sashes; moulded cornice eaves; steep pitched roof, 2 hipped dormers - older projecting wing to rear. C.

AA, Th 15.8.1968, 22c — For sale.

AA, Th 9.1.1969, 14e — Died, 30.12.1968, Margaret (Peggy) Allan, propr since 1949.

17, Old Cross Keys

List 4 — Derelict harled range at one time an inn; 2 storeys; sash windows in painted stone surrounds; projecting gabled wing towards roadway; plain gables, clipped skews. C.
Demolished 1995.

6, Dalmellington Inn

EAC Planning, 11/0341/PP — Proposed alterations and extension, **A.T. Hendry**, Ayr.

16, Snug Bar

AP 21.3.1958 — New Snug Bar, 16 HS, to be built, on site of old one - to be demolished - but set back.

30-32

List 5 — Good example of block and sneck masonry; local granite; 2 storeys; 3 sash windows in grey painted stone surrounds; freemason's sign beside door. C.

VR 1892/93 — ? Ho, £25, John Walker, farmer, Mossdale.

HOPES AVENUE

MACATERICK DRIVE

MAIN STREET

--, Clydesdale Bank [this street?]

ASH 21.8.1858 — The premises newly erected for the Clydesdale Bank are most elegant.

--, J R Templeton

AA, Th 20.11.1975, 15de — J R Templeton to close on Saturday. Began about 35 years ago in the shop formerly of W. Murray, draper.

Black Bull or Loch Doon Hotel (this street?)

AA 2.2.1854 — Contractors - rebuild part of Black Bull.

AA 25.10.1894 — Contractors wanted for additions and alterations at Black Bull; **Allan Stevenson**.

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List 8 — Stucco; 2 storeys; 4 sash windows in moulded architraves; eave band and cornice; ridge slate roof, 2 hipped dormers. C.

27, Royal Bank

sv1991 — Has Peddie & Kinnear stone.

ASH, Sa 10.7.1875, 5e — The Royal Bank has erected a building for their branch here "which must have cost a considerable sum".

ACC Planning, A9798 — March 1956. Alterations, Bank House, for Royal Bank of Scotland.

35, Merrick

AP, F 30.6.1933, 12c — Brass plaque recently placed on "Merrick", D; "In this house lived Robert Hetrick, the Blacksmith Poet, 1769 to 1849." Fixed by owner, William Stewart. "The desk at which the poet wrote is still in its wonted position."

Supp VR 1935/36 — Merrick Hall. Occupied with effect from 28 November 1935.

AP, F 18.2.1949, 7b — Presentation to Mr & Mrs John M Anderson, Merrick Café:- retiring from business. They built a dance hall.

10, EGLINTON HALL

ACC Planning, A477 — December 1948. Alterations, Eglinton Hall, for Dalmellington Silver Band.

32, HOLLYBANK

ACC Planning, A7465 — June 1954. Waiting Room, Hollybank, for Dr Campbell.

--, EGLINTON HOTEL

AA, Th 28.7.1881, 1e — Being sold by Thomas McCubbin, who has had it 13 years. McCubbin has acquired Kings Arms, Maybole.

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CO3/12/1/3 BBC 5.5.1903 House, Low Main Street, for Alexander Gibson; J J Aitken.

MEADOWBANK [Not in Postcode Directory]

CO3/12/1/3 BBC 3.3.1903 House, M, for and by Hugh Gibson.

CO3/12/1/4 BBC 5.9.1905 House, M, for and by Hugh Gibson

BBC 3.10.1905 House, M, for Alfred Gibson; Hugh Gibson.

MELLING TERRACE

14-17 SVR 1950/951 ACC

MERRICK DRIVE

21-51 SVR 1950-51 SSHA

53-67 SVR 1950-51 ACC

44-58 SVR 1950-51 ACC

MINNOCH ROAD

MOSSDALE TERRACE

NESS GLEN ROAD

2 SVR 1950-51 ACC

NEW STREET

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ACC, PHSC 25.11.1931 — BBL. Alterations, Parish Council Office, Dalmellington, for Ayr C.C.

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CO3/12/1/4 BBC 17.1.1905 House for James Gibson; J J Aitken.

NEWBIGGIN TERRACE

PARK CRESCENT

PATERSON STREET

PATH

BAND HUT

ACC Planning, 2976 — March 1945. Re-erect and extend hut, Path, for Dalmellington Silver Band. [By 1955, DSB are at 10 Main Street]

ACC Planning, A8926 — August 1955. Hut, Path, for Benwhat Band.

RIECAWR AVENUE

SHALLOCH PLACE

1-3 SVR 1950-51 ACC

TOWNHEAD

CO3/12/1/3 BBC 2.9.1902 Houses, T, for Hugh Gibson.

CO3/12/1/5 BBC 14.1.1908 House, T, for and by Quintin Clark, Ayr.

BBC 14.1.1908 Cottage, T, for -- McCulloch; Quintin Clark

WATERSIDE STREET

DALMELLINGTON

UNSORTED

AA, Th 29.5.1851, 4g — Contractors wanted for 2 storey house in Dalmellington. Plan with Robert Smith, postmaster.

AA, Th 2.3.1871, 1e		To sell or let, 2 storey slated house in centre of village, occupied by Scott, merchant, and others. 4 rooms, kitchen and attic. Prop: Alexander Hislop, Maybole
AA, Th 13.1.1876, 1d		For sale, pog, 5P, part of Boydstone property, with dwelling houses &c erected thereon which belonged to late George Ramsay, sometime residing in Nether Berbeth.
CO3/12/1/2	BBC 3.9.1901	House, D, for James Gibson; Allan Stevenson
	BBC 21.1.1902	Cottage, for A Paterson.
	BBC 4.3.1902	House, D, for Hector Smith.
CO3/12/1/3	BBC 5.8.1902	House, for Thomas McFarlane; Allan Stevenson.
	BBC 3.11.1903	House, for James Pettigrew
	BBC 1.12.1903	House, for John Bain: J J Aitken
CO3/12/1/4	BBC 4.7.1905	House for James Brechany; Allan Stevenson
CO3/12/1/5	BBC 3.5.1910	Houses, D, for William Stewart; Allan Stevenson.
CO3/12/1/6	BBC 5.9.1911	Bakehouse, Dalmellington Industrial Co-op; J K Hunter.
	BBC 7.7.1914	House, D, for J W Smith; **A C Thomson**.
CO3/12/1/11	BBC 23.10.1923	3A Roadmans Cottage, for Ayr District Committee; George Barry, District Surveyor.
CO3/12/1/12	BBC 4.3.1924	House, A S Glass; J Scott Glass, architect, Goodmayes, Essex.
	BBC 4.3.1924	Roadmans House, for Ayr District Committee.
B 15.9.1933, p.442		Plans prepared for alterations and extensions of Dalmellington Co-op - Society's own architects - £4500.
DSA (Darley Hay)		[1925-56], Bungalow for Nella A M Lyon, **James Houston**.

MINERS HOSTEL

AA, Th 10.9.1953, 11e	Closed at the end of July. New use being discussed.

COUNCIL HOUSES

1919 account		1-15 (originally 1-8) Castle Road; 2-8 (originally 17-20) Castle Road. 12. Renumbered c. 1935.
CO3/12/1/12	BBC 5.2.1924	12 houses for ADC. Chosen tenants named by FRC 31.3.1925 [CO3/12/1/13]
1924 account		17-31 Castle Road. In VR 1936/37. 8 houses 1-40 Bellsbank Crescent. In *VR 1934/35. 40 houses
ACC, PAHC 21.10.1930		Houses, 3rd Development (Bellsbank Road) for ACC.
AP 29.5.1931		Contractors for 5 bldgs [20 houses] - 4th Dev, Bellsbank Road. ACC. William Reid.
ABN, 5.6.1931		20 houses, Bellsbank Road, for ACC. To be built. William Reid, architect.
1930 account		33-55 Castle Road. In VR 1936/37. 12 houses 10-56 Castle Road. In VR 1936/37. 24 houses 1-37, 2-38 Park Crescent. In VR 1937/38. 38 houses. 1-27, 2-48 Hopes Avenue. In VR 1937/38. 38 houses
ACC, PHSC 25.11.1931		BBL. 20 houses, Dalmellington, for Ayr C.C.
B 27.11.1931, p.900		Tenders, ACC, 20 houses, for ACC - William Reid.
Nr		It isn't obvious which these are.
ACC Planning, 2935		February 1945. Temporary Housing Scheme, Gateside, Dalmellington. [? 49-69, 138 Hopes Avenue. [12 houses]

ACC, Housing Cttee 8.1.1946 — 50 permanent houses, Town's Common. Main contractors to be Thomas McWhirter & Sons, Ayr, brick (£25885) and John Wilson & Sons, Tarbolton, joinery (£17146).

ACC, HC 19.2.1946 — To be 22 4A cottages, 14 4A bungalows and 14 5A cottages. Total cost is £61618 9s 7d.

ACC Planning, A127 — September 1948. Houses, Town's Common, for Ayr County Council.

ACC, HC 2.7.1946, 1020 — 150 Lindsay houses in the Dalmellington district. Springbank Quarry Co Ltd., Airdrie, and William Govan & Sons Ltd, Prestwick. £173450 18s 9d.

3SA, 1951, p.734 — New scheme for Town's Common of 20 aluminium houses and 36 permanent houses.

3SA, 1951, p.734 — Scheme at Gateside. Erected to accommodate miners from Craigmark and Beoch Rows, demolished in 1938. Added to since WW2 with 14 pre-fabs and 18 houses.

ACC Planning, A6779 — December 1953. 32 Weir brick houses, Dalmellington, for Ayr County Council.

S.S.H.A.

ACC Planning, 3589 — June 1946. Houses, Carsphairn Road, D, for S.S.H.A.

ACC Minutes 1950, II, 14, Housing Cttee, 20.6.1950 — The Maycrete houses erected during the war have proved unsatisfactory, and carry abnormal maintenance costs. The worst 10, in Dalmellington, are to be demolished, and replaced, by the S.S.H.A.

ACC, HC 6.1.1953, 10 — identified 1 Glebe Road as a Maycrete house

ARCHAEOLOGY

DALMELLINGTON CASTLE

2SA [1837], 1845, 315 — Ruins "above village".

, 315 — CASTLE HOUSE, "one of oldest houses in village" is said to be built from stone from Dalmellington Castle. "small" - 30 years ago one of the lintols bore date 1003.

Imp Gaz, 1854, 1, 357 — CASTLE HOUSE bears date 1003.

Groome, 1884, 338 — CASTLE HOUSE "lately stood in the town".

MOTTE — Ref in Moore.

Smith — 154 paces in circumference, with 9' broad ditch, 4' deep. Mound is 28' high.

TRANSPORT: ROADS

BRIDGE OVER THE MUCK

AA, Th 8.3.1838, 1a — Bridge Money application: Extend Bridge over Water of Muck on parish road through Dalmellington.

AA, Th 3.5.1838, 1a — Contractors wanted for a bridge of 30' span over the Water of Muck in the village. Dets: James Campbell, road surveyor.

ROAD TO CARSPHAIRN

AA, Th 16.7.1840, 4b

Ayr Road Trustees. "At the annual meeting for allocating the Conversion Money in the Ayr District, yesterday, the business was merely routine, with the exception of the approval of a proposal by Col Macadam Cathcart to make a new access into the village of Dalmellington, on the Carsphairn side, at a probable expence of about £200, to be defrayed out of the Conversion Money of that parish. This will be a great improvement to the village. The road leads out of the Main Street, passing to the west end of the Moat, and up the burn side, until it joins the turnpike."

AA, Th 10.12.1840, 1b

Contractors wanted for 775 yards of road from the village of Dalmellington up the Water of Muck till it joins the Carsphairn road at Castle Crofts. **James Campbell**, road surveyor, will show.

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