TRANSPORT

ROAD

GENERAL

1SA, 1791-93, VI, 154	Great roads are in good repair. 9 bridges.
AO, Tu 22.5.1832, 1b	Contractors wanted for improvements to Kilwinning - Dalry road.
2SA, 1845, 231	A new road from Dalry to Largs has replaced the old horse-pad. A new road from Beith, and also another from Ardrossan, to Dalry are incomplete as yet.
2SA, 1845, 234	Two new bridges over the Garnock, of 2 and 3 arches respectively, and reducing steepness of Dalry-Beith road
AA, Th 18.5.1854, 1a	Largs District Road Trustees. Petition to JP Court, 26th June 1854, to close up part of old bye road from Gateside near West Kilbride via Dykehead, Munnoch Bridge &c. Portion between near Munnoch Bridge and road to Blackstone Farm "in respect that the said portion of road so desired to be shut up is used for the purpose of evading the toll duties exigible at the Dykehead Toll Bar, and has also become useless, or of no importance to the public."
A737, DEN	Upgrading being proposed, land purchase &c., May 2013.

DALRY-LARGS ROAD

AA, Th 5.6.1806, 4b	Contractors wanted for a road from Largs via Redhall Bank and Knockside to Dalry, with a branch to Kilbirnie. Details from John Smith, Swinridgemuir; John Hill at Kilburn; George Renton at Blair.
AA, Th 21.4.1808, 1c	Bridge Money Applications include one for 5 bridges on the Largs/Dalry Road, and branch at Hourat. Totasl cost £280 10s, including £100 for the bridge at Hourat.
2SA, 1845, 231	A new road from Dalry to Largs has replaced the old horse-pad.

[CAAF BRIDGE]

AA 27.1.1825	Contractors - bridge over Caaf on West Kilbride Dalry road, "now completing" - George Johnston, Redburn, Irvine.

CARSEHEAD BRIDGE

List 11	Circa 1822. Probably John Patton, architect. Bridge over Garnock. Rubble-built with ashlar arches in shallow recess and late C19 parapet. Broad central span flanked by single smaller flood relief arches. Refs: NSA, v, 234 - SRO RHP 146. B
Old List 19	Spanning R Garnock. Large round stone arch flanked by smaller arch on either side. EC19. C.
Hume	301497. Early C19. A graceful 3-span bridge, with the main span flanked by smaller flood-relief spans. The arch ring of the main arch is of dressed stone, the rest is of coursed rubble. The arches are segmental.

DALRY, BRIDGE at [?= Garnock Bridge]

KWP 13.7.1861, 5d	Spacious new bridge in course of erection at Dalry.

GARNOCK BRIDGE

Old List 16	2 stone arches, centre splayed cutwater on E side, W side rebuilt when widened. Core C18. B.
AA, Th 21.4.1808, 1c	Bridge Money repair applications include "Old Bridge of Garnock" on Dalry-Stewarton road.

RAILWAY

EG, F 14.11.1845, 596ab — Bill. Proposed railway line from the GPKAR at Beith to Largs, with a branch from Hourat to Dalry.

BRACKENHILL

CO3/12/4/22 1.7.1915 — Stationmasters House; L&AR.

BRIDGE

BN, lvi, 608 — Railway Bridge over road proposed 1889. Contractors - McKinnel, Dumfries. Malleable iron bridge crossing road at oblique angle.

BRIDGE, BLAIR ROAD

SRC, H&TC 18.10.1984 — Contract for reconstruction of Overbridge 61, Blair Road, in connection with Ayr/Glasgow/Ardrossan electrification let to Raynesway Construction Services, Paisley, at £346,596.

DALRY JUNCTION STATION

Hume — Base of Water Tank, 298483. Built c.1843 by GPKAR. A small rectangular dressed stone building with panelled walls and a hipped roof. All that remains of Dalry Junction station, closed c.1849.

DALRY STATION

Hume — 297492. Opened 1840 by GPKAR and rebuilt c.1905. A 4-platform through station, with the booking office in a 2 storey 2 bay brick and sandstone building on the up side, linked to the platforms by a covered footbridge with ramps instead of stairs. The waiting rooms are on the platforms, in single storey wooden buildings, with steel framed glazed awnings cantilevered out. The goods shed, a large wooden structure, also survives.

ASH, SA 8.11.1873, 5d — GSWR are to build a new station on new site - S of existing station, on other side of bridge - will involve demolition of Blair Ironworks Schoolhouse.

ASH, Sa 9.5.1874, 5e — Work not yet begun on new station.

ASH, Sa 8.12.1877, 1a — Contractors wanted, for Station House, Dalry; GSWR.

ASH 23.8.1901 — In course of erection.

AA 5.2.1903 — Slowly assuming completion.

Anon, Dalry & D — "The new railway station – not yet quite completed – has been built by the Glasgow & South-western Railway Company in connection with their widening scheme and the new line from Dalry to North Johnstone. When completed it will be one of the handsomest and most convenient of any country station on the system."

GPKAR

AA, Th 8.11.1838, 1d — Contractors wanted for Contract 12, Woodside, Kilwinning, to Beith-Dalry Road, 5500 yards, and Contract 13, 2 bridges over the Garnock, near Groatholm and and near Dalry.

AA, Th 27.12.1838, 1c — Contractors wanted for Dalry Johnstone section, of 11 miles 7 furlongs 126 yards. To be let in 5 Contract sections/

GLENGARNOCK STATION

Hume — Opened c.1845 by the GPKAR. A 2 platform through station, with main office on the up platform in a 2 storey rubble building incorporating a dwellinghouse. A platform awning has been added. On

the down platform is a small wooden shelter. The platforms are linked by a lattice girder footbridge.

INDUSTRY

GENERAL

ASH, F 5.1.1912, 2g [1870s] W McCallum, junior, "Dalry, Past and Present". Dalry was much busier fifty or so years ago, especially because of the ironstone mines.
"The Reddings, on the outskirts, was a hive of industry, a town in itself, where the clang of the winding engines could be heard all day, and very often all night. It is now a deserted place, no human habitation is there …"
"The Borestone, or 'Boston' as it is called, was another busy place; and a little above the Borestone was a place called the Houlet, where ironstone was very plentiful, and which had its share also in the industry of Dalry. The Hagsthorn, another busy place, had its output of ironstone, and added to that were the pig iron furnaces, five in number, which were then in full swing."
"In those days great faction fights took place between Orangemen and Catholics. The Borestone was a Catholic community, and the Reddings a great Orange quarter; in fact there was one street in the Reddings called the Purple Row, where every male member of it was an Orangeman."
"At the present time in Dalry, there are only two pits working, Nos 7 and 9, a coal pit and an ironstone respectively."
"Messrs Biggart and Kyle's mills provide a good deal of employment, but are confined mainly to the female workers of the district. A small boxwood factory, and an oilskin and waterproofing establishment compete the number of works now remaining."

TT, F 28.4.1899, 3b Dalry's New Industries. Old Gazetteers of Scotland set down the population of Dalry at between 11,000 and 12,000. These were the piping times in the iron industry, when the town was lit up not by gas lamps but by the blazing furnaces of the Blair Ironworks, and when well-paid miners thronged the streets and spent their money freely in the liquor shops and carried gold watches in their pockets. It is altered days since these halcyon times, and there is nothing left to recall the prosperous period save great mountains of blaze which disfigure the landscape. But little did the underground worker of thirty years ago imagine that a day would come when his waste heaps would be a marketable commodity. The pits in operation are few and far between, and Dalry's mining population has dwindled down to a mere fraction of what it once was. In consequence of this Dalry is sometimes spoken of as a decaying place, but this is not exactly the case, for while the mining industry has certainly fallen away during the last three decades, yet other industries have been springing up, and Dalry has still a very solid population, and retains its position as one of the largest and most wealthy parishes in the West of Scotland. Of late years several new industries have been started, and are doing well, and there is a likelihood of still more, which is not at all surprising when the natural facilities of the place are taken into account. Dalry has a splendid railway service, which will be greatly increased in the near future by the doubling, or rather re-doubling, of the line to the City; and it has water in abundance for the manufacturer, augmented by a gravitational scheme for domestic and other purposes. In addition to the large worsted and woollen mills which have been identified with the life of

the place for half a century and more, and which of late years have grown more extensive, there have been added in recent times such industries as coke manufacturing, cabinet making, box making, machine knitting, aerated water manufacturing, etc; but the latest addition is a move in a direction which will be gratifying to most people - it is the utilization of the waste bings for brick-making. [See BRICK WORKS, below, for remainder of article.]

AUCHENGREE FOUNDRY, GLENGARNOCK

Hume — 327524. Founded c.1860 by Robert Kerr. A small single storey rubble building with arched entrances, which was formerly the foundry, and a later 2 storey and attic, 9 bay building, which had a pattern shop in the 1st floor and pattern stores in the attic. The ground floor houses a machine shop, and the foundry is now used for machinery. The roof structure of the foundry was obviously designed for post-cranes. There is a large derrick crane in the yard, with steel frame and cast iron crab.

2SA, [July 1838], 233 — Small turnery for making wooden utensils. Small steam engine.

Groome, 1884, 84 — Auchingree is hamlet, with factory for turning work.

ASH, F 17.8.1888, 3ab — Founded c 1823 ("65 years ago") by Andrew Kerr, with son Robert (b. c.1808). New foundry built c.1878 ("10 years ago") and "large and commodious" engineering shop built c.1882 ("about six years ago"). Artilce transcribed in full in ASH files.

Stratten & Stratten, 1891 — Rapid rise linked to develop of chair works at Beith, 1857, by M & J Pollock. Andrew Kerr came here about 70 years ago, with son Robert (both now deceased). Firm (Robert Kerr & Sons) run by RK's sons, Andrew, Robert and William, and John (son of his nephew)

ACC Planning, A2339 — May 1950. Additional w.cs., Auchengree, for Robert Kerr & Sons.

People

ScP — Dau b 1882 to John Kerr and Mary Warnock, married in Johnstone, 9.2.1877.

AULDMUIR ROADSTONE QUARRY

ACC, RC 6.9.1948, 1084-5 — Approve closure of a number of roadstone quarries, the majority of which have not been worked for 30 years or more: Halket, Hourat, Kingswell, Dunduff, Dykeneuk, Broomhill, Fullwood, Ardwell, Auldmuir, Copncraig.

ACC Planning, A4623 — April 1952. Win and work limestone, Auldmuir, Baidland, &c., for Metloc (Ardrossan) Ltd.

ACC Planning, A4756 — May 1952. Win and work limestone, Little Auldmuir, for Metloc (Ardrossan) Ltd.

BAIDLAND QUARRY

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ACC Planning, A4755 — May 1952. Win and work limestone, Baidland, for Metloc (Ardrossan) Ltd.

BARKIP COALWORKS

AA, Th 21.2.1828, 1b — Going coalwork to let, with manager's house and c.14 colliers' houses.

BARKIP, BIOMASS PLANT

Ayrshire News, May/June 2010 — Deal completed. PHOTOCOPY herewith.

BLAIR COLLIERY

CO 3/8/1/2, ACC 1894-96, 237-238, 24 July 1894 report on Mining Classes, giving number of men at every? Mine in Ayrshire.

	Blair, 444 (5th, after Annbank, Common, Lanemark, Eglinton iron Co Muirkirk)
ACC Planning, A5533	January 1953. Approval in principle, for a colliery to be known as Blair Colliery. National Coal Board.
ACC Planning, A5642	February 1953. Sub-station, Blair Mine, for National Coal Board.
ACC Planning, A5727	March 1953. Electricity Supply, Blair Mine.
ACC Planning, A6305	August 1953. Workshop, Blair Mine, for National Coal Board.
ACC Planning, A8214	February 1955. Offices, Blair Mine, for National Coal Board
ACC Planning, B757	December 1956. Pit Head Baths, &c., Blair Mine, for National Coal Board.

BLAIR IRONWORKS
[see also CARSEHEAD]

[2SA, June 1838, 232	Furnaces recently erected at Kersland Coal Pit for burning coke]
AA, Th 7.2.1839, 4c	The ironstone tack has been 'sublet ... to an iron house bear Airdrie' and 'extensive works are about to be erected at Dalry for commencing operations'.
ASH, F 4.12.1953, 3ab	Founded in 1839. Mineral leases first arranged by Andrew Craig, Glasgow, CE, but later transferred to Mr Macdonald, Glasgow, writer. Foundation stone laid in August 1839.
ASH, F 4.12.1953, 3ab	Smelting began 27.1.1841, under management of John Condie.
Sasine Minute 862 of 1842	"John MacDonald formerly writer Glasgow afterwards manufacturer of iron at Blair Ironworks."
ASH, F 4.12.1953, 3ab	Three furnaces put out of blast in Spring 1842 - Macdonald bankrupt.
ASH, F 4.12.1953, 3ab	Acquired at auction, 10.5.1843, by Alexander Alison.
EG 5340, Tu 2.7.1844, 223a	Macdonald applying for discharge from sequestration.
Sasine Minutes 2064 & 2065, 1845	Present ironmaster: Alexander Allison, junior. Partners in Blair Iron Co: Thomas Duncan, Gt King St, EH - Thomas Mansfield accountant EH - Eagle Henderson, Coates Cresct, EH - Gilbert Laurie Finlay WS EH - Walter Jollie WS EH.
KH 4.4.1845	Blair Iron Works. 2 blasts are in active operation, and a third nearly completed. [These are, I think, the original 3, being re-started]
KH 6.6.1845	4 new furnaces in course of erection at Dalry ironworks: also a mansion house for the proprietors is in course of erection.
ASH, F 4.12.1953, 3ab	In 1846 5 more furnaces proposed, of which 2 were finished and in use by Spring 1847, but others never built.
ASH, F 1.1.1954, 3cd	Furnaces extinguished in January 1848.
KJ 11.5.1848	To sell, Blair Iron Works, the property of the Ayrshire Iron Co. Two blowing engines - 1, high pressure, 90hp, 1841, the other a 200hp condensing engine of 1847. 5 blast furnaces, with an average make of 150 tons of iron per week. Managers house. 187 workers houses, &c &c.
ASH, F 1.1.1954, 3cd	Acquired by Bairds in March 1852 for £20,000.
ASH 16.5.1857	Another furnace, making the 4th now in operation, was put in blast at Blair Iron Works on Thursday last. We understand preparations have begun for starting the remaining one.
ASH, Sa 17.3.1860, 3d	The furnaces were re-kindled on Th 8.3.1860.
KWP 1.2.1862	2 of the 4 furnaces at Dalry Ironworks have been extinguished this week.
ASH, F 1.1.1954, 3cd	Finally closed in early 1870s.
AA, Th 19.1.1871, 4f	Boiler explosion, Friday 13 January 1871.
ASH. Sa 13.5.1871, 5f	Begun 1840 under John McDonald, junior, on behalf of Blair Iron Co. - 5 furnaces to make pig-iron. Later acquired by Eglinton Iron Co. Only 2 furnaces now in blast.
KS, Sa 10.6.1871, 3f	Now only 2 furnaces working, and they are merely calcining limestone till all the local pits have their own kilns. 'The Blair Ironworks are at

present taking down rows of houses, engine seats and engines, and forwarding them to Lugar, where mining operations are carried on to a large extent'.

AA, CO 3/10/2/100 — 11.12.1873 Report to Dalry School Board on educational needs of the parish notes that some rows have been removed since the 1871 Census, e.g. Borestone Back Row (22 double houses), Linn Row (26) and Peesweep Row (24).

McTaggart & Hamilton, 3 — Foundries closed in 1871.

But:

The Engineer, 20.1.1888, 47-48 — Report, illustrated, on Dr Theodor Bauer's circular coke ovens, introduced into the UK by Boyle, Campbell, Buxton & Co., London. Three at Le Creusot, one built 1885, one recently finished and one being built. "An oven of this design has been erected under the personal supervision of a representative of the inventor at the Blair Ironworks, at Dalry, in Scotland, and will shortly be charged." [Photocopy herewith]

BRICK WORKS [DAVID LOGAN & SONS LTD]

TT, F 28.4.1899, 3b — There has just been erected, close by the site of the old furnaces, and quite near the Station, a set of ovens, with suitable plant, for Messrs David Logan & Sons Ltd, of Glasgow. It is what is known as a 12-chamber Hoffman machine, designed to pulverise the pit refuse, which is in such abundance close by, and convert the same into building brick. The plant consists of a grinding mill and moulding machine, capable of making bricks at the rate of 21 per minute, or equal to 12,000 a day. A feature of the machine is the automatic way in which it does its work. The crude material which is run from the bing on small hutches, is emptied into a cylindrical holder, inside of which powerful grinding rollers revolve, the powdered dust being carried by a series of small buckets on an endless chain into what one might call a mixing trough where it is moistened and delivered by intricate machinery to the moulding and stamping machine, out of which, and at every revolution, a complete brick is ejected, stamped 'Logan, Dalry', and ready for the ovens. When newly made, the bricks are dark in colour, corresponding to the material of which they are composed, but in the furnaces they lose their sombre hue, and when completely burned they very much resemble ordinary bricks, the colour being a dark red. The plant was put into operation a day or two ago, and so far has been most satisfactory. The output of such plant is in good demand, and we understand the firm contemplates erecting two other such sets at the Kersland Pit, near to Dalry. The company have secured, as manager of their Dalry undertaking, Mr A. Kinneburgh, who has had large experience of such machinery.

BRICKWORKS

ACC Planning, 3996 — October 1946. Alterations, Brickworks, Dalry, for A Kenneth & Sons Ltd.

ACC, TPC 10.6.1947, 759 — **Robert Rennie**, Saltcoats, architect for Plan 3996.

ACC, HC 2.9.1947, 1005-06 — Broadlie Brickworks temporarily closed, with stock of 1.25 m bricks. Kenneths also have 0.75m in stock at Annandale, and 0.25m at Montgomeriefield. Closure is blamed on drop in demand, and the import of bricks from Belgium.

ACC Planning, A2547 — July 1950. Addition to canteen, Broadlie Brickworks. **Robert Rennie**, for A Kenneth & Sons Ltd.

BRICKWORKS

ACC Planning, 5274	May 1948. Continuation of use, Dalry Brick Co. Ltd
BRIDGEND MILLS, 1 Bridgend	
List 22	Circa 1877. 3 storey 16 bay main block. Yellow brick with red brick dressings, and ashlar cills, lintels and cornice. North elevation: windows with slender cast-iron mullions, set in recessed segmental headed panels, bay to R recessed, with 2 windows to ground floor. Bracketed cornice and piended slate roof. Low L-plan brick extension to left. Decorative cast-iron railings. 2 storey house to west is same date. Stugged ashlar with polished dressings and quoins. West elevation set in slope: 3 bays with deeply projecting offcentre canted bay with porch in re-entrant angle at left. Band courses below ground and 1st floors, cill courses to advanced bay. All windows architraved, those to ground floor lugged, with segmental heads. North elevation: -- storeys, 3 bays; left bay recessed. Similarly detailed. Cornice and ----. Refs: 3SA, 410-1 - Pont, Cunninghame, 1876, p.122, which speaks of mill being in course of erection. B.
Old List 18	Worsted, spinning and hosiery mills. ... A good example of late C19 industrial architecture. B.
Hume	297494. Late C19. A 3 storey 15 bay yellow brick block, with a central 3-bay tower on the south side. The brickwork is panelled, giving a pleasing effect. There is a neat 2 storey stone office block, and a range of single storey weaving sheds. Now in multiple occupation and part disused.
OSA	About a year ago spinning of cotton on 15 mule jennies began, and also a carding mill. A bigger carding mill is presently being built.
AA, Th 5.4.1821, 4c	The large cotton work at the handsome thriving little town of Dalry has lately come into the hands of new proprietors, who have relinquished the cotton manufacture, and filled the house partly with machinery for spinning worsted for the carpet manufactories at Kilmarnock, and partly with machines for carding tow for the domestic use of farmers and other people who manufacture their own linen; and it is gratifying to learn that the business promises to turn well out. The trade has revived considerably through all the little towns in the neighbourhood, and the people being in more comfortable circumstances, are now in pretty good spirits as to the prospects of trade.
Pigot, 1837, p.255	Thomas Biggart, wool manufacturer, Bridge-end Mill.
2SA, [July 1838], 233	Wool Carding & Spinning Mill =? Bridgend. Built as cotton spinning mill. Erected before date of 1SA and with large addition being built c.1792. Water powered with steam engine recently added. Now wool carding and spinning (carpet yarn). Last year the machinery was refitted.
KS, Sa 31.12.1870, 3h	Destructive fire last Saturday at Bridgend Mills (Thomas Biggart).
AA 20.11.1873	In course of erection - a new spinning mill, on opposite side of Garnock to present works, for Thomas Biggart & Co. 155 feet by 56 feet. Offices, &c., at east end. [Is this Bridgend?]
CGA, TD 535/13/3	Built c.1873. Partners in TB&Co are Thomas Biggart, †30.8.1880, and John Gow, †19.11.1876.
AA, Th 1.1.1874, 8c	THE HOLIDAYS. "Messrs Biggarts new factory at Bridgend will be started when work is resumed in Monday next."
ASH, Sa 10.1.1874, 5f	Thomas Biggart & Co have just completed a spacious fireproof spinning mill adjacent to their present extensive works at Bridgend.
ASH, Sa 10.2.1877, 3ef	Fire, Friday, at Bridgend Mills, causing c.£4000 worth of damage.
AA 4.7.1889	At Bridgend Mill a very considerable addition has been made in connection with the carding department - all the operations in this

branch being brought into one building. Builder - [Thomas] Muir, Dalry.

Ayrshire Hist Comm & Desc, 1894,26
"... worsted spinning, carried on on a large scale by Messrs Biggart & Co Ltd., Bridgend Mills, ..."

AA, Th 2.1.1902, 2b — Advert of Thomas Biggart & Co Ltd, Bridgend Mills, Dalry. Wool fat, for the skin, for sale.

ACC, PHSC 10.6.1931 — BBL. Alterations, Bridgend Mills, for Fleming Reid & Co.

ABN, 29.3.1935, 421 — Proposed knitting factory and machine block at Bridgend Mills for Fleming Reid & Co Ltd. Architects: **George Arthur & Sons**, Airdrie.

CGA, TD 535/13/3 — Gangway from New Mill to Carding Dept, crossing Garnock, built August 1938 by Fred Braby & Co Ltd., Glasgow.

3SA, 1946-50, 411 — Employs 360.

ACC Planning, A4574 — April 1952. Resite entrance, for Fleming, Reid & Co Ltd.

ACC Planning, A4575 — April 1952. Alterations to stairway, drawing and winding room, for Fleming, Reid & Co Ltd.

CGA, TD 535/13/3 — Closed as knitting factory, 20.10.1958.

AA, CO 3/8/5/38 — Older buildings were in the process of being demolished in July 1962.

McTaggart & Hamilton, 32 — Major fire in May 1994.

N.B.

C&I 1910 — David Biggart, manufacturer, Roebank, Johnstone, died 12th April 1910.

BROADLIE BRICK Co.Ltd

ACC Planning, 3749 — July 1946. Brickworks, Kilbirnie Road, Dalry, for Broadlie Brick co. Ltd.

ACC Planning, A6527 — October 1953. Win and work clay, Meikle Broadlie, for t.l. John Fulton.

ACC Planning, A6952 — February 1954. Extension to Canteen, Broadlie Brickworks; Robert Rennie, for A. Kenneth & Sons Ltd.

ACC Planning, B1420 — June 1957. Win and work minerals, Broadlie estate, for Dalry Brick Co Ltd.

BROWNHILL COLLIERY

ASH, Sa 25.4.1868, 1b — Colliery plant advertised for sale, roup Tu 5.5.1868.

CALICO PRINTERS

Buchanan, Russell & Co.

EG 5330, Tu 28.5.1844, 182c — George Buchanan left the partnership on 18th April 1844.

CARSEHEAD MALLEABLE IRON WORKS

AA 22.4.1847 — Ground laid off for Ironworks - Ayrshire Iron Co - at Carsehead.

KJ 28.12.1848 — Scots Bankrupt, per EG 22.11.1848. Alexander Drysdale, merchant and grocer in Glasgow, and a partner in the Ayrshire Iron Co.

KJ 15.3.1849 — For sale ... "considerable progress has been made in the erection of extensive Malleable Works, immediately adjoining the pig iron works, which will be sold either together or separately."

EG 12573, Tu 17.6.1913, 656b — A.C. Millar & Co., engineers and ironfounders. 10th June 1913, John Cunningham Menzies retired from partnership, leaving Angus Cameron Millar and Charles Anderson.

CARSEHEAD WORKS (= this?)

ACC Planning, A6218 — July 1953. Cover existing open store yard, Carsehead Works, for Dalry Brick Co. Ltd.

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CARSEHEAD BRICK WORKS, 300494

COKE WORKS

ASH F 9.3.1888, 5bc — [Coking plant being erected at Dalry Junction by Eglinton Iron Co. Circular structure with 40 ovens. See ref in ASH file]

COTTON MILL

AA, Th 7.7.1808, 4b — For sale. Cotton miln of Boyle Stirrat & Co. Machinery includes 17 mule jennies, 2 roving billies, &c. On Garnock. "Only lately built", with machinery on the most approved plan, and well finished. The line of the new canal to Ardrossan passes within forty yards of the premises.

[Is this BRIDGEND]

DALRY BRICK CO — See Broadlie.

DOGGARTLAND DYE-WORKS, 54 Drakemyre

VR 1929/30 - 1935/36 — Maria Wilson Howie, widow. Tenant, John Howie & Co, of which she is sole partner

VR 1939/40 - 1969/70 — John Howie & Co Ltd.

ACC Planning, A2090 — March 1950. WD hut, Doggartland Works, for John Howie & Co (Dyers) Ltd.

3SA, 411 — J Howie. Employs 121 workers at dying and spinning.

ACC Planning, A8384 — March 1955. Additions, for John Howie & Co (Dyers) Ltd. Superseded by A8624.

ACC Planning, A8624 — May 1955. Additions and alterations; Rennie & Bramble, for John Howie & Co (Dyers) ltd.

ACC Planning, B1394 — June 1957. Alterations to boiler house, for Howie & Co (Dyers) Ltd.

*VR 1975/76 — Works. Ryeside Constructional Co. Ltd.

DOGGARTLAND MILLS, 56 Drakemyre

NMRS, Kyle & Carrick Sheaf Cat — Plans of 1800 and 1859 - Plans and section of mill lade and lands. [Glasgow University Archives - no ref]

EG 5309, Tu 12.3.1844, 88c — Buchanan, Russell & Co., calico printers, Dalry. No longer partners: William Park, John Parkhill, John Russell, Donald McMillan.

AA, Th 14.8.1851, 2fg — Court of Session. Case arising out of fire 5.8.1847 at mill of Buchanan, Ross & Co., calico printers, Doggartland.

TT, F 11.9.1896, 1h — Has been acquired by E Liddell, who advertises for wool.

VR 1929/30 - 1935/36 — Robert Clement, Dunlop. Tenant, John Howie & Co., cf above.

VR 1939/40 - 1960/61 — John Howie & Co Ltd.

VR 1965/66 — no separate listing.

DOUGLAS FIRECLAY WORKS

WORKS

JASK 1/2, June 1968 — Fireclay discovered here c.1889 by William Douglas (b.1855, Dreghorn). A lease was secured in 1912, and the company (Douglas Firebrick Co Ltd) formed in 1914. The foundations of the first kiln, a Belgium Chamber, were laid in September 1914, and the first bricks produced in May 1915.

CO3/12/4/22 .., 5.11.1914 — Brick works, Dalry Junction; Babtie Shaw & Morton, CE.

ACC Planning, 3281 — December 1945. Test Laboratory, Battersea Works, Dalry, for Douglas Firebrick Co. Ltd.

JASK 1/2, June 1968 — Currently run by Richmond Douglas (son) and William Douglas (grandson)

MINE

Hume — 290477. Clay Mine. early C20. An "ingaun e'e" mine linked with the Douglas Firebrick Company's factory by a narrow gauge double track rope worked incline. One of the few remaining examples of this mode of operation.

JASK 1/2, June 1968 — Fireclay first worked 1911 from a main adjoining the present site. Fireclay was transported by road to Kilwinning CR station, and thence by rail to Lylestone.

ACC Planning, A1161 — June 1949. Addition to lavatories, clay works, for Douglas Firebrick Co Ltd.

EXTRACTION (not all necessarily in Dalry parish)

ACC Planning, A530 — December 1948. Work and win minerals, Monkcastle Fireclay Mine, for Douglas Firebrick Co Ltd. Blank.

ACC Planning, A531 — December 1948. Work and win minerals, Smithstone Quarry, for Douglas Firebrick Co Ltd. Approved September 1951.

ACC Planning, A531 — December 1948. Work and win minerals, Bankhead Fireclay Quarry, for Douglas Firebrick Co Ltd. Approved September 1951.

ACC Planning, A5012 — August 1952. Win and work fireclay, Laigh Smithstone,

ACC Planning, A5013 — August 1952. Win and work bauxitic clay, Townhead, Whitehurst and Woodside, all Kilwinning

ACC Planning, A5014 — August 1952. Win and work fireclay, High Smithstone and Outer Smithstone,

DRAKEMYRE

AO 14.5.1833 — Steam Engine, made by Mr John Neilson, Glasgow, for sale: capable of drawing coals and water at the same time a depth of 30 fathoms. She was made only a few years ago. Apply Robert Patrick, factor, Blair, or David Longwill, coalmaster, Drakemyre.

HOWRAT ROADSTONE QUARRY

ACC, RC 6.9.1948, 1084-5 — Approve closure of a number odf roadstone quarries, the majority of which have not been worked for 30 years or more: Halket, Hourat, Kingswell, Dunduff, Dykeneuk, Broomhill, Fullwood, Ardwell, Auldmuir, Copncraig.

INDUSTRIAL UNITS, Dalry Station

Dalry Civic Week Brochure 1994 [Glasgow Vennel Gp39 00746710P],15 — Seven units, to be ready in August 1994.

LINTSEEDRIDGE COLLIERY

AA, Th 4.7.1822, 4a — Advert for John Auld, tacksman.

MUIRHOUSE MINE

ACC, Police & Law C, 2.10.1950 — Muirhouse Mine. Reported as an ‘abandoned mine’.

PAPER MANUFACTORY

ASH, Sa 16.3.1872, 5d — “A few gentlemen belonging to the town are, we believe, about to start a paper manufactory here” on a field at Tofts Farm.

PITCON BRICKWORKS

ACC Planning, A206 — September 1948. Install w.cs., for A Kenneth & Sons Ltd.

ROCHE INDUSTRIES

Anon, Roche — The company’s factory, &c., at Welwyn Garden City, 1937, is by the Swiss architect **Otto Salvisberg**.

Anon, Roche — The site was acquired in 1949, and construction work began in 1955. Production of Vitamin A began in 1958.

ACC Planning, A7733		September 1954. Layout of new factory, Dalry, for Roche Products Ltd., 15 Manchester Square, London. D.S. Paterson and A J D Hamilton, 153 Oxford Street, Glasgow.
ASH, F 1.10.1954, 6d		Reported to Ayrshire County Council that outline plans had now been submitted and approved.
DSA		1954, **Wilson, Hamilton & Wilson**, in association with **David S Paterson**.
ACC Planning, A8120		January 1955. Block B2; Paterson & Hamilton, for Roche Products Ltd.
ACC Planning, A8289		February 1955. Block A3; Paterson & Hamilton, for Roche Products Ltd.
ACC Planning, A8825		July 1955. Boiler House (Block A5); Paterson & Hamilton, for Roche Products Ltd.
ACC Planning, A9382		November 1955. Offices and Canteen; Paterson & Hamilton, for Roche Products Ltd.
ACC Planning, B198		June 1956. Tank House (B3); Paterson & Hamilton, for Roche Products Ltd.
ACC Planning, B767		December 1956. Settling Pond (treated waste), for Roche Products Ltd.
ACC Planning, B777		December 1956. Bicycle Shed; Paterson & Hamilton, for Roche Products Ltd.
Anon, Roche		First big expansion was 1968-71, going into regular production in 1972
CO3/8/7/5	BgWt BA1548	Factory, for Roche Products Ltd; James Cubitt & Partners, London. Planning application C4936. 10.4.1968.
AP, F 3.5.1968, 3d		A new chemical factory is to be built for Roche Products Ltd. Architect, James Cubitt & Partners, in association with the company's architects. Contractor: John Laing Construction Ltd. Extension to existing factory.
BI 80/939	June 1968	In course of erection.
Anon, Roche		Second big expansion was in 1979-83, creating a Vitamin C Plant. "The scale of the Vitamin C project was enormous but even so the new buildings at Dalry still echo the "Salvisberg style" which can be seen in Roche buildings all over the world. They continue the company's tradition of sponsoring fine architecture."
SRC, W&S 5.2.1980, 261		The contractor for the new Vitamin C Plant, Sir Robert McAlpine & Sons Ltd., are to be asked for a negotiated tender for associated sewerage works within the Roche complex, linked to the new Garnock Valley Sewer.
	GARNOCK VALLEY SEWER	
SRC, W&S 24.5.1979, 739		Hillend to Waterside. Contract let to Norwest Holst Scotland Ltd., South Queensferry, for £2,573,812.
SRC, W&S 5.2.1980, 261		The contractor for the new Vitamin C Plant, Sir Robert McAlpine & Sons Ltd., are to be asked for a negotiated tender for associated sewerage works within the Roche complex, linked to the new Garnock Valley Sewer.
SRC, W&S 5.2.1980, 262		Roche to Hillend. Contract let to E Nuttall Ltd., Broxburn, for £1,773,335.
SRC, W&S 18.3.1980, 478		Waterside to Byrehill. Contract let to Lilley Engineering Ltd., for £4,374,376.
SRC, 29.4.1960		McAlpines tender negotiated at £384,823.
RYEFIELD		
EG 5302, F 16.2.1844, 51c		In sequestration. James McDonald & Co., calico printers and turkey red dyers, Glasgow, and at Ryefield, Dalry. Partners are James McDonald; John McDonald.
RYESIDE MILLS		

McTaggart & Hamilton, 15 — Begun by Kyle, Aitken and Gardiner, blanket manufacturers.

ASH, Sa 16.3.1872, 5d — "The erection of a tweed factory at Drakemire ... is contemplated".

Sas Abr 4053, 16.2.1883 — Disp of Ryeside Mills by Kyle & Aitken [John Kyle: Andrew Aitken] to Kyle, Aitken & Gardiner [JK-AA-William Gardiner at present residing in Blantyre]. 4.1.1883. 378.150.

Ayrshire Hist Comm & Desc, 1894,26

" ... and blanket and tweed manufacturing by Messrs Kyle, Aitken & Gardiner, at Ryeside Mills, ..."

CGA, TD 535/13/3 — Closed 15.1.1938.

EG 18.1.1938, 28.1.1938 — Kyle Aitken & Gardiner Ltd: voluntary winding-up begun

ACC, Cttee on PostWar Devt., 23.7.1945

Have been acquired by Peggy Page Ltd., but not yet de-requisitioned by the Admiralty.

Nr — Ryeside Mills Ltd began operations in May 1946.

ACC Planning, 4714 — September 1947. Part alterations to form house, Ryeside Mills, for Ryeside Mills Ltd.

ACC Planning, A754 — March 1949. Additions, RM, for G & H Roberts Ltd. Agent, Noel Hepponstall, Huddersfield.

RYESIDE WORKS

ACC Planning, A290 — October 1948. Alterations, RW, for James McLaren, junior.

SHARON STREET

ASH, Sa 14.6.1873 — The erection of a small **weaving factory** has just been commenced here for Mr Holburn, manufacturer, Stewarton, who we understand transfers his business to this place as soon as completed. The new building will be 40' long by 20' broad and 2 storeys in height. The site chosen is adjacent to Sharon Street". [Similar in AA 12.6.1873]

AA, ATD 61/8/26/1 [Cumnock Express F 24.11.1893]

Ayrshire Knitting Factory, Sharon Street, has been sold to a Leicester firm of hosiery manufacturers. It used to employ 300, but has been stopped for some months.

SWINDRIDGEMUIR QUARRY

was filled in with household rubbish from the Garnock Valley towns. See article by T L A Samuel in AP 28.2.1975.

SWINLEES QUARRY, 29675290

ACC Planning, A4536 — March 1952. Win and work granite and limestone, Swinlees; Metloc (Ardrossan) Ltd.

THREAD WORKS

ASH, Sa 14.6.1873, 5e — 'Messrs Knox of Dennyholm Mills, Kilbirnie, the well-known linen thread manufacturers, have just opened a branch of their trade here, which will employ a number of female workers. The Cross Keys Hall - the original Town Hall for Dalry - has been rented for the carrying on of the business, which consists of skeining or preparing the yarn for the market".

TOFTS GRAIN MILL

EG, 28.10.1938, 888b — John Bruce, grain merchant, Tofts Grain Mill, and of Broadlie, died 11th October 1938. See ref (financial admin)

ACC Planning, 3696 — June 1946. Alterations, TGM, for Fleming Reid & Co. Ltd.

WEST END WORKS

ACC Planning, A3342 March 1951. Corrugated iron building, WEW, for Linikers ltd.

UTILITIES

BARKIP WATER

CO 3/8/1/3, County Council 1895-98, 554, Report of Standing Joint Committee to County Council, 8.3.1898
Expenditure of £900 on Barkip water approved.

CAAF RESERVOIR

A 9.1.1903 Contracts let: engineers, J & A Leslie & Reid, Edinburgh.

AA 1.11.1906 Formally opened yesterday - Irvine Water works.

COTTAGE

SRC, Water & Sewerage 11.10.1983
Surplus to requirements, and should be demolished.

CAMPHILL RESERVOIR

Sas Abr 6546 of 1884 1884 Disp of 11.551A by Robert Speir of South Camphill, and also wayleaves for pipes to Paisley Town Council. 415.117.

SRC, 29.3.1979 Water Treatment Works at Camphill were approved 28.6.1977 in connection with reinforcing supply to Hunterston. Presently on-site.

HOUSE

ACC Planning, 4916 December 1947. Alterations to house, Camphill Reservoir, for Paisley Town Council.

DALRY GAS WORKS

ACC Planning, A8449 April 1955. Convert dwelling house to Governor House, for Scottish Gas Board.

DALRY WATER

CO 3/8/1/4, County Council 1898-1902, 56, County Council 30.8.1898
Additional £500. £11050 already authorised.

DRAINAGE

CO 3/8/1/4, ACC 1898-1902, 347, County Council 2.10.1900
£6580 approved.

GIFFORDLAND SERVICE RESERVOIR

[Part of supply to Hunterston]

SRC, W&S 15.9.1981, 1337 FM. £756, 186.

KNOCKENDON RESERVOIR

ACC, HwC 19.7.1945 Being built by Irvine & District Water Board. Site visit with Mr Campbell, representing contractors.

MUIRHEAD RESERVOIR

AP 19.7.1940 In course of erection. New road diversion here opened last Wednesday. Reservoir engineers - Baptie Shaw & Morton. Road made in association with G S Barry, County Surveyor.

DNB Contributions to projects such as Muirhead Dam, near Largs, made by Sir Alec W Skempton (1914-2001), CE, while he was with the Building Research Station, Garston, Watford.

MUNNOCH RESERVOIR

ASH, Sa 3.2.1877, 1a — Contractors - reservoir, Munnock Burn, for Irvine Town Council, &c. Plans: **J & A Leslie**, CE, Glasgow.

ASH, Sa 10.3.1877, 5c — Contractors selected include, for the reservoir, **Walter McLauchlan & Sons**, Irvine. Cost: £8817 16s 7d.

WATER WORKS, Flashwood

ASH, Sa 7.8.1875, 5def — Auldmuir Water Scheme. Foundation stone laid last Monday. 5F; **J & A Leslie**, Edinburgh, engineers; **John Scott**, Middleton, Dalry, contractor.

Dalry Civic Week Brochure 1973 [Gp39 00746719Y], 47

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FILTERS

ACC Planning, A4200 — November 1951. Electricity supply to 'Filters, Dalry'.

ACC Planning, A4774 — June 1952. Alterations to Superintendent's House, for Ayr C.C.

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