PARISH HISTORY

Cowan, 1967, 45		Apparently a pendicle of Ayr, the church was annexed to the Chapel Royal of Stirling by Pope Alexander VI in 1501. [FES, III, 33, states that church was a prebend of the Chapel Royal].

PARISH CHURCH [1]

CH 532/1	14.7.1642	Proposal to rebuild on a new site, 1642. Church is half mile from one end of parish, and five miles from centre of population. Laird of Kerse submitted proposal for building a new church with land for a glebe. To be built on Lands of Kerse, with kirkyard, glebe and manse adjacent [ibid, 19.11.1642]
GD 25/9/2/4	1662	Receipt for mending church bell and painting the clock; Andrew Taylor, wright.
CH 532/4	6.7.1727	Roof repaired. 2000 slates required.
CH 532/5	26.12.1733	Partly rebuilt and extended, 1733-34. East gable collapsed and rebuilt with addition to its length, 9 - 10', with slated roof, windows and minister's door. Final cost: £370 5s 8d. Declared complete, 10.1.1734, (ibid, that date)
CH 532/8	21.7.1763	Built over.

PARISH CHURCH [2] 1763-1848

CH 532/8	21.7.1763	To be rebuilt on same site. Plan and estimates approved for rebuilding church. To be 55' wide by 22' within walls with side walls 12' high and square gable tops. To have lofts and 2 arched windows in south side, 3' by 7'6" high, and two arched windows with gable tops 3' by 6' including the arches. 4 square windows 3' by 3'6". 3 doors with glazed arched tops. To have bell-house and 2 stone staircases. Est cost £230 1s 4d Stg. John Kennedy, architect - gave in plan and estimate and was contracted to execute his plan.
1SA, VI, 164		Built on old foundations in 1764. "Lately repaired" [1790-91]
CH 532/9	8.6.1802	Paved and floored with wood, 1802. Area paved and part in front of pulpit floored with wood.
HR 647/1	11.7.1848	Built over.

PARISH CHURCH, [3] including GRAVEYARD

List [P/BL/5/AR: June 1963] 1		Built 1849; simple Gothic structure with bellcote, lancet windows, corner buttresses. Ref: 3SA, 764. C.
HR 647/1	11.7.1848	Plans for new church without galleries, but capable of holding them if required later. To be on site of previous church. Seated for 400, and 200 in galleries. Spire also optional. Est cost, without spire and galleries, £500 - with spire £650. To be built without spire. Andrew McLauchlan, Irvine, mason; Gibb, wright; Robertson, clerk of works. Minute of 11.7.1848 names [William] McLauchlan, Ayr, as architect, but seems his plan not executed. Minute of 13.5.1851 says that George Cousin, Edinburgh, "furnished the plan for the church"; also declared it complete. Final cost £700 6s 6d. Declared complete 25.12.1849, and opened in 1850.
AA 29.3.1849		Contractors - church
HR 647/6		Accounts. In July 1849 paid Andrew McLachlan, mason, Ayr, £200. In April 1849 paid William McLachlan, architect, and in August 1849 paid David Cousin, Edinburgh, architect.
HR 647/1	6.4.1850	Walls and approaches to church to be made. Andrew McLauchland, Irvine, mason; [David] Cousin, Edinburgh, architect.

AA 2.5.1850		Formally opened last Sunday. Architect: Mr **[David] Cousin**, Edinburgh. Stained glass in pulpit window.
HR 647/1	13.5.1851	Mr Cousin had "furnished the plan of the church" and so his plan for the gallery was adopted. McLachlan, contractor - his fee included £10 for making plans. Cost £300.
AA, Th 18.9.1851, 4c		The 'elegant, new' church has been found to have inadequate seating, so a gallery has been added, and was inaugurated last Sunday.
HR 647/7	4.7.1863	Vestry to be added to church - Est cost £40.
Clouston		1865 John C Wilson bell. [But see ref below] [Strawhorn, 1983, 25, talks of a 1688 bell - whereabouts not specified.]
Moore		1856
AA 29.1.1863		New bell rung for 1st time last Sunday: Wilson, Glasgow.
HR 647/1	5.5.1885	Pulpit to be moved and choir seats altered. Pulpit to be moved from present position to the South pier of archway. Choir seats to be re-arranged to provide more sittings. Conts: David Milligan, Ayr, joiner - James Highet, Ayr, plumber - John Reddick, Maybole, plasterer. Est cost £186 5s.
AA 6.8.1886		Reopened last Sunday, having been closed 6 weeks for alterations and repairs.
BI 6/65	August 1895	Memorial window: Stephen Adam & Co., Glasgow.
BN, lxix, 334		Stained Glass window, 1895 - Stephen Adam, Glasgow, artist - "Abide with us, for it is toward evening".
AA 29.8.1895		3 light window in chancel, designed and executed by Mr Stephen Adam of Glasgow. Christ, 2 Disciples, Dove, &c. The contract was carried out under the direction of Mr John Murdoch, architect, Ayr.
BI 10/111	June 1899	Glasswork in hand: Stephen Adam & Co, for a memorial window in Dalrymple.
AA 10.8.1899		Memorial window to W T Hammond, "Meeting of Abraham and Lot" is now on view at studios of Messrs Stephen Adam & Son, 199 Bath Street, Glasgow. [nr: design, Stephen Adam senior]
AA 24.8.1899		Window dedicated last Sunday. Erection under supervision of John Murdoch, architect, Ayr.
AA 15.3.1906		Organ inaugurated last Sunday. Scovell and Lewis, Edinburgh.
HR 647/1	25.10.1906	Organ to be introduced - to be sited in NW corner. 2 pews ro be removed to make way for it.
	FURNISHINGS	
AP, F 3.10.1969, 2ef		The memorial to Dr George Bryden is to take the form of church furniture for the various churches within the area in which he worked. There is to be a dedication service at Coylton on Sunday 5th October 1969. The various memorials are Coylton [lectern, pulpit light]; Schaw [pulpit light]; St Claire's RC [chair]; Rankinston [pulpit light]; Ochiltree [table lectern]; Dalrynple [lectern].
	COMMUNION PLATE	
AA, Th 1.8.1968, 15bcde		Description and Photograph.
	CHURCHYARD	
List 1		... Surrounded by churchyard of earlier date containing interesting monuments.
CH 532/1	15.11.1692	Walls to be repaired. Completely collapsed due to ingress of water. Est Cost £300 Scots.
CH 532/2	2.11.1698	A weir to be built to divert water from kirkyard and glebe. To be 80 ells long. Est cost, 500 merks.
CH 532/9	30.9.1801	Churchyard dyke walls to be rebuilt and stone gate piers built at gate. Est cost £44 15s 8d Stg.
	CEMETERY	

ACC Planning, B962		February 1957. Extension, Dalrymple Cemetery, for Ayr County Council.
CHURCH HALL		
ACC Planning, A4835		June 1952. Conversion of Manse outbuildings into Church Hall; for Dalrymple Kirk Session.
AP 11.5.1956		Old byre. Formally opened last Sunday.
FUF, 128		Free Church Manse sold after 1936 Local Union, and stables converted for use as Dalrymple Church Hall.
MANSE [1]		1642-1727
CH 532/1	19.11.1642	New manse proposed to be built on lands of Kerse adjacent to new church. Completed by 7.6.1648 [ibid, that date].
	11.9.1695	Damaged by ingress of water. To be repaired at est cost of 500 merks.
GD 25/9/2/4	1698	Petition re manse maill. Manse being repaired, at est cost of 1000 merks Scots - inc repairs to churchyard dyke.
CH 532/4	4.4.1727	"Not habitable".
GD 25/9/2/4	1.2.1728	Materials used to build new manse.
MANSE [2]		1727 - 1799
CH 532/4	26.4.1727	Manse to be rebuilt from foundations using old materials of manse. Cost est, excl materials: £879 12s Scots.
GD 25/9/2/4	1.2.1728	Stent to be uplifted for payment of work on new manse. Has a slate roof.
MANSE [3]		
CH 532/9	10.10.1799	Rebuilt 1799-1800. Earl of Cassillis produced plan for new manse. Manse to be rebuilt and offices partly rebuilt. Est cost £335 Stg.
	30.9.1801	Manse declared complete. Agreed to add porch at E end.
	5.8.1818	Offices rebuilt (complete) and portico added to manse. Conts: John Thomson, William McGeachin.
CH 532/11	14.2.1833	1832, addition. 2 rooms added, 1 for a study; window made in drawing room. Architect, James Patton, Ayr, builder; Conts: James Russell, mason: Alexander Goodall, carpenter. Est cost £216 10s. Complete 14.2.1833.
AA 22.2.1832		Contractors - additions to manse - Mr Dundas, Maybole Castle.
HR 647/1	14.8.1852	1852. To have new roof, and rooflight made over the stairs. New windows of plate glass in dining room. Flagstones in lobby replaced with wood. New entrance porch erected. Offices repaired and renovated. John Symington, Dalrymple, builder, was contractor. Est cost £125.
AA 7.3.1867		Contractors - manse. [Is this FC Manse?]
HR 647/1	12.3.1877	To be repaired and kitchen addition built. Outer walls to be cast, &c. [John] Murdoch, Ayr, architect. Conts: James Gibson, Dalrymple, mason; John Currie, Ayr, slater and joiner; James Wright, Maybole, plasterer. Cost £1125.
AA 22.3.1877		Contractors - additions and alterations - John Murdoch.
HR 647/1	26.9.1902	Complete repair and renovation to manse and offices, and internal alterations to manse. Cost c.£300.
	9.10.1909	Offices repaired 1909. Stables to have present door filled in and new door made where window presently is. Other offices renovated. Roofs stripped and slated. Causeys in court to be relaid. Est cost c £150. J K Hunter, Ayr, architect.
McChesney, 37		Sold and flatted c.1980.

FREE CHURCH [1]

Ewing, II, 57		Wooden church built 1846, called "Spale Kirk".
McChesney, 38		says it was corrugated iron.

FREE CHURCH [2]
[Latterly St Valley UF Church]

Ewing, II, 57		1864
AA 9.1.1862		Ayr Free Presbytery. Plans for a Free Church at Dalrymple by **Campbell Douglas**, Esq., architect, were approved of.
AA 23.7.1863: ASH, Sa 25.7.1863, 3b		Foundation stone laid yesterday. "Plans were obtained and the plainest and cheapest selected." ASH: "It is a plain structure of blue whinstone, with lancet windows to the sides and gables, the windows, doors and corners of the gables being bound with white freestone". Masons: Gibson & Hewetson, Dalrymple; joiners, Messrs Milligan, Ayr.
ASH, Sa 26.11.1863, 6e		Opened last Sunday.
AA 3.12.1863		Formally opened last Sunday.
CH3/72/4	15.3.1872	Outside of church whitewashed and 'made imitation ashlar'.
AA 28.6.1883		Will be re-opened after repairs on 1.7.1883.
CH3/72/4	8.6.1891	New porch to be built onto entrance - session house to be enlarged, ? with addition to hall. Est cost c.£300.
	18.5.1892	J R Wilson, architect. D Milligan, Ayr, builder is contractor. Cont price £429.
	4.10.1892	Hall is ready for furnishing. Other repairs progressing.
	26.2.1893	Finald cost, £730.
AA 13.7.1893		Opening services will be on 16.7.1893.
CH3/72/4	14.7.1897	Pulpit improved.
McChesney, 15		Closed 29th May 1936.
FUF, 128		Sold following 1936 local union.
McChesney, 15		Sold 29th November 1936.
CH2/532/22	30.6.1937	Bell given to Lethamhill CoS.
AP 11.10.1946		Has photograph of demolition.
	HALL	
McChesney, 15		1893.

FREE CHURCH MANSE

CH3/72/4	24.1.1867	Plans of a new manse approved.
	11.4.1867	Conts: Allan Hunter, joiner - Highet & Son, slaters - Messrs Andrews, masons - Reddick, plasterer.
Ewing, II, 57		1868. Stands on site of the old parish church attended by Burns. [Does he mean the school, at St Valley Farm?]
CH3/72/4	1.7.1889	Manse to have new iron gates.
AA 7.4.1892		Conts - schedules for alterations and additions to FC manse may be had on application to rev J W Findlay.
Ewing, II, 57		Enlarged 1893.
CH3/72/4	4.10.1892	"Brucket" porch to be built to manse front door. J R Wilson, architect. D Milliagan, Ayr, builder is contractor.
FUF, 128		Sold following 1936 Local Union, but stables converted for use as Church Hall.
McChesney, 15		Sold 29th November 1936.

BOWLING GREEN

ACC Planning, A8601	May 1955. Bowling Green, Garden St/Church St., for Dalrymple Bowling Club.
AA, Th 16.2.1961, 10e	Will open in May 1961. The turf, CLUBROOM, RAILINGS, &c., have all come from the Glenpark Bowling Green, New Cumnock, now no

longer used due to removal of population. The turf was laid there in 1926, and was obtained from Gray's Factory.

COMMUNITY CENTRE

AA, CO 3/10/5/23	EC 12.11.1963 Proposed Community Centre (conversion of old school). Work to begin December 1964, and be completed by December 1965.
McChesney, 19	1964. Simple modern structure on site of old school.
SVR 1966-1967	16.5.1966
AA, Th 24.10.1968, 6de	To be similar to Annbank, but externally of Canadian cedar, like Crookedholm.
AA, Th 30.1.1969, 20e	Approved, Tuesday, by Ayrshire County Building Authority. £20,500.
n.r.	2017, demolished.
CO3/8/7/5 Bldg Wrt BA1983	Granted 6.2.1969.
AA, CO 3/10/5/30, AR 5.12.1969	Completion due January 1970.

LIBRARY

McChesney, 19	Erected adjacent to community centre.
AA, CO 3/10/5/32, GPC 20.10.1972	Let to Thomas Findlay & Sons, Mauchline, at £20,829.
AA, CO 3/10/5/34, GPC 18.10.1974	Completed.

DALRYMPLE PARISH SCHOOL

[See also ST VALLEY FARM]

CH 532/4	9.8.1722	There is no schoolhouse or master's dwelling.
HR 647/1	12.5.1866	Rethatched.
	11.6.1867	To be renovated and slate roof put on. Offices for children to be built.
HR 647/4	Accounts 1876	Repair to thatch - ?school, offices?

DALRYMPLE SCHOOL [2]

AA 1.7.1875	Contractors - school - Mr Murdoch.
AA 7.10.1875	Memorial Stone last Saturday.
McChesney, 15	Erected in 1875
McChesney, 15	1921, new rooms for cookery and woodwork.
A 16.2.1934	Contracts let, for reconstruction and extension. Architect: William Reid, County Architect. Also in ABN 16.2.1934.
ACC, TSSC 26.9.1945	To be primary only from January 1946. Senior pupils to go to Ayr Grammar.
ACC Planning, 4112	December 1946. Alterations, Dalrymple P.S., for Ayr County Council.
ACC Planning, A1133	Alterations (to form dining hall, scullery), for Ayr County Council.
ACC Planning, B51	May 1956. Alterations, Dalrymple Primary School, for Ayr County Council.

DALRYMPLE SCHOOL [3]

CO3/19/1/3	Site 1959, plans approved by SED November 1960, discussion with Crudens July 1962. November 1962 bricks chosen (Butterley & Blaby, base Kirton Black, superstructure, Kirton Grey Rustic). Completed c September 1863.
AA, CO 3/10/5/22	GPSC 22.3.1962 Crudens Ltd, Musselburgh, invited to tender for construction of new St Bridgets Kilbirnie, Logan P.S., Muirhead P.S. and a new Dalrymple P.S.
SAC, ACC GPC 20.9.1962	Let to Crudens Ltd at £77,004.
AA, CO 3/18/2/35 B8882	Planning application, lodged November 1962.
ACC, AR 13.12.1962	Work began December 1962.
McChesney, 16	In use September 1962. [WRONG]
East Ayrshire list 2010	1963.

AA, CO 3/10/5/27 GPSC 17.2.1967 To be presented with the BELL from HMS Dalrymple.

HOLLYBUSH SCHOOL
AA, Th 25.3.1886, 4d Last week the Dalrymple Infant School situated near Hollybush Station was opened.
McChesney, 16 Closed 1962.
AA, CO 3/10/5/29, BSC 21.1.1969 To close: has a role of 4.

TEACHERS HOUSE
CO3/12/1/6 BBC 5.12.1911 Teacher's House, Hollybush Station, for DSB; **A C Thomson**, architect, Ayr.

KERSE SCHOOL [1]
Groome, 1884, 342 DICo school, with 165 places.
CO3/12/1/7 BBC 17.11.1914 Convert Kerse School to dwellinghouse - Dalmellington Iron Co.

KERSE SCHOOL [2], 423131
AA 2.4.1914 Formally opened last Friday. Architect: A C Thomson. Single storey, brick roughcast.
ACC, TSSC 23.5.1945 To lose secondary pupils (6, to go to Littlemill)
McChesney, 16 Closed 29th June 1962.
SRC, B&P 16.2.1982, 460-1 To be sold to Alexander Swindon (2 Carston Cottages), for £9,100.

TEACHERS HOUSE
CO3/12/1/6 BBC 6.5.1913 Cottage, Kerse, DSB; A C Thomson, architect, Ayr.
SRC, B&P 18.8.1981, 1208 Proposed sale to E Malone, proprietor of school.

POLICE STATION, Dalrymple
County Constabulary, Annual Report, 1970
Closed 1st November 1970.

VILLAGE HALL
AA 8.2.1894 Memorial Stone laid last Saturday. Cottage design, next to the inn. Ballochmyle red freestone front with half-timber gable. Clock presented by Mr Steven, Skeldon. Architect; **Allan Stevenson**, Ayr.
AA 13.12.1894 Opened last Friday.
AA, CO 3/10/5/25, GPC 17.9.1965 Closed on 31st July 1965. See ref.
McChesney, 19 Closed in 1964, replaced by Community Centre. Used thereafter as hosiery factory, and then mechanical works.
County Council, 28.2.1967 Sold to Ethel Euston Paton or Gold.

WAR MEMORIAL
CO3/12/1/8 ADC 8.2.1921 New site for Dalrymple War Memorial approved. ADC 20.12.1921 approved a further new site.
AP 26.5.1922 Unveiled last Sunday [21.5: GTB]. C13 cross with an elegant octagonal shaft risign froma square pedestal. The head of the cross is circular in outline and it is carved in relief on both faces. Stands on an octagonal plinth of light grey granite, pedestal and cross being of Cullaloe Stone. 16 foot. Design: **James Miller**. execution: late Mr **William Vickers**, Glasgow. [C&I 22, WV, architectural sculptor, 229 WRS, Ggw, died 29.1.1922.]

AUCHENDOON, 385144 south
nr Built c.1890s for William Templeton Hammond, of Skeldon Mills. He died 5.11.1898.
ATC Burgh Engineers Letter Book 10.10.1892, to **John Murdoch**. "Would you oblige me with the loan of plans of Mr Hammond's new villa at Skeldon to show the Water

committee, and if you don't require them today allow me to retain them until after the meeting of Town Council tonight? John Eaglesham."

VR 1895 — Wm T Hammond
ASH, F 5.6.1896, 3f — At 2.6.1896 presentation to WTH, house called, bt G R Vernon, 'the fine mansion [he] had built.'
VR 1905, 1915, 1920 — John Hammond
VR 1925 — Quintin MacClymont
VR 1930, 1935 — James MacClymont
VR 1940 — Quintin MacClymont

AUCHENDOON COTTAGE, 386143
AUCHENDOON LODGE, 385144 north
DOONSIDE, 386142
THE PINES, 385143

BARBIESTON CASTLE
See also KIRKTON INN

2SA [9/1837], 1845, p.281 — Old stones in vault dated 1340 and 1345. Modernized c. 50 years ago.
McChesney, 7 — Inhabited until, 1845, when it was demolished to make way for the farm courtyard. Altered c.1740, and again c.1790.

HOLLYBUSH, 393144
Formerly OVER SKELDON

CAMPBELLS
Paterson — To mid C18

ANDREW SLOAN
Burgess — 1749. Andrew Slowane of Skeldon, through mother, Janet Hunter and late father George Slowane, merchant in Dalmellington.
BNA — 1750, for sale property of James Cuningham of Milncraig, in parishes of Dalrymple, Coylton and Dalmellington. Details, Andrew Slowan of Skeldon.

JAMES McGHIE (Paterson has MACKIE)
Sas Abridgement 14, 1781 — Proprietor of Over Skeldon is Ann Lowrie of Skeldon. Her husband is Captain James McGhie, in the service of the States of Holland. PR 28.41.
[NB, C&I 1897. Died 16 June 1896 at Myra Castle, co Down, Rowland Craig Laurie of Redcastle and Myra; succeeded by brother Colonel John Craig Laurie]
n.r. (BNA) — Captain James McGhie of Skeldon died at Ayr, 30.11.1797.

HUNTER
McChesney, 8 — Over Skeldon acquired in 1796 by John Hunter of Doonholm. He built a new house, and changed name to Hollybush.

ECK
Sa Minute 2167 of 1853 — 1853 Disposition of Over Skeldon by Hunter of Bonnyton to Frederick A Eck.
London Gazette, 8 April 1884, 1626a — Notice to creditors of Frederick A Eck, formerly of Hollybush, then of 100 Cromwell Road, London, who died there 23rd February 1884.
Hunterian Museum, Glasgow, caption, seen 29.03.08 — "Frederick Eck, 1806-1884. Frederick is a mysterious figure. He made his fortune in South America, where he worked as a partner for a London bank from the 1820s to around 1850. He was particularly interested in the gold, silver and copper mining industries of South and Central America. He returned to Britain and married Janet Alexander of Glasgow in 1846. He built Hollybush House near Dalrymple in Ayrshire and installed hid outstanding collection of South American geological, archaeological and historical material, Chinese and oriental artefacts, objects, minerals, gemstones and coins. Eck wrote in this

[sic] catalogue of his fascination with the objects he collected, commenting on 'the community of tastes and ideas which prevailed in the useful arts among many natives of antiquity although far removed from one another and even inhabiting opposite Quarters of the Globe." Following the death of his son, William, in 1866, Eck sold Hollybush House, and moved to London. His collection was given to the University of Glasgow by his family following his death in 1884."

LECK

n.r. — M, Skeldon Mills, 4.7.1888. Henry Leck of Hollybush – Annabella, d2 of late James Hammond of Cumloden Mills.

AA, Th 20.2.1890, 4f — Henry Leck died this morning. "Having amassed a large fortune he bought the estate of Hollybush, on the Doon, in 1875, and has since been a resident and, we may add, a kind and considerate landlord."

n.r. — D, in 66th year, 20.2.1890. Born in Glasgow, trained as an accountat, and worked as house factor. Property speculator (successfully so): sold up just before City of Glasgow Bank Crash.

McChesney, 9 — 1853 Henry Eck (later Leck), then 1884 his daughter, Jane Leck; she died 1913, and was succeeded by her sister, Mrs Jessie Agnes Laird (husband proprietor of Laird Line)

McChesney, 9 — Lairds' daughter married E W Billyard Leake. (McChesney, 12, divorced c.1935)

Ayrshire Yachtsmen — 1938 home of Sir Thomas Glen-Coats

McChesney, 9 — 1939-45. War Wounded Convalescent Home.

McChesney, 9 — Converted to hotel 1946 for Percy T Lovely.

ESTATE

BNA — Apr 1776. For sale, 20 ½ merkland of Over Skeldon. 686A, p Dalrymple. Last let at £180 p.a., 'but as they are all now inclosed, and many subdivisions lately made, and are capable of considerable improvement;, higher rents may be expected.

BNA — Sept 1776. To let, estate of Skeldon, from W1770. Has been let in 100 acre farms, but 2 farms now proposed. Dets, William McClure.

Sas Abr 14, 17.1.1781 — 1780 Bond by Ann Lawrie of Skeldon and h.h. Captain James McGhie in the service of the States of Holland - over Over Skeldon inc Potterstoun

GH, M 15.9.1845, 3f — Estate of Over Skeldon now called Hollybush. For sale, by roup, Edinburgh 17 Sep 1845. 875 acres (787 arable, 23 meadow, 65 wood). It is in good order, judiciously farmed and well adapted for the dairy husbandry. There is an excellent mansion house on the premises, with suitable offices, and the Dumfries coach and post pass the gate daily. The farm steadings are substantial and in good repair. There is a right of salmon fishing in the river Doon, and the property abounds with game.
Dets: Gilbert McNab, County Buildings; Hunter, Blair & Cowan, WS, Edinburgh.

AA, Th 6.3.1851, 1c — Estate of Over Skeldon now called Hollybush, c.875A, advertised for sale, with mansion house.

HOUSE

List 13 — Elizabethan style mansion now a hotel. Irregular on plan with gables, finials, Tudor sacks, mullioned and transomed lattice windows. Date on stables 1881, but southern wing of house is of more recent date. Ref: Groome, iii, 271. C.

AO, Tu 11.2.1834, 1d — Hollybush Cottage. To let.

AA, Th 2.5.1839, 1a — Hollybush Cottage. To let.

AA, Th 11.6.1840, 1a — Hollybush Cottage. To let.

AA 18.8.1853		Foundation stone laid 6.8.1853. Proprietor, Frederick Andrew Eck. Architect: Robert Paton, Esq. Cont: Thomas Sym. Grounds laid out by Mr Smith, landscape gardener, Edinburgh.
CO3/12/1/6	BBC 4.8.1914	Alterations, for Mrs Laird; J K Hunter
	BBC 6.10.1914	Additional alterations.
CO3/12/1/15	BBC 28.12.1926	Additions and alterations.
McChesney, 9		Wing added 1926, English Manorial style. James Carrick, architect.
McChesney, 9		1939-45. War Wounded Convalescent Home.
McChesney, 9		Converted to hotel 1946 for Percy T Lovely.
ACC Planning, A6741		December 1953. Electricity supply, to Hollybush House Hotel.
McChesney, 9		Sold 1985 to Ex-Services Mental Welfare Society.
	COACHMANS HOUSE	
CO3/12/1/7	BBC 9.2.1915	Additions and alterations; J K Hunter.
GH 2.7.2008		Estate agency advert, PHOTOCOPY herewith.
	GARDEN COTTAGES, 394147	
	LODGE, 356146	
CO3/12/1/6	BBC 4.4.1911	Additions and alterations, for Miss Leake; F J Drysdale, architect, Glasgow.
CO3/12/1/15	BBC 19.7.1927	Additions, for Mrs B Leake.
	STABLE COTTAGES, 395146	

KERSE

Paterson	Craufurds, e.g David c.1660, but appears to have been later merged with the holdings of te Craufurds of Nether Skeldon
Paterson	This is very muddled. Implication 1 is that the last Craufurd was Alexander Craufurd of Kerse (and possibly also of Nether Skeldon) married Margaret McGill, and that, after his death, his widow, who succeeded, married George Ross There is also an Implication 2 that these Craufurds had a son, David, who married a Christian Campbell, who in her widowhood married a Mr Moodie, and sold Kerse to William Ross of Shandwick, in Edinburgh, who drowned travelling to Orkney, and was succeeded by Hugh Ross. It passed to Major General John Fullarton, with Nether Skeldon, but was sold to Oswald of Auchincruive before 1804.
Burgess	1754. Alexander Ross of Sweden, merchant. [Also, same day, Hugh Ross of Shandwick; David Ross, writer in Edinburgh]
BNA	D, 1.4.1775, at Skeldon. Alexander Ross, late merchant in Gothenburg, and brother to Hugh Ross of Kerse, merchant, London
BNA	Sep 1790. Judicial Sale of lands of Kerse (Hugh Ross). Lands of Dalleagles, Kerse and Nether Skeldon, with a neat modern mansion.

Paterson

KERSE CASTLE

See SKELDON: KENNELS

MARTNAHAM

[NB MARTNAHAM LODGE is in COYLTON, q.v.]

2Sa, 1845, 274	Ruins of building on islet, c.100’ by 30’, probably ruin of Martnaham Mansion.
Scotlandsplaces (12.5.2010)	Built on island in loch with south entrance via embankment. 21m by 7.5m, with a north-east annexe, 12m by 5m, traceable in the grass (1955). The main building had three compartments, and rubble masonry walls, 0.8m wide, which (1955) still stood to 2.0m Features of C16, C17. By 1980 the features had gone, as had previously noted evidence for a north-east courtyard and a gatehouse at the landward side of the causeway.

SKELDON HOUSE, 377135
Formerly NETHER SKELDON

CRAUFURD
ROSS

Paterson	Acquired c.1750 by William Ross of Shandwick, who is mentioned in Dalrymple session minutes, 1779x1787
BNA	D, 1.4.1775, at Skeldon. Alexander Ross, late merchant in Gothenburg, and brother to Hugh Ross of Kerse, merchant, London
BNA	Sep 1790. Judicial Sale of lands of Kerse (Hugh Ross). Lands of Dalleagles, Kerse and Nether Skeldon, with a neat modern mansion. [BNA, Nov 1790, advertising sale of lands of Montgomerieston, Kirkmichael, notes that they run with Skeldon, and would, combined, make a neat estate]

CAMPBELL

Paterson	Gives next proprietor as Richard Campbell in Brae

FULLARTON

Paterson	Acquired by John Fullarton, 2nd son of Patrick Fullarton of Goldring. He died, in India, 1804, and was succeeded by his son, William.
BNA	1797, Game licence. William Fullarton, younger of Skeldon.
Burgess	1827, William Fullarton of Fullarton, advocate, residing in Ayr, per wife Susan Whiteside

LESLIE CUMING

Paterson	Acquired 1829 by Mrs Leslie Cuming
McChesney, 8	Acquired 1829 by Hon Jane Leslie-Cumming (sic), wife of John Leslie. Let to her sister, Jessie, wife of Sir James Montgomery Cunninghame of Corsehill.
AO, Tu 6.11.1832, 1b	Ref to Sir James Montgomery Cunninghame, Bt., Skeldon House.
n.r.	fl 1844, Sir A D M Cuninghame, Bt., of Skeldon
n.r.	fl 1861, George Cunningham of S; 1862, Henry Cunningham of S
C&I 1897 (2nd eik)	Hon Jane Leslie Cuming died at Springfield near Lasswade 22 February 1863.

WOOD

Fl 1879	James Wood of Skeldon

PORTLAND

n.r.	April 1867, acquired by Portland for £100,000
McChesney, 8	Owned 1899-1923 by Duke of Portland: who added the unusual entrance hall to plans of James Miller.

WOOD

AP, F 26.10.1923, 10a	Miss Wood of Skeldon has died. Sister to Adam Wood.

WEIR

Letter of William Weir, 1925, quoted in W J Reader, "The Weir Group: A Centenary History", London, Weidenfeld and Nicholson, 1971:
"Jim [i.e. James George Weir, 1886 -] has now settled down, having bought Skeldon, Adam Wood's old place, eight miles from Ayr, having two miles of splendid salmon fishing." [McChesney, 32, says Weir †1973, Mrs Weir †1980]

McChesney, 8	Alterations, 1983, for William Ducas. **Anthony Richardson & Partners**, London. [McChesney, 32, says he is grandson of Weir: house leased to his grand aunt, Dorothy, Dowager Lady Weir]

BRODIE

McChesney, 32	1986, Mr & Mrs S E Brodie.

FERNANDES

GH 23.7.2008	Estate agency advert, PHOTOCOPY herewith.
n.r.	2013, Tony Fernandes, 49, Malaysian, owner of, inter alia, AirAsia and Q.P.R.

ESTATE

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Paterson, i, 436-437 — Quoting 2SA. 'A stone coffin and bones were found in Barbieston holm, near the river Doon, and about a furlong to the east of Dalrymple village. In answer to enquiries on that subject, Mr Fullarton very kindly made the following communication: "About 1804-05 I had bought the farm of Barbieston and wishing to make a new approach to my house at Skeldon, I set some men to work to form that road, in the course of which operation they had to cut through a small hillock of gravel. This proving of immediate use in making the road, was hollowed, and a considerable part removed, when suddenly the workers came on a stone coffin, in which was the skeleton of a large-sized person in a state of decay. On taking up the right thigh bone, I applied it to my own leg, as nearly as I possibly could to my hip joint, and it went nearly to the middle of my shin, and I stand five feet eleven inches. From these circumstances, I was led to think that the bones must have belonged to some tall, powerful man, some chief or captain, particularly as a battle is reported by Hollingshed, and also by Spottiswood, to have been fought at the ford of Barbieston."

AP, F 12.4.1935, 16c — Garden open, 22.6.1935. Mr James G. Weir.

HOUSE

List 8 — Late C18, classical. Ashlar, pink stone dressings; 2.1.2 sash window facade, centre slight pedimented projection; 2 storeys and raised basement; principal floor windows in architrave surrounds with entablatures, those above in simple surrounds; low parapet, moulded cornice; hipped roof with pair of chimneys placed symmetrically in centre. Recent porch addition has domed roof, curved Ionic colonnade, up wide flight of entrance stairs. Side elevations have splayed bays in centre carried up full height, balustraded parapet. To rear, glazed winter garden projects on principal floor with flight of double steps to garden. Ref: NSA, v, 278. B.

Desmond 1984 — Ref: G A Little, Scotland's Gardens, 1981, p.265.

Glenfield Ramblers, Iv, 1910, p.110 — Built by Bonnie Jean's father, but recently greatly altered and improved.

Gibb — Jean Armour's father, James, is said to have helped to build Skeldon House. Cf Dumfries House.

AANHS, 5 — 1796

Ayr T C Minutes 1908, 115, Water Committee 5.3.1908 — The Surveyor reported "that a considerable addition has been made to Skeldon Mansion House", increasing its use of water.

RIAS Collection — 1908 plans for extension by **James Miller, Son, and Manson**.

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ACC, TPC 12.1.1937, T34 — January 1937. Alterations, Skeldon, for James G. Weir. **Alex Mair**.

ACC Planning, B64 — May 1956. Alterations; **Stevenson & Ferguson**, for James Weir.

McChesney, 8 — Alterations, 1983, for William Ducas. **Anthony Richardson & Partners**, London. [McChesney, 32, says he is grandson of Weir: house leased to his grand aunt, Dorothy, Dowager Lady Weir]

AEROPLANE SHED

ACC, PHSC 3.2.1931 — BBL. Aeroplane Shed, Skeldon, for J.G. Weir.

KENNELS [THE OLD CASTLE, 378138]

List 11 — Remains of Keep incorporated in modern estate dwelling. Large random stonework, harled in places; 2 storeys; rear gable is roughly crowstepped; modern fenestration and classical porch. At side is a blocked round headed doorway. Building is roughly square on plan. Ref: NSA, v, 281. B.

AA 2.6.1892 — Quoting NSA. As to Kerse Castle there is not one stone now left upon another to point out where it was. The greatest part of it was used in the building of Skeldon House about 60 years ago. 2SA, [9/1837], 1845, p.281.

LODGE, 366144

List 9 — 1 storey bow fronted centre conical door with finial; white painted wooden porch has side glazed panels. C.

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WELLHEAD?

List 12 — Ruin in gardens of the Kennels. Ivy clad, said to be an old well-head. C.

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