Name
Ian A Fraser in SM, n.s., vol.97, no.5, August 1972
c.1320 Dregerne, c.1322 Dreghorne. Fraser suggests OE dryge (dry) + either hyrne (corner) or erne (house'. 'dry corner' or 'dry house'.

Ayr Burgesses — Minister (James Semple) made a Burgess of Ayr in 1724 - called 'minister at Longdreghorn'.

1SA, 1790-91, VI, 166 — United with Perceton in 1668. Glebe now at Dreghorn.

Ayrshire Monthly Newsletter, F 5.4.1844, 8c
The village is beautifully situated, "but had its original plan, as designed by the late Earl of Eglinton, been carried into effect ..."

2SA, 1845, 525 — Population in 1831, 888. Tileworks for land drainage; arable and dairy farming, chessemaking; old coal pits now closed; one new coal pit has been opened. Excellent freestone and limestone at NE of parish.

Imp Gaz, 1855, i, 397 — Population in 1851, 1828.

Groome, 1884, 370 — In C12 property of the de Morville family, and passed to Lord Galloway in 1196.

3SA, 1955, 290 — Coal mining introduced in the 1830s, and there were 40 pits at one time.

SPECIAL WATER SUPPLY DISTRICT

Created by Northern District Committee, 12th January 1893. [See appeal, dismissed, by GSWR, Bourtreehill Coal Co and others, to County Council, 25th April 1893. County Council, 1890-1893, CO 3/8/1/1, pp 528-531][AA, Th 27.4.1893]

Boundary as follows:

The area within a line beginning at a point on the south east side of Irvine and Kilmarnock road, and at a distance of 210 yards, or thereby, nearer Irvine than the south-west gable of the smithy at the west end of the village of Dreghorn, and thence in a northerly direction until it reaches the western side of Stanecastle Road, at a point 53 yards or thereby to the north-west of the junction of the Broomland Road and the Stanecastle Road, thence along the western side of the said Stanecastle Road in a north-north-westerly direction for a distance of 184 yards or thereby; thence in an east-north-easterly direction to a point in a field near Capringston Cottage, at a distance of 170 yards or thereby to the south-south-east of nearer extremity of back garden fence of Perceton Rows, and in a due straight line therewith, then turning and running in a north-north-westerly direction to and along the said back garden fence of Perceton Rows to the other extremity, thence in a north-easterly direction along the north-west garden fence of said Perceton Rows and across Perceton Road, thence in a south-south-easterly direction along the north-east side of Perceton Road for a distance of 350 yards or thereby, then turning and running in an east-by-north direction to the north-east corner of boundary wall around Springside Public School,

thence in an east-south-easterly direction to a point on the northern fence of a road leading to Muirside, at a distance of 250 yards or thereby from the eastern side of Warwickhill Road, thence in a south-south-easterly direction to a point in Garrier Burn on the parish boundary of Dreghorn and Kilmaurs at a distance of 350 yards or thereby east from the eastern side of bridge over railway at Springside Station, then along the said parish boundary of Dreghorn and Kilmaurs following the said Garrier Burn in all its windings to a point 100 yards or thereby, south from the southern side of Thronton Bridge over the said burn for the Irvine and Kilmarnock Road, then turning and running in a west-by-south direction to the centre of Corsehill Mount, and lastly in a west-south-west direction to the first mentioned point of starting on the Irvine and Kilmarnock Road.

ARCHAEOLOGY

ASH, Sa 19.6.1875, 4f

The house of the de Morville's is said to have been at Righouse. The artificial mound at Irvine/Carmel confluence is called Maid Morville's Mount. [ASH 26.6.1875, 3c, casts much doubt on these interpretations]

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