TRANSPORT

RAILWAY

DRYBRIDGE STATION

CO3/12/3/43 NBC 24.6.1927	Stationmaster's House, Drybridge, for LMSR.
AA, Th 7.11.1968, 29ab	Notice. Consent has been given to closure of Gatehead and Drybridge stations, and passenger services between Barassie junction and Kilmarnock. Consent not given to closure of Barassie station.
AA, Th 6.2.1969, 16ab	Notice. To close w.e.f Monday 3rd March 1969.

GAILES STATION

ACC, PHDAC 1.11.934	Complaint of Western Gailes anent offal (for manure) left in waggons at the siding at Gailes Station.
nr	To close 2.1.1967. Bogside to close same day.

GATEHEAD VIADUCT

List 28	Spanning River Irvine. 4 aches, rounded cutwaters and pilasters; much of parapet is missing. Ref: NSA, v, 683. C.

ROAD

ROAD RESEARCH

ACC, Roads Cttee 29.9.1950	Road Research Laboratory. Site visit to experimental surfaces (16) on Lavemill and Harperland Roads, Dundonald. Laid in 1946, all use dune sand and or quarry fines, with different types and percentages of binder, except one which has a percentage of powdered pitch. Also visited 200 yard sections on Shewalton Road laid in October 1949 to run more extensive trials of the more successful types. The RRL appears to be operating from Hillhouse Quarry. RRL representatives on the visit were Dr Millard and Mr Barnes.
AA 7.8.1890	A meeting was held on Saturday of those interested in the formation of a new road from Kilmarnock to Troon and Ayr via Dundonald.

DAMDYKE BRIDGE, 37763551

GATEHEAD BRIDGE

List 29	2 flat arches in rusticated pink masonry spanning River Irvine; splayed cutwaters; flat pilasters; 5 parapet pediments. C.
AA, Th 7.3.1839, 1a	Bridge Money applications include one for rebuilding, repairing and strengthening parts of the parapets of the bridge at Old Romeford.
AA, Th 16.2.1871, 1a	Bridge Money applications include Bridge over Irvine at Old Rome, continued from last year.

HOLMS BRIDGE

List 22	2 flat segmental arches, centre splayed cutwater; cast iron railing parapet. Originally a private park bridge. C.
AA, Th 17.2.1881, 1b	Bridge Money Application. £818 (inc £700 already approved), for Building.

LOANS BYPASS (A78, Monkton to Dundonald)

AP, F 22.4.1977, 43f	Legal Notice re Dundonald Camp to Monkton Diversion.
SRC, H&T 11.6.1981, 947	SRC to prepare plans, &c., on behalf of SDD
SRC, H&T 6.8.1981, 1120	Authorised to accept tenders; estimated cost £8m.
SRC, H&T 17.9.1981, 1356	Contract let to French Kier Construction Ltd., Sandy, Beds., for £6,268,727.

ROAD (roughly DRYBRIDGE to SHEWALTON CEMETERY area)

GM, Th 16.3.1786, 81a	Contractors wanted by Kilmarnock Road Trustees for a 'road from Holms through the lands of Shewalton till it join the road from Air to Irvine.'

SLOUGH BRIDGE, 386336

TOLLHOUSE, GATEHEAD
Hume — 377355. Late C18 to Early C19. A single storey building with prominent quoins, now disused.

INDUSTRY

[Modern IDC developments are listed under Irvine and IDC]

FOR SEWERAGE RELATED ITEMS SEE DUNDONALD, PUBLIC, AYRSHIRE COASTAL SEWER SYSTEM

AUCHENGATE SAWMILL
ACC Planning, A2943 — November 1950. Reconstruction of sawmill, A, for Alexander Mair.
ACC Planning, A5323 — November 1952. Drying Shed, for Alexander Mair & Son.

CLAY WORKING
ACC Planning, 5440 — June 1948. Clay working, Newfield estate, for A Kenneth & Sons Ltd.
Cf
ACC Planning, A428 — December 1948. Lavatories, Shewalton, for A Kenneth & Sons Ltd.

COLLENAN QUARRY
EG 5357, F 30.8.1844, 291a — Sequestration of John Hosie, junior, quarrier, Loans. Commissioner include John Barr, contractor, Ardrossan and James Moffat, secretary, Ardrossan Railway Co.
SRA AGN 1143 — Opened c.1845, by Messrs Hosie & Barr. Limestone.

CORRAITH QUARRY, 366320

CRAIKSLAND QUARRY
SRA AGN 1143 — Opened c.1830. Limestone.
VR 1892/93 — A Fullarton property, tenanted by John Kilpatrick
TLA Samuel, AP 10.1.1975 — Filled in with refuse from Troon Burgh - work in progress 1975.

DUNDONALD - GASWORKS
KWP 11.1.1862, 1a — Contractors wanted for gasworks proposed to be built at Dundonald.

DUNDONALD - WAGGON WORKS
KJ 16.3.1847 — Railway carriages for the Glasgow and Ayr Railway fabricated at Messrs Mathew Thomson & Sons. A dozen 3rd class carriages are currently being executed.

FAIRLIE COLLIERY
ASH, Sa 17.10.1868, 1b — Sale of colliery plant to be held Th 22.10.1868.
EG, F 15.1.1869, 76b — Robert Walker, coalmaster, Fairlie Colliery, in sequestration - dividend postponed.

FORTACRES COLLIERY
ACC Planning, 3089 — July 1945. New mine, Fortacres Colliery, for Robert Semple & Co.

GIRTRIG MILL
ASH, Sa 7.9.1861, 1d — Advert: "having been rebuilt".

HILLHOUSE QUARRY
CO3/12/3/36 — NBC 12.4.1907 — Cottage, HQ, for J B Thorneycroft.
CO3/12/3/38 — NBC 22.9.1911 — Cottage, HQ, for JB Thorneycroft
NBC 23.8.1912 — D Cottage, HQ, for JB Thorneycroft.
CO3/12/3/43 — NBC 16.4.1926 — Dwhos, HQ, for Hillhouse Quarry Co.
NBC 13.5.1927 — House, HQ, for Hillhouse Quarry Co.
ACC Planning, 3733 — July 1946. Extension, Hillhouse Quarry, for Hillhouse Quarry Co.
ACC Planning, 4579 — July 1947. Carpeting plant, Hillhouse and Parkthorn Quarries, for Hillhouse Quarry Co.
ACC Planning, 4855 — November 1947. Lavatories, HQ, for Hillhouse Quarry Co.
ACC Planning, 5431 — June 1948. Continue working and winning whin, Hillhouse and Parkthorn Quarries, for Hillhouse Quarry Co.

ACC Planning, A552	January 1949. Canteen, &c., for Hillhouse Quarry Co
ACC Planning, A2910	November 1950. Extension to Crushing Plant Building, for Hillhouse Quarry Co.
ACC Planning, A4400	February 1952. Building to house quarry vehicles, for Hillhouse Quarry Co.
ACC Planning, A9092	September 1955. Office extension; Stevenson & Ferguson, for Hillhouse Quarry Co.Ltd.
ACC Planning, B158	June 1956. Additions and alterations, offices. Stevenson & Ferguson, for Hillhouse Quarry Co. Ltd.
Mine and Quarry Engineering, December 1962, 514-524	
	"A brief description is given of the quarrying methods and plant operated by the Hillhouse Quarry Company near Troon, Ayrshire". Illustrated. Photocopy herewith.
Scots Magazine, November 1976 (ns 106/2), 126	
	Photograph of 150-200 feet high basaltic columns being worked here. Cf those on Staffa are c. 55 feet high.

LAVE SAWMILL, 375368

Hume	377368. Mid C19. A 1 storey and attic, rubble and brick building, with a wooden lean-to addition. The sawbench has been removed, but the skeleton of a 6-spoke lowbreast paddle-wheel with iron axle and wooden rings and spokes survives, as does a complex system of gearing and pulley belts.
VR 1892/93	Prop, John A Smith Cunningham of Caprington (Fairlie estate). Tenants, Robert, Robert and John Murray, wood merchants.

MONSANTO, 360358

BI 76/891 June 1964	Chemstrand Ltd, London, proposed building a £6,000,000 nylon spinning factory at Dundonald.
nr	Production began April 1964. [Cf BI ref]
Dick Folder 126	Work on site began 1964.
SVR 1966-1967	Factory, Chemstrand Ltd., 1.7.1966.
AP, F 3.11.1967, 4f	Chemstrand Ltd, the acrylic fibre and nylon manufacturers, who have a plant near Dundonald, have changed their name this week to Monsanto Textiles Ltd, to match the name of US parent, Monsanto Corporation, St Louis.
AA, Th 28.11.1968, 20a	ACC, Ayr County Building Authority. Plans passed; £57,000 extension, Monsanto.
Bldg Warrantt BA1893, 11.12.1968	Extension, Monsanto. C E Guy, Petty France, London SW1. Planning application C5666.

NEWHOUSE FACTORY, Ayr Road, Shewalton

ACC Planning, 4432	May 1947. Buildings and roads, Newhouse, Irvine, for Eastwoods Ltd. Superceded by A1886.
ACC Planning, 4826	November 1947. Alterations to building in course of erection, Newhouse, I, for Eastwoods Ltd.
ACC Planning, A1886	January 1950. Factory to make concrete paving slabs, Shewalton Works, Newhouse, for Eastwoods Ltd.
ACC Planning, A2013	February 1950. Convert Radar building to office, Newhouse, for Eastwoods Ltd.
ACC Planning, A4895	July 1952. Carpenters Shop, &c., for Eastwoods Ltd.
ACC Planning, A5440	December 1952. Petrol Pump. Newhouse Factory, for Eastwoods Ltd.
ACC Planning, A6406	September 1953. Lean-to, shed, and steam curing tunnels, Newhouse Factory, for Eastwoods Ltd.
ACC Planning, A6980	March 1954. W.Cs., Newhouse Factory, for Eastwoods Ltd.
ACC Planning, A7487	July 1954. Building to house time recorder, for Eastwoods Ltd.
ACC Planning, A8266	February 1955. Transformer building, for Eastwoods Ltd. Cancelled.

PARKTHORN QUARRY

AA 27.7.1848	About to be opened. Also contractors required for a 330 yd railway to Parkthorn Quarry - James Campbell, road surveyor.
CO 3/12/1/1, 391-2, ADC 19.1.1897	Referred to as Ayr District Committee road stone quarry in report on them by Allan Stevenson.
CO3/12/3/38 NBC 10.2.1911	Houses, Parkthorn Quarry, for Ayr and Kilmarnock District Councils.

ACC Planning, A902	April 1949. Corrugated iron shed, Parkthorn Quarry, for Ayr County Council.
ACC Planning, A969	May 1949. Working and winning minerals, Parkthorn Quarry, for Ayr County Council
ACC Planning, A4358	January 1952. Lavatories, Parkthorn Quarry, for Ayr County Council.
SRC, H&T Cttee 24.3.1977, 383	Leased from Hillhouse Quarry Co. Lease expires May 1978, and company will not renew it. Production of roadstone to cease.

RADIO MASTS, Harpercroft, 360325

SAND REMOVAL

ACC Planning, A8425	April 1955. Removal of sand from foreshore, between Irvine and Barassie, for Welbeck Estates Co Ltd. Superseded by B318.
ACC Planning, A9748	March 1956. Win and work sand, Meadowhead Farm, Irvine; John Tremble & Sons.
ACC Planning, B318	August 1956. Removal of sand from foreshore, between Irvine and Barassie, for Welbeck Estates Co.Ltd. Superseded by B1342
ACC Planning, B1343	June 1957. Removal of sand from foreshore, between Irvine and Western Gailes, for Welbeck Estates Co ltd. REFUSED.
ACC Planning, B1669	September 1957. Win and work sand, Gailes, for John Murray. REFUSED.

SHEWALTON - COALS

AA, Th 29.9.1808, 1b	Coals to the south and west sides of the Shewalton Burn to be let.
EG 3147, Tu 5.8.1823, 442a	Dissolved, 26 July 1823. Rowe & Samson, Shewalton Colliery. (Benjamin Rowe, John Samson).
ACC, PSC 7.2.1950	Shewalton Pits 5 and 6 have been closed, at short notice, by NCB.

SHEWALTON MILL

KWP 24.1.1863, 1dTo let: good detailed advert. See ref.

VR 1892/93	Prop, Robert & James Kenneth. Tenant, Alexander Wilson

WORKS, 369325

UTILITIES

HIGHLEES RESERVOIRS

SERVICE RESERVOIR No.3

SRC, W&S 17.3.1981, 456	[Loch Bradan Scheme]. FM, £462,973

SEWERS, DUNDONALD to DRYBRIDGE

ACC Planning, A4564	April 1952. ACC.

TROON WATERWORKS

AA 27.12.1894		First sod for new Troon reservoir, Collenan, cut last Thursday. Engineer: W R Copland, CE.
AA 6.5.1897		Opened last Friday.
CO3/12/3/37	NBC 25.9.1908	D Cottage, Collenan, for Troon Corporation.

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