GENERAL

Johnston — Garnock is probably Gaelic *gearanach*, "sighing, groaning [river]"

Imp Gaz, 1854, I, 361 — Home of Glengarnock Iron Co, established in 1845.

Groome, 1884, 341 — Coal mines and ironstone; flax spinning and wincey. Population in 1871, 1228; in 1881, 1276; in 1891, 1628.

1893, proposed Police Burgh. Petition was refused by Sheriff Brand, February 1894. See County Council Minutes, 1893.

AA, Th 5.10.1893, 6b — ACC, 3.10.1893. Northern District Committee given full powers regarding proposed new police burgh at Glengarnock.

Boundary — From the south-west corner of the L&A railway bridge which crosses the GSWR in the field no.1111, thence along the fence on the south and southwest sides of the L&AR to the south side of the road leading to the farm of Unthank, in the field no.948, thence eastwards across said railway, and along the south side of said road and along to the east end of the south fence of the field no.946, thence northwards along the west fence of the field no.939 to the fence separating said field from plot of ground no,959, thence in an easterly direction along the fence separating plots 959 and 960 and field 937 from field no.939 to the eastmost point of plot no.960, thence in a northerly direction along the hedge separating no.937 from no.938, to the hedge separating 938 from 935, thence in northerly and north-easterly direction along the hedge separating 935 and 936, and 936 from 934 to the boundary or margin of Kilbirnie Loch, thence along the west, north and east boundaries or margins of the loch as defined by march stones placed along said boundaries to the north boundary of the Glengarnock Chemical Co's feu in the field no.505, thence along said north boundary in an easterly direction to the fence or wall on the west side of the said GSWR, and from thence in a southerly direction along said fence or wall to the south-west corner of the L&A railway bridge first above mentioned.

Usher, 87 — Steelworks "with its seven pencil-thin chimneys – the Seven Apostles." "In less than a decade a sprawling dinosaur of Britain's industrial age has been swept away – transmuted into the spacious calms of unruffled water, waving grasses and birdsong."

Usher, 88 — Open hearth Furnaces closed in December 1978, The Rolling Mill closed in March 1985, and the Workshops closed in March 1986. These had latterly been owned and run by Redpath Dorman Long (RDL).

Usher, 93 — "By 1983, what might be called Phase One of the regeneration effort in the Garnock Valley was coming to an end ... as well as the new factories that had appeared at Beith and Kilbirnie, a reborn industrial landscape was nearing completion on acres once occupied by the steelworks. The rusted buildings had been bulldozed away, the rail complex torn up and the blast furnaces it served dynamited to rubble."

Usher, 93 — £20,000,000 spent on Lochshore by SDA.

SRC, Employment Strategy S/Cttee 6.3.1984 — Garnock Valley Initiative launched 6th March 1984.

IRON and STEEL WORKS

Imp Gaz, 1854, I, 361 — Erected on site of Pitcon Farm.

II, 802	400 workers
Groome, 1892+, 187	".. eligible site ... planned and erected with much skill and taste". 14 furnaces.
nr	Pig Iron 1843-1885; Pig Iron and Steel 1885-1930; Steel 1930-1978. Furnaces were closed in 1978, when it became a Rolling Mill only.
3SA, 1946-50, 1951, 388	Established in 1843 - blast furnace plant of 8 furnaces. In 1884 steel works opened (4 Bessemer converters) including a cogging(?) mill and plane mill. In 1892 3 Siemans-Martin furnaces of 25 tons capacity added. New blast furnace plant, 1894. In 1916 purchased by Colvilles Ltd. The 1843 blast furnaces closed in 1930. In 1935 a Welding Shop was erected; subsequently Colvilles Construction Co opened. Present area is 764 acres; 205 acres are covered by works. It employs 1600 workers.
Hume	Founded 1840, as an iron smelting works, but dates in its present form from 1916-1918, when reconstructed by David Colville & Sons. The steel-framed open-hearth smelting shop and the rolling mill are substantially of that date, though the furnaces and machinery have been renewed and enlarged. The building of the Bessemer convertor shop, built 1884, also survives.
nr	1843 Blast Furnaces. Steelworks, 40 years later.
EG 5393, F 3.1.1845, 2c	Carnbroe Iron Co., Glengarnock Iron Co, and Alison, Merry & Cuninghame were all dissolved 27.12.1844, due to the retiral of Alexander Alison. James Merry and Alexander Cuninghame continue under two firm names, Merry & Cuninghame, and Glengarnock Iron Co.
Sasine Minute 2381 of 1845	Glengarnock Iron Co seised in 20A of lands of farm of Pasturehill, in parish of Dalry. GICo partners are James Merry and Alexander Cunninghame, both Glasgow.
AA, Th 28.8.1851, 3c	[Tremenheere's Report] Nevertheless in a few instances, as at the large Kilbirnie Iron-works, their conduct on the above occasion justified the pains that have been taken by the proprietors and the resident manager, to obtain their confidence and to promote their welfare and comfort. The manager informed me that, although their men were at first carried away by the example, they very soon recovered their own judgment, and returned to their work. The attention to cleanliness, to the roads and the drainage about the houses, to the school, under an excellent master and mistress, to the circulating library, &c., continues as described in a former report. The locality affords an opportunity for encouraging garden cultivation, which, I understand, has been under consideration.
KWP 14.5.1864, 7cde	**John Jack**, manager, Glengarnock Ironworks, retiring. Involved in original erection of Glengarnock for Merry & Cunningham, and in a subsequent improvement. Retired in 1864.
KJ 30.11.1848	While most of the iron manufacturing districts in Scotland have been suffereing for the last 12 months on account of the low rate of wages, or unremunertaing prices causing the ironmasters to reduce or, for a time, abandon their operations, the proprietors of the Glengarnock Iron Works have enterprisingly continued to blow 7 furnaces, and carry on, in full operation, their coal and ironstone pits, giving constant employment to upwards of 2000 workmen, earning on the average at least 15s per week. Not only have they been raising mine to keep their furnaces in blast but have added largely to their stock, and built 2 furnaces, to be put in blast (it is presumed) as soon as the market ofers an inducement to convert their surplus stock into pig iron. [For rest of article see Kilbirnie General]
ASH 7.11.1857	Dinner to James Baird, architect and sub-manager, for past 4 years - leaving for a position in/near Newcastle.

ASH, Sa 25.9.1869, 3c "... the furnaces cast on Sabbath morning at 7 o'clock, and begin to blow again at 4. When the cast is over, and no repairs are to be done, then of course the men go home to workship God or to sleep".

ASH, Sa 30.3.1872, 4f5b Dinner to James Baird, works manager, who is leaving for a position as managing partner with the Lonsdale Iron Co., Whitehaven. His successor as works manager is Archibald Gray.

AA 24.5.1883 Operations preparatory to the erection of buildings for the making of steel have been begun at Glengarnock Ironworks.

AA 21.8.1884 Building in Kilbirnie. Among the building operations at present in progress may be mentioned [the Steelworks] ...

AA 16.7.1885 The new steelworks at Glengarnock are now so far advanced that steel may be made on the Bessemer system.

AA 13.8.1885 New steelworks formally opened last Friday. With Mr Finlayson, chief engineer of the works, rests the credit of having designed the whole of the plant, which has been made according to his designs and specifications.

ASH, F 7.10.1887, 5e "There was started on Saturday a new guide bar rolling mill in 4 sections".

ASH, F 18.1.1889, 5d Glengarnock Steel Works: restarted Wednesday after several months of extensive alterations.

Aberdeen Press & Journal, M 23.2.1891, 1d
Merry & Cuninghame Ltd. Debenture Scheme. To acquire from Messrs Merry and Cuninghame: Carnbroe Ironworks; Auchinraith Colliery; North Motherwell Colliery; Bardykes Colliery; Inkerman Coal and ironstone pits, all w.e.f. 30 Nov 1890. The directors include Robert Main, Esq., ironmaster, Glengarnock.

AA, ATD 61/8/26/1 [Cumnock Express F 24.11.1893]
Death in South Africa reported of A.P.Cowie CE, clerk of works to the Birthday Mine, and formerly manager at Glengarnock Works of Merry & Cunningham.

TT, F 1.10.1897, 5f Glengarnock iron and Steel Co "erecting a new girder shop."

Motherwell Times, F14.7.1922, 2c, per newspapers online
Bronze and red granite war memorial recently unveiled at Dalziel Works. Design, John Wilson, jun., Motherwell. He has also designed similar memorials for Clydebridge and Glengarnock.

AA, Th 28.11.1935, 3e Colvilles. Big extension to commence at once. £250,000, and t take a year. Will increase output of semi-finished goods such as shetets, bars, slabs and billets. Will double output to about 5000 tons per week.

ACC Planning, 2199 February 1941. Office and workshop, for Colvilles Ltd. Also 2216, April 1941, alterations, and 2269, July 1941, additions.

ACC Planning, 3045 June 1945. Ambulance Room, for Colville Constructional Co Ltd.

ACC Planning, A453 December 1948. Building (steel framed, with corrugated steel roof and walls) to house Testing Machine.

ACC Planning, A2276 May 1950. Remove bing, and re-align sidings, for Colville's Ltd. No planning permission required.

AA, Th 18.12.1952, 7c The "main office" at Glengarnock Steelworks (Colville's Ltd) was destroyed by fire last Sunday morning.

ACC Planning, A5521 January 1953. Reconstruction of offices, Glengarnock; **James Houston**, for Colvilles Ltd.

ACC Planning, A5578 February 1953. Alterations (Filing Room, Mess Room, &c.), Glengarnock Works, for Colville Construction Co. Ltd.

ACC Planning, A8363 March 1955. Mess-room, Glengarnock, for Colvilles Ltd.

ACC Planning, A8820 July 1955. Mess-room, &c., Glengarnock; James Houston, for Colvilles Ltd.

ACC Planning, A9955 April 1956. Ilgner House?, Nos 1 and 3 Mills, Glengarnock, for Colvilles Ltd.

ACC Planning, B1470 July 1957. Slag Crushing Plant, &c., for Shanks & McEwan Ltd.
ACC Planning, B1559 August 1957. two sub-stations; James M Whalley, architect, Glasgow, for Colvilles Ltd.
SRC, Policy & Resources Sub Committee on Industrial Strategy, 22.1.1985
Reference to proposed closure of Glengarnock.
Charman Main surviving historic buildings are
Rigging Shop. Amalgam of old brickwork and steel corrugated sheet. The south end once formed part of the 1884 Bessemer shop, phased out in 1892;
Test House. Its rear half is of brick and slate, with a corrugated iron roof, and glazed office walls on two sides;
Electrical workshop. Late 19th Century power station;
Engineers Workshop. Very large, single volume building, with a cast iron shell and massive brick perimeter walls. It was north-west of the furnace bank, and may be the building on this site on 1856 OS;
No.1 Power Station. Built in 1908 as No.2 Power Station. Brick, slated, with arched windows;
Joiners' Shop. Probably the building in this position on 1856 OS.

VILLAGE

GLENGARNOCK CHURCH, 13 Garnockside Originally UP CHURCH
AA 21.11.1872 Foundation stone laid last Saturday.
ASH, Sa 23.11.1872, 5bc Memorial Stone laid last Saturday. **Robert Baldie**, Glasgow, architect. Masons: **William & John Boyd**, Ardrossan; **James Galt**, Dalry, joiner.
ASH, Sa 30.8.1873, 1a Will be formally opened Saturday 6.9.1873.
ASH, Sa 13.9.1873, 5d Opened last Saturday.
SC6/44/39 Built by J Jack, who was owed £137 8s 10d at his death in 1874.
Kinniburgh & Burke, 83 **Demolished in 1989**: the bell-tower preserved as a piece of street furniture, completed in 1992.

MANSE, 11 Garnockside
HALL, 10 Garnockside
ACC, PHSC 1.9.1931 Church Hall, Glengarnock, for Church of Scotland.
Kinniburgh & Burke, 84 1931

CHRISTIAN BRETHREN HALL, 6 Holms Road
CO3/12/4/22 3.11.1921 For Thomas Bell, Beith.

BOWLING GREEN
ASH 28.6.1901 Formally opened last Monday. Turf from Whitrigg, Cumberland.
GLENGARNOCK IRONWORKS BOWLING CLUB
Kinniburgh & Burke, 93 Resited in 1924

BRIDGE OVER THE GARNOCK, Beith-Kilbirnie Road
AA, Th 5.3.1840, 1a Bridge Money application.

CHAIR FACTORY
AA 24.5.1883 Building in Kilbirnie. ... Messrs Watson's cabinet and chair manufactory on ground between old and new Glengarnock schools.
AA 21.8.1884 Building in Kilbirnie. Among the building operations at present in progress may be mentioned ... an extension of the Messrs Watson's cabinet and chair manufactory at Glengarnock.

DRILL HALL
AA, CO 3/10/5/27, YSFE 23.6.1967

Now redundant: to be taken over for Youth Service purposes.

GLENGARNOCK INFANT SCHOOL
ACC Planning, A227 — October 1948. Alterations, GISch, for Ayr County Council.

GLENGARNOCK PRIMARY SCHOOL
Kinniburgh & Burke, 30 — In use May 1992, formally opened 23rd March 1993.

POLICE STATION and BARRACKS, 18-19 Grahamston Avenue
SRC, B&P 31.6.1976, 1029 — Police house and office, 19 GA, sold for £4100.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCE, Glengarnock
AA, CO 3/8/3/7, p780, report of Property & Works Cttee to Co Co, 28.11.1933
Contract awarded to Alla R. Dunbar, Kilbirnie, at £128 2s 3d.

SCHOOL [1]
KJ 30.11.1848 — School opened early 1848. See full article in Kilbirnie - General.
AA 24.5.1883 — Building in Kilbirnie. ... The old school at Glengarnock belonging to Messrs Merry & Cunninghame is being partly taken down and will be remodelled and utilised as dwellinghouses for a few of the foremen of the new steelworks.

SCHOOL [2], 25 Grahamston Avenue
nr — 1876 and 1903
Kinniburgh & Burke, 16-7 — Glengarnock School. 1863
CO3/12/4/3 BBC 3.7.1902 — Additions, School; John McLelland, Kilbirnie, architect.
BBC 3.10.1902 — Additions, Schoolhouse; John McLelland
ACC Planning, 4165 — January 1947. Dining Hall, Glengarnock Public School, for Ayr County Council.
Kinniburgh & Burke, 16-7 — Glengarnock School demolished 1992.

SCHOOL HOUSE, 89 Main Road
ACC Planning, A7628 — August 1954. Subdivison, 2 flats, for Ayr County Council.

WAR MEMORIAL
ACC, GPSC 23.5.1946, 800 — Permission granted to Glengarnock Women's War Work Party.

SDA UNITS
Architects 85 — Miller and Black, nd.

STATION
Groome, 1892+, 187 — Glengarnock is served by Kilbirnie Station, GSWR. Founded c.1844 in connection with the iron works.
CO3/12/4/3 BBC 4.9.1902 — D Cottage, Station, for John Barclay

AUCHENGREE INN
ACC Planning, 3546 — April 1946. Renovation, AgI, for McKinlay & Falconer.

ACC, PHSC 3.3.1931 — Clearance Order (subject to Finance Committee approval). 1-33 Front Row, 34-64, 84-91 Long Row, 92-101, 129-140 Square and 141-143 Bank Row, all property of Colvilles.

ACC, PHC 5.9.1946, 1229 — Request from Postmaster, Paisley, for numbering of MAIN STREET, BURNSIDE STREET and GLENGARNOCK SQUARE

AUCHENGREE ROAD
BALGRAY ROAD
BURNSIDE STREET
CO-OPERATIVE BUILDINGS

AA 1.6.1899 — The Kilbirnie Co-operative Society made the opening of their large new premises at Glengarnock on Saturday the occasion of a great demonstration. Architect: John McLelland. 3 storeys, Renaissance. £3000.

TT, F 2.6.1899, 5fg — Opened last Saturday. Rock-faced rubble with scrabbled projecting rybats, corners and lintels. Angles corner treated in Free Renaissance style. Semi-circular pediment and bold chimney stalks. Three storeys, 40 ft to Main Street, and 83 ft to Garnockholm Street. Swinridgemuir stone, with polished stone from Overwood Quarry. Cost c.£3000. John McLelland, architect. Allan R Dunbar, mason. Holmes & Logan, Beith, joiners. "The building is indeed a fine pile, and an acquisition to the architecture of the district. Sketch: PHOTOCOPY herewith.

CRAIGENDS ROAD
DAISYBANK
11, ANMAR
GARNOCK VIEW
GARNOCKHOLM
GARNOCKSIDE
11, Manse, and 13, Glengarnock Church
See Churches
10, Church Hall
See Churches
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CO3/12/4/4 BBC 7.5.1903 — Additions, Garnockside Cottages, for Glengarnock Iron & Steel Co.

GRAHAMSTON AVENUE
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CO3/12/4/22 24.6.1920 — 1 block of 3 houses, GA, for Robert Craig: James Houston.
1, CLUNIEMORE
2, GORDONLEA
3, WELLMOUNT
4, LENEMARUMA
5, G:ENHOLM
6, DRUMRAE
7, CRAIGLEA
8, GEIRSTON
9, GLENBURN
10, KINGAIR
11, ASHLEY
13, BROOKFIELD
14, EWANRIGG
15, LOMOND VIEW
16, CLAREMONT
23, ORCADIA

21, YMCA
HOLMS ROAD
BRIDGE

ACC, Water & Drainage C, 11.9.1950 — Built c1905 as access to old Kilbirnie and Glengarnock Sewage Works. Is sole responsibility of ACC. Was pedestrianised in 1949, and now needs a new light reinforced concrete floor.

1, ELMDALE
2, DRUMEARN
3, MARSKAIG
4, NETHERLEA
5, ASHFIELD
6, Christian Brethren Hall

KERSLAND ROAD [Dalry Parish]

15, CRAIGROWNIE, later CLINTAUGH

ACC, PHSC 5.5.1931 BBL. Addition, C, G., for Mrs McLeay.

KIRKLAND ROAD

70, KIRKLANDHILL COTTAGE

LOCHEND ROAD

MAIN ROAD

2h35,2h37,2h39,2h41, 1 GARNOCK GROVE
h/sp43, h43, h45, 2h47, 2h49, 2 GARNOCK GROVE
2h51, 2h53, 2h55, 2h57, 59, 61, 3 GARNOCK GROVE
63-69, GARNOCK VILLA

MAIN STREET

CO3/12/4/4 BBC 1.11.1906 Shop and house, Main Street, for G Howison; John McLelland.

RAILWAY COTTAGES [No Postcode]

CO3/12/4/4 BBC 7.5.1903 14 tenements, Railway Cottages, for Glengarnock Iron & Steel Co.

UNSORTED

ALLOTMENTS

Dec 1933 ref in County Council reports (CO 3/8/3/7, p874) to
Allotments for the Unemployed, at Glengarnock.

PUB

TT, F 10.3.1899, 1e For sale, pub and tenements at Glengarnock.

ROWS

TT, F 14.4.1899, 2f The Glengarnock Iron and Steel Co rows. New offices and ashpits have been built at the Single Row.

ACC, PHDAC 5.7.1934 Clearance Areas. Front, Long and Bank Rows.

LONGBAR

Kinniburgh & Burke, 15 1935.

BEITH ROAD
DAVIDSON AVENUE
KILBIRNIE ROAD
LONGBAR AVENUE
SMITH AVENUE

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