BUSBIE

EG 7768, F 2.8.1867, 890b891a — Entail notice regarding £1547 3s 4d paid by GPKAR (now GSWR) for lands in Busbie. William Wallace of Busbie, w.c.o. T.l. Henry Ritchie.

BUSBIE CASTLE, 39713901

KS 8.10.1949 — Transcript herewith.

CRAIG

List 31 — Classical mansion, circa 1830-40, with an imposing Ionic portico and double flight of curved entrance steps; 2 storeys, raised basement, small pedimented attic dormers; 1.3.1 sash window facade, centre slightly recessed, end pavilions having raised parapets or entablatures; continuous projecting cornice; hipped slate roof, chimneys arranged symmetrically. At side, is a large glazed winter garden. Ref: Groome, iv, 378. B.

1SA, VI, 324 — House and offices repaired before 1790 for John Morrice, but burnt before repairs were completed. Renovated and completed for Robert Morrice; fitted up in "elegant manner". Pleasant approach made to house and land round about "dressed up". Added some conveniences to offices.

AANHS, 5 — Rebuilt c1780 and again, after a fire, before 1827.

GM, Th 12.5.1785, 149b — Burned to the ground, 9 May 1785. Property of John Morrice. 'The fire was occasioned by the carelessness of the wrights, who were employed in finishing an addition which had been lately built to the house.'

C1851 — William Pollock Morris, wife Janet, and children, Ellison, Isabella Murray, Allan, Robert Morrice and Williamina.

Sas Minute 4931 of 1860 — records transfer to William Pollok Morris.

C1861 — William Pollock Morris, Glasgow, 1784, ½-pay army surgeon; spo, Janet, Paisley, 1810. Son, Allan, Dreghorn, 1836. Dau, Ellison, Dundonald, 1831 and husband, Robert Gairdner, Ayr, 1822.

C1871 — Janet Pollock Morris, widow, mother. Head, absent

KS 2.8.1879 — James Ingram's obituary lists Craig amongst his works.

C1881 — Allan Pollok Morris, u, 1836. Mother.

CO3/12/3/35 NBC 25.7.1902 — Extension, for Mr Pollok Morris; Burnet & Son, Glasgow.

ACC Planning, 4214 — February 1947. Alterations to form boys' school, for Glasgow Corporation [ACC, TPC 8.4.1947, 482: **J McNab**, LRIBA, 129 Bath Street, Glasgow, architect]

ACC Planning, A1309 — July 1949. Electricity supply.

nr — Abandoned by SRC c.1990, and badly vandalised thereafter.

BARN, THE

List 35 — Similar building to [Gardener's House] on opposite side of drive, now used for storage purposes. To rear is a stone gabled pigeon loft. B.

BRIDGE in Craig Policies

List 33 — Small classical stone bridge, now disused, spanning Carmel Water. C.

GARDENER'S HOUSE

List 34 — Harled 2 storeys, sash windows in chamfered stone frames; moulded stone eaves; ridge roof, piended at either end. 1 storey projecting porch additions enclose small forecourt. B.

ACC Planning, A5783 — March 1953. Alterations to gardeners' cottages, for Glasgow Corporation.

LODGE

List 32 — Classical, 1 storey. C.

NORTH LODGE

SRC, B&P 4.10.1977, 1040 — Sold to A N Hawkshaw, Dreghorn, for £3250.

WALLED GARDEN

List 36 — Dated 1699. Incorporates a portion of the facade of an earlier mansion; blocked doorway and windows are discernable. The Gardener's House and The Barn probably formed symmetrical flanking wings. B.

KILMAURS PLACE

List 9 — An ancient mansion formerly the seat of the Cunninghame family, Earls of Glencairn. West end consists of a ruined keep; eastern portion is a C17 dwelling, now a farmhouse. T shape on plan, square wing projecting to rear containing staircase; front creamwashed 1 storey and raised flat dormers, 3 small windows, centre doorway; ridge roof, crowstepped gables, skews. Refs: NSA, v, 770: NMRS 1944 measured drawings. B.

Tranter — Erected against the east wall of its predecessor, Kilmaurs Tower, this picturesque C17 mansion is now occupied by farm tenants. It stands a short distance from the village. The plan is T-shaped, of main block with stair wing in the centre of the south front, the whitewashed walls rising to 2 storeys with a garret in the steeply pitched roof. The only dormer window is in the stair wing, which at this level contains a small watch chamber above the main stair head. The other windows are fairly large, with chamfered surrounds. The original doorway, now obscured by a lean-to erection, was in the re-entrant to the W of the stair wing, and some distance above is an empty panel space. Another modern building fills the other re-entrant. Other doorways have later been opened elsewhere, and internally the house has necessarily been much altered to suit present requirements. The basement is not vaulted, though in the adjoining ruined tower are the remains of a large vaulted chamber. The house belongs to the very end of the defensive period. Kilmaurs was formerly the property of the powerful house of Cunninghame; indeed the village and estate was originally called Cunninghame, giving its name to this entire northern section of Ayrshire. Viscount Kilmaurs was a secondary title of the Earls of Glencairn, head of the Cunninghame family.

McNaught, 1912 66 — On 6 June 1498 James IV granted a charter in favour of William, son of heir-apparent Cuthbert. Possessions include the barony and lands of Kilmaurs with the castle and fortalice .. and gift of the provostry, &c., of the Collegiate Church [qv]

93 — Avenue of trees still visible in field adjoining public road. opens on the Townend and leads continuously to house. Chancellor Earl of Glencairn added to S end of ground floor of old castle; cornice on wall marks junction of old and new masonry. Interior of addition now used as milkhouse. vaulted roof of old basement is continuous, apertures in walls have been built up and others opened.

103 — Castle was residence of Cunninghames. The "Castell" was very old when Pont saw it. Contiguous to modern erection called "Place". First mentioned in Caprington Retour of 1685.

GM, Th 2.3.1786, 71a — To let, the House of Kilmaurs, with c.15A.

1SA, 1790 VI, 328 — Extensive foundations - part of the house was completed. Presently [1790] occupied by Captain Ralston.

LANGMUIR HOUSE

See Landward

n.r. — Built between 1862 and 1879, at High Langmuir Farm.

BNA, KS Sa 25.4.1885 — For sale. 3p + 6b.

PLAN

KWP 3.12.1859 — Estate for sale. See further under Knockentiber Farm.

AA, Th 4.2.1864, 1e		Part of Plan and Kockentiber for sale, with colliery plant, &c. 'The cottage and offices are more than usually substantial and commodious, having been erected by the late proprietor for his residence, and the agricultural uses of the farm.'
NAS, D1977 666 637		Died 19th September 1977, John Montgomery, car dismantler, Plann House. [Born 13th June 1917,; aged 60]

THORNTOUN

List 27		Pedimented Georgian mansion of medium size in wooded policies; cream washed harling, painted stone dressings; 2 storeys, basement area and railings; boxed parapet and cornice; hipped slate roof, 2 small dormers; 1.1.1 sash window facade, slight centre projection, columned porch. To rear, centre bowed projection; later additions at side. Ref: Groome, iv, 378. B.
nr		Demolished.
GD 21/184	[1782-1821]	Account from Hugh Thomson, mason, for construction of offices included in a collection of accounts for repairs and supplies for the estates of Cadell, Thorntoun and Thorntoun House.
AA, Th 7.1.1841, 1e		To let. 3 public and 7 bed rooms. Details from Mrs Cunninghame at Thorntoun.
Ayrshire Monthly Newsletter, F 5.4.1844, 5b		To let. Has 3 public and 7 bed rooms, &c.
VR 1900, also VR 1910		Prop: George Edward Bourchier Wrey of Cadell and Thornton; Occ: John Guthrie Sturrock, coalmaster.
CO3/12/3/35	NBC 21.8.1903	Alterations, for George E B Wray, London.
	NBC 19.2.1904	Building, T, for G E B Wray, London
ACC Planning, 5350		June 1948. Alterations, Thorntoun House, for Directors of Kilmarnock Infirmary.
ACC Planning, A2542		July 1950. Electricity Supply.
BI 79/932	November 1967	Dr Barnardo's Home proposed.
AA, Th 28.11.1968, 20a		ACC, Ayr County Building Authority. Plans passed; £200,000 residential school, Thorntoun, for Dr Barnardo's.
CO3/8/7/5	Bldg wrt BA1885	Warrant granted 16.4.1969: Residential School, for Dr Barnardo's. Chief architect, H Hall, Stepney. Planning application, C5649.
	Bldg Wrt BA2116	Warrant granted 18.6.1969, for Staff Houses. Architect: Stanley, Poole, Brand & Associates, Edinburgh.
BI 80/955	October 1969	Conts let for school, H Hall, London, in association with Stanley Poole Brand Associates, Edinburgh.
SVR 1971-1972		12.10.1971; principal's house (John Scott), occupied 5.7.1971.
nr		Dr Barnardo's School formally opened [by Princess Margaret] 17 May 1972.
	EAST LODGE	
List 29		1 storey, classical, curved screen railings. C. [?Demolished?]
	GARDENER'S COTTAGE	
List 28		Simple L-shap range off main drive; 1 storey; harled; plain stone gables. C. [?Demolished?]
KS, 23.6.1900, 1a		Robert Fullarton Ferguson, 58, gardener died at Kilmarnock Infirmary 14 June 1900.
	GATEHOUSE [Cf Lodges]	
CO3/12/3/35	NBC 13.5.1904	Gatehouse, T, for George E B Wray, London.
	HOME FARM DEVMAR	
ACC Planning, A5676		February 1953. House, Thorntoun Home Farm, for David Stevenson.
	WEST LODGE	
List 30		Similar to East Lodge. C.

TOUR

List 3		Rebuilt c.1841 by Robert Parker Adam, formerly of Brazil, a merchant in Glasgow. Castle style 2 storey mansion of moderate size; ashlar; sash windows, square headed dripmoulds continued horizontally as moulded bands; entrance facade to south, 2.1.2, centre projecting 2 storey porch, gothic doorway, octagonal corner turrets. To rear, courtyard appraoched through arched opening; office wall terminated by crowstepped garden house, at one time a dovecote. Ref: Paterson, iii, pt 2, 475-77. B.
nr		?James Ingram, architect.
1SA, 1790s	VI, 335	Tower House stands next to church. Probably the provost's residence: now occupied by James Watson, Esq., merchant, Greenock. High and strong, several apartments, separated from church by garden, "laid out with excellent taste, especially of the kind which is favourable to retirement and meditation".
AA 25.12.1823		Contractors - addition to house of Tour, to be built next spring. Plans with Robert Pettigrew, Holmes, Kilmarnock.
AA, Th 17.1.1828, 1c		To let, as p.p. by late William Cathcart.
AA, Th 25.7.1839, 1a		To let for duration of Eglinton Tournament. It is 'a fine building handsomely and commodiously furnished'. Has dining room, drawing room, and 6 bed rooms.
AA, Th 17.10.1839, 1c		To let: 3 public and 6 bed rooms.
GPI 1894		Not sold. Upset: £22500.
VR 1900		Prop: T.l. John Wallace. Occ: Helen Pollock, widow
VR 1910		Prop & Occ: James George Findlay.
CO3/12/3/41	NBC 23.4.1920	Additions and alterations, for J J Findlay.
AP, F 9.10.2009, 50		Planning applications0 9/563/PP and 09/569/LB: alteration, extension and sub-division; detached house within garden curtilage
	BRIDGE	
List 4		Single arch; gothic features; parapet pierced by quatrefoil panels. C.
	DOVECOT	
List 2		Date 1636 on door lintel; rectangular on plan, centre ridge roof, crowstepped gables, skews, one with carved head. Ref: NMRS, 1944 measured drawings. A.
	ICE HOUSE	
List 5		Domed subterranean compartment. C.
	NORTH LODGE	
List 6		1 storey, simple stone gabled style; gateway and railings. C.
ACC Planning 1127		August 1938. Alterations to Lodge, Tour, for John G. Findlay.

TOWERHILL

CO3/12/3/39	NBC 31.10.1913	Garage and oriel, T, for Forgan's Trustees.

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