27.11.2011

BLAIRQUHAN

[See also Straiton]

LODGE [=?]

List 17 — 1 storey, similar in design to other lodges on Blairquhan estate and presumably contemporary in date with mansion. C.

NORTH LODGE

C1851-600-4-1 — Daniel Buchanan, journeyman mason, w61, b Craigie, and family.

SOUTH LODGE

C1851-600-4-7 — James Aird, army pensioner, w75, b Mauchline. Also daughter, Mary, gatekeeper, u40, b Isle of Wight.

CASSILLIS CASTLE

List 30 — Original structure is a C14 quadrilateral keep; greatly altered in C17 when the tower at the SE angle was added, containing the staircase and entrance doorway; the whole of the upper part of the building was remodelled at the same time. In the Victorian era, a large baronial style addition was attached to the castle on the SE. Ref: C&DA, iii, 131-132. A. [Re-list, 1971, 38, A]

Tranter — See transcript herewith.

Abercrummie 1696 — The house, in the body of it, is very high, having a fine stone stare, turning about a hollow casement, in which are many opens from the bottome to the top, that by putting a lamp into it, gives light to the whole turn of stairs.

AA, Th 29.6.1809, 1c — To let, details from Richard Campbell, factor.

Census return, 1841, for Dalrymple — Population decrease due, in part, to completion of works at Cassillis Castle, where, in 1831, a great number of labourers were employed.

AO, Tu 18.9.1832, 1a — To let.

AA, Th 29.3.1838, 1s — To let, 'elegantly furnished'.

AA, Th 25.11.1840, 1a — Names on Game List include "J O Fairlie, Cassillis House."

AP, F 27.12.1946, 9b — To let.

C1851 600-2-15 — John Logan, u54, cotton spinner and JP, Renfrewshire, b. Glasgow. 5 servants.

? — Robert Duncan Fergusson (died 1878: second wife died 1888), 3rd son of Sir James Fergusson, and father of J Blackburn Fergusson seems to have lived here.

AA, Th 10.4.1952, 8e — L/Col Laurence Strain lived here from 1897 until c1920s, and again from 1947 until his death in 1952.

AP, F 4.12.1953, 13cd — Tenant from August 1952 was Percival Thomas Dodds, who was bankrupt and living as a guest of Mackay at Enterkine by Dec 1953.

COTTAGES

CO3/12/2/4 FLC 12.2.1909 — 2 cotman's houses, C, for John Strain.

DULE TREE

AA, Th 25.2.1954, 12d — Was brought down on 29th January 1938.

GARDENER'S COTTAGE, 335128

LODGE

ACC Planning, 2801 August 1944. Alterations, Lodge, Cassillis, for C&C Estate.

STABLES, THE, 339127

WEST GATE LODGE, 332167

CLONCAIRD

List 20 Core of present mansion is a C16 large square tower with a narrow spiral staircase. The front was entirely rebuilt and modernised in 1814 and given its unusual castle style appearance dominated by a 4-storey bastion. Ref: Millar; NSA, V, 500. B. [Re-list, 1971, 35, B]

Macaulay More directly the Adam influence was quoted at Cloncaird ... where a masking facade of 1814 has a round tower which is cousin germane to the sea-tower at Culzean. A similar device, if much cruder in execution, had been contrived ostensibly twenty years beforehand at Barnton near Edinburgh [1794, David Hamilton, demolished]

GM, Th 3.8.1786, 241c Game Preservation Notice. Sir John Whitefoord of Whitefoord, over 'his estate of Whitefoord, as well as upon the estates of Dunduff and Cloncaird, belonging to James Whitefoord, Esq.'

Sas Abridgement 8065 of 1806, 747.102

Bond by Francis Cunynghame of Cloncaird to the Marriage Contract T/ees of self and Jane Whitefoord, daughter of Sir John Whitefoord of Whitefoord. [In 8066/1806, she gets an annuity of £400)

AA 21.6.1810 Conts - mansion house for Col Cunynghame at Cloncaird. Plans with James Wyllie, Moorston, Dailly.

Sas Abridgement 12833 of 28 January 1817, 1042.59

Robert Cunynghame, now of Cloncaird, late in the Civil Service of the East India Co in Bengal as heir to L/Col Francis Cunynghame of Cloncaird his brother sesied 11.1.11817 - in Cloncaird - u.b. of £10,000 to Jane Whitefoord, spouse of said L/Col Francis Cunynghame, and other burdens - on Disp by said Francis Cunynghame to the said Robert Cunynghame 25 January 1808, and R Gen S 11.12.1816.

Colvin Robert Wallace exhibited at the 1819 RA an entrance gateway and lodge for Robert Cunynghame.

AA, Th 3.5.1821, 1c To let. The castle "was lately built, and is completely furnished by **Gillow** in the most handsome moderate style."

AA, Th 12.9.1822, 1c Estate for sale. The mansion house or castle and offices "were lately erected, and are very elegant and suitable for the accommodation of a large establishment."

Sas Abridgement 4166 of 3 October 1827, 192.259

May/June 1826 Disp by Robert Cunynghame (ub of £19636 1s 6d) to Henry Ritchie of Busbie.

C1851	600-3-31	7 servants
C1861	600-3-32	2 servants. 36 rooms.
C1871	600-3-28	5 servants. 35 rooms
C1881	600-4-4	Catherine Ritchie, annuitant, w69, b Edinburgh. Niece, Catherine Davidson, u38?, b Dingwall. 9 servants. 35 rooms.

AA 19.2.1891 Reprinting "Rod & Gun", 7.2.1891: Cloncaird Castle is one of the most picturesquely situated family residences in Ayrshire.

The old estate of Cloncaird was a vast quadrangular tower, 360 years old, in the style of the C16, but it has now been modernised into one of the most elegant mansion houses in Ayrshire.

C1891 600-3-4 Hugh Robert Wallace, m29, b at Dugshai, India. Wife, Matilda Marion C Wallace, 33, Edinburgh. Sons Hugh Harry R (3½, Ayr), Archibald Malcolm (2½, Kirkmichael), Charles John (1, Ayr). 9 servants. 36 rooms.

[VR 1892/93] - [VR 1903/04] H R Wallace of Cloncaird.

C1901 600-3-27 1 servant. 37 rooms.

[VR 1913/14] - [VR 1923/24] Isabella Millar Rae Arthur or Wallace of Cloncaird, wife of H R Wallace.

AA, Th 23.11.1933, 7b For sale. 2500 acres, including 6 farms.

[VR 1933/34] - VR 1947/48 Isabella Millar Rae Arthur or Wallace, widow.

VR 1948/49 Trustees of late Isabella Wallace.

AP 4.3.1949 Formally opened as Dubs Memorial Convalescent Home, 28.2.1949. Rebuilt 1814. In 1908, the widow of C R Dubs married Col H R Wallace, who had sold the house to Dubs in 1905. Mrs Dubs responsible for interior decoration.

VR 1949/50 - [VR 1972/73] Secretary of State for Scotland, per the tenants, the Board of Management for Southern Ayrshire Hospitals. It is 'empty' in, at least, VR 1972/73.

AA, Th 9.6.1955, 7 Full page illustrated article on Dubs Memorial Convalescent Home. 5 pictures. Rooms include - on the first floor - the Round Drawing Room, with signs of the Zodiac on the ceiling, with 5 pillars and 3 windows.

Notes of J A Ness in Kilwinning Box, Glasgow Vennel, seen 3.3.2009

Last patient was discharged 16th December 1970, and the home was officially closed 22nd January 1971

[VR 1974/75] - [VR 1976/77] Cloncaird Estate Ltd. Empty.

BISHOPLAND LODGE, 369064

BRIDGE

List 22 Single tall round arch across Kelse Burn which traverses the policies through the ravine, part of the defences of the early estate. C.

AA, Th 27.4.1809, 1a Contractors wanted for an "elegant strong" bridge over a glen.

AA 6.7.1809 Conts - "elegant stone bridge over a glen at Cloncaird" - details with William Fergusson at Cloncaird.

BUTLERS HOUSE

CO3/12/2/3 NBSC 22.12.1905

Adds and alts, Butler's house, C.

COACHMAN'S COTTAGE

CO3/12/2/3 NBSC 22.12.1905

CC, C.

GARDENER'S COTTAGE

CO3/12/2/3 NBSC 30.8.1907

GC, C.

GARDENER'S LODGE

ACC, Planning Cttee 13.4.1954, 103

Proposed for listing by MHLG, but has already been demolished.

SHELTER

ACC Planning, A2849 — October 1950. Wooden Shelter, Cloncaird, for Board of Management of Southern Ayrshire Hospitals.

STABLES

List 21 — Courtyard range in castle style to match mansion. Centre segmental arched opening, battlemented parapet, machicolations. C.

CROSSHILL/DALHOWAN — [NO HOUSE]

AA, Th 18.4.1822, 1a — Lands of Crosshill, 326 acres, for sale. "A more desirable small property on which to form a residency is rarely to be met with."

KILKERRAN — [Mostly Dailly]

ESTATE

EG 5296, F 26.1.1844, 29c — Petition by Sir Charles D Fergusson to vary the entail, by disentailing lands in Barr (q.v.), and adding the following lands to the entail:
Property belonging to him in feu simple commonly called Crosshill, i.e. the 13/4d lands of Auchenavioch or Auchenarroch, the 4 merk lands of Killikie and Barmuck, and the 3m land of Garpin.

LADYBURN, 312039

KIRKBRIDE, 335047

n.r. — Acquired by William Niven in 1799, just after 1798 marriage to Isabella Christian Goudie, daughter of a Jamaican planter. He died, aged 85, 13.12.1844; she died, aged 68, 18.2.1841. William Niven had been a school colleague with Burns at Kirkoswald.

AA, Th 28.7.1853, 5e — John Niven Goudie of Kirkbride died at Maybole 22 July 1853.

Desmond 1984 — Ref in Scottish Gardener and Northern Forester, v6, 1911, 673-674.

CO3/8/7/4 Bldg Wrt BA 235 — February 1965. Alterations and extension, for Col Sir Reginald Houldsworth. £14,500. Warrant issued May 1965. P App C1788.

nr — 1986, proposed conversion to nursing home.

BOATHOUSE, 332050, west

GARDEN COTTAGE, 337049

KIRKBRIDE KENNELS, 330049

LODGE, 332050, east

COTTAGES

CO3/12/2/4 FLC 7.4.1911 — 3A cottage, K, for Sir Thomas Cunninghame, per Allan Stevenson.

CO3/12/2/9 FLC 29.4.1927 — 2 workmens houses, K, for Col Houldsworth.

KIRKMICHAEL HOUSE

List 12 — Core of present mansion is an C18 house; enlarged in Victorian era when baronial style keep was added to one end, crowstepped wings extended on either side; more recent alterations include glazed 1 storey additions flanking centre porch. Ref: NSA, V, 500-501. B. [Re-list, 1979, 31, B]

AO, Tu 21.1.1834, 1b — To let.

AA 11.4.1861, 8a		Contractors - addition, Kirkmichael House. Dets: James Findlay, Lyonstone.
[VR 1892/93]		John Shaw Kennedy. Tenant: self for seasonal tenant.
[VR 1903/04] - VR 1904/05		John Shaw Kennedy. Tenant: Thomas N Mackinnon.
VR 1905/06 - VR 1906/07*		Shaw Kennedy. Tenant: Thomas Walker McIntyre
VR 1908/09 - 1920/21		Shaw Kennedy. Tenant: David McCowan
[VR 1922/23]		Ayrshire District Welfare Committee. Empty.
VR 1923/24 - VR 1956/57		Ayrshire District Welfare Committee, per James Borland, 8 Wellington Square; by 1953/54 Ayr and Dumfries Area Miners Welfare Committee. Called Ayrshire Welfare Home, until VR 1926/27 when called Kirkmichael House Convalescent Home.
CC, F 2.11.1956, 1cd		Was formally opened 23rd May 1923
AA 31.5.1923/ CH 1.6.1923		Formally opened as welfare home last Saturday.
CO3/12/2/8	FLC 23.9.1922	Alterations and improvements, KH, for Miners Welfare Committee, per Allan Stevenson. [AA 7.9.1922 confirms Stevenson as architect]
AA, DHP		1922-25, alterations for Ayrshire District Welfare Committee, Allan Stevenson.
CO3/12/2/9	FLC 6.3.1925	Additions and alterations, for MWC; Allan Stevenson.
ACC, RtCC 28.2.1933		Electricity Supply approved. Ayrshire Electricity Board.
VR 1957/58 - [VR 1958/59]		Ayr County Council (Education). Home.
[VR 1963/64] - [VR 1974/75]		Ayr County Council (Education). School.
AA, CO 3/19/1/6		Maintenance File, c1965-1975
	DYROCK LODGE, 331089	
SRC, Buildings & Property Cttee, 1.2.1977, 174-175		
		Sale to David Walker, Auchenairney, for £8225, approved.
	FAIRYKNOWE (a house), 334083	
	GATEPIERS	
List 14		Pair classical piers, gates now removed; C18; flat fluted pilasters, bands of rustication; entablature decorated with swags and goddesses heads; ornamented ball finials. B. [Re-list, 1979, 32, B]
ACC, GPSC 21.4.1960		Offer of James Hunter Blair to buy the gateposts rejected.
	LODGE	
CO3/12/2/8	FLC 4.5.1923	Alterations, Kirkmichael Lodge, for Miners Welfare Committee
	STABLES [KIRKMICHAEL MOUNT]	
List 13		Original stable block of KH, now somewhat altered; 2 storeys; centre arched opening, flat stone gabled pavilions to right and left. C.
	COTTAGE	
ACC, PHSC 16.10.1931		Subsidy. 4A cottage, Kirkmichael House, for Ayrshire District Welfare Committee.

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