LOUDOUN KIRK AND GRAVEYARD

List [P/BL/5/AR, Sept.1962] 1 — Choir fitted up in 17th Century as a burial vault; restored 1898 by 3rd Marquis of Bute. Chancel arch visible; western gable stands nearly entire, but side walls are completely demolished. Ref: EccArch, iii, 587-588. B

FES, III. 119 — Belonged to Kilwinning. Parish church transferred to Newmilns 1738. Contains burial place of Earls of Loudoun.

C&DA — At the ruined church of Loudoun some relics of the choir, which contained the burial vault of the Campbells, still survive. It has resembled the aisle at Largs in general idea, but is quite plain. Over the door are the Campbell arms, with the initials LHL and the date 1622, being for Hew, created Lord Loudoun in 1601. Here is preserved a flat stone, covered with a bold inscription in capitals, stating that it is the monument of Fulton, master mason to Lord Loudoun, who died in 1632.

KWP, Sa 25.8.1860, 2c — To many, old Loudoun "Queire", as it is familiarly called, will have greater attraction than the castle itself. The family vault of the noble family - it contains the remains of many known in history and celebrated. Dimly distinct by the obscured light that glimmers through crevices and openings, the coffins may be seen ranged on end along the walls, apparently in niches formed for that purpose. The close, damp and unearthly smell that pervades everything in and about it, the perfect repose that revels around it, and the gloomy associations naturally connected with such a receptacle, combine to make it a most attractive, yet silently repelling object. The vault or "queire" contrasts strangely with the handsomely sculptured mausoleums of the 'rich and great' that we have seen elsewhere; but to our minds, is more like the last resting-place of even the noblest in the land. The tiny graveyard encircled with moss-covered ruinous walls is more suggestive of the 'end of all', and the hopes of a season of eternal rest, than the richly carved and columned structures that are not infrequently erected by those who wish the world to know that they 'lie here'. Old Loudoun Kirkyard, with its quaint old-fashioned family vault, were it included within the policies, would be one of the loveliest and most attractive spots in the domain of the noble family of Loudoun and Hastings. But the queire, the graveyard, and the crumbling bounding wall have in the changes of latter days been renewed, and much of their rude simplicity removed.

Cowan, Par Med Scot, 1967, 139 — First mentioned in 1238-39, when converted to uses of Kilwinning. Charge served by a curate.

Reg Mag Sig, IV, no.1760 — [7th recorded charter to Matthew Campbell of Loudoun of lands of Loudon: reserving the church of Lowdoun, manse and glebe of said church with 1acre for the occupant] 20.1.1565

Reg Mag Sig, IX, no.1500 — Grant of ecclesiastical lands of Lowdoun with buildings thereon, "cum rectoie et vicarie ecclesie et parochie", 8.1.1644.

CH2/197/2 18.9.1695 — Heritors agree to repair church

NMRS — 1897-99, R W Schultz. [Extracts from office contract books, fee books, &c.]

Stamp — In 1894 Schultz was asked to turn his attention to yet another ruined building with a Bute family connection: Loudoun Kirk near Loudoun Castle and Lord Bute's church at Galston, Ayrshire. This had been an early Gothic building, but the north and south walls of the nave had disappeared and, in the 17th century, the choir had been fitted up as a burial vault in which rested coffins of the Loudoun and Hastings families. Lord Bute visited the kirk with his architect on February 22nd 1894 and noted: "*At 1.20 by Auchinleck to Kilmarnock whence with*

Shaw and Schultz to old Loudoun Kirk. Found on plaster wh had been painted black half way up the date 1779, that of a funeral of a Lady Loudoun, and the letters MC. Sexton knew much about my family, e.g. my grandfather's hand being in my grandmother's as at their wedding. [It was kept in spirits for this purpose - jar also was put in her coffin - and my mother so placed it, holding it with an handkerchief: she told me there was extraordinary peal and flash of lightning when they joined] .." Schultz prepared two schemes for restoring the church: in 1895, to make the nave a self-contained church; in 1896 a scheme with a screen between the rebuilt nave and a restored choir. The nave was never rebuilt, but some work was done. In 1898 the old choir was altered; a new ceiling was made and a stone table placed against the east wall, so that the space could be used as a chapel, while the vault below was reconstructed and the coffins rearranged. Schultz drew out an inscription to commemorate the restoration: "Refecit Ioannes Marchio Bothae Tertius 1898".

[Footnote: MC referred to Margaret Dalrymple, daughter of the 1st Earl of Stair and wife of Hugh Campbell, 3rd Earl of Loudoun, died 1779. Bute's grandfather was the 1st Marquess of Hastings, died 1826 and buried in Malta; his grandmother, the Marchioness of Hastings, was Countess of Loudoun in her own right, and she died in 1840. Bute's mother was their daughter, Lady Sophia Hastings, who married the 2nd Marquess of Bute as his second wife. Letter Book, 1895-96, 97-98; Drawings at Mount Stuart.

J Mordaunt Crook, "John 3rd Marquess of Bute, 1847-1900", Victorian Society, 7th Conference report, p.17

Restored 1897: Robert Weir Schultz, architect.

KS 18.2.1888 — Memorial to Lady Flora Hastings erected in Loudoun Kirkyard Saturday last. design: Mr Lyon. Execution: Muir, Kilmarnock.

site visit — Lady Flora Monument. Inscription: Monument erected 1887. In affectionate remembrance by a very near relative Mabel Elizabeth Henry. dates Lady Flora Elizabeth Hastings 11.2.1806 - 5.7.1839. Her mother, Flora, Countess of Loudoun and Marchioness of Hastings 2.9.1780 - 9.1.1840.

web — Restoration 2003 and 2007 funded by Score.

ALLAN MONUMENT

ASH, Sa 7.9.1867, 5f — Monument in Loudoun Kirkyard to Rev James Allan, †1864. Total height of 21' ending in obelisk shaft. Anderson Bros., Galston, executed the work.

GOWANBANK, MONUMENT TO ALEXANDER MORTON

List 20 — Bronze bust; ornamented stone alcove, corner figures of children. Ref: 3SA, 504-5. C.

Hussey — By **Sir Robert Lorimer**, 1926-27; sculptor, Mr **C Pilkington Jackson**. [p.108]

KS, Sa 8.3.1924, 1f — Proposed memorial to Alexander Morton. "The committee have as their aim the erection of a life-size statue of Mr Morton, by an eminent sculptor, to be placed in Hastings Square, Darvel." Subscriptions sought.

AA 7.7.1927 — To be unveiled in September. Architects: Lorimer & Matthew, Edinburgh, associated with C D'O Pilkington Jackson as sculptor. Panels and figures in Craigleith stone.

AA 17.11.1927 — Unveiled last Saturday.

Scottish Country Life, Dec 1927, 412

Unveiled 12.11.1927. Erected 1926-27.

LOUDOUN ACADEMY

ACC, GPSC 24.3.1960 — Site at junction of A71 and A719 identified as suitable for new secondary school for Irvine Valley.

SAC, ACC Planning Committee 11.9.1962 — B8349, for secondary school, Irvine Valley, approved.

CO3/8/7/5 — Building Warrant BA1614 granted to ACC 4.10.1968

AA, CO 3/10/5/28 GPSC 18.10.1968 — Proposed to start on site 21st October 1968.

AA, CO 3/10/5/29, AR 5.12.1968 — Site work began October 1968.

BI 80/946 January 1969 — Contracts let.

AA, CO 3/10/5/30, GPSC 16.6.1970 — Site Visit. It will be ready for the 1970-1971 Session. Reference to contractors, Gilbert-Ash Ltd.

AA, CO 3/10/5/30, GPC 13.11.1970 — Auchinleck and Loudoun Academies to have formal openings.

AA, CO 3/10/5/31, AR 10.12.1970 — Completed, bar minor works.

SVR 1970-1971 — 15.9.1970.

East Ayrshire list 2010 — 1971.

Historical Aspects, 71 — Formally opened 26th February 1971.

SRC, Education Services, 9.9.1976, p.968 — Final nmeasurments. £766,705.

GILBERT-ASH

AA, CO 3/10/5/27, GPC 14.7.1967 — Gilbert-Ash Ltd organised a meeting of local authorities in Glasgow, 6th July 1967, to discuss pooling design resources, standardising components, bulk buying. Further meeting agreed for 6th October 1967.

LOUDOUN GOWF CLUB, &c

WSA 1526, F 7.1.1910, 4a — Loudoun Golf Club formally opened 20th February 1909.

CO3/12/3/37 NBC 17.6.1910 — Club house

Historical Aspects, 104 — Club house of 1967, extended in 1972.

HOCKEY CLUB HOUSE

AP xx.12.1969 — Hockey clubhouse about to open. Architect: John B Wingate & Partners, Glasgow.

SVR 1969-1970 — 19 December 1969.

LOUDOUN HILL

SCULPTURE

Valley Advertiser, 296, Autumn 2004 — Richard Price (1965-), of Douglas. "Spirit of Scotland". Formal opening planned for September 2004.
Fabricated steel with hand forged surface decoration.

LOUDOUN HILL GOLF CLUB

See Landward

LOUDOUNMOOR SCHOOL

ACC Planning, 4134 — January 1947. Additions and alterations, Loudounmoor Schoolhouse, for R.A. Fleming.

ACC, Roads Committee 7.1.1963 — Reference to it being at junction of Foulpapple Road and Low Overmoor Road.

KS, sa 6.7.1963, 1g — For sale.

Scots Magazine, n.s., vol 80, no.1., October 1963. — Photograph of Loudounmoor School (attended by Alexander Fleming). Has been converted into a very comfortable cottage.

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