BALLOCHMYLE HOUSE

Johnston — Gaelic, *bealach maol*, "bare pass"

List 19 — Present mansion built of red sandstone to the design of Hew Montgomerie Wardrop is dated 1887. A portion of an earlier house by Robert Adam is incorporated and the interior has good detailing and well proportioned rooms. The Robert Burns association with the estate gave occasion for the production of the lyrics *The Braes of Ballochmyle* and *The Lass of Ballochmyle*. Refs: J T Gibb, 70-71: Millar: CL 26.6.1926. B. Vitruvius Scoticus, plate 63. Wardrop's obit in Builder, 1887.

Millar — Copy herewith: photograph shows house before extension.

Colvin — John Adam for Allan Whitefoord, c.1760. Remodelled in Jacobean style, 1887-1888. Vit Scot, pl 63.

AA 13.10.1836 — On the occasion of very extensive additions and alterations having been completed, Claud Alexander entertained friends last Tuesday and workmen last Thursday.

ASH, F 28.8.1888, 4f-5b — Nearing completion: **Wardrop & Anderson**, 19 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh, architects. Interior plasterwork by **John McCulloch**, London. **Frank Bell**, clerk of works. **D & J Milligan**, Ayr, main contractors (ref gives main contractors as J & D Meikle, corrected to Milligans in ASH 31.8.1888 4f]. **R M Ormerod & Son**, Carlisle, plasterwork. Photocopy herewith.

Ballochmyle Hospital Mauchline Golden Jubilee 1940 -1990, n.a. (c.1990) — House enlarged by Lady Alexander (Eliza Speirs of Elderslie) "in competition with her sister-in-law, who was at that time extending Houston House".

CO 3/8/1/4, ACC 1898-1902, 491-2, Law Committee 8.10.1901 — Procurator Fiscal wants to prosecute Grahame White, latterly at Ballochmyle, now of Automobile Club, London, under Locomotives on Highways Act 1896.

AA, Th 15.3.1934, 1c — To let, furnished. Has 5 public and 19 bed rooms, &c.

Ballochmyle ... 1990 — Initially used for all staff until first nurses' home opened at the end of 1940.

nr — Used as doctors' residences in association with hospital from c.1940 until 1969.

GOLF COURSE

AP 2.7.1937 — Course and clubhouse formally opened Saturday last.

AP 4.9.1964 — Clubhouse formally opened last Saturday.

GROUNDS

KWP 22.5.1858 [1820] — 2 mile walk, from Ballochmyle to Kingencleugh, made 1820, overseer, David Lamont.

See also notes on archery here in 1840s in Ayrshire - Archery file.

HEATHER HOUSE

Scottish Gardener, 6.9.1913, p467 — "Further down the river banks we noticed the Heather House, supposed to mark the spot where Burns first saw the young Miss Wilhelmina Alexander"

AP 26.1.1940 — See under HOSPITAL, (public buildings).

HOSPITAL

See Public Buildings

JACOB'S LADDER

Scottish Gardener, 6.9.1913, p467 — 256 steps.

AA, CO 3/8/1/30, County Council 28th October 1969 — Has been recently removed by Southern Ayrshire Hospitals Board.

SAWMILL, 516254, at Howford Bridge

SMITHY, 510264, north of road

SOUTH LODGE, 512254, near Howford
WEST LODGE

List 28 — 1 storey, stucco, bow fronted; original main entrance to Ballochmyle and contemporary with the earlier mansion. C.

CO3/12/3/37 NBC 19.5.1910 — Additions, B gatelodge, for Ballochmyle Trustees.

BARSKIMMING, 482252

[See also STAIR parish]
BURIAL GROUND [may be in Stair]

ACC Planning, B1284 — May 1957. Private Burial Ground, Barskimming, for Barskimming Estates Ltd.

BURNFOOT LODGE and bridge

List 24 — Ornamental bridge and lodge in policies of Barskimming. C.

NORTH EAST LODGE, 493257
OLD STABLES, 482252

List 23 — Attractive courtyard range now converted into dwelling; centre arched opening topped by clock tower, dome and cupola. B.

nr — 1755?. Converted to house, 1948?

ACC, TPC 12.11.1946 — 3962, reconstruct Barskimming Stables, **Alex Dunlop** for T D Galbraith.

ACC Planning, 4700 — September 1947. Alterations, Barskimming Stables, for Commander T.D. Galbraith. [**Alex Dunlop**: form bedrooms]

AP 21.8.1953, p.6 — Residential conversion caused by requisition during WW2 of main house [Stair parish] for St Mungo's School.

CAVE, 47962511

KINGENCLEUGH, 504258

List 16 — Restored farmhouse; pink harling; centre projecting gabled porch and rear fenestration are modern; interior contains old wheel stair. Ref: J T Gibb, 66. C.

GM, Th 27.7.1786, 234a — For sale. The estate comprises Easter and Wester Mains of Kingincleugh, Shawhead and Walkmiln, and is c.245A. 'inclosed ... belts of planting [which] consist of Scotch firs, ash, oak and other timber [and] are about twenty years planted.' Also c.8A of natural woodland.
'Neat mansion house and offices, built about twenty years ago.' dp+4.

Edin Even Courant 7.8.1786 — Mansionhouse "built about 20 years ago". Dining room, parlour, 4 bedrooms, kitchen, garrets, cellars, &c. [Paterson, Kyle, II, 1863, 566, names proprietor in 1766 as Margaret Campbell of K, wife of a Mr McGill.]

AA, Th 6.4.1809, 1b — Kingingcleugh. To let, "near and commodious."

AO, Tu 23.4.1833, 1a — To let. It 'was, only a few years ago, enlarged and comfortable fitted up, with abundance of excellent spring water brought to it in lead pipes, and conveniently distributed through the premises'. 'The whole affording a very pleasant and comfortable residence for a genteel family, although not for a very large one'.

AA, Th 13.3.1851, 1f — To let. 2 public and 5 bedrooms; 4-stall stables, &c.

ACC Planning, A9255 — October 1955. Additions and alterations; Noad & Wallace, Glasgow, for Sir Claud Hagart-Alexander.

KINGENCLEUGH CASTLE, 503256

List 15 — Ruined tower, possible 15th Century. Ref: J T Gibb, 66. B.

Moore — C16.

AP, F 6.3.2105, 67 — Delisted. Still a scheduled monument under Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979

MAUCHLINE CASTLE

Hunter, J, 1983 — PHOTOCOPY herewith.

List 2 — Really a grange of Melrose Abbey, circa 1450. existing tower is the only relic of the ancient priory and consists of 2 vaulted floors, square on plan, a wheel strair, garderobes, and several wall chambers; building has possibly undergone various repairs when secularised, the square headed windows may then have been inserted, and much more recently the battlements have been restored. Ref: C&DA, iii, 202-204. A.

List 3 — Gavin Hamilton's House. L-shape range, one wing crowstepped, creamwashed; other wing of later date, 2 storeys, sash windows, black painted dressings, moulded eaves, hipped roof. In corner, a columned porch. here lived Burns friend and landlord, with the room in which the poet was married in 1788. Ref: J T Gibb, 46-49. B.

C&DA, III, 203 — Buildings erected in C18 to form courtyard to S of tower.

DSA — Conservation, 1976-8, **Andrew C Traub**.

SRC, 21.6.1978 — Grant of £5350 offered by Strathclyde RC to Phase II of restoration work.

CHARTERS

Reg Mag Sig, III, no.1369 — Charter granted by James V of lands (of William Hamilton of Sanquhar and Katherine Kennedy his wife) which include ref to lands of Mauchline for which he is granted "licentiam edificandi super dict. terris castra, turres et fortalicia plura et unum, cum januis ferreis, *le battelling, corbalsailye, barmkynnis* et carceribus, cum potestate janitores, vigiles, le *javellouris* et omnes alios officiarios faciendi". Dated 3 March 1534.

Reg Mag Sig, III, no.2567 — Charter of Confirmation granted by Andrew, Abbot of Melrose, to Alexander Ferkar of Gilmanscroft and Janet Campbell his wife [mentions "domibus et hospitio de Mauchlin"]. dated 7 January 1542.

Reg Mag Sis, IV, no.1760 — Charter of Confirmation of Michael, commendator of Melrose, granted by Queen Mary to Matthew Campbell of Lowdoun the lands of mauchline with tower and fortalice - his usual place of occupation. Dated 1 February 1567.

HISTORY

MacG & Ross, C&D, III, 202 — Relic of ancient priory. Lands of Mauchlin granted in C12 by Walter the High Steward to monks of Melrose, who established cell there, and extended their possessions. 1521 Hew Campbell of Loudoun appointed Bailie of Barony. May have been prior's residence. C18 belonged to Gavin Hamilton, Buirns' patron, who spent a great deal of time here. Burns was married in this house.

Chalmers, 1825, III — Cistercian monks from Melrose planted colony here, dates uncertain, possibly in reign of David I. Certainly before death of Walter, 1st Stewart, in 11170. estblished a cell or convent and the church of Mauchline.

Cowan & Easson, 1976, 81 — Grange of Melrose Abbey [Cistercian]. Called *grangi de Machlyn* in 1527 and 1528 [Morton papers, GD 150, Box 54 fos 4,13,16,20]. Mention of lands but none of a religious house. In 1243 the monks of Mauhelm are mentioned [Melrose Liber, i, no.191]. Lands were granted to Melrose in 177, but only church seems to have been the church or chapel of St Michael mentioned in 1204-31 [ibid, i, no.73]. Surviving medieval buildings are "Castle", erected c.1450 which has been described as "a civil residence for ecclesiastics", for collecting rents [R C Reid, TDGNHAS, s3, xvi, 1931, 171]. [AP 12.9.1930, report of DGNHAS visit, shown round by R C Reid.]

Cowan & Easson, 1976, 199 — Reference in Reg Mag Sig, iii, nos 1368 and 2569 to a hospice at Mauchline - ? for travellers or for use of monks of Mauchline.

FES, III, 48 — Ruined portions remain [1920]

FES, VIII, 220 — Never was a monastery here.

Stamp — [Nothing was done] at C15 ruins of Mauchline Castle, of which [R W] Schultz had drawings made in 1898. [Drawings at Mountstuart]

DESCRIPTION

Stell, DGNHAS, 1982 — Centre of the Kylesmure lordship of Melrose Abbey, which in 1520s passed into the custody of Sir Hew Campbell of loudoun and ultimately to his successors, the Earls of Loudoun. Late medieval domestic tower apart from rebuilt parapeted upper work. Assigned to third quarter of C15 on grounds of rhe northernmost carved boss of the fine two-bay quadripartitie ribbed vault above the 1st floor which contains a carved armorial of Abbot Andrew Hunter of Melrose, 1444-1471. Substantial timberwork on the ground floor may possibly be part of an early framed partition or screen, whose position coincides happliy with blocked up servuce entry in W wall. An original 2 storeyed range formerly abutted the S wall in position now occupied by late C17 or early C18 forestair of the present house.

M&R, C&DA, III, 202 — Untypical appearance of Scottish fortalice. Low situation, ashlar walls, round headed mullioned windows, superior garderobes. Walls 5' thick.C15. Ground floor: vaulted. Entrance door at SW angle, with wheel stair to 1st floor. 1st floor: vaulted. Has been a handsome hall, 25' by 20', in 2 bays with groined arches springing from carved corbels, now out of repair. Several wall chambers. Window in N gable has been large and still has stone seats. Attic under roof.

[C16] — May have been repaired when secularised, C16, e.g. squared headed windows inserted.

[1886] — Battlements repaired "recently".

Tranter — This is a somewhat unusual tower, dating from the C15, standing in a pleasant garden in the town of Mauchline. Although built in secular style it was originally a religious house, being connected with the Priory established here by the monks of Melrose, presumably the residence of the Prior. At the Reformation it was acquired by the powerful Campbells of Loudoun, who converted it into a fortified house. Many ecclesiastical features still survive, such as the groined vaulted ceiling on the first floor, and the canopied niche in the south wall. The plan is oblong and the walls of red rubble rise three storeys to a parapet borne on individual corbels, the crenelations of which are modern. There is a garret storey above. The basement which, owing to the ground formation, is subterranean to S and W, contains two scantily lit vaults. The entrance is at ground level to the S, and the narrow turnpike stair rises to the left. The Hall on the first floor, with the groining, has a window with stone seats and the usual wall cupboards or aumbries. A later house, still occupied, adjoins to the S, and other buildings, now disappeared, have been erected against the W wall. It was in 1606 that the large church lands of Mauchline were erected into a temporal lordship for Hugh, Lord Loudoun, and they still remain with that family. The tower was at one time tenanted by Gavin Hamilton, an early patron of Burns.

MAUCHLINE PLACE

Hume, Vern Bldg in Ayrs, 1988, 6 — Built in 1756. Example of watered-down Palladianism combined with the recently invented symmetrical 2-storey 4 windowed house to produce a style of vernacular building common to most of Scotland. Substantisl 2-storey harled stone construction, irregularly placed sash

windows, include a Palladian 3-light window, and slated roof. Illustrates some abiding themes in Ayrshire vernacular buildings.

ACC, PHC 5.3.1936 — Letter from Department of Health suggesting the preservation as having historical associations and historical features of a building included in The Cross, Mauchline, Clearance Order, 1935. Estimated cost of reconstruction to form three houses, £1100-£1200. Council to respond that they do not agree with the view that the building is of historical or architectural interest, but that in any case owing to its situation at an important road junction, it ought to be demolished.

nr — Demolished c.1930.

NETHERPLACE

Desmond 1984 — Scottish Gardener and Northern Forester, v8, 1913, p 497-498. [20.9.1913: nothing of use]

AA 12.4.1827 — Foundation stone laid 4.4.1827.

KWP 22.5.1858 — Extension, c1823-1836 [cf above]. Overseer, David Lamont.

AA, Th 20.2.1851, 4c — Article on **Andrew Smith**, boxmaker, refers to a carving of Netherplace arms which he has done, and which Miss Campbell of Netherplace intends "to have .. erected over the principal entrance at Netherplace".

n.r. — William Hope (12.4.1834 EH - 17.12.1909 Chelsea), son of John Hope, Lord Chief Justice Clerk, and Jessie Irving, won the VC for his action at Sebastopol, 18 June 1855, in going to the assistance of a wounded adjutant. Said to have lived at Netherplace.

AA 30.3.1893 — Has been undergoing extensive alterations and repairs since the beginning of the year.

Findlay, My Life, p.5, p.17 — Inherited from a cousin, William Campbell, by Charles Vereker Ferrier Hamilton, becoming C.V. Hamilton Campbell. Succeeded by his s1, William, and let to the Thorneycrofts.

CO3/12/3/35 NBC 16.5.1902 — Alterations and extensions, N, for J B Thorneycroft.

AP 19.11.1948 — Illustration of hunt meeting here.

ACC Planning, A2007 — February 1950. Electricity supply.

Loudoun Spout Society material — The last occupant of Netherplace, Mungo Charles Hamilton Campbell, died in 1953, and the estate was sold to Claud Hamilton. Sold c.1955 to McTaggart & Mickel, and house demolished thereafter.

AA, Th 2.6.1955, 24b — Advert offering demolition materials for sale: doors, windows, &c. Details from site foreman. Sam B Allison Ltd., 48 Whitevale Street, Glasgow.

LODGE, New Road

List 12 — Ashlar, 1 storey, classical; mullioned windows with segmental lintels. Ref: J T Gibb, 23-24. C.

RODINGHEAD, 483318

List 21 — Late C18. Harled, painted stone dressings, rusticated quoins; 1.1.1 facade, centre slight pedimented projection topped by ball finial; roundel in attic; 2 storeys, 2 hipped dormers; ground floor sashes are double windows, either side of centre columned porch - flanking 1 storey wings have bowed fronts, 3 sash windows each. Outbuildings and additions at side and to rear. Ref: NSA, V, 161. B.

AA, Th 28.2.1839, 1b — To let. Dining, drawing and **3** bed rooms, &c - all 'painted and papered within last 2 years'. Furniture, 'which has been very little used' could be sold to incoming tenant at a valuation.

AA, Th 25.4.1839, 1f — Furniture sale, without reserve, Th 9.5.1839, 'as the family are going abroad'.

EG, Tu 2.11.1869, 1350b		Petition for sequestration (present address unknown) of James David Leighton Campbell, Captain, 23rd Madras Light Infantry, lately residing at Rodinghead.
AA, Th 16.3.1871, 1d		To let. Dining room, drawing room, **5** bedrooms.
CO3/12/3/35	NBC 23.1.1903	Reconstruction, R, for Mrs G J Findlay, Treesbank
	NBC 29.5.1903	Additions, R, for Mrs G J Findlay.
Findlay, My Life, 7		Inherited 1904 by Mrs G D Findlay from her cousin, Wallace Ferrier Hamilton. Lived in by a Mr & Mrs Campbell: she was the mother of Mrs Wilson of Auchmillan.
Findlay, My Life, 10-11		Lived at Rodinghead, for 2 years, 1904-1906.
Findlay, My Life, 11		Let to Bertie and Gus Cayzer. 'They built a large wing on the back, now mostly pulled down.'
CO3/12/3/37	NBC 26.2.1909	Additions and alterations, R, for A B T Cayzer.
	NBC 17.6.1910	Additions, R, for A B T Cayzer.
Findlay, My Life, 29		Sold, c.1920, to 'Margaret Glenarthur's father'.
CO3/8/7/4	Bldg Wrt BA 327	Alterations, for Hon William K J Weir; Cowie & Torry. C2018.
Supplementary VR 1966-1967		1.10.1966
	COTTAGE	
Findlay, My Life, 10		Cottage built to re-house the tenants, the Campbells.
CO3/12/3/37	NBC 26.2.1909	Cottage, R, for G D Findlay-Hamilton
	LODGE	
List 22		1 storey, splay fronted; white harling and painted stone dressing; panelled gatepiers and simple ornamental gates. C.
CO3/12/3/35	NBC 6.3.1903	Alterations, R Gatehouse, for George Findlay.
	ROADINGHEAD COTTAGE, 484315	
	ROADINGSIDE, 483319	

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