OLD PARISH CHURCH [1]
?First church built here in 1565? [Any refs?]

see General		Disjoined from Mauchline in either 1626 or 1631
AC Jonas, PSAS, xliv, 1910, 332		Repairs to windows and bell 1666: payments made in 1666 for glass and wire for church windows; for buying iron to repair the bell.
ibid, 337		Account dated 12.2.1673 for repairing the "merble chamber" at the kirk. Cost £34 10s 4d.
ibid, 337		1673. Mr Hew Campbell, heritor, given permission to take down an old seat and build a new seat.
ibid, 339		25.6.1697. Elders and heritors agree to convert the Outer Chamber of the kirk for use as the schoolhouse. Cost of alterations, £70.
Clouston		1717 Maxwell bell preserved in parish council office.
CH2/532/5	10.2.1737	Church described as being in good condition.
HR 278/1	14.3.1775	Side walls of church raised and new roof put on. Windows altered and 2 new windows made.
	22.9.1781	Wooden pillars under W loft replaced with stone pillars and loft rebuilt with new wood. W gavel pinned and harled. Matthew Morrison, architect and contractor.
HR 278/3	12.4.1815	Demolished 1815: materials used to build School3.

OLD PARISH CHURCH [2]
List 1 [June 1963, SDD P/BL/5/AR]

		1812, William Stark, architect. Has a squat crenellated tower, thin broad buttresses, and small windows, giving it a crouching fortified appearance. Recently restored internally after fire. Ref: Hay, pp 141 and 250. B. [Additional notes by REC: 1867 Wilson Bell. Add refs: HR287/3 pp 12 20 22 & 26; RHP 7651]
Colvin, 1978	777	1810 plan - SRO RHP 7651.
Hay, 250		Now roofless.
Hay, 141		William Stark's now derelict Muirkjirk is in a curious way arresting. It dates from 1812 and has a squat crenellated tower, thin broad buttresses and small windows which give it a crouching fortified appearance, fitly symbolic of the church militant. The kirk at Saline, 1810, which is almost identical, except it has no tower, was also by Stark.
Baird J		Contractors were William Leckie, wright, Glasgow, and Peter Menzies, mason, Galston, and the price was to be £1876. As the front of the church was towards the public road, it was agreed to build it of broached ashlar, for the sake of appearance. In 1813 the church was finished. The opening service was held on 30.8.1814. But ... heritors, contractors and all concerned must be reproached with a bad piece of work, for in 1820 the roof of the new church was urgently needing repairs.
HR 287/3	13.9.1810	New church to be erected in front of present church. To cost no more than £1,500.
CH2/532/9	31.10.1810	To be built on same site as old church. Plans by Mr Stark, altered so as to be shorter and broader.
AA 23.1.1812		Contractors - church - plan of Mr Stark, architect, Edinburgh.
Hr 287/3	7.3.1812	Specification delayed due to Stark's illness. Conts: WL is Glasgow, and PM is Galston.
	24.3.1812	Est Cost: £1876.
AA 14.5.1812		Foundation stone laid last Friday.
HR 287/3	11.8.1812	Front to be of broached ashlar. Tower to be hammer-dressed on E and N sides.

	23.8.1813	Plans of pulpit and communion table drawn by William Lockie. Window to be inserted in front of church, not part of original plan. Complete by 6.12.1813.
CH2/532/9	30.6.1814	Inspected by Presbytery. William Lockie, wright, and Peter Menzies, mason, contractors. William Stark, architect.
HR 287/3	5.7.1814	Not all of the plans for the church were received from Stark - plans were completed by **Thomas Smith**.
HR 287/15/1	1828	Contract to rebuild a church [?this one]. James Gillespie Graham, Edinburgh, architect. Thomas and George Page, Edinburgh, builders. Final cost: £414 15s.
2SA, [7/1837]	V, 156	Lately undergone thorough repair.
HR 287/1	22.4.1867	New pulpit, 1867. John Murdoch, Ayr, architect; John Mitchell, Ayr, joiner.
HR 287/15/1	2.5.1867	Window inserted 1867.
AA 1.6.1882		Plans by Bell, architect, Glasgow, for restoration presented by the congregation to the heritors, but no move was made to carry out improvements.
HR 287/1	25.10.1882	Pulpit and platform altered. Pulpit and pilasters taken down and reused. Pulpit raised 18". Platform extended and new baluster rail made, and old railing used where possible. Octagonal pedestal made beneath puplit and new panels and mouldings with carved columns, pilasters, 7c. American yellow pine. Wood & Somerville, joiners, conts. George Bell, Glasgow, architect. [BoS notes say 1892, but I assume this and following are 1882].
HR 287/15/1	9.12.1882	Triple window inserted in S elevation. Masonry and roof repairs. est cost £98 13s 6d. Cont: D & J Milligan, George Reid, masons; Wood & Somerville, wrights; William Cockburn, plasterer. George Bell, Glasgow, architect.
AA 2.8.1883		Has undergone thorough renovation and alteration during the last 12 months.
AA 9.8.1883		Architects: Bell & Clark, [sic], St Vincent St., Glasgow. [i.e. **Clarke & Bell**]
KH F10.8.1883, 3e		Closed since 14.9.1882 - reopened last Sunday. Whole interior has been gutted. Architects: Bell & Clarke, St Vincent Street, Glasgow. Conts: J & D Milligan, joiners, Ayr. " ... the pulpit design being in fine harmony with the interior amendments. The canopy, in the form of a slightly arched scroll, gives an idea of relief, and has a pleasing effect. The front of the gallery is beautifully panelled, the under portion being also slightly arched helps to diminish the monotonous massiveness and, being chastely lettered, combines in one view ornament and stability. The principle of proportion is in no case sacrificed to ornamentation, but size is everywhere subdued by mouldings and carving."
HR 287/15/1	3.1.1884	Gallery built, 1883. George Bell, Glasgow, architect. Est cost: £324 18s 8d.
AA 19.3.1885		Memorial window in N gable to John and Jane Hunter, d 1873/1861. The design was we believe suggested by their son James Hunter of Glenapp and Auldhouseburn, and has been carried out by Messrs James Ballantine & Son, Edinburgh.
BN., xlviii	472	2 light window in N transept. Full-length figures of Abraham and Sarah. James Ballantine & Son, Edinburgh. Erected 1885. [No confirmation that it is Hunter window, or this church, but seems probable.]
AA, ATD 61/8/26/1 (Cumnock Express 24.11.1893)		Muirkirk Parish Church will re-open on 26.11.1893.
HR 287/15/1	29.6.1894	Windows replaced with cathedral glass, 1894.

HR 287/1	7.2.1900	Organ installed 1900. Pulpit and choir enclosure moved forward 4'6" taking in 2 front pews. Organ case formed from panelling taken from rear of pulpit. Allan Stevenson, Ayr, architect.
AA 4.4.1918		The monument on the parish church to JGA Baird was unveiled last Sunday.
CH2/532/23	5.11.1946	Memorial to Rev John Henderson.
AP, F 21.1.1949, 9e		Badly damaged by fire, 13 January 1949. [See also CH2/532/23, 1.2.1949]
CH2/532/23	6.9.1949	restoration to begin in 1952.
ACC Planning, A4752		May 1952. Additions and alterations. **James Hay & Steel**, for Muirkirk Kirk Session.
CH2/532/24	p128	**Harry S McNair**, architect.
FES, IX,	180	Rededicated 13.5.1954.
AP, F 4.6.1954, 6cdef		Formally re-opened Thursday of last week (i.e. 27.5). Fire was on 13 January 1949. Refitted includes pews and a stained glass window from Kames.
	KIRKYARD	
HR 287/15/1	1.7.1814	Walls to be built around kirkyard. Plan of walls and gate piers and gate drawn by Adam Brown, mason. Conts: David Greig and John Ross. Final cost £118 13s 11d.
	5.7.1828	Levelled 1828.
BN., lxxvii	356	1899, work to be done: Allan Stevenson, Ayr, architect.
	GATES	
HR 287/15/1	1827	Malleable iron gate. 1817. Ironfiunder: James Meikle.
	COVENANTERS MONUMENT	
Building News, lii, 983		Unveiled 20.6.1887.

MANSE [1]		
Ch2/532/1	18.5.1642	New glebe and manse to be built. Declared complete 12.7.1643.
CH2/532/3	5.6.1717	Manse burnt c.14 years ago. New manse to be built on new site nearer kirk.
	15.1.1718	Materials used to build new manse, 1718-1721.
MANSE [2]		
Ch2/532/3	15.1.1718	Built 1718-21. materials of old manse to be used. To be built on new site on S side of highway and the Water of Ayr. "Manse is building", 28.5.1718. Complete by 1.11.1721.
CH2/532/4	3.7.1729	Declared complete following repair.
CH2/532/7	11.5.1757	Manse and offices declared complete following repair.
HR 278/1	17.4.1777	Office houses repaired and thatched.
	21.7.1778	Brewhouse slated in same manner as coal cellar on opposite side of court, 1778.

MANSE [3]	MANSEFIELD HOUSE, Edinburgh Road, 704277	
List 2		Limewashed plaster and stonework; black painted dressings; 2 storeys, 3 transomed casements, modern porch projection, ridge slate roof, 2 attic dormers, plain gables. Old stables to rear. Now a farmhouse. Ref: NSA, V, 156. C.
CH/532/9	30.12.1800	New manse to be built and offices repaired. Declared complete 25.8.1802. Conts: Alexander Stewart; Matthew Lirie, mason, Muirkirk.
HR 287/15/1	1801 Contract	Matthew Morrison, Mauchline, wright and architect. Alexander Stewart, Muirkirk, wright and contractor. Manse to be repaired and partly rebuilt, office houses to be rebuilt.

HR 287/15/1	4.2.1834	Repairs and reglazed throughout. John Swinton, contractor.
	10.5.1856	Porch added 1856. Contractor for so doing: James Blackwood, mason and wright.
	1879	Renovated and repaired 1879. Conts: D & J Milligan. Est Cost £83 9s 6d.
AA 21.10.1886		Dilapidation of manse: Mr Thomson, architect, Glasgow, was elected to draw out a report.
HR 287/15/1	14.3.1887	Additions and renovation, 1887. David Thomson, Glasgow [†1910], architect. Cont: George Reid, Catrine, builder. Est Cost; £309 17s 9d..
HR 287/15/3	6.9.1910	Manse repairs, 1910. Est Cost £150.
FES, IX, 180		Sold in 1950.

CHRISTIAN BRETHREN HALL, 8 Glasgow Road (late 1950s)

ACC Planning, B485		September 1956. Toilets, &c., Gospel Hall, for Christain Brethren.

CONGREGATIONAL (INDEPENDENT) CHURCH

McNaughton		c.1805. used 2 cottages converted to a hall (James McCartney's School). Ceased c.1835

E.U. CHURCH (1)

McNaughton		Founded 1854; chapel, Glasgow Road, same year.
ASH, Sa 25.10.1873, 5f		Re-opened last Sunday after internal repairs and improvements.
Escott, 1960	330	[New church, 1894, below]. Congregation had previously worshipped in 2 cottages.

E.U. CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, Wellwood Street/ 24 Glasgow Road

AA 6.4.1893		Contractors' estimates for EU Church and Manse - John Murdoch.
AA 22.3.1894		Dedicated late Friday. EE.
Escott, 1960	330	Opened 1894. Congregation had previously worshipped in 2 cottages. Church in Glasgow Road opened March 1894.
McNaughton		Closed 1966.
	HALL, near 42 Wellwood Street	
ACC Planning, A376		November 1948. Erect huts to form church hall.
	MANSE, 1 Wellwood Street	
AA 29.4.1909		Work has begun on a manse, adjoining church, facing Wellwood Street. 7 rooms. Architect, [J M] Pearson, Kilmarnock.

FREE CHURCH [CHALMERS UF]

Ewing		1845, renovated 1891
AA 3.10.1844		Foundation stone laid 27.9.1844.
Ch3/239/5	28.10.1845	Door at rear of church to be enclosed. Seats to be allocated.
	25.5.1846	Session House and wall in front of church to be built. Campbell, contractor.
	27.10.1846	Session House ready to be furnished.
	28.9.1847	Railing added to front wall. James Meikle, contractor.
	4.10.1874	Vestry altered, 1874. Fireplace or stove to be made and window moved to W nearer Beadle's House, and door put in where window currently is.
Ch3/239/6	10.10.1885	Repairs and Improvements. Plans approved. est Cost: £250. Plans drawn up by Committee of Deacons.
	8.7.1891	Church enlarged and repaired. Conts; William Blackwood & Son, wrights; Clarkson & Son, Lesmahagow, masons; James Young, Muirkirk, slater; William Cockburn, plasterer. Est cost; £635 8s 7d. [William?] Tennant, Glasgow, architect.
	25.5.1892	Wall, railing and gate built at front, 1892.
	9.5.1894	Font ordered to be made. Finished by August 1894.

CH3/239/6/7	11.9.1901	Alterations, 1901. old ornament on belfry to be replaced with new one. Windows on W side of roof to be raised 18".
CH3/239/7	2.3.1903	Organ, 1903; Watt, Edinburgh. Estimated cost: £160.
FES, X,	104	Continued after 1947 union.
ACC Planning, A9164		October 1955. Additions and alterations to church, Glasgow Road, for Muirkirk Parish Church Kirk Session.
CH2/532/24	4.9.1956	Converted to Church Hall, 1956. estimated cost, £7,000.
CC, F 15.11.1957, 6ab		Church Hall formally opened 6th November 1957 - conversion of old U.F. Church. Architect, Steele (sic, also had done work on the church).

FREE CHURCH MANSE

Ewing		1851.
CH3/239/5	29.7.1851	Complete by this date: meeting held in manse.
CH3/239/6	25.5.1892	Wall and railing built at front.
FES, IX	180	Sold, after union in 1954.

FREE CHURCH HALL

CH3/239/6	8.7.1891	Altered and repaired. Conts and architect as church, same date. Est cost is same. [is there, in fact, a hall, or a muddle]

GOOD TEMPLARS' HALL

KS 16.4.1881		Is nearly complete.

ST THOMAS CHURCH (R.C.), MUIRKIRK (1)

See ST THOMAS HALL

ST THOMAS CHURCH (R.C.)(2), 77 Wellwood Street

Shaw		1906
AA 13.7.1905		Foundation stone laid last Tuesday.
GO 15.7.1905	9f	"Loretto Villa and its little surrounding park presented a gay and varied picture on Tuesday last, the day fixed for the blessing and laying of the memorial stone of the new chapel, now 6' above the ground." Architect: M Pearson, Esq,. Kilmarnock [i.e. **J Montgomerie Pearson**]; Builder: ex-Provost Richmond, Cumnock.
GO 28.7.1906	4e	Formally opened W25 July 1906. No additional details.
GO 4.8.1906	5de	References to an oak High Altar, and a Pipe Organ, from Belgium.
	PRESBYTERY, 79 Wellwood Street	
Groome, 1882,	V, 82	(Church (1)) enlarged and improved, 1882, when presbytery was built at cost of Marquis of Bute.
AA 3.8.1882		[Messrs Ingram's] professional services have been secured by Dr McLachlan, Bishop of Galloway, and Mr Shaw, factor to the Marquis of Bute, in connection with the new Catholic presbytery and church extension at Muirkirk.
ACC, HwC 1.7.1946		New entrance from Wellwood Street approved.

ST THOMAS HALL

Website		Built as R.C. Church 1856, became R.C. School in 1906, and was converted into church/public hall 1975.
AP 10.8.1956		100 years of RC church in Muirkirk. 1st church, now school, built by Mr Wallace, Glasgow, in 1856.
Groome, 1882,	V, 82	Built, for 250 sittings, in 1856, and enlarged and improved, 1882, when presbytery was built at cost of Marquis of Bute.
AA 3.8.1882		[Messrs Ingram's] professional services have been secured by Dr McLachlan, Bishop of Galloway, and Mr Shaw, factor to the Marquis of Bute, in connection with the new Catholic presbytery and church extension at Muirkirk.

U.P. CHURCH, MUIRKIRK [originally SECESSION CHURCH]

Lamb, 144 says converted to hall after 1915 local union with Chalmers, FES, IX, 180 says sold after local union. [This 2nd ref may be to union with Parish Church]

Hodge		Built in 1823, renovated in 1881.
Ch3/240/3	28.7.1874	Roof sarked and reslated, 1874
CH2/240/4	Accs	Repaired 1880. Conts; Allan, builder, Langside. Joiner - Wood Plumber & slater - Highet & Sons. Painter - McMillan. Architect; [Robert?] Baldie. Est cost c£800.
KS 29.5.1880		Reopened last Sunday after extensive alterations and improvements.
Ch3/240/4	5.2.1889	Ventilator placed in centre of ceiling 1889.
CH3/240/5	22.3.1898	Interior whitewashed.
	8.6.1899	Church officer's house built to rear. Plan approved 8.6.1899. Declared complete 20.2.1901.
Kirkwood		Became Main Street UFC in 1900.
[UF Church: AA 13.5.1920		War Memorial tablet unveiled last Sunday.]

U.P. BURYING GROUND

CH3/240/3	13.9.1875	Monument to Rev David Young, minister. 1875. Built by Douglas, Ayr. Inscription composed, ibid, 29.2.1876.

U.P. MANSE

AA 1.3.1866		Contractors, UP Manse.
CH3/240/4	27.1.1885	Porch built at front door. Gibson, contractor. Final cost, £11 10s.
	8.11.1887	East side of manse wall rebuilt, 1887.
FES, IX, 180		Continued in use after local union.

GLENBUCK CHURCH

[Disjoined 1892, reunited 1953]

FES, III	43	Built 1881
Hodge		Built 1882.
Mearns		Opened for public worship 16.7.1882.
AA 13.7.1882		Will be opened on Sunday 16th.
AA 20.7.1882		Both church and manse were built from plans prepared by Messrs **McDerment & Murdoch**, Ayr.
AP, F 13.7.2012, 16		Says final service 1934.
CH3/532/24	7.9.1954	Sold 1954.

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"Glenbuck. The large stone plaque, commemorating the Covenanter Martyrs of the Glenbuck/Muirkirk area, was recently removed from the wall of Glenbuck Church, which was under the demolisher's hammer. The contractor kindly transported the memorial to Muirkirk Kirkyard, where it now lies, awaiting s decision on its final position. It is such a large, heavy stone that there are doubts about how to erect it. Even if mortared to the kirkyard wall, its weight might pull the wall out of kilter. Expert opinion is being canvassed. It is a relief to know that the memorial is now out of danger, as it has been under threat for a long time, and we worried whether it could/would be safely removed from the position it has occupied for well over one hundred years."

GLENBUCK MANSE

c.1882. [See AA 20.7.1882 ref under Glenbuck Church]

GLENBUCK, GOSPEL HALL

AP, F 23.10.1953, 14d	Destroyed by fire on Monday.

KAIMES MISSION CHURCH

Ch2/532/19	2.8.1901	Plans for new mission church to be built by William Baird & Co approved, but to be altered so that choir is at South end. Complete (with manse) by 3.2.1904.
AA 4.2.1904		Opened last Sunday. Red stone. Gothic. Architect, R S Ingram, Kilmarnock. [The pulpit is now at Kingcase, Prestwick - qv]
FES, IX, 180		Closed 1953. Demolition was contemplated at time of closure.
ACC Planning, A8942		August 1955. Demolition of Kames Church and Manse, for Church of Scotland Home Mission. Approved, November 1956.

BELL

AP 30.9.1955	Bell gifted to Easterhouses, nr Dalkeith, and dedicated there 23.9.1955.

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