GENERAL

AA, Th 19.4.1855, 4c — Great improvements are being carried out on several farms in this parish. A splendid new steading is nearly finished on the farm of Dalfram, on the estate of the Duke of Portland, and several fields have been well drained. Another new steading is to be built immediately on the farm of Auldhouse-burn, the property of Mr Swan …. Draining the grounds. The most marked improvement however has been, and still is carried on, on the Crossflatt Estate, the property of A Aird, Esq. Fields are divided off into parks by stripes of young planting, and well enclosed by stone dykes and wire fences. In a few years the grounds around Crossflatt House will, in this mountainous region, be like the oasis in the desert. The lime and coalworks on this property are in full operation. Extensive draining, planting and wire fencing are also carried on on the Hall farm, Greenockwater, the property of Mr Greenshields.

WOODS

OS 1:2500 — Wood at 622272 is Scaffold Wood; that at 628272 is Carslipan Wood, with Castle Hill to its east.

ESTATES

CARMICHAEL [SPIRESLACK]

EG, 4.3.1892, 35a — Entail Notice. £17605 16s 0½d expended by Sir Windham Charles James Camichael Anstruther of Anstruther and Carmichael, heir of entail in possession of lands of others of Carmichael, Westraw and others, Lanarkshire, including lands of Spireslack, co Ayr; lands &c of Mauldlsie, Lanarks

GARPEL

AP, F 14.1.1949, 7d — Died, Edinburgh, W 5.1.1949, Gavin Gemmell of Garpel. His father farmed Garpel, but he put a shepherd into Garpel, and lived in Edinburgh.

FARMS

AIKENCLEUGH, 645284

AO, Tu 14.5.1833 1d [also AA 16.5.1833] — Contractors wanted to build and finish house and offices, Aikencleugh Farm. Plans with the proprietor, Mr Hamilton, Mauchline.

AIRDSGREEN, 737286

AA, Th 13.7.1809, 1b — For sale, Tardoers and Aird's Green.

BIRCHLAW (roofless), 734292

AIRDSMILL, 687266 — [Not in 1892/93 VR]

AA, Th 16.5.1861 — Ayr dealer offering Dandelion Coffee, &c., of William Aird, Muirkirk Mills.

AA 26.3.1891 — Masons wanted for new cottage: apply to J Johnstone, factor.

MILL

VR 1892/93 – 1931/32 — Sawmill.

VR 1932/33 – 1940/41 — Club. Proprietor: Bairds & Dalmellington Ltd

ASHIEBURN

CO3/12/1/2 SCBP 7.8.1900 — Cottage, Ashieburn Farm, for John Hay, Kilmarnock.

AULDHOUSEBURN, 707269

AA, Th 19.4.1855, 4c		A new steading is to be built immediately.
AA 3.9.1885		To let, A Farm. The steading is new.
BANKEND		See also KAIMES
	KIRKBURNHEAD, 697280	
	OBSERVER CORPS POST, 69282800	
BEACONHILL COTTAGES, 664265		
ACC Planning, B231		July 1956. Alterations, BhC; W J Finnie, for National Coal Board.
BURNFOOT AND BURNFOOT MOOR		
CAIRNIEBOTTOM		[Not in 1892/93 VR]
Murray & Walker		Built after 1832, and abandoned before 1895.
C1841	607-3-p.4-5	Daniel Gibson, 35, coalcutter; Margaret Dalziel, wife, 30. Children John 9, Gavin 7, David 5, Jane 3, Agnes 1. Agnes Park, 15, servant.
C1851	607-3-39	Daniel Gibson, farmer of 60 acres, 48, b. Muirkirk. Margaret, wife, 42, Muirkirk. Children, Gavin 17, David 15, Jane 13, Agnes 10, Mary 7, James 2, all b. Muirkirk
C1861	607-3-55	1 windowed room. David Baird, 30, coalminer, b. Cumnock. Spo, Agnes, 38, b. Leadhills. Children (Muirkirk), George 11, Hugh 5, Margaret 8, Janet 5 mo.
C1871		Not found
C1881		Not found.
CATCHEYBURN, noy in VR 1892/93, on village edge, 699270		
CROSSFLAT, 707274		
AA, Th 19.4.1855, 4c		See GENERAL, above.
BNA, March 1926		N/D&C, late James Clark of Crossflatt, Muirkirk, and Carskeoch, Patna.
	LONGLANDHEAD, 710274	
DALFRAM, 655267, MARCHHOUSE &c		
AA, Th 19.4.1855, 4c		A splendid new steading is nearly finished.
DARNHUNCH, 743282		
	EAST DARNHUNCH	
ACC, PHSC 3.7.1930		RWG. Improvements, ED, for J.M. & Q Dunlop, Balerno.
ENTRYHEAD AND MIDDLE WELLWOOD		
	ENTRYHEAD, 667265	
ACC Planning, B230		July 1956. Alterations, Entryhead Cottages; W J Finnie, for National Coal Board.
	HAYSTACKHILL, 675263	
	WELLWOOD COTTAGE, 666260	
	WELLWOOD KENNELS, 665262	
[GAMESHILL]		
ACC Planning, A9575		January 1956. 4A cottage, Gameshill, Glenbuck, for National Coal Board.
GARPEL, 621275		
ACC, PHSC 3.3.1931		BBL. House, Garpel, for Richard L Tufnell.
	GARPEL LINN (waterfall), 61972765	
[GLENBUCK LOCH]		
	House, called GLENBUCK on OS 1:2500) on A70, 756285	
GRASSHILL, 742295 WEST GLENBUCK & WEST SHIELDS		
	WEST GLENBUCK, 752289	
GREENOCK MAINS, 632273		
List 5		1 storey courtyard farm; centre dwelling creamwashed with red painted dressings, limewashed byres and walled forecourt. C.
GREENOCKDYKE, 653282		
GH 8.7.2009		For sale. “A delightful small farmhouse and steading in a completely unspoilt and secluded private situation.” Looks U-plan, single storey with attics and lean-to porch.
HALL		see UPPER HALL

HOLMHEAD, 702275, village edge
ISLE, 702276, village edge
KAMES, 688264 AND BANKEND
MIDHOUSE, 694260
LIGHTSHAW 713283 AND SUNNYSIDE
CO3/12/1/2 BBC 6.8.1901 House, Lightshaw Farm, William Taylor.
UNNAMED COTTAGE, 714282
STANDING STONE, L, 71622820
Mearns Previously surrounded by a Druidical circle till the former tenant of the farm removed the stones which had formed the circle.
LITTLE DARNHUNCH, 748282
LOCHSIDE COTTAGE (not in VR 1892/93)
ACC, PHSC 7.4.1931 RW. Alterations, Lochside Cottage, Glenbuck, for T.l. Captain C.A. Howatson
MANSFIELD, 693292
GREENSIDE, 697287
MIDDLEFIELD, 682294
AA 17.7.1823 Contractors - farmsteading, MF.
AA 12.7.1827 Contractors - farmhouse, MF.
FORKINGS, 681296, east
LODGE, 681296, west
MIDDLE WELLWOOD See ENTRYHEAD
MUIRKIRK MILLS [Not in 1892/93 VR] See AIRDS MILL
MYREMILL [Not in 1892/93 VR]
AA 26.3.1891 Contractors required for 2 new cottages at M. Dets: J Johnstone, factor, Alloway.
NETHER HALL
NETHER WELLWOOD, 652260
AO, Tu 26.11.1833, 1c Contractors wanted for 400 falls of march dyke between Nether Wellwood and Boghead.
CO3/12/1/2 SCBP 7.8.1900 House, NWF; J Johnstone.
UNNAMED HOUSE, 655260
STEPPING STONES, across Ayr, at 65002630 and 65202617
NETHER WHITEHAUGH AND CHAPELHOUSE
CHAPELHOUSE (roofless), 635279
NETHERWOOD
AA 19.6.1890 Contractors wanted for mason, &c., work: additions and alterations, N. Tenders to James Johnstone, factor, Alloway Cottage, Ayr.
THE BUNGALOW, 660284
NEWMAINS, 750288
OVER WHITEHAUGH
PRIESTHILL LINBURN &c
EG, F 10.1.1823, 292b Francis Weir, cattle and sheep dealer, P: in sequestration.
AA, Th 13.2.1840, 1f Contractors wanted for 200-300 falls of wall, Priesthill.
LINBURN, 695298
COVENANTERS' MONUMENT, P
List 10 Where John Brown was shot in the presence of his wife and family by Claverhouse in 1685. NSA, V, 152-153. C. [730315]
AA 16.11.1826 A monument has been lately erected at Priesthill, in commemoration of the martyrs, over the grave of John Brown who was shot in 1685 ... with money collected at a sermon preached by the Rev Mr Milwaine on the 28th August 1825. The monument is a neat edifice, and the design and materials seem equally well calculated "to keep the name of the righteous in everlasting remembrance". [Called "lately" erected in 2SA, 7/1837, V, 152]

AA, Th 25.3.1886, 5f — Obit of Robert Brown, coalmaster, Lanemark Coal Co. He claimed descent from John Brown of Priesthill 'and once it is in the recollection of the writer he visited personally and caused the decaying headstone of one of the martyr's graves to be renewed and repaired.'

SPIRESLACK, 747298

SPRINGHILL (Ruin) — 693259

TIBBIE'S BRIG (not a farm)

MONUMENT, 68902574

TORDOES, 703280

AA, Th 13.7.1809, 1b — For sale, Tardoers and Aird's Green. On Tardoers "there is an old mansion house" and 28 houses "which are readily let to the workmen in the neighbourhood."

ACC Planning, B1138 — April 1957. House, Tardoes, for Richard Brown

TOWNHEAD OF GREENOCK, 642271

LAPRAIK'S CAIRN , 644268

List 8 — Erected 1914 by the Lapraik Burns Club of Muirkirk to mark the spot where stood the house of "Bauld Lapraik", the friend of Burns the poet. B.

AA 23.3.1916 — In accordance with a resolution formed some time ago the Muirkirk Burns Lapraik Club have erected a memorial to Bauld Lapraik on Dalfram Farm, Muirkirk, where he resided. It will be remembered that Lapraik was the esteemed correspondent of Burns. The memorial is built of unhewn stone with an inset tablet bearing a suitable inscription.

Scots Magazine, March 1975 (ns 102/6), 658 — Photograph.

[UPPER] HALL, 682288

UPPER WELLWOOD AND MIDHOUSE OF KAIMS

EG, F 22.7.1892, 871b — Thomas McC McMin, farmer, UW, in sequestration.

CO3/12/1/7 BBC 5.3.1918 — Shepherds Cottage, UW, for Miss Baird; J Johnstone, Alloway.

MARTYR'S GRAVE, U.W., 67242556

List 9 — Known as [Robert] Adam's stone; fallen headstone in railed enclosure. [674256] C.

Paterson, II, 391 — Inscription: *Here lyes William Adam, who was shot in this place by Captain Dalzeal and his party, for his adhearance to the word of God and Scotland's covenanted work of Reformation, March 1685.*

WATERHEAD

BRIDGE

ACC Planning, 2824 — September 1944. Bridge, W, over the Greenock Water, for Ladykirk Estates.

ARCHAEOLOGY

CAIRN, remains of — 69422773

HUT CIRCLES — 670251

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