AFTON BRICK & TILE WORKS, 589133

ACC Planning, A3111	January 1951. Electricity Supply.
ACC Planning, A7434	June 1954. Alterations, Brick Kiln, &c., for Afton Bricks Ltd.
ACC Planning, A7509	July 1954. Messroom and Works Office, for Afton Bricks Ltd.
BI 69/806, 5.1957	Opened last month. [See also 9 Southpark Avenue, Ayr]

DALRICKET

ACC Planning, A7433	June 1954. Win and work clay, Dalricket, for Afton Bricks Ltd.

AFTON DYERS, 28 Castle

ACC Planning, A1883	January 1950. Hosiery Factory, New Cumnock, for C.W. Hall Ltd.
ACC Planning, A3240	February 1951. Hosiery Factory, Castle, NC, for Charles W Hall Ltd., Shepshed.
VR 1953/54 -	Charles W Hall Ltd, Shepshed
VR 1966/67	Large leap in rateable value.
VR 1979/80 – 1981/82	Afton Glen Textiles Ltd, tenants
VR 1982/83	Afton Dyers, tenant: proprietors by 1992/93

New Cumnock, A Profile of a Former Mining Community, CDVDC, November 1992, p.4: Employ 110, dyeing socks.

BANK COLLIERY

AA, ATD 61/5/49	[1930] Various uninformative papers relative to the P.H.B. scheme at Bank Colliery.
AP 16.10.1931/23.10.1931	Pithead baths opened 17.10.1931. 2nd in Ayrshire. Afton terracotta brick. 42 yards by 12 yards. 36 cubicles, 1232 lockers.
ACC Planning, A2934	November 1950. Electricity supply.
ACC Planning, A6847	January 1954. Sub-station, Bank Colliery, for SWSEB.
ACC Planning, B1450	July 1957. Alterations to offices, Bank Colliery, for National Coal Board.

BENSTON QUARRY (disused, 584153)

BRIDGEND MINE

ACC Planning, A8720	June 1955. Mine portal, &c., Bridgend Mine, for National Coal Board.
ACC Planning, A8721	June 1955. Explosives Store, Bridgend Mine, for National Coal Board.
ACC Planning, A8722	June 1955. A.i.P, new mine, for National Coal Board.
ACC Planning, B1072	March 1957. Sub-station, for National Coal Board.
ACC Planning, B1270	May 1957. Electricity supply.
ACC Planning, B1491	July 1957. Office block, Bridgend Mine, for National Coal Board.
ACC Planning, B1634	August 1957. Pit Head Baths, Bridgend Colliery, for National Coal Board.

CAIRNHILL

AA, Th 19.5.1864, 1b	To let (Mansfield estate), Minerals of Cairnhill and Park.. "Coal of a superior quality was wrought on the adjoining Polquhirter estate."

CAIRNHILL COLLIERY [here?]

CC, F 14.6.1957, 6def	Pit Head Baths formally opened. Architect, Mr **Jack**.

COALBURN COLLIERY

ACC Planning, B1080	March 1957. Pit Head baths, &c., for National Coal Board.

COAL OIL

ACC Planning, 1767	June 1939. Plant, &c., Straid, for Coal Oil Development (G.B.) Ltd.

See also NEW CUMNOCK GAS WORKS, below

FOUNTAINHEAD MINE

Nr — worked c.1830-1864 (but cf KH ref.). Important for pewter which is 80 tin, 20 antimony.

KH, F 22.8.1845, 4d — Ore recently found on Hare Hill, thought to be coal, is now known to be antimony. 2 veins. Said to be twice as valuable as coal, and manufactured with less trouble and expense.

CO3/8/2/1, 119-120, Standing Joint Cttee 16.10.1891 — New Cumnock Water. £200 approved, to extend pipes from Paterson's Well to the antimony mine.

Strathclyde Joint Archaeology Service, 1993-94 Annual Report, p.16: — Disused antimony mine, at NS 65771045, added to Strathclyde SMR.

GRIEVEHILL

ACC, TPC 15.5.1945 — Notification of proposed requisition for opencast coal mining.

ACC, PLC 1.7.1946 — Petroleum Acts licence. George Wimpey & Co Ltd., Edinburgh, for Grievehill, New Cumnock.

HOSIERY FACTORY, Castle

ACC Planning, A1883 — January 1950. Hosiery Factory, Castle, for Charles W. Hall Ltd.

HOUSE OF WATER, &c., SURFACE MINE

BURNSTON

EAC Planning, 12/0022 — January 2012. Surface coal extraction, &c., for Scottish Coal Co Ltd.

KNOCKSHINNOCH CASTLE COLLIERY

AA, ATD 61/5/67/36 [1938-1940] — Papers relative to proposed PHB at Knockshinnoch. [Presumably not built - see 3SA]

ACC Planning, 2443 — October 1942. Canteen, Knockshinnoch, for New Cumnock Collieries Ltd.

AP 2.7.1943 — Pithead Canteen f.o. last Monday. Architect - Alexander Mair, in association with D Jack, Miners Welfare Commission divisional architect. [Report has brief review of history of mining in New Cumnock area.]

ACC Planning, 5183 — April 1948. Nissen Hut, Knockshinnoch Castle Colliery, for N.C.B.

ACC Planning, A563 — January 1949. Pit Head Baths, &c., Knockshinnoch Castle Colliery, for N.C.B.

3SA, [1946-50], 649 — Most up-to-date colliery in Scotland. Canteen opened recently, and pit head baths to open soon.

ACC Planning, A4048 — October 1951. Sanitary Accommodation, Knockshinnoch, for National Coal Board.

ACC Planning, A5410 — December 1952. Weighbridge, Access Road, Knockshinnoch, for National Coal Board

ACC Planning, A5411 — December 1952. Fan House, Knockshinnoch Castle Colliery, for National Coal Board

ACC Planning, A5871 — April 1953. Sub-Station, Knockshinnoch Castle Colliery, for National Coal Board.

ACC Planning, A7262 — May 1954. Additional explosives store, Knockshinnoch Castle Colliery, for National Coal Board.

ACC Planning, A7598 — August 1954. Additional explosives store, Knockshinnoch Castle Colliery, for National Coal Board.

DISASTER

-- — The disaster was Thursday 7 September 1950.

-- — David Park, awarded the GM for his part in the rescue was the guest on This Is Your Life, 10 September 1961. Typescript of scripted parts of programme in Baird Institute, New Cumnock Box 1.

LANEMARK COAL CO LTD, 596115

NRA(S) 1426 — Lanemark Coal Co Ltd, 1864-1909. Articles of Association, Contract of Co-partnery, minutes, reports, coal and output statements; legal and business correspondence.

Nr — Founded 1864

Sas Minute 18, 1869 — Partners in 1869: John Hunter, manager, Dalmellington Ironworks - Robert Brown, coalmaster, New Cumnock - James Paton, merchant, Ayr.

AA, Th 25.3.1886, 5f — Obit of Robert Brown. Lanemark is 'one of the richest fields of gas coal in the kingdom.'

AWN, F 4.5.1888. 3f [BNA] — At Boigside (Afton no2?), 'adjacent to the pit is a large works engaged in the making of briquettes out of a compound of coal dust and tar.' Details.

CO 3/8/1/2, ACC 1894-96, 237-238, 24 July 1894 report on Mining Classes, giving number of men at every? Mine in Ayrshire.

Lanemark, 699 (3rd, after Annbank and Common)

TT, F 3.3.1899, 8d — Report of new find of coal on the Riggfoot Estate. The exploratory pit was sunk by Mr McClymont, contractor.

ATON No.1 [BURNFOOT]
AFTON No.2 [BOGSIDE]
AFTON No.3 [RIGGFOOT]

Nr — Sunk from c.1895 to c.1900. Closed, due to water, 1909.

PREMIER COAL-OIL CO LTD., Burnfoot

AP, F 18.11.1949, 9a — Obituary of Henry Patrick Hoyle, mining engineer, who was involved in coal-oil developments here. Obit suggest work began in 1939. q.v., Card Index.

ATD 61/5/66/27 [1943] — Papers relative to the proposed construction of a coal-oil development plant at Burnfoot, New Cumnock, by Premier Coal-Oil Development Plant Ltd (whose directors include Lord Brocket).

ACC Planning, A592 — January 1949. Steel plate storage tank, Lanemark, for Premier Coal Oil Development Plant Ltd.

ACC Planning, A2051 — March 1950. Three gas holders, Lanemark, for Premier Coal Oil, per W.R. Orme, works manager.

VR 1954/55 — Lanemark Colliery no.1 Coal Distillation Plant. Premier Coal Oil Production Ltd., 11 Old Jewry, London EC2

N.C.B. OFFICE, 601118

NEW CUMNOCK COLLIERIES LTD

Card index — James Jack appointed m.d., 1914

NEW CUMNOCK IRON WORKS

Registrars ¼ly Return, March 1856 — "The smaller number of registrations ... for the quarter ending 31.3.1856 compared with those of 1855 is attributable to the suspension of the New Cumnock Ironworks, there being at present at least 1000 inhabitants fewer in the parish than at the same time this year."

OS Name Book 1857 — "Extensive works for the manufacture of iron from ore. It consists of three blast furnaces, engine house, &c. The works are now idle owing to the company having failed. It originally belonged to the Nithsdale Iron Company,and was in consequence called the Nithsdale Ironworks."

Sanderson, p.6 — Nithsdale Iron Co was founded in 1845, and was bankrupted in 1855. The company built 11 houses near the furnaces, as well as manager's houses, and 16 houses at Beoch.

ASH 21.3.1863 — Turiff & Sharp took over from Nithsdale Co in 1853.

KWP 9.10.1858, 1b — Advert - To be sold, in Glasgow, 20.10.1858. Upset price £20,000. 3 furnaces, 2 drawing engines, foundry, houses, &c.

Sas Abr 85 of 1865 — 1863-1864 Disponement of Bank to John Hyslop of Bank by the liquidator for the Western Bank. The Abridgement refers to the seq.estates of the New Cumnock Iron Co, and of Turiff, Sharp & Co. (the partners in both appearing to be Alexander Turiff, Colin Sharp and Thomas Lisk), and also refers to the surviving directors of the Nithsdale Iron Coal & Lead Co., whom it names as Joseph Rowley, Ossett Streetside - John Beaumont of Dalton, merchant - and Foster Shaw, merchant, Huddersfield.

NITHSDALE ORNAMENTAL TILE AND POTTERY WORKS

Nr — Marked on early C20 OS maps at Meikle Waistland.

OLD MILL

N,r, — Said to be still active in 1966, and perhaps last still working in Ayrshire.

OPEN CAST GENERALLY

ACC, HwC 3.6.1946, 842-3 — Refers to extraordinary volumes of traffic from Skares, vai Benston and New Cumnock to Dumfries-shire, and also heavy use of Polquhap, Mansfield and Corsencon Roads.

POLQUHIRTER COAL CO LTD

EG, F 26.8.1938, 714b — In liquidation: final winding-up meeting to be 30.9.1938, in Glasgow.

SEAFORTH COLLIERY, Nos 1, 2 and 3

ACC, HC, 22.3.1945, 368 — Appendix to Clyde Valley Plan. Pit opened since 1938.

UTILITIES

AFTON RESERVOIR

ACC, Water & Drainage Committee, 10.4.1950 — 1929, pipe laying began; 1931 work began on reservoir and tanks; 1932 work began on filter station.

Girvan TC, 17.9.1934 — Invited to attend inspection at Afton Reservoir, 28th September 1934.

Shaw — 1935, Ayr County Council.

GTC, 26.8.1935 — Invitation to attend formal inauguration of the Afton Water Scheme.

AP 12.5.1939 — Scottish Engineers Conference shown over by William Gray, County Engineer.

ACC, Water & Drainage Committee, 10.4.1950 — Filters can deal with 2,000,000 gallons per day. Reservoir can store 640,000,000 gallons. System of 120 miles of pipes, covering from Girvan to Dreghorn and Kilmaurs.

AP, F 10.8.2012, 22 — Bronze plaque reported stolen between 25 and 31 July 2012. Four foot by two foot.

FILTER STATION

ACC Planning, A1994 — February 1950,. Extension to Filter House, and new Tank, Afton Filters, for Ayr County Council.

ACC, W&DC 14.5.1951 — Extension. James Laidlaw & Sons Ltd., Rutherglen, £11,229 7s 11d.

MACHINERY

SRC, W&S 8.12.1981, 66 — Agree to donate Crossley Horizontal Cylinder Engine (from Afton Treatment Works) to Ayrshire Railway Preservation Group.

DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

ACC, WDC 12.11.1951, 17 — 18" main, Afton to Glaisnock, roughly £70,000. Includes PIPE BRIDGE across the Nith, near New Cumnock: Bone Connell & Baxter Ltd., Wishaw, £956.

ACC, WDC 14.6.1954, 16 — New 18" main from Connelpark to Wellhill is now complete, and should be in use soon. New Cumnock/Glasinock Tanks section done in May 1954 by Allan Skelton Ltd.

LIGHTING

CO 3/8/1/3, 233-234 County Council 6.10.1896

New Cumnock Lighting: £50 approved.

NEW CUMNOCK GAS WORKS

ACC Planning, A690 — February 1949. Coal Water Gas Plant, &c., New Cumnock gas Works, for New Cumnock Gas Co. Ltd.

SEWAGE WORKS

ACC, Water & Drainage Committee 11.1.1965

To be built at Castlemains. Estimated cost, £72,000.

ACC, WD Cttee 12.12.1966 — Contractors appear to be W Tawse Ltd., Aberdeen.

WATER SUPPLY

AA 24.9.1891 — Estimates wanted for 1¼ miles pipes, for extension of New Cumnock water supply. Apply: Allan Stevenson & Kerr, CE, Ayr.

CO 3/8/1/4, County Council 1898-1902, 57, County Council 30.8.1898

Additional £1000 authorised

WINDFARMS

ASHMARK HILL

AP, F 2.9.2011 — Notice of public exhibition, 9/10/9/2011. proposed 12 125m tall 36MW turbine wind farm at Ashmark Hill. RWE Npower Renewables Ltd., Stanley.

PENCLOE

AP, F 24.5.2013 — Notice of public exhibition, May 2013, New Cumnock. No number given. Pencloe Wind Energy Ltd, with contact at: North British Windpower (0131)

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