AUCHINCLOIGH CASTLE, 494166

List 39	Overgrown remains near farmhouse. Ref: NSA, V, 109. C.
OS Name Book, 1850s	"All that now remains of this is a broken and irregular mass of stone and lime. To all appearance it has once been a quadrangular building, as the remaining portions of the wall indicate, which are from 2 to 5 feet high, and about 5' in thickness. It stands in close proximity to Auchencloigh, and a small portion of it has been converted into, and is used as, a sheep-ree. To judge from the huge fragments which now remain it must have been a place of great strength, but there is no person in the neighbourhood can give any information as to when, or for what purpose, it was erected, and though it is known by some as Auchencloigh Castle, by others it is assumed as having been nothing more than a farm steading".

BONNYTON

AA 13.1.1848	Birthplace of noted Ayrshire botanist, James Smith, who died 30.12.1847.
AA, Th 2.8.1838, 4e	Contractors wanted for a dyke or hedge-and-ditch between Bonnieton and Polquhairn.
OS Name Book, 1850s	"A farmsteading, dwellinghouse, 2 storeys, all slated and in good repair - the property of Captain Hunter".
AA, Th 6.3.1851, 1c	Estate advertised for sale. c.1000A.
Sas Min 3802 of 1859	Disp by T/ees of Andrew Hunter to William Alison.
Sas Min of 1870	Disp of some land to GSWR by William Alison, sometime of Coldwakening and residing at Shawburn near Hamilton, now residing at Dunaven near Strathaven.
Sas Min 10498 of 1880	Oct 1880 Disp by William Alison (sometime of Coldwakening and residing at Shawburn nr Hamilton, a/wards at Dunavon, Strathaven, now residing in Sydney, NSW - to his son, James Alison, also of Sydney, NSW - of 4 Merkland of Wester Polquhairn alias Bonnyton Polquhairn. 313.96.
AA 17.5.1888	Estate to sell - 4 farms (Bonnyton - inc mansion house - Ravenscroft - Drumbowie - Waterton). Large sums have in recent years been expended on buildings, draining, fencing and planting.
Building Warrant BA 4425	April 1973. Change of use and alterations, for N J Martin. £8,000. D1763.

BURNOCKHOLM

List 11	1 storey, centre raised attic gable and flanking dormers; painted grey cement, white stone lines in imitation of stone courses; doorway has side glazed panels, moulded entablature on scroll brackets, architrave surround; railed basement area. Building stands on side of embankment and to rear is 3-storeys with centre waggon entrance at lower level. B.
C1861 609 - 1 - 6	Burnockholm House. Thomas Cuthbert, w66, proprietor of land and houses, b. Ochiltree.
ACC Planning, 2902	January 1945. Alterations, Burnockholm, for Mary Allan.

FILLING STATION

ACC Planning, A7649	August 1954. Filling Station, Burnhockholm, for John Alexander Weir. Refused, appealed, appeal dismissed March 1956.

DRONGAN CASTLE

List 37	On farm of Drongan Mains. Ruin of keep, the stronghold of the Crawfords of Lochnorris. Ref: NSA, V, 642. C.
OS Name Book, 1850s	"There is now nothing remaining of this castle but a portion of the ruined walls averaging in height from2 to 15 feet".

Baird Institute, Stair Box, photocopy of archaeological survey file card (origin unknown, but ?RCAHMS: c.1977, Ian Fisher.

NSA says almost entire until recently. In 1977 single fragment c 7.0 m long by 1.0 m high, and of indeterminate thickness, and covered with earth and turf. Rubble, lime bonded, and on an oval mount, artificially scarped, 3.0. m high.

DRONGAN HOUSE

List 36 — Late C18 mansion, now a farmhouse; large coursed stone blocks, flint in-filling, raised rusticated quoins and dressings; centre pedimented slight projection, eliptical panel in attic; 2 storeys and raised basement; centre door in simple architrave with entablature; side elevations pedimented. To rear and adjoining is an earlier crowstepped and limewashed house now forming kitchen premises; interior features mostly removed. At the back, farmyard flanked by simple 1 storey byres, crowstepped gables with skews. Ref: NSA, V, 642. B.

GJ, Th 4.7.1765, 4a — Lands of Drongan and Shiel for sale. 'There is a very genteel house, and very good office houses.'

Caledonian Mercury, Monday 27th July 1747, 4a

To be SETT by publick Roup at Lochmark, upon Tuesday the 25th Day of August next, Certain Parts of the Lands of DRONGAN and SHEILL, lying in the Shire of Air, which were in the natural possession of the late Earl of Stair; the Entry to commence at the Separation of Crop 1747 from the Ground.- The Articles of Roup to be seen any time after the 10th Day of August in the Hands of James Ferguson Writer in Air, or in the Hands of John Smith at Lochmark.

[The advert also appears in the Caledonian Mercury, of Tuesday 21st July 1747, 4a, but there the writer is named, not as Ferguson, but as Robert Macdermit.]

Glasgow Journal, Thursday 4th July 1765, 4a

To sell, in the house of James Gibson, vintner, Ayr, on Tuesday 5th September. Lands of Drongan and Sheill, parish of Stair. 'There is a very genteel house, and very good office houses, a going coal and a fire machine for drawing the water.' Also a tenement of land in Ayr, the property of the late John Smith of Drongan.

OS Name Book 1850s — "A large 2 storey slated dwelling house without offices attached. It was occupied as manor house for 40 years after its erection which was in 1776 in front of the old mansion". ".. in a bad state of repair".

ASH, Sa 20.5.1865, 6a — [Only child of Robert Brodie of Hazelhead/Ralston was a daughter. She married Mungo Smith of Drongan and is "mother of John Smith of Drongan, whose large succession is now being dealt with in Chancery (Jopp v Wood). John Smith was born in 1786, and went out to India in 1805, where he was first employed as a clerk in the banking house of Ferguson & Co. Afterwards, in 1814, he became a partner of that house; and in 1816 married, and had two children. His father seems to have died at Drongan in 1813 or 1814, as in the latter year, 16th November, he addressed a letter from Calcutta to his mother regarding his father's death. He visited Scotland in 1819, but returned to Calcutta in 1820, where he died in 1830, having been predeceased by his wife and children; and just lately, 2nd December 1864, the Master of the Rolls has decided that his domicile of origin, which was Scotch, was never lost".

AA 29.5.1884 — Estate to be sold by public roup in Dowell's Rooms, 18 George Street, EH, on W16.7.1884. c.1800 acres. The mansion house ... with a little expenditure laid out on it, might be made a suitable residence.

vr	Countess of Hardwicke was Edith, daughter of Alexander Oswald of Auchincruive. She m.1869, John Manners, who became, in 1904, 7th Earl of Hardwicke. He died 13.3.1909, she died 27.7.1930.
AP, F 14.1.1949	David Downie JP died 6.1.1949. Aged 77: grocer in Coylton until sold up in 1948. Had been a family business for over 70 years. Bought Drongan House about 27 years ago.
ACC Planning, A4270	December 1951. Alterations to Drongan House Farm to form flat; **Stevenson & Ferguson**, for Lymburn and Downie.
ACC Planning, A8058	December 1954. Electricity supply.

OCHILTREE CASTLE (site) 49802327

OCHILTREE HOUSE

PA, Paisley Pamphlets 12, John Young's letter of 1780
Fire, 1692.

BI 1/12	March 1891	Additions: details: **Allan Stevenson**. [See also AA 19.2.1891]
BI 2/13	April 1891	To receive important additions.

AA, Th 13.2.1896, 8a	To let, unfurnished. For some time possessed by Lord Talbot de Malahide and afterwards by Captain Fallowfield. Has 3 public and 7 bed rooms, 7c, also garden, 5-stal stable, coach-house, coachman's house, byre, &c.
AA, ATD 61/7/37/4	Coal lease of 1900 is signed by James Angus, coalmaster, at Ochiltree House, and witnessed by Emela Evans, governess, Ochiltree House.
C&I 1903	James Angus, Ochiltree House, died 17.12.1902. He was elder brother to R L Angus, Ladykirk.
Sc 21.3.1952 (RCAHMS cutting)	In course of demolition..
AP, F 28.3.1962, 6def	In course of demolition. Photograph.

POLQUHAIRN

McClelland Diary	Visits, 23.3.1792, 13/14.9.1792 with Allan McDougall, WS, who has acquired the estate.
McClelland Diary	On 30.8.1792 went to Greenan, with Mrs Crawford of Polquhairn (who's thinking of taking it).
AA 10.5.1810	Contractors - additions and alterations, P.
AA, Th 2.8.1838, 4e	Contractors wanted for a dyke or hedge-and-ditch between Bonnieton and Polquhairn.

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