TRANSPORT

RAIL

BARLEITH RAILWAY WORKS

KS Annual, 1964, p.17 — The workers' housing, the "Blocks", was demolished in 1964. [Dick Folder 132: c. June 1964]

ENGINE SHED, HURLFORD

AA 21.1.1875 — Conts - Engine Shed, Hurlford - GSWR - Engineer's Office.

HURLFORD STATION.

ACC, TPC 12.1.1937, T27 — Additions, station-master's house, Hurlford Station, for LMSR per A F J Ball, St Enoch.

AA, nr — Stations to close w.e.f M 7.3.1955: Johnstone North; Howwood; Montgreenan; Hurlford.

VIADUCT

Hume — 447371. Opened 1848 by the GPKAR. A handsome 7-span viaduct, with semi-circular arches. The arch rings are of dressed stone, and the spandrels and piers of coursed rubble.

WATER TANK, Hurlford

ASH, Sa 29.4.1876, 1b — Contractors wanted for Water Tank, Hurlford, for GSWR.

ROAD

FOOTBRIDGE, over Irvine to Crookedholm

ACC Planning, A9511 — January 1956. Replacement Footbridge, for Kilmarnock D.C.

HILLBANK TOLLHOUSE — See SKERRINGTON MAINS (R Landward)

HOODSTONE BRIDGE

CO3/8/2/150 Road Board, Finance Committee 7.8.1928 — New bridges approved at Hoodstone near Hurlford, and at Haugh, Mauchline.

HURLFORD BRIDGE

2SA, Riccarton, 1839 — "lately underwent very extensive alterations".

AA, Th 9.10.1902, 5d — Highways C report to ACC, 7.10.1902. To be widened and reconstructed

CO 3/8/2/2, 603, Standing Joint Committee, 26.4.1904 — £1700 on improvement approved.

AA, Th 5.5.1904, 4bcd — Widening agreed by County Council.

HURLFORD BY-PASS

AP 1.4.1955 — New road to be formally opened 16.5.1955.

PURROCH BRIDGE

BNA 1880 — Built c.1745, widened when the railway was built. Is now dangerous, and has been closed.

SHAW'S MILL BRIDGE

List 7 — Single arch spanning Cessnock Water; rusticated masonry. C.

INDUSTRY

ASPHALT MIXING PLANT

ACC Planning, A2541 — July 1950. Asphalt Mixing Plant, Hurlford, for Limmers & Trinidad Lake Asphalt Co. Ltd.

BALTIC PIT — See Hurlford Colliery

BARLEITH & DOLLARS COLLIERIES

ASH, Sa 27.8.1859, 2f — Description of miners' rows, and of their gardens. John Galloway is the coalmaster.

EG 8012, F 3.12.1869, 1560b — John Galloway & Co., coalmasters, Barleith & Dollars Collieries, dissolved 15.11.1869. Partners are John, James J., T. Lindsay, Robert and William Galloway, John and Margaret Corry. T.L. Galloway has a curator, Thomas Lindsay. Continues under same name by John Galloway alone. Mostly witnessed in Galston except William Galloway and John Corry (London) and Margaret Corry (Belfast).

BARLEITH WHISKY PLANT

AP, F 26.2.1968, 2 — New Walker's Blending Plant to be formally opened Friday 10th May 1968 by Princess Alexandra.

Dick Folder 125B — Blending Plant formally opened last Friday [KS 17.5.1968]

EAC Planning, 12/0061 — January 2012. Bonded warehouses, Bottling Plant, &c., for Glen Catrine Bonded Warehouses Ltd. B3 Architects, Glasgow, architects.

BLAIR FOUNDRY

[Company history, "Fifty and a Bittock", in Ayrshire, misc pamphlets file, under Riccarton.]

Hume — Founded 1864 by Andrew Strang, rebuilt 1904 and extended 1921. A large 2-bay steel framed corrugated iron clad foundry block, with a lean-to bay at the south end, and a 2 storey brick pattern shop and light machine shop.

ASH, Sa 9.6.1866, 8d — Advert. Andrew Strang .. is about to commence iron moulding business in all its branches. He has erected suitable and commodious premises adjoining Hurlford Station. He has been 13 years in superintendence of Portland Co's foundry.

CO3/12/3/35 NBC 13.5.1904 — Additions, BF, for Andrew Strang & Co.Ltd.

ACC Planning, 2459 — November 1942. Pattern store, BF, H, for Andrew Strang & Co.Ltd.

ACC Planning, 4087 — December 1946. Alterations, BF, for Andrew Strang & Co Ltd.

ACC Planning, A860 — April 1949. Additions, BF, Blair Avenue, for Andrew Strang & Co Ltd. Henry Dawes, Kilmarnock.

BOWHOUSE

vr — Munitions Factory built April 1939, in production by December 1940. Conts: Shanks & McEwan. Closed?, by October 1945??

ACC Planning, 2406 — July 1942. Shelter, Bowhouse, for ICI (Explosives) Ltd.

County Council, 25.11.1967 — Likely to be vacated early in 1968.

nr — Converted to prison [HMP Kilmarnock], 1997-1999.

CAPRINGTON COLLIERIES

CO3/12/3/37 NBC 29.7.1910 — Offices, &c., C, for Caprington & Auchlochan Collieries.
CAPRINGTON & AUCHLOCHAN COLLIERIES LTD

EG, Tu 8.11.1938, 917b — In liquidation. Final meeting to be 19th December 1938, Glasgow.

DRY CLEANERS, HURLFORD

ACC Planning Application C123 — 1963-65, Alex Dunlop.

HURLFORD COAL

CM, 26.9.1781, 4c	Sale of Hainingross (see Estates). Lot 11, Haining Place, &c. 'A fire engine has lately been erected on the coalwork, which being within a mile of Kilmarnock, a very considerable sale is to be expected.'
AA 6.3.1806	To let
AA 22.9.1808	To let (Skerrington)
AA, Th 22.9.1808, 4a	To let. Details from Dugald Campbell of Skerrington at Dallars House.
AA, Th 24.11.1808, 1b	Coal from Hurlford Coalwork for sale.
AA, Th 5.1.1809, 4b	Price reduction. Reference to Robert Dunsmore, overseer, Skerrington.

HURLFORD COLLIERY

KWP 27.11.1858, 8ac	Begun c.1828
AA 10.2.1831, 4dRef to Mr Howie, Hurlford Colliery	
KWP 2.1.1858	Ref to Howie's 'Baltic Pit'.
KWP 27.11.1858, 8ac	Presently three pits - Old, Defiance, Baltic

HURLFORD FIRE CLAY WORKS

ATD 61/2/99/81, /82	1861 letters of John Howie with "list of goods" used for Hurlford Fireclay Works.
AA, Th 18.7.1861, 8a	Reference to William Smith, manager of the Fire-Clay Works, Hurlford, as tenant of a house in Hill Street, Kilmarnock, which is being sold.
AA, Th 28.1.1864, 5a	Reference to R F Smith, son of Mr Smith of the Hurlford Fireclay Works, being appointed analytical chemist to the Ayrshire Agricultural Association.
ACC Planning, 3527	April 1946. Extension, Hurlford, for J & R Howie Ltd.
ACC Planning, A2477	June 1950. Reconstruction (Phase I), for J & R Howie Ltd.
ACC Planning, A2499	June 1950. Boiler House, and 80 ft Chimney, for J & R Howie Ltd.
ACC Planning, A2565	July 1950. Alterations to hayloft, for J & R Howie Ltd.
ACC Planning, A2621	August 1950. Tunnel Kiln, for J & R Howie Ltd.
ACC Planning, A4173	November 1951. Canteen and Laboratory, for J & R Howie Ltd.

LOUDOUN PIT (PORTLAND IRON WORKS Co) [Assumed to be in Riccarton parish]

AA, Th 18.2.1864, 5b	Accident here, 1 killed.

MAYFIELD, Galston Road

ACC Planning, A1815	December 1949. Additions and alterations. **James Hay & Steel** for J MacFarlane & Co Ltd.
ACC 1950. TPC 10.1.1950. A1815	Change of use, sawmill to shirt factory, Mayfield; also additions. **James Hay & Steel** for James McFarlane & Co Ltd. Approved 16.12.1949.
ACC Planning, A2248	April 1950. Change of use from offices to 2-apt house. **James Hay & Steel**, for James McFarlane & Co Ltd.
ACC Planning, A5088	September 1952. Cutting Room, Mayfield Factory; James Hay & Steel, for James Macfarlane & Co. Ltd.
ACC Planning, A5556	January 1953. Extension, Mayfield, for James Macfarlane & Co Ltd.
ACC Planning, A5985	May 1953. Extension, Mayfield, for James Macfarlane & Co Ltd - amendment to A5556.
ACC Planning, A6441	September 1953. Garage, Mayfield, for James Macfarlane & Co Ltd.
ACC Planning, B1555	August 1957. Addition; James Hay & Steel, for James Macfarlane & Co ltd.

PORTLAND FOUNDRY

ASH, Sa 14.8.1875, 1c	Andrew Walker & Co have commenced business as ironfounders.

PORTLAND IRONWORKS

[See also typed notes, taken from Dick Folder 120A, herewith]

KH, F 26.6.1846, 4c — 'Workmen are at present busily engaged in the preliminary operations for the commencement of the iron-works at Hurlford'.

KJ 28.12.1848 — Were it not on account of the unfinished state of the railway towards Cumnock, which prevents the company from having access to their mineral fields lying beyond the Lugar, these works might now have been in full operation, as all is ready for action. Two furnaces, with engines for the hot blast, are complete, and as many pits have been opened to give abundance of coal, so that the only thing wanted is connexion with the ironstone.

Sa Min 3445 of 1850 — Partners in Portland Coal & Iron Co: George Burns, David Chapman, Archibald MacConnell, John Shortridge and Charles MacIver.

AA, Th 3.7.1851, 4f — Born, 23.6.1851, at 'Mansion House near Crookedholm', a daughter to Captain Caffin, RN, manager of the Portland Coal and Iron Works.

AA, Th2.6.1853, 5f — Born, 29.5.1853, a daughter to Edward Lancaster, Portland Iron Works.

OS Name Book, 1850s — "In these works the iron ore is converted into pig iron. There are 4 hot-blast furnaces, the heated air is forced through the furnaces by an engine 200 hp. Lancaster & Co are occupiers". Duke of Portland, Prop.

ASH 28.2.1857 — Preparations are being made for the addition of another furnace to the 4 already in blast.

ASH 17.4.1858 — 5th furnace lit on Friday, and in a few days will be in blast. Foundations of the 6th being laid.

ASH, Sa 15.3.1862, 3g — Now 5 furnaces in blast.

ASH, Sa 16.4.1864, 6b — Hurlford and Auchinleck properties of Portland Iron Works (Freeland and Lancaster) acquired on Wednesday last by Eglinton iron Co.

Sasine Minutes 590 and 591 of 4.5.1881 — From 1878 William McCowan, manager, Portland Iron Works, was lessee of one of the Barassie villas. By 1881 he is described as living in Whitehaven.

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ACC, TPC 14.10.1947, 1212 — Report on Derelict Land, reference to Derelict iron Works site, Hurlford.

ACC Planning, A789 — March 1949. Working and winning minerals, Old Foundries, Riccarton Road, Hurlford and Crookedholm, for W. & M. Donnelly. Approved February 1954.

ACC Planning, B926 — February 1957. Deposit of surplus soil from Bellfield Housing scheme, Old Furnaces, Riccarton Road, for W. & M. Donnelly.

RICCARTON COLLIERY

AA, Th 6.6.1822, 1c — Riccarton Colliery (Mr Newbigging, Kilmarnock). Colliers wanted.

RICCARTON MILL

Hume — Early C19. A large 2- and 3- storey rubble mill, extended in brick, on an L-plan. The mill is now gutted, but had a large low breast wheel, Unusual features are the ornamental openings in the gable of the main range facing the river. There is a substantial angled weir a short distance upstream.

ACC Planning, 3494 — April 1946. Erection, RM, for J. Robertson & Co.

VULCAN FOUNDRY

Hume — 459369. Founded c.1890. A single storey 9-bay brick moulding shop, with 2 rows of windows, with an extensive yard containing a derrick crane. At one side is a single storey pattern shop and store. The cupola is modern.

CO3/12/3/38 NBC 30.12.1910 Stables, H, for J & R Howie Ltd. [Cf Stables, Muirhouse, for J & R Howie: NBC 23.9.1910]

UTILITIES

WATER, HURLFORD

BNA, 1879 Hurlford Water Scheme inaugurated, with a reservoir at Woodhead, and a filter and tank at Purroch.

CO 3/8/1/2, County Council 1893-95, 186, Law Cttee 24.4.1894
Conveyance of land from Portland in connection with Hurlford water works had not been stamped. Council signed it and stamped it under protest.

CO3/8/1/3, County Council, 1895-98, 19, County Council 1.10.1895
The Hurlford and Crookedholm Water Works are complete. And to be turned on at an early date.

CO 3/8/1/3, 233-234 County Council 6.10.1896
Hurlford Water: £240 approved. (Also £60, for Crookedholm Water)

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