AA 22.10.1891 — Rozelle, Belleisle, Greenfield (new house built c.1861) and Mount Charles were all built on land sold by Burgh Council in 1754. Belleisle (lots: Netherton of Alloway and Netherton Kiln) passed to Hugh Hamilton in 1784. Rozelle (Whinmuir). Greenfield (Alloway Nether Crofts and Alloway Kirk Crofts) - first house built by Elias Cathcart, who is also said to have planted the road now known as Greenfield Avenue. Mount Charles was built by Charles Dalrymple on the lot known as Dykehead Moss.

BELLEISLE

Ayr List 37 — Originally: 2 storey and basement plain mid-Georgian mansion with canted bay at back built shortly after 1775. extensively reconstructed and extended in neo-Jacobean manner in 1829 probably to designs by **William Burn**; further addition c.1880. ballroom c.1895. Entrance front is 2-storey asymmetrical, 1829 section is L-plan and has 2 storey entrance bays with slim 3-storey conical roofed circular turret on flank projecting from re-entrant angle, baroque pedimented doorpiece with balustraded and ball finialled steps, 3-light mullion and transom window over, broad right-hand gable front 2 window at first floor, large 4-light mullion and transom window at ground floor, left hand section 2 window with pedimented dormer heads. Later NE wing has gabled section with canted bay balanced by pedimented bay with circular turret; poorer detail. Garden front has, from SW to NE, broad gable, canted bay, slim conical roofed circular turret, single bay with mullioned windows and advanced wing with gabled ends, that on SW with 4-light rectangular bay and that on NE with bipartite and turret, all with full basement. Modern additions at SW and at NE. Coursed rubble throughout with finialled crowstepped gables, slated roofs and tall chimneys, either single octagonal shafts or broad lozenge stacks.
Refs: NSA - Miller, Castles and Mansions (photo shows N addition).
Notes: Original house built by John Campbell of Wellwood. Burn-style additions were for Alexander West Hamilton, †1839, the addition of c.1880 for William Smith Dixon. The c.1895 ballroom was for the Coats family who purchased the property in 1894. Now Hotel and Golf Clubhouse. B

Paterson — Built for Hugh Hamilton after 1787.

AA 22.10.1891 — Built on the lots of Alloway lands known as Netherton of Alloway and netherton Kiln. Passed to Hugh Hamilton in 1784.

GD 142/24 — 1793-94, slating account.

GD 142/24 — 1794, account for stone for portico.

AO, Tu 21.8.1832, 4d — [Scenes and Localities]. '... lately erected by Mr Hamilton of Pinmore, in the old English baronial turreted style'.

AA, Th 26.4.1838, 1d — Sale of wine (61 dozens), 28.4.1838.

AA 13.9.1849 — Died at Springvale, Ayr, 10.9.1849, aged 91, **James Miller**, builder. [c1758-1849]. First work done on own account was Belleisle House.

SRO, GD 109/3815 — [In BoS files at Girvan Parish School. Letter, c.1832, from T Hughes says that **James Patton** would not suit the purpose (proposed new school at Girvan). He has been contractor for Rozelle, Belleisle and Mount Charles, and was identified with Burn and Bryce and consequently extravagant.

2SA (Alex Cuthill), 1837 — "Rears its turreted gable, projections and chimney tops above the trees, in the style of the old English manor-houses".

AA 8.4.1926 — Intimated yesterday that the house has been bought by Ayr Town Council.

VR 1925/26 — T.l. Lord Glentanar

VR 1926/27 - VR 1928/29	Ayr T.C.; selves for Museum
VR 1929/30 - VR 193\2/33	Ayr T.C.; part, selves for Museum; part, Henry Scott, restaurateur
AA, Th 29.12.1955, 12a [1932]	Henry Scott died at Palace Hotel, Paignton, 17.12.1955. He was the first tenant of the Belleisle when it was converted from a museum, c.1932. After about 5 years he moved to Orangefield Hotel, which was requisitioned at the beginning of WW2.
VR 1933/34 - VR 1937/38	Ayr T.C.; Henry Scott
VR 1938/39 - VR 1950/51	Ayr T.C.; Alex M. Connell
VR 1951/52 - VR 1954/55	Ayr T.C.; Joseph McCardle
AA, Th 5.8.1954, 16a	To let, as unlicensed hotel and restaurant. Has dining room, large tea room, oak room, smoke room, large lounge, sun lounge, 21 guest bedrooms (15d, 6s), and 4 staff bedrooms (3d, 1s), 6 guest bathrooms, kitchen, ballroom.
AA 152/45, Th 11.11.1954, 5a	Belleisle Hotel Future. Let has been offered to J Letham Connell, Inverdon Hotel. Repairs and redecoration presently being carried out: improvements (such as additional toilets, improved kitchens, new heating system, hot water supply to basement golf clubhouse) will be determined after discussion with Connell.
VR 1955/56 - VR 1968/69	Ayr T.C.; John Letham Connell
DoG 162/169	1964, internal alterations, including en-suite bathrooms; **Robert Allan & Partners** for ATC.
AA, Th 13.2.1969, 1ab	SAL to take 25-year lease from Martinmas 1969.
VR 1969/70 - VR 1973/74*	Ayr T.C.; Scottish Aviation Ltd
AP, F 27.4.1973, 48	New golf Clubhouse and panoramic lounge formally opened.
DoG 223/45	1973, internal alterations, including en-suite bathrooms; **A W D Samuel** for Scottish Aviation.
* VR 1977/78 - VR 1980/81	KCDC: Scottish Express Ltd
VR 1981/82 - VR 1984/85	KCDC: Laird Hotels Ltd, Orangefield House, Spey Road
VR 1985/86 - VR 1995/96*	KCDC: Aries Hotels Ltd
VR 1997/98 - VR 2003/04	SAC; Alistair Wales
AP, F 30.11.2012, 6	Work has started on demolition of old function suite. See photocopy herewith for ownershop/management details

AVIARIES

AP, F 13.5.1932, 6cd	Aviaries to be built, £120.
AP, F 15.6.1945, 7c	Was developed by R C Gribben; now to come under Parks Department.
AP, F 13.7.1945, 7c	Gribben took his birds away, leaving 1 parrot. ATC to spend £100 on new birds.
AP, F 15.2.1946, 7b	£120 to be spent on birds to replace those stolen or poisoned.
AA, Th 24.4.1952, 13	Photograph of the aviaries being built.

POND

AP, F 18.12.1936, 11c	Pond at the aviary approved by town council.
AP, F 13.6.1947, 8e	ATC considering sketch of proposed pond for yachts and fowl.

BOUNDARY WALL

AANHS, 5, 207	On 7th May 1788 **Alexander Stevens** ... tendered an estimate for a "dyke of five feet high" to be built in stone and lime, and his tender was accepted; the work was put in hand at once. [Ref: B6/29/7]

BRIDGE on Doonfoot Road

AA, Th 17.2.1876, 1abc	Bridge Money application to rebuild.

BRIDGEHOUSE (OSBORNE'S ROW)

n.r	Demolished 1881
AA, Th 23.6.1881, 5f	Poem by Ebenezer Smith, *Improving Belleisle*.

CONSERVATORY

AA, Acc 352/2/20/1 — Report by Burgh Surveyor, 23rd May 1929 states that it is by **James Boyd & Sons**, Paisley, and is about 45 years old, i.e. built c.1884.

K Andrew — Statue in conservatory by **W Pfohl**.

Site Visit 200198 — Conservatory is wood on a stone base. The statue appears to be of a Nubian water carrier.

DEER PARK

AP, F 18.12.1936, 11c — Town Council approve creation of a deer park, on part of the picnic field from Halliday's house to the viewpoint.

November 1939 — Given soays by Ailsa, from his flock on Ailsa Craig.

DRINKING FOUNTAIN

AP, F 13.5.1932, 12a — To be made at entrance from Monument Road; £6.

GOLF COURSES

AA, Th 26.5.1910, 7e — New 18-hole municipal golf course formally opened last Saturday. Laid out by Charles Hunter, Prestwick, and John Young, Burgh Surveyor. From Clubhouse, runs northwards to first green opposite St Lawrence House. zigzag course. Last two holes run parallel to Doonfoot Road. Laid out on site of original 9-hole course. 226-140-233-379-200-192-370-346-370 (2456)y; 105-286-300-311-300-260-215-256-221 (2254y). 2m 1190y (4710y)

AP 12.11.1926 — Plan of proposed golf courses to be laid out, after purchase by ATC. Design: **James Braid**, Walton Heath, Surrey.

AP 16.9.1927 — Formally opened last Saturday.

AP, F 9.1.1942, 7c — Part of Belleisle No.1 to be ploughed

AP, F 14.8.1942, 7ab — Further area proposed for ploughing.

ATC Minutes 1949-50, Parks Cttee 24.4.1950 — Courses to be known as Belleisle (ex no.1), and Seafield (no.2)

GREENFIELD AVENUE LODGE

Site Visit 200198 — Single storey with pedimented bay to central door. Grey stone wirh red dressings. Adjacent square gatepiers with concave tops and balls at corners.

NORTH LODGE

Ayr List 40 — ?**William Burn**, 1830s. Neo-Jacobean similar to South Lodge but without basement and plan reversed with different treatment at W gable to main road, shallow rectangular bay with crenellated parapet. Simple gatepiers and dwarf convex wing walls with original railings and gates. CS.

RACE COURSE

See also correspondence of Lord Buchan, summaried at Clyde House, 10 Seafield Road, Ayr.

AA, Th 6.2.1890, 5a — [Ayr Half a Century Ago: And Since, VI]. Racing moved here from the Sands in 1770. Quoting McCarter. Much more history and stories of racing here.

AP, F 9.1.1925, 2a — Quoting 'some old records of the Western Race Meeting': "we never saw so many pretty women as there were in the Western enclosure and notwithstanding that many of them had been dancing until 5 in the morning, they turned out with dazzling freshness. Their eyes were bright and their cheeks glowed with health. There was not a sign of that horrible paint and powder that we have unfortunately to associate with the south, and in their tweed and woollens they looked beautifully wholesome."

Ayr TC Minutes 1907, 41, Attractions Cttee 17.12.1906 — Town Clerk's Memorandum. Let to Western Meeting from M1866, and renewed, and now due to expire at Whit 1908. From 1838-1850 it was let to George Dunn, innkeeper.

AA, Th 6.2.1890, 5a — [Ayr Half a Century Ago: And Since, VI]. [George Dunn's leases were conditional on him removing the whins and a turf dyke, ploughing the course, and levelling the land. This he did, by processes which

including bringing over from Ireland a man and bullocks to plough the land, and carting clay from clay bings near the Fort.]

AA, Th 6.2.1840, 1g — Dinner given 5.2.1840 to Mr [George] Dunn, Ayr Arms. Due to him is 'the already wonderfully improved aspect of the Race Course'.

AA 17.1.1907 — has some history of the racecourse.

AA, Th 25.2.1960, 2abc — Reminiscences of Sir Charles Dunlop, WMC. "The layout in those days [i.e. c.1900] was that the paddock was at the north-west corner of the course where the traffic lights now are. The club stand was opposite the entrance to Seafield House, and was always known as the Viewhouse, and a bit further south a wooden stand was erected opposite the entrance to Seafield Farm. A certain number of private carriages were allowed to line the rails of the straight".

"In 1901 a gentleman asked Mr David Shaw if he might try out his starting gate and permission was given him to do so, with the result that the Officers' Cup that year was started by this new gate. I think this was probably the first time that the starting gate had ever been used at a recognised meeting".

AA, Th 26.12.1968, 3cde — The last person living to have won on the Old Racecourse, Sir jack Jarvis, trainer, has died, 19.12.1968, aged 80. Won the Gold Cup on Kilglass. Also trained three Gold Cup winners, in 1937, 1938 and 1946. See Ref.

SOUTH LODGE, with GATEPIERS, and BRIDGE over Slaphouse Burn.

Ayr List 39 — ?**William Burn**, 1830s. lodge, neo-Jacobean, single storey and basement in fall of ground, coursed rubble T-plan with projecting gabled porch in re-entrant angle to drive, gable front to left of it has stone-roofed canted bay with mullioned windows, ball-capped finials. Slated roofs, diagonally shafted chimneys. Flat-roofed extension in rear re-entrant angle. Gatepiers octagonal with urn finials. Bridge is ashlar with curved approaches, square dies with moulded capitals and ball finials, partly missing. CS

STABLE-BLOCK

Ayr List 38 — 1830s with late Victorian and modern alterations and additions, U-plan group, single storey and loft, rubble-built with slated roofs, partly piended, partly crowstep-gabled; part has segmentally arched coach house arches, small stable section has doocot at gable. CS.

TOPIARY

AP, F 22.4.1938, 2cde and 10ab — Discussed; photograph

VIEWHOUSE [1]

AA, Th 6.2.1890, 5a — [Ayr Half a Century Ago: And Since, VI]. Erected in 1787 and enlarged, at a cost of c.£200, in 1830.

AA, Th 14.6.1838, 1d — Mrs Orr 'can at present accommodate sea-bathers with furnished apartments at the above-mentioned place ... from its retired situation and immediate vicinity to a fine sandy beach few more desirable residences as a sea-bathing quarter can be found'.

VIEWHOUSE [2]

Ayr List 99 — 1867. Severe 2-storey 7-window (and later N end bipartite) coursed rubble frontage, centre 3 slightly advanced with deep round arched doorpiece (now blocked as window) of shallow banded rustication, bracketted cornice and shaped blocking course. Marginal windows with 8-pane divide, amrkedly lower at 1st than at ground. Slated piended roof with valenced eaves. CS.

AA 17.1.1867 — Contractors - new Grand Stand for WMC - **J I McDerment**.

B6/18/33 ATC 11.2.1867 — Roup: 13 poles, for a View House, feued to C G Shaw, for the Western Meeting, at 1s per pole.

ASH, Sa 2.3.1867, 5c — Operations have begun. **McLauchlan**, builder, £612 - **Milligans**, joiners, £800.

ASH, Sa 27.7.1867, 5b — The sporting reporter of Edinburgh Courant says it will be in many respects the finest of its kind in Scotland. On ground floor there are refreshment rooms, jockeys' dressing rooms, weighing and reporters' rooms. Stair to 'select' upper floor, with ladies' powder room, smoking room and refrshment room on landing.

AA 16.8.1883 — Improvements to the grandstand presently being carried out under the direction of Mr **Allan Stevenson**.

DoG 59/86 — 1933, alterations for ATC; **Thomas O'Beirne**, architect.

AP, F 17.1.1947, 7d — James McNee, 61, greenkeeper for 23 years (i.e. c.1924) died 12 Jan 1947 at Viewhouse.

AP, F 14.1.1949, 15c — William W and Mrs Corrigan, presently Fulshawwood, have been appointed as groundsman and caretaker/caterer, Old Racecourse.

BRI(D)GEND CASTLE, 33381768

Ayr List 10 — C17 ruin, not much remaining. CS.

CAMBUSDOON

(Ayr List 120: Notes) — Camsbusdoon House was built in 1853 for James Baird of Auchmeddan, probably to the designs of **David Bryce**. It was unroofed in the 1960s and finally demolished in 1976.

[Scots Magazine, January 1773, 34b, records the death, 30th January 1773, of Anne Duff, sister to the late Earl of Fife, and wife of William Baird, Esq., of Auchmedden.]

AA, Th 4.5.1854, 4c — A large and beautiful structure is at present in course of erection on the site of lord Nigel Kennedy's cottage, Craigweil, purchased some time ago by James Baird, Esq. of Gartsherrie. It is in the castellated style; and, when completed, will be another appropriate addition to the fine villa which adorn the banks of this charming stream. The old name is not to be retained; and the ceremony of bestowing the new appellation was performed on Friday last by Miss Begg, in presence of several ladies and gentlemen connected with the neighbourhood and a large number of the workmen. A bottle was broken over the doorpost of the main entrance and henceforth the mansion will be known by 'Cambusdoon', a very happy name, as it signifies a bend or turn on the Doon.

Henry & Grant's New Guide, c1869/1870, 23

"Having gained this road, his attention will be at once arrested by a splendid mansion to his right. This is Cambusdoon, the princely seat of James Baird, Esq., of the well-known iron firm. It is in the pure Elizabethan style, from the designs of Mr **Bryce** of Edinburgh, and is surrounded by an ample park (stocked more profitably, if less picturesquely, than with deer, by Southdowns maturing for the spit), while its policy and garden grounds slope to the Doon. Its inside decorations and accommodation correspond with its imposing exterior, and no more splendid residence is to be seen in the county".

AA 18.2.1926 — Reportedly bought by H Horton, Ayr, to be used as a preparatory school.

AP, F 10.4.1931, 6e — FAREWELL GIFTS TO THE REV H HORTON. An interesting ceremony took place recently when a number of parents assembled to make a presentation to the Rev H. Horton on the occasion of his retirement from the headmastership of Cambusdoon. Mr J G Russell, who made the presentation, said partings from friends were always sad. They were losing one who, through his initiative and personality, had built up a school they were proud of. Mr Horton had been a welcome unit in the scholastic life of Ayrshire, where he had spent nearly twenty years,

and they parents were deeply appreciative of the results and the attention shown their sons. His teaching had always been on the basis of 'Aim high and play hard. Believe yourself capable of great things.' One thing which always impressed him when he visited Cambusdoon, and he had no doubt others felt the same, was the happiness of the boys. It was a tremendous responsibility for anyone to have the care of many young boys, many of whom were mere children, and in this respect the results achieved reflected great credit on Mr Horton, who had been the responsible head. On behalf of the parents he was asked to wish Mr Horton well, with prosperity and all success in the years to come and all good wishes for the future of himself, Mrs Horton and their family. Mr Horton left behind an example of service to be emulated and fragrant memories to be cherished. He thought he could best convey their feelings to Mr and Mrs Horton in the words, 'Glad to meet, sorry to part.' On behalf of the parents he presented to Mr Horton a typewriter and cheque, and to Mrs Horton a writing case. Mr Horton, in his reply, said that both he and Mrs Horton were very sorry indeed to be leaving Cambusdoon and the West of Scotland, where they had made many friends and where they felt they had had some small part in turning out some fine fellows who were making their way in different parts of the world. The boys of Cambusdoon also presented Mr and Mrs Horton with a silver cigarette box suitably inscribed, and some of the Old Boys made them a gift of a beautiful travelling clock. Mr Horton founded a preparatory school in Ayr in 1913 and has moved four times into larger premises. His last move was to Cambusdoon, of which he was headmaster for five years.

AA, CO 3/10/5/6 TSSC 23.6.1937 — Presently has 48 pupils between the ages of 6 and 14.

AA, ATD 62/11, 236, 28.6.1963 — Report of recent retiral of Rev Selby Lennie, who has been head of Cambusdoon School for 32 years. Born in Greenock, he joined staff of the school in 1926 when it was at Carleton Turrets, and became head when it moved in 1931 to Cambusdoon. He is retiring to Old Manse, Ascog. (He died 31st January 1966: AP, F 4.2.1966, 10e)

CO 3/10/5/27, GPC 14.4.1967 — School will close at the end of July 1967. Building offered to Ayr County Council.

AA, Th 11.7.1968, 1a — Charles Eddie to prepare plans for conversion to Old People's Home.

AA, Th 29.8.1968, 11e — Has just been used as a summer holiday centre for children from Dr Barnardo's, Haldane House, Oakley, Fife. See letter from Morag McArthur, Superintendent there.

DoG 196/27 — 1970, demolition, ATC. Part of porch left as a folly/eyecatcher.

LODGE, Greenfield Avenue

Ayr List 120 — Probably **David Bryce**, 1853. Jacobean. Single-storey rubble-built, gable with stone roofed canted bay to Greenfield Avenue. W front finialled gabled entrance porch on left, bipartite with dormer head to right, and modern addition beyond. Windows moulded, diagonal shafted chimneys, chamfered ball-finialled gatepiers with serpentine plan wrought-iron flanking screens. Ref: Miller. CS.

Site Visit 200198 — has rather mannered crowsteps. Lots of finials and chimney pots.

AYR CRICKET CLUB

AP, F 12.4.1935, 21a — Club founded in 1859

AP 8.6.1934 — Purchase of land at Cambusdoon by ACC approved at special meeting of members last Thursday, 31.5.1934. To cost £1250, + £20 for access from road.

AP, F 12.4.1935, 21a — First match will be 20th April 1935, Ayr 2nds v Golfhill 2nd. 7 acres of land, a commodious pavilion is almost completed.

AP, F 3.5.1935, 21ab — First First XI match played on new ground at Cambusdoon last Saturday (27th April) . The turf was laid last November. Western Union match against Poloc. Ayr 162-7 dec, Poloc 125. [Played previously at Dam Park]

AP, F 16.9.2011, 8 — [1961] 50 Years Ago. Ayr becomes first club in West of Scotland cricket to do the triple of Union Championship, West League Cup and Rowan Charity Cup. Jack Watson, captain; Ian Johnstone, vice-captain; Irvin Iffla, Jamaican professional. Stars include Mike Denness, a young star batsman, and Colin Mitchell, a talented young wicket keeper.

AA, Th 22.8.1968, 3d — Investigating building a squash court next to the pavilion.

AA, Th 30.1.1969, 24c — Squash Court will involve felling of tree on ATC land.

Site Visit 200198 — [Not in notes]. Being developed for housing, January 1998.

PLAYERS

AP, F 7.1.1949, 8ef — Noting award of KPM to Horace Munro, Chief Constable, Ayrshire, noted that he plays cricket for Ayr.

CAMBUSDOON CROSS

AA 12.4.1929 — Discovered.

Lacaille, 348 — Found by James Galloway, a pupil at Cambusdoon School, "in the small coppice within the property of Cambusdoon here separted from the burial-ground [Alloway Old Kirk] by a wall, close to which stood the relic almost covered with decaying arboreous refuse."

Lacaille, 349 — Fine grained sandstone, 4'1" by 1'6" (tapering to 1'1"), fractured into two parts. Only 5 to 7¼" thick. Reference (qv, this file) describes the cross.

CRAIGWEILL — See CAMBUSDOON

CUNNING PARK

1829 Directory — Alexander Bell.

AA 23.8.1888 — Tenders wanted for mason work, &c., of extensive additions and alterations. To be sent to Johnstone, factor, Cambusdoon Estates.

Typical Ayrshire Farms, X, in AA Th 8.5.1890, 6b — '... a farm of great antiquity and historical interest. ... While in the possession of Mr Telfer ... it was a model farm, where many experiments in irrigation were made. It acquired a widespread fame at that time and part of the apparatus may still be seen in the original portion of the buildings. ... During Mr [James] Craig's tenancy [i.e., since 1888] the steading has been very much improved and enlarged.'

DOONHOLM

[House is in Ayr Landward]

LODGE, Doonholm Road, 338179

Ayr List 102 — earlier C19. Asymmetrical single-storey coursed squared rubble with splayed angles scoop-corbelled to square, pedimented porch on W front, projecting E bay on N front. Low pitched piended and slated roofs with broad eaves, glazing original but hoods of openings altered. Square gatepiers with chamfered angles. Original railings to finialled terminal piers. CS.

MOAT OF ALLOWAY

2SA, V, 1845, 39 [1837] — The Moat of Alloway is a place of considerable antiquity, and evidently of artificial construction. It is still to be seen on the right hand side of the avenue leading to the House of Doonholm. The magistrates of Ayr appear from the records of the town to have frequently held courts of justice, for the trial of petty cases, according to their charter, on its

summit, which was hollowed out in the middle like the crater of a volcano.

DOONSIDE

ALTHOUGH MOSTLY WITHIN AYR BURGH, as extended, IT SEEMS LOGICAL TO DEAL WITH DOONSIDE UNDER MAYBOLE LANDWARD

GEARHOLM

Ayr List 90 — Early C19. Detached classical villa. Harled, painted margins and band courses, 2-storey, 3-window, slightly advanced centre bay with elegant tripartite anta pilastered doorpiece, consoled ground floor windows with corbelled cills. Piended slated roof with end stacks. Original lying-pane glazing, modern single-storey extension of unrelated design on S front. Small single storey N wing with altered window. B.

Paterson — "Gairholm and Gowkscroft were recently purchased from the Marquis of Ailsa by William Stewart, Esq, some time of Calcutta. This gentleman has built a mansion on the lands, and wholly remodelled them".

DoG 21/33 — 1908, additions, **James Johnstone**, Alloway.

MOUNT CHARLES

Ayr List 210 — 1829. Classical mansionhouse, 2 storey and baement front grafted to older 3-storey house at back. 5 window rough ashlar front, pilastered ends, slightly advanced centre bay with Ionic couple columned and pedimented porch, architraved windows, those at ground floor with cornice, lying-pane glazing 1st floor only. older house at rear c.1756, 3 storey rubble, 1 window either side of 3-window semi-circular ashlar bow right-hand windows at lower 2 floors badly altered. Ref: Miller. The original house was built for Charles Dalrymple, who purchased the property in 1754; the new front for Lt Gen Hughes who purchased the estate in 1827. Now divided into flats.

[ASH, Sa 22.7.1876, 3a — passed from the Dalrymples in 1789 to Captain Robert Gairdner].

Miller — Built shortly after estate purchased from Magistrates in 1754, for Charles Dalrymple of Orangefield. Demolished before 1829, and new house built for General Hughes, 1763-1832, and finished in 1829.

1829 Directory — General Hughes of Balkissock.

AO, Tu 21.8.1832, 4d — [Scenes and Localities]. '... the elegant new mansion of Mountcharles'.

AANHS, V — Built c.1754.

Burgesses — In Aug 1769, John Houstoun, mason, Ayr, was made a burgess at the request of Charles Dalrymple of Orangefield.

SRO, GD 109/3815 — [In BoS files at Girvan Parish School.]
Letter, c.1832, from T Hughes says that **James Patton** would not suit the purpose (proposed new school at Girvan). He has been contractor for Rozelle, Belleisle and Mount Charles, and was identified with Burn and Bryce and consequently extravagant.

AA, Th 7.1.1904, 1f — For sale, by roup, Glasgow, W 27.1.1904. d,d,lib, +9, &c.

AP, F 12.4.1935, 16c — Garden open, 8.5.1935. Mrs Oswald

DoG 88/42 — Subdivision into 5 flats, 1947, **Francis B Dunbar** for Edward Ecrepont. Pre-subdivision plans copied herewith.

LODGE

Ayr List 212 — Probably 1829. Single storey coursed rubble, 2 window and centre projecting bay with distyle unfluted Greek Doric coumned porch. Windows wood mullion and transom crosses with bracketted hoods. Broad eaved, slated roof of low pitch, paired mutules at eaves, twin central octagonal shafts. B.

CO3/12/1/6 BBC 5.5.1914 — Additions and alterations, MCLo, for A Hughes-Onslow; **J K Hunter**.

OBELISK, Mount Charles Crescent

Site Visit 200198 — Close to the house, a memorial to Charles Dalrymple, †1781. [See Site Visit for details of inscription]

STABLES, 22 Mount Charles Crescent.

Ayr List 211 — later C18. Single storey and loft group of buildings forming courtyard, rubble built, centre pedimented bay with semi-ellipticallly arched entrance to courtyard, 2-window either side, piended, slated roof. Being renovated, 1977. CS.

DoG 229/210 — 1973, conversion to residential use; **Hay Steel Macfarlane & Partners** for D H Brechin.

SUNDIAL

Stirlingshire Inventory — 1728 sundial at Inchyra is by George Jameson. According to T.G.A.S., n.s., vol 9, 1940, 286, the 1735 sundial at Mount Charles was also by Jameson

ROZELLE

Ayr List 284 — c.1754, style of John Adam, with additions **David Bryce**, 1830. Originally 2-storey and basement 5 window by 2 main block with basement quadrant links to low 2-storey piended N pavilions; simple astylar treatment. Main block harled with raised quoin angles, architraved windows. N front, those at main floor with frieze and cornice, piended and platformed roof with paired central stacks; wings plain with margined windows and piended roofs. E wing extended as stable court slightly later, 2 and 3 window frontage either side of advanced pedimented bay with semi-elliptical pend arch, cobbled court with segmental coach house arches. Main block deepened in plan on S, 1830, stepped frontage, pedimented centre bay with main floor tripartite 1-window on E, 2 window on W with elegant iron balcony and stair, 1-window pedimented gables E & W; coupled pliaster square plan porch added N front at same date, good Victorian lamp standards flanking steps. Original glazing throughout. Some good interior detail mainly of 1830.

Originally Rochelle. Purchased by Robert Hamilton in 1754. Gifted to the Burgh in recent years and stables opened to public as Maclaurin Art Gallery 1976. Bryce's work began from Burn's office but continued as a private commssion. 1830 alterations for Archibald Hamilton. Ref: Bryce's plans with KCDC, dated 1829-30. A.

NMRS Sheaf Catalogue — 1825-30, **William Burn**, Plans by **David Bryce**. 1834 grounds laid out by James McDerment. Called "recently been rebuilt" in Edinburgh Evening Courant 15.8.1842.

1930-33 alterations to house, lodges, home farm: Allan Stevenson & Cassells. Plans at NMRS.

Steadings and Cottages repaired and built early C19, many new cottages erected "upon a new plan" after Archibald Hamilton succeeded in 1817. [Paterson, Kyle I, 1863, 154].

AANHS, V, — After 1754. Named after a Jamaica property of Robert Hamilton of Bourtreehill.

AO, Tu 21.8.1832, 4e — [Scenes and Localities]. '... the delightful and finely-wooded mansion-house of Rozelle, belonging to the Eglinton family, and inhabited by Archibald Hamilton, Esq., and Lady Jane Montgomerie.

SRO, GD 109/3815 — [In BoS files at Girvan Parish School. Letter, c.1832, from T Hughes says that **James Patton** would not suit the purpose (proposed new school at Girvan). He has been contractor for Rozelle, Belleisle and Mount Charles, and was identified with Burn and Bryce and consequently extravagant.

GUA, DC/17 bundle 62 — 3.4.1830 specification of work to be executed on the additions and alterations. Also 1830 contract between Archibald Hamilton, and **William and James Tait & Co** for mason work. Various estimates.

GUA, DC/17 bundle 24 — Correspondence, 1830-36, with **John White** of Haddington re fittings, furniture and alterations.

GUA, DC/17 bundle 24 — 1831 drawings by **Alexander Scott**, London, of a mantlepiece and sideboard.

GUA, DC/17 bundle 98 — Accounts of **John White**.

AA 25.8.1842 — To sell, "has recently been nearly rebuilt".

GUA, DC/17 bundle 70 — 1.9.1848 inventory.

VR 1891/92 - VR 1917/18 — Christian Ann Dundas Hamilton. In 1891/92 she's at Clevelands, Dawlish; by 1894/95 at The Manor House, Sceend, Wiltshire, and from 1900/01 at Bannerdown House, Batheaston.

VR 1918/19 - 1926/27 — T.l. Christian A D Hamilton

VR 1927/28 — Claud Lorn Campbell Hamilton.

AP, F 12.4.1935, 16c — Garden open, 9.6.1935. Colonel C.L.C. Hamilton.

DoG 91/65 — 1948, renovation of West wing as a separate house; **J & J A Carrick** for Col Claud L C Hamilton.

ATC Minutes 1966-67, 123, Corporation 12.9.1966 — Announcement of Commander John Hamilton's intention to gift Rozelle to TC. He expects to move out of Rozelle c.Martinmas 1969. [Minutes 1968-69, 375, Parks Cttee 21.4.1969: Formal date of gift was 15 November 1968.]

KCDC notes on house — Gifted in 1968. In the hands of the Burgh the house was restored to an earlier format with the replacement of windows which had been sealed and the installation of period woodwork rescued from an Edinburgh property. In 1976 the coachhouse and servant's house were converted to an Art Gallery.

AA, Th 1.1.1971, 1b — To be formally opened today.

SAC, 09/00028/LBC — January 2009. Alterations, for the Maclaurin Trust. A R P Lorimer & Associates.

FURNITURE

AA, Th 14.11.1968, 28e — Sale of household furniture (of Hamiltons), Thursday 21st November 1968. (Afflecks).

AA, Th 28.11.1968, 15d — Reported. Hamiltons are moving to Monkwood.

MACLAURIN GALLERY

ACC, PAHC 24.5.1932 — RW 181. Conversion of stables into house, Rozelle, for Colonel C.L.C. Hamilton.

AP, F 2.7.1976, 8ab — Formally opened last Saturday by Mrs (Commander) John Hamilton.

SRC, P&D, 21.3.1979, 426 — Civic Trust Commendation.

Civic Trust Awards, 1978, 71 — Conversion of the semi-derelict stable wing of Rozelle House into an Art Gallery. Owner, KCDC; Designers, **Cowie Torry & Partners**, architects; G Cubbage & Partners, QS. Contractor, William Paton & Sons Ltd.

This is an admirably restrained restoration, conscientiously carried out with, on the whole, careful detailing. The simple iron gates, the paving and lamp standards in the courtyard are particularly effective: the glazed hardwood doors to the gallery are perhaps a little clumsy in comparion. Nevertheless, this is a model example of doing the minimum, but doing it well.

BOUNDARY WALL

AA 21.11.1816 — Contractors wanted to build stone wall along road.

LODGE

Ayr List 285 — c.1800. Simple late Georgian. Single storey lodge, harled and colour-washed with painted margins; front 2-windows set in segmentally arched recesses and centre splayed fanlight doorpiece set in plain

pilasters with pediment above. Cornice and blocking corse front elevation only. Double pile plan, parallel piended slated roofs. Square panelled gatepiers with quadrant wing walls. B.

COLLECTIONS

SCULPTURES

K Andrew — 5 large granite sculptures by **Ronald Rae**: "Tragic Sacrifice of Christ", 1978-79.

nr — **Henry Moore**, "Reclining Nude".

SRC, 24.10.1979 — Grant of £1,000 offered to KCDC towards purchase of a Henry Moore sculpture, the total cost of which is £20,00

leaflet — First World War Tree Sculptures. 2015 by chainsaw artists Iain Chalmers (Poppy; German Observer), Peter Bowsher (Unknown Soldier; Letter from home; Bench with tank), Andy Maclachlan (Trench warfare; Kilted Soldier) and Craig Steele (Kilted soldier)

BRYDEN

AA 21.9.1922 — The War Memorial in Ayr YMCA was unveiled last night. Design: **Robert Bryden**. [Now at Rozelle]

GROUNDS

AA, Th 11.7.1839, 1e — ref to Mr Locke, gardener, Rozelle.

nr — The oak trees intended to represent the councillors were planted 2.11.1973.

SPORTING CENTRE

AA, Th 24.10.1968, 1ab — Ayr TC's plans for a 100 acre sporting centre.

HOME FARM

1-2 Home Farm Cottages [10-12 Home Farm Road]:

ACC, PAHC 11.12.1931 — RW. Alterations to double cottage; alterations to 2 houses, both RHF, for Colonel CLC Hamilton.

DoG 65/73 — 1935, **Allan Stevenson & Cassels**.

AYR FLOWER SHOW

Nr — First was 1960, Dam Park Stadium (or Hall), two tents 30' by 100': idea of Bob Wakefield, and a replacement for a big flower show at the Kelvin Hall. First was in two tents

SEAFIELD

Done under Ayr.

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