AERATED WATER WORKS, 101 Cross Street

AA, Th 1.10.1896, 8b — For sale, plant &c (property of Mr Carson). Premises to let.

AERATED WATER WORKS, Limond's Wynd

AP, F 10.7.190X — On site of Wooden Kirk, and for Peter Pollock. William Cowie, architect. ILLUSTRATION HEREWITH.

AGRICULTURAL REPAIR DEPOT, Heathfield Road

Dean of Guild Court 97/64 — 1950, F B Dunbar, for Allan W Reid (Ayr) Ltd. "This is a re-erection of an existing building at present standing at Baldoon Aerodrome, Wigtown. It will be re-erected exactly as it is, with the exception of the north front and showroom windows, the details of which will be submitted (later)".

ALLISON PARK QUARRY

AA, Th 9.1.1890, 4f — Filled up more than twenty years ago. [It is marked, and named by me, on 1st ed 1:500 OS]

ANNPIT QUARRY

AA, Th 2.10.1851, 1e — Implements, including a 13 hp atmospheric engine, for sale.

AYR FOUNDRY — [96-102 GREEN STREET]

AA, Th 30.4.1807, 4b — 'WILLIAM RAE, *Engineer and Mill-Wright, from Glasgow*, RESPECTFULLY informs the Public that he has begun the CAST IRON FOUNDERY BUSINESS on his own account in the Air Foundery, lately possessed by Mr John Hunter, where he intends to carry on that Trade, in almost all its branches, particularly Engine and Mill-Wright work, Thrashing-Mill Work, Plough Mounting, Cart Bushes any size, Boilers, Stoves, and Grates of all kinds, Ovens, Garden-Rollers, and Weights of all kinds.
W.R. has had an extensive and general practice of Machinery, viz in Steam Engines both double and single powers; in the Grain Mills, Cotton and Flax Spinning, Bleaching Machinery, Waulk Mills, Thrashing Mills, &c., &c.
Though W.R. does not mean to do much in that line, he will make Patterns, and give information when applied to, and also give Mill-wrights the use of his patterns.'

AA, Th 26.7.1821, 1d — For sale, 19½F of ground "upon which a foundery and other buildings have been erected, and presently possessed by William Rae, founder." There is a lease of 99 years, from Whitsunday 1806, at a rent of £10 Stg per annum.

EG 5298, F 2.2.1844, 38c — Dissolved, 14.11.1843, John Parker & Co., founders, Newton Green. Partners: Allan Dunsmuir, John Parker, James Miller. Business is continued by James Miller, under the name, Ayr Foundry Co.

AA 16.11.1848 — The **new foundry** of James Miller esq. opened last Tuesday. It is north of Newton Green, west of the Railway. 4 acres.

EG 12606, F 10.10.1913, 1066b — The business of 'William Ure', Ayr Foundry, Green Street, has been transferred, w.e.f 2nd April 1913, by James Dawson Ure, to A. & J. Hunter (Andrew Hunter, James Hunter).

BAKERY. McCall's Avenue — KECS
Dean of Guild Court 20/46 — 1908, Andrew & Newlands, Kilmarnock.

BAKERY, Seaforth Road
AA, Th 3.10.1968, 1ab — Approved by Ayr TC. £1.25m bakery at Heathfield for James Gilchrist Ltd, a part of Rank Hovis McDougall.
McKean — This development combines the operations of several small firms in the area making new bread and confectionary. It comprises a single storey production area for plain bread, pan bread and confectionery ovens and ancillary accommodation, bulk flour silos, dispatch area, pan shed, office, canteen and cloakroom facilities. There is a separate maintenance workshop. Cleanliness being essential, the internal walls are kept flush by having the brick encased steel structure on the outside. All production areas are artificially lit and mechanically ventilated. **Keppie Henderson & Partners**, Glasgow, architects, for RHM Bakeries (Scotland) Ltd. Builder: Duncan Logan Construction. Completion, 1971.
AP, F 13.3.1970, 12f — Licensing Court. Off-sale licence granted to enable James Gilchrist ltd to sell packs containing shortbread and a miniature whisky.
Planning 1986/436 — Alterations: Keppie Henderson.

BREWERY, Main Street
Hume — Early C19 and later. A group of 1 and 2 storey harled rubble buildings with a 3 storey 12 bay brick office front. Now an aerated water works.
AA, Th 26.5.1881, 1d — For sale, with stock and goodwill.
AA, Th 9.6.1881, 4f — Sold by T.l. D.B. Young to A.M. Turner. "The purchase has also acquired the adjacent property, which contains the brewery wells, and will now be built upon for additional stores and malt houses. There are to be considerable alterations made on the brewery, and the entire business is to be placed under the charge of a practical brewer and malster; so that under the superintendence of the new proprietor, the prestige of the place is pretty sure to be maintained."
AA 9.4.1908 — We learn that Turner's Ayr & Newton Breweries Ltd have purchased the old Newton on Ayr Gasworks, all as presently situated on the south side of Damside Street, and intend using same as a bottling store, in addition to their already extensive premises at Newton Brewery.
AA. Th 11.7.1968, 5d — Turner's (Ayr) Ltd, and Westcon Ltd. William B Henderson, director and secretary for last 7 years, going to Rowallan Creameries Ltd as financial controller. Succeeded by Joseph G McCreath, who has been an executive with Tennent Caledonian since 1960.
AA, Th 21.8.1975, 13f — WELLY BOOT SONG. Written by George McEwan, from Maybole. He was educated at Carrick Academy, and worked for some time at Turner's Brewery in Ayr, where the girls' protective footwear consisted of Wellington boots, and this gave him the idea for the song. Heard by

Billy Connolly at Ayr Folk Club. McEwan is presently A/V Technical Advisor, Stromness Academy.

BURNSIDE CHEMICAL WORKS

AA, Th 16.5.1861, 1d — Walter Stewart, (agricultural chemist) is moving at Whit from Corn Exchange Court to Burnside Chemical Works, Newton.

Henry & Grant's New Guide, c1869/1870,, p 10/11

"At the work of Mr Walter Stewart nearly all the gas tar of the district is distilled, and the useful products it contains extracted".

AA, Th 23.2.1871, 1b — Notice to debtors and creditors of late Walter Stewart, Burnside Chemical Works, and of Walter Stewart & Co., chandlers, &c.

CARPET FACTORY, Belvidere Terrace

AP, F 25.2.1949, 7b — Obit of Maurus Banyai refers to small carpet factory in Belvidere Terrace. He came to Ayr in 1945.

CARPET FACTORY, McCall's AvenueW C GRAY'S

Hume — Mid C19. A large group of single storey red-brick north light weaving sheds with a small castellated clock tower. Closed in 1974.

AA, Th 9.9.1954, 1d — The company was founded in 1876 by William Crawford Gray in Carrick Street with 12 men (The Twelve Apostles), making art carpets on hand looms.

[AP, F 2.2.1923, 9d, records death 29th January 1923 of Thomas Caldwell Struthers, 81, the last of The Twelve Apostles "who started with the late Mr W C Gray when the latter commenced in Carrick Street what has since flourished into one of the most successful business concerns in the West of Scotland" and "who assisted to lay in unpretentious business premises in Carrick Street the foundation of the firm which now employs about 900 hands." PHOTOCOPY herewith.]

AA, Th 15.6.1911, 5d — Report of the golden wedding of a Gray's employee, who worked in Templeton's until the fire, (1876), and then worked with W C Gray, 'whose works were then situated in Carrick Street'.

ASH, Sa 25.9.1875, 5c — Dinner given in the Good Templar Hall, Sandgate Street to Mr W C Gray on the occasion of his leaving the employment of the Ayr Wool Works in order to commence on his own account.

ASH, Sa 26.1.1878, 5c — Part of a new extension of Gray's Newton Capret Works blew down on Saturday. This new block is of 2 storeys, about 43 feet by 30 feet.

AA, Th 11.11.1880, 6e — has article on W C Gray from *Mercantile Age & Textile World* of 19.10.1880. [Works have been established five years "and during that time they have been twice enlarged. New plant presently being put down, including 20 new looms. Makes Kidderminster carpets].

AA, Th 7.4.1881, 4d — Spacious show room recently added to the works.

AA, Th 9.9.1954, 1d — Introduced Wilton looms in 1902, and a Chenille Axminster Department was opened in 1904.

Letter of L H Wilson, Castlehill, in Jean Kennedy collection [transcript in Families file]:

I have heard that the firm has been doing very well and they have lately built an addition to take 30 new looms.

The "Borough" Guide to Ayr, Cheltenham, c.1913

Has sketch general aerial view of the works, and some interior photographs, and extracts from J G Kitchen's article in The Gentleman's Journal, 11.5.1912:

Started in 1876. Presently employs c.800.

AP, F 2.1.1925, 9c — Henry M Giles, who died 27.12.1924, had been a carpet designer with Grays for 45 years.

AA, Th 9.9.1954, 1d — Became a limited company in 1926, and in 1930 introduced Platts Spool Axminster Looms.

A 25.11.1932: B 25.11.1932 — Mr William Cowie has prepared plans for a small new designing office for William C Gray & Sons Ltd., Newton Carpet Works.

AP, F 5.11.1948, 4e — Bowling Club Annual Dinner, Heads of Ayr Hotel, last Friday. Attended by W. Whatmore, m.d. of the whole group, and G F N Martin, director and general manager, Newton. There are plans they said to make it the most up-to-date carpet factory in Europe and quadruple the workforce, to about 3000.

AA, Th 9.9.1954, 1d — Ref to J Galloway, head designer.

AA, Th 9.9.1954, 1d — Today the company employs 1000 people at its factory in McCall's Avenue. In the past few years there has been a new Axminster Steel Spool weaving shed, and recently completed a modern new dyehouse.

AA, Th 31.12.1959, 1d — The Axminster chenille department closed 4 years ago.

AA, Th 3.11.1960, 17 pic — Canteen opened on Wednesday last week by the chairman, Maj-Gen Sir Colin McVean Gubbins.

AA, Th 9.3.1961, 1cde — The 18-month-old blending section of the spinning department was destroyed by fire last Friday.

AP, F 9.6.2017, 24 [1967] — [50 Years Ago]. Organisational changes announced at AGM of Gray's Carpets & Textiles Ltd. New company for carpet manufacture and marketing: Gray's Carpets Ltd, with four former companies (William C Gray & Sons Ltd; Woodward Grosvenor & Co Ltd (Kidderminster); Archibald Stevenson & Sons Ltd (Hamilton); Gray's Tufted Ltd (Cumnock)) operating simply as production units.

AA, Th 4.7.1968, 5a — Reference to recently announced merger with James Templeton & Co Ltd., Glasgow. Templetons are withdrawing from Kosset Carpets Ltd (see ref for full details) to allow continuation and possible expansion of the tufted carpet operation at Cumnock.

AP, F 7.6.2013 — Closed in 1974

AA, Th 10.7.1975, 1eg — Fire, Tuesday. The Factory 'closed down last year [and] is at present being demolished.'

AP, F 7.6.2013 — In process of demolition. Photograph.

BOWLING GREEN

AP 25.8.1922 — War Memorial Bowling Green. Pavilion: - Mr Hunter, Ayr, builder. Bronze tablet: A C Thomson, Ayr, architect. Formally opened last Saturday.

TASMANIA

AA, Th 29.12.1960, 17bcde — W C Gray's are to establish a carpet factory at Devonport, Tasmania.

AA, Th 9.2.1961, 7c — The plant manager in Tasmania is to be S Wilson, Irvine. Tasman Scottish Carpet Manufacturing Propriety Ltd. Production is due to begin in July.

AA, Th 30.4.1964, 23c — Progress Report. PHOTOCOPY herewith.

SOUTH AFRICA

AA, Th 31.12.1970, 20ab — Advert from Carpet Manufacturing Co (South Africa) Ltd., Durban, for staff. Details to Carpet Manufacturing Co Ltd., Kidderminster.

DIRECTORS, &c.

AP, F 31.7.2015 [1915] — W C Gray has died at home, Northfield, Prestwick Road. 63. Started Newton Carpet Works in 1876.

AA, Th 28.8.1952, 8e — Obituary of William C A Gray, son of founder, of Dunalton, Monkton. Was more than 20 years joint M.D., retiring in 1947, when the company merged. 64, died 20th August 1952, leaving w,s,2 married d.

AA, Th 8.8.1968, 5de — Retiral (July 1968) of Dugald McPhee, Joint MD. Dinner. Company chairman is Sir Colin McVean Gubbins. McPhee "retains a considerable interest in the Tasmanian factory" He was born Glasgow 1903, and was at Grays 1944-46 as Manager, Chenille Production, and then Works Manager. Returned in 1952, again as Works Manager (and on Board), becoming joint m.d. in 1961 with B.W. Mills.

M.D.

- 1961 (†) — Paul Foster
1961 - 1968 — Jointly. Dugald McPhee and B.W. Mills.
1969 - — William Kirsopp
(Appointed, AA, Th 23.1.1969, 14cde. See Card Index for more)

CHIEF DESIGNER

c.1907 - c.1947 — Hugh T Armour, died 1947 (card Index)

STAFF

John Patrick, departmental manager (ca 1875 - 1948). 52 years with the firm, retired ca 1941. See Card Index

EVENTS

AP, F 14.1.1949, 6def — Photo. Children's Party, Canteen, last Saturday.

AP, F 21.1.1949, 6abcd — Photo. Annual Dinner, Western House

CARRICK BRASS WORKS

EG, F 25.6.1915, 916b — Archibald WELSH & Co., brassfounders, Carrick Brass Works, in sequestration - first dividend.

EG, F 24.12.1915, 1927b — Second and final dividend will be paid 4th February 1916.

CHEMICAL WORKS, SOLITUDE

See LIMEKILNS, NEWTONHEAD

COAL, general

Caledonian Mercury, W 5.5.1762, 213c

To be let, by private bargain, for any number of years that can be agreed on.

The Coal in the lands of Easter Sanquhar, lying within two miles of the town of Air, to be entered to at the term of Lammas next. Any person

inclining to take a lease of said coal (to enable him to carry on the working of it to advantage) may be accommodated with good houses for himself and servants; and for the better maintaining horses necessary for carrying on the said coal work, may, upon reasonable terms, have a lease of one hundred acres of good land (less or more) divided into regular inclosures, about ten acres each: and for the further encouragement of the tacksman, in order to procure him a sufficient number of good colliers, every one, free from any engagement with another master, shall have a good house and an acre of land for himself and his heirs (being colliers) and that for the payment of a very small sum, in name of feu duty; a large inclosure shall also be set apart for the grazing of a milk cow to each of them, at a most reasonable rate. There is still about 480 acres of two very fine seams of coal to work within these lands, the uppermost seam is about four feet thick, and not above fifteen fathoms deep; the other seam is about three feet thick, and lies only about nine fathoms below the four foot seam. As there is a fine harbour at Air for export, besides the consumpt of that populous town and adjacent villages, this work may be carried on to any extent; and for the consumption of the small of the coal, besides the demand for burning lime, there may be erected, upon reasonable terms, salt-pans on the neighbouring shore, about a mile distance from said coal-work. There are at present two good gins going upon the said work, together with all other necessary utensils; the same shall be delivered over to the tacksman by inventory and valuation, he obliging himself to re-deliver the same or others to the like value. This coal work employs at present, in the uppermost seam only, about sixteen colliers. For further particulars, apply to John Burrell, manager of the coal and salt works of Borrowstownness, or William McCracken, gardener at Caldwell, who have powers from the proprietor to conclude a bargain.

GJ, Th 10.7.1766, 4a — Coal has been found, and the Community are minded to let it to a suitable contractor. “There are two pits already set down, being nineteen fathoms from the surface of the ground to the Coal, which is about four feet in thickness, with a stone roof, and good pavement, and there appears to be an extensive field, never worked, so far as can be known.” Half a mile from Ayr Harbour.

AA, Th 1.8.1861, 4c — ‘Boring operations have been commenced in the Newton Lands, in the neighbourhood of the Farina Mill, adjoining the railway, about a mile from Ayr. There is at present we believe every prospect that a good seam of coal will be obtained.’

NAMES

Fl 1795, 1796 — George Mitchell. Manager, Newton Coal Co, 1795 (B6/27/5, p 231-232). G M of Boghall, 1796, involved with Ayr Coal Co (B6/36/10, 1796/1)

Manager, 1819 - 1831, Archibald Kerr, see C.I.

John Stevenston (sic), manager, Ayr Coal Works, Whitletts, died 30.12.1847. AA, Th 30.12.1847, 4g

Colliers

AA, Th 17.6.1847, 4f — Alexander Douglas, who died 10th June 1847 at Old Foundry, aged 75, was the oldest collier in Ayr, and had been a miner for 63 years.

CONTENT FACTORY, 18 Church Street

ASH, Sa 9.6.1866, 5c — Mr Matthew Jamie is about to open an establishment for the manufacture of harness and other cotton goods in premises recently built by him near Craigie Gates to be called Content Factory. Weavers and other hands are expected to begin work immediately.

EG, F 12.11.1869, 1402a — Matthew Jamie, Church St: Sequestrated.

EG 8012, F 3.12.1869, 1559b — Trustee, Archibald Pollock, accountant, Glasgow. Commissioners, Robert Fergusson, wholesale grocer, &c., Ayr; James Smith, manufacturer, Glasgow; John Thomson, of Malcolm Ross & Co., cotton yarn agents, Glasgow. Examination, 10th December.

EG 8017, Tu 21.12.1869, 1648b — Composition of 5s/£ offered

ASH, Sa 5.2.1870, 5a — Content Weaving Factory has been bought by Mr Ritchie, Glasgow, for £1140. It has been closed for several months due to the bankruptcy of Mr Jamie.

Sas Abrs 2740 and 2741 of 1887 — Partners in William Ritchie & Son, curtain manufacturers, Content are - William Ritchie and James Meikle Ritchie.

EG 10219, F 9.1.1891, 29a; EG, Tu 26.1.1892, 84a — Matthew Jamie & Son, manufacturers, Wallacetown - in sequestration. Partners are Matthew Jamie, Norwood Villa, Hawkhill; John Campbell Jamie, 52 Allison Street. 29a: dividend to be paid.

[See also KNITTING FACTORY]

[Cf also AA, Th 2.1.1902, 1e, reference to 'a large addition behind formerly occupied by Mr Jamie as a lace factory, and now as a night asylum', in sale details of 27 Content Street]

CONTENT QUARRY

AO, Tu 22.5.1832, 1d — James Thom has just opened a new quarry in Content, supplying superior white freestone.

AA, Th 9.1.1890, 4f [c.1840] — [Ayr Half a Century Ago: And Since, II] '... Content Quarry - then and for many years after in active operation, under the managership of Mr Watson ... When the rock was worked out the quarry remained for many years an ugly and dangerous sheet of water, and it was not until the Content farm propoerty was disposed of by the late Mr Taylor Gordon to Mr J Nicol Fleming ... that the services of gangs of unemployed workmen were called into requisition to fill up the hole. The material for the purpose was obtained from the quarry braes, which then sloped down to the river. Messrs Alexander's woodyard now occupied the site of the quarry.'

ASH, Sa 29.1.1870, 5a — J N Fleming, new proprietor of Blackhouse, has acceded to request that the filling up of Content Quarry be done to provide work for the unemployed.

AA, Th 26.9.1878, 4d — [Obituary of James Craig, c1836-1878, J N Fleming's factor during ownership of Blackhouse]. "The vast improvements effected on these estates were originated, and carried out under the supervision of Mr Craig. Amongst the many improvements effected on the Blackhouse estates. not the least important was

the filling of the huge old quarry at Content House, which was exceedingly dangerous, and converting it into valuable feuing ground".

CRAIGIE COLLIERY

AA, Th 25.3.1886, 5f — Obit of Robert Brown, later of the Lanemark Coal Co. 1854-1864 he managed the Craigie Colliery.

FARINA MILL

Henry & Grant's New Guide, c1869/1870, p.11

On the north side of the river, immediately above the Old Bridge, a Farina Mill on a very extensive scale has within recent years sprung up. The proprietors are Messrs Thos. Hyland & Co., and the starch manufactured is principally used by the Glasgow and Manchester manufacturers".

FERTILISER WORKS, Saltpans Road

ASH, Sa 23.11.1867, 5d — Mr Weir of the Chemical Works, Ayr, has purchased plant and machinery of the Chemical Works situated in Bogle Street, Greenock.

ASH, Sa 30.11.1867, 4f — Mr Weir, Ayr, has acquired machinery and plant in the Charcoal and Chemical Works recently occupied by McWilliam & Gibson, Boyle Street, Glasgow, for £600.

Henry & Grant's New Guide, c1869/1870, p.10

"Two Chemical Works are in full operation on the north side of the river - that of Mr Alex Weir being on a very extensive scale. Since the use of artificial manures has become so indispensable to the farmer, this work has from time to time been enlarged to such an extent that it now ranks among the first of its kind in Scotland".

EG 10247, F 17.4.1891, 435b; EG 10282, Tu 18.8.1891, 907a

Weir & Co. In seq. Peter McGeachie, sole partner. Dividend postponed. Dividend to be paid 5.10.1891 (907a).

EG, F 19.2.1892, 240a — Weir & Co., chemical manufacturers, Newton upon Ayr. Peter McGeachie, sole partner, In sequestration. Further Dividend postponed.

AA 29.3.1923 — Wyllie's fertiliser works, Newton Shore, badly destroyed by fire last Monday.

Dean of Guild Court 95/107 and 96/26 1949, major reconstruction; Crouch & Hogg, engineers. [Also reported in B 25.3.1949 and BI 61/709 April 1949].

AP, F 18.2.1949, 9bc — £100,000 expansion plan passed by Town Council on Monday, and likely to be passed by DoG Court, today (Friday). 8 Fertiliser storage bins, with bagging plant, which can bag at 40 tons per hour. Work to begin 1st April 1949.

Dean of Guild Court 99/23 — 1951 office/canteen/baths block: Basil Spence & Partners; Crouch & Hogg, engineers.

AA, Th 26.6.1952, 16 — SAI. Series of photographs of the factory.

AA, Th 14.7.1960, 7ab — Approved by DoG. Sidings and Loading Bay.

FOUNDRY

AA, Th 7.8.1806, 4b — Newton upon Ayr Cast Iron Foundery: Messrs Greener and Stainton have commenced the above business. Loam, dry and greensand castings.

AA, Th 27.8.1807, 4b — To sell, the remainder of a 99 year lease of a piece of ground "upon which a large foundery concern and pertinents have been built by Greener & Stainton, iron founders, there."

AA, Th 3.9.1807, 4b — Greener & Stainton, ironfounders, Newton have been sequestrated. Meetings are held in Edinburgh.

AA, Th 29.9.1808, 1b — For sale, property of bankrupt Greener & Stainton. Large foundry house in Newton Green, with office, crane, &c.

FOUNDRY

AA, Th 27.6.1822, 1d — WILLIAM PARKER, SMITH, FOUNDER AND CHAIN MANUFACTURER, AYR, begs leave to return his most grateful thanks to his Friends in particularly and the Public at large for the very liberal encouragement he has met with for the last twenty years in the Smith line. He now takes the liberty respectfully to inform them that in addition to his Smith Work, he sometime ago commenced business in the FOUNDERY line; and at his Foundery his Friends and the Public can be supplied with any kind of CAST IRON WORK. He has also commenced the manufacturing of CHAIN CABLES, and CHAINS of various other descriptions, such as CHAINS for COALWORKS, also for CRANS for QUARRIES, and every other purpose, all of which are proved before they leave his Works by a powerful machine which he has fitted up for proving the Chains upon the most improved principles and which has been examined and approved of by Mr WILLIAM RAE and Mr ANDREW DARLING, Engineers, in the presence of Lloyd's Agent at Ayr; the MAGISTRATES OF NEWTON; Messrs CHARLES CONNEL & Co., Messrs JAMES TELFER & Co., and a number of other Gentlemen, all of whom were much satisfied with the complete power and capability of the machine. As this is the principle Proving Machine in the West of Scotland, Shipmasters and others can have their Chains proved by it, according to Acraman & Son's proof table on paying the usual fees.
W.P. has always on hand an assortment of CAST IRON PATENT PALLS for Ships, WINDLASSES of the most improved plan, CAMBOUSES, STOVES, ROLLERS, HAUSE-PIPES, SHAVES and every other thing in the Smith, Foundery or Chain line, all of which can be had on the shortest notice. He also executes all kinds of MILL WRIGHT WORK, for manufacturing purposes, either worked by the power of steam, water, wind or horses, and having his works all fitted up in the most complete manner, and being thus able to produce the best of workmanship and material, and paying the greatest attention to the various branches of his business, he hopes for and trusts to a continuance of the public favour. 27th June 1822.

AA, Th 15.3.1838, 4b — In looking into the Iron Foundry last week, of Messrs John Parker & Company, Newton Green, Air, we were shewn the largest casting in brass ever made in this county, being a chamber for the working barrel of an engine at Crawfordstone

Colliery. It was 9 feet long, 7 1/8 inches diameter inside, and weighed 626 imperial pounds. The size of the casting, however, appeared to us a secondary matter, compared with the fineness of its workmanship, the interior of the chamber being as smooth in surface, and as bright as the most highly polished mirror. Every one capable of judging of this description of work who saw the casting alluded to, at once pronounced it the most creditable job of the kind that had ever been done in our 'guid auld town'. Messrs Parker & Co. have of late greatly improved their machinery, having got a handsome small steam-engine applied to boring, turning, &c., which does its work in the best style; indeed it is a sight of great interest to observe an engine so conveniently situate and so ingeniously managed, that by shifting belts, it is made a servant of all work, from giving to iron and brass their highest polish, to blowing the furnace and turning the grindstone. The Messrs P have at present in hands a very handsome engine and machinery for Barleith Colliery.

AA, Th 4.4.1839, 4f — Died, Newton on Ayr, 30.3.1839, aged 72, William Parker, founder.

AA, Th 30.5.1839, 1d — Notice to creditors of John Parker & Co., founders, Newton.

AA, Th 11.7.1839, 1d — Roup, Tu 30.7.1839, of 5½ hp steam engine, boring mill, piercing machine, moulds, &c.

AA, Th 8.8.1839, 1b — Roup adjourned to F 23.8.1839.

AA, Th 22.8.1839, 1g — Roup cancelled, as whole sold by private bargain.

AA, Th 10.10.1839, 1a — John Parker & Co have recommenced business in the premises formerly occupied by them on North Quay.

AA, Th 12.12.1839, 1b — Notice to debtors and creditors of John Parker & Co.

EG 5298, F 2.2.1844, 38c — Dissolved, 14.11.1843, John Parker & Co., founders, Newton Green. Partners: Allan Dunsmuir, John Parker, James Miller. Business is continued by James Miller, under the name, Ayr Foundry Co.

AP, F 10.6.1932, 2a — Before the first new bridge was built a grassy bank extended on the Newton side right down to the river mouth. Where the harbour station stands was formerly a thatched cottage surrounded by grassy knowes, and a little farther down was Parker's foundry and near by a lake. Among the employees at the foundry was one Jamie Rumpey. Jamie was rather late one day, and was remonstrated with by Mr Parker. Jamie listened, and then quietly retorted: "I'm shair I've see you mony a time langer away, and I never said a word tae you".

GAS WORKS, Damside/Weaver Street

KH, F 22.5.1846, 4e — Newton Gas Co. Contractors for the proposed works are John Bicket, CE, Kilmarnock, for the iron work and pipes, and Robert McGeachin, mason, Content, for the mason work.

AA, Th 5.2.1874, 5c — Presentation to James Goudie, late manager, going to Arequipa. Present manager is William Smith.

AA, Th 21.12.1876. 8e — Died, Arequipa, Peru, 20.10.1876, James Goudie, manager of the Gas Co there, formerly manager, Gas Works, Newton.

B6/22/1, PC Cttees 5.4.1878 — Submitted and approved: plans of addition to Retort House, Damside, for Newton Gas Co.

AA 19.4.1906 — New works of Newton on Ayr Consumers Gas Co. Formal opening last Friday of additions to works. Retort House, &c. Retort House is by Gregory & Co., Glasgow; the brickwork by Mr Workman, Saltcoats.

Engineer, 20.4.1906, 410c — New plant increases capacity consumpt from 60m cubic feet p.a., to 100m, and has potential to be expanded further. Additions just completed comprise retort house, retort bench and mountings, boiler, condensing plant, washer and scrubber, exhaust-house and holder. Holder capacity, 484500 cubic feet.

Dean of Guild Court 38/24 — 1923, offices, J St Clair Williamson

AP 4.5.1923 — Passed at Dean of Guild recently - offices Weaver Street/Damside for Newton on Ayr Gas Co.

A 27.1.1933 — Contracts placed for engine shed, &c., at Newton on Ayr Gas Co. Plans by J K Hunter.

AP, F 18.2.1949, 1e — Stockholders' Representative: John Allison, CA.

AA, Th 19.1.1961, 6 — Photographs of the 500,000 cubic feet, 1905, gasholder being dismantled.

MANAGERS

ca1869 - 1873 — James Goudie

1873 - — William Smith

GAS WORKS, Weir Road

Dean of Guild Court 101/26 — 1952 Gasometer; Whessoe Ltd., Darlington, for SGB.

AP, F 2711.1953, 17abc — Photograph of foundations being made.

AA, Th 19.1.1961, 6 — 1905 gasholder at Damside is being demolished; it, and others, have been replaced by 3,000,000 cubic feet gasholder in Weir Road.

GREEN PIT

AA, Th 16.8.1821, 4b — Fatal accident here.

AA, Th 9.1.1890, 4g — [Ayr Half a Century Ago: And Since, II]. 'The shaft of this pit was still open within our recollection but owing to the steady inroads of the sea, it came about that the tide gradually washed over it, and it disappeared from view.'

HAWKHILL CHEMICAL WORKS, Somerset Road — W G WALKER & SONS LTD.

The "Borough" Guide to Ayr, Cheltenham, c.1913 — Has advert for Walkers; sketch aerial view of the works

BT 2/11135 — W G Walker & Sons Ltd incorporated 14.4.1920. Registered office moved to Parkhead, Glasgow, 1930, and company wound up 1942, assets transferred to W G Walker & Sons (Glasgow) Ltd. Directors in 1920 were John Walker, 27 Miller Road - David McWhinnie Vass - James Thomson. Walker died c.13.12.1930.

AP, F 19.12.1930, 10c — Died 13.12.1930, John Walker, 80. 'As a young man spent some time in Germany'. About 38 years ago, with his brother, the late Hugh S Walker, was responsible 'for the introduction into Scotland of tar macadam as a paving for roadways. For this purpose he brought experts from Derbyshire.'

AP 19.4.1940 — The chimney built in 1878 was demolished last Saturday. The ground was sold to James Dickie & Co about 2 years ago.

HEATHFIELD FOUNDRY, 79-81 Seaforth Road DICKIE'S

nr supplementing Victoria Works, q.v.

Dean of Guild Court 102/83 1952. James Dickie & Co (Drop Forgings) Ltd. Their chief draughtsman appears to be A J Kerr.

AA, Th 2.10.1952, 1cd Work is due to begin next month on a new £14,000 foundry, at Heathfield, for James Dickie & Co (Drop Forgings) Ltd.

Dean of Guild Court 103/21 1953, house (79 SR): A J Kerr, chief draughtsman and master of works.

AA, Th 30.10.1975, 1g Threat of short-term working at Victoria Works, which employs 250, plus 50 admin, &c. The Heathfield Foundry, employing 130, already on a 3-day week.

HEATHFIELD INDUSTRIAL ESTATE

SRC, W&S 23.3.1978, 438 Negotiated Contract. Extension, KCDC.

ICE FACTORY, Falkland Road

AA, Th 19.11.1953, 5ab Has short article on the work here.

AA, Th 6.8.1970, 1ab + photo Destroyed by fire, Monday. William Milne & Co stopped making ice here some years ago, and has been used by Robert Wilson & Sons as chilled food storage and preparation. To supply a cannery in Kilwinning.

JAMIESON'S, Limond's Wynd

GH, F 13.11.1846, 4c From *Ayr Observer*. Blanket & Plaiding Trade. In last 18 months, while labour has risen in value, wages of blanket and plaiding weavers have stayed low and stationary. Workers pressing for a rise, and after successful discussion with employers, there is to be a rise of 15%. Affects employees of A Templeton & Co., Dutch Mills; Hill, Paterson & Jamieson, Ayr, and Templeton's Skeldon Mill.

ASH 5.11.1864 William Jamieson has assumed brother, James, as partner. Firm now W & J Jamieson, woollen manufacturers.

Weekly Scotsman 6.6.1868, quoted in ASH Sa 13.6.1868 3e, and published as Bremner, 1869

The Messrs Jamieson, whose factory is in Lymond's Wynd, do a considerable trade in making blankets, flannels, plaidings and various kinds of woollen wearing apparel. Their blankets are famed throughout the district for their superior quality

KNITTING FACTORY, Content Street

[cf CONTENT FACTORY]

AP, F 3.11.1933, 3c Knitting factory in Content Street opened recently by H D Paton.

AP, F 28.2.1964, 31e To close. Has been in production since 1928. Knitwear factory of James McInnes & Co Ltd. Firm also have a larger factory in Darvel making curtains, terylene, lace, &c.

LACE FACTORY, 20 Belvedere Terrace

AA 24.2.1881 Operations have been commenced this week towards the building of a new lace factory at Newtonhead.

AP 17.5.1881 — New Lace Factory - nearly complete - for D G Howatt & Sons, at Newtonhead, adjoining public school, and between it and railway. The architect is **W Landless**, Glasgow. Red and white brick, with engine house and chimney stack at east end. 95' by 52'.

AA, Th 19.5.1881, 4d — Messrs Howatt & Sons, Glasgow, have just finished the erection of a new factory at Newtonhead, Ayr, for the manufacture of what s known as Nottingham lace. The work is 95 feet long and 52 broad. It will employ a considerable number of hands.

Sasine Abridgement 763 of 1881 — Disp of 2A 1R 7P 5Y (part of Nl 26 I) by Adam Lockhart to David Gemmell Howat, Jasper Fraser Howat and Donald Currie Howat, manufacturers, Glasgow, partners in D G Howat & Co.

AA 19.5.1881 — Messrs Howatt & Sons, Glasgow, have just finished the erection of a new lace factory at Newtonhead.

The "Borough" Guide to Ayr, Cheltenham, c.1913 — Has advert for Wharrie Brothers (Glasgow, London and "at the late D G Howat's works, Allison Street, Ayr") including interior photograph.

LACE FACTORY, 17 Viewfield Road

Sas Abridgement 2353 of 1882 — Feu Disp of 1A 1R 33P 13¼Y, bounded on the south by Waggon Road otherwise called Hawkhill Road (and = Viewfield Road), by Arthur Lang, to Samuel BUTLER, lace manufacturer, Nottingham.

AA 9.2.1882 — We understand that the site for a new lace factory of considerable dimensions has been taken off by a Nottingham firm adjoining the Waggon Road, Newton, and that building operations are to be commenced immediately.

AP 10.2.1882 [in AP 12.2.1932] — Second lace mill to be erected, by Nottingham firm, less than a year after the first was started. Near engine sheds. To be twice as large as existing mill. Feued from A Lang.

AA 6.4.1882 — New Lace factory at Newtonhead. Contracts allocated. The architect is Mr **John Mercer**, Burgh Surveyor, Ayr.

Sas Abridgement 1807 of 1902 — 12.6.1902. Disp of p.o.l. in 2353/1882 by John Gardiner, manufacturer, sometime of West End House, Blantyre, now at Tantallon, Ayr - to Alexander Paterson, John Paterson, and Alexander Paterson, junior, all merchants in Paisley, carrying on business under firm of Alexander Begg & Co. 2.6.1902. 1174.22.

EG 12628, F 26.12.1913, 1424b — The business of Paterson Brothers, tweed manufacturers, Ayr, was transferred on 1st July 1912 by John Paterson and Alexander Paterson, then sole partners, to Colin Walker Paterson, who will continue to trade as Paterson Brothers.

AP 20.1.1939 — Recent death of Alexander Paterson. Son of late Alexander Paterson, who worked for Dalziel & Begg, Paisley, and which company came to Viewfield Road (as Alexander Begg & Co) and took over the tweed works of Gardner & Co., who had earlier been in the lace trade.

LACE FACTORY, Heathfield Road

BI 73/855 June 1961 Proposed factory for British Replin Ltd: Stevenson & Ferguson. [Was this ever built?]

LIMEKILN

AA, Th 15.12.1808, 1b Notice to debtors and creditors of [William] McClelland & Baird, limeburners, Newton, who are giving up the business.

AA, Th 22.12.1808, 4b Advert from Ayr Colliery Office, advertising lime from the kiln formerly possessed by McClellan [sic] and Baird.

LIMEKILNS, NEWTONHEAD

Ayrshire Express, Sa 24.1.1863, 1b Adjourned sale, W 4.2.1863, in Kings Arms, of Solitude Chemical Work, and cottage, on north-west side of Newton-Prestwick Road, as sometime possessed by John Gamble.

ASH, Sa 28.11.1863, 5a New Patent Limekilns have been erected by William McColm on the site of Gamble's Chemical Works, Newtonhead.

MAINHOLM COLLIERY

AA, Th 30.3.1809, 1c Grass park near Braehead to let, as lately possessed by Mainholm Colliery.

MEAT PROCESSING PLANT, Heathfield Road

BI 80/945 December 1968 Proposed Meat packing plant, Heathfield Road, for Walter Mitchell & Sons Ltd. Axel Hansen & Co., Copenhagen, architects. [NOT BUILT?]

NEPTUNE WORKS, West Sanquhar Road SCOTTISH STAMPING & ENGINEERING CO LTD

Directors in 1941 J Douglas Latta - John Latta - F W Rowan-Thomson - T Mason MacQuaker.

Dean of Guild Court 206/88 1971 Dining Hall, Keppie Henderson & Partners, Glasgow.

NEWTON MILL

AO, Tu 5.6.1832, 1a For sale, machinery of the Mill of Newton on Ayr, consisting of "a water wheel, pit wheel with cast iron segments, a pair of millstones, a pair of cast iron malt rollers, with gearing, &c.", all, "with the exception of the water wheel" in good workable condition". Details from the Magistrates.

AA, Th 25.9.1873, 4d [Obituary of James Highet, ironmonger, †1873] "He occupied for many years as a workshop the Malt Mill which used to stand opposite Darlington Place Church, and by the side of the stream, open but neither clear nor sweet, which ran down the middle of Main Street".

NEWTONHEAD COALPIT

AA, Th 9.6.1831, 4b Accident here.

POLLOCK & McLACHLAN, bottlers and aerated water manufacturers, Ayr

EG, Tu 1.11.1892, 1208ab Dissolved. Peter Pollock continues the business. The other partner was John McLachlan.

QUARRIES

AP 2.5.1930 — Bellrock is the quarry in Ayr: its neighbour in Prestwick is Cock-a-Bendy.

VR 1881-1882 — Houses near Bellrock Quarry: prop Robert Lawson, Australia.

REID'S FACTORY, Russell Street

WS 6.6.1868, quoted in ASH Sa 13.6.1868, 3ef, and published as Bremner, 1869

In Mr Reid's manufactory situated in Russel [sic] Street, built some seven or eight years ago, from 30 to 40 hands are employed in the weaving of winceys and flannels for Glasgow houses.

Henry & Grant's New Guide, c1869/1870, p.11

"There is a power-loom Factory, employing a number of hands, belonging to Messrs J Reid & Son, where the manufacture of winseys is carried on".

ROPEWORKS

AA, Th 23.2.1809, 4c — To let, storehouse, ground for a ropework, and a woodyard. The store house is slated, 50 feet in length, and lies between the present ropework and the garden dyke of John Hunter. The ground lies between the Stinking Hole and the storehouse, running from the end of Mr Hunter's garden duke. Approximately 144 feet by 350 feet. Details from the Magistrates of Newton, or Stewart Ewing.

ROPEWORKS, NEWTONHEAD

AA, Th 8.6.1911, 4h — [Obit of Daniel McKechnie]. Came to Ayr from Dundee to manage rope-spinning department at shipyard, then started on own account in Waggon Road (later renamed Viewfield Road), then moved to McCall's Avenue.

AA, 28.3.1861 — Is building a rope-walk at Newtonhead. Has been 20 years at Ship yard.

AA, Th 6.1.1876, 1e — Advert. D McKechnie, rope and sailmaker, Newtonhead. Thanks for custom over last 10 years.

ROPE WORKS, QUARRY GREEN

AA, Th 16.2.1871, 4d — David Reid, ropespinner, Ayr, having retired, was taking down his wooden rope-shed in the Quarry Green in February 1871, when the wall against which it was built, and which had been "rather shaky of late" , collapsed, and fell on him, killing him.

ROPE WORKS, WALLACETOWN

AA, Th 5.9.1822, 4d — Has a reference to Allan Wilson, ropemaker, Wallacetown.

SALTPANS (unsorted)

AA, Th 5.1.1809, 4b — Salt. Made and selling by David Campbell at the newly erected work, Bell Rock, near Air, of a most excellent quality, equal if not superior to the smuggled Irish salt.

ASH, Sa 11.1.1873, 5b — "The ruins of the old saltpans (near Newton Lodge), which have weathered many a gale, were nearly all levelled with the sand" by the big tide last Friday.

SAWMILL, Heathfield Road — ALEXANDERS'

Dean of Guild Court 165/28 — 1963, Elder Building Contractors, Troon.

ALEXANDERS

n.r. — Looks like William Alexander (c.1808-1890), with his sons Ivie (c.1837-1888), James (c.1841-1905) and William (c.1846-1924).

SAWMILL, Newtonhead

ASH, Sa 16.8.1873, 5d — The woodyard at McCrorie's sawmill, Newtonhead, was destroyed by fire last Friday week.

S.D.A. FACTORIES, Green Street

nr — 1981-82, SDA Design Team. D H Mann, principal architect.

SCOTTISH MECHANICAL LIGHT INDUSTRIES Ltd., Waggon Road

AP, F 4.2.1949, 15c — Customers are invited to write in for a Scotmec Olympic souvenir lighter.

BI 68/796 July 1956 — Reinstatement of fire damage - tenders accepted. E A Darley, architect.

BI 77/912 March 1966 — Robert Allan & Partners are architects for workshop bay at 42 Waggon Road for Scottish Mechanical Light Industries Ltd.

SCOTTISH STAMPING & ENGINEERING CO.LTD.

AA, Th 22.1.1953, 1de [1900] — Scottish Stamping was established in West Sanquhar Road in 1900. "In its early days the firm's trade was largely in making ships' stanchions, cargo hooks, cleats and other ships' fittings." See Ref for additional information.

AA, Th 21.11.1968, 15d — Death of William Ritchie, who came to Ayr 1908 as manager/secretary of Ayr Structural and Stamping Co., which became Scottish Stamping. He left 1912/1913 to found Victoria Stamp Works.

AA, Th 22.1.1953, 1de — Take-over offer has been made by Guest Keen & Nettlefold.

AA, Th 27.8.1959, 1cde — Training Centre to be formally opened 2.9.1959.

AA, Th 24.7.1975, 11fi — J Glen, M.D., becomes non-exec deputy chairman. R Whiteside, deputy m.d. since 1970, becomes M.D. New Directors: I P Sutherland, sales directors, born 1929, sales manager since 1970; C A McNeil, 40, manufacturing manager since 1974, now director and manufacturing manager, J Mitchell, who began as an apprentice in 1964, and became technical services manager in 1974, now director and t.s.manager.

As part of the GKN Ltd capital expansion an 8000 ton forging press has been ordered. Will be largest mechanical die-forging press in the UK, and will make crankshafts for diesel engines. Part of an integrated production line from Eumuco AG, Germany, who have close links with Wilkins & Mitchell, UK.

AA, Th 11.12.1975, 11ei — Current £3½ million extension involves a £250,000 reinforcement of the electricity supply.

WHITEHILL STREET

AP, F 13.5.2011, 8a [1961] — 50 YEARS AGO. A street of 21 houses in Ayr will be demolished to make way for a modernised Stamp Works. Whitehill Street, mostly occupied by stamp work employees,

will disappear as the company switches from steam-operated stamping to a compressed air system. The switch will mean a much cleaner environment, with much of the smoke and gas eliminated, in compliance with the Clean Air Act.

SHOE FACTORY. 4 Limekiln Road D & J SMITH

KH, F 23.2.1883, 2g — Feu near Tam's Brig has been taken off for a shoe factory.

Sas Abr 4271 of 1883 — Feu Disp of 1R 10P between J M Ferguson and D & J Smith, boot and shoe manufactuers, Glasgow (partners; Adam Ker - Henry Adam Ker).

D 1886-1887 — D & J Smith, boot and shoe manufacturers, Tam's Brig, Prestwick Road.

SHOE FACTORY, McCall's Avenue LEES'

Hume — Late C19 or Early C20. A large single storey, 8 bay red-brick block of north light sheds with a decorative frontage. This has large semicircular windows and a central 'feature'. At the rear are a 9-bay drying shed with louvred ventilators on the upper floor, and a large circular section chimney. Disused.

Dean of Guild Court 11/54 — 1901, Allan Stevenson.

CUTHBERTS

See also — Alexander Kerr (†1956), in Card Index

'SPIERS, STEWART', steel and iron plane manufacturers

EG 12583, Tu 22.7.1913, 782a — Partnership of 'Stewart Spiers' (n.b., of 4 River Terrace and 24 Old Bridge Street) dissolved 30th June 1913, by retiral of Norman Eadie. The other partners continue under same firm name; they are Jane Stewart Spiers, Maria Carstairs Spiers and Mary Stewart Spiers or Jackson.

STEEL, Thomas, manufacturer, Newton

EG 5419, F 4.4.1845, 109b — Reference, as proposed cautioner for Hugh Kennedy, grocer, &c., Content Street

TANNERY, Head of Wallacetown

AA, Th 3.11.1808, 4b — For sale. Has 28 pits, bark miln, &c. Lately occupied by John and James Tod.

TWEED MILL, Viewfield Road (Beggs) See LACE MILL

VICTORIA MILLS

Hume — 1870s and later. A 3 storey and attic, 7 bay red and white brick building, with a 4 storey 2 bay kiln block. Adjacent is a 4 storey and attic, 6 by 9 bay, red brick seed store. The mills are now also used for storage.

Ayr TC Minutes 1903-04, 277, Water Cttee 24.10.1904 — These mills were built in 1877, when Craig was at Privick; the architect was Mr **McDiarmid** [sic: = **McDerment**], Burgh Surveyor.

VICTORIA STAMP WORKS — James DICKIE & Co (Drop Forgings) Ltd

AA, Th 21.11.1968 — Obit of James Ritchie who came to Ayr 1908 as manager of Ayr Structural and Stamping Co (became Scottish Stamping), Set up on own in 1912/1913 as Victoria Stamp Works, Somerset Road, with a battery of 3 drop stamps housed in an agricultural shed. Private Company, 1936. Public Company, 1954. See ref.

AP 23.1.1948 — Dickie family have had links with Ayr and East Kilbride for over 50 years, and it was at East Kilbride that the late William Dickie designed a hay turner (now in mass production at Dickies). A son - James Dickie - branched out into drop forgings at Ayr c.1912.

AP, F 14.1.1949, 10b — Dean of Guild Court, 7.1.1949. Alterations.

nr — from c.1952 Dickie's also had HEATHFIELD FOUNDRY, Seaforth Road, q.v.

AA, Th 30.10.1975, 1g — Threat of short-term working at Victoria Works, which employs 250, plus 50 admin, &c. The Heathfield Foundry, employing 130, already on a 3-day week.

FAMILY

[Obit of William Clarke, builder, d. 13.8.1934, in AP F 17.8.1934, 10d, says that he was a pioneer of stamp works in Ayr. Here, or Scottish?]

Glenalmond Register — Various family members attended Glenalmond. Kenneth James Dickie was there 1949-54, and became MD of James Dickie & Co (Drop Forgings) plc in 1983. William Wilson Dickie (possibly father of KJD) was at Glenalmond 1924-30, and was chairman of the firm in 1986. WWD's son William Wilson Tulloch Dickie was b 5/1942 and attended Glenalmond 1955-60, and was a Director and Co Secretary in 1986.

VIEWFIELD LAUNDRY, Allison Street

AP, F 14.1.1949, 3ef — Advert. Addresses in Alloway Street and Allison Street.

VULCAN FOUNDRY

AA, Th 16.5.1861, 2e — Advert, featuring turnip sewing machine, &c., for J & T Young, Vulcan Foundry.

Ayrshire Express, Sa 21.3.1863, 5a — Messrs Young, Vulcan Foundry, have just completed a new locomotive engine for Taylor & Co's railways. 25 hp, tank engine, based on those Taylor's already have. Probably first built in Ayr. This week they sent 20 tons of machinery to New Zealand.

Henry & Grant's New Guide, c1869/1870, p.10. — "On Newton side the foundry of Messrs J & T Young has long been famous. It is a most complete establishment, and the engineering skill and inventive genius of its chiefs have made the establishment celebrated far beyond the limits of the county".

AA, Th 12.1.1871, 4d — Reference to illustrated calendar of theirs, which has a lithographed picture of the works, lithographed by -- Ritchie, Edinburgh.

AA, Th 26.1.1871, 5c — [See Ref] Machinery going out to Arthur P Burns' proposed woollen mill at Mossgiel, NZ, includes an engine and boiler made by J & T Young, Vulcan Foundry.

AA. Th 2.3.1871, 5cd — Report of 2nd annual soirée.

AA, Th 25.9.1873, 4d — [Obituary of James Highet, ironmonger, †1873]. "He was also the founder of the business which has developed in the hands of his successor Mr John Young into the present extensive and flourishing works of Messrs J & T Young".

AA, Th 3.10.1895, 8b — For sale, as lately occupied by Messrs J & T Young. 2A 0R 3P 25Y

AA, Th 31.10.1895, 4e — Vulcan Foundry sold for £2000 to R Craig, of J Craig & Sons, grain merchants.

WALLACETOWN ENGINEERING, Heathfield Road

Dean of Guild Court 128/99 — 1960, Stevenson & Ferguson.

Dean of Guild Court 202/12 — 1971 major extension: Wallacetown Engineering Co Ltd.

nr — Demolished 2002-2003

WALLACETOWN ENGINEERING, 62 Viewfield Road

AP 10.9.1954 — William Malcolm Ritchie, 63, died 2.9.1954 at his home, The Gables, Corsehill Road. He was born in Airdrie, where his father, James Ritchie, was a mining engineer and colliery manager. Apprenticed in Airdrie, W M Ritchie joined the Atlantic Engineering Co. in Wishaw, rising ultimately to become works manager.

He came to Ayr in 1919 and founded Wallacetown Engineering Co to specialise in the manufacture of mining equipment and electrical switch control gear. The company grew steadily in size, especially during the Second World War, when important contracts were carried out for the Ministry of Supply, Admiralty and Air Ministry. He was a Councillor 1946-1950. Bowler. Leaves wife, 2 sons (one, James, a director at Wallacetown) and 1 daughter.

WALLACETOWN FOUNDRY

AA, Th 16.3.1871, 8a — Robert Hunter, late foreman to J & T Young, Vulcan Foundry, has commenced business in the Wallacetown Foundry.

[Hunter is in Wallacetown MI, no.56, died 7 June 1895, aged 67.]

EG 12627, Tu 23.12.1913, 1414ab — Robert Hunter & Sons, Wallacetown Foundry. On 18th December 1913, Hugh Dickie Hunter left the partnership; Robert Munro Hunter continues, using same firm name.

WOOLLEN MILL?

AA 28.11.1805 — Alexander Gibson returns his most grateful thanks to the public for the liberal encouragement they have favoured him with at the woolwork, Wallacetown upon Air, in carding and spinning of wool. He now informs the public he has erected a new engine for carding wool in that house near the washing green, formerly occupied in cotton spinning by Messrs James Dick & Co. Air Wool-work 23rd November 1805.

AA, Th 20.11.1806, 4b — To let, 'that large house presently possessed by Alexander Gibson at the head of Cross Street, Wallacetown, as a spinning

and carding house.' Dets: Gibson, or Alexander Cairnie, manufacturer, Content.

AA, Th 21.10.1847, 4g — Died, 16th October 1847. Andrew Smith, woollen manufacturer, 50.

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