ANNANHILL

List 38	Late C18 mansion house in Palladian manner. 2-storey and attic central block, with single storey pavilions, all raised on basement. Central block: 3 bays with shallow projecting central pedimented bay. Projecting portico supported by 4 Ionic columns and 2 pilasters, with entablature and balustrade. Door with bracketed cornice. Similarly corniced windows to ground. Band course above; 1st floor windows withe ared architraves. Cornice and parapet, with moulded panels, surrouns the building. Leaded, domical piended roof over entrance. Piended slate roof behind, with 2 symmetrically placed stacks. Garden front altered, deeply projecting central bay with open pediment and round-headed window rising into it, modern door and stair at ground. Flanking pavilions: single bay with central window and bracketted cornice, altered to door at west, flanked by Ionic pilasters supporting pediment. Lead, domical piended roof. Eastern pavilion extended to north. B.
Davis	William Dunlop, the commander of an East India merchantman, built the mansion after buying the estate in 1796. 'It has been greatly added to, and the property much improved since 1815 by his son, the late James Dunlop of Annanhill' [Paterson]. A complete new front with entrance portico and flanking wings was added, apparently pre-1860. The portico is in the style of the Greek Revival. Situated on rising ground, Annanhill is still conspicuous in its former landscape, now a golf course, on the edge of Kilmarnock. Following its disuse as a golf club-house, there is hope that the house will be restored for sub-division into residences. A scheme has been prepared by Nicholas Groves-Raines which would also build a fine neo-Georgian, semi-circular block of dwellings nearby.
AAHNS, 5,	Built by William Dunlop, in possession by 1796.
Family Tree	William Dunlop, c.1745 - 1801. Succeeded by son James (c1784, succ 1801, m1818, d. 1851, widow d 1874). James succeeded by his son William Henry (b.c1828, d.1887)
GM, Th 13.7.1786, 218a	For sale.
AA, Th 19.10.1809, 1c	To let dd+6. 77A farm..
KWP, 12.6.1858	To let: has dining room, drawing room, library and business room, 10 bedrooms.
[VR 1899/00] - VR [1906/07]	Prop: T.l. William Henry Dunlop. Tenant: his widow, Margaret Montgomerie or Dunlop. [He d. 25.3.1887, she d 25.4.1907]
[VR 1909/10] - VR 1915/16	Prop: Duke of Portland. Tenant: Hugh Shaw Dunn, coalmaster. [HSD, d. 2.9.1915]
VR 1916/17 - VR 1923/24	Prop: Duke of Portland. Tenant: Ann (Loudon or) Dunn, widow of Hugh S Dunn. [AD, d. 13.8.1924]
VR 1924/25	Prop: Duke of Portland. Tenant: Reps l. Ann Dunn
VR 1925/26	Prop: Duke of Portland. Tenant: George L Dunn, coalmsaster. [Son of HSD, died Mauchline 1951]
VR 1926/27 - VR 1928/29	Prop: Welbeck Estates Co Ltd. Tenant: George L Dunn
VR 1929/30	Prop: Welbeck Estates Co Ltd. Tenant: Caprington & Auchlochan Collieries Ltd.
VR 1930/31 - VR 1931/32	Prop: Burgh of Kilmarnock. Tenant: C&ACL
VR 1932/33 - VR [1935/36]	Prop: Burgh of Kilmarnock. Tenant: C&ACL, in liquidation.

EAST LODGE

VRS	Found in VR 1923/24, but not in VR 1924/25 onwards.
KTC, 21.5.1959	Tenant to be re-housed, and the house demolished.

WEST LODGE

VRS	Not in County VRS, so presumably within unextended burgh boundaries. Still in existence in VR 1973/74, property of KTC.

STABLES

VR — 1 'house at stables' in VR 1899/1900, and 2 by VR 1909/10.

GROUNDS

Landsborough (Avenues, &c.), Kilmarnock Glenfield Ramblers Annals, vol III, 1901, 10-12

East Approach, c.1780; West Approach 1854. The American Thorn in front of the house is also c.1854, while the Maple Tree near the house came by post from America in 1880.

BELLFIELD [In Riccarton parish]

For the Buchanans, and their relationship to the Finlays (Kirkman Finlay, &c), see GH, Th 17.4.1884, 3abc.

Davis — This was an elegant late-Georgian mansion, presumably of late C18 date, with an advanced and pedimented centre on the entrance front and a centre bow on the garden front. Between 1875 and 1885 Bellfield Estates was gifted by its owners to the towns of Kilmarnock and Riccarton. With the estate and mansion went the Buchanan family paintings and a library of 1500 volumes with directions 'as soon as convenient, to fit up part of the mansion as a library ... and to open the garden and policies as a place of recreation. The Buchanan Library appears to have been sold privately, the mansion was demolished in 1970, and the policies were then developed as a public park. Unfortunately, unlike Rozelle, Belleisle and Craigie in Ayr, no role was found for the mansion. A comment of 1898, to the effect that Bellfield was a possession of which any town might well be proud, now has a rather ironic ring.

AA, Th 11.1.1838, 1b — Bellfield, c.84A, to sell or let. The house is 'quite modern', and has 3 public and 6 bedrooms. Walled garden.

AA, Th 18.2.1864, 8e — Margaret Buchanan of Bellfield, eldest daughter of late George Buchanan of Woodlands, Glasgow, †13.2.1864.

AA, Th 5.7.1875 — Bellfield Grounds have been bequeathed to the town by late Miss Buchanan, and first opened last Tuesday.

Sasine Abridgement 2420 of 1887 — 498.59. relates to Bellfield Trust.

ACC Planning 980, June 1938 — Alterations to Bellfield House to form tea-room. **James Hay & Steel**.

ACC Planning, A3727 — June 1951. Reinforcement of Electricity Supply.

ACC Planning, A4014 — September 1951. Reinforcement of Electricity Supply.

GH, W 30.9.1959, 14a — The congregation of St Ninian's Bellfield (formal opening today) have been worshipping in Bellfield House.

Carnegie Photograph — Demolished in 1969.

STAINED GLASS

AA, Th 3.10.1889 — 3 stained glass windows in memory of the Buchanans have been installed. Stephen Adam & Co., Glasgow.

GARDENERS HOUSE

CO 3/12/3/37 NBC 31.7.1908 — Head Gardener's Cottage, Bellfield, for the Bellfield Trustees.

NORTH LODGE

ACC, PHDAC 1.9.1932 — RW 228. Improvements, North Lodge, Bellfield, for Bellfield Bequest.

STABLES

AA, Th 7.7.1808, 4c — A new stable accidentally burnt down on Monday, due to boys burning wrights' shavings too near to the building. Property of James Fairlie, Esq.

SPORTS FACILITIES

KTC, GPC 28.5.1973 — To be formally opened 14th July 1973.

BRAEHEAD HOUSE

KTC, TC 14.7.1971 — Pane of glass removed from Braehead House before demolition, with lines said to be by Burns, "Deserted in my urgent need/ By those my former bounty feed.", gifted by lord Howard de Walden.

DAMHEAD HOUSE (Riccarton Parish)

AA, Th 5.9.1968, 22b — For sale. 4 reception, 5 bed rooms.

DEAN CASTLE

List 16

Late c14/Early C15 tower house on west of enclosure. Rectangular plan, built in coursed rubble with battered plinth. Original entrance on north face at first floor, later doorways in basement and east wall of 1st floor hall, the latter now appraoached by stone steps. Battlemented, with crowstepped gabled roof behind and cap-house above stair tower. Internally the hall rises through two floors. Chamber above hall with two late medieval fireplaces and oratory recess with aumbrey and piscina.

Courtyard range: probably mid C15. Hall raised on vaulted sub-structure on south side of enclosure, with tower above chamber at east. Heavily restored mullion and transom windows to hall. Entrance and stair tower to north. Machicolated battlements, gabled dormers in roof. Similarly treated battlements to tower with stone slab, gabled roof behind.

Gatehouse was constructed 1936-37, and inspired by Rowallan. Large arched entrance flanked by semi-circular bastions with conical caps. Covered galleries to east and north; curtain wall-heads added at this date. Note: castle between 1316 and 1735 in occupation of Boyd family. Gutted by fire, 1735. 1824, acquired by Lord Howard de Walden. In 1905 8th Lord Howard de Walden embarked on restoration lasting over 30 years. Later stages of work sensitively handled by James Richardson. Moulded plasterwork and wainscotting from Balgonie Castle, Fife, in the 1930s. A.

Tranter

Standing one mile north of Kilmarnock, Dean is unusual in having two separate and distinct towers built within curtain walling. The lofty and massive north keep dates probably from the early C15, a good example of the strong free-standing tower of that period, plain and massive. The second building consists of a three storeyed house, with a tall five storeyed tower to the south, and may date from a century later. The curtain wall surmounted by a parapet walk probably is of the same period.

The great north keep, of coursed rubble, contains three storeys beneath a parapet flush with the walling, and a garret storey within the walk. The ground floor entrance is by an arched door in the east wall, which breaks through the heavy basement course. There are two vaulted basement apartments intercommunicating. The main entrance, as is usual, was at first floor level, reached by a removable timber stair, but this is now built up. The present first floor entrance, reached by a stone forestair, is more modern. There is a little guardroom in the thickness of the wall near the original door, with a trap in the floor leading down to a dimly lit pit or prison. Nearby also descends a small private stair to the basement below, no doubt to the lord's wine-cellar. The Hall is a fine lofty vaulted chamber, 26' high and measuring 38 feet by 22 feet. An unusual feature is the two stone benches which run along the wall at either side. In the upper part of the east wall is a deep window embrasure, stone seated on three sides presumably to form a small minstrels' gallery, reached by a passage from the turnpike stair which rises within the thickness of the south-east angle right to the parapet, where it terminates in a gabled C17 caphouse.

The second floor contains another large chamber, which was provided with a small chapel in the in-going of the now built-up east window;

this contained an aumbry and piscina, similar to Borthwick Castle, Midlothian. This large chamber has only one window, but two fire-places, that to the west being an addition. The garret storey above has been restored in modern times after long being ruinous. The basement of the building to the south contains a large kitchen and cellerage, all vaulted. There is a hall on the first floor with smaller room attached, and private apartments above. This south tower has a projecting stair turret at the south east angle, terminating in a gabled caphouse. The parapet in this instance is projected on large individual corbels, but is not crenellated as is the north keep. The top storey is vaulted to carry a stone slab roof. A door from the first floor of the tower gives access to the parapet of the curtain walling. To the east of the 3 stroeyed house block, a small C17 extension and stair tower have been added. The development of Dean Castle provides an interesting iillustration of the growth of a fortified house following the rise in power and inlluence of its owners, in this case the Boyd family. In the C15 this family rose to great power, and for a time became almost as powerful as the Douglases. Lord Boyd became guardian of the young James III, and his son married the Princess Mary, and became Earl of Arran, practically ruling Scotland. Though they fell from power, the Boyds later became Earls of Kilmarnock, the last Earl being forfeited and executed for his share in the Jacobite Rising of 1745. The castle is now owned by Lord Howard de Walden, and is in excellent condition and repair.

McKay — In the wall of the lower edifice is a stone, on which the [Boyd] family arms are sculptured, and beneath which the words 'James Boyd and Catherine Craik' were lately legible: these being the names of the 8th Lord Boyd and his lady, it has sometimes been conjectured that the whole of the lower mansion was erected in their timem namely [1640-c.1654]. This conjecture, however, appears to be incorrect, for Pont, writing c.1609, says 'Kilmarnock Castell. It is a staitly faire ancient building, arrysing in two grate heigh towers, and bulte around courtewayes, with fyne low buildings. It is veill planted and almost environed with gardens, orchards and a parke. It belonged first to ye Locarte Lords thereof, then to the Lord Soulis and now the cheiffe dwelling almost for 300 zeirs of ye Lords Boyde'.

Dunbar, Dean Castle, Scottish Field, November 1980. [Photocopy herewith]

KLDC, Dean Castle, undated leaflet.
[Photocopy herewith]

CO3/12/3/37 NBC 8.10.1909 — Alterations, Dean, for Lord Howard de Walden.

Annals of the Glenfield Ramblers, vol VII, 1913, 102
Visited in June 1911 by the Glenfield Ramblers, led by Mr A B Robertson, master of works on the estate: 'the work of restoration was in progress, but far from completed. Externally the old Dean looked much as usual, but internally great alterations had been made ... the lower tower was still ruinous, though about to be renovated'.

BI 25/290 May 1914 — Restoration is about to begin, for Lord Howard de Walden. Contractors: Boyd & Forrest. Ingram and Brown, Kilmarnock, architects.

ACC, PHDAC 6.10.1932 — BBL. Alterations, Dean Castle, for Lord Howard de Walden.

NMRS — Restoration, c.1936, Dr J S Richardson.

KS, F 8.2.1974, 1de — Gift of Dean estate to Kilmarnock Town Council announced.

KTC, GPC 25.3.1974 — Gift reported. Deeds of Gift have been signed.

KTC, TC 23.4.1974 — Visit to Dean Castle. Shown around by -- Seaton, Estates manager. His house, which is not included in the gift, is to be given a trellis boundary fence.

SRC, P&D, 21.2.1979, 246 — Grant of £10,000 offered by SRC to KLDC.

COUNTRY PARK

SRC, L&R, 20.10.1977, 1095 — Meeting in Kilmarnock, 15 Nov 1977, about proposed Country Park.

SEAT

Country Park leaflet, 2012 — In 2012, the new circular seat in front of the Dower House was designed by local artist **John Crosby** and students from St Joseph's Academy to celebrate the rights of workers from around the world.

KILMARNOCK ESTATES

KS, Sa 31.5.1924, 5cd — Collective Securities Co. Ltd has been established, to acquire the Kilmarnock and Hallmerk estates of the Howard de Waldens.

KILMARNOCK HOUSE

McKay — This old mansion was apparently built at different times. The original part is supposed to have been erected about the end of the C17. The western portion was in the course of being finished when the last Earl of Kilmarnock took part in the rebellion of 1745-46, and in consequence of his connection with unfortunate affair the progress of the work, it is said, was suddenly stopped.

GM, Th 16.3.1786, 85c — 'Estates still continue to sell well. The estate of Kilmarnock, in Ayrshire, was sold on Wednesday for £62,000.'

GM, Th 30.3.1786, 104c — Creditors of the Earl of Glencairn called to a meeting: the division of the estate is to be recalculated due to the money raised by the sale of the Kilmarnock estate.

AO, Tu 3.7.1832, 1c — Advert for Mrs Smith's School for Young Ladies, Kilmarnock House.

AA, Th 4.7.1839, 1d — Advert for Mrs Smith's School for Young Ladies, Kilmarnock House.

Scots Magazine, n.s., vol.99, no.6, September 1973, l/editor — A School was begun here in 1855 by a Mr & Mrs McMenan. In 1887 it had 96 boys and 40 girls.

BI 45/539 February 1935 — To be demolished.

MOUNT, THE

Davis — Mount is a standard late-Georgian house to which flanking late Victorian or Edwardian additions have been made, that to the right of the entrance front being in the form of an Italianate tower. Dormers and a portico were also added to the main block, and additions were made to the rear. The new work included some fine carved detail. Further additions were made to the rear in the 1920s or 30s and again, more recently, when a further innocuous wing in Georgianizing style was added on the right of the entrance front. The wing employed a wooden cornice mimicking the masonry of the main house. An excellent small park survives in front of the house.

GJ 17.5.1764 — Reference to 'Major Dunlop's house of Mount near Kilmarnock.'

C1871. 597-L1-60 — Christina Guthrie, W60, b.Ayr. Grandson, Hon Geoffrey Brown Guthrie, 10, b.Ayr.

ASH, F 6.5.1887, 8b — 'A few years ago ... internally remodelled and decorated' for Lord and Lady Oranmore.

VR 1900-1901 — Prop: Hon Geoffrey Brown Guthrie, Claremorris, Ireland.

CO3/12/3/36 NBC 15.2.1907 — Alterations, The Mount, for James L Lawson.

VR 1910-1911 — Prop: James L Lawson, boot manufacturer.

CO3/12/3/38 NBC 11.7.1913 — Additions and alterations, The Mount, for James L Lawson.

VR 1940-1941 — James L Lawson, boot manufacturer, prop.

nr — Proposed conversion, April 2001, to flats. Nicoll Design, Prestwick, for Gary Hamilton, Ochiltree.

LODGE

CO3/12/3/37 NBC 18.6.1909 — Additions to Gate Lodge, The Mount, for J L Lawson.

WEST LODGE

KTC, DOG 28.5.1972		Plan 1092, Demolition, for Kilmarnock Town Council.

RICHARDLAND

List 11		Early C19. 2 storeys and attuc, 3 bays. Yellow sandstone with contrasting ashlar dressings seen particularly on quoins of wide angle pilasters. Central pilastered doorpiece. All windows with architraves, and block pediments to ground. Entablature and blocking course. 2 canted dormers. 2 stacks flanking central bay. Piended slate roof. B.
Davis		[EC19, with corner features similar to Ladyland and Swinridgemuir. Works canteen for Smith Brothers, printers, till November 1983, and demolished in September 1985].

SPRINGHILL

List 79		c.1840. Classical mansion house. 2 storeys raised on basement. Painted ashlar. Entrance front; 3 bays central projecting bay pedimented with piers flanking Ionic columns in antis. Central recessed door with bracketed cornice and narrow flanking lights. Windows in outer bays tripartite with narrow outer lights. Bracketed cornice to ground floor windows. North elevation: 4 windows, ground floor window corniced. South elevation: 3 wide bays divided by pilasters; outer basement and ground floor windows canted with two windows above in 1st floor; tripartite in central bay at ground and first floor. Angle pilasters. Boldly projecting cornice, blocking course with moulded coping. Interior has good cornice and panelled ceiling mouldings. Hall with fluted Corinthian columned screen and Corinthian pilasters. B
Davis		[c.1830, rear wing of post 1850. Home closed by KTC in 1991]
C1871	597-L1-62	Archibald Finnie, M57, JP, landowner, iron and coal merchant employing 1000. b. Kilmarnock. 22 windowed rooms.
GH, 14.9.1945		Gifted to Kilmarnock Town Council, 1945.
AP, 21.9.1945		House offered to KTC. House to be used as an eventide home, and cottages, for similar use, to be built in the grounds. Architect: Gabriel Steel.
BI 57/669	December 1945	Has been given to the Burgh, to be converted to a home, and it si also proposed to erect blocks of self-contained cottages in the grounds. Plans of these, and general layout, by **Gabriel Steel**, Kilmarnock, architect.

LODGE

List 80		c.1840. Greek Revival lodge. Single storey, 3 bays. Painted ashlar. Central advanced bay with fluted, Doric columns in antis, flanking door; pediment above. Deeply projecting cornice, blocking course. Central corniced, cruciform-plan chimney with octagonal stacks. B.
SRC, B&P 19.8.1980		Sold to John Smith, for £5150.

STABLES

List 81		c.1840. Rectangular stable block, with pedimented arched entrance on south-west canted elevation, flanked by semi-circular headed niches. Clasping pilasters at angles, cornice and blocking course. Ashlar-built. Mansarded slate roof. Extensive later glasshouses attached to south and east walls. B.

OLD PEOPLES HOUSES (16)

KTC, 31.8.1959		Plans to be tabled at next meeting.
KTC, 28.10.1959		TP 59/169. 18 old people's homes.
KTC, 17.12.1959		To be built by Direct Labour
DoGC, 22.2.1960		4128, Springhill III, 18 houses for KTC. £27,000.

TREESBANK

[Although actually within Burgh Boundaries, I have decided to list under Riccarton Landward]

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