ESTATES (GENERAL)

AA, Th 11.9.1851, 1d — Game Preservation Notice placed by Mr Calvert, Content House, who has permission to shoot over Blackhouse (J T Gordon) and Sanquhar (William Forbes)

AUCHINCRUIVE

House covered first, followed by pre-existing estate buildings, and lastly buildings erected during occupation as agricultural college. Some articles on estate filed at end.

Desmond 1984 gives these refs: Gardener's Magazine, v9, 1833, pp 9-10
G Jekyll & G S Elgood, Some English Gardens, 1904, 104-106
H Maxwell, Scottish Gardens, 1911, 96-100. [Text herewith]
Country Life, v72, 1932, 690-695. [Text herewith][Also PDF]

For early agricultural education in Ayrshire see Kilmarnock Dairy School, Kilmarnock - Public

See also
West of Scotland Agricultural College, Visitors' Guide to Auchincruive, Glasgow, 1955. [Photocopy in Ayrshire Assorted files at St Quivox] [Quoted below as '1955 Guide']

ESTATE - GENERAL

Hancock, passim — Many references to Richard Oswald and his purchase and improvement of the estate after 1764.

Macfarlane [1723] — Descriptions of some Parishes in the Jurisdiction of Kyle in Ayrshire with what is worth notice remarked very exactlie May 1723.
The Lord Cathcarts house of Auchincroof half a mile to the southeast of the Kirk closs on the water of Air with large orchyards and a pleasant dray situation hansome avenues and vistoes on all sides of the house but this is not the ordinarie place of his residence.

Caledonian Mercury, W 5.5.1762, 216a (4a)
The lands and barony of Auchincruive, the lands of Craighall, the lands of Legland, and others lying in the parishes of St Quivox and Coylton and sheriffdom of Ayr, consisting of upwards of 2200 acres of land, all inclosed and divided, and mostly in the natural possession of the proprietor, with the extensive woods and plantations thereon, the most part upwards of 40 years old.
Any person inclining to purchase may apply to George Muir, Writer to the Signet, who is possessed of the titles of the estate, a survey, and rental thereof, and has full power from the proprietor to sell.
N.B. The convenience of the purchaser shall be chiefly studied in settling the terms of payment of the price.

EG 5415, F 21.3.1845, 90ab — Oswald Entail. James Oswald MP. Excambion. 40s land of Over Barncleugh, Kirkpatrick Irongray, and 40s land of Ryes, Colvend. To exchange for Millbank and Jockleg, Colvend, and whole or part of Poebank, Monkton & Prestwick, all belonging to Royal Bank.
Richard Oswald's Deed of Entail is dated 24.3.1780 (registered 3/14.12.1781); also 4 Deeds by T.l. Richard Oswald: 1: 22.1.1790 (reg 17.2 & 7.4.1790); 2: 25/27/28.1.1791 (reg 10.2 & 30.4.1791); 3: 24/26/27.5.1794 (reg 2.7. & 21.8.1794); 4: 4/8/11.5.1797 (reg 13.5. & 19.5.1797). Over Barncleugh appears to have been entailed in 1790 Deed; Ryes in 1791.

EG 5585, Tu 27.10.1846, 452b	Application by James Oswald, entailed proprietor, for two excambions, one in Kirkcudbrightshire, and one to exchange parts of 40s land of Walstonshaw called Shawwood (pTarbolton) with part of lands of Poebank (pMonkton & Prestwick, property of Alexander Oswald, in feu simple to Bank of Scotland). Shows original deed of entail by Richard Oswald to be dated 24.3.1780 (in books of tailzie 3.12.1780, books of council and session 14.12.1784), with four dispositions and deeds of entail by t.l. Richard Oswald, 22.1.1790, 25-28.1.1791, 21-27.5.1794 and 4-11.5.1797.
James Kirkwood	[Text herewith]
AA, 12.11.1863	Contractors wanted for 50 acres of forest plants. James Ormesby, Auchincruive.
AA 21.1.1864, 4f/8e	David Gairdner, factor, Hamilton, died 17.1.1864. Trained at Auchincruive where was 'one of our earliest practical deep drainers.'
nr	D, 7.7.1877, at Cloverhill Cottage (Old Toll), James Skinner, 76, upwards of 28 years gardener to the Auchincruive family.
AA 20.8.1925	Estate advertised for sale.
nr	George Russell, over 90, died 24.10.1941 in Cambridgeshire. Was 60 years butler to R A Oswald. Lord Rosebery stayed at Auchincruive when opening Ayr Auld Brig.
AP, 25.7.1930	'The Trees of Auchincruive'. [Photocopy herewith]

AUCHINCRUIVE [OSWALD HALL]

RCAHMS, C71713 CN	Decorative Plasterwork, Detail. Black and white PHOTOCOPY herewith.
List [Ayr Landward] 6	Home of the Oswald family from 1764 until 1925, and since 1927 the West of Scotland Agricultural College. A large C18 mansion with later additions and somewhat recast; entrance facade, harled, stone dressings, 2 storeys, raised basement, modillioned cornice; 2.3.2 sash windows, slight centre recess; lower windows have entablatures, those above simple architraves; centre projecting porch and entrance steps - garden facade has centre splayed bay carried up full height. Flanking wings and additions of various dates. Some interior decoration carried out by Robert Adam, 1766; dining room ceiling and mantelpiece of particular note. Refs NSA V 119-122; Shaw, Ayrshire Soc & Ind History, 192-193; Millar, Castles & mansions; A T Bolton, Architecture of Robert & James Adam, vol ii. Topographical Index to collection of Adam drawings, p.2. B.
Hancock, 289-290	Oswald focussed most of his efforts on the barony of Auchincruive vast tract situated on the northern bank of the River Ayr, five miles east of Ayr and sixty miles south of Glasgow. The estate was an ancient property that had recently come into the possession of James Murray of Broughton, an owner of lands in Wigtown and Kirkcudbright, ... a cousin of Oswald's North Carolina client James Murray. Although information about the property under Murray is sketchy, it appears some sort of house existed before he arrived there and that Murray engaged the Adam brothers to design and build another house near the original. It was this property and mansion, "the main agents through which a person established social position", that Oswald purchased in July 1764.
Hancock, 260, fn 21	House was advertised for sale in the Edinburgh Evening Courant and Caledonian Mercury in January 1764. Roups were held on 12.1. and 24.11764, but no purchasers appeared. Oswald entered into a private bargain with Murray, and the transfer took place on 15.7.1764.
Hancock, 321-322	A mansion stood on the north side of the River Ayr at the centre of the Auchincruive estate when James Murray acquired the property in the late 1750s, but he found the house old-fashioned, insubstantial and

altogether unsuitable. He commissioned the Scottish architects John, Robert and James Adam to draw up plans for a new residence on the high knoll overlooking the water. At least two side views and three floor plans for a central-block house with two pavilion wings were drawn and construction began in the early 1760s. By the time Oswald acquired Auchincruive in 1764, a foundation had been laid, exterior walls erected, and the timbering and tiling of roofs begun. Oswald decided to continue the project according to the Adam plan, but he reduced the grand design in both appearance and scale.

Hancock. 322/334

Rather than a 'vast and emphatic' 'double pile' with a suite of parade rooms, Auchincruive was to possess a villa design - 'roughly square in plan, with its main elevations consisting of a three-bay pedimented centre, often expressed as an applied or fully developed portico, and single bays to each side. The main part was to be 75 feet long and 45 feet wide, and to have four storeys - half sunk ground, principal, bedchamber, and attic. Two nearly square two-storey pavilions were to project forward on either side of the south-facing facade of the main block, and connect to it by short arcades; beyond each pavilion were to run screen walls enclosing a kitchen garden and a wash-house. The result would be an effective interplay of advancing and receding surfaces along two fronts, each 230 feet in length; the south facing facade, broken into three divisions, would look out over the river and gardens, and the north facing facade over wooded parkland. The Adam brothers hoped to give Auchincruive a grand appearance, with a symmetrical face and a regular succession of pedimented windows. Yet unlike many grander, more traditional, piles, there were no columns and pilasters, no niches with statues, and no windows with splayed surrounds.

Hancock, 334

[Oswald] brought together a cadre of nationally renowned architects, decorators, and foremen from London, and skilled and unskilled labourers from the surrounding countryside.

Hancock, 334

He ordered materials from London, chimney tiles and wainscotting from Rotterdam, timber from Germany and Norway, and bells from Glasgow.

Hancock, 335

Rough construction took four years, from 1764 to 1768. Oswald studied the progress with enthusiasm, his ardour evidenced by an unending flow of letters between his office in London and his factor in Ayr, as well as frequent trips to the site. The year 1765, for example, was marked by selection of materials, supervision of construction, and opening of stone, lime and coal quarries in outlying fields so that his workmen had a ready supply of building materials. As time went on, his concerns shifted from construction to finish. He selected manuscript boxes which the Adam brothers assured him were worthy of the nobility and, later, he tinkered with the designs for the doors, windows and shutters.

Hancock, 335

Oswald made the important decisions himself, although in making up his mind he relied heavily on the Adam family. At Auchincruive, the brothers exceeded their usual attentiveness. In early 1766, John Adam visited the site and sketched designs for sash windows with brass pulleys; the following March, James Adam prepared ceiling and chimney drawings and sent window materials. Since 'the different parts' were 'at full size and particularly mark'd for what purposes' they were intended, the workmen should have made no mistake in executing them, but 'if they should require any farther explanation', James offered on-site inspection, and another brother offered 'to obey' Oswald's call 'at any time'. This they provided free of charge.

Hancock, 335/338	Despite Oswald's enthusiastic attention and the help he received from his architects, work dragged on through 1767. The May report from his factor, while typical, was hardly encouraging: '*The whole work in your New House goes on very slowly and in short I have no pleasure in looking at what is done & a doing. I do wish & intreat that you could find some more able person to direct and conduct the execution of the work in the principal story so that you may have some comfort in the possessing of it. The ornaments that are made look in general very heavie & are not clean done'*. Spurred on by such reports, Oswald quickly hired a master carpenter from London. ... More capable craftsmen coupled with his personal attention seem to have finally succeeding in rousing the labourers and, by year's end, work on the exterior was substantially complete. Enough had been done to warrant fixing the date '1767' to a rainwater gutter-head immediately below the entrance facade parapet. By 1768, the roof of the south-western kitchen and laundry wing having been finished and the decoration of secondary rooms having begun in earnest, the house was complete enough to move into.
Hancock, 338, fn 10	[The joiner hired in 1767 was **William Crouch**, London.]
Hancock, 338/342	Auchincruive was not finished until 1771 and by that time, it was a decidedly different building from the Adam plan. We have an early C19 print and two early C20 photographs of the 1771 structure. From these views, we see how Oswald's execution changed the original Adam design. Auchincruive was more modest in scale and plain in detailing thsn the Adams planned. Rather than triangular or segmentally curved pediments above the main block's principal storey windows, Oswald overrode the brothers' order and repeated the simple, flat-surfaced lintels that appear everywhere else on the building.
Hancock, 342-347	Much on Oswald's use of the house, with descriptions of the main rooms. See Ref
Hancock, 345	Marble chimney piece in Drawing Room (i.e. Music Room) 'had been shipped directly from Italy by Oswald's correspondent in Leghorn'.
AANHS, 5	Completed 1767.
ASH, Sa 12.9.1868, 4f	Acquired in 1759 by Richard Oswald - 'he completed a mansion house just begun by Mr Murry of Broughton'.
AA, 16.7.1931	Alterations, Alexander Mair.
1955 Guide	Converted in 1931 when 'changes in the fabric were designedly confined to a minimum.'
ACC Planning, A3758	June 1951. Boiler house and piping duct, Hall of Residence, for WoSAC.
ACC Planning, A8089	December 1954. Lavatory accommodation, Mansion House; Stevenson & Ferguson, for WoSAC.
BUS SHELTER at West Lodge	
AP, F 22.10.1964, 11	Photo: In course of erection.
EAST LODGE	[NELLIE'S GATE]
List [Ayr Landward] 10	Ashlar; 1 storey; centre doorway set in recessed projecting panel; flanking sash windows; boxed parapet and cornice. B.
ACC Planning, 2834	September 1944. Alterations, &c., East Lodge (Nellie's Gate), for WoSAC.
ACC, FC 9.5.1946	£100 payment to WoSAC approved, has been altered and extended to create a 3-apt dwelling house.
AA, Th 14.8.1952, 20c	Supposed (no firm evidence or date given) that "Nellie was never seen without a small, tightfitting hat on her head, and two curls always hung down over her cheeks."

GARDENS

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The Gardens are of a similar age [to the Tea House] and 1790 might be an approximate date for their establishment in their present position near to the river Ayr.

Hancock, 377-380 — Discussed.

GIBBSYARD COMPLEX

List [Ayr Landward] 7 — Called 'Stables, Auchincruive'. Courtyard range - centre elliptical arched opening, square clock tower, domed slate roof and lantern. 1 and 2 storey flanking wings form symmetrical composition. B.

AA, Th 14.1.1841, 1e — Twenty 4-year-old Angus-shire bullocks for sale at Gibbsyard.

AA 7.7.1887 — Report of fire at Gibbsyard steading.

AA 14.7.1887 — Thanks of Richard Oswald recorded at Ayr Town Council.

BI 39/466 January 1929 — Plans being considered - Allan Stevenson Mair & Cassells.

ACC, PAHC 21.10.1930 — RW grant for alterations to 2 cottages, Gibbsyard, for WoSAC.

ACC Planning, 4993 — January 1948. Alterations, Gibbsyard, for WoSAC. [ACC, TPC 9.3.1948, **Stevenson & Ferguson**]

ACC Planning, A2057 — March 1950. Implement shed and workshop, Gibbsyard. **A.G. Ingham**, for West of Scotland Agricultural College.

ACC Planning, A6486 — October 1953. Alterations to Gibbsyard to form Grassland Husbandry Department; **Stevenson & Ferguson**, for West of Scotland Agricultural College.

ACC Planning, A7384 — June 1954. Additional dormer window, Grassland Husbandry Department; Stevenson & Ferguson, for West of Scotland Agricultural College.

ACC Planning, A8947 — August 1955. Cattle Court and General Purpose Shed, Gibbsyard; Stevenson & Ferguson, for West of Scotland Agricultural College.

HANGING GARDENS

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The Hanging Gardens are situated just below Auchincruive House. These narrow terraces and impressively buttressed retaining walls were constructed in and around 1840. Whilst the restoration of the stonework is perhaps over-delayed, horticultural activity continues. Hanging Gardens are few and far between in the British Isles, and indeed it may be the estate's most significant feature.

Hancock — seems to suggest built contemporaneously with the house and gardens.

ICEHOUSE

List [Ayr Landward] 9 — Rectangular vaulted subterranean compartment; originally there were two icehouses of similar design as marked on OS. C.

[See also Friends of Auchincruive, Leaflet No.8: photocopy herewith]

LAUNDRY [?]

ACC Planning, 2835 — September 1944. Conversion of Old Laundry to form two cottages, for WoSAC.

ACC, FC, 12.9.1946, 1131 — Records payment of grant, under rural workers scheme, to WoSAC of £200 for cottages at Oswald's Bridge. Additions and alterations to provide 2 3-apt dwellings, with requisite sculleries, larders, coal cellars and bathrooms, &c.

NELLIE'S GATE — See EAST LODGE

NEW BARNS OF AUCHINCRUIVE

EG 5555, Tu 14.7.1846, 292a — Given as address of William Wilson, cattle dealer (formerly farmer and cattle dealer, Whitecleugh, Crawfordjohn); sequestrated.

OSWALD'S TEMPLE

List [Ayr Landward] 8 — Robert Adam, architect, 1778. Round battlemented folly on raised bastion in Auchincruive policies. Lower arches have been bricked up. Copies of original drawings in NMRS. A.

Rowan, August 1974 — The Auchincruive tower was designed in June 1778 and built as a tea house on the crown of a gentle hill in Richard Oswald's estate. Oswald had earlier commissioned designs for a classical house about 1766, and though this was not built had adapted the plans and had executed some ceilings to Robert's designs. His introduction to the Adam circle probably resulted from his being a Scot who had settled in London as a merchant and army supply contractor, while the brothers were closely associated with the Ordnance Board. There was too a political link as Oswald was patronised by Lord Shelburne, on whose behalf he conducted negotiations with Benjamin Franklin in Paris to draw up a peace treaty between England and the American colonies in 1782, and Shelburne in the 1760s had been one of the brothers' principal clients. As Richard Oswald rarely had time to come north, the estate at Auchincruive was effectively the residence of his brother, the Rev James Oswald, so it will have been the minister and his wife who most often took tea in Adam's battlemented belvedere.

The design is as simple as it is effective, a circular room, 15' in diameter, set on a supporting circular base with four round turrets to buttress the lower wall. Adam originally intended that the upper level should be reached by a double staircase outside the drum of the lower tower, though the design as built has a curving stair hidden behind the lower drum wall. The tea room on the first floor was fitted up probably with a dome under the conical roof of the tower and had a simple Doric cornice and a matching Doric fireplace whose chimney top was concealed among the battlements. What is remarkable about the tower however is the evident rightness of the whole design. Here for the first time in his castle style Adam has built a bold round tower. Its sides are clearly articulated by a series of tall relieving arches, and at the centre of each is a delicate patera to point up the geometry. Above the wallhead is given a strong profile by the use of a projecting cornice - a design that is based on the machicolation of real castles - with battlements on top. The whole has a spirit of precision and is not something loosely conceived or capable of adjustment.

Macaulay — From his early days in Italy, Adam had been interested in circular forms and from the start of his second or London career such forms, hemistyles or domes, are frequently the climacteric in his architectural compositions. [Kedleston - Syon, proposed - Lowther, proposed]. Culzean, however, is the first occasion when Adam brings such a feature fully forward in an elevation, allowing it an unfettered development as a feature in its own right, subordinating the mass behind it. While there had been many paper ideas and some few in stone and lime for semi-cylindrical projections, as at Whitehaven and at Oxenfoord in Midlothian (1780-85), it is not until Culzean that timidity is overthrown and the form assumes an independent identity.

Two early examples which go some way towards that are David Hume's Monument in Edinburgh and the teahouse at Auchincruive in Ayrshire. The former was a memorial to be erected in the Calton Burying Ground in Edinburgh to Hume, a lifelong friend of the Adam family. He was probably the most distinguished and certainly the most

celebrated beyond Scotland of that brilliant band of scholars who in the late C18 made Edinburgh the intellectual capital of Europe. Thus it was only fitting that Roman gravitas should be the theme of Adam's designs in 1777 which were inspired by the pre-Christian tombs of Ceacilia Metella in the Eternal City. Adam's problem was to satisfactorily unite the upper part of the design, a ruinous cylinder, with eight arched recesses, to a base to be either square or octagonal. The concern with such basic shapes and their juxtaposed collision was a fundamental premise of the neo-classicist. It was most certainly not romantic, and, although redolent with symbolism, was neither emotional nor sentimental but was a deliberate entasis of the philosophy which, inherited from Rome, was the primogenitive cause of Hume's own treatises. The memorial was not to Hume the man, whose remains lay rotting below, but marked the deification of the philosopher whose place in the imperium of man's minds was assured.
The notion of a raised cylinder was given another twist at Auchincruive for which the tea house was designed in 1778. At Auchincruive the violence engendered by the clash of parts is resolved by softening the lower part of the design which, though the lines are lax, is strengthened by the solid parapet and an engaged turret at each quarter. Recessed above is the domical roofed cylinder of the tea house crested with battlements and having a continuous blank arcade of twelve arches with a sun relief in basso relievo in the head of each. The comparison with the later sea-tower at Culzean, some miles to the south, is immediate and obvious. Both structures are replicas, in one form or another, of Theodoric's mausoleum at Ravenna, which Robert sketched in 1755. A study of the monument with its arched vaults, overtopped by a saucer dome, reveals Adam's transfiguration of an Italian memory more than twenty years after first seeing it.

Hancock, 377-378 — Borrows heavily from Rowan. Family papers suggest that the plans were drawn in 1778. When construction began is unclear, but in was complete by December 1783, and plastering and the installation of doors and windows was taking place in March 1784.

AA, Th 23.1.1840, 1d — Temple Park, c.22A, is to let for 2 years oat crops. It has been thoroughly drained, and 'has been in pasture for 30 years'.

Nr — Restoration work for Friends of Auchincruive was McLean Gibson & Partners.

WEST LODGE

List [Ayr Landward] 11 — Similar to East Lodge. B.

ACC Planning, 2592 — September 1943. Reconstruction and extension, for WoSAC.

[ACC, RC 1.11.1948, 1439 — reference to proposed felling of "certain large beech trees" opposite Auchincruive, and which overhang St Quivox road, by Thomas W. Dalgleish, for Hannah DRI.]

FIELD NAMES

AA, Th 25.2.1864, 1c — Auchincruive, Grass Parks to let:
Kilnpark (29 Acres Scots); Boatholm (11); Haabrae Park at Barrackhall (9¾); The Holms including Gardenbrae and Barnpark (108); Mudhouse Park at Brickrow (14); Meadow Park at Brickrow (32)

AUCHINCRUIVE ESTATE STAFF

FACTOR

Hancock, 334 — Before 1764 was up, [Oswald] initiated a search for a factor who would supervise the running of the home farm and handle tenant matters.

fl.1767	John MAXWELL. See e.g. Hancock, 338, fn 10.
c.1800 - c.1826	Patrick CAMPBELL of Queenshill
c.1826 - c.1838	Patrick Campbell jointly with his son, David CAMPBELL
c.1838 - 1864	David CAMPBELL († 1879)
1864 - 1907	Alexander LIGERTWOOD († 1911)
1907 -	George SMITH

BUTLER

ATD 61/7/37/3 & /4 — fl 1896-1903, Samuel Russell

GAMEKEEPER

AA, Th 23.7.1903, 8f — Died at Milton, Tarbolton (home of son-in-law), 21st July 1903, in 78th year, James Rowan, late gamekeeper to R A Oswald.

GARDENER

28 years, inc fl 1840 (and died (retired?) 1877)
James Skinner.

AA, Th 31.7.1924, 6g — Presentation to Henry J Wilson, head gardener. Going, as head gardener, to Monzie Castle.

GROOM

AA, Th 24.6.1847, 4f — Benjamin Taylor, who died at Auchincruive on 19th June 1847, aged 82, had been over 50 years groom there. From Yorkshire, and a great favourite of R A Oswald.

JOINER

AA, Th 7.4.1853, 5d — Died at Gibbsyard, on 30th March 1853, James Dunlop, joiner, in 74th year Had been more than 50 years in service of the Oswalds.

LAND STEWARD

fl 1832, 1839, 1840 — Thomas Skinner

GENERAL

AA, Th 5.1.1809, 4c — "On Monday last a plentiful entertainment was given to the workmen at Auchincruive, their wives and children. There were about 130 persons, among whom the most social happiness prevailed. The health of their worthy master and his family were drunk with sincere gratitude. They parted in the evening highly pleased with the attention that had been paid to them."

WEST OF SCOTLAND AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

COLLEGE – GENERAL

CO 3/8/1/3, Ayr County Council 1895-98, 245-247, Sub Committee on Agriculture, 13.10.1896
List of applicants to first Ayrshire special classes at Glasgow Technical College, December 1896.

CO 3/8/1/3, Ayr County Council 1895-98, 386, Agricultural Sub-Committee of Technical Instruction Committee, 11.5.1897
Cutting from Scottish Farmer, 8.5.1897, regarding proposal by Kirkcudbright Co Co that a 'centre of agricultural instruction of an advanced type" be established in the south west of Scotland.

CO 3/8/1/3, Ayr County Council 1895-98, 507, report of T.I.C to County Council, 21.12.1897
Reports meeting in Dumfries, 4th December, at which "the tone was distinctly favourable."

CO 3/8/1/4, Ayr County Council 1898-1902, 162-167, County Council 28.3.1899, printed Scheme from the Scotch Education Department (12th March), for the establishment of a college to take over the functions of existing institutions in Glasgow and Kilmarnock. County Council to have six on management body, and appoint Thomas Smith, Robert Inglis, John Watt, Marcus Bain, Matthew Smith and Alexander Willison.. [p.186, CoCo, 2.5.1899, also appoints the Smiths, Bain and Willison to the new County Committee on Secondary and Technical Education]

CO 3/8/1/4, ACC 1898-1902, 508, County Council, 17.12.1901
Representatives to be T Smith, Inglis, Watt, Bain, Willison, as previously, with Dempster (Loudoun) in place of M Smith, no longer councillor.

1955 Guide
Founded in 1899 under a scheme formulated by the Scottish Education Department. First Agricultural College in Scotland. Combined work of Scottish Dairy Institute, Kilmarnock (1889) and Agricultural Department of the Glasgow & West of Scotland Technical College.

CO 3/8/1/4, Ayr County Council 1898-1902, 196, County Council 2.5.1899. Letter from Edinburgh School of Rural Economy anent its classes, &c. allowed to lie, this Council 'being much interested in proposed agricultural college at Kilmarnock.'

AA 6222, Th 22.5.1902, 3d
First AGM last Thursday, Glasgow. Photocopy herewith.

AA, Th 28.1.1909, 4b
Students enrolled for 1908-09, 213. Last session there were 197. A grant of £200 p.a. for 5 years, for capital expenditure, has been made by the Carnegie Trust.

1955 Guide
The estate was gifted by John Hannah of Girvan Mains, and the farm, dairy school, poultry school, horticultural department and the apiary were transferred from Kilmarnock prior to the official opening in 1931.

Scotsman, F 16.6.1922, 8e
AGM yesterday at dairy School, Kilmarnock, chaired by Sir David Wilson of Carbeth. Principal Paterson; John Cuthbertson, secretary, both present. John McCaig, Belmont, Stranraer, elected vice-president, in room of J Campbell Murray (retiring - ill-health). Dr Douglas, Auchlochan, co-opted as Governor. Three advisory officers appointed: James Wyllie (problems in milk production); professor Leitch (problems in milk utilisation); D G O'Brien (problems in plant pathology).

KS, Sa 21.6.1924, 5b
AGM, Thursday, dairy school. Wilson, McCaig, Paterson, Cuthbertson. McCaig, and John Speir, made Governors, in place of late Dr Douglas, and Col Carruthers (resigned). Figures (student numbers, &c).

AP, 25.12.2024, so late 1924
100 Years Ago. The famous New Zealand All Blacks rugby team visited Kilmarnock last week as their tour of the British Isles concluded with a learning experience in agriculture. Eight members of the team, who previously enjoyed a playing tour of England and Wales, headed north as they are particularly interested in farming and agriculture in general. Their first visit was paid to the West of Scotland Agricultural College where they were shown all the farm stock and poultry department. A call was then made to Hillhouse Farm, owned by Mr James Howie, where an inspection was made of the famous herd of Ayrshires and stud of Clydesdales. The party then proceeded to

Hobsland, Monkton, where they were delighted with an inspection of Mr Barr's famous herd of Ayrshire cattle and the young bulls to be offered by auction by Mr Barr's sale in February. The visitors were delighted with their trip.'

AA, Th 5.4.1928, 3ef — 'Future of Auchincruive: Final Adjustment of Big Scheme'. PHOTOCOPY herewith

BI 39/463 October 1928 — WoSAC governors considering plans for remodelling mansion and erection of new buildings. Plans of Allan Stevenson Mair & Cassells.

BI 39/466 January 1929 — Plans being considered for Steading - Apiary - Poultry - Horticulture.

Allan Stevenson Mair & Cassels, Income and Expenditure Book, 1927-1973

1929 Mar 30 — Cheque from John Cuthbertson, esq., Secretary. First payment to account of works carried out in connection with the West of Scotland Agricultural College at Auchincruive. (£300 less 3/- com). £299 17s

AP, 10.7.1931 — To be formally opened today.

County Council, Tu20.12.1932 (AA, Th 22.12.1932, 3bc)

CoCo reps on WoSAC board to be W T R Houldsworth and Provost Howie, Prestwick.

AA, CO 3/8/3/7, 666 (to CoCo 31.10.1933) and 751 (to CoCo 28.11.1933)

Advisory Committee on Continuation Classes ceased to function at County Council reorganisation. Governors 'desire to avail themselves again of the advice and assistance of such a committee". ACC reps to be Baillie Kirkland, Baillie Houston Paterson, Rev Dr Hamilton, David Reid, Major Coltman.

AA, Th 6.7.1944, 10ab — Land Girls Tested. Photocopy herewith.

AA, Th 9.1.1947, 8a [1920s] — Obituary of David S Govan. **William Govan and Sons** were contractors for WoSAC.

ACC, County Council 27.5.1952, 22

CoCo reps on WoSAC board to be Andrew Kerr, Alfred E Livingston.

ACC, County Council 24.5.1955, xx

CoCo reps on WoSAC board to be Andrew Kerr and Alfred E Livingston.

AA, Th 29.10.1953, 13 — Photographs of new scientific measurement of grass at WoSAC.

AA, Th 23.6.1955, 21de — AGM, report on future developments. PHOTOCOPY in St Quivox files.

AA, Th 31.7.1975, 17bi — Agronomy Trials. John Frame, George Norris. Photos.

AA, Th 14.8.1975, 12def — Whitefly control in tomatoes. Garth Foster, Aileen Kelly. Photo and illus.

AA, Th 4.9.1975, 14def — Photo. Colin Stirling (27, b Harrogate). Joined WoSAC as assistant horticultural lecturer, 1970: in Sept 1975 will succeed Mrs Dowatson as senior horticultural lecturer.

AA, Th 9.10.1975, 14ei — Girls on OND Agriculture. Photos: Dave West, Audrey Smith

AA, Th 23.10.1975, 14 — Awards Ceremony, 15th October 1975. Professor J S Hall. Prizes presented by Lord Birsay.

AP, F 30.9.1977, 14fg — Plaque to mark Golden Jubilee unveiled recently by John Hannah.

See also THEODOTOU, for auto-biographical account of a late 1950s poultry student.

ADVISORY OFFICE (AYR)

AP, F 25.12.1953, 10c — Has moved to Nile Court, 154 High Street, Ayr

AEROGENERATOR

Carnegie Photograph — Erected in July 1984 by SSEB.

APIARY

Bi 39/466 January 1929 — Plans being considered - Allan Stevenson Mair & Cassells.

AA 20.6.1929 — Reporting laying of foundation stone of Dairy School, article infers that bee husbandry section already operating from Auchincruive.

BUS SHELTER
ACC Planning, A7118 — April 1954. Bus Shelter, Auchincruive Main Entrance; Robert J Forsyth, 65 West Regent Street, Glasgow, for WoSAC.

CHEMISTRY
ACC Planning, A3343 — February 1951. Alterations, Chemistry Lab., to form milk room, &c. Stevenson & Ferguson, for WoSAC.
nr — New building, 1980 - ; Cunningham Glass Partnership, Glasgow.

COTTAGES
ACC, PHSC 24.7.1930 — 4 Cottages, Auchincruive, for WoSAC.
ACC, PHDAC 7.7.1932 — Subsidy 50. Cottage, Auchincruive, for WoSAC.

COTTAGES AT GIBBSYARD
AA, CO 3/18/2/10 — B5536, approved September 1960. Site plan by **D Grant**, Chief Surveyor, DAFS, July 1960. Houses are Type 6 Adapted.

COTTAGES AT TENNIS COURTS
AA, CO 3/18/2/10 — B5536, approved September 1960. Site plan by **D Grant**, Chief Surveyor, DAFS, July 1960. Houses are Type 3 Adapted.

CRONIN BUILDING
EDWARD CRONIN
AP, F 16.6.1950, 13bc — Reports recent Court of Session decision that WoSAC are to get 1/5th of the residue of the estate of the late Edward Cronin, sole partner of Garvie & Co., Glasgow, wholesale whisky blenders and exporters. [The 5 beneficiaries are the College; Glasgow University; the Hunterian Museum; the Royal Technical College, Glasgow; and the New Heath Club, London.]. Photocopy herewith.
BNA — He died in 1943, lived in a basement below his shop in Kingston Street. 71. Will, 26.4.1941, nothing to any niece or nephew. Various claims and counter-claims over the wording of the will, but decided as above. Refs to a nephew, the author Archibald J Cronin, New Canaan, Ct, and to Nora Stewart Dobbie, who worked for him, and said he lived on broad bread and milk (5-6 pints a day), ate standing up, no meat.
ScP — D, New Kilpatrick. B, c.1872, nf in Scotland.

BUILDING
BI 67/784 July 1955 — Proposed new Teaching Block and Recreational Building. T S Cordiner, Glasgow, architect.
ACC Planning, A9481 — December 1955. Teaching and Recreation Block. Amended plans, May 1957. Teaching block only for now.
Nr — Demolished January - March 2013.

DAIRY RESEARCH
ACC Planning, B1139 — April 1957. Internal alterations, Milk Utilisation Department, daily Research; Stevenson & Ferguson, for WoSAC.

DAIRY SCHOOL
AA 20.6.1929 — Foundation stone to be laid today. [See also Apiary]
ACC Planning, 3033 — May 1945. Temporary access to Vet. Investigation Dept., Dairy School, for WoSAC. Stevenson & Ferguson.

ACC Planning, A853 — April 1949. Alterations, Dairy School, for WoSAC, per James Taylor, 196 West George Street, Glasgow.

ACC Planning, A4210 — November 1951. Extension and internal alterations, Boiler House, Dairy School; **James Taylor**, Glasgow, for WoSAC.

DIAMOND

ACC Planning, A8548 — May 1955. 2 semi-detached cottages, The Diamond; D Grant, for WoSAC.

DIAMOND SAWMILL

ACC, PHSC 24.7.1930 — RWG. Alterations to 2 cottages, Diamond Sawmill, for WoSAC.

DONALD HENDRIE BUILDING

Planning Application C465 — Thomas S Cordiner, Glasgow. 1963/64 - ?1972.

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY

ACC Planning, A2394 — May 1950. Electricity supply to Auchincruive, Tarholm, &c. [SWSEB]. Difficult to believe that WoSAC didn't have electricity before this.

FARM MANAGER'S HOUSE

ACC Planning, A4952 — July 1952. **Stevenson & Ferguson**, for WoSAC.

GLASSHOUSE

ACC Planning, A835 — April 1949. Insect-proof Glasshouse and Potting Shed, for WoSAC. A.G. Ingram, Edinburgh

GLASSHOUSE INVESTIGATION UNIT

AP 29.5.1970 — Opened last Monday.

AP, F 1.10.1971, 2f — James H F Smith, bee-keeping advisor, Ayrsghire Wigtown & Arran, is joining the GIU team. Born Rothesay, admin convener of Ayr Flower Show, and editor, Scottish Beekeeper.

HOLM FIELD

AA, Th 29.8.1968, 1cd — Plans approved by ACC. £87,000 building.

HORTICULTURAL RESEARCH INSTUTUTE (SCOTTISH)

ACC Planning, A5706 — February 1953. Laboratories, Offices, Glasshouses, &c.; D. Grant, DAS Ayr, for Scottish Horticultural Research Institute.

HORTICULTURE

BI 39/466 January 1929 — Plans being considered - Allan Stevenson Mair & Cassells.

BOILER HOUSE

ACC Planning, A5167 — September 1952. Boiler House, Horticulture Department; Stevenson & Ferguson, for WoSAC.

AA, Th 9.1.1969, 20e — New building, Horticulture Department, for WoSAC, approved by Ayr County Building Authority.

IMPLEMENT SHED (FARM)

1955 Guide — Erected in 1951.

JOHN HANNAH BUILDING [formerly CENTRAL BUILDING]

nr — Thomas Cordiner, Cunningham Partnership, Glasgow, Completed 1974. Formally opened 30.8.1974.

AA 5.9.1974 — Cost £700,000.
Nr — Demolished April 2013

MAINHOLM ROAD
ACC, Highways Cttee 7.5.1945 and 2.7.1945
Application by Dept of Agric to have road through Mainholm Smallholdings added to list of highways, but WoSAC not interested in extending to Coylton Road. See Ref [ACC 1945]

POULTRY
BI 39/466 January 1929 — Plans being considered - Allan Stevenson Mair & Cassells.
ACC Planning, B602 — October 1956. Addition, Poultry Department, for WoSAC.

LAYING BATTERY HOUSE
ACC Planning, 2833 — September 1944.

MANAGER'S HOUSE
ACC Planning, A1821 — December 1949. Enlargement. Stevenson & Ferguson, for WoSAC.

REFECTORY
Nr — Demolished January 2013

SHEEP HOUSE
Scottish Farming Leader, August 1985
Erected January to March 1985, by Ayrshire Welded Products Ltd., Cumnock. Galvanised steel portal frame, plastic coated profiled steel roof sheeting, timber space boarding cladding, hollow concrete block walls and hardcore floor.

SOIL STERILIZING SHED
ACC Planning, A4110 — October 1951. **Stevenson & Ferguson**, for WoSAC.

TENNIS COURTS
ACC Planning, A8574 — May 1955. Tennis Courts, Gibbsyard, Auchincruive, for WoSAC.

VETERINARY INVESTIGATION LABORATORY
ACC Planning, 2593 — September 1943. WoSAC.
ACC Planning, A2444 — June 1950. Laboratory and Post Mortem Blocks, V.I.D., for West of Scotland Agricultural College.
ACC, TPC 12.9.1950, list — [A2444] Agent is **A.G. Ingham**.
ACC Planning, A6187 — July 1953. Laboratories and Post Mortem Building. D Grant (DAfs), for West of Scotland Agricultural College. Approved, October 1953.

WILSON HALL
BNA — January 1950. To be delayed. Est cost, £211,750. For 200 students.
ACC Planning, A2443 — June 1950. Hall of Residence, for West of Scotland Agricultural College.
ACC, TPC 12.9.1950, list — Agent is **A.G. Ingham**.
October 1950 — Tenders.
1955 Guide — "The building is both pleasing architecturally and designed to provide a high standard of comfort. Each resident has an individual bedroom furnished in contemporary style and equipped for study. The building is virtually fireproof."
AP 20.4.1956 — Men's Hostel now in use. 3 years to build. £80,000. Pleasing combination of dignity and simplicity, based broadly on the Scots Baronial style. Architect, **D S McPhail**, formerly chief architect to Department of Agriculture in Scotland.

CRICHTON ROYAL FARM

AP, F 7.2.1975, 46 — WoSAC in final discussions to take over the farm from Scottish Home & Health Department.

COLLEGE GOVERNANCE

CHAIRMAN

1902 - Rev Dr Gillespie
(1968) Sir George Wilson

VICE CHAIRMAN

1902 - W R Copland
- died 1975 John Stevenson

GOVERNORS

CO 3/8/1/4, Ayr County Council 1898-1902, 162-167, County Council 28.3.1899, printed Scheme from the Scotch Education Department (12th March), for the establishment of a college to take over the functions of existing institutions in Glasgow and Kilmarnock. County Council to have six on management body, and appoint Thomas Smith, Robert Inglis, John Watt, Marcus Bain, Matthew Smith and Alexander Willison.

CO 3/8/1/4, ACC 1898-1902, 508, County Council, 17.12.1901
Representatives to be T Smith, Inglis, Watt, Bain, Willison, as previously, with J R Dempster (Loudoun) in place of M Smith, no longer councillor.

AA, Th 19.12.1929, 3ad — ACC, Tu 17.12.1929, named W T R Houldsworth as representative, to replace late T C Solomon, Dunlop.

Alexander M HOOD, County Councillor, Newmilns. Died in 1946, replaced by Andrew Kerr

Andrew KERR, County Councillor, Riccarton (replaced Alex Hood)
1946 –

James Hamilton WARNOCK

BNA — Fl 1950/51. Of Garrion. MBE, NY 1951.
William NIVEN, factor, SORN — Died in 1951
John STEVENSON, Changue — On board 29 years, died in 1975. AA, Th 18.9.1975, 14abc
Robert H U STEVENSON — From c.1954. In 1968 became v/chairman of Scottish MMB. Was educated at Strathallan and WoSAC. AA, Th 11.7.1968, 20c.

ACC, County Council 27.5.1952, 22
CoCo reps on WoSAC board to be Andrew Kerr, Alfred E Livingston.

ACC, County Council 24.5.1955, xx
CoCo reps on WoSAC board to be Andrew Kerr and Alfred E Livingston.

SRC, E, 30.5.1978, 677 — SRC rep, Elliot Gray. (Re-appointed, SRC, E 17.6.1981, 916)(Re-appointed, SRC, E 2.6.1982, 875)

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON CONTINUATION CLASSES

AA, CO 3/8/3/7, 666 (to CoCo 31.10.1933) and 751 (to CoCo 28.11.1933)
Advisory Committee on Continuation Classes ceased to function at County Council reorganisation. Governors 'desire to avail themselves again of the advice and assistance of such a committee". ACC reps to be Baillie Kirkland, Baillie Houston Paterson, Rev Dr Hamilton, David Reid, Major Coltman

COLLEGE STAFF

PRINCIPAL

Mar1900-1911 Robert Patrick WRIGHT

1911- Oct 1944 William George Rogerson PATERSON (1878-1954)

AA, Th 9.9.1954, 23

Died 1st September 1954 at family farm, Birkrigg, Beattock

1944 (Interim); 1947 -1954 John KIRKWOOD

BNA, Mar 1951 He is Chairman of the Advisory Panel for Scotland, Beautifying Britain, part of the Festival of Britain.

AA, Th 28.1.1954, 23ab

Retiring.

1954 - 1965 Donald Stewart HENDRIE (1909-1965)

AP, F 7.1.1949, 15d

39, to be agricultural adviser to UK High Commissioner in New Zealand. Educated at Glasgow University, WoSAC, Cambridge and in Ontario. 1932-1936, Assistant Lecturer and Farm Manaager, WoSAC; 1936, Leeds University; 1940, War Agricultural Executive Committee Executive Officer for the North Riding; Joined MAFF staff 1.10.1946 as County Agricultural Officer for North Riding.

AP, F 7.10.1966, 13cd

His observations on dairying in New Zealand.

1966 - James Snowdon HALL (1919-2008)

AP, F 7.10.1966,13cd

New principal, this week-end, James S Hall. Has been 12 years principal at Newton Rigg. Born near Hartlepool, graduated, Newcastle,1940. County cap as a prop.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR [PROVINCIAL DIRECTOR]

(1930s)- Feb 1960 A F R Nisbet. See Head, Advisory.

Feb 1960 Arthur Parkinson. See Advisory

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

(fl 1953) 2/1960 Graham Murray BERRIE. B, c.1927. D, Paisley, 2006.

DIRECTOR OF STUDIES

Apr 1955 Archibald B SMART

SECRETARY

1903 – (1914)-

John CUTHBERTSON. [His son, Dr David P Cuthbertson, retired as head of the Rowett 1.10.1965 - see AA, Th 17.9.1964, 32d, appointment of Blaxter to succeed him].

(1930s) -1945 Alexander Johnston WILSON (1876-1947)

AA, Th 11.12.1947, 14a

Retired in 1945. Has died, Kilmarnock (AA, Th 11.12.1947, 14a)

1946 - 1975 Nigel Bruce BAIN (1910-2003)

AA, Th 9.1.1969, 12cde

Bain was awarded the MBE in New Years Honours. Secretary, WOSAC, since 1st Jan 1946, and still in post. B. Crieff, and see ref]

AA, Th 23.10.1975, 14.

Presented with award for 30 years' service. He retires in December.

CLERK

(1914) Ellie A KIRKWOOD

	LIBRARIAN	
c.1936		Miss HANDLEN
	JANITOR	
(1914)		Andrew McCOWATT

AGRICULTURE

	PROFESSOR	
*1899		R Patrick Wright. See Principal.
(1914)		William G R Paterson, Principal
(1944)		John Kirkwood. See Principal
	SENIOR LECTURER	
1920s		John Kirkwood. See Principal.
	LECTURER	
*1899		James WOOD, 'lecturer and assistant to Professor Wright'.
1905-x		W G R Paterson. See Principal.
(1914)		James WYLLIE
1928-1941		Ian Garner JACK
	BNA, 1950	From Paisley, at WoSAC as lecturer 1928-41, then with Agric Executive, firstly in Lanarkshire, then in Northumberland. Resigning.
	ScP	Houston, 1906
	ASSISTANT	
(1914)		William KIRKPATRICK

BACTERIOLOGY

	LECTURER	
	BNA, July 1900	Buchanan, bacteriologist with Glasgow Corporation, suggested.
(1914)		William Stevenson, see Dairying
	ASSISTANT	
(1914)		James Malcolm, see Dairying

BEES AND BEE-KEEPING

	HEAD OF BEEKEEPING	
1952.1960		James H SAVAGE
	AP, F 8,4.1960, 11a	
		Ref.
	LECTURER	
(1914)		Rev R. McCLELLAND
X		Joseph TINSLEY
	BNA, 1950	Ex WoSAC, now with Messrs Taylor Ltd, Welwyn Garden City.
Nov 1951		W McCLYMONT
1952		William LIVINGSTONE
1954, 1955		Andrew S McCLYMONT

BOOK-KEEPING, AGRICULTURAL

	LECTURER	
(1914)		James Wyllie, see Agriculture
c.1919		John Kirkwood. See Principal.

BOTANY

	PROFESSOR	
(BNA, 10/1900)(1914)		A N McALPINE

- 1953		Kenneth William BRAID, OBE
1953 (Appd Jan)		William W FLETCHER
	LECTURER	
*1899		A N McAlpine. See Professor.
(1914)		John McD YOUNG
1922 – c.1926		Matthew Miller BAIRD (c.1881-1971)
	University of Edinburgh Journal, 25, 1971-72.	
		Matthew Miller Baird was a botany lecturer at WoSAC from 1922, then went to teacher training, and taught at Balfron, then Baldernock (1936, as head). Retired to Moffat, and died, in 90th year, 4 May 1971.
- c.1963		Hubert FREDERICK
	AP, F 10.2.2017, 24. (1967)	
		50 Years Ago. Dr Hubert Frederick, retired WoSAC lecturer, died in a house fire at home, Lorne Cottage, Coylton. Retired 4 years ago.

CHEMISTRY

	PROFESSOR	
C1903-1911		John Waugh PATERSON (1869-1958)
	Who Was Who	Born 1869, son of John Paterson, Skirling Mains. M1910 Agnes, dau of William Smith, Garrarie, Wigtown). 6s, 1d. Educated in Edinburgh and at Universities of Edinburgh, Gottingen, Leipzig. 8 years Professor of Chemistry, WoSAC. 1911, Experimentalist to Victorian Department of Agriculture. 1913-1934, Professor of Agriculture, University of Western Australia (and Vice-Chancellor 1918-1921). Various books. Died in Western Australia 5th June 1958. (Who Was Who).
(1914)		Reginald A BERRY
	PROFESSOR (AGRICULTURAL CHEMISTRY)	
June 1951, July 1952		Hugh NICOL
	LECTURER	
*1899		John W Paterson. See Professor.
(1914)		D G O'BRIEN
	DEMONSTRATOR	
(1914)		D N McARTHUR
	LABORATORY ATTENDANT	
(1914)		Alexander HANNAY
	ANALYST	
(1914)		Peter CALDWELL

DAIRYING

	PROFESSOR	
(1914)		No post
fl. 1924		R H LEITCH.
(1944: 1955)		James KIRKWOOD. [Director of Practical Dairying]
	AA, Th 6.7.1944, 10ab	
		Land Girls tested
	AA, Th 6.1.1955, 13ab	
		Awarded OBE in New Year Honours.
	LECTURER	
(1914)		William STEVENSON
	ASSISTANT	
(1914)		James MALCOLM
	INSTRUCTRESS	
*1899		Margaret FRASER, also Lecturer in Poultry and Bee-keeping.

(MILK)

1954 J F MALCOLM

ADVISER, GRASSLAND HUSBANDRY

Nov 1952, 1965-66 I V HUNT

Grassland Society, 1985/86

Dr Gordon Edward D Tiley (c.1931-2014); Roderick F Gooding (b.1946), Dr D Reid.

DAIRY TECHNOLOGY

HEAD

PROFESSOR

Fl, 1944. BNA, 1950, 51, 56 Professor D Murray SMILLIE

AA, Th 6.7.1944, 10ab

10ab, Land Girls Tested

xxxx - xxxx Robert John Monteith (Bob) CRAWFORD (c.1928-2015)

nr Died, Edinburgh, 7 Oct 2015, aged 87. Widower of Audrey.

LECTURERS

BNA 1951 T MURDOCH (Dairy Equipment)

Fl.1975 Marion HAMILTON

AA, Th 18.9.1975, 14gh

Spoke to Ayr Soroptomists, last Mon, Kingcase AFE Centre, on her UN-funded visit to Netherlands. AA, Th 18.9.1975, 14gh.

ECONOMICS, AGRICULTURE AND

HEAD

1952 GILCHRIST

LECTURER

1950 G K R BLACK

LECTURER

1950 Roger TURNER. Going on a Marshall study tour of the USA, 2 months.

LECTURER?

? Aylwin Michael Morgan REES, going in 1953 to Northern Rhodesia. Had worked at Leeds University, WoSAC, UCW Aberystwyth.

1952 J ROBERTS

1953 McCREATH

ADVISER

1955 G BROWN

ENGINEERING, AGRICULTURAL

LECTURER

1901, (1914) Harry BAMFORD

ENTOMOLOGIST

Lecturer in Economic Entomology

*1899, (1904) James Joseph F X KING (1855-1933)

Transactions Ent Soc London, 1904, List of Fellows

James Joseph F X King, Lecturer in Economic Entomology, West of Scotland Agricultural College. Home: 1 Athole Crescent Gardens, Glasgow.

FORESTRY
LECTURER
(1914) G P GORDON

GEOLOGY
LECTURER
(1914) Matthew M MONIE

LAW, AGRICULTURAL
LECTURER
(1914) David BRUCE

MACHINERY
1950 Robert T STIRLING

PLANT PATHOLOGY
HEAD
c.1944 – (1955) John GRAINGER
BNA, 1955 1933-1943, Director of Tolson Museum, Huddersfield. B, Slaithwaite. May 1955, President, Yorkshire Naturalists Union.

SURVEYING, AGRICULTURAL
LECTURER
1901, classes began
(1914) Renwick H LEITCH

VETERINARY SCIENCE
LECTURER
1899*, (1914) Professor John McIntosh McCALL
(1914) – 9/1953 Professor John R McCALL, son of above

ZOOLOGY, AGRICULTURAL
LECTURER
(1914) L A L KING

COLLEGE FARM AND EXPERIMENT STATION
Manager
(1914) Lindsay ROBB
1941 – 1945 Kenneth N RUSSELL
AP, F 22.6.1945, 6c
Leaves shortly to take up his new post at Cirencester. BNA, 1950, is Vice-Principal, Cirencester. BNA, 1954, to Askham Bryan, as Principal. Sept 1957, to Shuttleworth.
1945 – (1955) - James M THOMSON
AP, F 22.6.1945, 6c
Appointed. A member of the WoSAC staff for the past 7 years, has been appointed farm manager. 33, native of Houston, Renfs. Presently college organiser in South Argyll, and also executive officer for that area under South Argyll Agricultural Executive Committee. While in Argyll he has formed two young farmers clubs.
Assistant
(1914) James W SMITH

Dairyman
(fl.1944) George SMITH

AA, Th 6.7.1944, 10ab
Land Girls Tested

Dairymaid
*1899 (Kilmarnock) Mary McFADZEAN

Blacksmith
Robert B STEWART (x-1970)
AP, F 27.2.1970, 17b
Died Monday (23rd February 1970), Robert B STEWART, for the last 11 years blacksmith to WoSAC. Mason, dog breeder: w, d, 2gs. Born in Ayr, and apprenticed to a farrier on Arran.

DAIRY SCHOOL
Manager and Instructor, later Head
*1899, Kilmarnock (1914) - 1923 Professor Robert James DRUMMOND
BNA Died, Kilmarnock, 8.5.1933. From Canada. ScP, 75.
1923 James KIRKWOOD
Occasional Instructresses
*1899 Miss SPEIR
*1899 Miss SELLAR
Assistant
*1899 (Kilmarnock)-1899 Alexander TODD
BNA, July 1899 Tood, ex Kilmarnock DI, now assistant instructor, Midland Dairy Institute.
Assistant in Cheesemaking
(1914) David WYLLIE
Instructress in Butter-making
(1914) Elspeth M MARTIN

Supervisor of Milk Records
(1914) William M LENNOX

Assistant Inspector, Dairy School
1936-1937 Elizabeth R W Dunsmore. See Students.

HORTICULTURAL DEPARTMENT
Head
(1930s) Dudley V HOWELLS (c.1886-1940)
X – 1949 Alfred E LIVINGSTON
AP, F 23.9.1966, 15d
Born near Northampton, but in Scotland since c.1900. After Great War trained at Auchincruive, and was later Head of Horticulture until he retired in 1949, when he became a College Governor. Wrote 2 standard text-books, and was also a County Councillor for Dunlop. He "was responsible for the introduction of cricket to Dunlop." Died on Saturday (17 Sept 1966) aged 83. Lived at Mayfield, 8 Stewarton Road, Dunlop.
x-1967 Hubert Frederick (H.F.) DOVASTON.
FMP/ScP B 15.10.1916, Liverpool. M, Liverpool, 1941. D, Coylton, 1967.
(BNA, 1950)

Superintendent
(1914) A HOSKING
1942-1960 John Hind WARWICK
AA, Th 10.11.1960, 15c

Aged 65, died 7.11.1960. He had been Garden Superintendent, Auchincruive, since 1942, and had been employed at Auchincruive since 1925, working firstly for Julian Oswald. He came to Auchincruive from Castlemilk, Dumfriesshire.

AA, Th 9.2.1961, 19c

Fund being raised to provide a book prize in his memory to be given to the best practical horticultural student each year.

Lecturers

(1914)(1930s) William GOOD

AP, F 9.3.1956, 10c

Born Coylton, trained School of Science and Art, Richmond, Surrey, Heriot Watt College, Royal Technical College Glasgow, and WoSAC, Glasgow. Worked at Sundrum (under Daniel Wyllie), Royal Horticultural Society Gardens Chiswick, Swanley Hortl College, Royal Botanics Edinburgh, Hertfordshire Co Co (1909-13) then WoSAC Glasgow from 1913. FEIS, 1937; practical courses in Ayr, Greenock, Paisley, Rutherglen. Books: *Garden Work*; *Allotment Gardening* (1923). w, 2s. 137 Adamton Road, Prestwick.

Fl.1924, 1930s Alfred E Livingston, see above

Fl 1930s B P PERRY

Fl 1930s D S ANDERSON

Fl. 1930s Miss A J A COPELAND

Fl. 1930s Miss Louisa D MILLEN

Fl, 1949-1953, 1957 Albert B. WEBSTER. 1953, Soft Fruit Trials Officer.

Fl 1953 D G TAYLOR. Talking in Stgs on Sweet Peas.

AP, F 4.2.1949, 1f

To give series of five free lectures in Cairn School, Maybole, under auspices of ACC, Education Sub Committee, Area no.2.

ACC, Roads C 3.11.1952, 35-36

Consulted by County Surveyor (G S Barry) on planting schemes for Ayrshire roads.

(1950) William M CAMERON

1950 Robert D REID. Bred strawberry ‘Climax’.

1955 G MURRAY

- 1975 Mrs DOWATSON

1975 (senior) Colin STIRLING

Assistants

(1914) B P Perry. See above, Lecturer.

Fl. 1930s Alfred GRAY

Fl. 1930s Robert CAIRNS

Fl.1930s D D McLENNAN

Fl. 1930s Matthew DICKIE

Fl. 1930s John NEILSON

Demonstrator

1955 Margaret WILSON

HEAD GARDENER

1961-1976 James BONTHRONE, 1961 - 1976

AP, F 1.10.1976 Presentation to James Bonthrone, head gardener, after 25 years service.

POULTRY DEPARTMENT

Head

1950 Thomas E WHITTLE

Manageress and Instructress

(1914) Agnes KINROSS

Assistant

(1914) Daisy TOCHER

(---)

1950 Miss I McI SHADE

1951, 1952 Miss I M STUART

1953 Miss HOOD

Senior Advisor

1950, 1951 Jean M WALLACE. Going on a Marshall study tour, 2 months, in USA.

EXTENSION STAFF, i.e. ADVISORY

DIRECTOR OF COUNTY ADVISORY SERVICES [HEAD OF ADVISORY]

(1955) – 1960 A F R NISBET

AP, F 8.4.1960, 7bc

Retires

1960-x Arthur Edward PARKINSON

AP, F 8.4.960, 7bc

Begins 6th June 1960. Son of Lancashire farmer; trained various places including Dairy School. Since March 1955 has been regional director of County Work (Aberdeen Region) for NoSCA.

AGRICULTURAL

Argyll, North

(1914) John ANDERSON

Argyll, South

(1914) – WW1. John Kirkwood. See Principal

c.1938-1945 James M Thomson. See Farm Manager.

Ayrshire

(Jan 1901, BNA) WOOD, at Dalry.

(1914) Thomas LIMOND

(1952) J L MacGREGOR

(1951),(1962) Robert LAIRD. Dr by 1956, work on potato yields

1965-66 Alistair CAMPBELL

1987-88 Norman DAY

Dumfries

x-1911 W G R Paterson. See Principal

(1914) John GILLIES

1965-66 John THORBURN

1987-88 R Allbrooke; D S Scrimgeour; C R Phillips

Kirkcudbright

(1914) Peter A McWILLIAM

c.1920 – 1950 Hugh M YOUNG, died 1950, Castle Douglas. 28 years Stewartry organiser for WoSAC. Three years ago, Regional Director.

1965-66 Robert M PATTERSON

Lanark

(Dec 1900, BNA),(1914) James McCUTCHEON. Lecture, Kirkintilloch, Dec 1900.

(1950) McARTHUR.

(1950) J WALKER-LOVE. 1957, Animal Husbandry A.O.

(1951) Miss MECHAN

(1954), 1965-66 John WADDELL

Renfrew and Dunbarton

(1914) Renwick H Leitch, see Surveying

1965-66 C G WATSON

Stirling

(1914) John MALCOLM

1947-56 R M PATERSON

BNA, 1956 To be Manager, John J Inglis & Son, seed merchants, Ayr.

1965-66 A G MALCOLM

West Perth, Bute, Cowal

(1897) At Aberfeldy, J R Campbell.

(1914) Alexander MURRAY

(1950), (1962) Abram BROADFOOT. MBE, June 1951.

Wigtown

(1914) Andrew KAY

1965-66 S A ROSS

BEEKEEPING

Lanark

(1950) A S McCLYMONT

Stirlingshire

(1950) James H SAVAGE

HORTICULTURAL

Senior Horticultural Advisor

(1969) (1972) Ralph E JOHNSTON

AA, Th 13.2.1969, 15d

fl: on radio. Ralph Johnston.

AA, Th 3.8.1972, 1c

R.E. Johnston. Chair of judges, Britain in Bloom, 1972.

Advisor

1954-1968 Robert N. GENTLES

AA, Th 28.11.1968, 15bc

Going to Quito.

Ayrshire

1950 A B WEBSTER

Dumfries-shire

Sep 1952 W M MOYES

Kirkcudbrightshire

- 1952 Davis S ANDERSON. Of Ringford, died c.April 1952.

Lanark

1950, 1955 J B R ANDERSON

Perth, West

1954, 1955 Robert CAIRNS

Renfrew and Glasgow

1950 Ian G WALLS

Stirling

1950, 1954, 1955 William M/C CAMERON

INSTRUCTRESS

(1914) Lydia McGLASHAN. Poultry Keeping

(1914) Jean D SCOTT. Dairying and Poultry Keeping

(1914) Annie C SPEIR. Dairying and Poultry Keeping

(1914) Lily STRANG. Dairying and Poultry Keeping

(1914) Jessie TANNOCK. Dairying and Poultry Keeping

FARM BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT

Head
(1975) Robert FORSYTH
AA, Th 4.12.1975, 16
Photo
Technicians
(1975) Duncan RIDDLE
AA, Th 4.12.1975, 16
Photo
(1975) Tom McKERROW
AA, Th 4.12.1975, 16
Photo
(1975) Jack BISHOP
AA, Th 4.12.1975, 16
Photo
(1975) June WILDE
AA, Th 4.12.1975, 16
Photo

VETENARIAN INVESTIGATION DEPARTMENT/OFFICE
HEAD
- 1945 J PATERSON
AA, Th 4.1.1945, 10c
Has left for similar post at Wye (South Eastern Agricultural College).
1945 (1954) - A L WILSON
AA, Th 4.1.1945, 10c
Replacement is A.L. WILSON, trained in Glasgow, and most recently employed in Leeds.
(1954) J M ROBERTSON

UNSORTED

LECTURERS
1904 George G Esslemont (? C.1870-1946, Aberdeen)

"PASSING THROUGH"

BEATTIE, J
AP, F 11.2.1949, 16d 'Mr and Mrs J Beattie, Seamill Hydro, West Kilbride, desire to thank staff and workers of Auchincruive Agricultural College, Auchincruive, Ayr, for wedding gift received.'

BLACKSHAW, J Frank
BNA, July 1899 Has gone to Midland Dairy Institute, as manager. From Glasgow & West of Scotland A.C.

DNB Sir Alexander CAIRNCROSS (1911 Leshamagow - 1998 Oxford) the economist and public servant was a Glasgow University/WoSAC lecturer 1935-1940.

CAMPBELL, Professor
BNA, July 1900 Yorkshire College, Leeds, formerly of GWoSAC.

DR DUNLOP, WoSAC

ACC, PSC 3.9.1946, 1150 — Ref, in association with request for County Buildings from Ayr & Prestwick Scientific Films Societies.

Robert LAIRD — fl 1944, AA Th 6.7.1944, 10ab, Land Girls Tested.

I W MITCHELL — Ref, July 1952.

MISS ORR
AP, 4.11.2011 — Died, Biggart, 24.10.2011. 98, of Meadowpark Drive, Ayr. Formerly of Culzean Castle Gardens and Auchincruive Agricultural College (sic).

CLIFF WRIGHT — Died, Biggart, 3 Dec 2015, aged 85. Widower of Rita, father of Elaine and Chris

T.E. WHITTLE
ACC, TSSC 22.1.1947, 111 — Wants son to go to Grammar School, not St Quivox.

FILMS
January 1950 — In Wishaw, McArthur, WOSAC, showed films, 'Hill Sheep Farming in the Highlands', 'Silage Making'.

PRIZE-GIVINGS

16.3.1950 — Sir Patrick Laird, Secretary, DAgS.
1968 — Professor S J Watson, ex principal of East College.
AA, Th 17.10.1968, 32ab — To be Wed 23.10.1968. Guest will be Professor S.J. Watson, ex principal of East College.
AA, Th 31.10.1968, 27ab — Reported. Wilson and Hall make reference to University pulling out of some degree level courses. Students named include Denholm T. Reid, and Geoffrey M. Cravitz, Prestwick

STUDENTS

ARMITAGE, J B — B, Ayrshire. Graduated, 1942. 1950, BOCM Area Adviser, Scotland.

BRIGGS, A Maitland — Feb 1950. Pig breeder and organiser, Berwick upon Tweed. Trained at Holmes Farm, c.1918-20.

CAIRNS, Robert — Nov 1951. Training as an auctioneer, Hawick. Post-war at WoSAC, Speirs Memorial Prize.

CAMPSIE, Alastair Keith — Mar 1951. Ex-WoSAC student (diploma 1949). To be Temporary Agricultural Survey (Cocoa) Officer, with the Colonial Agricultural Service, in Nigeria.

CREYKE, Thomas Cross — Jan 1954, educated Leeds and WoSAC. Going to Australia as agricultural adviser to High Commissioner.

DUNSMORE, Elizabeth Robertson Weir
Jan 1952, MBE. B, c.1916, Stirling. Three years at WoSAC, then assistant inspector at dairy school. The New Zealand, Co-op Manchester, Houghall, 1943-1948 South Ayrshire Agric Exec, now Senior Asssitant, Animal Products Division, Colonial Development Corporation.

HUNT, H C	Jan 1951. Ex-student, Seale Hayne and WoSAC. To be Agricultural Liaison Officer, Talks Department, BBC.
KIRKLAND, Margaret	BNA, 2/1950. From Crieff. Just appointed Organiser for North East Scotland, Young Farmers' Clubs.
LAMBERTON, J K	1953, Principal, Rease Heath. Was a pupil of Principal Kirkwood, but whether at WoSAC or not is unknown.
McDONALD, Margaret	Dec 1952. WoSAC entrant in Charities Queen, Glasgow.
MACRAE, Kenneth A	Sep 1953, Kirkhill, IV. Farmer and author, Highland Doorstep. Ex WoSAC student
MAIN, M June	NDA, NDD. Teacher, married (July 1952) to T Arklay Guthrie.
MILNE, John Fyfe	BNA. M, Glasgow, July 1951. Ex-student. Presently Inspector of Agriculture, Sudan.
PRECIOUS, G	Apr 1952. Studied at Leeds Uni and WoSAC. Has become County Agricultural Officer, Staffordshire.
SCOULAR, Tom G	KS Sa 10.5.1924, 8f. Succeesful in NDA. Son of ex-Baillie Gavin Scoular, Holehouse Road, Kilmarnock.
STEWART, John	Nov 1951. Farmer, Arbroath. B c.1922, was three years at WoSAC.
SUTHERLAND, Margaret	Oct 1950. From Wishaw – Poultry Husbandry diploma. To work at Gordonstoun.
WELSH, Robert	1953, Poultry husbandry lecturer, Harper Adams. Ex A/cruive student.
Prizewinners	
1950	James W G McIntyre, Campbeltown; Kenneth C Blackwood, Glasgow; Martin E Gubbins, Garelochhead; D Carmichael, Glasgow; Patricia Wood, Prestwick; Patrick M Smith, Co Derry; Anthony N Darbyshire, Newburgh, Fife; William Rose, Dalcross; J A Thomson, Lugar; J Ricketts, Greenock; Gordon Tucker, Bearsden; J R McArtney, Baillieston.
(1952)	John Telfer, Eaglesfield
(1955)	Speirs Prize. Sally E White, Blairgowrie.
1957	Gordon Jopling, Sedgefield
24 HOUR DANCING	
AP, F 11.2.1977, 3	Photograph.
INCIDENTS	
AA, Th 8.8.1968, 5a	Errol Clark, 20, Whitletts, drowned in Laigland Pool despite rescue attempts by tractormen Tom Black and Tom Flynn.

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