ADMINISTRATION

EG 10235, F 6.3.1891, 277ab — Confirmation of Draft Order, of 13th Dec 1890, from Boundary Commissioners. Stair Detached no.2 added to Ochiltree. Part of Ochiltree transferred to Stair, so un-detaching Detached no.1. Effective for School Board, from 14th March, and generally 15th May 1891.

GENERAL

Johnston — Gaelic, *stair*, 'stepping stones, path through a bog'.

Macfarlane [1723] — Descriptions of some Parishes in the Jurisdiction of Kyle in Ayrshire with what is worth notice remarked very exactlie May 1723.
The Earl of Stairs house of Stair stands west from Ochiltrie 3 good miles, the Kirk of Stair, a new erection formerlie a part of the paroch of Ochiltrie, stands closs by the house and both closs upon the water of Air 5 miles to the east of Air, a very pleasant situation with good orchyards, gardens, parks and woods. The house of Barskiming belonging to Miller of Glenlie stands east of the kirk two short miles. Continuous stands closs upon the water of Air a good house with orchyards and woods near to it is the bridge of Barskiming over the water of Air of one great arch the highest and largest to be in the Kingdome.

Barber, 2000 — Derek Barber, Steps through Stair: A History of Stair and Trabboch, Stair, 2000.

SETTLEMENTS

STAIR

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY
ACC Planning, A1962 — February 1950. Electricity supply to Stair village, &c., South West Scotland Electricity Board. Ministry of Fuel and Power approval, November 1950.

GATESIDE, 439231
TRA-BANK, 438231
STAIR INN, 439234
Sas Min 3543 of 1850 — Disp of house by McKie of Dalmore to William Pettigrew, innkeeper, Bridgend of Ayr.
C1881, per FMP — Appears to show John C Montgomerie, and family, here.
nr — Planning notice re proposed lounge bar in AP, xx October 1967.
AP, F 20.10.1967, 19abc — Ayr District Licensing Court applications include one by David Findlay, for extension to premises here.
AA, Th 1.8.1968, 9a — Plans for extension, for David Findlay, approved by ACC.
Rodie, A Richer Dust, nd, 71 — "Stair Inn" "This relic of a day long gone/ where weary travellers rested./ It's saw many a summer dawn/ by many a gale been tested/ and welcomed travellers brave and bold/ as they were passing through/ and heard their weary tales unfold/ though few of them were true."

TRABBOCH

ACC 27.12.1945 — Department of Health for Scotland considers that the settlement is too small to be further developed.
AP, F 14.1.1949, 3bc — At ACC Education Cttee, Tu 11.1.1949, noted (in discussion about housing Stair School caretaker) that the three cottages nearest the road were built for colliery officials.

AA, Th 28.8.1952, 8d — Trabboch Post Office will close after business hours on Saturday.

CO 3/12/1/2	BBC 1.5.1902	House, Trabboch, for John D McArthur.
CO 3/12/1/4	BBC 6.6.1905	House, Trabboch, for John Baird. William McLelland, architect.

ASHGROVE, 438218, west side of road, opposite garage

ROWS

AA, Th 15..9.1881, 5d	At County Valuation Court, last Saturday, J & J Gilmour appealed against rating of 32 houses in Stair parish. Stated that these had been built by Merry & Cuninghame, but they had resiled from the mineral lease, after a dispute with the ground proprietor and had, in consequence, unroofed the houses. J & J Gilmour, the present lessees, have roofed the structures, to protect the walls, but they have not, and will not, be occupied. Rental agreed at £20, in toto.
AP, F 22.4.1960	Pit at Trabboch opened 1883, and the rows built. 41 houses in one Row, and 18 in the other. The pit closed in 1908.
ACC, PHC 2.3.1939, 125	Proposed Demolition Order. 1-40 First Row; 1-18 Second Row; 1-18 Third Row, 1,3-18 Fourth Row.
AP, F 3.1.1947, 6c	Built 'some 70 years ago.' Have been bought from Lord Talbot de Malahide by James M Thom, contractor, Trabboch.
ACC Planning, A4870	July 1952. Change of use from row houses to poultry houses, for John M. Thom.
AP, F 27.1.1939	In a report of a wedding at Annbank it is implied that the major centres of Lithuanian population in Ayrshire are Cumnock, Girvan and the Trabboch Rows.
AA, CO 3/10/5/27, B&SC 21.11.1967	Report on Stair School says it is near "the now almost deserted village of Trabboch."

STORE, &c

ACC Planning, B1032	March 1957. Filling Station, &c., The Garage, Trabboch, for Oswald Transport Ltd.

TRABBOCH LOCH

AP, F 17.1.1930, 11d	'Once upon a time there was a pit in the neighbourhood. It became exhausted years ago and was abandoned. As a result the ground in the immediate vicinity sank and a miniature loch was formed'.

(NURSERIES DIRECT ROAD)

West to east, south side
BRIAR DENE, 451211
FIRTH VIEW, 452212
THE BUNGALOW, 454213 s
WHITEHILL, 454213 n
West to east, north side
ROADEND NURSERIES, 456215

TRANSPORT

ROAD

OLD BRIDGE OF COYLE

List 4	Single span; rusticated stone arch. C.

PRIMROSEBANK BRIDGE

List 8	Small elliptical stone arch in field spanning Glenstang Burn. C.

SPRINGS ROAD

AA, Th 24.4.1806, 1c	Contractors wanted for a road from [B730] via Dalmore and Old Bridge of Kyle to [A70]

STAIR BRIDGE

List 2 — Built 1745. A narrow bridge of 3 arches spanning a bend of the River Ayr. ref: 3SA, 713-714. A.

Hume — Built 1745. A 3-span masonry bridge.

Barber, 2000, 18-19 — Erected in 1745, and, having 'failed in its foundations', repaired in 1756. 'At the time of the repair of the Stair Bridge many of the milestones in the surrounding area had been replaced. The old milestones were used round the central piers where the action of the water had weakened the bridge'.

ACC, Roads Estimates Sub Committee — 10.9.1964
To investigate installation of a traffic signal system.

ACC, Roads Committee 7.12.1964 — Agree to promote a 12-ton limit order.

ACC, County Council 22.12.1964 — 12-ton restriction order made, and forwarded to Secretary of State fir approval.

ACC, Roads C 5.4.1965 — County of Ayr (Stair Bridge)(Restriction on Driving) Order 1964 approved by Secretary of State, 22nd March 1965.

RAIL

INDUSTRY

BARSKIMMING MILL, 491253

Hume — Rebuilt c.1893 by William Alexander. A complex group of 2-, 3- and 4- storey brick buildings, some with sandstone quoins. Now used as a small engineering works.

AA 27.10.1892. — Destroyed by fire yesterday.

AA 7.9.1893 — Memorial stone laid last Saturday. [After the fire], plans were at once prepared by Mr McCrone, Haugh, Mauchline. Expected to be in full working order by end of October.

KH, F 7.8.1914, 5g — Sold, F 31.7.1914. 18A, £600, Andrew Cameron, Redgate.

AA 10.1.1918, 8e — Fire last Thursday. Meal mill, with 6 pairs of stones, destroyed.

KS, Sa 15.3.1924, 5b — New company. Charles D Ross & Co Ltd., Barskimming Road, Mauchline. Directors: Charles D Ross, Blinkbonny, Mauchline; Robert Dickie, grain merchant, Glasgow; Charles H Dickie, miller, Morton Mill, Thornhill.

ACC Planning, 2342 — December 1941. Extension, BM, for Charles D Ross & Co Ltd.

GH, F 3.11.1961, 10h — Barskimming Grain Mill is being converted into a light engineering factory making sheet metal pressings. Prop: David G Miller, Ayr.

UNNAMED HOUSE BEYOND MILL, 493250

CO 3/12/1/7 — BBC 7.3.1916 — 3A house, Barskimming Mill, for Charles Ross & Co. Findlay & Son, Mauchline, joiners. Approved by BBC 4.4.1916.

NURSERIES DIRECT

Here?

ACC Planning, A1347 — August 1949. Glasshouse, Roadend Nursery, for John Gemmell & Sons.

AP, F 21.9.2013, 23 — Begun 21 years ago (1991) by Colin Gemmell, PHOTOCOPY, with dates for various extensions, herewith.

TAM O SHANTER WORKS — See Tarbolton

ESTATES

BARSKIMMING

RD 4/184/1, 12.6.1758 — Thomas Miller of Barskimming is acquiring, from Thomas Gordon of Earlston, for £2600, part of the Stair estate.

BNA, July 1894 — Estate (3755A, including Fowler portion), for sale.

VR 1905 — John Meikle

BNA, Dec 1913 — Estate auctioned.

KH, F 7.8.1914, 5g — 8 farms, &c., sold last Friday: Chalmerston, Davidston, Stairaird, Little Spierston, Millerston, Barskimming Mill, Muir.

BNA, August 1918 — Unsold parts acquired by Mr Dunlop, who bought the house some time ago.

VR 1915, 1920 — Robert Jack Dunlop

STAIR

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AA, Th 21.2.1828, 1b — Sale of wood. "This is likely to be the last sale of wood at Stair for many years."

FARMS, &c.

BARSKIMMING MAINS, 482244

c.1851/61- after 1901, Robert Young

AA, Th 22.12.1881, 1d — Furniture sale, property of late Mr Andrew.

BNA, May 1915 — 220A, £4000, not sold.

MAINSHILL [COTTAGES AT ENTRANCE: List], 482242

List 13 — 1 storey, limewashed, ridge slate roof. C.

VALVEDARE WOOD

OS 1:2500, 1960s — gives this name to woodland to east of the farm.

BARSKIMMING MILL FARM (Not in VR 1892/93

ACC Planning, A2811 — October 1950. House, B; Francis B Dunbar for James B Black, Manswell Road, Prestwick.

ACC Planning, A3263 — February 1951. Piggery, Poultry House, &c., Barskimming. Francis B Dunbar, for James B Black.

BRAEHEAD, 468217

BURNFOOT COTTAGE

CO 3/12/1/3 BBC 5.7.1904 — Addition, BC, for John Meikle; James Reid, Mauchline.

CARBOWIE

KWP 22.3.1862 — Thomas Morton (engineer): ancestors farmed here. Not a farm by 1851. By C1861, Charles Murdoch, grocer.

LAIGH CARBOWIE (Not in VR 1892-93)

SVR 1970-1971 — 10.6.1970, for William Graham.

CHALMERSTON, 459232

(1851)-1861/71 — John Miller, went to Stairhill

(1861/71) – after 1881 — Hugh Reid.

KH, F 7.8.1914, 5g — Sold, F 31.7.1914. 139A, £3200, to John Reid, tenant.

CHIPPERLAIGAN, 455207

CREOCHHILL, 451217 AND GIBSTON

(1851) — William Lennox. 96 acres. 4 labourers

(1871) — George Sloan, 53. 120 acres. 2l, 1b

(1881) — George Sloan, 63. 200 acres. 2m, 1w

(1891) — John Sloan, 39, son

(1901) — John Sloan, 50.

GIBSTON, 447210

C1891 — Gibston. John Rodger, miner, m31, 1860 Tarbolton, with wife, 2 stepchildren, 3 daughters.

BUNGALOW, C

ACC Planning, 4199 — February 1947. Bungalow, Creochhill Farm, for David Gemmell.

COTHOUSE

ACC Planning, A5888 — April 1953. Cothouse, C; Eric A Hurcomb, for Thomas Robertson

CROSSHILL COTTAGES, 478240 — [Not a farm in VR 1892-93]

List 12 — 1 storey, creamwashed, moulded eaves, ridge slate roof. Flanking T-shape junction, one range at the back on road to Trabbochburn. Opposite is an entrance to Barskimming policies. C/

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ACC Planning, 1666 — May 1939. Cottage, Crosshill, Mauchline, for Thos Robertson

ACC Planning, A7833 — October 1954. Convert two cottages into one, Crosshill Cottages, for Barskimming Estate Ltd.

DALMORE — [Not a farm in VR 1892-93]

CO 3/12/1/5 BBC 1.3.1910 — Reroof and renew cottage, D, for Lewis Hamilton. Allan Stevenson.

ACC Planning, 3444 — March 1946. Reinstatement after fire, for Water of Ayr &c.

DALMORE QUARRY, 431232

DALMORE MINE, 432232

MINE (disused), 43272320, south of road

DALRYMPLESTON, 443208

(1851) John Young. 80A. 1 lab.

(1861) Hugh Young, 96A. 1 lab.

(1871) Hugh Young, 59. 80 acres. 1 lab

(1881) Hugh Young, 69. 70 acres. 1 m, 1w.

n.r. largely demolished in 2013-13.

DAVIDSTON, 453237

KH, F 7.8.1914, 5g Sold, F 31.7.1914. 141A, £3300, for William Donald, Parkiston.

WYNDFORD

ACC Planning, A8504 April 1955. Attic bedroom, Wyndford, Mauchline, for Nicol, Davidston.

DORMIESTON, 442217 & LOUDONSTON

(1843) William Hood. Spo, Sarah Telfer.

(1843-1899) James Hood. Spo, Ann Anderson. 140A in 1851, 250A in 1861, 309A in 1871, 1881.

(1899, 1901) Annie Hood, daughter of James

VR 1905, VR 1915 T/t, James Sloan.

BOGSIDE COTTAGES, 439216

ACC, PHSC 5.1.1932 RW. Improvements to Bogside Cothos., for James Sloan

COTHOUSE

ACC, PHSC 5.1.1932 RW. Improvements to Dormieston Cotho,, for James Sloan

COTHOUSE

ACC Planning, A1060 May 1949. Cothouse, D, for James Sloan. Eric Hurcomb, Kilmarnock, architect. [In VRs by 1953/54]

LOUDOUNSTON, 437212 ne

ACC Planning Application C124 1963-66, house at L, for William Young.

LOUDOUNSTON COTTAGES, 437212 sw

LOUDOUNSTONE COTTAGE

ACC, PHSC 5.1.1932 RW. Improvements to Loudounston Cottage, for James Sloan

DRUMDOW, 429217

(1851, 1861) Margaret Murdoch. 200A in 1851, 252A in 1861

(1871, 1881) Peter Connar, died 1888. 200A in 1871, 195A in 1881.

(1891, 1901) Margaret Connar, died 1909.

ACC Planning, 3891 September 1946. Alterations, D, for Matthew Gemmell.

DRUMDOW COTTAGE, 434219

SUNNYSIDE COTTAGE, 431216

ACC, PHSC 5.5.1931 RW. A&A, 2 cottages, Sunnyside, for D Mair.

KNOCKNAHA, near Trabboch House, 431211, north

WOODBINE COTTAGE, near Trabboch House, 431211, south

QUARRY, 430210

AA, Th 27.11.806, 1e To let, the stone quarry ‘of Drumdow, near the Old Bridge of Kill.’

GARROCKHILL, 435204

AA, Th 1.10.1896, 8a To let, c.100 acres, with ‘convenient’ steading in ‘good order’. In Ochiltree parish.

GARROCKHILL ROW, 438199

Unnamed ruins, 43602008

GIBSTON

C1851 (Ochiltree). Thomas Reid, m56, 1795, Ochiltree. Spo, 2 cn. 94A, 3 lab.

HELEN’S PARK COTTAGE [Not in VR 1892/93, and not traced. May not be Stair Parish]

AA, Th 29.8.1822, 1a To let. Details from David Morrison, Meadowbank, Stair.

HENRYSTON, 462223

HOODSTON, 459210

2SA, Ochiltree [1837] On this estate [i.e. Trabboch] there is a farm called Hoodstone, which the ancestors of the present tenant have rented from about the middle of the 13th century. About that time, 3 brothers of the name of Hood came from England and settled, one of them in Hoodstone and the others in the neighbourhood. According to the tradition in the family, the death of their renowned progenitor, Robin Hood, was the immediate cause of their emigration.

(C1851) James Brown.

(C1861, C1871) Ann Brown, widow. 187A in 1861

(C1881, C1891, C1901) Hugh Brown, son. He died 1909.

HUNTERSTON, 462216

(C1841-C1861) Robert Wallace. 102A in 1851, 127A in 1861
(C1871-C1891) George Wallace. 128A in 1871.
(C1901) Robert Wallace.

KEYSHILL, 446224

See also Trabboch Mains.

AA, Th 27.9.1821, 1c Keyshill [check correct identification] to let (prop, Reid of Adamton); "There is a good slated dwelling house on the farm, and extensive offices."
(C1841-C1861) John Reid. 18A in 1851, 20A in 1861.
(C1871) Margaret Lindsay. 20A. NB, died 1870, Robert Lindday.

CLOVERBANK, 445224

LAIGH DALMORE (not in VR 1892/93)

ACC, PHSC 6.1.1931 RW. Altns, house, LD, for J Thomson.

ACC Planning, A4776 June 1952. Cothouse, Laigh Dalmore. **Eric A Hurcomb**, for J & J W Thomson.

LAWHILL, 460223

FMP C1841-C1891, William Nisbet. 41A in 1851, 1861; 51A in 1871; 60A in 1881.

LITTLE SPIERSTON, 472224

FMP C1901, William Jamieson, 74, crofter.

KH, F 7.8.1914, 5g Sold, F 31.7.1914. 15A, £400, W. Brackenridge

LOCHHILL, 468230

(C1841, C1851) John Sillar. 180A in 1851
(C1861-C1891) John Hodge. 235A in 1861, 270A in 1871, 250A in 1881
(C1901) David Hodge.

BNA, May 1915 238A, £5000, not sold

BNA, June 1918 For sale, with entry at M1918. August, sold to a client of a Dalry solicitor.

COTTAGE

ACC Planning, A8784 June 1955. 4A cottage, Lochhill; Stevenson & Ferguson, for Joseph Hall.

THE SHIELING, 468233

UNNAMED COTTAGES, 469234

ACC, PHSC 7.4.1931 RW. Alterations, 2 cottages, L, for James L. Hair.

LOUDOUNSTON See DORMIESTON

MACKIESTON (not found in VR 1892/93)

RD 4/184/1, 12.6.1758 Was owned from 1749/50 to 1757 by William Duff of Crombie, who made inclosures. Tenant was John Brown.

MEADOWBANK, 454223

MEADOWBANK COTTAGE, 456223

PRIMROSEBANK, 456224

COTTAGE

ACC Planning, A1447 September 1949. 4-apt house. **Stevenson & Ferguson** for Adam Mackie. [In *VR 1953/54]

MILLERSTON, 488246 AND MUIR

(C1851) Catherine Crichton, widow of Alexander Crichton, Quiklieston. 77A, 4 lab
(C1861) David Hillhouse. 100A, 2l.
(C1871-C1891) Thomas Gibson. 100A, 2l, 1b; 104A, 2m, 1b; -.
(C1901) Hugh McLatchie

KH, F 7.8.1914, 5g Sold, F 31.7.1914. 137A, £2550, 'a client'

REDKILL or REDKILN, 487245

ACC Planning, A4441 February 1952. Cothouse, Redkiln, for McLatchie, Millerston. Blank.

TOLL COTTAGE, 489252

MUIR

KH, F 7.8.1914, 5g Sold, F 31.7.1914. 117A, £2400, Thomas Spier, Low Curroughtree, Kirkmaiden.

MUIRSTON, 472238 AND BOGSIDE

BNA, May 1915 208A, £3900, not sold.

AP, F 28.8.1953 Photograph of hexagonal horse mill.

BOGSIDE, 478234

PANT (PONT), 466239

Nicolaisen, 1996, 27 A Cumbric placename containing a cognate of the Welsh *pant*, a valley or hollow.

C1851, C1861 Alexander Mair (c.1790-1872). 190A, 224A

C1871 Agnes Ramsay (c.1811-xxxx). 225A

C1881, C1891, C1901 Neil Livingston Ramsay (c.1845-1921). 255A, 1881.
BNA, May 1915 243A, £5000, not sold
PONT COTTAGE, 471242
UNNAMED COTTAGE, 467240
-- (which of above?)
ACC Planning, B97 June 1956. Cottage, Pant, for James Rennie
QUILKIESTON, 452229
(C1841) Alexander Crichton
(C1851) Robert Paterson
COTHOUSE
CO 3/12/1/2 BBC 1.4.1902 Cothouse, Q; J M Pearson, architect.
ACC, PHSC 5.1.1932 RW. Imps, Quilkieston Cotho, for Hugh McQueen.
COTHOUSE
ACC Planning, A3612 May 1951. Cothouse, Q., for Hugh McQueen.
FERNDENE, 453225
ROADINGHEAD, 440215 [Not a farm, VR 1892/93]
CO 3/12/1/8 BBC 27.2.1920 4A house, R, for Mr Woodburn; Allan Stevenson.
RODDENLOFT, 483241 [Not a farm, VR 1892/93]
CO 3/12/1/5 BBC 6.7.1909 A&A, R, for John Meikle; Andrew T Downie, Strathaven.
SCHAW, 446207
S[C]HAW COTTAGE, later SCHAW HOUSE, 44632050 (opposite Free Church)
Sas Abr 545 of 1886 **1835 lease** by Barnweill to George Hillhouse, tailor, Colehall of 24F on west side of road between Stair and Colehall. Address given in 1886 as Shaw Cottage.
Sas Abr 1080 of 1886 476.192 1834 lease by Barnweil, of 24F on west side of Stair-Colehall road. Now with Shaw Cottage thereon.
GH 2.7.2008 Estate agency advert, PHOTOCOPY herewith. (Schaw House)
SPIERSTON 463212 AND WHITEHILL
FMP C1841-C1861. John Woodburn. 75A in 1851, 85A in 1861
FMP C1871. Hugh Brown. 106A.
FMP C1881. Anne Brown, called retired. From Hoodston.
FMP C1891, George Trayner, brickmaker.
FMP C1901, James Hinds, pitheadman.
SPRINGS
Dorothy McGuire, Maggie Murdoch's Sweethearts, in Scottish Local History, 97, Summer 2017, 39-43, herewith and pdf.
STAIR
STAIRAIRD, 468255
KH, F 7.8.1914, 5g Sold, F 31.7.1914. 350A, £5300, 'a client'
CO 3/12/1/7 BBC 4.2.1919 2A house 'on the Spieresque principle on construction' at S, for Captain Howie, by Spiers Ltd., Glasgow.
CO 3/12/1/8 BBC 2.3.1920 Cottage, S, for Captain Howie; Spiers Ltd.
UNNAMED COTTAGE, 472257 (also Bridge, 472257)
STAIRHILL, 461244
List 9 Courtyard farm. Centre creamwashed stonework; 2 storeys; 6 sash windows in red painted stone frames; projecting gabled porch; limewashed byres. C.
TRABBOCHBURN, 466219
List 11 Courtyard type; centre creamwashed stonework; 2 storeys; 4 sash windows; hipped slate roof. Flat shallow yard has projecting grey painted byres. C.
TRABBOCH MAINS, 456221 [Not a farm in VR 1892/93]
List 7 Late C18. Limewashed and harled; 2 storeys; 3 sash windows; wide projecting gabled porch. Large range of byres, mostly modern. C.
BNA, 1782 For sale, Trabboch Mains and Keyshill, propery of William Wood, jun., merchant, Ayr.
C1861 Alexander Ritchie, b.c.1794, Tarbolton.
QUARRYHEAD COTTAGE, 458222
WRIGHTHILL, 436222
C1851 Elizabeth Love, bower. 115A, 1 man, 1 boy
C1861 Alexander Moir, farmer. 132½A, man and boy
C1871, C1881 John McCartney, farmer. 142A, 2 men; 140A, 3 men, 3 women
C1891 Marion Murdoch or McCartney, widow of JMcC's son, George.
MASTS

ACC Planning, A4044	October 1951. Electricity supply, Wrighthill Farm, and Marker Beacon.
CO 3/8/5/36	Letter of ACC 26.12.1962: no objection to extension of the Ministry of Aviation site here, and the erection of a new aerial mast.

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