BALBEG, 381024

Davis — 'Alterations and additions to Balbeg Shooting Lodge were carried out in 1908 for Major-General Sir Charles Fergusson of Kilkerran Bt to the designs of **J Purves**. The building existing prior to 1908 seems to have been of typical farmhouse design. Further alterations and additions were carried out in 1923 for the new owner, Sir Gerald E Chadwyck Healey, Bt., again to the designs of **James Purves**, Portpatrick. A chaffeur's house (with attached garage) was also built nearby. The additions to the house included an extension to the dining-room to provide more space, and a wing at right angles to the main house. These were executed in brick which was then roughcast. Around 1955 the house once again changed hands, coming into the possession of Lady Peto'.

Engineer, 5.4.1946, 318bc — Letter from G E Chadwyck-Healey, Maybole as chairman, *The Engineer*, Morgan Brothers Publishers Ltd. *The Engineer* founded in 1856 by his grandfather, Edward Healey.

AA, Th 10.2.1955, 10d — Died W 2.2.1955, Sir Gerald Edward Chadwyck-Healey of Balbeg. Born 16.5.1873, and made a Deputy Lieutenant of Ayrshire in 1935.

nr (per web) — KIND (Kids in Need and Distress) was founded in Liverpool by Stephen Yip in 1975. They acquired Balbeg in 1992, and spent £500,000 on refurbishment in 2000 (this, I assume included the roundwood lodge). Sold for £650,000 in 2003. Now holiday accommodation.

STAINED GLASS

Exhibition notes, Kirkcudbright, 2010 (artist was restorer of William Hannah Clarke's house, Skairkilndale, Kirkcudbright)
David Fraser Morgan Gulland, 2001, panels for KIND, Straiton.

BALBEG COTTAGES, 382023

RABBIE BURNS LODGE

nr (photocopy from RCAHMS) — Roundwood timber pole structure used at Kids in Need & Distress (KIND) Children's Centre, Balbeg. Architect: **Charles Gulland**. PHOTOCOPY herewith.

T M Chrisp, J Cairns & C Gulland, "The Development of Roundwood Timber Pole Structures for use on Rural Community Technology Projects" in *Construction & Building Materials*, vol.17, no.4, June 2003, pp 268-279
Has full details of this project. Abstract seen, on line (elsevier)

BLAIRQUHAN, 365054

List 6 — Present mansion built by Sir David Hunter Blair in 1824. A striking design in the Tudor style by the architect William Burn. Some lintols and sculptured stones from the earlier fortified building which stood on the site are incorporated in the kitchen courtyard. Ref: Hannan, pp 29-32. A.

Colvin: Tait: Cockburn: Macaulay: Desmond. See page herewith. Also notes on the house.

CL 19.4.1973 — Photocopy herewith. [Pt II still uncollected]

Homes and Gardens May 1972 — Photocopy herewith.

Urquhart, 77-79 — Photocopy herewith

Sas Abridgement 658, 24.6.1783 — 405.106. 4.6.1783 Bond & Disp by Sir John Whitefoord of Whitefoord to John McAdam of Craigengillan - of barony of Whitefoord, &c - in security of £1500. Sasine 9.6.1783.

Sas Abridgement 963, 15.6.1784 — 413.76. 1.6.1784 B&D by Whitefoord to Alexander Falconer, late of Calcutta - over Whitefoord, &c - i.s.o. £6500. Sasine 1.6.1784.

Sas Abridgement 3257, 15.11.1791 — 496.1 McAdam bond passes to his son, Quintin McAdam of Craigengillan. PCC by Whitefoord 21.4.1791, and Sasine 19.10.1791.

Sas Abridgement 3620, 21.11.1792 512.1 Falconer bond also acquired by Q McAdam. D&A 27.6.1792, and sasine 13.10.1792.

Sas Abridgement 5098, 3.6.1797 573.90. Bond by Whitefoord to his wife, Ann Cartwright, and children, Mary, Allice, Harriet, Ann and Jean, for £2472 10s. 7.4.1797, and sasine same date. [Renounced 30.12.1800. Sas Abr 6309 21.1.1801 628.25]

Sas Abridgement 5607, 3.12.1798 594.234 Sir John Whitefoord of Whitefoord as heir of provision to James Whitefoord of Dunduff, his son, seised 178.10.1798 - in the barony of Whitefoord, &c - on PCC by himself 15.10.1798.

Sas Abridgement 5780, 29.5.1799 601.41. Sir John Whitefoord of Whitefoord gets Reisg ad Rem 23.5.1799 - of the Barony of Whitefoord, &c - on Proc Resig by himself 23.5.1799.

Sas Abridgement 5781, 29.5.1799 601.44. Sir John Whitefoord of Whitefoord gets Ren 22.5.1799 by Sir William Cuninghame of Robertland - of the barony of Whitefoord, and others - and of £1500 in bond to John McAdam 4.6.1783; and of £6500 in B&D to Alexander Falconer, late of London 16.1784; & D&A of Both bonds by Quintin McAdam 11.7.1796.

Sas Abridgement 6034, 28.3.1800 PR 44.149. The Trustees of Colonel William Hunter of Brownhill seised 28.3.1800 - in parts of the barony of Whitefoord of late called Blairquhan viz 4 merk land of Blairquhan comp Mains of Whitefoord or Blairquhan, Slatehouse and Threethorns, parish of Straiton - under burden of £9000 retained to answer a liferent annuity of £450 to Ann Cartwright, spouse of Sir John Whitefoord of Whitefoord - on Disp by the said Sir John Whitefoord to John Hunter WS 3.6.1799; and D&A by him 9.10.1799.

C1851-617-2-11 Sir David Hunter Blair, m72, b Edinburgh. Wife, son, daughter, 15 servants.

ACC, TPC 10.12.1946, 1693 Underground electricity cable approved.

ACC Planning, B1590 August 1957. Conversion of outbuildings to garage; Ian Lindsay & Partners, for Sir James Hunter Blair.

AA, Th 11.5.1961, 1cde PHOTOGRAPH. Floodlit for 21st birthday of Glen Collins, son of Lady Hunter Blair and stepson of Sur James Hunter Blair.

CO3/8/7/5 Bldg Wrt BA1373

Alterations at B: Michael Laird & Partners, Edinburgh. 13.11.1967. Planning application C4562. [1968-70 restoration by Michael Laird received Saltire Society award in 1971: see e.g. AP 1.10.1971]

AP, F 19.10.2012 BLAIRQUHAN SOLD TO CHINESE FIRM. New owners are Ganten Scotland, the owner and m.d. being Zhou Jing Liang.

2001/2002 Register of Electors has entries for GARDEN COTTAGE - GIRVAN LODGE - KENNELS - MILTON MILL COTTAGES 1 and 2 - MACKENZIE COTTAGE - MILTON LODGE - MILTON COTTAGE and (under Kirkmichael) AYR LODGE

BLAIRQUHAN MAINS, 366054

BURIAL GROUND (FAIRY KNOWE), 374055

GARDEN

Urquhart, 78-79 1820. Glasshouses sit on one hill facing another hill that acts as the fourth wall - a most unusual design by **John Tweedie** who was responsible for the layout. 18 ft walls, bricks made on the estate. Redesigned, c.1995, by Laura Mackenzie for James Hunter Blair.

GARDENERS COTTAGE

List 10 1 storey; centre pointed Gothic doorway. C.

C1851-617-2-13 Gardener's House. George Hunter, gardener, m49, b Symington, and family.

ACC, PHSC 5.5.1931 RW. Alterations, Gardener's Cottage, B, for Hunter Blair.

GIRVAN LODGE

List 13 — Similar to Near Lodge. C.

GREENHOUSE

List 11 — Centre glazed pediment supported on 4 Corinthian columns. C.

HOUSE (unspecified, but not the big house, I suspect)

ACC Planning, A5540 — January 1953. Alterations to house, Blairquhan; Stevenson & Ferguson, for Sir James Hunter Blair

ICEHOUSE

List 8 — Vaulted subterranean compartment. C.

KEEPERS HOUSE (1)

C1851-617-2-14 — Gamekeeper's House. David Henderson, gamekeeper, m51, b Kirkmichael, and family.

KEEPERS HOUSE (2)

CO3/12/2/10 — Completed by 24.5.1929. Allan Stevenson, Mair & Cassells, Ayr, architects.

KENNELS, THE, 369053

List 9 — Late C18. 1 storey; stonework patched with cement, raised quoins; centre door in shouldered architrave, bolection moulded entablature; 2 flanking sash windows in simple stone surrounds; hipped slate roof. Kennels project on either side to form symmetrical composition. B.

KENNELS COTTAGE

ACC Planning, A9996 — May 1956. Alterations and improvements. Ian G Lindsay & Partners, Edinburgh, for Sir James Hunter Blair.

MILTON, 376053, e

Fl. 1835 — Alexander Collin, land steward, Milton

C1851-617-1-4 — James Scott, overseer, m48, and family.

MILTON BARN, 375053

MILTON LODGE [formerly NEAR LODGE], 373053

List 12 — 1 storey; contemporary with mansion, modern addition. C.

C1851-617-2-15 — [Here?] Gatekeeper. Margaret Gray, gatekeeper, w63, and daughter.

ACC Planning, A7154 — April 1954. Additions and alterations, ML; Stevenson & Ferguson, for Sir James Hunter Blair. Superseded by A9973.

ACC Planning, A9973 — May 1956. Alterations and improvements, ML; Stevenson & Ferguson, for Sir James Hunter Blair. Improvement grant (HAS/157) for £400 paid August 1956.

MILTON MILL, 376053, w

NEW BRIDGE

List 15 — Early C19. Segmental arch, rounded parapet, spanning Water of Girvan. C.

OLD BRIDGE OF BLAIRQUHAN

List 14 — Simple arch spanning Water of Girvan. Hump-backed bridge; low flat pointed parapet widened at ends. Possibly 18th Century. B.

SAWMILL, 377053

ACC Planning, 3681 — June 1946. sawmill, B, for Sir James Hunter Blair.

ACC, TPC 10.9,1946, 1255-71 — **Stevenson & Ferguson**, agents.

STABLES

List 7 — Courtyard range with centre arched opening contemporary with mansion. B.

TALES

AA, Th 13.3.1828, 3cd — Has Chambers version of the story of the MacWhurters of Blairquhan.

CARSKEOCH, 415096

Sale Particulars 2003 — Built in 1881, for the Duke of Portland.

CO3/12/2/6 FLC 3.9.1915 — Alterations to cothouses, C, for Duke of Portland; J H Turner.

BNA, March 1926 — N/D&C, late James Clark of Crossflatt, Muirkirk, and Carskeoch, Patna.

CRAIGENGILLAN
[See also Dalmellington]

List 18 — Core is an C18 house originally called Barbeth. Enlarged in early C19 and later romanticised when crowstepped gables were added, a glazed Gothic porch extended along the front, and a tall battlemented tower built at the side. Refs: Millar, Shaw 66-69. B.

Millar — Barbeth. Associated with name of McAdam, adopted when name McGregor was proscribed. Present proprietor is Alexander Frederick McAdam of Craigengillan. Plain white laird's house of 6 bays, with extruded staircase tower and deep bayed extension of later date. Good conservatory to right.

AA 15.8.1805, 4b — Sale at Berbeth of "a considerable quantity of best Easdale Diamond slates": [Does this indicate the completion of a building project?]

C1851-617-6-11 — Berbeth. Servants only, headed by butler.

C1851 — 6 Newbold Terrace, Leamington Priors (Leamington Spa). Frederick M Cathcart, m61?, Earl's younger son, Colonel, b. Twickenham. Spo, Jane M., 41, landed prop, Scotland. Mother-in-law, Elizabeth Macadam, w67, annuitant, Scotland. 11 servants.

AA 3.12.1908 — Bell here was formerly the bell of Dalmellington Parish Church, and is dated 1797.

CO3/12/2/5 FLC 29.11.1912 — Additions, Craigengillan, for Mrs McAdam.

ART TRAIL SCULPTURE

AP, F 30.3.2012, — The Art Trail sculpture designed and built by Doon Academy pupils and local willow sculptor Geoff Forrest has now been installed on the Craigengillan Estate.

BRIDGE

AA 1.11.1810 — Conts - bridge over Doon about half a mile from Berbeth House.

CHAUFFEUR'S HOUSE

ACC Planning, 3882 — September 1946. Alterations, for Mrs Charlotte T. McAdam Bulkeley-Gavin.

FACTOR

Fl 1835 — James Waldie, land steward.

GARDENER'S HOUSE

ACC Planning, 4955 — January 1948. Alterations, GH, C, for A.F. Bulkeley-Gavin.

HOME FARM, 474038

OBSERVATORY

EAC, 10/0569/PP — Lodged June 2010. Proposed DARK SKY PARK OBSERVATORY. **G D Lodge Architects** (Colin Anderson), 131 West Nile St., Glasgow, for Mark Gibson. [Timber clad, very much in the manner of Kielder]

AP, F 11.5.2012, 39 — Contractors, Home Homes.

Ayrshire News, Oct/Nov 2012, 4 — STARS COME OUT IN DALMELLINGTON. Officially opened by Alex Salmond, First Minister.

STABLES

List 19 — Georgian courtyard range; centre arched opening topped by clock tower and dome. B.

Miller, 1885 — ... and offices beyond with handsome domed polygonal tower on square base.

AA 18.6.1829 — Conts - farm offices, Berbeth. [Is this here?]

NESS GLEN

Christopher Dingwall, The Craigs of Ness - A Sublime Landscape Described, in Garden History Society News, 64, Summer 2002, 15-16.
Quotes from Hettrick's poem of 1823, and a lengthy description in the OS Straiton Name Book. Engraving by D O Hill.

KEIRS CASTLE

AP 27.7.1934 — Remains have recently been razed, on orders of the proprietor.

LOCH DOON CASTLE

List 20	Re-erected remains. Unusual plan consisting of a great curtain wall of eleven unequal sides. Ref: C&DA, iii, 96-105. A
West	Another mainland castle of this kind but in the south [cf Balvenie Banffs] is Loch Doon, re-erected on its present site; once on an island in the loch itself. Well-preserved as it is, it affords much information of the features of the period [C13], for example the form of simple entrance with the pointed archway and portcullis and drawbars to protect and secure the door; whilst the quality of the mason work is exceptionally high. Typical of the time is the batter or spread given to the bases of the towers to protect them.
EACT 2 [AA, Th 15.5.1890, 5e]	[In 1511 William Craufurd, son of William Craufurd of Leifnoris; Alan Cathcart of Clowlynan; John Craufurd of Drongan and others were accused of treasonably taking the King's castle of Lochdoun, and plundering the castle and its captain, Sir David Kennedy.]
Moore	Resited 1933.
NAS, MW 1/581 & MW 1/582	1929-1936 notes on removal and rebuilding. Appears to have been carried out under superintendence, or with advice, of J S Richardson, of HM Office of Works.
2023 references	Photographs in ILN, Sa 21.3.1936, p.21; The Sphere, Sa 28.3.1936, p.33; Scotsman, Tu 15.9.1936, p.12. Article by Ann Bovill in Daily Mirror, Th 24.9.1936, 23ab. Bovill refers to the 1935 film, The Ghost Goes West, starring Robert Donat, partly filmed at Loch Doon.
AA 17.8.1905	Article and sketches by J McBain.
AP, F 6.3.2015, 67	Delisted. Still a scheduled monument under Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979

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