BROADMEADOWS [HANSEL VILLAGE], 380301

ACC, PHSC 10.6.1931 — BBL. Mansion House, 2 Lodges, Bothy, Stables, Garage, Symington, for Mrs J.B. Agnew, Prestwick.

AP 26.5.1933 — Nearing completion. Architect: R Mervyn Noad.

AA, Th 4.10.1962, 1a — Furniture sale, last Tuesday, of N G Napier, raised £5000. House has been bought from him by Isabel Murdoch, for Scottish Hansel Village Circle.

BI 78/916 July 1966 — Broadmeadows was donated by Mr and Mrs Thomas Murdoch.

AP, (1968) — Broadmeadows was bought, for charitable purposes, by Isobel Murdoch in 1962.

SAC, ACC Welfare Committee 7.6.1962

Has been bought by Isabel Murdoch, Townend, Symington, and to be developed as a centre for mentally and physically handicapped people by Ayrshire branch of Scottish Society for Mentally Handicapped Children. They get possession, September 1962.

AP, F 10.8.2012, 8 [1962] — Fifty Years Ago. The latest project for the £1,000,000 self-contained village for mentally handicapped children, planned for Symington, is a factory where the children will be employed making fully-fashioned knitwear. The charity is being officially registered as the Scottish Hansel Village Circle with the motto Hansel the Handicapped.

SAC, ACC Welfare Committee 6.9.1962

Application by Scottish Hansel Village Circle for registration in terms of Section 41 of National Assistance Act, 1948, approved.

SAC, ACC Planning Committee 11.9.1962

B8609. Outline plans, continued for more details.

ACC Welfare Committee 7.3.1963

Committee Chairman to attend first meeting, Broadmeadows, 21st March 1963, of Scottish Hansel Village Circle.

CO3/8/7/4 Bldg Wrt BA 377

27.8.1965. Dormitory, HV[B]; Robert Allan & Partners, Ayr. Planning application C2133.

CO3/8/7/5 Bldg Wrt BA 988

30.12.1966. Recreation Hall/ Sheltered Workshop, HV; Michael Laird, Edinburgh, architect. Planning application C3683.

BI 78/916 July 1966 — The architects for the first, 1 storey dormitory and recently completed 2 storey was Michael Laird, Edinburgh. They are of Norwegian log construction.

Planning application C659 — 1964-66, clinic, by Robert Allan and Partners/Ultertown Ltd, Maidenhead.

AP, F 21.10.1966, 5cde — The redwood 'Farmers House' was formally opened last Saturday by Ted Moult. Scandinavian style, and cost £20,000. The money was raised by 2 auctions, with donations from local farmers, and conducted by Moult and Bob Monkhouse.

BAIRD CENTRE (THERAPY CENTRE)

AP, F 30.05.2104, 29 — Opened. £1.5m. Thomson McCrae (David Ferguson, job architect). Gift of £450,000 from late Graham Baird.

BRIDGE OVER A77

ACC, Roads Committee 4.9.1967

Discussed.

EAST LODGE, 380302

STABLES

ACC Planning, 4077 — November 1946. Alterations, Stables, B, for J. Percival Agnew.

COODHAM, 395326

List 20 — Circa 1831, at one time called Williamfield. Classical mansion in walled policies; pink ashlar; 3 storeys and basement with area; 2.2.2 sash window facade, slight centre projection; tall ground floor windows pedimented, those above having flat entablatures; Doric columned porte-cochere; balustraded parapet, concealed roof. A long low wing extends at side; originally contained a winter garden. At the back is a chapel. Ref: Millar, NSA, v, 566, 3SA, 607. B.

Paterson, 1863, vol 1, 738 — Built on site of earlier house by Mrs William Fairlie of London shortly after she acquired the property in 1826. Cost, inc improvements, c. £20,000

Notes by Basil Coleman, of Passionist Fathers

c.1700 owned by William Baird. Succeeded by son Adam Baird, who sold to Allison family, who sold, in turn, in 1826 to Mrs Fairlie. She built house in 1831, at cost of £20,000. Lake formed at this time. She died in 1845 and house inherited by 3rd son, James O Fairlie. He died in 1870, and house acquired 1871 by William Houldsworth. WH begun family graveyard after death of son Walter in 1880. Sir William died in 1917, and his unmarried eldest son Henry died in 1947, when house passed to his younger brother, William (of Kirkbride). Acquired by Passionists in 1948.

AA, Th 13.3.1828, 4d — Estate of Cowdam for sale, in Edinburgh, 3rd April. In three lots: 1, Over and Nether Cowdam; 2, nursery ground near Kilmarnock; 3, Fowton and Bara.

Census, 1831 — Symington. The drainage of land and the building of a mansion in the parish of Symington have increased the population.'

OS Name Book [1850s] — A beautiful mansion pleasantly situated about 5 miles from Kilmarnock and 7 from Ayr. The main block is a plain quadrangular building 4 storeys - the out offices are 1 and 2 storeys all slated and in excellent repair. Property and residence of J O Fairlie. This house was formerly called Williamfield.

AA, Th 23.3.1871, 1e; KS, Sa 25.3.1871, 2a

To sell, in Dowell's Rooms, George Street, Edinburgh, W 19.4.1871, Coodham, of c.417A. The house is a "modern and elegant structure, beautifully situated". It has a double drawing room, with entrance to conservatory, dining, billiard and sitting rooms, library, and 13 bedrooms. The offices are "very perfect and complete" with 5 stables, having 19 stalls. Large walled garden. Upset: £25,000.

KS, Sa 22.4.1871, 2f — Sold for £27,000

KS 5.6.1886 — Bought and built by widow of William Fairlie after his death.

Millar — Additions alterations and a chapel added after 1871.

Hadley — **James Powell & Sons**. Order Book no 170 of 1876. Three lights by **F D Shields**. Not installed, and may have been used instead at St Elizabeth, Reddish, Lancs.

Waterhouse biography — 1872-1879. Additions to large house, with chapel, music room, and conservatory; also lodge, cottages, farm buildings and design for garden. Client: William Houldsworth. Contractors include William Scott [general cont]; Farmer & Brindley [stone carving and reredos]; W Godwin [tiles]; Heaton Butler & Bayne [stained glass]; F T Odell [stained glass]; W H Burke & Co [chimney pieces]; H Capel [furniture and fittings]; Hart Son Peard & Co [iron work]; G Jackson [plaster ornaments]; F J Shields [murals]. Cost: £13,365. [Waterhouse also given as architect of chapel in DNB: worked for Houldsworth].

Shaw — The Passionist Fathers, established 1694 at Ovada near Genova, support themselves by farming, and by preaching and giving retreats to clergy and laity. For this purpose they acquired Coodham in 1949, and for their own monastery the estate of Dankeith, which they took possession of some four years ago.

BA 4.4.1879 — Mr F J Shields of Manchester has prepared 13 designs for stained glass windows which are about to be placed in a private chapel at Coodham. Mesrs Heaton Butler & Bayne are the executants of the work. [David Walker in a talk, April 1984, says stained glass by Henry Holliday].

KH, F 20.7.1883, 2h — A presentation is to be made tomorrow to Very Rev T Harris, MA, Chaplain of Coodham, 1878-1883, sometime Dean of Honolulu.

CO3/12/3/38 NBC 1.12.1911 — Alterations, house, C, for Sir William Houldsworth.

AA, Th 29.5.1952, 6b — Acquired by the Passionist Fathers in 1949.

ACC Planning, A1300 — July 1949. Additions and alterations, St Michael's, Symington, for Passionist Fathers.

ACC Planning, A2138 — March 1950. Lavatories and additional bedrooms, Fatima House. **Robert Rennie** for Passionate Fathers (sic).

ACC Planning, A3763 — July 1951. Alterations to Ballroom; Robert Rennie for Passionate Fathers. Abandoned.

ACC Planning, A9795 — March 1956. Electricity Supply.

CO3/8/7/4 Bldg Wrt BA 26 — 16.9.1964. Alterations, extension, kitchen, dormitory wing. Planning application C1177.

GO 12.11.1965 — East wing destroyed by fire 8.8.1963 - replacement nearing completion.

SRC, P&D 6.2.1980, 271 — Grant of £30,000 over three financial years (80/81, 81/82, 82/83) offered by SRC to Fatima House.

nr (press cutting, c.2000) — c.1831, ?David Hamilton. Extended in 1874, and family home until 1947. Planning for leisure complex granted 1988, and lapsed 1993. New application for 10 flats, with 65 new houses in grounds, lodged late 1999/early 2000 by John Dickie Homes.

Nr (pk) — Undergoing restoration 20056

BURIAL GROUND, 395329

EAST LODGE

List 22 — 1 storey, classical, white painted stone; columned porch; low parapet, moulded cornice. 4 gatepiers decorated with Roman

	fasces in panels; pediments leave acroteria; curved screen walls. C.
STABLES	
List 21	1 storey; pink ashlar; centre pedimented stone gateway; on opposite side of courtyard a pedimented alcove topped by wood clock cupola. B. [See also KS 25.3.1871 ref under the house]
nr (press cutting, c.2000)	Sold for development in 1991.
WEST LODGE	
List 23	Similar to East lodge. C.

CRAIGOWAN

Sasine minute 2522 of 1849	records Disp by Kelso of Dankeith to John Dunlop, factor, of 66P in Murray's Park, Symington.
Ayrshire Directory 1851-1852	John Dunlop residing at Craigowan.
OS Name Book [1850s]	A mansion house 2 storeys high with out offices 1 storey. All slated and in good repair. John Dunlop, esq., proprietor.
AA, Th 21.1.1864, 1f	To sell, "built only a few years ago". 2p+5b.
EG 7813, Tu 7.1.1868, 24a	Isabella Hunter/Rise, widow, C, sequestrated.
EG, Tu 8.6.1869, 671b	Isabella Hunter or Rose, C, petitioning for discharge from seqn.
CO3/12/3/37 NBC 19.5.1910	Additions, C, for Miss Vernon.
CO3/12/3/41 NBC 25.8.1922	Chauffeurs house, C, for Miss Bell.
ACC Planning, A497	December 1948. Alterations, Craigowan, for J.R. Bell.

DANEPARK

ACC Planning, A6865	January 1954. Additions and alterations, Danepark; Kelvin Construction Co Ltd., Glasgow, for Henry Gardner.

DANKEITH, 383331

AA, Th 1.9..1808, 4b	To let, furnished.
AA, Th 17.11.1808, 4b	To let, as presently possessed by David Limond
AA, Th 16.2.1809, 1a	To let, as presently possessed by David Limond.
AA, Th 19.9.1822, 4c	Colonel Kelso returned to Dankeith last Thursday after five years absence.
OS Name Book [1850s]	A neat and commodious mansion pleasantly situated about a mile north of the village of Symington; 3 storeys high with out offices one storey. All slated and in excellent repair. Property and residence of Miss Helen Kelso.
AA, Th 15.12.1881, 4f	378 acres. Has been sold for £24,700 to James L. White, Newark Castle.
nr	Acquired 14.12.1881 by J L White. He died 3.7.1886. Built "new house", with Allan Stevenson as architect. Value £8000. By October 1883, Matthew Muir, contractor, being paid for work to stables and lodge as well as house. 1st payments to Muir for work on house, September 1882.
Darley Hay	1882, Additions and alterations for J L White; [42 Newmarket Street]
AA 19.1.1893	To sell. mansion House erected in 1883.
AA 11.5.1893	We understand that the estate of Dankeith has been purchased by Mr Mann Thomson for the sum of £25,000. We hear that Mr Thomson contemplates building a large addition to the house.
Darley Hay	1893-94 and 1909, additions and alterations. [14 Cathcart Street]

Glenfield Ramblers, III, 1901, p.32 Acquired 1893 by Mann Thomson. "The house was renovated and greatly extended, the alterations and additions being executed on a magnificent scale". [KS 16.7.1898 reports visit by Ramblers; Bought 1882 by James Lumsden Whyte (the house not then in best of order, and he "effected" great improvements). He was succeeded by his brother, George Colvin Whyte, in 1886. Bought by Mr Mann Thomson in 1892 - he renovated and made additions - in white Bannockburn stone.]
[AA, Th 6.3.1952, 8e, reports the death in Edinburgh 28.2.1952 of Major John Mann-Thomson 1880-1952, the only surviving son of John Mann-Thomson of Dankeith]

TD 1386/24 Additions and alterations, c.1900. 6 sheets and 3 xeroxes.

KS, Sa 12.4.1924, 5c Mrs Mann Thomson, aged c.87, died 5th April 1924.

FmP 1928, to Naples. Major J and Mrs Mann-Thomson (47, 44), in company with the Pollok Morrises of Craig.

AP, F 13.6.1930, 11a Fire (damage estimated at £10,000) last Friday.

AP 12.6.1931 Reporting death of D E Milligan of D & J Milligan. Firm presently doing important reconstruction work at Dankeith.

ACC Planning, A600 January 1949. Addition (of porch to be used as kitchenette) for Passionist Fathers.

ACC Planning, A909 April 1949. Hayshed, Dankeith, for Passionist fathers, per Alex Dunlop, Kilmarnock.

3SA, 1951, 607 Acquired, nd, by RC Church. Used by Fathers of St Paul of the Cross as a Retreat and School of Scholastic Philosophy under the patronage of St Michael the Archangel.

LODGE, 386335

nr c1881-1886, as part of Allan Stevenson's 'new house' for J L White.

Darley Hay 1882, New Gate Lodge. [42 Newmarket Street]

SHELL HOUSE

KS 16.7.1989 Shell house in woods of policy.

STABLES

nr c1881-1886, as part of Allan Stevenson's 'new house' for J L White.

Darley Hay 1882, additions and alterations to Stables and Kitchen Offices. [42 Newmarket Street]

ESTATE

2SA, 1845, 566 [3/1839] c.1740 planted with belts and clumps. Soil improved with compost

FLATFIELD

OS Name Book [1850s] A beautiful mansion ... 2 storeys high with out offices 1 storey. All slated and in excellent repair. Property of Miss Catherine Logan.

CO3/12/3/37 NBC 27.3.1908 Dwho., F, for Sir William Houldsworth.

ACC Planning, 3087 July 1945. Alterations, F, for Commander John A Paul.

ROSEMOUNT

List 25 Rebuilt c.1770, core probably still of that date; recast externally in Victorian era by addition of centre square tower, corner turrets, and a projecting wing at right angles with mansard roof

and ridge railings. Stable and office wings to rear. Refs: NSA, v, 566; Millar; Shaw,35-36. C.

OS Name Book [1850s] A neat modern mansion 3 storeys, slated and in good repair. Property of William Baird, esq. A considerable addition is about to be made to the house, and other improvements in the lands around.

Paterson, 1863, I, 746 Mansion place is mentioned in sasine in 1584 in favour of George Jamieson, burgess of Ayr. Previously called Goldring. Later reverted to Schaw of Sornbeg family, thence to Dundonald family.

Miller, C&M Ayrshire Rebuilt for Dr William Fullerton, †1805, c.1770, and little altered since. Dr Fullerton also improved agriculture on the estate.

AANHS 5 c.1770.

AO, Tu 12.2.1833, 1c To let. Still advertised in AO, Tu 19.3.1833, 1c.

AA, Th 26.4.1838, 1b Furniture sale, 21.5.1838.

AA, Th 7.1.1841, 4b Report of fire at Hillhouse. Property of George Bogle, esq., of Rosemount.

C1861 William Baird, proprietor of iron mines, m64, b. Old Monkland. Spo, Janet, 41, Old Monkland. Children: Jane, 19 (England); William 12, Janet Ann 10, Charlotte 9, John G.A. 6, James D 4 (all b Symington), Mary E 3 (b. Dundonald), Cecilia M 1, Henry R 0 (both b Symington). 14 servants including Mary Ann Mason, m25, governess, b. Jamaica.

Dick Folder 87 undated handwritten note

Some little time before 1584, this property, including Goldring, belonged to Schaws of Sornbeg. Since that date it has passed through many different hands, but in 1770 the then owner was Dr William Fullarton who "added greatly to its value and built a new mansion". During the Second World War, the house was taken over by the RAF and the main rooms converted into an Operations Centre. After the war the house remained empty for some time and a large part of it had to be demolished. Recently a small comfortable dwelling has been designed and built within the old walls, and is now occupied by the present owner, Mr J H Forrest.

nr Additions by James Ingram.

AA, Th 16.9.1954, 20abc Andrew Arthur († 1936) came here, from Lainshaw, c.1920.

Arthur Family Tree Andrew Arthur (1862-1932) and spo, Elizabeth Connal, lived at Rosemount, where he died. They had 1 son, died 1917, and 1 daughter, Jane (1898-1979) who was married to Lt Col Arthur Stuart Bellingham (1893-1969)

Glenfield Ramblers, X, 1930, p.92 Visited August 1923 by Glenfield Ramblers. The house "has a rather rambling appearance, as additions to it have been run up by successive proprietors. It is made picturesque by the introduction of two small turrets".

ACC Planning, 5233 April 1948. Alterations, R, for James Forrest. [ACC, TPC 11.5.1948, **Stevenson & Fergsuon**]

ACC Planning, A4506 March 1952. Electricity Supply, Rosemount estate; SWSEB

COTTAGES

CO3/12/3/40 NBC 4.7.1919 Cottages, R, for A Arthur.

LODGE

CO3/12/3/38 NBC 25.7.1913 Alterations, gatelodge, Rosemount, for Mrs Hay.

TOWNEND, 376315

2SA, 1845, 567 March 1837 Mansion house of whinstone with hewn freestone corners. "modern" erection.

AA, Th 18.1.1838, 1d To let. Has ddp+4.

AA, Th 14.6.1838, 1c Furniture sale, 21.6.1838.

AA, Th 13.6.1839, 1e Townend Cottage, 'a comfortable house', to let.

OS Name Book [1850s] A neat modern mansion 3 storeys ... offices attached all slated and in good repair. The property and residence of Hay Boyd, esq.

AP, F 12.4.1935, 16c Garden open, 19.6.1935. Mrs Roberts-Hay-Boyd.

AP 29.1.1937 Fire in west wing last Wednesday.

ACC Planning, 2707 May 1944. Lounge window, &c., Townend Cottage, for A.D. McLeod. Stevenson & Ferguson.

COTTAGES

ACC, PHDAC 7.7.1932 RW 206. 9 Townend Estate cottages, for T/ees of Colonel Hay Boyd.

LODGE

ACC Planning, 4016 November 1946. Additions and alterations to Lodge, Townend, for Trustees of Mrs Roberts Hay Boyd.

STABLES (TOWNEND FARM), 377316

List 16 Present Townend mansion is mid C19; stables are late C18 and contemporary with earlier house. Courtyard range; centre archway; raised gable pediment with Palladian motif in attic. B.

GH 2.7.2008 Estate agency advert, PHOTOCOPY herewith. Restored c.1992 ("16 years ago") by Alastair & Dorothy Miller.

WALLED GARDEN, 376314

WHITELEES HOUSE

AA, Th 2.1.1902, 1e For sale. 8 apartments, and a 9-stall stables.

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