TRANSPORT

ROAD

ROAD [B742]

AA, Th 10.3.1808, 1a — Contractors wanted for alterations to the Crawfordston Holm to Westtown farm section of the Gadgirth Bridge – Tarbolton road. Ref gives construction details.

BRIDGE, near Burn Farm

AA 16.11.1882 — Ayr District Road Trust agreed to implement the surveyor's report that a bridge be built over the burn at Burn Farm. This he [Allan Stevenson] stated was the last stream flowing across a road within their district.

CAIRNGILLAN

CO3/12/17 BBC 3.6.1919 — Roadman's house, Cairngillan, for ADC; Allan Stevenson.

FAIL, TOLL at

AA, Th 13.10.1808, 4b — To let.

AA, Th 27.9.1821, 1e — To let: the "Toll payable at the Bar at Fail."

FAILFORD BRIDGE

List 10 — Single stone arch, rusticated masonry. C.

FAILFORD, TOLL to east of Failford

AA, Th 20.3.1806, 4b — Conts - tollhouse at Largie Road End, near Woodhead, on Ayr Mauchline Road.

GADGIRTH BRIDGE, on boundary with Coylton, 41302275

LARGIE TOLL

CO3/12/1/6 BBC 4.8.1914 — Roadmen's cottage, Largie Toll, for ADC; Allan Stevenson.

ACC, TPC 12.1.1937, T36 — January 1937. Additions and alterations, Largie Toll, for Ayr County Council. William Reid.

MIDDLEMUIR ROAD (here?)

CO 3/8/1/2, ACC 1893-95, 202, County Council 1.5.1894 — Approve £250 expenditure by Ayr DC on improvements to Middlemuir Road.

MILLBURN and SCOTLAND BRIDGE ROAD

CO 3/12/1/1, ACC 1893-1899, 482-3bis, ADC 18.10.1898 — Petition seeking improvement of braes at Barmoor Farm and Millburn Hill on this road, which since some years ago GSWR made a siding on their line, has become more important as "nearly all the traffic of this part of the parish is now to and from that place by the road mentioned."

ROAD FROM WALLSTON TO BELSTON (Coylton) [B744 through Annbank]

AA, Th 24.7.1806, 1a — Contractors wanted for a new road from Bogend to Wallston, to be open by 20 November 1806. Details: Paul Helm at Auchincruive.

AA, Th 18.8.1808, 1b — Contractors wanted to uphold the Coylton-Galston road over the stretch between its junction in Coylton and its junction with the Ayr-Mauchline Road.

SCOTLAND BRIDGE, 43753046, on boundary with Craigie, north of Knowehead

STAIR BRIDGE
see STAIR PARISH

TARHOLM BRIDGE

AA, Th 10.9.1840, 1b — Contractors wanted to repair the wooden bridge over the Water of Ayr at Tarholm on the road from Belston to Walston. James Campbell, road surveyor, will show.

CO 3/12/1/1, ADC 1893-1899 — ADC 16.7.1895. Report. Iron girder bridge of four 31' spans, on stone piers and abutments. Narrow.

TEMPLE BOGWOOD BRIDGE, on boundary with Mauchline, 48612685

WAYSIDE SEATS

ACC, Roads Committee 1.6.1964 — Six proposed by Nurse Shields Memorial Fund Committee. See ref for details.

WESTON TOLL

AA, Th 18.8.1808, 1b — Contractors wanted to erect a toll house near Westown on the Gadgirth Bridge-Tarbolton Road.

RAIL

N.B.

EG, Tu 25.5.1869, 619a — Petition by William Cooper of Failford and Templebogwood, proprietor of entailed estate, to uplift £1963 15s 9d, from GSWR.

BRIDGE, near Montgomerie Lodge

List 12 — Elliptical single span across roadway; pink coloured ashlar, flat pilasters, panelled haunches, key stone and parapet. B.

FAILFORD VIADUCT

List 9 — 9 tall arches carrying loop-line, opened 1870, of GSWR across valley of the Water of Fail. Ref: Groome, IV, 428. B.

REDCRAIG VIADUCT

List 18 — 6 arches carrying Ayr-Mauchline loop line across Yonderton Burn. C.

ENTERKINE (or GADGIRTH) VIADUCT (over Ayr, near Tarbolton), 41722300

NBA, 16.10.1869 To be built in 1869. Engineer: 16 Clyde Place, Glasgow.

n.r. 1869. Line opened 1872 (Annbank to Cronberry)

TARBOLTON STATION, 440250

INDUSTRY

ANNBANK BRICKWORKS

ACC Planning, A1355 August 1949. Welfare Buildings, AB, for National Coal Board.

ANNBANK COLLIERIES

EG, F 6.8.1869, 976a Notices to Creditors of John Taylor Gordon, of Nethermuir, Aberdeens, and of Blackhouse, as an individual and as sole partner in George Taylor & Co., coalmasters, Ayr and Annbank.

AA, Th 2.3.1871, 1c The Trustee on the sequestrated estate of George Taylor & Co, Ayr Colliery, is prepared to sub-let parts of the minerals of the estates of Enterkine and Sundrum. "The reason .. will be satisfactorily explaied."

AA, Th 21.5.1885, 4e Report of visit by Ayr YMCA. References to Peter Watson, cashier; Mr Dunlop, the foreman; and Sandy Martin, "a shrewd and intelligent workman." PHOTOCOPY HEREWITH.

CO 3/8/1/2, ACC 1894-96, 237-238, 24 July 1894 report on Mining Classes, giving number of men at every? Mine in Ayrshire.
Annbank, 756 (1st)

www.tidza.demon.co.uk , seen 3 April 2003
Ayrshire Mines 1896. Ayr Colliery. George Taylor & co. Manager: William Ramsay. Undermanagers: Alex Martin (no.9) - Archibald Dunlop (no.10) - Alex Park (Sundrum no.3) - Thomas Wyper (Sundrum no.4). 649 men employed below ground and 116 above.

AP F8.1.1937, 7a [Reporting address of James Brown MP to Annbank re-union]. Pits at Annbank, &c., were worked by George Taylor & Co until 1917, when taken over by William Baird & Co.

AUCHINCRUIVE 1, 2 & 3

AP, F 21.1.1949, 8b There was a I day strike (400 men on day shift), Monday 17th Jan 1949.

ACC Planning, A9982 May 1956. Switchroom, and alterations to form Transformer Room, Auchincruive 1/2/3, for National Coal Board.

ACC Planning, B504 October 1956. New access to colliery, Weston Smithy, for National Coal Board.

AA, Th 12.11.1959, 8d To be closed next year. It has been producing coal for more than 80 years.

AUCHINWEET QUARRY

ACC Planning, A2070 March 1950. Use disused quarry, for colliery waste. National Coal Board.

CRAWFORDSTONE COAL WORKS

AA, Th 23.5.1822, 1b — Enterkine coal to let. Tarholm Colliery is in good working condition (and) has very little water on it. Crawfordston field not worked for some years.

AA, Th 27.9.1894, 4d — Obituary of James Drennan, who was lessee until 1855.

DRUMLEY COLLIERY

AA, Th 9.10.1952, 1bcd — The 120' chimney at No.2 shaft, Drumley Colliery, was demolished last Thursday - following collapse of the shaft itself that Tuesday. Drumley produced coal for about 60 years.

BOX WORKS, TARBOLTON

ASH, Sa 9.5.1874, 5f — Reference to the boxworks, Tarbolton, of Brown & Wright.

ENTERKINE MILL

Hume — Mid C19. A rectangular 2 storey building, now gutted and used as a barn. There appear to have been 2 wheels, both mid breast, supplied with water, through a cast iron pipe, from a dam about 200 yards upstream.

GM, W 7.11.1787, 360c — Contractors wanted to build, in summer 1788, a 'new dam-dyke for Enterkine Miln, on the river of Ayr, near Stair Bridge.'

ENTERKINE PIT

AP 5.1.1940 — Pit Head Baths in course of erection.

ACC Planning, A4620 — April 1952. Mine mouth, other alterations, Enterkine Colliery, for N.C.B.

ACC Planning, A5259 — October 1952. Electricity Supply.

ACC Planning, A5820 — March 1953. Electricity Supply.

ACC Planning, B1435 — July 1957. Alterations to pit heads baths to form offices, Enterkine, for N.C.B.

Nr — Pit Head Baths converted to house, 2002-2003.

Cf

AYR 9 & 10 COLLIERY

ACC Planning, 1733 — June 1939. Pit Head Baths, Ayr 9 & 10, for Miners Welfare Committee.

ENTERKINE SAW MILLS

EG, F 13.8.1869, 1011ab — James McQuater, wood merchant, ESM, Tarbolton is a commissioner (and presumably therefore a creditor of) seq. Daniel Stewart, boat builder, Saltcoats.

FAIL MILL

AP 11.2.1944 — Rebuilt in 1858, and machinery installed by Messrs J & A Taylor, engineers, Ayr.

FAILFORD, HONE STONE WORKS

Pigot, 1837, 280 — 'Failford is a small village in the parish of Torbolton, three miles from that place. A manufactory for razor hones and strops, of a peculiar and excellent description, is carried on here by the inventor, Mr Smith; the cases are veneered with wood, and are finished much in the same style as the admired Scotch snuff

boxes, forming an elegant and useful appendage to the dressing case.'

-do- John Smith, hone manufacturer.

Paterson, II, 1852, 486 At Failford ... there was till recently a manufactory for hones, made of the Water-of-Ayr stones, and razor strops. The cases were finished in a very tasteful manner.

FAILFORD, TILE WORKS

AA, Th 6.1.1842, 1g Price of tiles is now 2s 6d per 1000 below former price.

LOCHLEA COLLIERY

AP, F 6.11.1953, 8abc Sunk in 1949

ACC Planning, A1049 May 1949. Mine mouths, gantries, &c., Lochlea, for National Coal Board.

ACC Planning, A1251 July 1949. Overhead power lines, Lochlea Colliery, for National Coal Board.

ACC Planning, B991 February 1957. Electricity Supply.

AP, F 13.7.1962, 14c To close in next 5 years. Reserves estimated to be exhausted by 1964.

PIT HEAD BATHS

ACC Planning, A5168 September 1952. Pit Head Baths, Lochlea Mine, Mauchline, for National Coal Board.

AP, F 6.11.1953, 8abc Informally opened last Friday (30th Oct 1953).

ACC Planning, B1309 May 1957. Extension to Pit Head Baths, First Aid Room, &c., for National Coal Board.

MONK'S MILL, Fail Loch

AP 11.2.1944 These remains consist of the foundations of the kiln, which has been a round one, and part of the wall of the corn loft, and stands about 100 yards above the present building. The old mill was taken down to open up a flagstone quarry from which the stones were taken to do estate repairs. From the study of the remains one can conclude that the mill must have been used at a very early date and seems to be Norwegian or Danish in design, as it is constructed in a style similar to the type used at one time in the Orkneys. The sluices on Fail Loch are closed each year from 1 April to 1 October, to create a hay meadow in summer and a loch in winter.

MONTGOMERIE QUARRY (in woods at Failford), 457259. There is a smaller disued quarry on the river bank at 459258

MOSSBLOWN COLLIERY

AA, Th 5.1.1961, 20b Has closed (presumably at Christmas break) and the men transferred to Killoch.

AA, Th 12.7.1962, 1cde Photograph of demolition of pit chimneys, last Friday.

PIT HEADS BATHS

AP 13.8.1937 Pit Head Baths at Mossblown Collieries to be formally opened today. Photograph.

AP 5.2.1971	Mossblown PHB have been converted to a food processing plant for Sandyford Foods. [The company has been formed by ex-employees of Mitchells, Ayr.]
Nr	Converted to house 2002-2003

PLOUGH WORKS, 1 Montgomerie Street

ACC Planning, A83	August 1948. Store, Plough Factory, Tarbolton, for William Begg & Sons.

PRIVICK MILL, 407223

Hume	A large 2- and 3- storey rubble building on an irregular plan, now gutted and used as a barn. The sites of 2 wheels can be seen, 1 at right angles to the wheel gable of the other.
AA 27.5.1847	Contractors - mill at Privick Mill.
AA 7.7.1870	Conts - dwho at Privick Mill.
ACC, PHDAC 3.11.1932	Housing Subsidy 63. Cottage, Privick Mill, for James P. Wilson.
EG, F 15.7.1938, 606b	Dissolved, James Wilson & Sons, corn millers at Privick Mill and Millmannoch. See Ref.
ACC Planning, 2628	December 1943. Subdivision into 2 flats, for Robert Gilchrist.
ACC Planning, 4478, 4479	June 1947. Hut to house automatic stoker; lavatories. Both for Robert Gilchrist.

RUSTIC FURNITURE

RR, F 16.6.1899, 4g	Mr Pollock, rustic furniture manufacturer, Tarbolton, has been honoured with an order for one of his artistic rustic houses from Mrs Carnegie of Skibo Castle.

TAM O SHANTER HONE STONE WORKS, 435235

[See also separate sheet noting hone references in VR 1892/93, for Stair and Tarbolton]

Note also that hone was raised at Knockshoggle, Coylton, and that in early C19 (c.1808-1815, plumbago was worked at Laigh Dalmore.

Stair List 18	Footbridge. c.1900. Wire rope cables and suspenders, steel tube pylons and a wooden deck. Private. B.
Hume	The main parts of this complex are on opposite banks of the river Ayr. On the N bank is the original whetstone works, a range of 2 storey rubble buildings, with later additions, including a water turbine, and on the south side is Dalmore Mill [1821], a 2 storey building on a T-plan, with the axle only of a low breast wheel. Near the latter is the mine from which some of the stone is extracted. This has a simple headgear made of rolled steel joists, with wooden surface buildings. Nearby can be seen the circular section brick chimney of a steam winder of an earlier period. The 2 parts of the complex are linked by a suspension footbridge with steel wire-rope cables and suspenders, steel tube pylons and a wooden deck.
Pigot, 1837, p.280	Hugh Brown, hone manufacturer, Milton. [Cf John Smith at Failford].
Notes from Find My Past	In C1851, Dalmore is occupied by William Aitken, farmer (b.c.1802, Ayr), and his wife, Margaret Dunn. Also there are Margaret's sister Helen (unmarried) and brother, William (b.c.1815, Maybole) and his wife. The Aitkens, Helen and

William Dunn were there in 1841. William Dunn is called hone manufacturer. His wife (Janet in 1851, Jessie by 1861 and thereon) is from Minnigaff, born c.1821. They have a daughter, Jessie H V Dunn, b c.1852, who is, by 1881, married to John C Montgomerie (b c.1845, Kingarth, son of Robert Montgomerie, farmer, at Cockhill from c.1846). JCM is in 1871 cashier in an estate office in Kilmarnock, and at Bridgend Inn, Stair, by 1881, with his wife and two daughters, Jessie H V D McK Montgomerie, b c.1877, and Isabella McA, b. c.1879. He is described as hone manufacturer, employing 6.

Barber, 2000, 27-28

The Hone Works and Corn Mills at Stair are situated either side of the footbridge that can be seen down river of Stair Bridge. The extraction of stone dates back well over 200 years, the vast majority of that time in the ownership of Montgomerie family. In later years stone was mined by way of a drift mine with the addition of a small shaft, originally the stone was quarried. The mine offices and storage are on the site of the Heron Corn Mill. which had a weir from the river driving a water-wheel. Later this water-wheel produced a fifteen foot head of water able to drive a 58kW Kaplan variable pitch turbine, installed about 1935. The remains of the water-wheel can still be seen. On the wall of the mill there is a full-size relief of a corn sheaf inscribed Heron 1821. At this time there were two corn mills, Milton mill north of the river and Heron mill south of the river.

The Dalmore stone quarry dates from 1789, then leased to Mr Smith of Mauchline, of 'Mauchline ware' fame. In the very early 19th century William Heron acquired the land and built the corn mill. The land passed to his son James, and on his death in 1849, to William McKie, by inheritance, Mr McKie being described as a quarryman, no relation to James Heron. William McKie's daughter married William Dunn, the manager at the quarry, and the quarry remained in the Dunn family until 1876 when John Cunningham Montgomerie married William Dunn's daughter. It has been in the Montgomerie family ever since. Mr Kenneth Montgomerie, the present owner, still produces a small amount of stone.

Sasine Abridgement 4756 of 1796

records the sale of Stair House &c (see Stair, C&M) by Katherine Gordon, relict of Major General Stewart - to Archibald Montgomerie, late of the Civil Service of the India Company at Bengal. [Is he the first Montgomerie of the works?]

AO, Tu 18.6.1833, 1a

To let (by Enterkine estate): The Mill, &c, of Milltown, Stair. It is constructed for grinding flour, meal and barley. Has c 25A.

AA, Th 27.5.1847, 4f

Died at Dalmore, 5th May 1847, Matthew Neill, 59. He had charge of the hone manufactory as confidential servant for upwards of 19 years.

AA 24.10.1850

Advert.

Paterson, ii, 1852, 486

[Cf. At Failford ... there was, till recently, a manufactory for hones, made of the Water-of-Ayr stone, and razor strops. The cases were finished in a very tasteful manner.]

OS Name Book [1850s]

Milton. A small hamlet consisting of 5 cothouses, 1 public house, a toll house and a corn mill, in all 11 tenements. The

houses are all 1 storey and with 2 exceptions thatched and in good repair. Property of John Bell of Enterkine. [No mention of hone stone works].

Sas Min 4246 of 1868 — Jessie Helen Viola Dunn of Dalmore as heir to William Dunn, sometime tacksman of the lands and honestone quarry of Dalmore, and thereafter of Dalmore, her father.

AA, Th 7.2.1884, 6e — [Court of Session, 1.2.1884. Finds that Water of Ayr Stone is not a trade mark]

[J C Montgomerie, hone manufacturer, had raised an action in Glasgow Sheriff Court against J A Donald & Co., merchants, Glasgow, to interdict them from selling hones, &c., not made by him, but being sold as Water of Ayr Stone, which he claimed was his trademark. Montgomerie said that he and his predecessors have been in business at Dalmore 90 years and more. Donalds say that there stones were from the Barskimming WoA quarries, in Stair parish, and separated from Montgomerie's estate by the parish glebe. They say that in Stair parish "there are numerous beds of a superior stone, which ... is admirably adapted for sharpening edged tools" and which has always been known as Water of Ayr stone. Sheriff found for Donalds, and JCM appealed to Court of Session. A lease of a quarry at Dalmore had been granted to two people in 1789, but it appeared that the quality of the stone had been known previously, and while the celebrity of Water of Ayr stone may be due to the success of this quarry, the Lord Justice Clerk felt that it could not be a trade name as the pursuer (or his predecessors, presumably) "found the name attaching to the commodity at the time he discovered the stones".]

AA 22.1.1885, 6 — Long article copied from "Railway Supplies Journal" of 1.1.1885.

ASH, F11.4.1887, 2e — John Cuninghame Montgomerie disputing rating valuation of £600 for Quarry and Works.

CO3/12/1/3 BBC 6.10.1903 — Alterations to row of houses, Milton Mill, for Water of Ayr Hone Works; Allan Stevenson.

AP 31.12.2010, 100 years ago [1910]

Married, Stair, Jessie, eldest daughter of Mr & Mrs J C Montgomerie of Dalmore, to John Taylor of Dublin. Bridesmaids, younger sisters Mary, Maggie, Minnie. Best man, groom's brother, Dr Taylor.

ACC, PAHC, 30.9.1930 — BBL. Alterations to 2 houses, Milton, for Water of Ayr & Tam o' Shanter Hone Works Ltd.

EG, 30.6.1939, 585ab [1925] — Excluded from Section 3(40(b) of Coal Act, 1938. 100 acres of Dalmore minerals leased to Water of Ayr & Tam o' Shanter Hone Works Ltd by John Cuninghame Montgomerie and Jessie Helen Viola Dunn/Montgomerie in lease dated 3/4/7/1925, and 350 acres of minerals of Quilkieston leased to the company by John Cuninghame Montgomerie elder dated 3.7.1925.

CO3/12/1/14 BBC 16.2.1926 — D Cottage, Dalmore, for Hone work.

AP, F 28.4.1933, 10d — Obituary of John Cunninghame Montgomerie. "He had in his time developed the works to a great extent, and the Water of Ayr

hones today have a worldwide reputation, being used in the remotest parts of the empire, and in many other lands."

ACC, TPC 9.4.1946 — Application 3444 approved - reinstate fire damge.

AA, Th 16.7.1953, 14b — Died 9.7.1953, at Milton Cottage, Stair, Peter Lang, foreman at Water of Ayr Hone Works until last year.

AA, Th 23.9.1954, 15b — Report of Kenneth Montgomerie's 21st Birthday Party. Ref to parents, Major and Mrs Montgomerie, of Hone Works, and uncle, John C Montgomerie of Dalmore. (i.e., **two** J C Ms)

AP, F 29.6.1956, 16b — Kenneth B C Montgomerie,.22, Duchray, has graduated in Mechanical Science from Trinity College, Cambridge.

nr — Died, 15.5.1956, aged 75, James K H Nisbet, foreman at Hone Mill. Started working at Milton Mill, with late James Baird, when it was a meal mill. At 17 joined Water of Ayr Hone Works Ltd.

NAS, D1974 - 680 - 798 — John Cunningham MONTGOMERIE, abrasive merchant, died, aged 85, 17th November 1974 at Nether Auchendrane. U.r., 66 Ayr Road, Prestwick. PD: John Cunningham Montgomerie, hone stone manufacturer, and Jessie Helen Viola Dunn/Montgomerie. Married to Elise Mary Graham.

EXTRACTION (Not all in Tarbolton parish)

ACC Planning, A525 — December 1948. Work and win minerals, Enterkine and Milton, for Water of Ayr and Tam o' Shanter Hone Works Ltd. Approved October 1953.

ACC Planning, A526 — December 1948. Work and win minerals, Dalmore and Sundrum Mines, for Water of Ayr and Tam o' Shanter Hone Works Ltd. Approved February 1954.

ACC Planning, A527 — December 1948. Work and win minerals, Knockshoggle Farm, for Water of Ayr and Tam o' Shanter Hone Works Ltd. Approved October 1953.

ACC Planning, A528 — December 1948. Work and win minerals, Quilkieston Mine, for Water of Ayr and Tam o' Shanter Hone Works Ltd. Approved October 1953.

TARBOLTON LOCH

AP 25.2.1944 — Sluices closed 22 March to 22 September each year.

TARBOLTON MILL

SRO: GD3/E184/6959 — Building of a bridge at Tarbolton Mill, 1782. Contract between Alexander Montgomerie of Coilsfield and James Smith, mason.

AP 25.2.1944 — Rebuilt c. 1856. machinery from J & T Young, Vulcan Foundry, Ayr.

TARHOLM

nr — Reportedly the site of tar distilling, for the Royal Navy.

GM, W 27.12.1786, 409a — 'Mason Work. A number of works are intended to be erected, during the ensuing spring and summer, for extracting tar from coals, in different parts of Ayrshire. Any person inclined to contract for building, by measurement, are requested to send their proposals, in writing, [ ] and directed to John Loudon McAdam, Ayr, on or before the 20th of January next.

'N.B. The kilns only are circular; the refrigitories, [ ], &c., being all plain work, no double measure will be allowed. Those who wish for further information respecting the kind of work may inspect the British Tar Company's works at Culross in Perthshire, Cranstoun in Mid Lothian, and at Muirkirk and Entrekin [sic] in Ayrshire. Ayr, December 20th 1786.'

TARHOLM COLLIERY

AA, Th 23.5.1822, 1b — Enterkine coal to let. Tarholm Colliery is in good working condition (and) has very little water on it. Crawfordston field not worked for some years.

UTILITIES

PRESTWICK RESERVOIR [RAITH]

Sasine Minute 7984 of 1885 — 1885. Land &c for the Reservoir disponed to Monkton and Prestwick Parochial Board by William Paterson of Paterson and his son William Evernden Paterson, proprietors of Ladykirk.

CO3/12/1/2 BBC 2.10.1900 — Waterman's House; Niven & Hadden, Glasgow.

STORAGE TANK, Torcross

ACC Planning, B263 — July 1956. 250,000 gallon storage tank, Torcross, for Ayr County Council.

WATER METER HOUSE, Carngillan [2012, STAIRGILLAN HOUSE], 432257

Nr — c.2007, converted into two houses.

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