TRANSPORT

ALLOWAY STATION — See MAIDENS & DUNURE RAILWAY

BELLEISLE BRIDGE — [So named - location not known]
ASH, Sa 18.7.1874, 5d — Successful contractors are Scoular, Dutch Mills, mason, and J Stewart & Son, Irvine, iron work. Total estimated cost: £915.

BRIDGE OVER DOON, Ayr/Maybole Road.
[Which bridge?]
Edin Evening Courant 29.10.1795 — tenders for building this bridge wanted. **Charles Abercromby**, engineer.

BRIG O DOON
Ayr List 9 — C15. Large single arch with broader approaches, rubble-built with simple hoodmould with voussoirs, cobbled roadway. Repaired 1832. A.
Hume — C15, repaired 1832. A slender segmental arched bridge, with dressed stone arch ring and rubble spandrels and wing walls. Now a footbridge only.
AA, Th 21.4.1808, 1c — Bridge Money Applications include £20 for "an immediate necessary repair" to the Old bridge of Doon.
AA, Th 8.10.1953, 12bc [1812] — Quoting Memorandum of Hamilton Paul: "In the year 1812 John Balfour Esq of Sauchrie and Hamilton Boswell Esqr of Garallan came to me in a state of great excitement – 'what do ye think', they said, 'the Road Trustees have done? They have sold the Auld Brig o' Doon as a quarry to the contractor for the New Bridge. The Auld Brig must be saved from demolition, and you are the only one that can do it, and you must set about it immediately.'" As a result Paul wrote his *Petition of the Auld Brig*.
AA 10.10.1816 — Old Bridge is 72' wide and has an arch 46' high.
AA, Th 8.10.1953, 12c [1831] — In 1831 "The Auld Brig having become dilapidated by mischievous persons" a further restoration was set in motion by David Auld.
AA 9.5.1929 — In course of preservation, under supervision of **J Wilson Paterson**, Ancient Monuments Department, HM Office of Works, Edinburgh.
Ayr Town Council Minutes 1940-41, 124, Works Committee 7.5.1941 — The Surveyor reported having executed certain repairs to the cobbled footway and the pointing of the walls. He had done so with the consent of HM Office of Works as the Brig is classified as an ancient monument. Part of the footway was dangerous as a large number of the cobbles had been removed by souvenir hunters.
SRC, P&D 18.1.1978, 59 — SRC offer £20,000 towards restoration.

TOLL
B6/35/32, 1799/19 — fl 1798, 1799. Ann Gibson, toll-keeper, Old Bridge of Doon.

DOONFOOT BRIDGE [1]
AANHS, V, — Built 1772 and replaced in 1861.
Historic Alloway, 2000, 33 — Built 1772 and replaced 1861. Adam Smith and James Armour, masons.
OPR 601/2, Kirkoswald M1694-1820, D1725-1820 — Hugh Cairncross and Helen McLatchy were married at 'New Bridge of Doon', 22.1.1779.
AA Th 21.3.1861, 4e — The Low Bridge of Doon collapsed last Friday while being taken down.

DOONFOOT BRIDGE [2]
Ayr List 100 — 1861. Single arch, rubble built. B.
AA 24.5.1860 — Contractors - Bridge on Ayr/Pennyglen road over Doon - Mr **[Hugh H] McClure**, engineer, 65 Sauchiehall Street, Glasgow - Ayr Road Trustees.
NBA 26.5.1860 — per BoS.

MAIDENS AND DUNURE RAILWAY
AA, Th 17.5.1906, 4f — The course of the new railway is very well-known to the majority of the inhabitants of this district, but the beauties of the country it opens up can hitherto have been familiar only to a limited and favoured few, and the opportunity afforded by the new railway to become better acquainted with a countryside historically important and scenically rich, should be embraced by

large numbers of holidaymakers, apart from the attractions it holds out to feuars and people desirous of acquiring accessible, yet secluded residences. Leaving the main line to Girvan, just beyond Belmont junction, the railway passes through the lands of Rozelle in a direct line for Burns' Monument, where the first station has been erected. There is a passenger and goods station here, and the passenger station has accommodation to deal with the numerous excursionists who visit the shrine of Burns. Crossing under the public road at the Monument, the line is carried over the river Doon within Cambusdoon policies - one of the prettiest spots on the classic river - by an artistically designed and constructed bridge and, continuing across Longhill Avenue in a direct line for the shore, it reaches the coastline just beyond Burton farm, three miles out from Ayr. From this point onwards for seven miles or so, the traveller sees evidence of some of the engineering difficulties that have been overcome in the way of deep cuttings in the solid rocks of the Heads of Ayr at some parts, and embankments and steel bridges of varying spans at others, until the policies of Culzean are reached, where the line enters a district famed at once for its sylvan beauties and the picturesque view that can be had at various points of the Firth, the island of Arran, and the hills of Bute. After leaving Culzean policies the line proceeds through rough and undulating country, with deep cuttings and embankments, until it reaches near 13 miles, where it leaves a deep cutting and emerges on to a high embankment, and from this point it again comes in sight of the sea, and crosses over the public road between Ayr and Girvan. At this place a goods station is provided for Maidens and surrounding district, and a passenger station is also provided a quarter of a mile further on. For a short distance the line is inland, and is constructed alternately in cuttings and embankments on very uneven ground. About 15 miles Turnberry is reached, where a passenger station is provided, with a covered way leading directly into the new hotel which the company have built close to the railway, so that passengers arriving step out of the train and into the hotel under cover. After leaving Turnberry the line crosses over the public road between Ayr and Girvan via Kirkoswald and Maybole, and traverses a valuable farming country somewhat inland from the sea until it once more fringes on the coast nearing its termination at Girvan. The line is single throughout except at the passing places and the junction at either end of the line, while the important over-bridges and covered ways are constructed for a double line. Land has also been taken with the view of doubling at some future time. There are 65 bridges on the line, varying in span from ten to seventy feet; two viaducts having spans of 100 and 118 feet, and six culverts over five feet in span. This means that a bridge has been built for every 470 yards of the railway. The stations en route from Ayr to Girvan are situated at the following places:- Burns Monument, Heads of Ayr (5 miles), Dunure (7 miles), Knoweside (10½ miles), Glenside, Culzean policies (11 miles), Maidens (14 miles), Turnberry (15 miles), Dipple (16½ miles). The passenger stations constructed at Alloway, Dunure and Maidens have island platforms, and trains can only pass each other at these stations.

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Letter from David L Smith. "On the Maidens and Dunure line … I have timed trains going a gay 45 in perfect conditions. And that was in the Pullman dining car train which ran from Glasgow to Girvan, with stops at Ayr and Turnberry only. Pullman diners on a track now a mere waste of crumbled embankments, rubbish-filled rock cuttings, and tangled undergrowth where the woods have burst in upon it! The Maidens and Dunure, with its lovely little stations, its glorious views across the Firth from the cliff-tops, its superb Culzean woods, and its glimpse of the Burns Monument and the twa' brigs!"

AA, Th 3.8.1972, 2cd — Proposal to turn Alloway part of old M&DLR into a nature trail, idea of final year WoSAC students Jane Wilson, Lochwinnoch; Shelagh Collett, Lasswade; Richard McIntosh, Stenhousemuir; Leslie Pryde, Falkirk.

RAILWAY BRIDGE OVER DOON

Ayr List 19 — 1860. Rubble-built with crenellated parapet. 2 large, 2 small segmental arches with simple hoodmoulds over ashlar voussoirs. CS.

Hume — Opened 1906 by the Maidens and Dunure light railway. A 4 span masonry bridge with 2 large central spans.

MILLENNIUM BRIDGE, Doonfoot

AA, Th 24.10.1968, 5de — Bridge across the Doon proposed by Ayr T.C. Charles Eddie asked to prepare a report.

AP, 3.8.2001, 6ef — To be officially opened 15.8.2001. Built and designed by **Barr International**, Ayr

NEW BRIDGE OF DOON

Ayr List 18 — 1816. Large single semi-circular arch rockfaced, coursers with plain hoodmould over voussoirs. Plain parapet. B.

Hume — Built 1816. A single segmental arch, with dressed stone arch ring and coursed rubble spandrels.

AA 12.5.1814 — Contractors - Bridge over Doon on Ayr/Maybole road.

AA 10.10.1816, 4 — The new bridge over the Doon is now completed, 80' wide and 50' high arch.

[See also DOONFOOT BRIDGE 1, which appears to have been the New Bridge of Doon prior to the building of this bridge]

RAILWAY BRIDGE OVER DOON — See MAIDENS AND DUNURE RAILWAY

INDUSTRY

ALLOWAY MILL

Ayr List 16 — Late C18/Early C19. 3 storey and dormerless loft rubble-built, centre advanced gabled section and small single storey outshot enclosing lade to internal undershot wheel (still extant) on N front, timber lucam on right. Slated roof. Single storey painted outbuilding with slated roof and ingle storey L-plan millers house, part rubble, part harled, all whitewashed with painted margins. Low pitched slated roofs, main rectangle with skewed gables, additions piended. Original glazing. Ref: Hume, 1, 45. B.

Hume — Early C19. A large 2 and 3 storey rubble building, on an X-plan with the kiln at one end of one of the long arms of the cross. In the centre of the building is an 8-spoke wood-and-iron paddle-wheel, still usable, which formerly drove 4 pairs of stones through individual bevel gears. Now a store.

AA, Th 26.7.1838 — Cassillis & Culzean Estates. To let, presently possessed by MacHutcheon & Smith. '... a distillery might be carried on in junction with the milling business with advantage'.

AA 4.2.1841 — We believe that a new waterwheel is about to be installed: it will be one of Whitelaw and Stirrat's patent waterwheels, the first of these in Ayrshire.

AA 4.5.1848 — Alloway Corn Mill entirely consumed by fire last Friday.

AA, Th 14.1.1954, 2cd [1904] — McGill & Smith was founded 8th January 1904 by John Finlayson McGill († 12th March 1954) and Hugh Fairfield Smith

AA, Th 19.6.1919, 8f — D, Ayr County Hospital, 16.6.1919, John Thonrton, miller, aged 66.

AP, F 30.4.1948, 4c — Reports death, 26.4.1948, of Carl Smith, 71, of McGill & Smith, a partner in McG & S since 1904. He gained his experience of grain trade with Thomas Steele.

DAM

AA, Th 10.9.1840, 1e — Contractors wanted to provide plans, furnish materials, and erect a weir or dam dyke at Alloway Mills. Details from Mr Dow, at the Mills.

DOONBANK

AA, Th 9.6.1831, 1a — Contractors wanted to make 16 falls of embankment of the Doon at Doonbank.

DOONFOOT MILL [GREENAN LAUNDRY]

AA, Th 31.12.1840, 4c — Reference to Hugh Wyllie, Doonfoot Mills.

AA 23.7.1896 — Greenan Steam Laundry recently built, using part of the old buildings on site of Doonfoot Mill.

AP, F 17.8.1934, 10d [1896] — Obit of William Clarke, builder, says that he founded, in 1896, with the late Mr Anderson, the Greenan Laundry in an old barley mill.

AP 21.5.1948 — Photograph of thatched house at Greenan Laundry, used as staff canteen.

DOONSIDE MILLS — see DUTCH MILLS

DUTCH MILL

Hume	334177. early C19. A 2 storey rubble building on an L-plan, with a ruinous wing. At the rear are a detached kiln and a square section brick chimney. Now an ice factory.
n.r.	'Miller' John Goudie is said to have been at the Dutch Mills before he got the tenancy of Burns Cottage, at Martinmas 1803.
Edin Evening Courant, 19.9.1799	Lintmill at DOONSIDE MILLS, "lately erected" has been "unroofed by accident, walls standing".
AA, Th 20.7.1809, 4b	To let DOONSIDE woollen mill, and houses, &c.
AA, Th 18.4.1822, 4b	To let, woollen MILL AT DOONSIDE, with house and garden. Details from Thomas Girdwood, Brockloch.
AA 14.9.1826	The Dutch Mills have undergone a thorough repair.
AA, Th 6.3.1828, 4e	Doonside Corn and Barley Mills, commonly called the Dutch mills, to let. Details from Mr Girdwood at Greenfield.
AA, Th 9.6.1831, 1b	Contractors wanted to make a Dam dyke at Dutch Mill. Details from Charles Wilson at Doonholm.
AA, Th 5.7.1838, 1b	Advert of David Templeton: using it as a carding mill. '... his Machinery has undergone a thorough repair for the season'.
AA 16.7.1840	Ref to John Mitchell, an employee of David Templeton, Dutch Mills.
AA, Th 15.10.1840, 1f	Warrant sale here. Property of David Templeton, wool spinner, including machinery, &c.
AA, Th 22.10.1840, 1f	Advert for James Templeton, wool and tow carding. Includes prices.
GH, F 13.11.1846, 4c	From *Ayr Observer*. Blanket & Plaiding Trade. In last 18 months, while labour has risen in value, wages of blanket and plaiding weavers have stayed low and stationary. Workers pressing for a rise, and after successful discussion with employers, there is to be a rise of 15%. Affects employees of A Templeton & Co., Dutch Mills; Hill, Paterson & Jamieson, Ayr, and Templeton's Skeldon Mill.
EG 6157, F 5.3.1852, 199a; EG 6167, F 9.4.1852, 306b; EG 6178, Tu 18.5.1852, 424a.	In sequestration. Alexander Templeton & Co. woolspinners and manufacturers, Dutch Mills. Alexander Templeton, sole partner. 6157: Charles H Watson, commission agent, Glasgow, Trustee. C: William Marshall, wool merchant, Ladyburn near Port Glasgow, William Douglas, of William Douglas & Co., merchants, Glasgow; Patrick Cowan, banker, Ayr. Examination, 19.3.1852, of Alexander Templeton, and his father, David Templeton.
Greenock Advertiser, F 8.7.1853, 4f	Sequestrated. Charles Horsfall Wilson, commission agent and merchant, St Enoch's Square, Glasgow, and manufacturer of Scotch blankets and plaidings, Dutch Mills. Now or latterly of Cessnock Cottage, Govan Road, Glasgow.
Scottish Guardian, Tu 17.1.1854, 4g	C.H. Wilson. First dividend will be paid 25.2.1854.
BNA	D, Dutch Mills, 18.3.1856, Mary Grant, 23.
Glasgow Herald, M 10.5.1858, 2c	To let, as summer residence. Cottage at Dutch Mills: 2 flats of 4 apartments each. Details, George Dykes.
BNA	M, Dutch Mills, 19.3.1866. Lizzie Dykes to John Kirkland Mills, Newcastle upon Tyne; Maggie Dykes to John Galbraith, merchant, Port Glasgow.
BNA	D, Dutch Mills, 4.12.1866, Jane Dykes, Mrs John McJannet, miller.
Glasgow Evening Post, F 25.2.1870, 3a	Destroyed by fire last night. Property of James Baird, tenanted by George Dykes.
Glasgow Herald, W 18.5.1870, 3e	Tenant wanted. Proprietor intends to build a 'flour mill on the most improved principles'. Plans, R Young, Sword Street, Glasgow.
BNA	May 1873, ref to Scoular, Dutch Mills.
BNA	D, cottages, Dutch Mills, 25.6.1879, Margaret Lennox, d1 of late James Lennox, Stair Mill.
BNA	D, Dutch Mills, 7.8.1882, Agnes Donald or Scoular.
AA, F 20.7.1888, 6c	Specialising in oatmeal. Pinhead oatmeal machinery only one outside USA. Also flour made on Mr Simon's roller mill system.
AA, Th 21.2.1889, 4d and 8f	8f: Robert Scoular, 63, died 16.2.1889. 4d: tenant for 20 years. First roller milling in Ayrshire: a son studied it in America. Some years ago also acquired John Allan & Co., High Street. Now has telephonic communication between them. Baird saw 'a man of energy and enterprise.'
GH, 21.7.1890	George Dykes, formerly of Dutch Mills, now of Port Dundas, died 21.7.1890.

Irvine Herald, 3.7.1891	Margaret Tennant, widow of George Dykes, died, n.d., in house of son-in-law, John McJannet.
n.r.	M, Dutch Mills, 8.8.1901, Jonathan E Blacklock, solicitor, Dumfries, to Janet MacWhirter Scoular, dau of late Robert Scoular.
Fl 1919	John Barr, Dutch Mills. Poultry feed.
Sunday Post, Su 26.9.1926, 1c	Fire yesterday. Used for manufacture of poultry foods. [Aberdeen P & J, M 27.9.1926, 7d, says occupied by Alloway Rusk Co.
AA 30.9.1926	Gutted by fire last Saturday.
AP 6.9.1946	Also known as DOONSIDE MILL. the story is that there was a company of Dutchmen from Holland working a plumbago (black lead) mine on or near Brown Carrick Hill, and they required powder to crush and grind their black lead. [When was this?] The mill was rebuilt c 1868/70; the builder was Robert Scoular, who then became the tenant. In 1929 it became an Ice Factory.
ACC Planning, B1378	June 1957. Electricity supply.
SAC, Planning, 96/00064/FUL.	1996, 12 flats. Not done?
SAC Planning, 00/00179/FUL	Jan 2000, approved Sep 2000. 9 flats. See also Nicoll Design website.
HOUSE	
Ayr List 15A	Late C18 early C19 2 storey (low 1st) originally 3-window, extended mid C19 to L-plan; SW front original 3-window frontage on right, projecting gable front with bipartites on left; rear elevation regular 5 windows wide. Rubble built with margins painted black, straight skews, 4-pane sashes, slated roof. Important in view from Brig o' Doon. The Mill itself has been much rebuilt and is not now of interest. CS.

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