CANAL?

AA 20.12.1804, 4b — Neil Robertson "in the canal yard at the end of the Old Bridge"
AA 3.10.1805, 4b — Neil Robertson "at the warehouse in canal yard, Old Bridge End of Ayr"

RAIL

AYR STATION (1), North Harbour Street

Hume — Built 1840 for the GPKAR. A 2 storey sandstone building in Elizabethan style, with carved bargeboards. An opening was made through the building when the Ayr Harbour branch was constructed in 1899. There is also a small single storey lodge on a T plan, and a group of single storey rubble buildings, probably the original workshops of the GPKA.

B6/18/29 ATC 14.12.1836 — Before beginning the ordinary business of the Council Mr [Hugh] Miller rose and stated that he held in his hand the plans of the proposed railway from Glasgow to Ayr ... it was moved by [Hugh] Cowan junior and seconded that the Council express their decided approbation of the proposed undertaking as calculated to be of great public utility and beneficial to the interest of the burgh.

AA, Th 27.12.1838, 4b — We understand the engineers are at present preparing the design of the erections at the terminus, at Darlington Road, here, which will include a grand saloon, with offices and range of stroe houses, &c. The front of the building will face the river, and the architecture being of a very attractive and ornate style, this will be a very beautiful and prominent object, and will add another to the principal buildings in our town.

AA, Th 10.1.1839, 1a — Contractors wanted for stations at Irvine and Ayr; GPKAR.
AA, Th 31.1.1839, 4c — The contractor for the terminus here is to be **John Kay**, builder.
AA, Th 7.3.1839, 4b — 'The erections at the terminus .. are being carried on with much spirit'. The elevation to the river is 'light and handsome'.
AA, Th 27.6.1839, 4d — Pushing on. The station is 'in a very forward state, the showy edifice and spacious shed adjoining being ready for slating'. Of the two bridges in Newton, one is completed, and one nearly completed.
AA, Th 25.7.1839, 3fg4a — Dinner to celebrate opening. Engineer: Miller, of Grainger & Miller. Chairman: James McCall of Daldowie. Deputy Chairman: John Fleming of Claremont.
4c — Report of trial.
AA, Th 1.8.1839, 4b — Will open on M 5.8.1839 between Ayr and Irvine. Times and prices. George Knight, manager, Ayr.
AA, Th 8.8.1839, 4b — Passengers on Monday, 630. Total for week [?] 1231.
AA, Th 23.7.1840 — Worth noting that in this paper, James Kennedy of the Commercial Inn, Beith, was advertising cars to/from Beith and Howwood and Johnstone stations.
AA, Th 23.4.1970, 1c — Ayr Goods Yard (the Old Station) closed last Friday as a delivery depot, though remains open for collection of goods.
nr — Demolished.

NEWTON ON AYR STATION

AA 18.5.1852 — "Will be erected forthwith".
ASH, Sa 27.8.1864, 4d — GSWR have commenced building platform &c at Newtonhead "at the head of the Corpse Avenue, and the platforms will extend ... from the N and W corners of Tam's Bridge towards the junction in rear of Falkland House." Station is due to open 1.9.1864.
AA 15.7.1886 — A new side station is being built near Tam's Brig.
AA 4.11.1886 — Opened for passenger traffic last Monday.
AA, Th 13.3.1952, 1d — Reported that it is to be rebuilt.
AP 17.6.1955 — Presently being reconstructed.
AP, F 24.6.1955, 13def — Photo of station being reconstructed.

NEWTON RAILWAY DEPOT

KS 12.3.1870 — GSWR is to spend £16,000 on new railway workshops at Newton upon Ayr.
AA 13.3.1879 — Railway Sheds, Hawkhill. In course of erection for two years, and now completed. Red sandstone, 302' by 98' by 18' high to the wallhead. Double

gabled, with 6 circular arched openings at each end. The mason was Mr **[Matthew] Muir**, Kilmarnock.

WAGGONWAYS

AA, Th 11.9.1806, 4d — From the Mainholm colliery, near this town, we now see a Wooden bridge built over the Air, and an Iron Railway passing from the Pits over it to within about a mile of the town, which is expected to be finished this season; and it is likely that next season, the great output of that valuable Coal will make it necessary to continue it on to the harbour. The Iron Railway from the harbour to the Newton pits, we understand, will also be completed in a short time; and then the shipping will be loaded with more dispatch.'

AA, Th 1.10.1807, 4c — Lengthy article on waggonway from Ayr Colliery (Taylors) to harbour, completed and now in use. Planned and executed by Mr **Outrum**, of the Clyde Iron Works, and Mr **Renwick**, manager of the Colliery.
[Full transcript in AA files]

AA, Th 17.3.1808, 4b — Advert anent Holmston Lime Kilns states that further details can be had at "The Office, at end of Mainholm Colliery Railway."

ROAD, including TRAMWAYS

BELLROCK BRIDGE — known as Tam Jack's Bridge

AP, F 26.6.1931, 6bc — Being demolished (photograph) and replaced by a new bridge of steel girders and stone, "somewhat similar to Tam's Brig," to allow for an additional rail line. New bridge will also be wider. The bridge "led over a winding rugged road to the sea at Newton Shore and to the now disused Bellrock Quarries.

BUS DEPOT, Waggon Road

AA, Th 25.9.1952, 1ab — Photograph of new western SMT depot in course of erection.

AP, F 24.4.1953, 12cd — Formally opened last Friday by William F Quin, chairman, Scottish Licensing Authority for PSVs. £90,000. Replaces tram-sheds in Prestwick Road.

CAR SHEDS

AA 28.2.1901 — Contractors invited to tender, for Car-sheds and Depot, for Ayr Tramways. Plans with **John Young**, Burgh Surveyor.

AP, F 24.4.1953, 12cd — Used as bus depot until Waggon Road opened in 1953. To be taken over by BRS.

WAR MEMORIAL

AA 1.5.1919 — War Memorial unveiled last Sunday. Work of Messrs Highet & Hunter, Ayr. Brass with oak frame.

WEST OF SCOTLAND ROADWAYS LTD, Tam's Brig

AP, F 27.2.1953, 11ab — C.J.Lowdon.sole prop. After objections from 2 Glasgow coach firms (McKelvie & Co; Cotter's Motor Tours), and a hearing, was refused licence to operate continental tours from Ayr.

HEATHFIELD AERODROME

ACC, 18.12.1945 — To join with Ayr TC in protesting against proposed permanent use as Training Station for Fleet Air Arm.

AP, F 21.12.1945, 7d — Flying Training to cease 'next month'. Not to become a permanent training base for the Fleet Air Arm.

ACC, RC 1.3.1948 — Discussion of St Quivox Road, notes that Admiralty have proposed Heathfield as an emergency airfield, but are looking at alternatives.

ACC Planning, A8801 — July 1955. Use of disused runways for storage of coal, for National Coal Board.

AA, Th 15.9.1955, 11c — Poem. 'The Old Airfield', I S Clark, may refer to Heathfield.

ACC Planning, B1084 — April 1957. Use of disused runway for storage of coal, for National Coal Board.

ACC Planning, B1825 — October 1957. Weighbridge, Heathfield, for National Coal Board.

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See Highfield Fertiliser Works, St Quivox (Industry)

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