GENERAL

2SA, 1845 259 — Population 1801, 795; 1821, 1371; 1831, 1684.

Imp Gaz, 1855, iv, 777 — Population in 1851, 2021

Census, 1821, 496 — 'An influx of strangers settled in the parish of Kilbride.'

Census, 1831 — West Kilbride '… has increased in population, attributed to a new line of road and the influx of Irish settlers.'

Census, 1841 — Little Cumbrae (Bute) is in West Kilbride for q.s. purposes. Boydstone Farm (33 people) is in West Kilbride, but in Ardrossan, for q.s. purposes. 'The return includes 81 strangers, and states that 16 persons have emigrated since 1831.'

RQR, September 1872 — An epidemic of fever was brought to the village by a person who went to Rothesay. 'The house he occupied here was a most fertile means for germinating disease, it being extremely dirty both inside and out, and small and low roofed. No care was taken to have the place cleaned; and owing to the fearless intercourse of the healthy with the diseased, the fever soon spread all over the village, which at present is in a very unsatisfactory sanitary condition, the local authority manifesting the greatest apathy in the midst of so much trouble'.

ASH, F15.4.1887, 5g — In last year or two several cottages have been erected. For the purpose of providing recreation, boating was introduced last year at Seamill.

ASH, F 8.5.1914, 2h — Article: 'West Kilbride: A Backward Resort'

ARCHAEOLOGY

Feacham — Fort & Dun, 178491. Ruins badly decayed; of interest for (i) vitrification and (ii) secondary structure. Grass grown ruins bordering a subrectangular area 100' by 50' in extent. Immediately to the south the ridge is crossed by two ditches cut through the rock and farther south still a small dun, c. 45' by 27', within a thick wall, crowns the actual summit. It is probable that the dun is the later structure and that it has cut off part of the precincts of the earlier fort.

2SA, 1845 257 — Castlehills or Fortlets. Stand 1 to ½ mile apart. Occur at Boydston, Glenhead, Seamill and Ardneill. Small and of same construction: embankment; enclosure on summit 30-40' diameter surrounded by 6-8' thick rampart faced on both sides with large undressed stones neatly laid, interstices filled with small stones and earth. Ardneill stands on Auldhill, and has esplanade 40-50 paces long in front of enclosure, exactly formed and level. Seamill is similar, others have ramparts only.

ETYMOLOGY

Johnston — West Kilbride. Gaelic *cill*, "cell, church", and Brigit [St Brigit of Kildare, 452-523]. "West" to distinguish from East Kilbride, Lanarkshire.

UNSORTED

CROSBIE LAUNDRY

ACC Planning, A6539 — October 1953. Convert Crosbie Laundry into 2-apt house, for James Lomax, Glasgow.

VILLA

ASH, Sa 10.11.1877, 1a — Contractors wanted for a villa in Ardneil Bay, West Kilbride. Plans: John Jack, joiner, Fairlie.

WEST KILBRIDE MOTOR & HIRING CO LTD

EG, Tu 7.12.1915, 1864a — Going into voluntary winding-up. William Gray, secretary.

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