

Directory of Ayrshire

1750-1800.

(With contributions from Sir James Fergusson, Bart.)

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LORD LIEUTENANTS

In Ayrshire, as in other counties, no Lord Lieutenants were appointed after the beginning of George I's reign (1714) till 1794.

Archibald, 11th Earl of Eglinton, appointed 17 March 1794, died 30 Oct. 1796.

Hugh, 12th Earl of Eglinton, appointed 23 Nov. 1796, died 15 Dec. 1819.

SHERIFFS

Mr. William Duff of Crombie, advocate, appointed 18 Mar. 1748, and again 6 Mar. 1761; died 8 Jan. 1781.

William Wallace of Cairnhill, advocate, appointed 9 June 1775; died 28 Dec. 1786.

William Craig, advocate, afterwards Lord Craig, appointed 26 Mar. 1787; became a Lord of Session 21 Dec. 1792; died 8 July 1813.

Edward McCormick, advocate, appointed 16 Feb. 1793.

PEERS

Sources : *The Scots Peerage*; see also W. Robertson, *Ayrshire*, Vol. 2, and J. Paterson, *Ayrshire*, 5 vols. The list includes peers whose connection with Ayrshire was limited. For biographical details see estates.

BARGANY—created Lord Bargany, 1641; title extinct, 1736. Seat : Bargany.

CARRICK—earldom created 1225/30, title later merged in the Crown; by Act of 22 Nov. 1469 an appanage of eldest son of the Monarch.

CASSILLIS—cr. Lord Kennedy, 1457/8; Earl of Cassillis, 1509. Seats : Cassillis, later Culzean.

1704 John Kennedy, born Apr. 1700, succ. grandfather as 8th Earl, 22 Feb. 1704, died 7 Mar. 1759.

1759 Thomas Kennedy, kinsman, by decision of Court of Session 29 Feb. 1760 and House of Lords 27 Jan. 1762, succ. as 9th Earl, died 30 Nov. 1775.

1775 David Kennedy, succ. brother as 10th Earl, died 18 Dec. 1792.

1792 Archibald Kennedy, kinsman, succ. as 11th Earl, died 30 Dec. 1794.

1794 Archibald Kennedy, born Feb. 1770, succ. father as 12th Earl, cr. Baron Ailsa of Ailsa 12 Nov. 1806, cr. Marquess of Ailsa 10 Feb. 1831, died 8 Sept. 1846.

CATHCART—cr. Lord Cathcart, 1452. Seats : Sundrum and Auchincruive.

1740 Charles Schaw, born 21 Mar. 1721, succ. as 9th Lord Cathcart 20 Dec. 1740, died 14 Aug. 1776, with heirs. Sundrum and Auchincruive both sold c.1750.

COLVILL—cr. Lord Colvill of Ochiltree, 1651; title extinct, 1728, but claimed by successors till 1847.

DUMFRIES—cr. Lord Crichton of Sanquhar, 1487/8; Viscount of Air, 1622; Earl of Dumfries, Viscount of Air, Lord Crichton of Sanquhar and Cumnock, 1633. Seat : Dumfries House, Cumnock.

1742 William Crichton-Dalrymple, succ. mother as 4th Earl of Dumfries, 6 Mar. 1742, succ. younger brother as 4th Earl of Stair, 1760, died Dumfries House, 27 July 1768.

1768 Patrick Macdowall, born 15 Oct. 1726, succ. uncle as 5th Earl of Dumfries, died Edinburgh 7 Apr. 1803.

DUNDONALD—cr. Lord Cochrane of Dundonald, 1647; Earl of Dundonald, Lord Cochrane of Paisley and Ochiltree, 1669. Seat : Auchans.

1737 William Cochrane, born Paisley 1729, succ. father as 7th Earl 27 May 1737, killed at siege of Louisburg 9 July 1758, unmarried.

1758 Thomas Cochrane, succ. cousin as 8th Earl, died at Lamancha, Peeblesshire, 27 June 1778.

1778 Archibald Cochrane, born 1 Jan. 1748, succ. father as 9th Earl, died Paris 1 July 1831.

EGLINTON—cr. Lord Montgomerie, c.1445; Earl of Eglintoun, 1506/7. Seat : Eglinton.

1729 Alexander Montgomerie, born 10 Feb. 1723, succ. 18 Feb. 1729 as 10th Earl, murdered 24 Oct. 1769.

1769 Archibald Montgomerie, born 18 May 1726, succ. brother as 11th Earl, died at Eglinton 30 Oct. 1796.

1796 Hugh Montgomerie, born 29 Nov. 1739, succ. kinsman as 12th Earl, cr. Baron Ardrossan of Ardrossan 15 Feb. 1806, died 15 Dec. 1819.

GARNOCK—cr. Viscount (Mount-Crawford, changed to) Garnock and Lord Kilbirnie, Kingsburne, and Drumry, 1703. Seat : Kilbirnie House.

1737 George Crawford, born 14 Mar. 1729 at Kilbirnie, succ. father as 4th Viscount in 1737, succ. as 21st Earl of Crawford and 5th Earl of Lindsay, 15 Jan. 1757, died 11 Aug. 1781.

- 1781 George Crawford, born Bourtreehill, 31 Jan. 1758, succ. father as 5th Viscount, etc., died unmarried at mother's home, Rozelle, Ayr, 30 Jan. 1808.

GLASGOW—cr. Lord Boyle of Kelburn, Stewartoun, Cumbræ, Finnick, Largs, and Dalry, 1699; Earl of Glasgow, Viscount Kelburn, and Lord Boyle of Stewartoun, Cumbræ, Fenwick, Largs, and Dalry, 1703. Seat: Kelburn.

- 1740 John Boyle, born Edinburgh 4 Nov. 1714, succ. father as 3rd Earl, 22 May 1740, died Kelburn 7 May 1775.

- 1775 George Boyle, born 18 Sept. 1765, succ. father as 4th Earl, cr. Baron Ross of Hawkhead 11 Aug. 1815, died 3 July 1843.

GLENCAIRN—cr. Lord Kilmaurs, 1463; Earl of Glencairn, 1488, 1503. Seats: sometime Kilmaurs and Kilmarnock House. (The *Scots Peerage* has been followed in entitling these as 12th, 13th, and 14th Earls, though Paterson and others refer to them as 13th, 14th, and 15th.)

- 1734 William Cuninghame, succ. father as 12th Earl, 14 Mar. 1734, died Finlaystoun 9 Sept. 1775.

- 1775 James Cuninghame, born Kilmalcolm 1 June 1749, succ. father as 13th Earl, died Falmouth 30 Jan. 1791.

- 1791 John Cuninghame, born Finlaystoun 17 May 1750, succ. brother as 14th Earl, died Coates 24 Sept. 1796 without issue. Earldom dormant, despite unsuccessful claim by Sir Adam Fergusson, Bart., House of Lords decision 14 July 1797.

KILMARNOCK—cr. Lord Boyd of Kilmarnock, 1459, 1482, 1564; Earl of Kilmarnock, 1661. Seat: Dean Castle.

- 1717 William Boyd, born 12 May 1705, succ. father as 4th Earl in 1717 (Sept. or 22 Nov.), executed for high treason, Tower Hill, 18 Aug. 1747. Earldom extinguished by act of attainder.

— James, Lord Boyd, born Falkirk 20 Apr. 1726, recovered estates 28 Mar. 1751 (and sold them soon after), succ. as 15th Earl of Errol 19 Aug. 1758, died Callendar House 3 July 1778.

LOUDOUN—cr. Lord Campbell of Loudoun, 1601; Earl of Loudoun and Baron Tarrinzean and Mauchline, 1633. Seat: Loudoun.

- 1731 John Campbell, born 5 May 1705, succ. father as 4th Earl 20 Nov. 1731, died Loudoun Castle 27 Apr. 1782, unmarried.

- 1782 James Mure Campbell, born Edinburgh 11 Feb. 1726, succ. cousin as 5th Earl, died Loudoun Castle 28 Apr. 1786.

- 1786 Flora Mure Campbell, born Aug. 1780, succ. father as Countess of Loudoun, in care of Earl and Countess of Dumfries till 1803, married 12 July 1804 the 2nd Earl of Moira, cr. Marquess of Hastings, Earl of Rawdon, and Viscount

Loudoun, 7 Dec. 1816, who died 28 Nov. 1826; the Marchioness died Kelburn Castle 8 Jan. 1840.

MARCHMONT—cr. 1697. Seat: Cessnock, 1704-c.1770.

- 1724 Alexander Hume, born 1675, married 29 July 1697 Margaret Campbell of Cessnock, succ. father as 2nd Earl of Marchmont 1 Aug. 1724, died 27 Feb. 1740.

- 1740 Hugh Hume Campbell, born 15 Feb. 1708, succ. father as 3rd Earl, sold Cessnock, died Hemel Hempstead, 10 Jan. 1794.

STAIR—cr. Baronet, 1664; Viscount of Stair, Lord Glenluce and Stranraer, 1690; Earl of Stair, Viscount Dalrymple, Lord Newliston, Glenluce, and Stranraer, 1703. Seat: Stair.

- 1747 James Dalrymple, by decision House of Lords (4 May 1748) succ. kinsman as 3rd Earl 9 May 1747, died at Castle McDouall, Wigtownshire 13 Nov. 1760.

- 1760 William Crichton-Dalrymple, born 1699, who succ. as 4th Earl of Dumfries 1742, succ. younger brother as 4th Earl of Stair, died Dumfries House, Cumnock 27 July 1768.

- 1768 John Dalrymple, cousin, succ. as 5th Earl, died Culhorn, Wigtownshire, 13 Oct. 1789.

- 1789 John Dalrymple, born Edinburgh 24 Sept. 1749, succ. father as 6th Earl, died London 1 June 1821 unmarried.

MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT

House of Lords

After 1707 the peers of Scotland elected for each parliamentary term 16 Representative Peers to sit in the House of Lords. The following Ayrshire peers were among those so chosen. See W. Robertson, *Proceedings relating to the Peerage of Scotland, 1707-1788* (1790); and *Scots Peerage*.

CASSILLIS—9th Earl, from 1774 till death in 1775 in that same term. 10th Earl, who had previously sat in the Commons, filled casual vacancy 1776, re-elected till death in 1792.

CATHCART—9th Lord Cathcart, filled casual vacancy 1752, re-elected till death 1776. (His Ayrshire connections ceased with sale of estates c.1750).

DUMFRIES—5th Earl, from 1790 till death 1803.

EGLINTON—10th Earl, from 1761 till death 1769. 11th Earl, who had previously sat in Commons, filled casual vacancy 1776, re-elected till death 1796.

GLASGOW—4th Earl, 1790 till 1815.

GLENCAIRN—13th Earl, one term 1780 till 1784.

LOUDOUN—4th Earl, 1734 till death 1782.

MARCHMONT—3rd Earl, filled casual vacancy 1750, re-elected till death 1794. (His Ayrshire connections ceased with sale of estates c.1770).

STAIR—5th Earl, filled casual vacancy 1771, till end of term 1774.

House of Commons

After 1707 Scotland sent to Westminster 30 members to represent the shires, elected by freeholders (v.infra), and 15 to represent the royal burghs—each town council choosing a commissioner who with the others from the district met to elect the member. The designation of the members in the list is as given in the Official Returns of Members of Parliament. Compiled by Sir James Fergusson, Bart.

Member for Ayrshire

- 10 July 1747. Patrick Craufurd of Auchenames.
- 9 May 1754. Captain James Mure Campbell of Rowallan (later 5th Earl of Loudoun).
- 28 Apr. 1761. Col. Archibald Montgomerie of Minnoch and Gill (later 11th Earl of Eglinton).
- 16 Apr. 1768. David Kennedy of Newark (later 10th Earl of Cassillis).
- 13 & 14 Oct. 1774. Sir Adam Fergusson of Kilkerran.
- 18 Oct. 1780. Sir Adam Fergusson of Kilkerran (by order of the House of Commons, 2 Apr. 1781, erasing the name of Major Hugh Montgomerie).
- 16 Aug. 1781. Sir Adam Fergusson of Kilkerran (re-elected on his appointment as a Commissioner of Trade and Plantations).
- 20 Apr. 1784. Hugh Montgomerie of Skelmorlie (later appointed Inspector of Military Roads in Scotland).
- 3 Aug. 1789. William MacDowall of Garthland.
- 19 July 1790. Sir Adam Fergusson of Kilkerran.
- 17 June 1796. Hugh Montgomerie of Skelmorlie (until succ. as 12th Earl of Eglinton).
- 30 Nov. 1796. Col. William Fullarton of Fullarton.

Member for Ayr Burghs (Ayr, Irvine, Rothesay, Inveraray, and Campbeltown).

- 22 July 1747, Inveraray. Charles Erskine, counsellor-at-law.
- 9 May 1754, Campbeltown. James Stewart Mackenzie of Rosehaugh.

20 Apr. 1761, Ayr.

28 Dec. 1761, Ayr.

11 Apr. 1768, Irvine.

31 Oct. 1774, Rothesay.

17 Jan. 1776, Rothesay.

2 Oct. 1780, Ayr.

26 Apr. 1784, Ayr.

12 July 1790, Ayr.

12 June 1794, Ayr.

17 June 1796, Ayr.

Lord Frederick Campbell (who, however, chose to serve for Renfrew Burghs, for which he had also been elected).

Alexander Wedderburn, counsellor-at-law.

James Stewart, second son of the Earl of Bute.

Sir George Macartney, K.B.

Frederick Stuart of Kirkton (on Sir George's appointment as Governor of Grenada).

Sir Archibald Edmonstone of Duntreath.

Sir Archibald Edmonstone of Duntreath.

Col. Charles Stuart, son of the Earl of Bute (who later accepted the Stewardship of the Chiltern Hundreds).

John Campbell, counsellor-at-law, Lincoln's Inn, London.

John Campbell.

(The place at which the commissioners met for the election varied as noted).

FREEHOLDERS

Annually at Michaelmas a meeting was held at the head burgh of each shire to draw up the Roll of Freeholders, who as occasion arose met to elect the shire's member of parliament. Those enrolling were required to be adult commoners, conforming protestants, and possessed of forty shilling land of old extent, or other land of four hundred pounds Scots valued rent. After 1707 and particularly in the later part of the century, the roll was swollen by 'nominal and fictitious' voters as the owners of large estates allocated suitable portions to political friends. For further details, see *View of the Political State of Scotland*, ed. C. E. Adam, 1887; also Sir James Fergusson, 'Making Interest' in Scottish County Elections, *Scottish Historical Review*, XXVI, 1947, which discusses Ayrshire elections during this period.

The number of voters varied as follows :—

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MICHAELMAS HEAD COURT, 1759

(From a contemporary copy of the list among the Kilkerran MSS, with designations as in that copy. Comments, including date of death or disappearance from the roll, added by Sir James Fergusson, Bart.).

John Chalmer of Bonnytown.

Died 2 June 1766 at Irvine, aged 68. (*Scots Magazine*, xxviii, 389).

William Ramsay of Montfod.

Died 15 May 1765. (*Ibid.*, xxvii, 279).

Thomas Boyd of Pitcon.

The last of the Boyds of Pitcon, which he sold in 1770. Died 17 Apr. 1772 at Irvine, 'in an advanced age.' (*Ibid.*, xxxiv, 223).

Sir Thomas Wallace of Craigie.

5th Bart. of Craigie. Died 18 Aug. 1770. (*Complete Baronetage*—G.E.C.)

John Hamilton of Grange.

Died 6 Oct. 1771, 'at his seat of Kerelaw.' (*Scots Magazine*, xxxiii, 558).

David Kennedy of Drummellan.

Died 19 Jan. 1771 at Drummellan. (*Ibid.*, 54).

Andrew McCready of Pearstoun.

Died 1764. (Paterson, *Cuninghame*, 201-2).

Alexander Boswell, Lord Auchinleck.

Died 25 Aug. 1782. (*Scots Magazine*, xlv, 447).

Alexander Montgomerie of Coilsfield.

Died 28 Dec. 1783. (*Ibid.*, xlv, 671).

Mr. William Wallace of Cairnhill.

Died 16 Nov. 1763. (Paterson, *Kyle*, 279).

William Kelso of Dankeith.

Died 28 Nov. 1762. (Services of Heirs).

James Whitefoord of Dinduff.

Died 24 July 1785 at Knaresborough. (*Scots Magazine*, xlvii, 415).

Hamilton Blair of that ilk.

Died (before Nov.) 1782. (Services of Heirs; *Cuninghame*, 169).

Alexander Fairlie of that ilk.

Died Dec. 1803. (*Scots Magazine*, lxxv, 885).

John Cathcart of Easter Barneil.

Generally known as 'of Genoch.' Died 11 Feb. 1779 at Knockdolian, aged 89. (*Scots Magazine*, xli, 110).

Patrick Crawford of Auchenames.

M.P. Ayrshire 1741-54, M.P. Renfrewshire 1761-68. Died 10 Jan. 1778 at Edinburgh. (*Ibid.*, xl, 53).

Allan Whitefoord of Ballochmyle.

Died 26 Mar. 1766 at Edinburgh. (*Ibid.*, xxviii, 167).

Robert Hamilton of Bourtreehill.

Died 4 June 1773. (*Ibid.*, xxxv, 335).

Andrew Laurie *alias* Slowane of Over Skeldon.

Died before 6 July 1789. (Services of Heirs).

John Snodgrass of Cuninghamehead.

Died 19 Oct. 1771, 'at his seat in the country.' (*Scots Magazine*, xxxiii, 558).

Archibald Nisbet of Carfin.

Died 9 Dec. 1785, at Carfin, 'in an advanced age.' (*Ibid.*, xlvii, 623).

Ivie Hair of Rankinstoun.

Died June 1772. (Services of Heirs).

Patrick Boyle, Lord Shewaltoun.

Died 31 Mar. or 1 Apr. 1761 at Drumlanrig. (*Scots Peerage*, iv, 204).

William Muir of Caldwell.

Baron of Exchequer; M.P. Renfrewshire 1742-61. Died 25 Mar. 1776 at Caldwell. (*Scots Magazine*, xxxviii, 164).

Andrew Hunter of Park.

Died 22 Mar. 1770 at Edinburgh. (*Ibid.*, xxxii, 167).

John Dunlop of Dunlop.

Died 5 June 1785 at Ayr. (*Ibid.*, xlvii, 312).

William Cunningham of Auchenskeith.

Succeeded as 5th Bart. of Robertland in 1778. Died 25 Oct. 1781. (G.E.C.).

Matthew Stewart of Lochrigg.

Died 1764. (*Cuninghame*, 603).

James Muir Campbell of Rowallan.

M.P. Ayrshire 1754-61; became 5th Earl of Loudoun 27 Apr. 1782. (*Scots Peerage*, v, 510-1).

- Charles Dalrymple of Orangefield.
Died between Apr. 1781 and Apr. 1782. (Window Tax Records).
- Archibald Crawford of Ardmillan.
Died Oct. 1783. (Services of Heirs).
- Captain Archibald Cunningham of Annanhill.
Generally known as 'of Caddell.' Died Mar. 1778. (*Ibid.*).
- Mr. Archibald Montgomery of Minnock and Gill.
M.P. Ayrshire 1761-68; succeeded as 11th Earl of Eglinton 24 Oct. 1769. (*Scots Peerage*, iii, 459).
- James McHarg of Keirs.
Died between 1777 and 1780.
- Robert Kennedy of Pinmore.
Died after 22 June 1781, when he disposed his estate to a judicial factor. (Reg. of Deeds, 230 (Mack.), f.115).
- Sir Thomas Kennedy of Culzean.
Became 9th Earl of Cassillis by adjudication of the House of Lords, 27 Jan. 1762. (*Scots Peerage*, ii, 486).
- Mr. Thomas Miller of Barskimming.
Solicitor General for Scotland. Died 27 Sept. 1789. (Brunton & Haig).
- Ronald Crawford, Writer to the Signet, of Tourlands.
Generally known as 'of Restalrig.' Died 11 July 1762, 'at Belford, on his return from Bath to Scotland.' (*Scots Magazine*, xxiv, 395-6).
- Alexander McMillan of Dunmore.
Deputy Keeper of the Signet. Died 26 July 1770, 'at his house near Edinburgh.' (*Ibid.*, xxxii, 398).
- Sir David Cunninghame of Milnraig for Cambuskeith.
3rd Bart. of Milnraig. Died 10 Oct. 1767, 'suddenly, of the gout in his stomach, at Livingstone-house.' (*Ibid.*, xxix, 558).
- Gilbert McMeiken of Grange.
Generally known as 'of Killantringan.' Died between Apr. 1778 and 9 Mar. 1779. (Window Tax Records and Services of Heirs).
- William McKerrill of Hillhouse.
Died June 1782. (Services of Heirs).
- James Montgomery of Langshaw.
Generally known as 'of Lainshaw.' Died (before 21 Mar.) 1767. (Services of Heirs; *Cunninghame*, 598).
- Mr. John Steel for Corraith's.
Minister of Stair. Died 15 Apr. 1804, 'Father of the Church.' (*Fasti*).
- David Kennedy of Kirkmichael.
Died 22 May 1771. (*Scots Magazine*, xxxiii, 333).
- John McAdam of Craigengillan for Carrickmuir.
Died 13 Sept. 1790 at Barbeth. (*Ibid.*, lii, 465).

- William McCulloch of Schang.
Chang was disposed to the McHargs in 1759. (*Carrick*, 120).
- John Crawford of Innerbirkheid.
Details not available.
- Alexander Crawford of Newark.
Created a Baronet, 8 June 1781. Died 15 Dec. 1797 (G.E.C.).
- Robert Wallace of Sauchrie.
Clerk to the Signet. Died Feb. 1767. (Glasgow Testaments, lxiii, ff. 243-4).
- Robert Boyd of Trochrig.
Died Nov. 1761. (Services of Heirs).
- John Hutchison of Munkwood.
Died (after Feb.) 1785. (Window Tax records).
- Robert Hunter of Hunterston.
Died 16 Apr. 1796 at Hunterston. (*Scots Magazine*, lviii, 289).
- John Hamilton of Bargany.
M.P. Wigton Burghs 1754-61, 1762-68, M.P. Wigtownshire 1761-62. Died 12 Feb. 1796. (*Scots Peerage*, viii, 130).
- James Ballantine of Kelly.
Died 6 Dec. 1769. (Services of Heirs).
- Mr. Hamilton Kennedy of Bennan.
Minister of Ballantrae. Died 16 Jan. 1770. (*Fasti*).
- Mr. John Cunninghame of Bridghouse.
Minister of Dalmellington. Died 28 May 1774 at Kilmarnock. (*Fasti*).
- Thomas Gordon younger of Earlestone.
Died 28 Nov. 1767, 'at Woodhall, the seat of Daniel Campbell of Shawfield.' (*Scots Magazine*, xxix, 615).
- Archibald Stevenson of Montgreenan.
Sold Montgreenan in 1778 and not on roll thereafter. Died 13 July 1791 in London. (Reg. of Deeds, 224 (Dal.), Part II. ff. 378-9; *Scots Magazine*, liii, 363).
- James Chalmers of Kildonnan.
Died 22 Aug. 1773. (*Scots Magazine*, xxxv, 447).
- Robert Muir of Blairstoun.
Died 31 Dec. 1801, at Blairstoun. (*Carrick*, 419).
- James Neill of Nethergrimmet.
Died after 1774.
- Archibald Campbell of Overgrimmet.
Died between 26 Aug. 1765 and 15 May 1766. (Window Tax records).
- Daniel Campbell of Shawfield.
M.P. Lanarkshire 1761-68. Died 13 May 1777, 'at Islay house in Islay.' (*Scots Magazine*, xxxix, 279).
- William Grahame younger of Gartmore.
Died late in 1774 at Lisbon. (R. B. Cunninghame Graham, *Doughty Deeds*, 101).

- Alexander Cunninghame, Clerk to the Signet.
Generally known as 'of Lathrisk.' Died 17 Aug. 1780.
(*Scots Magazine*, xlii, 447).
- William Cunningham of Craighends.
Died 22 Aug. 1765. (*Ibid.*, xxvii, 446).
- William Logan of Camlarg.
Died after 1780. (*Kyle*, 383).
- Sir John Whitefoord of that ilk.
2nd Bart. Died 2 Mar. 1763, at Edinburgh. (G.E.C.).
- Lieutenant John Whitefoord younger thereof.
Later 3rd and last Bart. Died 10 Apr. 1803, at Whitefoord House, Canongate. (*Ibid.*).
- John Rankine of Drumdow.
Generally known as 'of Beoch.' Not on roll after 1768.
Died 4 Sept. 1788, aged 79. (*Carrick*, 420-1).
- Alexander Farquhar of Gilmilnsroft.
Died after Apr. 1778 and before 21 Feb. 1779. (Window Tax records; Services of Heirs).
- Adam Crawford Newall of Polquharn.
Died 21 June 1790. (*Scots Magazine*, lii, 362).
- Charles Stewart of Kirkwood.
Died before 1780.
- Alexander Dunlop for Prestickshaws and Santquhar Hutchison.
Generally known as Major Alexander Dunlop of Colellan.
Died 4 Jan. 1793, at Lochwood, Ayrshire. (*Scots Magazine*, liii, 50).
- William Logan of Castlemains.
Died between Michaelmas 1788 and 3 Aug. 1789.

'The following persons have given in claims but are not yet inrolled.'

- Sir Adam Fergusson of Kilkerran, Bart.
3rd Bart., M.P. Ayrshire 1774-80, 1781-84, 1790-96, M.P. Edinburgh 1784-90. Died 25 Sept. 1813 at Kilkerran. (G.E.C.).
- William Fergusson of Doonholm.
Died 7 Nov. 1769, at Ayr. (*Scots Magazine*, xxxi, 559).
- Mr. John Campbell of Skerrington.
Died 9 Apr. 1781, at Skerrington. (*Ibid.*, xliii, 223).
- James Murray of Broughton.
M.P. Wigtownshire 1762-68, M.P. Stewartry of Kirkcudbright 1768-74. Died 30 Apr. 1799, at York. (Douglas and Wood's *Peerage*, i, 622).
- Mr. David Kennedy, Esqre, advocate.
M.P. Ayrshire 1768-74. Succeeded as 10th Earl of Cassillis, 30 Nov. 1775. (*Scots Peerage*, ii, 492).
- William Campbell of Fairfield.
Died 1 Feb. 1782. (Services of Heirs).

- William Fergusson of Auchensoul.
Apparently struck off the roll at Michaelmas, 1787. Still living 1793. (Threave MSS).
- Lieutenant John McHarg for Chang.
Details not available.
- Captain James McGhie of Skeldon.
Died 30 Nov. 1797, at Ayr. (*Scots Magazine*, lix, 832).
- Alexander Porterfield of Hapland.
Died Oct. 1766. (Services of Heirs).
- John Campbell of Wellwood.
Struck off roll, Michaelmas 1788.
- Neill Snodgrass younger of Cunninghamhead.
Died 6 Oct. 1821, at Cunninghamhead, aged 81. (*Scots Magazine*, new series, ix, 496).
- Hugh Logan of Logan.
Died 1802, at Wellwood. (*Kyle*, 346).
- John Stewart Shaw, Esqre.
Succeeded as 4th Bart. of Blackhall, 1796. Died 7 Aug. 1812, at Ardgowan. (Crawford and Robertson, *The Shire of Renfrew*, 415).
- James McNillie of Auchairn.
Details not available.
- Lieutenant William Hunter of Brownhill.
Died before 13 Aug. 1792. (Services of Heirs).
- Robert Kennedy of Daljarrock.
Died 17 Oct. 1792, at Ayr. (*Scots Magazine*, liv, 519).
- Walter Kennedy of Knockdon.
Died 26 Jan. 1772, at Maybole. (*Ibid.*, xxxiv, 51).
- Captain John Dalrymple of Stair.
Succeeded as 5th Earl of Stair, 27 July 1768. (*Scots Peerage*, viii, 156).
- George Fullarton of Bartonholm.
Died 16 May 1788. (Services of Heirs).
- Alexander Montgomery of Eglintoun.
(Possibly an error for Alexander Montgomerie of Coilsfield, q.v.).

GENERAL ELECTION, 13 OCTOBER, 1774.

Source : As noted at head of 1759 List.

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| Alexander Boswell, Lord Auchinleck. | As in 1759 List. |
| Alexander Montgomerie of Coilsfield. | " |
| James Whitefoord of Dinduff. | " |
| Hamilton Blair of that ilk. | " |
| Alexander Fairlie of that ilk. | " |
| John Cathcart of Easter Barneil. | " |

Partick Craufurd of Auchenames.	As in 1759 List.
Archibald Nisbet of Carfin.	"
William Mure of Caldwell, Baron of Exchequer.	"
John Dunlop of Dunlop.	"
William Cuninghame of Auchinskeith.	"
James Muir Campbell of Rowallan.	"
Charles Dalrymple of Orangefield.	"
Archibald Craufurd of Ardmillan.	"
Archibald Cuninghame of Annanhill.	"
James McHarg of Kiers.	"
Robert Kennedy of Pinmore.	"
Thomas Miller, Lord Justice Clerk.	"
'Mr. Thomas Miller of Barskimming' in 1759 List.	
William McKerrell of Hillhouse.	"
John Steele of Corraith.	"
John McAdam of Craigengillan.	"
John Hutchison of Monkwood.	"
Robert Hunter of Hunterstoun.	"
John Hamilton of Bargany.	"
Archibald Stevenson of Montgreenan.	"
Robert Muir of Blairston.	"
James Neill of Nether Grimmer.	"
Daniel Campbell of Shawfield.	"
Alexander Cuninghame, Clerk to the Signet.	"
Alexander Farquhar of Gilmilnsroft.	"
Adam Craufurd Newall of Polquhairn.	"
Charles Stewart of Kirkwood.	"
William Logan of Castlemains.	"
Sir Adam Fergusson of Kilkerran, Baronet.	"
John Campbell of Skerrington.	"
William Campbell of Fairfield.	"
William Fergusson of Auchinsoul.	"
Captain James McGhie of Skeldone.	"
John Campbell of Wellwood.	"
'Younger of Wellwood' in 1759 List.	
Neill Snodgrass of Cuninghamehead.	"
'Younger of Cuninghamehead' in 1759 List.	
Hugh Logan of Logan.	"
William Hunter of Brownhill.	"
Robert Kennedy of Daljarrock.	"
George Fullarton of Bartonholm.	"
James Ritchie of Busbie.	
Died 23 Aug. 1799. (Services of Heirs).	
John Hamilton of Sundrum.	
Died 3 Jan. 1821, at Sundrum, aged 81. (<i>Scots Magazine</i> , new series, viii, 191).	

William McDowall of Castlesemple.	
M.P. Renfrewshire 1768-74. Died 1776.	
John Craufurd, younger of Auchinames.	
M.P. Renfrewshire 1774-80, Glasgow Burghs 1780-90. Died 26 May 1814, at London. (<i>Ibid.</i> , lxxvi, 639).	
Mr. David Kennedy of Newark.	
'Mr. David Kennedy, Esqre, advocate' in 1759 List.	
Sir John Cathcart of Carleton, Baronet.	
3rd Bart. of Carleton. Died March 1783. (Services of Heirs).	
John Bell, Writer to the Signet.	
Died 12 July 1776 'at Cullean.' (<i>Scots Magazine</i> , xxxviii, 395).	
James Cathcart of Carbiestoun.	
Died 21 March 1795, at Edinburgh. (<i>Scots Magazine</i> , lvii, 207).	
John Orr of Burrowfield.	
Sc. Barrowfield. Died 16 Dec. 1803. (<i>The Faculty of Advocates in Scotland</i> , Scottish Record Society).	
Richard Oswald of Auchincruive.	
Died 6 Nov. 1784 'at his seat in Auchincruive, Airshire, in an advanced age.' (<i>Scots Magazine</i> , xli, 606).	
William McCready of Pearstoun.	
Died 10 July 1816, aged 85, at Peirceton. (<i>Ibid.</i> , lxxviii, 719).	
Patrick Boyle of Shewaltoun.	
Died 26 Feb. 1798, at Irvine. (<i>Scots Peerage</i> , iv, 206).	
William McIlwraith of Kirkland.	
Struck off the roll at Michaelmas Head Court, 1788.	
William Donald, merchant in Ayr.	
Struck off the roll before 1780; still living 1788. (Services of Heirs).	
John Girvan of Auchairn.	
Probably the same as John Girvan, residenter in Kirkoswald, who died between 26 May 1785 and 31 July 1786. (Glasgow Testaments, lxx, ff.247, 255).	
William Boyd Robertson of Trochrig.	
Died 16 Jan. 1777, at Trochrig. (<i>Scots Magazine</i> , xxxix, 54).	
John Wallace of Neilstonside.	
Later known as 'of Kelly.' Struck off the roll before 1780.	
Died January 1805. (Services of Heirs).	
Sir Robert Myrton of Gogar.	
2nd and last Bart. of Gogar. Died 5 Dec. 1774, 'at his seat of Gogar.' (<i>Scots Magazine</i> , xxxvi, 679).	
Charles Fergusson, Esq., merchant in London.	
Died 9 Dec. 1804, at Edinburgh. (<i>Ibid.</i> , lvi, 976).	
Mr. George Fergusson, advocate.	
Died 9 Aug. 1827, at Hermand. (Brunton & Haig).	

- James Milliken of Milliken.
Died 7 June 1776, at Milliken. (*Scots Magazine*, xxxviii, 340).
- Andrew Stewart, His Majesties Remembrancer in Exchequer.
Sc. Stuart. Generally known as 'of Craigthorn' and later 'of Castlemilk.' Died 18 May 1801, at London. (*Ibid.*, lxiii, 376).
- Alexander Scrymgeour of Birkhill.
Assumed in 1788 the name of Wedderburn of Wedderburn.
Died 4 July 1811, at Edinburgh. (*Ibid.*, lxxiii, 638).
- James Colquhoun, younger of Luss.
Afterwards 2nd Bart. of Luss. Died 23 April 1805, at Edinburgh. (*Ibid.*, lxxvii, 327).
- George Dempster of Dunichen.
M.P. Perth Burghs 1761-90. Died 13 Feb. 1818, at Dunnichen. (*Ibid.*, lxxxi, 296).
- David Fergusson, merchant in Ayr.
Provost of Ayr. Died 3 March 1791. (*Ibid.*, liii, 154).
- James Craufurd, Writer to the Signet.
Died 18 April 1783. (*Ibid.*, xlv, 222).
- Captain Gilbert McAdam of Merkland.
Died 30 Nov. 1788, at Dalmellington. (*Ibid.*, 1, 622).
- Captain John Kelsoe of Dankeith.
Died August 1782. (Services of Heirs).
- John Brown of Lanfine.
Not on roll in 1780. Alive in 1789. (Reg. of Deeds (Dal.), 20 May 1789).
- Dr. Alexander Stevenson, physician in Glasgow.
Died 29 May 1791, at Glasgow. (*Scots Magazine*, liii, 309).
- Captain Primrose Kennedy of Drummelland.
Died 25 Aug. 1811, at Ayr, aged 77. (*Ibid.*, lxxiii, 718).
- Sir William Augustus Cuninghame of Livingston.
4th Bart. of Milncraig, M.P. Linlithgowshire 1774-90. Died 17 Jan. 1828, at London. (G.E.C.).
- Mr. Andrew Hunter, minister in Dumfries.
Of Barjarg. Translated from Dumfries to New Greyfriars, Edinburgh, 1799, but remained on roll. Died 21 Apr. 1809. (*Fasti*).
- James Hunter of Robertland.
Assumed additional name of Blair, 1777; created Baronet 1786. Died 1 July 1787, at Harrogate. (G.E.C.).
- William McDowall, younger of Castlesemple.
Died 2 May 1810. (Foster, *Members of Parliament, Scotland*).
- Lieut. Col. William McDowall of Garthland.
Died 9 Aug. 1775, at Harrogate. (*Scots Magazine*, xxxvii, 462).

- John Fordyce of Ayton.
Not on roll after 1788. Died 5 June 1794, at Ardoe. (*Ibid.*, lvi, 374).
- Captain Charles Fordyce of 14th Regiment of Foot.
Not on roll hereafter; not on Army List after 1776.
- William Rowet of Belretiro.
Generally known as 'of Auchindennan.' Died June 1785. (Glasgow Testaments, lxx, 428).
- Alexander Hair of Rankinestoun.
Not on roll hereafter.
- George McCree of Pitcon.
Not on roll after 1788.
- Caleb Whitefoord, Esq., wine merchant in London.
Not on roll after 1788. Died Feb. 1810. (Hewins, *The Whitefoord Papers*, xxviii).
- Isaac Grant, Writer to the Signet.
Not on roll after 1788. Died 27 Dec. 1794. (Services of Heirs).
- Patrick Douglas, surgeon in Ayr.
Succeeded to Garrallan 1776, and thereafter known as 'of Garrallan.' Not on roll after 1788. Died after 1 Sept. 1803. (Heritors' Records, Old Cumnock).
- John McDermeit Fergushill of Burnockstoun.
Minister of Straiton. Not on roll after 1788. Died 13 Sept. 1793, at Straiton. (*Scots Magazine*, lv, 571).
- Thomas Wallace of Cairnhill.
Died 26 Aug. 1812, at Cairnhill. (*Ibid.*, lxxiv, 805).
- Major Alexander Stewart of Alston.
Sc. Afton. Died 17 Dec. 1794. (Foster, *Members of Parliament*).
- Thomas Brisbane of Brisbane.
Died 28 Nov. 1812, at Dundas Street, Edinburgh. (*Scots Magazine*, lxxx, 79).
- The Hon. Andrew Erskine.
Died (Oct.?) 1793. (*Ibid.*, lv, 517).
- Captain Macorn Rankine of Drumdow.
Also known as 'of Beoch.' Died 16 Nov. 1813, aged 80, at Edinburgh. (*Ibid.*, lxxvi, 79).
- Robert Barclay of Capilrig, writer in Glasgow.
Died 4 Dec. 1783, at Southampton. (*Ibid.*, xlv, 670).
- John Bushby of Kempton, writer in Dumfries.
Died 16 Aug. 1802. (Services of Heirs).
- Hugh Kennedy of Bennan.
Died soon after 26 Apr. 1811. (Bennan MSS).
- Robert Hamilton of Grange.
Died Dec. 1774. (Services of Heirs).
- John Fergusson of Greenvale.
Captain. Not on roll after Michaelmas 1774. Died 1 Aug. 1790, at Fairfield. (*Scots Magazine*, lii, 414).

- Matthew Stewart of Lochrig.
As in 1759 List.
- John McMeiken of Kilsaintninian.
Died 12 Aug. 1789, in Edinburgh. (*Scots Magazine*, li, 413).
- Hugh Dalrymple of Nunraw.
Died 11 Sept. 1791. (*Scots Peerage*, viii, 141).
- Thomas Kennedy of Dunure.
Died 12 May 1819. (Services of Heirs).
- Sir John Whitefoord of Whitefoord, Baronet.
'Lieutenant John Whitefoord' in 1759 List.
- Alexander Dunlop of Colellan.
'Alexander Dunlop for Prestickshaws' in 1759 List.
- Alexander Fergusson of Craigdarroch, advocate.
Not on roll after 1788. Killed in a chaise accident, April 1796. (*Scots Magazine*, lviii, 360).
- Dr. James Hunter, physician in Edinburgh.
Of Montfod. Died Feb. 1792. (Services of Heirs).
- Hugh Parker, merchant in Kilmarnock.
Not on roll hereafter. Testament dative confirmed 13 Dec. 1792. (Glasgow Testaments, lxxii, 189).
- William Fullarton of Rosemount.
Not on roll after 1784. Died 22 Oct. 1805. (*Scots Magazine*, lxxvii, 808).
- The Honble. John Cuninghame, second son to the Earl of Glencairn.
Struck off roll at Michaelmas 1788. Succeeded his brother as 14th Earl of Glencairn, 30 Jan 1791. (*Scots Peerage*, iv, 251).
- William Gairdner of Ladykirk.
Died (before 5 Oct.) 1780. (*Kyle*, 582; Services of Heirs).
- John Miller of Glenlee.
Died 28 Nov. 1780, at Barskimming. (*Scots Magazine*, xlii, 618).
- Sir Thomas Wallace Dunlop of Craigie, Baronet.
As in 1759 List.
- Quintin McHarg, son of James McHarg of Kiers.
Not on roll hereafter.
- David McClure of Shaw-wood.
Struck off roll at Michaelmas, 1788.
- Robert Bontine of Ardoch.
Generally known as Robert Graham of Gartmore. Struck of the roll at Michaelmas, 1788. Died 11 Dec. 1797, at Gartmore. (Services of Heirs).
- Hugh Mitchell of Dornell.
Not on roll hereafter.
- Andrew Craufurd, merchant in London.
Not on roll after 1781.
- William Alexander of Blackhouse.
Sold Blackhouse in 1786, but remained on roll till 1791. (*Kyle*, 668).

- Boyd Porterfield of Porterfield.
Died 4 May 1794, at Southbar. (*Scots Magazine*, lvi, 308).
- William Cuninghame of Bridgehouse.
Known after 1779 as 'of Lainshaw.' Died 1 April, 1799, at Lainshaw. (*Ibid.*, lxi, 284).
- John Edmeston of Warrickhill.
Not on roll hereafter.
- John Chalmers of Kildonan.
Not on roll hereafter.
- John Glen of Assloss.
Died 28 Oct. 1795, at Kilmarnock. (*Ibid.*, lvii, 750).
- Thomas Bushby of Ardwel.
Not on roll hereafter.
- William Hay of Crawfordstoun.
Died 13 June 1776. (*Society of Writers to H.M. Signet*).
- Mr. James Fergusson, brother-german to Adam Fergusson of Kilkerran, Baronet. Died 27 Sept. 1777, in Tobago. (Kilkerran MSS).

MICHAELMAS HEAD COURT, 1788.

A list, with comments, is part of the confidential report entitled *View of the Political State of Scotland*, Edited by C. E. Adam, 1887.

KIRK OF SCOTLAND : PARISH MINISTERS

Source : *Fasti Ecclesiae Scoticae*. For details of churches, manse, and patrons of the parishes, see Gazetteer under Towns and Villages. In the following lists, ord. = ordained and inducted ; ind. = inducted.

After the religious disturbances of the 17th century, the presbyterian constitution of the Kirk had been recognised in 1690 and ratified in 1707. In each parish the congregation was ruled by a Kirk Session comprising the Minister and Elders appointed for life. For each group of parishes there was a Presbytery, composed of all the Ministers and some of the Elders, which supervised the ecclesiastical life of its area and sent representatives to the provincial Synod and the annual national meeting of the General Assembly.

During this period there was division in the Established Kirk between the 'Moderates' who, under the influence of 18th century philosophical ideas, preached moderation, common-sense, and emphasised the moral virtues, and who supported the system of patronage; and the 'Evangelicals' or 'High Flyers' who stood firm for Reformation and Covenanting traditions, insisting on the importance of original sin, faith, and grace. In Ayrshire these two groups were sometimes referred to as 'New Lights' and 'Old Lights.'

Doctrinal divisions and disputes regarding the appointment of ministers (patronage had been restored in 1712) resulted in a number of local tumults and the secessions noted below.

For a detailed study of ecclesiastical life and problems see A. Edgar, *Old Church Life in Scotland*, 2 vols., 1885, 1886, which deals especially with Mauchline.

Presbytery of Irvine

IRVINE

- 1709 William McKnight, born Lisburn, Ireland, 1685, ord. 4 April 1709, died 13 April 1750.
- 1751 Charles Bannatyne, born 1715, son of Kilmory minister, studied Edinburgh University, ord. Kilmory 1743, translated to Irvine, ind. 8 Aug. 1751, died 27 Apr. 1773.
- 1774 James Richmond, born 1744, son of New Mills farmer, tutor to family of Cuninghame of Carmelbank, ord. 15 Mar. 1774, D.D. Glasgow 1800, died 16 July 1804.

ARDROSSAN

- 1739 Robert Dow, born Beith 1707, M.A. Glasgow 1724, ord. 23 Aug. 1739, died 20 July 1787.
- 1789 John Duncan, probably son of Kilmarnock weaver, studied Glasgow University, rector of Kilmarnock Grammar School, presented by Earl of Eglinton but prevented by mob 4 May 1788, not ord. till 28 Aug. 1789, died 31 Jan. 1819, aged 70.

BEITH

- 1745 John Witherspoon, M.A., ord. 11 Apr. 1745, translated to Laigh Kirk, Paisley, 16 June 1757.
- 1758 David McClellan, born 1723, son of Kirkcowan minister, ord. 24 Aug. 1758, died 22 Oct. 1796.
- 1796 Robert McVey, born 1766, son of Kippen merchant, studied Glasgow University, ord. as assistant and successor 25 Feb. 1796, died 3 July 1811.

DALRY

- 1717 John Fullarton, son of St. Ninians minister, M.A. Kings College, Aberdeen 1709, also studied Glasgow and Leyden, burgess of Irvine 1712, tutor to Sir Robert Menzies of Weem 1715, Irvine schoolmaster 1715, ord. 25 Apr. 1717, died 17 Apr. 1761.
- 1762 John Fullarton, son of the preceding, born 1735, studied Glasgow University, ord. Dunlop 1760 (q.v.), translated and ind. 1 April 1762, commended by Wight (1778) for his farming, died 23 Jan. 1802.

DREGHORN

- 1718 James Sempill, studied Glasgow University, ord. 7 May 1718, died 9 Feb. 1762.
- 1763 Andrew McVey, born Logie 1720, studied Glasgow University, tutor, fought and captured at Battle of Falkirk, but escaped disguised as woman, ord. 10 May 1763, died 4 July 1769.
- 1770 Michael Tod, born Kilmarnock 1740, studied Glasgow University, ord. 5 Apr. 1770, died 15 Aug. 1801.

DUNLOP

- 1734 Robert Baird, born Kilmarnock (?), M.A. Glasgow 1724, ord. 28 Mar. 1734, died 27 Mar. 1756.
- 1757 James Wodrow, born 21 Mar. 1730, ninth son of Robert Wodrow the historian and brother of minister of Tarbolton (q.v.), M.A. Glasgow 1750, University Librarian 1750-1755, ord. 1 Sept. 1757, translated to Stevenston (q.v.), 18 Oct. 1759.
- 1760 John Fullarton, son of Dalry minister, ord. 25 Sept. 1760, translated to Dalry (q.v.), 1 Apr. 1762.
- 1763 John Graham, M.A., ord. 12 May 1763, translated to Kirkinner 11 May 1779.
- 1780 Thomas Brisbane, born Govan 1743, studied Glasgow University, ord. 27 Apr. 1780, died 9 May 1837, aged 94.

FENWICK

- 1741 James Halket, ord. 15 Apr. 1741, died 16 Apr. 1779.
- 1782 William Boyd, born 1748, son of Lochwinnoch carpenter, M.A. Glasgow 1768, presented by Commissioners of Earl of Glasgow, September 1780, but prevented by mob, ord. at Irvine 25 June 1782, died 17 Oct. 1828.

KILBIRNIE

- 1734 Malcolm Brown, M.A. Glasgow 1723, chaplain to Lord Boyle, ord. 30 Jan. 1734, died 'Father of the Church', 21 Dec. 1794, aged 99. His assistant, Mr. James Adam, described him (*Stat. Acct.*, VII, 152) as 'with memory sound and good, but sight and hearing greatly on the

decline. He can walk straight and steady, ride a mile once or twice a week, marry and baptize all that offer, and preaches once or twice a year . . . his wife, near 80, is still a strong, active, lively and sensible woman.'

- 1795 Robert Urquhart, born Irvine 1763, ord. 6 Aug. 1795, died 22 Sept. 1845.

KILMARNOCK—First Charge

- 1739 Laurence Hill, M.A., ord. 2nd Charge, 6 May 1725, translated to 1st Charge, 6 May 1739, one publication, translated to Barony Kirk, Glasgow, 8 Mar. 1750.
1751 James Leslie, born 1723, M.A. Glasgow 1741, ord. 17 Jan. 1751, died 19 May 1764.
1765 John Robertson, born Dunlop 1733, M.A. Glasgow 1753, ord. 25 Apr. 1765, died 5 June 1799.
1800 David Ritchie, ord. 27 Sep. 1800, translated to Canongate 20 Oct. 1808.

KILMARNOCK—Second Charge

- 1739 Robert Hall, M.A. Glasgow 1727, ord. 11 Apr. 1739, died 5 June 1762.
1764 William Lindsay, M.A. Edinburgh 1745, ord. Cumbræ 1760, presented by Earl of Glencairn 30 Nov. 1764, but opposition and case considered in General Assembly 1763, 1764; popular clamour and riot, inducted in a public house 12 July 1764, died 30 Apr. 1774.
1775 John Mutrie, ord. 6 Apr. 1786, died 2 June 1785.
1786 James Mackinlay, son of Douglas farmer, born 1756, studied Glasgow University, tutor, ord. 6 Apr. 1786 (v. Burns's *The Ordination*), translated to 1st Charge 12 Feb. 1809, died 10 Feb. 1841.

KILMARNOCK—New or High Kirk, erected c.1731, received as a chapel of ease 1763, disjoined from Kilmarnock 1811.

- 1764 James Oliphant, translated from Gorbals chapel of ease, ord. 17 May 1764, translated to Dumbarton 23 Dec. 1773.
1774 John Russel, ord. 30 Mar. 1774, translated to 2nd Charge at Stirling 30 Jan. 1800.

KILMAURS

- 1739 William Coates, born Blantyre, M.A. Glasgow 1725, tutor, presented by curators for Alexander, Earl of Eglinton, Oct. 1735, but opposition and not ord. till 3 May 1739, died 2 May 1777.
1778 Alexander Gillies, born Glasgow, studied Glasgow University, tutor to family of Provost Hamilton of Irvine, ord. 11 Mar. 1778, died 26 Nov. 1786.

- 1788 Alexander Miller, 'Wee Miller' of *The Holy Fair*, presented by Archibald, Earl of Eglinton, 9 Apr. 1787, but violent opposition and not ord. till 8 May 1788, died 22 Dec. 1804.

KILWINNING

- 1721 Alexander Fergusson, born 1689, eldest son of William Fergusson, Sheriff Depute of Ayrshire, studied Glasgow University, ord. 14 Mar. 1721, a Moderate involved in violent disputes (v. Ker, *Kilwinning*), various publications, died 16 Feb. 1770.
1770 Thomas Pollock, ord. 20 Sept. 1770, died 4 May 1798.
1798 William Ritchie, D.D., translated from Tarbolton (q.v.) and ind. 8 Nov. 1798, elected Moderator of General Assembly 21 May 1801, translated to St. Andrews, Glasgow, 1 Oct. 1802.
1803 James Steven, D.D., born Kilmarnock, studied Glasgow University, assistant Ardrossan and when preached at Mauchline named 'the Calf' by Burns, ord. Crown Court Church, London, 14 June 1787, a founder of London Missionary Society, translated to Kilwinning and ind. 24 Mar. 1803, died 15 Feb. 1824.

LARGS (transferred to Presbytery of Greenock in 1834)

- 1748 Patrick Wallace, son of Cardross minister, studied Glasgow University, ord. 10 Oct. 1748, died 18 Nov. 1755.
1756 Gilbert Lang, born Greenock 1725, studied Glasgow University, ord. 3 Aug. 1756, died 30 Dec. 1791.
1792 Stephen Rowan, born Glasgow, M.A. Glasgow 1776, ord. 15 May 1792, died 4 June 1801.

LOUDOUN

- 1695 Hugh Fawside, ord. 26 Sept. 1695, died 10 Jan. 1752.
1753 Andrew Ross, ord. 27 Sept. 1753, translated to Inch 14 Sept. 1762.
1763 George Lawrie, born 1722, youngest son of Kirkmichael minister, studied Edinburgh University, ord. 28 Sept. 1763, associate of Burns, who visited Loudoun Manse, credited with changing Burns's plans for emigration, D.D. Glasgow 1792, died 17 Oct. 1799.
1793 Archibald Lawrie, son of preceding, born 1768, studied Edinburgh, ord. as assistant and successor 1 Aug. 1793, commended by Aiton (1811) for his farming, D.D. Glasgow 1816, died 5 Aug. 1837.

STEVENSTON

- 1746 Thomas McKindlay, born Kilmarnock, studied Glasgow University, tutor, ord. 24 April 1746, died 2 May 1758.

- 1759 James Wodrow, translated from Dunlop (q.v.), ind. 18 Oct. 1759, D.D. Glasgow 1786, various publications, died 17 Dec. 1810.

STEWARTON

- 1713 John Montgomerie, ord. 9 Sept. 1713, died 27 Sept. 1757.
1758 Thomas Maxwell, son of Inchinnan minister, ord. 28 Sept. 1758, died 13 Mar. 1796.
1793 James Douglas, born Cambusnethan, ord. as assistant and successor 30 May 1793, died 11 April 1825.

WEST KILBRIDE

- 1716 John Adam, born Kilmarnock?, Dundonald schoolmaster, studied Glasgow University, ord. 15 Feb. 1716, died 29 Sept. 1763.
1751 John Adam, son of preceding, ord. as assistant and successor 28 Mar. 1751, a zealous Evangelical, translated to New Church, Greenock, 13 June 1769.
1771 Arthur Oughterson, born Ayr 1736, son of Cumbernauld minister, studied Glasgow University, ord. 28 Feb. 1771, died 14 Sept. 1822.

Presbytery of Ayr

AYR—First Charge

- 1701 John Hunter, born 1670, ord. 2nd Charge 5 Feb. 1696, translated to 1st Charge 19 Feb. 1701, wrote *New Methods of Teaching the Latin Tongue*, etc., 'Father of the Church', died 12 Feb. 1756.
1756 William Dalrymple, born 29 Aug. 1723, son of Charles Dalrymple, of Langlands, Kilmarnock, and later son-in-law of Dr. Hunter above, M.A. Glasgow 1740, ord. 2nd Charge 18 Dec. 1746, translated to 1st Charge 10 June 1756, baptised Robert Burns 26 Jan. 1759, numerous publications, D.D. St. Andrews 1779, died 28 Jan. 1814.

AYR—Second Charge

- 1746 William Dalrymple, ord. 18 Dec. 1746, translated to 1st Charge (q.v.) 10 June 1756.
1757 James Dick, son of Glasgow minister, ord. 6 Jan. 1757, demitted and left country 20 Oct. 1757.
1758 Robert Fergusson, translated from Colmonell (q.v.) and ind. 2 Nov. 1758, died 17 Nov. 1760.
1761 William McGill, born 1723, son of Wigtownshire farmer, M.A. Glasgow 1753, assistant Kilwinning 1760, ord. 22 Oct. 1760, various publications, including his *Practical Essay on the Death of Jesus Christ*, 1786, which followed by charges of heresy, D.D. Glasgow 1785, died 30 Mar. 1807.

Alloway, incorporated in Ayr parish, 1690.

NEWTON-UPON-AYR—built as chapel of ease 1777, disjoined from Monkton and Prestwick 1779.

- 1778 William Peebles, born 1753, son of Inchtute draper, where teacher for a time, studied Edinburgh University, assistant Dundonald, ord. 25 June 1778, various publications, Clerk of Presbytery after 1782, D.D. Carlisle, Pennsylvania, 1788, died 11 Oct. 1826.

AUCHINLECK

- 1732 David Cooper, M.D., ord. 26 Apr. 1732, published two sermons, died 25 Mar. 1770.
1752 John Dun, licensed 1750, chaplain to Alexander Boswell and tutor of James Boswell, ord. 9 Nov. 1752, various publications including 'Deil's Answer to Robert Burns,' died 11 Oct. 1792.
1793 John Lindsay, ord. 27 Aug. 1793, translated to Ochiltree 5 June 1818.

BARR

- 1746 William Allan, son of Glasgow merchant, studied Glasgow University, ord. 14 Aug 1746, died 25 Oct. 1778.
1780 Stephen Young, son of Glasgow merchant, educated Glasgow University, assistant Ochiltree, ord. 8 Mar. 1780, died 21 Feb. 1819, aged 74.

Catrine, v. Sorn.

COYLTON

- 1749 David Shaw, son of Edinburgh minister, ord. 29 June 1749, D.D. St. Andrews 1775, elected Moderator of the General Assembly 25 May 1776, brother-in-law to Dalrymple of Ayr (q.v.), died 26 April 1810, aged 91. 'He had never used spectacles.' (Shaw, vii).

CRAIGIE

- 1745 George Bannatyne, ord. 18 July 1745, translated to Wynd Church, Glasgow, 18 Oct. 1764.
1765 Andrew Shaw, born 1741, son of St. Andrews Professor of Divinity, ord. 26 Sept. 1765, D.D. St. Andrews 1795, died 14 Sept. 1805.

OLD CUMNOCK

- 1748 Adam Thomson, born Saline, ord. 28 Apr. 1748, died 1 Feb. 1751.
1752 George Muir, born Spott, near Dunbar, 1723, clerk influenced by Cambuslang revival 1742, became minister, ord. 30 Nov. 1752, various publications, translated to High Kirk, Paisley, 30 Oct. 1766, D.D. Princeton 1768.

- 1767 Thomas Miller, born 1740, son of Edinburgh bookseller, studied Edinburgh University, ord. 24 Sept. 1767, D.D. Edinburgh 1788, died 1 June 1819 in 80th year and 52nd of ministry.

NEW CUMNOCK

- 1706 Thomas Hunter, ord. 19 Dec. 1706, demitted 1757, aged 97, died 5 Jan. 1760 aged 100.
 1758 James Young, son of Falkirk cooper, ord. 3 May 1758, died 1 Aug. 1795.
 1796 William Reid, born Annan, studied Aberdeen, ord. 12 May 1796, Court of Session 1799 upheld his right to cut trees in glebe, died 28 Feb. 1829.

DAILLY

- 1724 William Paton, born 1696, son of Dumfries minister, M.A. Glasgow 1714, ord. 9 July 1724, died 18 June 1755.
 1756 Thomas Thomson, born 1730, son of Auchtermuchty minister, studied St. Andrews, tutor at Kilkerran, ord. 3 June 1756, commended by Wight (1777) for his farming, died 19 Feb. 1799.
 1800 John Thomson, youngest son of preceding, ord. 24 Apr. 1800, translated to Duddingston 14 Nov. 1805. He was a well-known artist (v. Shaw, 270) and died 1840. His brother, Thomas Thomson, was first Deputy Clerk Register.

DALMELLINGTON

- 1717 William Coates, studied Glasgow University, ord. 21 Aug. 1717, demitted 1 Aug. 1755, died 6 Feb. 1757.
 1756 John Cuninghame, born 1729, of Bridgehouse estate (q.v.), M.A. Glasgow 1746, ord. 21 Oct. 1756, translated to Monkton (q.v.) 1 July 1762.
 1763 Duncan McMyne, son of schoolmaster, ord. 15 Sept. 1763, died 14 Nov. 1799, aged 60.
 1800 Gilbert McIlveen, son of Barr farmer, studied Glasgow University, ord. 7 Aug. 1800, died 22 Aug. 1832.

DALRYMPLE

- 1745 Samuel Walker, M.A. Edinburgh 1743, ord. 1 Aug. 1745, died 10 Feb. 1754.
 1754 Ebenezer Walker, brother of preceding, studied Edinburgh University, ord. 3 Oct. 1754, died 30 Nov. 1797 aged 71.
 1798 Robert Steven, translated from Catrine chapel of ease (v. Sorn) and ind. 31 May 1798, died 25 July 1828.

DUNDONALD

- 1729 Hamilton Kennedy of Bennane (v. estate), M.A. Glasgow 1722, ord. 24 Sept. 1729, translated to Ballantrae (q.v.) 19 Aug. 1731.

- 1732 Thomas Walker, son of minister of Temple, M.A. Edinburgh 1723, ord. 24 Aug. 1732, father of Josiah Walker (v. Burns Associates), various publications, died 15 Aug. 1780.
 1783 Robert Duncan, born 1753—father from Boston, Massachusetts—army sergeant, then studied Glasgow University, assistant in Irvine, possibly schoolmaster there, ord. 11 Sept. 1783, D.D. Glasgow 1806, died 14 Apr. 1815.

GALSTON

- 1745 Robert Findlay, translated from Stevenston, and ind. 6 June 1745, translated to Town Church, Paisley, 21 Mar. 1754, later Professor of Divinity at Glasgow University, left Findlay Bequest to Galston.
 1754 Robert Wait, born Berwickshire, studied Glasgow University, assistant at Gorbals chapel of ease, ord. 17 Oct. 1754, D.D. Aberdeen 1765, published a gospel history, died 29 Jan. 1777.
 1778 George Smith, son of Cranstoun minister, studied Edinburgh University, ord. 3 Feb. 1778, mentioned in *The Kirk's Alarm*, *The Holy Fair*, and *The Twa Herds*, D.D. Glasgow 1806, died 28 Apr. 1823. He was a great-grandfather of Robert Louis Stevenson.

GIRVAN

- 1737 Hugh Hamilton, son of Ayr merchant, M.A. Edinburgh 1722, ord. 21 July 1737, died 2 June 1787.
 1784 James Thomson, ord. as assistant and successor 18 Mar. 1784, translated to Prestonkirk 1 June 1809.

KIRKMICHAEL

- 1711 James Laurie, son of Auchinleck minister (and later followed by two generations of ministers in Loudoun, q.v.), M.A. Glasgow 1707, ord. 8 May 1711; see 'Life in a Country Manse' by H. G. Graham (who was a descendant) in *Scottish Hist. Review*, Vol. I, also in *Literary and Historical Essays*; died 7 Aug. 1764.
 1766 John Ramsay, M.A. Glasgow 1761, ord. 9 Jan. 1766, a founder and first president of Carrick Farmers' Society, commended by Wight, died 13 May 1801.

KIRKOSWALD

- 1720 William Cupples, M.A. Glasgow, ord. 22 Sept. 1720, died 17 Mar. 1751.
 1752 Matthew Biggar, born 1725, son of Glasgow merchant, studied Glasgow University, died 2 Jan. 1806.

MAUCHLINE

- 1742 William Auld ('Daddy Auld'), born 1709, son of Ayrshire farmer, M.A. Edinburgh 1733, studied also at Glasgow and

Leyden, chaplain to laird of Shawfield, ord. 29 Apr. 1742, published *The Pastoral Duty Briefly Explained*, 1763, losses in Ayr Bank crash, died 12 Dec. 1791.

- 1792 Archibald Reid, translated from Greenock chapel of ease, and ind. 28 June 1792, died 25 Apr. 1803, aged 59.

MAYBOLE

- 1720 Robert Fisher, M.A. Edinburgh 1707, ord. as assistant and successor to Alexander Fairweather, 5 May 1720, died 8 Jan. 1752.
- 1753 James McKnight, ord. 10 May 1753, translated to Jedburgh 30 Nov. 1769.
- 1770 James Wright, born Kirkoswald, M.A. Glasgow 1761, ord. 29 Nov. 1770, D.D. St. Andrews 1810, various publications, died 20 June 1812.

MONKTON AND PRESTWICK—v. also Newton-upon-Ayr.

- 1744 William Walker, born 1719, son of Canongate minister, studied Edinburgh University, ord. 10 May 1744, translated to Rotterdam 28 May 1760.
- 1762 John Cuninghame of Bridgehouse (v. estate), translated from Dalmellington (q.v.) and ind. 1 July 1762, died 28 May 1774.
- 1775 Andrew Mitchell of Avisyard (v. estate), translated from Muirkirk (q.v.) and ind. 19 Jan. 1775 after disputed presentation (v. Symington), D.D. Edinburgh 1784, died 14 Oct. 1811.

MUIRKIRK

- 1737 William Younger, M.A. Glasgow 1715, ord. 10 Feb. 1737, died 17 Sept. 1750.
- 1751 Andrew Mitchell, second son of Hugh Mitchell of Dalgain (q.v.) and Margaret Campbell of Fairfield (q.v.), himself the laird of Avisyard (q.v.), brother-in-law of the preceding, studied Glasgow University, ord. 11 July 1751, the 'Andrew Gowk' of *The Kirk's Alarm*, translated to Monkton (q.v.) 19 Jan. 1775.
- 1775 John Shepherd, born 1741, son of Newbattle minister, studied Edinburgh University, ord. to Scots Presbyterian congregation in Hemil Hempstead 20 Oct. 1722, translated and ind. 21 Sept. 1775, died 14 Aug. 1799.
- 1800 William Rutherford, minister of Scots Presbyterian congregation and schoolmaster at Uxbridge, D.D. St. Andrews 1784, assistant at Kelso 1795, translated and ind. 10 April 1800, died 1 Sept. 1820; various literary and religious publications.

OCHILTREE

- 1725 George Reid, born 1795, son of Covenanted farmer, M.A. Edinburgh 1723, chaplain to James Boswell of Auchinleck, ord. 16 June 1725, died 'Father of the Church' 6 Apr. 1786.
- 1786 David Grant, born Madderley parish 1750, studied St. Andrews and Edinburgh, ord. by Presbyterian congregation in Newcastle 1781, translated to Ettrick, 1786, translated and ind. 14 Dec. 1786, several publications, died 16 July 1791.
- 1792 William Thomson, M.A., for a time teacher, ord. 12 Apr. 1792, various publications, died 26 Aug. 1817.

RICCARTON

- 1739 John Campbell, son of George Campbell of Treesbank estate (q.v.), ord. 10 May 1739, died 3 Apr. 1761.
- 1762 Alexander Moodie, born 1728, son of Kilwinning gardener, studied Glasgow University, ord. Culross 2nd Charge 1759, trans. and ind. 8 Apr. 1762, died 15 Feb. 1799.
- 1799 John Moodie, born 20 Nov. 1756, eldest son of preceding, studied Glasgow University, ord. 19 Sept. 1799, died 26 Jan. 1837.

ST QUIVOX

- 1732 George Reid, M.A. Edinburgh 1718, ord. Symington, translated from Symington and ind. 23 Nov. 1732, elected Moderator of General Assembly 1755, died 21 Mar. 1763.
- 1764 William McQuhae, born 1737, son of Wigtown magistrate, studied Glasgow University, assistant St. Quivox, then ord. 1 Mar. 1764, D.D. St. Andrews 1794, died 'Father of the Synod' 1 Mar. 1823, and succeeded by son.

SORN

- 1739 William Steele, ord. 29 Aug. 1739, became a General Assembly Commissioner on Stipends; when opposition to proposals for augmentation of stipends, demitted Oct. 1751, became minister of Scots Presbyterian congregation at Founders' Hall, London, died April 1752.
- 1752 James Connell, son of Dumbarton merchant, M.A. Glasgow 1740, ord. 26 Oct. 1752, commended by Wight (1778) for his farming, died 14 July 1789.
- 1790 George Gordon, ord. 13 May 1790, D.D. Glasgow 1804, died 25 Dec. 1805.

Catrine, in Sorn parish—chapel built by Claud Alexander of Ballochmyle in 1792.

- 1792 Robert Steven, born Glasgow?, studied Glasgow University, assistant at Auchinleck, ord. Catrine chapel 12 Sept. 1792, translated to Dalrymple (q.v.) 31 May 1798.

STAIR

- 1735 John Steele, ord. 14 Aug. 1735, reprimanded by Presbytery for seeing Home's *Douglas* in Edinburgh theatre, married Mary Chalmers of Gadgirth (q.v.) where he resided, agricultural improver, died 'Father of the Church' aged 93, 13 April 1804.

STRAITON

- 1749 John McDermeit, born Ayr 1724, M.A. Glasgow 1746, later assumed name of Fergushill, ord. 3 Aug. 1749, died 13 Sept. 1793.
- 1791 William Crawford, probably son of New Cumnock farmer, studied Glasgow University, ord. as assistant and successor 21 Apr. 1791, married daughter of preceding, D.D. St. Andrews 1810, demitted 2 Oct. 1816 on appointment as Professor of Moral Philosophy, St. Andrews, died 22 Sept. 1822, aged 60.

SYMINGTON

- 1733 Richard Cunningham, born 1704, son of Dreghorn minister, studied Edinburgh University, ord. 6 Sept. 1733, died 4 Nov. 1760, and appeared to widow in dream to tell her 'she had yet fifteen years to live.'
- 1761 Alexander Cunningham, born 1737, eldest son of preceding, studied Glasgow University, presentation to Monkton in 1760 disputed and though upheld by Court of Session he resigned, ord. 3 Sept. 1761, libelled 1765 for 'leaving the parish in 1762, taking up his residence in Edinburgh till December last, attending the theatre, obscene conversation, tippling, drinking to excess, etc.', but charge dropped, died 10 Dec. 1783.
- 1784 William Logan, son of William Logan of Camlarg, studied Glasgow University, ord. 16 Sept. 1784, died 4 Oct. 1801.

TARBOLTON

- 1738 Patrick Wodrow, born 1713, son of Robert Wodrow, minister of Eastwood and church historian, brother of minister of Dunlop (q.v.), ord. 18 Aug. 1738, D.D. St. Andrews 1784, died 17 Apr. 1793.
- 1782 John McMath, born Galston parish, M.A. Glasgow 1772, ord. as assistant and successor 16 May 1782, demitted 21 Dec. 1791 and enlisted as private soldier.
- 1794 William Ritchie, ord. 24 Apr. 1794, translated to Kilwinning (q.v.) 8 Nov. 1798.
- 1799 John Ritchie, son of wright, Foulis Wester, ord. Dunsyre 1794, translated and ind. 27 June 1799, D.D. Edinburgh 1827, died 17 May 1828.

Presbytery of Stranraer

BALLANTRAE

- 1731 Hamilton Kennedy of Bennan (q.v.), translated from Dundonald (q.v.) 19 Aug. 1731, died 16 Jan. 1770.
- 1771 William Donaldson, born 1739, studied Glasgow University, ord. 2 May 1771, married heiress daughter of preceding, then heiress of Kilphine and Auchairne, wrote 'Account of the Southern District of Ayrshire' for the *Transactions of the Highland and Agricultural Society*, 1816; he died 28 July 1814.

COLMONELL

- 1735 Robert Fergusson, M.A., son of minister of Colmonell and grandson of Robert Fergusson, writer, of Castlehill, Ayr (q.v.), ord. 25 Sept. 1735, translated to Ayr 2nd Charge (q.v.) 2 Nov. 1758.
- 1759 James Mochrie, ord. 11 Oct. 1759, died 19 Oct. 1814.

OTHER CHURCHES

Sources : For the Cameronians—George Robertson, *Cunninghame*, 1820; for the Relief and Secession congregations—Robert Small, *History of the Congregations of the U.P. Church*, 2 vols., 1904, and John Kirkwood, *The United Presbyterians in Ayrshire*, 1900; for the Episcopal Church—Shaw, *Ayrshire*, 118-124; for the Moravians—*Moravian Chapels and Preaching Houses*, 1888, and other brochures in Ayr Carnegie Library. See also *Stat. Acct.* and local histories for individual congregations. At this period the Roman Catholic Church was not represented in Ayrshire—Webster (1755) records 'no Papists' and in the *Stat. Acct.* only a few are listed in some of the parishes.

Cameronians or Reformed Presbyterians

These were not actually 'seceders' but the followers of Richard Cameron, the Covenanting martyr, who remained outwith the Church of Scotland in 1689.

CROOKEDHOLM—congregation formed c.1775, meeting house built 1785.

DARVEL in Loudoun parish—congregation since Cameron's time, but no meeting house till early 19th century. William Steven served these two congregations and two in Renfrewshire till 1802.

General Associate Synod (Anti-burghers)

The original secession from the Church of Scotland in 1733 was followed by a schism among the seceders in 1747 regarding the taking of the burgess oath. The following lists give details from the time a meeting house was established and a regular congregational life instituted, but in many cases there were groups receiving a supply of sermon for years before that was arranged. For studies of some of the secession ministers, see Mitchell, *Memories of Ayrshire*.

KILMAURS—the first secession congregation in the county.

- 1740 David Smyton, ord. 13 Nov. 1740, church built 1742; in 1747 he at first sided with Burghers but confessed error and re-instated; in 1782 he and majority of congregation insisted on lifting of bread before blessing despite prohibition of the Synod. The 'Lifters' retained congregational properties by Court of Session decision 1785.
- 1788 William Robertson, ord. as assistant and successor, late 1788; Smyton died 16 March 1789; Robertson 'left' later in that year.

The Lifters continued in DALRY.

- 1789 John Gemmell, ord. Dalry 'Lifters' congregation c.1789, 1822 left for America and congregation broke up.

The Anti-Lifters of Kilmaurs built new meeting house 1788.

- 1789 George Paxton ordained to combined charge of Kilmaurs and Stewarton 12 Aug. 1789, became Professor of Theology, Edinburgh, 1808, D.D. St. Andrews 1834; died 1837.

AUCHINLECK—Covenanting praying society, meeting at Wallace-toun farm, joined Associate Presbytery 1738, built church at Rigg, 1756.

- 1763 Robert Smith, ord. 30 Nov. 1763, resigned due to age and infirmity 31 Jan. 1809, died at son's manse in Kilwinning, 21 June 1817, aged 84.

KILWINNING—church built 1758.

- 1763 William Jameson, ord. 6 April 1763, died 23 Nov. 1792.
- 1796 Robert Smith, son of Robert Smith of Auchinleck (q.v.), ord. 15 June 1796, died 22 June 1835.

COLMONELL—church built at Ford, near Colmonell village, 1755.

- 1760 Thomas Russell, ord. 21 May 1760, with stipend two years in arrears translated to Greenloaning 18 April 1769.
- 1780 John Blair, ord. 19 April 1780, new church erected 1800, died 11 Jan. 1820.

BEITH—church erected 1760.

- 1761 John Laidly, M.A., ord. 11 Feb. 1761, resigned charge and withdrew from church 16 Nov. 1763.
- 1765 Andrew Mitchell, ord. 15 May 1765, died 8 Feb. 1812.

WALLACETOWN, in St. Quivox parish—church erected 1770.

- 1772 John Clarkson, ord. 21 April 1772, died 21 Aug. 1780.
- 1781 James Taylor, ord. 14 Nov. 1781, died 12 Aug. 1793.
- 1797 George Stevenston, ord. 22 Feb. 1797, D.D. New Jersey 1834, died 5 May 1841.

NEWMILNS, in Loudoun parish—church erected 1773.

- 1773 James Greig, ord. 30 Nov. 1773, died 19 June 1813.

KILMARNOCK—Clerk's Lane meeting house erected 1775.

- 1777 James Robertson, M.A., ord. 9 Sept. 1777, celebrated preacher and wit, died 3 Nov. 1811.

STEWARTON—church erected 1775.

- 1789 George Paxton, ord. to combined charge of Stewarton and Kilmaurs (q.v.) 12 Aug. 1789.
- 1799 Thomas McCulloch, ord. 13 June 1799, when Stewarton disjoined, resigned early 1802.

SALTCOATS, in Ardrossan parish—church erected 1800.

- 1800 John Gifford, ord. 19 Mar. 1800, resigned 19 Aug. 1814.

Associate Synod (Burghers)

KILMARNOCK—Fulton's Lane meeting house erected 1772.

- 1775 Robert Jaffray, ord. 23 Aug. 1775, died 4 April 1814.

CUMNOCK—church erected 1775.

- 1777 James Hall, aged 20, ord. 16 April 1777, translated to Edinburgh 1786.
- 1788 David Wilson, ord. 30 Oct. 1788, died 17 Dec. 1822.

TARBOLTON—services at Millburn 1776, church erected 1777.

- 1778 James Moir, translated from Cumbernauld, and ind. 28 Aug. 1778, demitted charge Feb. 1800 and died 16 Oct. 1804.

LARGS—congregation formed 1779.

- 1783 William Watson, ord. 15 Jan. 1783, translated to Old Kilpatrick 11 Feb. 1789.
- 1791 John Leech, ord. 7 Dec. 1791, demitted charge 7 April 1821.

FENWICK—church erected 1784.

1787 James Dewar, ord. 18 April 1787, resigned due to infirmity 4 Aug. 1829, died 28 Sept. 1833.

DALRY—church erected 1785.

1791 George Russell, ord. 29 Mar. 1791, died 5 May 1832.

SALTCOATS in Ardrossan parish—Countess Street meeting house erected 1792.

1792 James Boreland, born Kilmarnock, ord. 1 Nov. 1792, died 17 June 1793.

1796 Henry Fraser, ord. 18 Feb. 1796, deposed 10 Jan. 1798.

1798 Robert Forrest, ord. 27 Feb. 1798, resigned 29 April 1802.

MAUCHLINE—church erected 1796.

1799 John Walker, ord. 17 April 1799, died 8 Aug. 1836.

GALSTON—church erected 1798.

1800 James Blackwood, ord. 26 Aug. 1800, died 26 Dec. 1849.

MAYBOLE—church erected 1798.

1798 James Mather, ord. 17 July 1798, died 24 Nov. 1812.

WALLACETOWN, in St. Quivox parish—church built 1799.

1801 William Schaw, translated from Lochwinnoch and ind. 26 Aug. 1801, D.D. Jefferson College 1839, died 19 Sept. 1847.

IRVINE—supply of sermon from 1792, but no minister till 1809.

Relief Church

Secession from Church of Scotland and formation of the Relief Church in 1761.

IRVINE—church erected in 1773.

1777 James Jack, ord. 29 April 1777, died 20 Jan. 1782.

1782 Hugh White, born Stirling, in America influenced by Shaker sect, ord. 3 July 1782, deposed for Buchanite heresy (v. p. 138) 8 Oct. 1783.

1784 Peter Robertson, ord. 2 Nov. 1784, died 30 Jan. 1819.

BEITH—church erected in 1784.

1788 William Thomason, ord. 23 Jan. 1788, translated to Hutchesontown, 29 July 1800.

SALTCOATS in Ardrossan parish—church erected 1782.

1784 David Ewing, ord. 28 April 1784, died 15 June 1833, aged 80, in 50th year of ministry.

Episcopal Church

AYR—congregation formed 1743, church established 1744.

1744 James Falconer, ord. 1744 as first resident clergymen, left in 1745 to support Prince Charles.

After 1745 penal laws against Scots episcopalians who refused to acknowledge House of Hanover, though clergymen in English Orders recognised. An intermittent ministry in Ayr, with John Macadam (1747), Nathaniel Morgan (1747), John Makilwaine (1757), Archibald Aven (1761), William Fitzsimmons (1771-6), John Kelly (1777-9), 'Mr. Pender' (1780, discovered to be reprobate with forged Orders), Dr. W. Carter (1787-1800), after which another gap till 1826.

Moravian Church

AYR

1765 Brother John Caldwell sent from Ireland as missionary, arrived Ayr, 10 May 1765; Brother and Sister John Wade followed 9 Nov. 1765; Caldwell departed and replaced by Brother and Sister Yarral, who arrived 8 Oct. 1767 and remained a year, after which Brother Zachary Caries arrived 19 Nov. 1768 as assistant to Brother Wade.

1768 Moravian Society formed in Ayr, with meeting house; recognised as a congregation 1778; church built 1780.

1778 John Adam Smith.

1792 W. Jackson.

1800 D. Cowley.

IRVINE

1771-1776 Brother and Sister John Montgomery sent to Irvine, arrived 1 Mar. 1771, established meeting house, and did missionary work till departure 14 May 1776, after which services conducted from Ayr.

Methodist Church

AYR

1785 Society started in a stable; first preacher appointed and Ayr Circuit formed 1786.

MISCELLANEOUS SUBJECTS

BURGHES

For details of the burghs see G. S. Pryde, 'The Burghs of Ayrshire', *Ayrshire Collections*, Vol. 4; Extracts from the records of various councils are given in Paterson's *History*; W. H. Wylie, *The Ayrshire Museum*, 1891; David Murray, *Early Burgh Organization in Scotland*; and various local histories. Provosts of Ayr are listed in *The Royal Burgh of Ayr*; Bailies, Treasurers, and Clerks of Kilmarnock in McKay, *Kilmarnock*.

Royal Burghs

AYR—established between 1203 and 1206.

IRVINE—established between 1214 and 1249, elevated to royal burgh in 1372 or 1373.

Burghs of Barony

PRESTWICK, est. 1165-1173.

NEWTON-UPON-AYR, est. 1306-1371.

NEWMILNS, est. 1490-1, elevated to Burgh of Regality 1707.

MAYBOLE, est. 1516.

KILMAURS, est. 1527.

KILMARNOCK, est. 1591-2.

GIRVAN, est. 1668; re-established 1785.

TARBOLTON, est. 1671.

A Burghal constitution was functioning in a restricted form in the following places:—

Mauchline, Cumnock, Saltcoats, Ballantrae, Largs,
Dalmellington, Kilbirnie, Kilwinning, Fullarton.

SCHOOLS

For a detailed study of education in 18th century Ayrshire see William Boyd, *Ayrshire Education Through Seven Centuries*, 1959. While early in the century there were parishes without

any schools, by the time of the *Stat. Acct.* there were schools in every parish, provided by the heritors in association with the kirk session. In Ayr, Irvine, and Kilmarnock the schools were the responsibility of the town councils, and offered as the century advanced a greater variety of subjects. In 1745 the Ayr school was reorganised and became 'in effect, though not in name, the first academy in Scotland'; in 1798 Ayr Academy was established, to be followed later by Kilmarnock (1807) and Irvine (1814). Where facilities were inadequate or insufficient, adventure schools sprang up under private auspices, like John Murdoch's school at Alloway. Sunday schools were established at Ochiltree (by the Dowager Countess of Glencairn) and Galston (by Miss Scott of Cessnock) in the 1780s.

Lists of local schoolmasters are given in various parish and town histories, but there is no complete record.

MILITARY UNITS

Volunteer Companies

1793 WEST LOWLAND FENCIBLES, raised and commanded by Colonel Hugh Montgomerie of Coilsfield, later 12th Earl of Eglinton.

1793 AYRSHIRE FENCIBLE CAVALRY, raised and commanded by Archibald, Lord Kennedy, later 12th Earl of Cassillis. A troop of yeomanry—30 horsemen from Carrick.

Militia. Militia in England since 1757, but anti-jacobite fears prevented their establishment in Scotland till Scots Militia Act of 1797.

1797 AYRSHIRE MILITIA, with an establishment of 436 men.

THE AIRSHIRE HUNT

Established April, 1792. *Preses*, Mr. MacDowall of Garthland. *Stewards*, Mr. Oswald of Auchincruive, Mr. Kelso of Dankeith, Mr. Cuninghame of Thornton. *Secretary*, Mr Bruce Campbell of Mayfield. (Shaw, p. 19.)

MASONIC LODGES

Sources: *Scottish Masonic Records*, 1736-1950; R. T. Halliday, 'Burns and Freemasonry in Ayrshire,' *Burns Chronicle*, IV.

The Grand Lodge of Scotland was formed in 1736; Mother Lodge Kilwinning (est. 1599) took part in the institution, but resumed its independence in 1743 and continued to charter other lodges, including many furth of Ayrshire.

1599 KILWINNING—Mother Lodge Kilwinning.

Chartered by Mother Lodge Kilwinning

1734, MUIRKIRK—Moortown of Garron; 1734, KILMARNOCK—St. John Kilwinning; 1754, NEWMILNS—Loudoun Kilwinning Newmilns, joined Grand Lodge 1808; 1748, GALSTON—Cessnock Kilwinning; 1754, BEITH—Beith Kilwinning, later St. John Kilwinning, joined Grand Lodge 1784; 1765, AYR—Squaremen's Ayr Kilwinning; 1767, LARGS—Largs Kilwinning, later St. John Kilwinning, joined Grand Lodge 1789; 1768, RICCARTON—Riccarton Kilwinning, later St. Clement, dissolved 1799; before 1802, NEWTON-UPON-AYR—St. Andrews Kilwinning. 1771, TARBOLTON—St. James Kilwinning: a secession headed by Sir Thomas Wallace, Bt., established Lodge St. David, 1773 (v. infra); in 1774 those left in Lodge St. James Kilwinning also applied to Grand Lodge for a charter. In 1781 there was a union of the two lodges under St. David, but a year later Captain James Montgomerie and others of the old St. James Lodge seceded and resumed independent existence. Robert Burns entered the united lodge of St. David in 1781; in 1784 he appears as Deputy Master of the seceding St. James Lodge.

Chartered by the Grand Lodge of Scotland

1736, MAYBOLE—St. John; 1762, MONKTON—Monkton; 1767, KILMARNOCK—St. Marnock; 1771, NEWTON-UPON-AYR—St. James; 1771, KILMARNOCK—St. Andrew; 1771, STEWARTON—Thistle; 1772, GIRVAN—St. Andrew; 1772, GALSTON—St. Peter; 1773, TARBOLTON AND MAUCHLINE—St. David (v. supra); 1774, TARBOLTON—St. James Kilwinning (v. supra); 1776, AYR—Ayr Operative; 1780, OLD CUMNOCK—St. Peter's Dumfries; 1780, IRVINE—Irvine St. Andrew; 1784, BEITH—Beith Kilwinning (v. supra); 1786, AYR—Royal Arch; 1787, STEVENSTON—Thistle and Rose; 1789, LARGS—Largs Kilwinning (v. supra); 1791, MAUCHLINE—St. Mungo; 1797, MAYBOLE—Royal Arch; 1798, MUIRKIRK—St. Thomas; 1799, AYR AND RENFREW MILITIA—Ayr St. Paul.

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES

Society for improving of agriculture and manufactures in the Shire of Ayr. Established before April, 1748; founded by Alexander, 10th Earl of Eglinton, who was its president

for many years; its clerk was William Paterson, writer Kilmarnock. It offered premiums to farmers who carried out improvements. (*Scots Magazine*, x, 187-190; *Stat. Acct.*, xi, 175; Aiton, 678; Handley, *Scottish Farming in the 18th Century*, 167-9). There is no record of how long it continued in existence.

Farmers' Society of Kilmarnock. Established c.1786 (according to Aiton, 678), 1792 (McKay, *Kilmarnock*), or 1793 (McCarter, *Ayrshire*, 1832). Met first Friday of every month to dine and discuss selected farming topics; organised ploughing matches and cattle shows, 'attended by vast crowds.'

Carrick Farmers' Society. Established 1797. Rev. John Ramsay, M.A., minister of Kirkmichael, founder and first president. Met four times annually in Maybole; organised ploughing matches, cattle shows, provided premiums for destroying rooks, etc., supplied gratuities to reapers from Highlands. (Aiton, 680; McCarter, op.cit.; *Faith*, Kirkmichael.)

Tarbolton—a Farmer Club (for agricultural improvement) and a Farmer Society (friendly society)—*Stat. Acct.*, xix, 454. There were, by the end of the century probably, certainly by a decade later, numerous other local societies.

BANKS

- 1763 John McAdam & Co., Ayr. Among the founders was James McAdam, father of the roadmaker. This bank was taken over 1 Jan. 1771, by the next mentioned.
- 1769 Douglas, Heron & Co., Ayr, with branches in Edinburgh and Dumfries. Established 6 Nov. 1769. List of shareholders given in James Paterson, *Contemporaries of Burns*, 1840, appendix. On Black Monday, 12 June 1772, it collapsed, resulting in the impoverishment of many families in the west of Scotland, and the sale of many Ayrshire estates. The company was liquidated in 1774. See Henry Hamilton, 'The Failure of the Ayr Bank', *Economic History Review*, Vol. 8, No. 3.
- 1774 James Hunter & Co., Ayr, with offices in Maybole and Irvine. James Hunter had been cashier in the preceding bank.
- 1775 Bank of Scotland opened offices in Ayr and Kilmarnock. Sometime after 1783 the Paisley Bank opened a branch in Irvine.

(Shaw, pp. 242-253).

CUSTOMS AND EXCISE

For a study of the Excise and smuggling in Ayrshire see *Ayrshire Collections*, Vol. 4, 207 foll.

AYRSHIRE WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Sources : J. M. Henderson, 'Scots Reckonings of Time, Money, Weights, and Measures,' *Historical Association of Scotland*, pamphlet, 1926; Aiton, *Agriculture of Ayrshire*, 1811; *The Scottish National Dictionary*; and (for currency) H. G. Graham, *Social Life of Scotland in the 18th Century*, 4th edition, p. 237, note 4.

Measures and standards varied in different parts of Scotland, and fluctuated over a period of time: the Scots Parliament had never been able to regularise the position. The Act of Union, Articles 16 and 17, stipulated that English measures should become general, but local measures continued in use throughout the 18th century. Imperial standards were not introduced till 1836. It is often difficult to decide which measure is being referred to, or to decide its modern equivalent.

LENGTH

37 inches	= 1 ell	1 Scots inch was equivalent to
6 ells	= 1 fall	1.003 'English' or 'Statute'
4 falls	= 1 chain	inches; 1 Scots mile was
10 chains	= 1 furlong	equivalent to 1.125 Statute
8 furlongs	= 1 mile	miles, or 1,984 Statute yards.

There was also a 'British' or

'Computed' mile which varied, approximating to 2,428 Statute yards.

AREA

36 ells	= 1 fall	1 Scots acre was the equivalent
40 falls	= 1 rood	of 1.26 'English' acres.
4 roods	= 1 acre	

For rents of lands, see Aiton, 167 foll. Certain lands were of 'Old Extent'—an antique valuation which continued in use for taxation and some other purposes (v. Freeholders). 'New Extent' was a revised valuation in terms of an Act of 1457, usually four times the Old Extent. 'Valued Rent' was a more recent valuation in terms of Acts of 1643 and 1667.

LIQUID

4 gills	= 1 mutchkin	The Scots gallon was uniform
2 mutchkins	= 1 choppin	for all purposes, as compared
2 choppins	= 1 pint	with four differing English gallons.
8 pints	= 1 gallon	The Scots gallon contained the
		equivalent of 840 (English) cubic
inches, as compared with the English ale gallon (282), wine gallon		

(231), gallon dry measure (268.8), and Winchester corn gallon (272.25), so that a rough approximation would be 1 Scots gallon equivalent to 3 English gallons.

MEAL AND GRAIN

4 stimparts, lippies, or		There was a Wheat Firloot for
forpets = 1 peck		wheat, rye, peas, beans, salt;
4 pecks = 1 firloot		and a Barley Firloot for barley,
4 firlots = 1 boll		oats, malt. These were, roughly,
16 bolls = 1 chalder		the equivalent of 0.97 and 1.94
		imperial bushels respectively; or
		of 0.97 and 1.33 firlots of Linlithgow measure. There was also an
		Old Ayrshire Bear measure with one firloot the equivalent of 1.82
		imperial bushels. But it was extremely difficult to standardise such
		measures, complicated further because measures were sometimes
		heaped, sometimes straked. There were considerable variations
		even within Ayrshire. And for comparatively new commodities like
		potatoes and lime there were no commonly-accepted standards at
		all. The general tendency was for meal to be sold by weight;
		as far as grain was concerned, by the early 19th century the
		Winchester bushel (equivalent of 0.97 imperial bushels) was
		commonly used. For prices of wheat, bear, oats, meal over a
		period of years, see Aiton, 170-2.

WEIGHT

(1) **Trone or County Weight**—cheese, butter, meat, hay, straw.

(24 oz. avoirdupois)	= 1 Ayrshire pound.
16 Ayrshire lb.	= 1 Ayrshire stone.

(2) **English or Avoirdupois Weight**—groceries and merchant goods.

16 ounces	= 1 pound.
14 pounds	= 1 stone.
8 stones	= 1 cwt.

(3) **Dutch Weight**—meal. 8 Dutch stones equivalent to 1 boll.

(17½ oz. avoirdupois)	= 1 Dutch pound.
16 Dutch lb.	= 1 Dutch stone.

(4) **Troy Weight**—gold, silver, apothecaries' doses.

16 drops	= 1 ounce.
16 ounces	= 1 pound.
16 pounds	= 1 stone.

CURRENCY

<i>Coins.</i>	<i>Face Value.</i>	<i>Sterling Value.</i>	Under Article 16 of the Act of Union, English currency was to become general. Scots gold and silver was called in, but copper continued to circulate and become debased. Scots currency continued as the basis of numerous stipulated payments.
doit	1d Scots	$\frac{1}{12}$ d	
bodle	2d Scots	$\frac{1}{6}$ d	
plack, groat	3d Scots	$\frac{1}{4}$ d	
bawbee	6d Scots	$\frac{1}{2}$ d	
shilling	1/- Scots	1d	
merk	13/4 Scots	1/1	
pound	20/- Scots	1/8	

A NOTE ON DATES

At the beginning of our period the calendar was reformed. The nature of the alteration was noted in the Session Records of the Parish of Dailly as follows—quoted in *Carrick*, p. 172 :

“ Aug. 2, 1752.

“ By act of Parliament, the Julian form of the year, or old stile, ends with the second day of September, one thousand seven hundred & fifty-two, and the Gregorian, or new stile succeeds, whereby eleven days are taken out of the month of September forsaid, current year. All following dates are accordingly made after the new stile.”