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and
The Origin of Their Names

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The old seal of the Royal Burgh of Burntisland

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FOREWORD

In January 1993 Kirkcaldy District Council printed, “The Origins of Burntisland and Kinghorn Street Names”, by May G. Williamson. Since then, Burntisland has grown considerably, and it was felt an updated version was required. Also, we are fortunate in that more sources are available to explore and hopefully solve some of the mysteries encountered in the Williamson booklet.

Burntisland is a Royal Burgh and had its first royal charter dating from 1541. Being a Burgh gave it a number of privileges, such as holding markets, fairs and exacting tolls on goods coming into town. For security and to enforce these privileges town walls where erected and entrance was by “gates” or “ports” (From French porte – door).

“James Speed Notes.
Streets: at the end of the sixteenth century houses had been built along the east side of the Harbour and in a continuous line on both sides of the King’s High Street as far as the East Port. Parallel to this street was the Back Gate on the south, but the houses do not seem to have been continuous. Farther south was the South Hill having detached houses with gardens. The Kirk Wynd is referred to and the North Vennel leading to the Kirkton. There were also narrow lanes passing between some of the streets called, “throughs”. Between the north side of the High Street and the Broom Hill were gardens, malt kilns, and brew houses.”
(From Burntisland Port of Grace p64, by Iain Sommerville)

In some cases, these pends, closes, or vennels led to a court where work outhouses or stables where situated. Many of these disappeared over time, as they became overcrowded and insanitary. In the early 19th century Burntisland had not significantly altered from its original medieval layout. However, this changed as the town expanded, mainly due to better communication arising from the railways and ferries. Another major factor was the number of people setting up summer residences and others coming for summer holidays. New terraces of villas were built to accommodate them. (Professor William Dick of Edinburgh who holidayed here, then set up a residence and developed property here is a good example).

The arrival of a pre-paid post service meant that the streets had to be numbered and named. The Burntisland Town Council minutes of 1851 stated that, “The recommendations, of the Committee concerned with the naming of streets, were to be accepted and estimates to be sought for a painter to make the necessary street signs.”

As mentioned in the following pages, some of the streets have taken their name from surrounding places, but how these places got their names is another task – it may be that the reasons are lost in the mists of time. I am grateful for the assistance from those mentioned in the acknowledgement, however any mistakes are entirely my own.

John Burnett

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Note 1 – Booklet “The Origin of Burntisland and Kinghorn Street Names” by May G Williamson

Note 2 – Named along with other streets in the Grange Developments in 1953 after local place names.

Note 3 – Streets in the Collinswell Estate (former Alcan site) were chosen in consultation with local Primary 7 children. They represent “rocks and islets” in the Firth of Forth that can be seen from this Estate and also reflect the industrial legacy of this site. (Email from Hugh McMichael Fife Property Gazetteer Officer 28 May 2008)

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STREET NAMES

CURRENT NAME	NAME ORIGIN	SOURCES/NOTES/FORMER NAMES
Abbot's View	The abbots of Dunfermline Abbey had a connection with Rossend Castle in the 16th century.	Note 1. Newspaper report 18 Feb 1956: "That as from 16 May 1956 new name will be Abbot's View." The reason was too many Rossend addresses causing confusion. The Abbots were previous owner of Rossend Castle. *Former name – Rossend View.*
Aberdour Road	Neighbouring village	Note 1. *Former names – Dick Terrace, Salisbury Place.*
Allan Court, High Street	Thomas Allan, Councillor 1975.	Note 1.
Aytoun Crescent	Named after Aytoun family, owner of estates at Leslie, Saline, Cardenden and Burntisland.	See Burntisland Heritage website for more details of the Aytoun family.
Bendameer Road	Bendameer House at Starleyburn.	Plot of ground where Bendameer House stands was bought by Rev. Robert Wright from Earl of Morton. Plan of the site (1872) is in National Records of Scotland in Edinburgh (RHP93300). Rev. Robert Wright born 1809, was minister in Heriot, Luss and Dalkeith. He died in Edinburgh 10 Nov 1897. Where did the name come from? Could it be after Bendemeer from the 1817 poem Lalla-Rookh by Thomas Moore – "There's a bower of roses by Bendemeer's stream; And the nightingale sings round it all day long."

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		Moore was referring to a stream that ran through the ruined city of Persepolis (in Iran). Newspaper report 11 April 1953: Council approved the name for the road leading from Aberdour Road to Grange House.
Binn Avenue	Houses facing north towards the Binn.	Note 1.
Bolam Drive	Stanley S. Bolam, Provost 1972-1975.	Note 1.
Braehead	Situated at top of Kirkton Road near Kirkton. (Brae House was at bottom of Kirkton Road)	Brae in Scots is a slope or brow of a hill.
Broomhill	Literally a hill covered in broom (a plant similar to gorse).	Note 1.
BurSnside Gardens	Named after a former street of that name in the vicinity.	Note 3. The original was a former row of three houses which were situated northeast of Ged's Mill Close - the Kirkton burn ran alongside.
Car Craig View	Skerry off the coast of Aberdour near Inchcolm.	Note 3.
Church Grove	Named after proximity of nearby Kirkton Church.	Note 1.
Church Street	Named after proximity of nearby Kirkton Church.	Note 1.

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Colinswell Road	Nearby is Colinswell House.	Note 2. Newspaper report 5 Oct 1747: This refers to sale of quarries by Lord Rutherford of House of Grange. They lie half a mile from Burntisland and nearby there is a Creek of the Sea called Colin's Well. Newspaper report 11 April 1953: Council approved new name from former name. *Former name – Grange Loan.*
Collinswell Drive	Collinswell Park estate, former Alcan site. (Note spelling - two L's).	Note 3.
Cotburn Crescent	Cot burn, now culverted and connecting to the Toll burn - part of the Coltburndale scheme.	Note 1.
Cowdenbeath Road	Neighbouring town.	Note 1.
Craig Court	Possibly a Craig burn or Craig well nearby.	Alex MacDonald, chair of Community Council, and Michael Booth.
Craigholm Lane	Craigholm Crescent was the street in front of it, before being incorporated into Kinghorn Road.	OS Name Book Fife 135 - A row of very neat stone cottages with gardens attached, generally let to visitors during the bathing season. Craig in Scots is a projecting spur of rock. Holm - an isolated meadow on the shore - has often been added to place names. *Former name – Back Lane.*

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Craigkennochie Terrace	Printed in copy of the Charter 1632.	OS Name Book Fife 135 - A narrow steep ridge nearly covered with furze over which the Burgh Boundary runs. The name is used in the Charters describing the extent of the Burgh. There origin is unknown. On the Wood 1824, OS Six-inch map on Burntisland Heritage website. Also, see William Dick's entry on this website. *Former names - Craigkennochuy, Craigkennochy, Craigkennoquhy, Craigkennoquhie, Craigkennochie Craig Kennethy, Craigkennoguhie*
Cromwell Road	Oliver Cromwell	Note 1. Cromwell's forces occupied town see Burntisland Heritage website. Appears on 1856 map.
Dallas Avenue	In 1962, name changed to Dallas, no reason given in Town Minutes. However, there was a Charles Dallas, session clerk of the Parish Church in the 1940's. Also, in 1965 the Council received a letter from another Charles Dallas, saying that his uncles Charles A Dallas and Gilbert L Dallas had left money for a bandstand to be built on the Links. It never went ahead, and the money was returned.	Note 1. (There was also a Councillor Dallas who was a Burgess of the town) *Former name – Greenmount Avenue.*

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Dick Crescent	Professor William Dick (1793-1866), founder of the Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies.	Note 1. Professor Dick and his sister were eminent citizens of the Burgh. They were also major property holders and developers. For more information see Burntisland Heritage website.
Dollar Road, Dollar Grove.	Possible interpretations are that: - - Dollar is derived from Doilleir, an Irish and Scots Gaelic word meaning dark and gloomy. - Or from various words in Pictish: 'Dol' (field) + 'Ar' (arable) or Dol (valley) + Ar (high). - Or derivation is from Dolar, ‘haugh place’ (cf Welsh dôl ‘meadow’. This word was borrowed from British or Pictish into Scottish Gaelic as dail ‘water-meadow, haugh’). - Yet another derivation is as 'Place of the Water Meadow', from the Celtic dôl 'water meadow' and ar 'place'. The development at Dollar Road began in 1947, but name not officially entered into the Register of Streets until 1956.	Note 1. “Until the latter half of the 17th Century, a swamp occupied most of the territory which lies between the present Dick Terrace (now Aberdour Road) on the South and the ancient Dollar Road on the North." P186. From “Burntisland: Early History and People” by John J. Blyth 1948. "Portions of this road were substantially built of stone, being round the edge of a swamp.” P125 From “History of Burntisland” by Andrew Young 1913 . RHP252 Plan of Grange Distillery has reference to "road to DELLARS". (Dollar House/Dollar Cottage appear on 1901 census at Kirkton). Local story is that Dollar House was built by Mr Young, owner of Distillery, for his daughter.
Duncanson Drive	John Aird Duncanson, Provost 1967-1972	Note 1.
Dunearn Bank	Nearby hill.	Note 2. Newspaper report 11 April 1953: Council approved new name from former name. *Former name – Grange Bank*

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Durie Park	George Durie, last abbot of Dunfermline. Durie's held Rossend Castle from the Abbots of Dunfermline.	Note 1. Newspaper report 18 Feb 1956: "That as from 16 May 1956 new name will be Durie Park." The reason was too many Rossend addresses causing confusion. The Durie's were previous owners of Rossend Castle.
East Broomhill Road	see Broomhill	*Former Name – Back Dykes.*
Fairfax Court	Sir William Fairfax, father of Mary Somerville (1739 – 1813) was a vice-admiral in the Royal Navy. He was Admiral Adam Duncan's flag captain on board HMS Venerable during the Battle of Camperdown on 11 October 1797.	Note 1.
Ferguson Place	George Ferguson builder. Dundee Courier 5 June 1901 reported death. "He was a native of Kinross in his 80th year. He came to Burntisland half a century ago and succeeded in building up a prosperous business. Two tiers of houses – Ferguson Place and Ferguson Square – bear his name and will serve to keep his enterprise in remembrance. He is succeeded by his son Baillie Ferguson."	Newspaper reports: Fifeshire Advertiser 1873, has list of visitors to Burntisland some residing in Ferguson Terrace. Fife Free Press 1882, Binn View, Ferguson Terrace and Lily Bank were redesignated by uniform name of Ferguson Place.
Fidra Avenue	Island in the Forth of the coast of North Berwick	Note 3.
Fleming Way	David N. Fleming, Councillor 1954-1958.	Note 1.
Forth Place	Location of Forth Hotel and ferry across the Firth of Forth to Granton.	Note 1.

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Galahill	Part of Lammerlaws also possibly named as a place for the gallows.	Note 1. Galahill cottage – once hospital for contagious diseases – named in newspapers in 1873. Newspaper report 1868 also refers to part of the area as Gallows Hill.
Ged's Mill Close	Nearby former mill, named after the Ged's of Baldridge	Note 1. Note 3.
Glebe Place	Land attached to the Kirkton manse.	Note 1. Glebe - land belonging or yielding revenue to a parish church or ecclesiastical benefice.
Grange House Gardens	Former site of gardens of Grange House.	Suggested by Burntisland Heritage.
Grange Road	Road to Grange House and Farm.	Note 1.
Greenmount Drive	Former avenue to Greenmount House.	Note 1.
Greenmount Road North/South	Road to Greenmount House	Note 1. *Former names - North/South Greenmount Road.*
Haddow Grove	Charlotte Haddow, Burgh Treasurer 1975.	Note 1.
Harbour Place	Road to the Harbour.	Note 1. Appears on 1824 map. *Former name – Shore.*
Haugh Road	Haugh is term usually applied to flat land on the banks of a stream.	Note 1. Newspaper report 15 Jan 1955: "Council agreed that road from Kirkton Road to Rossend Dam to be named Haugh Road, as road now appears on Valuation Roll." Proposed Cllr. Masterton, ratified 22 Jan 1955.

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Heriot Gardens	Named after birthplace of person who arranged for houses to be built, Mr George Simpson.	Information from Mrs Val Carson - Her grandfather James Parlane Gilmour, of Brown & Gilmour, married Mina Simpson eldest child of George Simpson. He stayed at Craigkennochie and was chief accountant with North British Rail. George Simpson built the terrace of 4 houses and gave the one nearest to the Erskine Church to his daughter as a wedding present. Newspaper report 11 May 1912:"There was a petition by the proprietors in the street recently named Simpson Place, requesting that the name be altered to the original name, Heriot Gardens." *Former name - Heriot Gardens North.*
High Street	In medieval times, towns grew up alongside the main routes. This was to provide lodgings to travellers and encourage trade. The name High Street became the main business and retail centre of the town. In Burntisland's case originally The High Street led down to the Tolbooth and the Harbour, the main business area. In time, the High Street centred on the Burgh Chambers and the town expanded away from the docks.	
Inchgarvie Avenue	Island in the Firth of Forth.	Note 3.

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James Park / Lane	1851 Sasine in favour of James Bryson states - Land formerly part of Greenmount sold by David Greenhill (Trustee, (maybe son), of Alexander Greenhill) was bought by James Bryson, Civil Engineer, "Which in all time thereafter to be called James's Park.	Thanks to Gill Patterson for gleaning this information from documents handed in to Burntisland Heritage by Ian Gordon of Brown & Gilmour. *Former name - James's Park.*
Kerr Court	Douglas Kerr, Councillor 1977-1984.	
Kilmundy Drive	Nearby hill and quarry.	Note 2. Newspaper report 11 April 1953: Council approved new name from former name. *Former name – Grange Drive.*
Kinghorn Road	Neighbouring town.	Note 1. In 1962 all the previous names were replaced by the one name of Kinghorn Road. *Former names - Buccleuch Place, Craigholm Crescent, Gladstone Terrace, Bentfield Villas.*
Kinninmonth Avenue	George Ogilvie Kinninmonth, Provost 1919-1925.	Note 1. Newspaper report 11 April 1953: Council approved new name from former name. *Former name - Grange Avenue.*
Kirkbank Road	Could be named after Robert Kirk(e) and nearby Bank Well.	For more information see Burntisland Heritage website which has a section on the Kirk(e) family.
Kirkcaldy Road	Road to neighbouring town.	Note 1. In 1962 all the previous names were replaced by the one name of Kirkcaldy Road. *Former names - Greenmount Terrace, North Kirkcaldy Road.*

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Kirkgate	Road which leads to Parish Church.	Note 1. In 1861 census, appears as Kirk Wynd. In 1871 census, appears as Kirkgate. Newspaper report 11 April 1867: Refers to Kirkgate when describing a funeral for old soldier. *Former names - Kirk Wynd, Church Wynd.*
Kirkton Drive / Gardens	Collinswell Park estate, former Alcan - nearby Kirkton hamlet.	Note 3.
Kirkton Road	Kirkton was a farm and its cottar houses situated near a church (Kirk Town). This was the original settlement of Burntisland - Wester Kinghorne. Road to Kirkton.	Note 1. *Former name - Back Causeway*
Laburnum Grove	Newspaper report 15 Jan 1955: “Road from North Kirkcaldy Road to Greenmount Drive to be called Laburnum Grove.” Proposed Cllr. Masterton, and passed at meeting 22 Jan 1955.	Note 1. In Council discussion, a resident proposed Greenmount Park, but this was rejected as too many Greenmounts.
Lammerlaws Road	Rocky peninsula between the beach and the harbour. Name might suggest hill of the lambs cf Lammermoor Hills. However, cannot state for certain.	Note 1. OS Name Book Fife 135 - Situation] At the E. [East] Side of Burntisland. A small District extending S. [South] and E. [East] and terminating in a point at the Firth of Forth. It is open to the different roads, entering it, although not used as Common. There are Several Cottages on it, the ground for the erection of which, was obtained at different periods from the Town Council, they are now the property of private individuals. The New Statistical Account states, "At Lamberlaws, on a

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		Knoll projecting into the Sea are the traces of an encampment ascribed to Cromwell." Newspaper report 2 Jan 1790: Sale of Vitriol Manufactory on site known as Lamberlaws
Landale Gardens / Place	Dr. David Landale, (1806-1895)	Eminent geologist and mining engineer who built the Binn House. See Burntisland Heritage website for more information.
Leith Avenue	James Leith, Provost 1931-1944.	Note 1. Newspaper report 16 Oct 1954: Council approved that 3 new streets at the Widow's Land will be named Leith Avenue, McRae Crescent and Livingstone Drive.
Leven Street East / West	Mr Leven's property.	Note 1. It appears on Wood Map 1824.
Links Place	The Links	Note 1. Links - "A stretch of undulating open sandy ground, usually covered with turf, bent grass or gorse, normally near to the coast." Burgh Charter states that the Links were to be, "Full property of the burgesses for bleaching and drying clothes, grazing horse and cattle, military purposes and general recreation."
Linwill Court	Site of Linwill Chalets. Origin not known.	*Former name - Doyle's Holiday Camp*
Little Craigs View	Rocks in Firth of Forth off the coast of Aberdour.	Note 3.

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Livingstone Drive	Robert Murray Livingstone, Provost 1953-1958.	Note 1. Newspaper report 16 Oct 1954: Council approved that 3 new streets at the Widow's Land will be named Leith Avenue, McRae Crescent and Livingstone Drive.
Lochies Road	Nearby Lochie House.	Newspaper report 9 Feb 1826: Refers to House called Lochies. From notes transcribed by Gill Paterson (see Burntisland Heritage website for more information.) “That piece of ground extending along the whole of the north boundary…….and which 2 pieces of ground with the houses built thereon are now called Lochies…”
Lonsdale Crescent	Lonsdale (Lounsdale) located just west of Grange Farm.	Note 2. Newspaper report15 Jan 1955: “Broomhill Crescent to be renamed Lonsdale Crescent.” Proposed by Cllr. Masterton, ratified 22 Jan 1955. *Former name – Broomhill Crescent.*
Lothian Street	Baillie Lothian.	Note 1. 1824 map refers to Young's Wynd (Young family, distillery owner, built house at junction with High Street -now known as "Bank House".) In 1851 census known as Lothian Wynd. In 1861 census known as Lothian Street. *Former names - Young's Wynd, Lothian Wynd, West Brae.*

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MacDonald Place	Rev Colin MacDonald of the Erskine U.F. Church.	Note 1. In 1975 Rev. Colin MacDonald was granted Freedom of the Burgh. He had been minister of Erskine United Free Church for 37 years.
Manse Lane	Lane at rear of former Manse of Burntisland Parish Church. (Now Links View Care Home, was Grayforth House.)	Note 1. Building supplied by Railway Company when original had to be removed to allow for railway development.
McRae Crescent	William McRae, Councillor	Note 1. His daughter Davidina McRae was also a long serving councillor who was accorded Freedom of Burgh in 1975. Newspaper report 16 Oct 1954: Council approved that 3 new streets at the Widow's Land will be named Leith Avenue, McRae Crescent and Livingstone Drive.
Meadow Court	Housing complex built down from Meadowfield.	Built early 1980's on site of Plummer's Soft Drink building.
Meadowfield	The plan of the "Glebe" shows" road to the meadow". 1824 map shows Meadowfield House.	Note 1. OS Name Book Fife 135 - A cottage house, divided into two tenements, situated on the Great North Road at the Southern base of the Bin Hill.
Meldrum Crescent	John Meldrum, Provost 1944-1953.	Note 1. Newspaper report 11 April 1953: Council approved new name from former name. *Former name – Grange Crescent.*
Melville Gardens	Sir Robert Melville, owner of Rossend Castle and Provost.	Note 1. Newspaper report 18 Feb 1956: That as from 16 May 1956 new name will be Melville Gardens. The reason was too many Rossend addresses causing confusion. Melville

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		was previous owner of Rossend Castle.. *Former name – Rossend Gardens.*
Monk's Walk	Footpath behind houses on Shepherd Crescent and Rossend Terrace. Rossend Castle once belonged to Dunfermline Abbey but no evidence of monks having connection to Castle.	Note 1. Ref to it in Oct 1908 newspaper.
Neilson Grove	Named after Nurse Charlotte Neilson who came to Burntisland in 1926. She was the only nurse in the town, and as well as being a health visitor was also a midwife and looked after the school children. Relied on her bicycle to get around.	Note 1. Newspaper report 14 May 1955: Council agreed to name cul-de-sac on Broomhill housing site after Nurse Neilson. (Only second street in Burntisland named after a female.)
Nicol Drive	John C. Nicol, Provost 1958-1961.	Note 1.
North / South View	North / south facing houses at the Lammerlaws.	Note 1. Houses originally built for those connected to Railway Company.
Orrock Drive	Nearby hill and farm.	See additional names section.
Oxcars Avenue	Rocks with a lighthouse near Inchcolm.	Note 3.
Palais Stairs	Stairs leading to former Palais de Danse.	
Piper Crescent	Piper family, owned Grange Farm.	Note 2. Newspaper 12 Oct 1946: Mr James Piper has consented to a street in the Dollar Road housing scheme being called Piper Crescent.

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Ramsay Crescent	William Ramsay, Provost 1965-1968.	Note 1.
Rose Street	Along with Thistle and Union, common name in Scottish towns.	Note 1.
Rossend Terrace	Rossend Castle.	Note 1.
Russell Grove	Andrew H. Russell, Councillor.	Note 1.
Sailors Walk	Raised path alongside Seaforth Place, overlooking the former shipyard.	Note 1. Newspaper report 4 Oct 1952: Half Moon House, opposite shipyard gates, demolished. *Former names - Half-moon: Ladies Walk.*
Seaforth Place	Possibly after Seaforth House. In 1837 newspaper reported that P.R. Ramsay, Seaforth House, was elected as captain of Burntisland Golfing Society. Erskine's book on Burntisland mentions that P.R. Ramsay was connected with fishing industry. (Patrick Rigg Ramsay was also proprietor of Edinburgh Courant and property owner in Edinburgh and Fife. Incidentally a contemporary, Sir John Gladstone also had property named Seaforth House in Liverpool)	Censuses list following properties in the area - 1861 Young's Place 1871 Earn Craig; Seaforth; Young's Place 1881 Young's Place; Seaforth Place 1891 Young's Place; Royal Hotel; Seaforth House; Seaforth Place 1901 Young's Place; Seaforth Place. *Former names - Shore, Young's Place (appears on 1854 map)*
Seals Craig View	Rocks at South Queensferry.	Note 3.

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Shepherd Crescent	James Shepherd Castle in 1881.	Newspaper report 18 Feb 1956: That as from 16 May 1956 new name will be Shepherd Crescent. The reason was too many Rossend addresses causing confusion. Shepherd was a previous owner of Rossend Castle. James Shepherd, (1830-1906). Linoleum manufacturer and benefactor. Donated the sites for the public library and the Erskine Church. See Burntisland Heritage website for more information *Former name - Rossend Crescent.*
Silverbarton Terrace	Nearby hill.	Note 1. Newspaper report 11 April 1953: Council approved new name from former name. (In 1590 it appears as Sillibabie or Sillibawbie. Thought that Scots bawbee derives from Balbie as Alexander Orrock of Sillibawbie was Master of Mint in 1538). *Former name - Grange Terrace.*
Somerville Square	Mary Somerville, scientist.	Note 1. For more information on Mary Somerville see Burntisland Heritage website. *Former name – Quality Street.*

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Somerville Street	Mary Somerville, scientist.	Note 1. Newspaper report 4 Oct 1882: Council proposed renaming Back Street, not Mid Street but Somerville Street in honour of the eminent scientist whose house is in the locality *Former name – Back Street.*
South Hill Street	Appears on 1824 map as steep road down to harbour. (Where Leven Street is.)	Note 1. Newspaper report 1840: Refers to South Hill.
Spence Avenue	Dr. Robert Spence (1847-1910) for 37 years doctor and Medical Officer of Health for the Burgh. Plaque in his honour is in the library.	Note 1.
Spice Row	Probably referring to products from ships. Sailor's Home was once situated here.	Note 1. *Former name - Spyce Row Street.*
St. Andrews Court	Formerly St. Andrews Church on High Street, Burntisland, now a care home.	
Stenhouse Drive	Nearby farm and reservoir.	Note 2. Newspaper report 11 April 1953: Council approved name for road which was not previously named.

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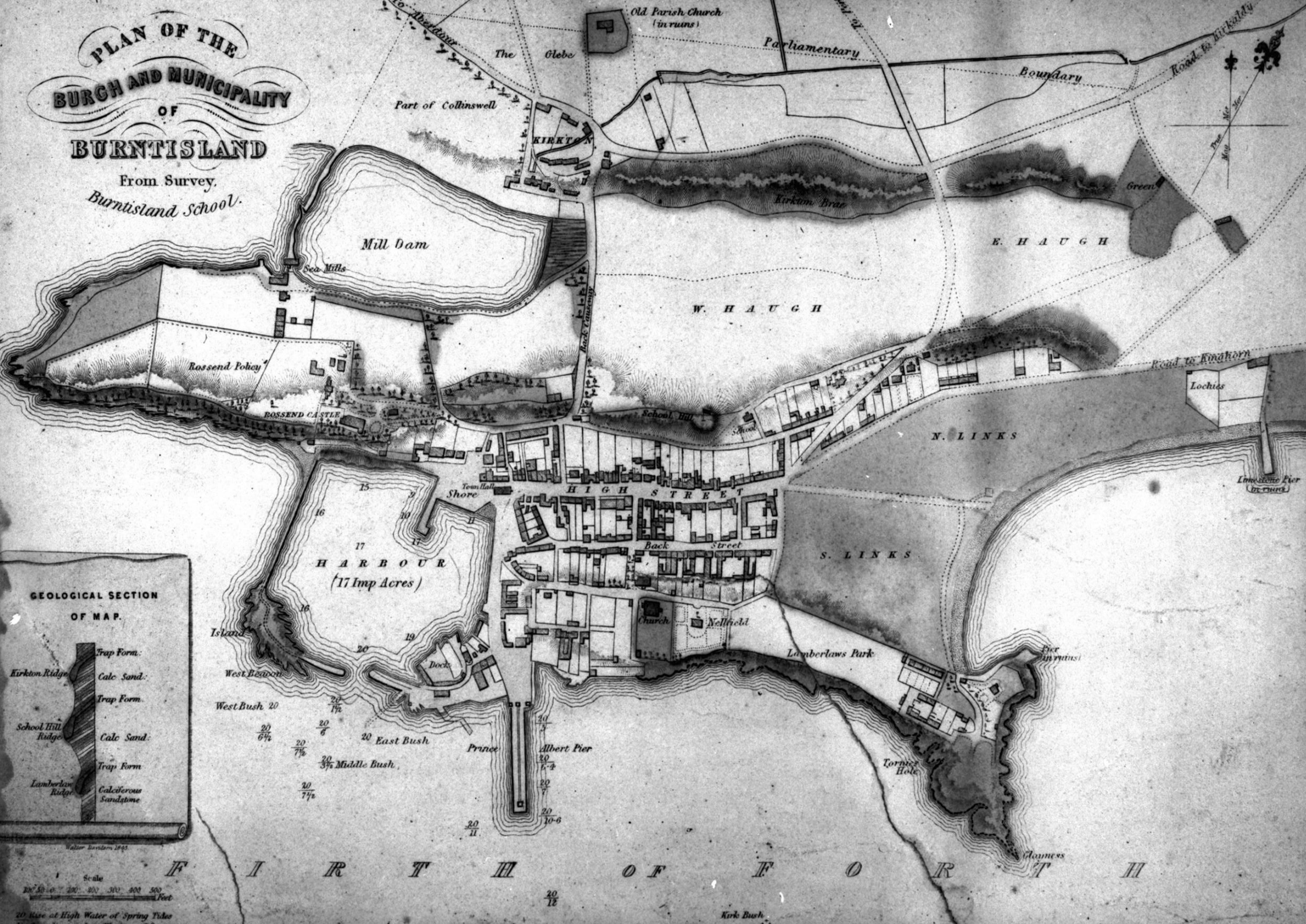
The Barns	From book ,Burntisland A Social History p24/25 - “Burntisland's new Free Church congregation quickly found a temporary home in a building called The Barns in Lothian Street. “	Burntisland A Social History p93 – “The firm of John G. Cunningham was established in 1869 to manufacture fertilisers. ... In 1943 it was taken over by Fisons Ltd. .... The business was a major employer and was situated in Lothian Street. It ceased production in 1961 and closed completely the following year. The site is now occupied by a housing development. “ Newspaper report 14 Jan 1939: The lamps affixed to the Cunningham barns are to be replaced.
Thistle Street	See nearby Rose Street.	Note 1. 1851 Census has a Thistle Lodge.
Union Street	Common name in Scottish towns, possibly Union of the Crowns or churches	Cockel Wynd appears on 1824 map and 1841 and 1851 censuses. Union Street appears on 1861 census. *Former name – Cokel Wynd.*

PLAN OF THE BURGH AND MUNICIPALITY OF BURNTISLAND

From Survey,
Burntisland School.



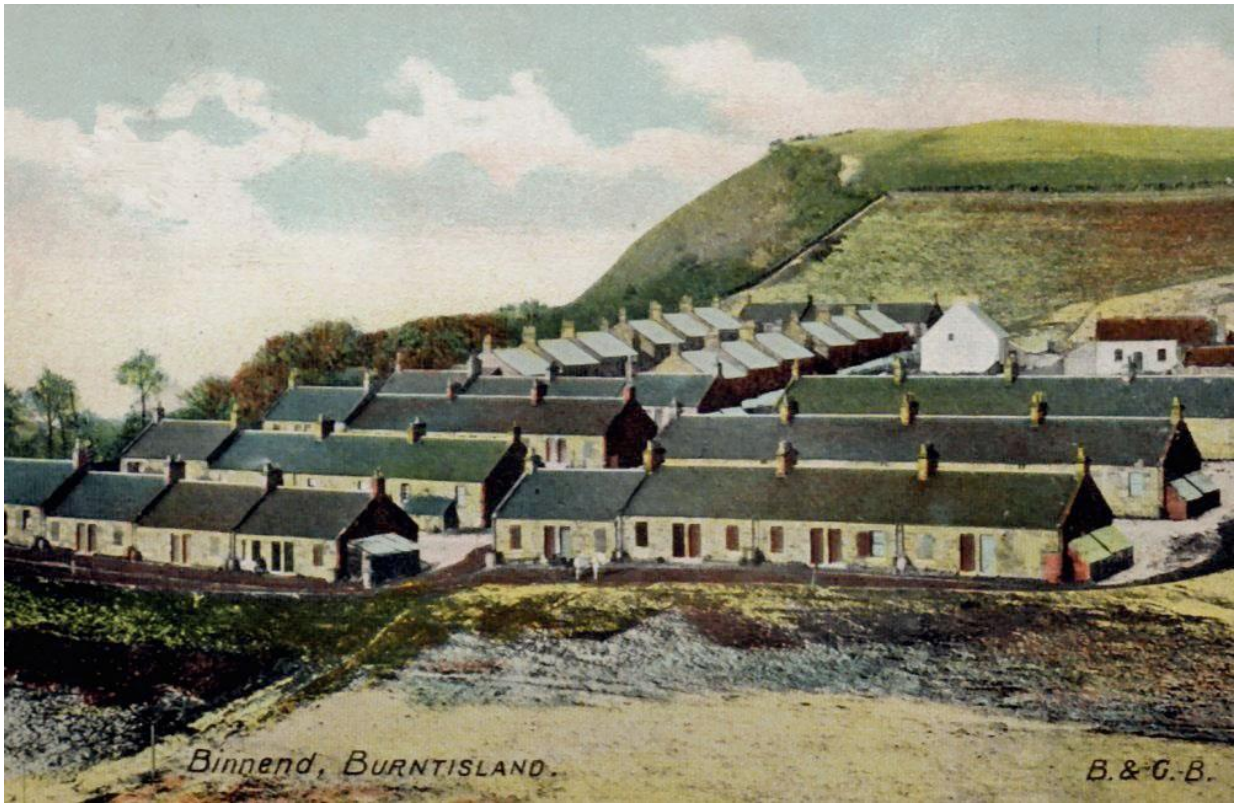
High Street 1904

High Street and Harbour Place 1904

High Street looking east 1910

High Street in 1950's

Binnend 1905



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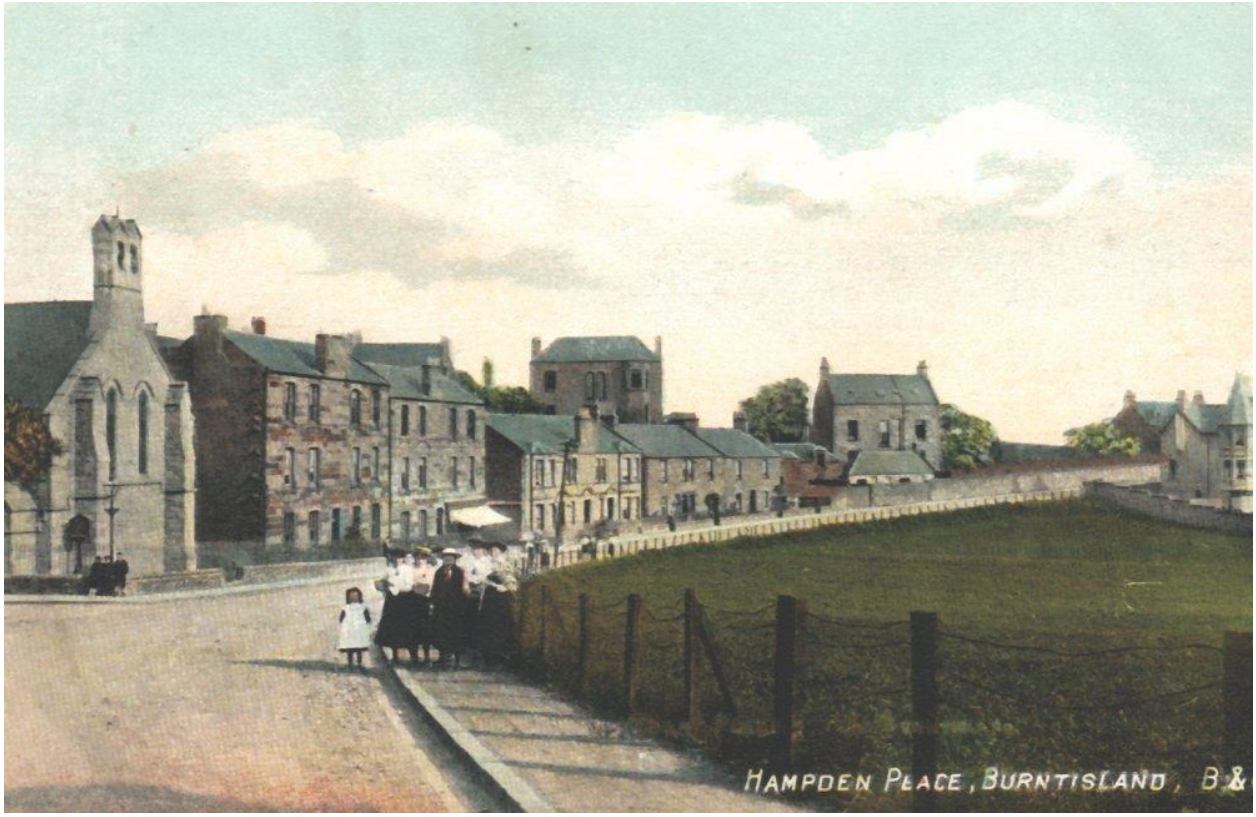


Binn estate in early 1980's

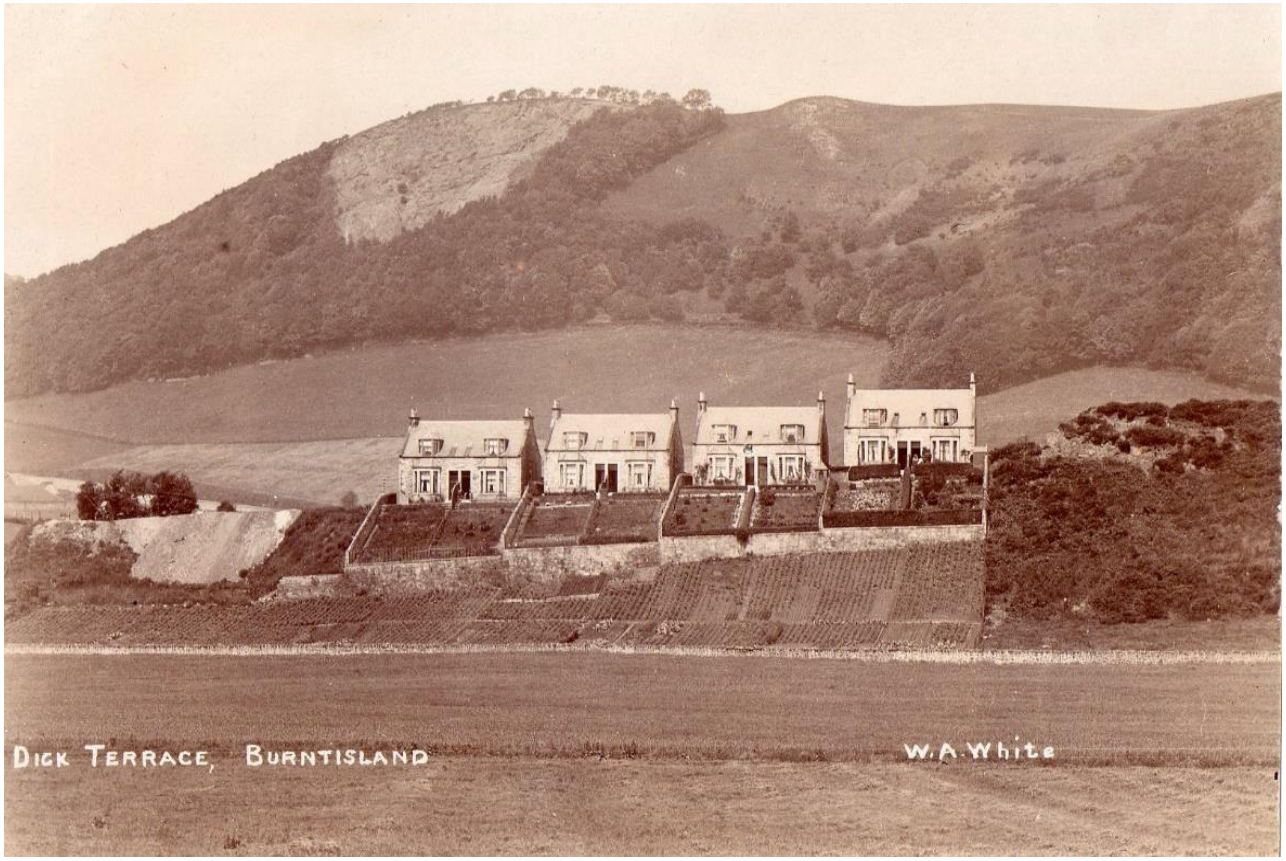
Aerial View showing housing on former Alcan site

Late 19th century showing Burntisland looking east

Back Causeway/Kirkton Road

Burntisland aerial view 1928

Dick Terrace



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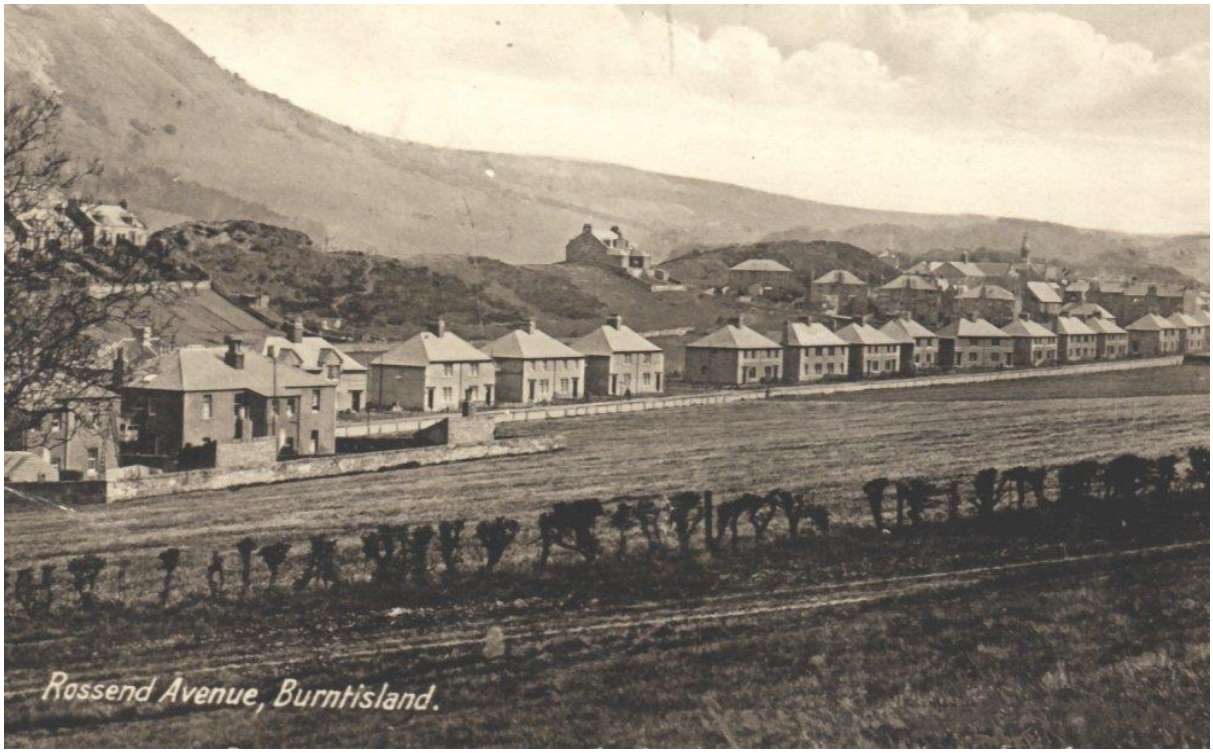

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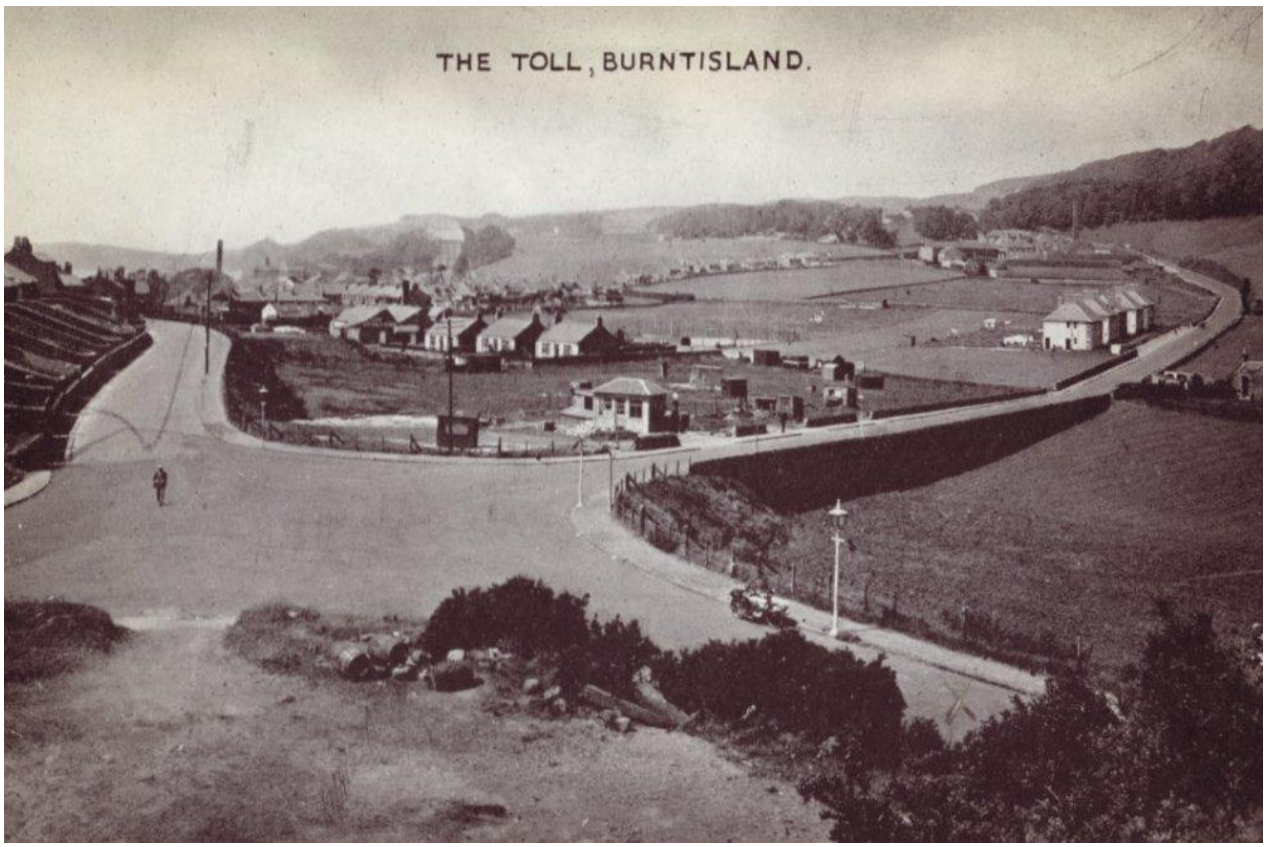

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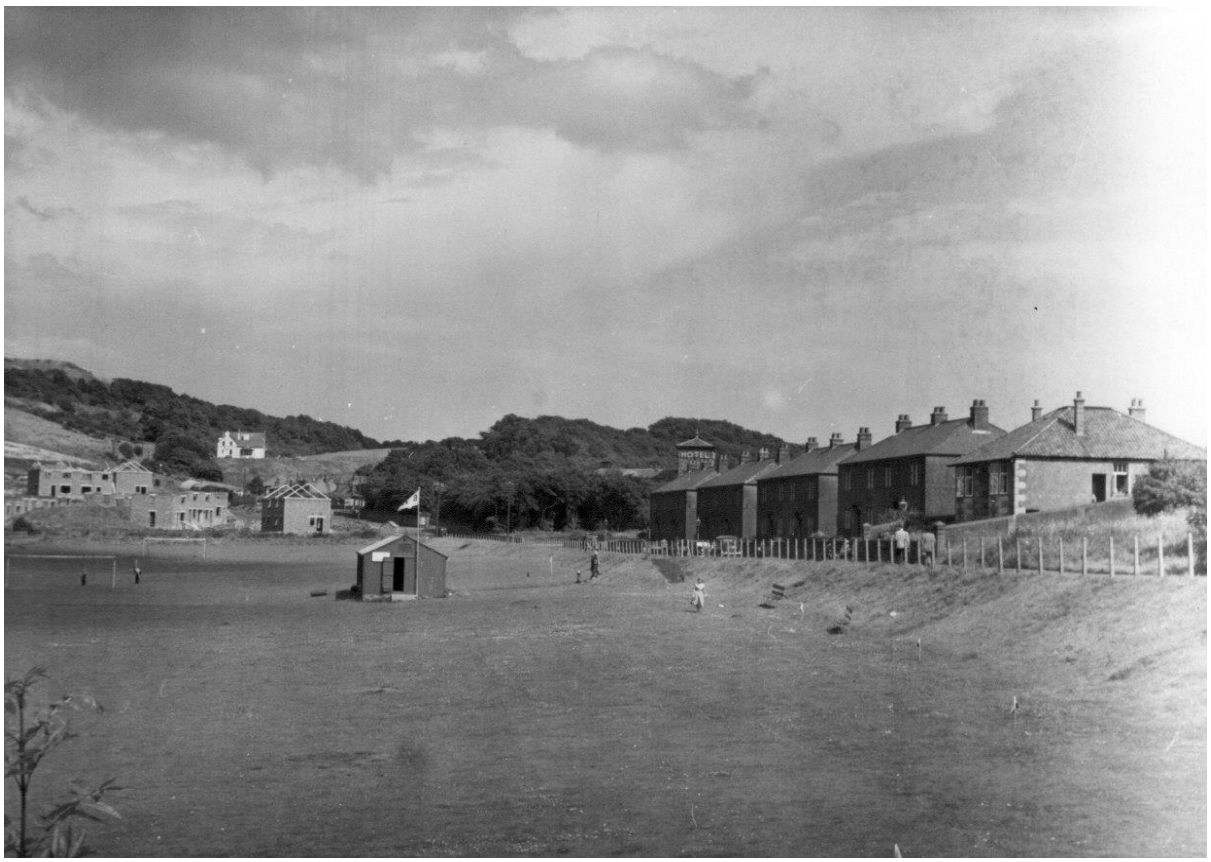

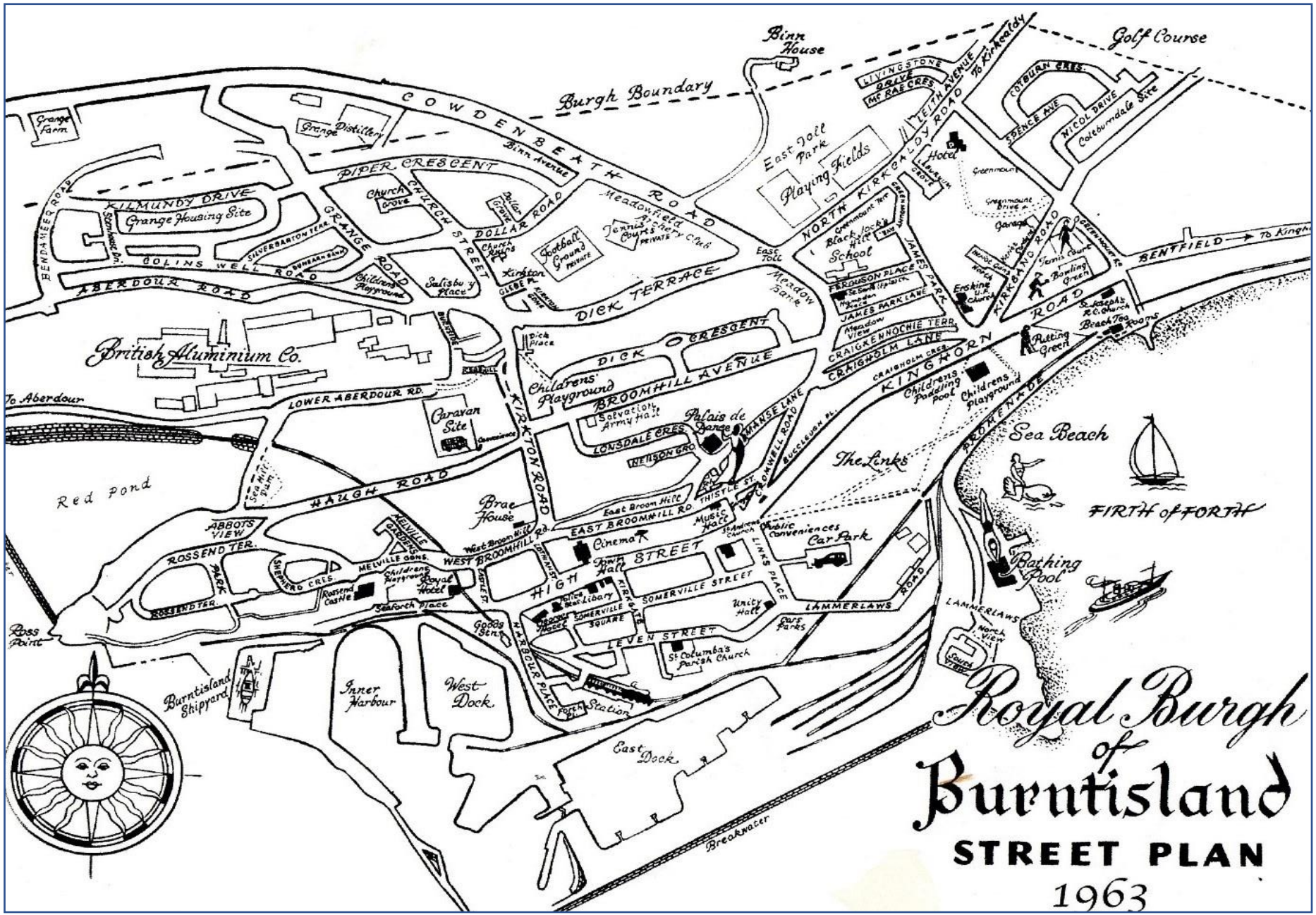
Royal Burgh of Burntisland
STREET PLAN
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Golf Course
Binn House
Burgh Boundary
COWDENBEATH ROAD
Grange Farm
Grange Distillery
Binn Avenue
PIPER CRESCENT
KILMUNDY DRIVE
Grange Housing Site
Storm House Dn.
BENDAMEER ROAD
GRANGE ROAD
Church Grove
CHURCH STREET
Pillar Grove
DOLLAR ROAD
Meadowfield Road
Tennis Courts
Archery Club
PRIVATE
Football Ground
PRIVATE
Church Rugby
Kirkton Glebe Pl.
Salisbury Place
Children's Playground
COLINS WELL ROAD
SILVERBARTON TERR.
ABERDOUR ROAD
DICK TERRACE
Meadow Bank
East Toll
East Toll Park
Playing Fields
NORTH KIRKCALDY ROAD
LIVINGSTONE DRIVE
MC RAE CRES.
LEITH AVENUE
To Kirkcaldy
Hotel
Greenmount
Greenmount Drive
Garage
Greenmount Ter.
Black Jock Hill
Bus Junction
School
FERGUSON PLACE
JAMES PARK LANE
JAMES PARK
Meadow View
CRAIGKENNOCHIE TERR.
CRAIGHOLM LANE
CRAIGHOLM CRES.
Erskine U.F. Church
KIRKLAND ROAD
Tennis Court
Bowling Green
Putting Green
Greenmount Pl.
BENTFIELD → To Kinghorn
COTBURN CRES.
SPENCE AVE.
NICOL DRIVE
Cotburndale Site
St Joseph's R.C. Church
Beach Tea Rooms
KINGHORN
Childrens Paddling Pool
Childrens Playground
PROMENADE
Sea Beach
The Links
FIRTH of FORTH
Bathing Pool
LAMMERLAWS
North View
South View
British Aluminium Co.
To Aberdour
LOWER ABERDOUR RD.
Caravan Site
Conveniences
Sea Hill Park
Red Pond
HAUGH ROAD
KIRKTON ROAD
DICK CRESCENT
Dick Place
Children's Playground
BROOMHILL AVENUE
Salvation Army Hall
Palais de Dance
HANSE LANE
LONSDALE CRES.
WELLSON GRO.
CROMWELL ROAD
BUCCLEUCH PL.
THISTLE ST.
Brae House
East Broom Hill
EAST BROOMHILL RD.
West Broom Hill
WEST BROOMHILL RD.
Music Hall
St Andrews Church
Public Conveniences
Car Park
Cinema
Town Hall
HIGH STREET
LINKS PLACE
ABBOTS VIEW
ROSSEND TER.
MELVILLE GDNS.
MELVILLE CRESCENT
SHIELDS RD.
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Royal Hotel
Rosend Castle
Seaforth Place
Police Stn.
Library
Grocery Market
SOMERVILLE SQUARE
SOMERVILLE STREET
Unity Hall
LAMMERLAWS ROAD
Port Parks
LEVEN STREET
St Columba's Parish Church
Goods Stns.
HARBOUR PLACE
Station
Ross Point
Burntisland Shipyard
Inner Harbour
West Dock
East Dock
Breakwater

ADDITIONAL NAMES IN BURNTISLAND OR SURROUNDING AREA

Albert Cottage Lammerlaws

OS Name Book Fife 135 - [Situation] Near the E. [East] Side of Burntisland. A neat cottage with a small patch of ornamental ground. Named after Prince Albert. (Queen Victoria married Prince Albert 1840)

Alexandra Villa

Situated on Kirkbank Road. Newspaper reports:1871, Summer visitors staying there Mr & Mrs Peploe and family; 1875, Francis Quarton marriage there.

Argyle Villa

Situated on Bentfield Road, now Kinghorn Road.

Balbie

OS Name Book Fife 135 - A good farmhouse with extensive offices attached situated on a well cultivated farm - east of Orrock Hill. About 70 years since an old Tower was pulled down, which stood a few yards south of this house.
A large Cairn which stood west of this house was also removed - for the purpose of building stone dykes on the farm.

Balmuto Lodge

OS Name Book Fife 132 - [Situation]⅝ mile S [South] of Auchtertool.
A Gentleman's Country Seat, without offices, in good repair excellent Stabling and well-designed gardens both Ornamental & vegetable with a Fishpond artificially Supplied with water & neatly laid out walks along its bed. It is the property of Mr Boswell of Kirkcaldy; the house is surrounded on all sides by picturesque woods.

Bankhead

OS Name Book Fife 134 - few cottages occupied by labourers on the farms of Mr Young, Newbigging. Near Newton.
Also, appears on Dunearn Estate map.

Bank Well

OS Name Book Fife 135 - A spring situated on a bank east of the Town of Burntisland which supplies that Town with water. Conveyed by means of pipes.

Binnend

OS Name Book Fife 135 - An ordinary Farmhouse and offices attached, situated at the side of The Binn as the name denotes.

A shale oil industrial complex was established at Binnend in 1878. The village of Binnend was created a few years later to provide accommodation for workers and their families.

“The village was in fact in two parts - the **High Binn** at the old Binnend Farm, and the **Low Binn** close to the main road and east of the oil works. Over the years, the Low Binn tended to be thought of as the poor relation and a "lower class" settlement - perhaps as a result of its more transient population. It is likely that both parts of the village were built around the same time, although it is the High Binn whose memory lives on, and to which people are generally referring when they speak of the 'Binn Village'. From The Binnend Village (burntisland.net)

Bonnie Brae

Situated on Kirkbank Road. Newspaper report: 2 Aug 1889, Summer visitor reported to be staying here.

Black Jock’s Hill

The 1814 map of Rossend Estate (on the Burntisland Heritage website) shows Jockshill on the south side of what is now Aberdour Road. It also refers to the Haugh (not what is now Haugh Road)
The 1894 OS Map has Black Jock’s Hill on the site at the Toll roundabout where the nursery school is at present.

Newspaper Report 6 Sept. 1849: Mentions turnpike road at Jock's Hill. Part of it is now gone.
Newspaper Report 14 April 1956: "What must be regarded by Burntisland people as an annual event occurred last Sunday when the whins and gorse at Black Jock's Hill went on fire."
Newspaper report 28 Nov. 1953: Mentions the new annexe to the Higher Grade school was erected at Black Jock's Hill, also "Discussion with agents of Royal Dick Vet College as to the building sites in the Haugh, including the hilly ground to the north of the Haugh known as Black Jock' Hill. Sketch showed 178 houses could be erected on the ground."

Could the Black refer to that portion of the area which usually caught fire and all that was left was a charred mound?

Carlinknowes

OS Name Book Fife 135 - Two small tenements. situated at the junction of two roads. occupied by farm servants. (Near Binnend)

Coronation Buildings

Situated on South Hill Street. Built in year 1902, year of King Edward's VII coronation.

Craigkelly

OS Name Book Fife 135 - a good farmhouse with offices detached situated south of Binn Hill. Farm at one time part of Grange Estate owned by Aytoun family.
Newspaper report: Caledonian Mercury 1 Nov 1769 - The farms of Craigkelly and Lochiebennet being parts of the lands of Over and Nether Grange within the parish of Burntisland and about 1 mile north of Burntisland are to be let.

Cromwell's Dyke

OS Name Book Fife 135 - West Bulwark. A sort of causeway of dry stone made to protect & enclose the Harbour, there is a foot road along its top leading to an island on the S. W. of the Harbour. The Authorities quoted say this was built by Cromwell according to his agreement with the Town Authorities for the surrender of the Town in the 17th century. It is also known by the name of Cromwell's Dyke. Part of West Breakwater.

Crossgates

OS Name Book Fife 135 - A poor thatched cottage on the public road by Dunearn Hill to Kirkcaldy.

Dodhead

OS Name Book Fife 135 - a row of Cottage Houses on the hills in S. Eastern part of the parish of Burntisland. Small farm on the outskirts of Burntislland. Now the golf course.

East and West Buss

OS Name Book Fife 135 - A patch of low rugged rock with a few scattered rocks at the East side of the entrance to the Harbour. All covered at High Water: A patch of rugged rock rising from High Water Mark, along the Eastern face of the Island for a short distance, a small portion of it being covered at High Water. On the West side of the entrance to the Harbour.

East Kirkbank

Situated on Kirkbank Road. Newspaper report 31 Mar 1945: East Kirkbank House, sale by executors of late Miss Ronald.

Fairfield House

Situated at Lochies Place. Newspaper report 1 Dec 1945 - court case gave this address as Fairfield House, Lochies.

Glassliehead

OS name Book Fife 134 - Situation About 52 Chains S. [South of Stenhouse].
A Farm house and outbuildings the property of Mr. Young Newbigging, the Farm house is occupied by laborers on the Farm.

Other names - Glassiehead, Graslihead, **Lesiehead**

Newspaper reports: 22 Mar 1832, two cottages in parish of Burntisland to let. Dunearn Cottage – large garden, stable and gig house. Glassliehead Cottage – good garden, stable and gig house if required. Apply Edinburgh or Wm Young & Co. Burntisland.

11 March 1885; To be let, the farms of Newbigging and Glassliehead belonging to the Carron Company.

21 June 1902; reference to Wm Aitken, Glassliehead, winning prize at Agricultural Show.

There are references in subsequent years to various people connected to Glassliehead mainly to do with dairy.

Glassliehead - appears on 1856 OS map and on Newbigging Estate Map (Lands of Dunearn).

However, it does not appear on 1841-1901 censuses.

Probably the same place as **Lesliehead** which does appear on these censuses.

Ged's Flour Mills & House

OS Name Book Fife 135 - A corn Mill, in the village of Kirkton, the Machinery of which is propelled by water, it is the property of Robert Young Esq. In J. J. Blyth's book, " Burntisland: Early History and People" chapter 2 he mentions that the Ged family appear in the town's records from 1689.

Girdle Hill

Site of houses at Dick Terrace. Newspaper report 19 Mar 1896 The cottages on Girdle Hill are progressing well.

Hatton

OS Name Book Fife 135 - 2 rows of cottages situated on the road to Orrock from the road near Crossgates (see that entry) occupied by Farm Servants.

Helen Bank

Newspaper Report 1 Mar 1902 - Desirable cottage for sale "Helenbank" in Grange Road.

High Dents/Bents

Hill north of Alexander's III Monument. OS Name Book Fife 135 - A stripe of very rough uncultivated pastureland extending along the Turnpike Road from Burntisland to Kinghorn - and situated on the east side of Kingswood End [&] is not a common. Newspaper reports, 15 June 1893: Golf report mentions High Dents course: 8 May 1862, Burntisland Rifle Club met at their shooting range, High Bents.: 22 Dec 1883, Reference to High Bents and Low Bents with in relation to the new cemetery.

High Road

Main Road to Aberdour.

Ivy Cottage

At rear of Kilmundy Drive. (Entry Name: Dovecot, Ivy Cottage, Grange Farmhouse, Burntisland) - Historic Scotland website.

Kingswood

OS Name Book Fife 135 - A very handsome cottage, lately constructed, situated in a romantic glen on the public road from Burntisland to Kinghorn, on the east side of it is the rock fatal to King Alexander III, the cottage is both in the parish of Burntisland and that of Kinghorn.

Kings wood, wood may be a corruption of wode meaning folly.

Lesliehead

Land adjacent to Dunearn Cottage. (Head - The summit or upper part of a hill or rising ground.)

Newspaper reports: 13 Nov 1851: Under heading Burntisland Water Works, “The stream or brook called the Lonsdale Burn arising out of the lands of Lesliehead and heading in an easterly direction through the Lands of Lesliehead and the Lands of Lonsdale and joining the Binn Burn at or near Grange Quarry, and all Springs, Streams, Feeders and Tributaries arising in or out of the Lands of Lesliehead, Dunearn, Bankhead and Lonsdale suppling the said Lonsdale Burn.”

1879; to Mrs Wm Kellock, Lesliehead, the birth of a son.

Dec 1900; Dinner at George Hotel for John Cummins, dairy farmer Lesliehead, who is moving away.

Could not trace Lesliehead on any maps.

Appears on 1851-1901 Burntisland censuses, as between Dunearn and Bankhead.

Probably the same place as **Glassliehead.**

Leven Villa

It appears on 1854 map on its original site on the ridge near the Lammerlaws. It was demolished and reconstructed on its present site at the top of the Kirkgate.

Little Dean/Dene

Situated at the corner of Kirkbank Road and Greenmount Road. Was once the Episcopalian manse. In Scots Dene is, ‘A hollow where the ground slopes on both sides; generally, such a one has a rivulet running through it; a small valley’.

Lochiebennet/Lochybennet

OS Name Book Fife 135 - a small farmstead occupied by a herd belonging to Mr Young of Grange House. Land at the back of Silverbarton Hill

Loftheads

OS Name Book Fife 134 - Two Cottage Houses on the Great North Road Trust. The property of the Earl of Morton.
Newspaper report 21 Nov. 1879: Boundary Care at Burntisland - " Parochial boards of Aberdour and Burntisland have decided that the places known as Duck Inn and Loftheads on the estate of Dunearn shall henceforth be part of Burntisland parish."

Loftheads(meaning) - an overhead cavity in a cave or mineshaft caused by a fall of roof.

Lonehead/Loanhead

Part of the Grange estate, near Grange House.

Low Road

Shore Road to Aberdour.
Newspaper report 2 Oct 1875: Robbery of man who was walking from Aberdour to Burntisland by the Low Road.

Low Dents/Bents

Shore south of Alexander III Monument.

Montquey/Montquhey

OS Name Book Fife 134 - [Situation] 1¾ miles N.E. [Northeast] of the village of Aberdour
Two rows of poor Cottages occupied by farm labourers. The name ""quey"" Seems to be derived from a Cow of 2 years of age. (The name is very common in this part of Scotland, Jamieson.)

On 1854 OS map, it is on left hand side on road to Balmule and Moyeshill.

Moyeshill

OS Name Book Fife 134 - This name applies to two very poor Cottage houses, on the east side of Balmule which are occupied by farm servants.

On 1854 OS map, near Balmule at back of Dunearn.

Nellfield

House on Leven Street next to St Columba's Church. Appears on 1824 John Wood map.
Newspaper reports: 22 Sept 1883, Flagstaff for coastguard transferred from Lammerlaws to Nellfield. 20 March 1932, Nellfield bought by Catholic Church to use as parish hall.

Newbigging House & Lodge & Square

OS Name Book Fife 132 - About ¼ mile East of Auchtertool.
A clump of buildings to the South of the Kirkcaldy and Auchtertool road and about a quarter mile from the Village tenanted by Labourers who work on the adjoining farms. There is a School for young children here.
Placename of ""NEWBIGGING"" originally refers to a 'new bigging' or 'new cottar town' or hamlet. "

Nine Lums

OS Name Book Fife 134 - [Situation] About 1⅝ Miles N.E. by E. [Northeast by East] of the village of Aberdour. A number of Cottages on the Kirkcaldy District Trust No 8 occupied by Laborers in the Quarries of Newbigging and Dalachy.

The name is taken from the row in front having nine Chimneys and is well known.

Orrock

OS Name Book Fife 134 - [Situation] About 40 Chains E [East] by N [North] of Stenhouse. A farmhouse with extensive outbuildings gardens etc.

Newspaper report: 4 August 1825, Timber for sale at Orrock farm near Burntisland.

In J.J. Blyth's book " Burntisland: Early History and People", there is chapter headed "Orrocks of That Ilk". The name is associated with the family of that name - one suggestion being the name comes from Ore/Orr (water) and rock, the rock standing in water. The motto of the family is "Solus Christus mea Rupes - Christ, alone my rock."

Place House

Andrew Young's, "History of Burntisland", p125, "Anciently the road from Aberdour after ascending Mains Hill, passed the front of Dalachy Cottages, Newbigging and Place House and turned at right angles down to Kirkton Kirk."
Newspaper report: 1886, refers to Robert Walls at this address.

Queens Villa

Situated on Kirkbank Road.

Newspaper report 25 July 1900: Wedding took place at Queens Villa, Kirkbank, Burntisland. Other reports mention this address for weddings and deaths. David Low, headmaster at Burntisland Public school lived there. He was also secretary of New & Progressive Reform League.

Sea Bank House

On census in group of properties at Starleyburn.

Newspaper report 4 June 1887: Court case mentions Sea Bank House, Burntisland.

Sea Mills

OS Name Book Fife 135 - A farmhouse with outbuilding attached, on the seashore, one of the buildings was formerly a corn mill but has been disused for that purpose for a considerable time. More information on Burntisland Heritage website.

Starley Burn & Toll/Starleyburn/Starly Burn

OS Name Book Fife 134 - [Situation] Running into the Harbour at Starleyburn. A Small Stream issuing near the Nine Lums and flowing into the harbour at Starleyburn. It gives the latter name to the cottages and Harbour that bear it. Newspaper report 17 May 1838: Earl of Morton seeking permission to carry railway across the Aberdour and Burntisland Turnpike Road a short distance westward from the road leading to Starlyburn (sic).

The Binn

OS Name Book Fife 135 - A hill of considerable elevation, north of the Town of Burntisland, on the south side of which are two patches of inaccessible rocks. "This hill is very steep and elevated between 500 & 600 feet above the level of the sea. From its appearance one would be almost induced to believe it had undergone some violent combination, and that the rocks on each side were incrusted with something like volcanic matter" Sibbald's Fife & Kinross.

The Delves (Dells)

Situated at top of Kirkbank Road. Newspaper reports: 13 Sept 1883, "It formed the distributing reservoir for three former and inefficient water supplies derived from the Grange, the Delves, and the Binn."; 2 May 1892, Fire at Delves Quarry. In Scots, Delves is a pit or den.

Wally Brae

Steep incline on Burntisland to Aberdour highway, source of many accidents.

Walton

OS Name Book Fife 134 - [Situation] 1¾ Miles N.E. [Northeast] of the village of Aberdour.
A good farmhouse and outbuildings the property of Mr Young Newbigging the farmhouse occupied by Laborers.

West Kirkbank
Situated on Kirkbank Road. Appears on 1891 census.

West View

Situated on Kirkbank Road. Mr. Francis Quarton, grain merchant, stayed there at the 1891 census.

Widows Land

OS Name Book Fife 135 - An enclave of arable and pastureland on the S E side of The Binn
granted by Capt. [Captain] Watson, to 3 Widows of the name of Boswell, Watson and Orrock, there is a house in which the Widows live in Burntisland.
The ""Widow's Land"" housing site comprises Livingston Drive, McRae Crescent and Leith Avenue.

Willesden

Now 149 Kinghorn Road formerly Bentfield. British Listed Buildings website - Listed largely in consideration of the moulded ceiling at No 149, which is thought to have been installed by the original owner who reportedly 'borrowed' the mould from Falkland Palace during restoration work. This seems unlikely as the Palace has but few moulded ceilings in the private apartments, it may however have come from Falkland House which was undergoing extensive refurbishment at this time, and a number of moulds were not used. The proprietor of 'Willesden' (No 149) is noted in the 1911-12 Valuation Roll as William Anderson, plasterer, which bears this out.

Whinnyhall & House

OS Name Book Fife 135 - A good farmhouse and offices attached, the farm is well ornamented with long stripes of plantations and evergreens, the plantations bear no names.
From Fife pits website - Whinnyhall Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 Mines, and Binnend Mine, were small surface-mines at the base of the escarpment of the Binn Hill, Burntisland, a short distance north-west of the Binnend School. An air pit is also thought to have been associated with the mines.
Opened around 1878, the shale mines, which also wrought a small amount of low-quality coal, fell into disuse in 1894.

NAMES ASSOCIATED WITH BUILDINGS, COURTS and CLOSES

HIGH STREET AREA

Back Street Hopetoun Court & Widows Houses

These properties were situated in Back Street, latterly Somerville Street. There was a lodging house situated within Hopetoun Court.

Black's Close

It ran from High Street to Back Street just east of Police Station. In 1845 it was proposed site for a slaughterhouse, and in 1953 there were plans for demolishing it for Sommerville Street/Kirkgate development.
Newspaper report Fife Herald 20 July 1848: Commented on its uncleanliness due to butchers' debris being left in street.

Browns Buildings Kirkgate

Newspaper report 11 Jun 1891: Court case report gives address as Brown's Building, Kirkgate.

Landsman's Close

Newspaper report 23 April 1881: Report on the census gave details for the area South side of High Street, Black's Close, Landsman's Close, Kirkgate, Back Street, West of Kirkgate, Union Street.

Leslie's Close

Newspaper report 4 March 1899: "Leslie's property at the foot of the High Street, and in Leslie's Close, sold in Edinburgh to J.G. Cunningham grain merchant".

Lundie's Close

Situated at 7 Harbour Place.
Newspaper report 29 March 1903: Gives this address, also mentioned in articles in earlier years.

Stock's Close

Situated on the High Street.

Well Close

Newspaper reports: various give births and deaths in this place; 17 June 1882, assault at model lodging house situated here; 7 June 1924, JG Cunningham Trustees want to erect buildings in Broomhill Road and Well Close, to be used as mill and store; 25 April 1936, Silver Band new headquarters are in Well Close.

KIRKTON AREA

Bay Cottage; Beattie's Lane; Christie's Building; Crow's Buildings; Fyfe's Land; Lesslies Buildings, Braehead.

NAMES WHICH ARE LOST OR NOT IN COMMON USE.

Back Dykes

Old name for Broomhill Road. Dykes marked the end of the strips of garden ground behind the houses on the north side of the High Street.
Newspaper report 26 Feb 1898: "The leak was a burst pipe at the head of Lothian Street, just at the crossing of the lane known as the Back Dykes."

Cleuch Buttes

J.J. Blyth's book Burntisland: Early History and People: "The Cleuch Buttes were under the cliff north-west of the modern cemetery and were used for shooting practice until a comparatively recent date."
Cleuch is a narrow valley: Butte is a hillock or mound.

Daniel's Brae

Hill at the west end of Leven Street.
Newspaper report 3 Mar 1888: Most of the houses on Daniel's Brae have been demolished to make way for the railway.

Dick Place

This is situated behind the group of buildings situated at top of Kirkton Road, when going up, on the right-hand side. See Burntisland Street Plan 1963.

Double Dykes

Another lane behind the High Street cf. Back Dykes.
Newspaper report 17 Oct 1896: "Dunearn Harriers: This Club had a practice run - going out by the road to Aberdour up through Walton Farm and back by the Great North Road to Manse Lane and through Double Dykes to the starting place."

Earn Craig/Herring Craig

A stone Pier running into the Harbour, said to have been built by Oliver Cromwell, by agreement with the Town Authorities for the surrender of the Town. The Pier was built on a rock known by the name of the Herring Craig.
Newspaper reports:
4 Oct 1849, " The excellent addition made to the Herring Craig will soon be available by rails laid to it."
2 Feb 1854, report of ship lying at Herring Craig broke from her moorings.
12 Non 1864, "At a point 250 yards or thereby, south westwards on the milestone on the old turnpike road from Burntisland by Kinghorn Loch to Kirkcaldy, which indicates that the distance is 1 mile from Burntisland and terminating at the north end of the Earn Craig pier on the north side of the harbour in Burntisland."
One of the reasons Burntisland was prosperous during the 1800's was the herring fishing.

Forth Lane (Bobby Orrock's Brae or Coffee House Brae)

OS Name Book Fife 135 - Forth Lane is a short street leading North and South from South Hill Street to Leemount. It is a sort of dead lane enclosing gardens on both sides.

Gas Works Terrace & Wynd

On 1894 map the Terrace is shown as at top of Palais stairs on right hand side with Gas Tank standing between it and Thistle Street. Newspaper reports have items relating to births, deaths, and marriages in these areas.

Gladstone Place/ Park House

Now Kirkbank Road. Originally named after Sir John Gladstone.
Park House is situated on this road.

Green Island

Island south of harbour forming part of the West Breakwater. It is shown on the 1746 Elphinstone Map. In “Burntisland Port of Grace”, by Iain Sommerville p91, Pirates and Privateer, the story is told of John and Robert Brown who were executed, and their heads taken to Burntisland, there they were impaled on iron poles at the Green Island for all to see.

Kittlin's Dub

Rock pool now covered by concrete promenade at Lammerlaws.
Newspaper report 16 Nov 1912: "Proposed Swimming Pool, sketch showed two sites - the other at a point further to the south known familiarly as Kittlin's Dub."
Kittlin is a kitten and dub is a pool or pond. Presumably this is where locals washed them!

Leemount

OS Name Book Fife 135 - A back street in Burntisland extending from the Shore to the commencement of Leven Street (a distance of about 6 chains).

Newrow Street

Original name for Craigholm Crescent, appears on 1851 census only.
Newspaper report 1853: Death of Rev. John Davidson, 2 Craigholm Crescent. In 1851 census he lived at Newrow Street.

North Road/Great North Road/Perth Road

OS Name Book Fife 135 – The great North Road Trust extends from Burntisland and Queensferry (uniting at the Toll Bar Cowdenbeath) to Perth. The same book refers to Lonsdale sitting on it and Meadowfield. See OS Map 6 inch to mile sheet 36 Fife 1843-1882. Part

Red, White, and Blue

Site of flagstaff on East Broomhill.

Scholars Brae

Newspaper report 30 Nov 1889: Regarding new station - "Subway connecting platforms completed. It is hoped there will be a station approach from the "Scholar's Brae" on Southhill."

Tarry Dykes

Another name for Greenmount Road South.
Newspaper report 8 Dec 1906: "A double villa has been secured from the Kirke Trustees in Greenmount Road, otherwise known as Tarry Dykes."

The Trows

Footpath in the Geds Mill vicinity. Derivation of "trough" a path beside a stream.

Victoria Terrace

When standing in front of Erskine church the two houses to the right of it comprised Victoria Terrace. Later became part of Kirkbank Road.

Young’s Place

OS Name Book Fife 135 – A portion of the Quay comprising a few private houses and a large store, the property of Messrs. Young of Grange Distillery.

1881 Census has Young’s Place then Seaforth Place.

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