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**LIME BURNING IN CLAMP KILNS IN SCOTLAND'S WESTERN CENTRAL BELT:  
PRIMITIVE INDUSTRY OR SIMPLE BUT PERFECTLY ADEQUATE  
TECHNOLOGY?**

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## Abstract

Lime is a fundamental component in many industrial, agricultural and chemical processes and is itself produced by an industrial process – namely the heating in kilns (calcining or more colloquially ‘burning’) of calcium carbonate rock or other carbonate material. Research and literature on lime burning in Scotland has focused largely on lime production in Scotland’s eastern Central Belt – are dominated by the view that lime burning in draw kilns is the paradigm for Scottish lime production. Other parts of Scotland – however – largely or completely ignored draw kilns in favour of simpler clamp kilns – even in major industrial sites of lime production. This paper reports our area- and field-based surveys in Scotland’s western Central Belt – which clearly point to the enduring importance and almost exclusive use of clamp kilns in that area’s historical lime-burning industry.

KEYWORDS: *Clamp kiln; lime; draw kiln; lime burning*

## INTRODUCTION

Lime is produced by heating (burning or calcining) calcium carbonate (limestone or carbonate marine shells) to 900°C.<sup>1</sup> Modern production is industrial in scale whereas historically production technology ranged from small single-use slow-burns to small and medium-sized multi-use clark kilns, large clark kilns with infrastructure and stone-built continuously operating draw kilns (also called shaft kilns).<sup>2</sup> Slow and clark kilns are relatively simple elongated shafted elements or more circular (horseshoe-shaped) pits (figure 1) elongated pits that are open at both ends have also been observed at one site.<sup>3</sup> Limestone and fuel generally coal but wood and peat were also used and were interlayered in the kiln and the fuel ignited.<sup>4</sup> The heat calcined the limestone ( $\text{CaCO}_3$ ) to quicklime ( $\text{CaO}$ ) liberating carbon dioxide ( $\text{CO}_2$ ). The relative proportions of fuel to limestone in the case of coal one part of coal to generally two to four parts of limestone and occasionally to one part of limestone all depending on the types and qualities of the coal and limestone mean that kilns are most sensibly located at the source of the limestone.<sup>5</sup> This locational force is reinforced by the fact that a tonne of limestone produces half a tonne of lime. In the draw kiln (also sometimes called a shaft kiln) the charge (limestone and coal) was loaded continuously at the top of the kiln and moved down through the kiln as the limestone was calcined and the quicklime was drawn out at the base of the kiln. Draw kilns could thus operate continuously for long periods. In a clark kiln the contents of the kiln were covered over (clarked) to control the burning.<sup>6</sup> After the clark kiln cooled the quicklime was unclarked. The lime produced by both styles of kilns could be transported away as either quicklime or slaked lime (by the addition of water to the quicklime).

Lime has of course been used for millennia in building, plastering and lime washing and there are reports that lime from Caesarsie one of our areas of interest here was used in building Glasgow's medieval Cathedral which was consecrated in the late 12th century.<sup>7</sup> More recently liming of agricultural soils was critical to Scotland's agricultural revolution of the 18th and 19th centuries. Indeed Sout and Denton have noted that perhaps the most important of the innovations in Scottish agriculture sprang from the realization at the turn of the seventeenth century of the value of liming.<sup>8</sup> Hay recently reiterated the same point and liming of fields remains important for land management in Scotland.<sup>9</sup> Agricultural liming is important in

northern Britain because the region's high rainfall generally results in acidic, often poorly structured soils and liming both neutralises the soil's excess acidity and improves the soil's structure.<sup>10</sup> Lime is also an important input in many industrial processes and demand for lime increased once the industrialisation of western Scotland was under way in the late 18th century and developed much more extensively in the 19th century.

The earliest agricultural liming in Scotland may date to at least the early 17th century and lime was demonstrably being produced in Scotland's western Central Belt by this time.<sup>11</sup> Melches report on agriculture in Stirlingshire—the historical location of our study area—confirms the more widespread use of lime in agriculture by the mid-18th century.<sup>12</sup> The incorporation of a distinctive elongated rectangular side channel (inlet) on the south bank of the North and Clyde Canal to service lime draws along a 1 mile west of Wyndford Lock—just outside the southern boundary of Stirlingshire—also confirms that lime production was well established in that area by 1773—when water was first let into that part of the canal.<sup>13</sup> A plan in the University of Glasgow Archives—centred on the study area and dated 1770—annotates the manorial bar label in Aldernock with 'Coall & Lime'.<sup>14</sup> Ross's 1777 mapping of Coal and Lime at Culloch—a few kilometres to the west of the present study area—confirms lime production in that area and an 1800 bar plan for the Dougalston estate depicts two shaded clay hills (mills) on Longauld bar near Culloch.<sup>15</sup> An 1812 report on Stirlingshire confirms the widespread use of lime by the first decade of the 19th century.<sup>16</sup>

So the production and use of lime in Scotland were well established by the end of the 18th century. In marked contrast to the situation for Yorkshire—however—the technology of Scotland's early lime production remains sparsely documented.<sup>17</sup> Nonetheless the literature continues to emphasise almost exclusively large Masonry built draw hills.<sup>18</sup> Indeed Coull's recent review repeated the common observation that the best surviving evidence of lime production in Scotland is the battery of large lime hills in Charlestown—i.e.<sup>19</sup> Likewise considerable prominence is given to Skinner's work on large draw hills in the Lothians—to the unhelical (and inappropriate) extent that the Lothians is thought of as somehow the cradle of the industry in Scotland.<sup>20</sup> Indeed except for Johnson's important work in Yorkshire and the crucial but perhaps not widely known work in Scotland of Hisset and MacKay—unpublished work in Britain—even the very local—generally focuses on

Masonry built draw ins.<sup>21</sup> This focus on draw ins is inconsistent with the widespread remains of clay ovens in Scotland.<sup>22</sup> Here we examine lime burning in Scotland's western Central Belt with a focus on the parishes of Aldernock and Caerries in the area now covered by the 21st-century local government area of East Dunbartonshire but formerly in the mid-19th century county of Stirlingshire.

## STUDY AREA

The western Central Belt of Scotland around Glasgow was the heartland of heavy industrialisation in Scotland which accompanied and then supplanted the growth of weaving, cloth bleaching and printing. The extraction and processing of the western Central Belt's rich endowment of coal and ironstone underpinned the development of iron and steel production and heavy engineering including the shipbuilding for which Glasgow and neighbouring areas became noted. Scotland's Central Belt coal and ironstone are hosted in a rift valley downfaulted between the Southern Uplands to the south and the Scottish Highlands to the north. The sediments in filling this major sedimentary basin in the Midland Valley also include limestone as well as economically important sandstone, breccia and oil shale. In many places the geological sequence consists of coal beds (seams) that are interbedded (interstratified) with high quality limestone and ironstone facilitating relatively easy extraction of these resources.<sup>23</sup> The key geological unit targeted by the lime burners in both Aldernock and Caerries were the Hurler Limestone and Coal.<sup>24</sup> There has been much change to geological nomenclature over the last century and in the Caerries area the target has previously been known as the Caerries Main Coal and Limestone.<sup>25</sup> In Caerries a shale sandwiched between the coal and the limestone was used for making alum which explains why the Caerries Alum Works part of the largest alum works in the United Kingdom also hosted lime kilns (see below).<sup>26</sup>

Extraction of the coal and limestone for the production of lime is made more difficult however by faulting of these deposits. This faulting means that coal and limestone that were originally continuous across a large area are now cut out at a fault where one block of the earth's crust has been moved up or down relative to another. Thus in many localities typified by parts of the western Midland Valley sequence the coal and limestone that were worked for lime burning are at different depths in different localities of ground. Workable coal and limestone are effectively

absent from some localities of ground either because the geological units containing these materials have been faulted up and eroded away or they have been down faulted and are too deep to have been worked economically and/or safely with 17th and 18th century technology. As well volcanic intrusions (dykes and sills) locally altered and/or burned the limestone and coal coarsening the extraction and use of these materials.

## DATA AND METHODS

Ordnance Survey (OS) mid-19th century first edition maps of Scotland's Central Belt at scales of 6 inches to the mile and 1:2000 (colloquially called 2 inches to the mile) are a valuable resource for understanding historical lime burning. OS used many different symbols to represent lime kilns but this apparently large number of symbols is easily simplified into two broad classes: the class kiln and the draw kiln (shaft kiln).<sup>27</sup> Class kilns are generally represented by a symbol or an open-ended or closed rectangle all to some extent indicating the shaded class kilns plan view morphology (Figure 1). The more complex technology of the draw kiln in which a stone-built structure encloses an internal kiln pot or pots is represented either using a circle so-called circles with a black dot on the circle's circumference or in a more pictographic style with a circle representing the kiln pot within a surrounding polygon that indicates the edges of the masonry structure that encases and supports the pot.<sup>28</sup>

As part of a wider assessment of the distribution of the lime industry across Scotland in the mid-19th century, every recorded occurrence of lime kilns or lime works on OS 1st edition 1:10060 scale (six inch) maps of central Scotland covering broadly from west to east (and using the mid-19th century county names) the Counties of Ayrshire, Renfrewshire, Dumfriesshire, Lanarkshire, Stirlingshire, Linlithgowshire (West Lothian), Edinburghshire (Midlothian), Haddingtonshire (East Lothian), Berwickshire, Perthshire, Clackmannanshire, and Fife and Arbroath shire has been documented.<sup>29</sup> All 487 sheets that make up this coverage were examined systematically moving an A4 sized window west to east across each sheet on successive west-east lines down the sheet. Each lime kiln or lime works was noted within that window assisted by a magnifying glass as necessary. The recorded kiln symbols were recorded as well as the location of each lime kiln or

liqeworcs to a precision of seconds in latitude and longitude using the latitude and longitude on the 6 inch sheets margins. Other information related to the industrial activity was also recorded including the presence of quarries, mines, railways, train lines and so on. We then worked our way through all 487 sheets a second time checking the map for the accuracy of the recorded information as well as noting any lieflns or liqeworcs that had been missed in the first pass. We are confident that we have located virtually all of the lie-related features mapped on these 487 sheets.

Here the map data covering the 19th century parishes of Aldernock and Caithsie in the Forer County of Stirlingshire are used to document each OS mapped occurrence of lieflns or liqeworcs (figure 2). A check of OS 1st edition 2 inch maps of the area confirmed that the same lieflns have been mapped on both series and that the 2 inch maps do not contain any more data on lieflns than do the 6 inch maps although the 2 inch maps often more explicitly map and label mine shafts which may be mapped but unlabeled on the corresponding 1st edition 6 inch maps. These mapping data were supplemented by written reports from 1796 and 1812 the 1841 1851 1861 and 1871 censuses and the Old and New Statistical Accounts of the parishes of Aldernock and Caithsie.<sup>30</sup> Extensive field checking and mapping of unmapped lieflns guided initially by OS mapping but then ranging more widely were also undertaken.

Gradiometer surveys of the South Craigend and Loghall In fields were undertaken using dual and single fluxgate gradiometer Bartington 601 instruments. Repeated 20 x 20 survey grids tied into the British map grid using a Leica differential GPS were laid out at both sites using marked ropes. The sampling used a traverse spacing of 0.05 and a 0.12 m sampling interval with a zigzag survey mode. Forty-two standard 20 x 20 grids were surveyed at Loghall and four standard grids at South Craigend following English Heritage's recommendations for magnetometer survey in archaeological practice.<sup>31</sup>

The mapping of lieflns also located other infrastructure including roads from the In fields where we assume the carriage of lie for on transport to destinations further afield. A rectangular stone lined tank at the top of the South Craigend lie road in Aldernock is filled with about 0.05 m of organic rich sediment overlying a thick clay seal on the bottom of the tank. We cored this sediment with a Russian corer to 0.7 m depth and used trays of the core and standard sedimentological



analyses to identify the cause of the post-abandonment sediment in fill over the basal seal. The cored sediment was sampled at 200 mm depth intervals or three 0.5 m sampling intervals and analysed by ICP-MS for total lead (Pb) at the Scottish Universities Environmental Research Centre (SUERC) East Kilbride using standard SUERC procedures and protocols.<sup>32</sup> These total lead contents were used to estimate the basal age of the sediments in filling as an estimate of the age of abandonment of the tank and the onset of its infilling as the lime industry wound down at South Craigend. This depth profile of total Pb above the seal in the South Craigend tank was then wiggle-matched to Parker et al.'s<sup>210</sup> dated profile of total Pb from Loch Lomond about 2000 mW of the Aldernock area.<sup>33</sup> We carried out the wiggle-matching in order (i) to date the South Craigend profile and in particular (ii) to provide a basal age for the infill sediment and hence a suggested age of the onset of the decline of the industry at South Craigend (see below). The dated Loch Lomond profile of total Pb is in effect a record through time of industrial pollution in the West of Scotland. It has already been used successfully to date sediments in a mill dam in Aldernock in that case by matching by eye the dated peaks and troughs in the Loch Lomond record to the peaks and troughs in the mill dam sediment record of total Pb.<sup>34</sup> Here we used a more rigorous wiggle-matching approach derived from radiocarbon dating.<sup>35</sup>

## LIMBING OF THE ALDERNOCK AREA

### SPATIAL DISTRIBUTION

When OS 1st edition and field data are combined the Aldernock area comprising Aldernock parish and the immediately adjacent parts of the neighbouring Cairnsie parish (figure 2) has the remains of more than 100 lime clack kilns (Table 1) there are no draw kilns in the area. That total number of clack kilns is more than double the number named by OS.

There appear to be two main patterns of kiln organisation in Aldernock: (i) clusters and/or lines of kilns adjacent to each other often in orderly arrangements (figures 3, 4, 6 and 7) and (ii) single kilns away from the main organised clusters (e.g. Group 8 kilns on figure 4A). All lime workings are located on occurrences of

limestone and coal in outcrop or at shallow depth with the discontinuous nature of the major concentrations of lime workings across the area being related to the faulting and disruption of the beds. All clusters of multiple lines are grouped near or around quarries or mine entrances as at Boggall (Table 1 1 figure 3) Hole (Table 1 3 figure 4) South Craigend (Table 1 4 figure 5) Cairns Faith Trig Point (Table 1 6 figure 6) and Glenwynd (Table 1 7 figure 7). Indeed no lime lines are far from a mine or quarry even slightly isolated individual lines such as the individual Group 8 lines at South Craigend (figure 5). Where lines and mine were separated even only by a short distance ways on narrow linear elevated ridges often connected line and slightly distant mine (e.g. Hole 4 figure 4 Cairns Faith Trig 6 figure 6). Overall then the pattern is that Aldernock lines were they clustered or individual were essentially always close or well connected to mines.

#### OPERATION OF THE ALDERNOCK CLAMM LINES

The clusters and/or lines of clamm lines presumably facilitated a cycle of loading turning cooling and unloading the lines in sequence with each line in the cluster being at a different point in the cycle. The lines adjacent to mine entrances would presumably have been charged with limestone and coal directly from the mines after breaking off the limestone and coal to appropriately sized fragments whether the lines were individual lines with adjacent mine shafts or cluster or fans of lines adjacent to a shaft (e.g. Glenwynd 7 figure 7).

A mine abandonment plan that includes the South Craigend lime lines and is based on OS 1st edition mapping shows the lines clustered around the mine entrance from where the lines would presumably have been serviced by a tramway<sup>36</sup>. The plan indicates that the mine being abandoned was working black banded ironstone but the explicit identification of areas of solid limestone and solid lime on the plan confirms that the miners were also extracting (or had previously extracted) coal and limestone.<sup>37</sup> The coal and limestone would have fed the lines clustered around the mine's main entrance which is still visible as a degraded (infilled) gully like feature cutting into the hillside.

The gradiometer survey of the South Craigend lines indicates subsurface structures apparently present beneath and between lines (figure 8). We interpret these structures which are yet to be excavated to be subsurface mucking to aid

the operation of the furnaces being similar to the types reported by Radcliffe in heat-treated clay kilns in early 19th century Scotland and by Johnson from excavations in Yorkshire<sup>38</sup>. Carbon dioxide the major by-product in calcining limestone had to be vented away or else it would have quenched the flame. Thus it was essential that a kiln be vented while also not allowing too much oxygen to the flame which could have overheated and vitrified the limestone. A pile of kiln waste adjacent to the South Craigend kilns (Figure 1A) includes lumps of such vitrified and overcooled stone.

#### OTHER INFRASTRUCTURE

As well as transport infrastructure in the limestone industry included now abandoned lanes/roads that connected the kiln fields on the higher ground of the upland moors (moors) to transport routes on lower ground (Figures 8 and 9). Each field road is now flanked on either side by a line of straggly hawthorn trees that have grown on top of the hedges that lined the roads. The roads were well made with built-up embankments and masonry lined cuttings to maintain the gradients for (presumably) horse and cart. The detail of the construction of these roads awaits further investigation but they have so far revealed no evidence of trackways. It is speculated that the rectangular deep stone lined tank at the top of the South Craigend limestone road (Figure 1) provided water for horses at the top of a long climb. Running water at the top of the climb would have met that need for the Glenwynd limestone road and the Langshot limestone road the least steep of the three limestone roads had a rectangular tank at the bottom of the hillslope that the road serves as evidenced on OS 1st edition 2 1/2 inch mapping.

The limestone roads were for transporting the limestone to lower elevations and then for so on this limestone to the North and Clyde Canal that connected Scotland's west and east coasts and (with the Union Canal) Glasgow and Edinburgh (Figure 9). An 1822 advertisement in the *Glasgow Courier* advised that Balgrochan Limestone (Balgrochan being at the foot of the Glenwynd and Langshot limestone roads (Figure 8) was being sold at Hungryside on the canal bank as well as at the Balgrochan Limestone Shed at Port Dundas the Glasgow terminus of the canal.<sup>39</sup> The *Glasgow Herald* advertised the lease of South Craigend farm and its limestone and coal works in 1800 noting that the North and Clyde Canal Wharf at Hungryside is within three miles of the Mines.<sup>40</sup> So

lime and coal were transported at least three miles by cart to the canal. The line between South Craigend Bar and the canal had been an enduring one because the 1836 inventory of an intestate South Craigend Barer included: two hundred chalders of lime the stock of coals lime on the hill or at the works and a share of a boat or scow on the canal.<sup>41</sup>

Other infrastructure associated with lime works included large drains and presumably culverts at Lairs with Trig (Figure 6). The flooded mine entrances in the Trig area confirm that there was a water course in these mines despite the works being on a local high point that was sufficiently elevated to host a trigonometrical survey point. The uphill end of the northern of the two large drains that lead away from the lime bins area is adjacent to an oval water-filled depression (Figure 6). This depression is interpreted as a collapsed shaft for conveying water presumably by a steam-powered pump. The location of the shaft and pump for the drain directed to the west from the southern edge of the Trig bin field is unclear.

#### AGRICULTURE AND THE ALDERNOCK FIELDS

It is likely that the oldest Aldernock bins are the two pairs of horseshoe-shaped bins at Loghall that were not abandoned by the OS (Figure 3). These bins now have no surface topographic depression and were almost certainly well and truly derelict by the time of the mid-19th century OS mapping.<sup>42</sup> These are among the smallest bins investigated here and they evidently lack the sophistication of the surface dumping seen at South Craigend (Figure 4). Moreover, it is clear from elsewhere that the horseshoe-shaped class bin is an early form notably from about 200 to the northeast of Aldernock in the former Annock Burn where the horseshoe-shaped class bin is overwhelmingly numerically dominant and where Harrison has concluded that lime burning was early (by the late 16th century and perhaps long before).<sup>43</sup>

Albeit the horseshoe-shaped bin is likely to be the early class bin form it continued to be used and is present in small numbers among the Aldernock class bins notably at South Craigend (two bins) and at the Lairs with Trig bin field (two bins). These horseshoe-shaped bins are side-by-side with the more usual shaped bins and apparently have the same degree of weathering and substantial abandonment ent degradation pointing to their being approximately the same age as the shaped

clns. Notwithstanding the continued use of the horseshoe-shaped for of in it is nonetheless concluded here that a concentration of the horseshoe-shaped for indicates an early phase of the industry.

It is clear that the aldernoc lime industry operated over a considerable time interval. clns in several localities have been backfilled by later activity leaving cln remnants with partially infilled backends notably the South Craigend group 7 clns (figure A) where only short remnants of the ends of the horns of the seven group 7 shaped clns are visible at the foot of a slope forming the edge of an extensive and highly eroded area that was probably a work area or later mining. One cln is also infilled from the back at north Cardowie an area not discussed here beyond noting that it was revived in the first two decades of the 20th century (see Discussion below).

It is assumed that the sedimentation and infilling of the rectangular 1 m deep stone-lined tank at the top of the South Craigend lime road (figure 1) reflected the decrease in activity in the area and associated lack of maintenance of infrastructure as the industry went into decline. The  $\chi^2$  statistic for the best fit for wiggle matching the stratigraphic sequence of lead in the infill sediments to the dated lead fallout record in Loch Lomond yields a basal age of the infill sediments of calendar year 1824. (figure 10). In fact the values of the  $\chi^2$  statistic for basal ages ranging from 1819 to 1843 are all low and probably all statistically significant (or at least not statistically significantly different from each other). The wiggle matching by the Bacon software yields a basal age for the South Craigend sediment infill of calendar year 1828 with a 95% confidence range of calendar years 1831.6 to 1824.4. The match between the two totally independent approaches to wiggle matching the South Craigend curve to the dated Loch Lomond curve is impressive.

We take these data to mean that the South Craigend water tank started to infill in the second quarter of the 19th century and that the South Craigend lime road predates the second quarter of the 19th century (and probably long predates that date given the scale of the lime works at South Craigend). This lime-burning locality was nonetheless in decline by the second quarter of the 19th century but it was not completely defunct: the 1841 census of aldernoc records 14 individuals connected with the production and sale of lime in the parish including three lime masters two coal and lime masters five limestone miners and one lime miner two lime burners

and one liqe salesman (Table 2). These were living in South Craigend, Barraston and Druolocart and the nearby houses of Linnan, Haughhead and Red Mill<sup>44</sup> (Figure 8). Aldernoc coal miners numbered 12 in 1841, all residing in Holee, one in the neighbouring Barraston.<sup>45</sup> The industry was in decline, however, because by the 1861 census the numbers involved in liqe had dropped to six, all residing in Linnan, Druolocart or Haughhead, and in coal to seven, living in Barraston, Red Mill or Hole. The 1861 census (Table 2) reveals that the decline was continuing, with only one person's employment recorded as liqe-related (a liqe carrier, living at Haughhead, Figure 8). In 1871, there were no liqe workers in Aldernoc, and only seven employed in coal.

The industry's terminal decline by the middle of the 19th century in the area of South Craigend is also signalled by OS 1st edition mapping of all of that area's lins as 'Old Liqe Lins', which is taken to mean that the lins were no longer functioning.<sup>46</sup> This decline in the liqe industry in Aldernoc is also confirmed by advertisements for the lease of South Craigend. The 1840 *Glasgow Herald* advertisement noted above was not the last time the lease of the bar and the associated minerals were advertised. They were in fact advertised in the *Glasgow Herald* a rather astonishing 24 times in 13 months in 1847 and 1848, thus:

Mineral fields in the parish of Aldernoc, Stirlingshire, for sale. To be sold by private bargain first a lease of the coal, liqestone and ironstone in the bar of Hillhead and certain parts of the bars of South Craigend and Lanear, and second a lease of the coal, liqestone and ironstone, and the pyrites, alu schistus, etc in the lands of Barraston. Both fields are opened up by means of pits in partial operation.<sup>47</sup>

It seems that the leases were not attractive, with three further notices in the *Glasgow Herald* in 1861 advertising the lease of South Craigend, but this time without mention of the coal, liqestone and lacanded ironstone, perhaps signalling the final demise of the minerals activity around South Craigend.<sup>48</sup> In the same way, the employment of the South Craigend inhabitant in the 1841 and 1861 censuses is simply that of a carrier, with no mention of the Liqe Master employment of two South Craigend inhabitants in the 1841 census. So, the liqe industry in Aldernoc was in decline coming up to the middle of 19th century and faded after

that. The situation in Caerphilly has similarities to and parallels with that in Aldernock but there are important differences.

## LIMBIC REGION IN THE CAMPHILLY AREA

### SPATIAL DISTRIBUTION

Figure 2 shows the distribution of the lime-burning areas in the central parts of Caerphilly parish. Table 1 indicates the remains of more than 30 kilns all of the class kiln or gas in Aldernock. As also in Aldernock there are no draw kilns in the Caerphilly area. The principal areas to be discussed here are Culloch Slade Aldoran and Sculliongour (also sometimes confusingly called Malgrochan). The other Caerphilly area near Glorat House (Figure 2) is not treated in detail here except to note that the mid-19th century OS 1st edition showed five class kilns that were operating there as the Glorat Lime Works adjacent to a Coal and Limestone Mine. This works had closed by the late 19th century 2nd edition showing with the kilns unshaded and the mine being labelled as Old Coal and Limestone Mine and the name Glorat Lime Works now applied to the larger lime works nearby here named Aldoran (see below).

The 1st and 2nd edition OS showing confirm that the remaining Caerphilly lime works were characterised by renewal and regeneration rather than the decline observed in Aldernock. In the mid-19th century 1st edition showing the Sculliongour Lime and Coal Works had four class kilns in a line with a fifth behind those all immediately adjacent to Mines. The OS 2nd edition shows that by the late 19th century these had been reorganised and rebuilt as a single large class kilns in a line with three smaller class kilns in a perpendicular line at one end of the five all served by three railways to the mid-19th century mine and to more distant mines about 200 yds to the kilns.<sup>49</sup>

The Culloch Slade Lime works (Figure 11) and lime kilns at the adjacent Caerphilly Alum Works are treated here together. Class kilns were the sole means of lime production shown in the mid and late 19th centuries at both Culloch Slade and the Alum Works. Both sites were obviously substantially reorganised in the second half of the 19th century with Culloch Slade expanding its network of lime railways

as well as rebuilding and reducing the number of oolins (seven to five all class oolins) but also apparently enlarging the oolins (figure 11). The eight Alu Works class oolins were also connected to their lines by trackways and to the Camisie Branch / Glane Valley Branch Railway by the mid-19th century. The 2nd edition OS mapping indicates that the number of Alu Works oolins remained at eight but they were rebuilt substantially reorganised and enlarged in the second half of the 19th century (Table 1).

OS mapping also confirms a further reorganisation and expansion of the lioworks at Aldoran in the second half of the 19th century (figure 12). Mid-19th century OS mapping shows a small Derry Coal & Limestone Works operating at Aldoran with two class oolins adjacent to a Limestone Mine. A little to the east of these works are a further eight abandoned class oolins a further Old Limestone adjacent to an Old Limestone pit by the late 19th century the lioworks had become the Glorat Limestone and had been reorganised and enlarged (figure 12). The two mid-19th century class oolins had been replaced by five larger class oolins that were serviced by trackways one leading from the line to a flat platform above the tracks of the oolins from where the oolins were presumably loaded and one from the fronts of the oolins downhill to the Camisie Branch / Glane Valley Branch Railway (figure 12). These oolins were now a further industrial operation with a direct connection to the mainline railway system that necessitated a bridge across the Glort Water to join the railway and with one of the largest class oolins that we have seen in this study about 100 long and more than 20 deep (figure 12). It is also possible that the small underground works above the Glorat Limestone that had been a further Old (abandoned) in the mid-19th century saw late stage revival. Here immediately adjacent to a shaft with a second (possibly air) shaft some 700 to the north three of the eight oolins have had their horns shortened. This removed material has evidently been used to renovate one or two oolins which look fresher and less degraded than the other seven and may therefore have been used more recently.

INFRASTRUCTURE AND AGING OF THE CAMSIE OOLINS

It has already been noted how the Camisie lioworks already had substantial infrastructure associated with them by the mid-19th century including trackways to lines and to the railway network. It is thus possible (but perhaps unlikely) that the



Malgrochan Limestone noted above as being advertised for sale in the *Glasgow Courier* advertisement of 23 May 1822 came from the Malgrochan that is near Lennoxtown (i.e. Sculliongour) and had been transported by rail to Glasgow thence by cart to Port Dundas and canal to the Hungryside bridge.<sup>10</sup> If that route is unlikely as an explanation for the lime in that particular advertisement it is nonetheless clear that Caesie lime would have been transported by rail.

OS mapping makes clear that lime production in the Caesie district expanded during the second half of the 19th century. Subsequent OS mapping shows that the Aldoran (Glorat) and Culloch Slalime works had become deunct by the time of the 1914 revisions of the 6 inch and 2 inch sheets. These 1914 revisions of the 6 inch and 2 inch maps also depict the Caesie Alum Works as Disused but there is disagreement between the two map series on the lime lines at the alum works. The 1914 revision of the 6 inch mapping maps the lime lines as Lime lines without the Disused label implying that they were still operating at that time but the corresponding 2 inch map does not map the lime lines at all and labels the whole area of the alum works including the area where the lime lines were located as Disused. Taken as a whole the map data indicate that lime production in the Caesie area had become deunct by the end of the second decade of the 20th century.

The continuing 19th century vigour of lime burning in Caesie is reflected in the Caesie parish census data (Table 2) with the more than doubling of employment in lime between the 1861 and 1871 censuses presumably reflecting the developments noted above and in Table 1. Table 2 also shows that employment in coal mining in Caesie parish likewise increased throughout the second half of the 19th century and so that increase is almost certainly related to the lime industry (i.e. coal miners who were mining coal for lime burning but whose occupations were returned as related to coal).

## DISCUSSION

The Caesie lime industry flourished in the second half of the 19th century by which time the Aldernock industry was essentially deunct. Small local operations did continue in Aldernock right up until the early 20th century with a current resident

recalling his grandfather's leasing and operating of the limestone mine and clay pits at North Cardowie in Cardernock parish in the early 1900s. This operation employed two men to produce lime that was taken by horse and cart to Cardowie railway station (Figure 2) for transport on the former North British Railway Kelvin Valley Railway line to Glasgow.<sup>1</sup> To all intents and purposes however the industry in Cardernock faded as the Caesie operations grew. The Caesie industry itself then faded.

The early 20th century revival of the industry in Cardernock and its reliance on the railway for transport perhaps points to why the industry had earlier faded in Cardernock but continued in Caesie namely the railway system. We have argued above that the apparent focus of the Cardernock lime roads on the canal wharf at Hungryside (Figure 9) reflects the importance of canal transport for the lime industry in Scotland's western Central Belt in the late 18th and early 19th centuries. Thus lime pits were sited on the canal edge (see above) lime was shipped and sold at the Hungryside and Port Dundas wharves and old clay pits are marked on the canal side on OS 1st edition 2 1/2 inch maps at Maryhill on Glasgow's north fringe and on a short dead end spur of the Union Canal near Calton.<sup>2</sup> Likewise a former canal wharf to the west of Calton in the middle of the Central Belt is known as Lime Wharf and connects with a local Lime Road but the railway's arrival in Scotland's Central Belt in 1842 quickly drew traffic away from the canal and must have made it difficult for the former Cardernock lime works to compete with lime works better situated in relation to emerging transport lines.<sup>3</sup> Thus these lime works were already deunct by the time of the mid 19th century OS mapping except for one group of pits at Blair's Faith Trig and perhaps the odd one or two other pits. The Caesie pits on the other hand were clearly operating in the mid 19th century and had invested in the infrastructure of tramway connections to the mines and in the case of the Alu Works lime pits to the mainline railway system. Caesie's former groups of pits then reorganised and expanded in the second half of the 19th century installing larger pits and maintaining Alu Works Lime works or developing Glorat Lime works connections to the railway system. The mid 19th century Glorat House lime works was closed by the late 19th century but the Sculliongour works more distant from the railway was reorganised in the second half of the 19th century. Presumably its lime was carried to the nearby railway by horse and cart.



the small horseshoe-shaped flint which is the only flint type present at Loghall and is occasionally seen elsewhere in Aldernock represents the early stages in the evolution of clack flints as the contexts of Harrison and MacKay indicate with the technology then evolving into the shaped flints that culminate in large industrial scale clack flints more than 100 long then like turning technology based on clack flints in Scotland's western Central Belt evolved over the life of the industry in the Aldernock-Carlsie area.<sup>4</sup> An interpretation that the earlier phases of the industry were in Aldernock is supported by Loghall's 17 horseshoe-shaped clack flints. Small horseshoe-shaped flints continued to be used locally in Aldernock at both the South Craigend and Cairnsaith Trig flintfields and only one possibly horseshoe-shaped clack flint has been identified in Carlsie (at the Old Lieve flints to the east of Aldoran's Glorat Lieve Works figure 12). In other words it can be argued that the Aldernock industry developed earlier than that in Carlsie though caution is needed with that interpretation because the widespread redevelopment of the Carlsie industry could have obliterated remains of any horseshoe-shaped clack flints.

Whatever a point that point of detail the fundamental point to be made here is that clack flints remained the sole technology for like turning in the study area not one draw flint has been identified in an area that has evidence of more than 100 clack flints. Thus there is no evidence that tenant John Lochry's undertaking in a letter of July 29 1813 to John Maccaid the owner of the Woodhead estate that covers the study area including Lochry... to build a draw flint for turning like in the course of the next year was ever fulfilled.<sup>5</sup>

The exclusive focus on clack flint technology in a far like producing area highlights the inappropriateness of the widespread and almost exclusive emphasis on draw flints as emblematic of the historical like industry in Scotland. Johnson's remark in relation to Yorkshire It is regrettable that there is no recognition of the role of clack flints in the development of like turning technology evidently applies equally to Scotland.<sup>6</sup> Remembering that in this area the relevant part of the geological sequence consists of liestone interbedded with coal it is reasonable to conclude that the dominance of clack flints in the Aldernock-Carlsie area partly reflects the relative ease of obtaining the liestone and coal with which to charge the

climbs. This interrelation is consistent with the siting of climbs immediately adjacent to mine entrances to where the coal and limestone could be loaded directly into climbs. But it must also be remembered that limeburners often preferred clay climbs. Thus Car michael noted in the 1830s:

These clay climbs are preferred by many to the draw climbs on account of the slow and superior manner in which the stones are calcined whereas the practice of daily removing a quantity of lime from the draw climb either hurries the operation or defeats it by bringing down the limestone before it is thoroughly calcined.<sup>67</sup>

The installation of large clay climbs at the Glorat Lime Works at Baldoran (Caithness) in the second half of the 19th century is telling in this regard in that the operators of a major industrial-scale limeburning venture connected by a trackway to the mainline railway system installed large (100 long) clay climbs. OS 2nd edition 2 1/2 inch mapping of the Malabar area near Milngavie shows that six large clay climbs up to 160 long were also installed there about 7 miles west-south-west of the Baldernock study area in the second half of the 19th century again draw climbs were not used.<sup>68</sup> This enterprise called Malabar Works (Coal & Lime) on OS 2nd edition mapping was not close to a rail line but the road connections to Glasgow seem to have been reasonable.

The preference for clay climbs is also evident in other parts of central and western Scotland. It has already been noted that the four horseshoe-shaped clay climbs in upper Annockburn (Stirlingshire) are likely to be early. Around Craehead in Lanarkshire to the southeast of the present study area Ward has geo-referenced more than 140 clay climbs.<sup>69</sup> Similarly, his set documents many tens of clay climbs in Renfrewshire in western Scotland noting that they were used as in Baldernock and Caithness throughout the life of the limeburning industry in highly organised industrial-scale operations<sup>60</sup>. His set also comments that clay climbs were often used side-by-side with draw climbs but notes various reasons for preferring the clay climb to which can be added the reason noted here namely their ease and simplicity of operation when both limestone and coal occurred together in the geological sequence. His set noted that some of the large clay climbs in Renfrewshire were more than 200 in length (i.e. larger than the largest clay climb identified in this study) and implied that clay climbs were often preferred even when the coal had to be brought to the limestone. And finally on this point of the utility of clay climbs in

western Scotland a *geograph website* 'Relics of the limestone industry on Duarton Muir' documents many old lime-related features on Duarton Muir including limestone quarries, tracks related to the lime industry and clay pipes.<sup>61</sup> Incidentally, later draw pipes are also documented for this Duarton site.

It is also clear from the historical literature as well as the remains of draw pipes themselves that there was no universally accepted design for draw pipes which were subject to considerable stresses when fully loaded and being fired.<sup>62</sup> Common solutions to this issue included the construction of buttressing of the masonry pipes and/or enclosing of the top of the draw pipe within a passive (and usually expensive) masonry structure from the outset (Figure 13).<sup>63</sup> Such solutions were usually deemed necessary to justify the cost of bringing in the raw material when coal or limestone had to be brought to the works and firing of the pipe was (seemingly) continuous. At the Charlestown wharf-side works, for example, coal was brought in by rail from Dunfermline and the limestone quarried on-site.<sup>64</sup> Usually the cost of transporting coal was offset by being able to fire the draw pipes continuously and then to load the lime directly into ships for transport to markets throughout eastern Scotland as well as by the returns from shipping and selling coal itself.<sup>65</sup> When either coal or limestone had to be brought to the pipe it generally made sense to locate the pipes at the source of limestone because of the 0% weight loss in calcining limestone to lime and the generally higher proportion of limestone to coal in the pipe charge (see above).

Thus and notwithstanding many limeburners' reference to draw pipes and these pipes' undoubted widespread use in Scotland it remains clear from Caesars Glorat Lime works and Culloch Slane Lime works and the Dalrymple Works as well as from Stewart's works in Renfrewshire that clay pipes were a perfectly viable and economic technology for industrial-scale production of lime until at least the end of the 19th century. The rebuilding of both the Glorat and Culloch Slane Lime works in the second half of the 19th century, the considerable size of these works, large clay pipes and the lime works' connections by railways both to mines and to the main rail network for shipping of the lime all confirm the scale of the lime works' infrastructure and economic investment.

The clay pipe was a low-cost and relatively straightforward way to burn limestone but the method nonetheless needed care and attention. As we have noted the lime burner faced two contrary challenges: claying the pipe was necessary in

order to control the rate of burning and hence the temperature too hot and the limestone would have been calcined to useless overfired clinker stone but calcining limestone produces carbon dioxide which extinguishes the fire if it is not vented and/or oxygen is not supplied to the burning charge. Historical accounts of lime burning in clifflins in Aldoran noted the need to supply air to the burning charge this challenge being met at Aldoran by the fln carrying three small pipes or pens through the cottage and up the sides and ends of the fln in order to give the air.<sup>66</sup> Further geodimeter survey and excavation of the Aldernock clifflins reported here will confirm if the surface features tentatively identified in the South Craigend geodimeter survey are indeed helping to control the air supply.

## STRUCTURE OF INDUSTRY

The Glorat Lime works demonstrate that the industry was highly organised by the late 19th century but it is equally clear that that degree of organisation had existed for a considerable time as a number of clusters of flns around mine openings are common throughout the Aldernock-Cassie area including at South Craigend, Cairns, Faith Trig, Aldoran, Culloch Slough and so on. Usually there were small scale indeed perhaps lone operators such as at South Craigend but even these small scale operators generally located their fln close to a mine.

The newspaper advertisements noted above indicate that the lime works operation was by landowners and estates leasing out the mineral rights. Leases commonly included incentives to the landowner such as those in an 1813 lease between John Incaid or Incaid (the landowner) and John Lochry (Loughry) in which Incaid agreed to pay £100 towards the sinking of a pit to the coal £30 when the pit had reached 10 fathoms £30 on reaching the coal and the remaining £40 when the above ground works leading to the works were finished.<sup>67</sup> The lease also obliged the landowner to provide the gin (winding gear), gin ropes and hitches, windlass wheel and ropes and other material used for moving materials and men up and down the pit shaft. And thirdly rent was £100 for the first year (presumably as an incentive when there was no production) but then rose to £160 years for the remaining nine years of the lease plus Lordships of one ninth of the gross output of coal, one seventh part of the sale of lime and one shilling per ton of the sale of green (unburnt) limestone.

## CONCLUSIONS

Johnson has commented that lime is the Cinderella of industrial archaeology.<sup>68</sup> The results presented here mean that that can be extended to say that clay pipes are the Cinderella of lime pipe archaeology – rarely investigated and even more rarely excavated. The abundance of clay pipe remains in the Aldernock-Caithness area provides the opportunity to explore the details of this technology there by to extend Johnson's intriguing results on clay pipe structure and function.<sup>69</sup> The exclusive use of clay pipes in the Aldernock-Caithness area is reasonably explained by a combination of a regional preference for clay pipes (i.e. local custom and practice) and the possibility of extracting interbedded coal and limestone in the one mine or quarry. That hypothesis must await further archival work but even if both factors are confirmed it remains clear from the historical literature on lime burning and from recent data from Renfrewshire that some lime burners simply preferred clay pipes and that clay and draw pipes operated side by side at the sea of lime burning in Scotland's western Central Belt. In other words, the clay pipe was itself a sophisticated technology that was not simply a precursor to more sophisticated draw pipes. The skill required to operate a clay pipe – both in terms of loading it and then controlling the burn – could be rewarded by a higher quality lime as Carichael pointed out.<sup>70</sup> In short, clay pipes were not necessarily used simply as a local small-scale technology that might have been fired only once to produce lime for agriculture but were a central element in a highly organised industry supplying a key ingredient in the development of Scotland's industry, economy and urban centres.

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match the South Craigend profile to the dated Loch Loon and profile (Maauw M. and A. Christen 2011) (2011) (2017). This was undertaken by Dr Maarten Maauw (the author of the Bacon software) who used the Bacon default settings except for a section thickness of 10 mm a prior accumulation rate with mean 3 and shape 1 and using the dated Loch Loon record as a tailored calibration curve against which the South Craigend measurements were wiggle-matched (Pers. comm. Dr Maarten Maauw January 6 2017).

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<sup>43</sup> See figure 3 of Macay re 21 Harrison re 11 87.

<sup>44</sup> We have not yet seen any mapping that shows Red flint but the order of data in the census implies that it was close to Canter.

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<sup>46</sup> Pisho and Thomson re 22.

<sup>47</sup> Logan re 41.

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<sup>50</sup> The 1630 lease noted in re 11 makes it clear that Dalrochan is a long-standing name in the Aldernock lime industry. The lease names Carlestoun which is in the area treated here as

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**Table 1.** Numbers of kilns in Aldernock and Caerlisle from OS mapping supplemented by field checking. All kilns reported here are clay kilns and no draw kilns have been either mapped by OS or identified in our field mapping. Refer to figure 2 for locations.

Locality; guide GR and Fig reference (if relevant)	Area (Parish)	Number of kilns	Other lime-related features from OS mapping, field checking, census data, archives etc
1. Boghall S7974 Figure 3	Aldernock (Aldernock)	17	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. No kilns or lines mapped by OS</li> <li>2. Small horse-shoe shaped kilns revealed by gradiometer survey (Figure 3A and B)</li> <li>3. Heat reddened (baked) clay and vitrified stone on ground surface and similar colouration visible on colour-enhanced Google Earth image (Figure 3C)</li> <li>4. Kilns are adjacent to a tree-covered depression (Figure 3) in which the Aldernock Limestone is mapped as cropping out. Local knowledge confirms that the depression is the remains of a coal and/or limestone quarry/pit.</li> </ol>
2. Bth Cardowie S81749	Aldernock (Aldernock)	0	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Remains of a group of four clay kilns (not mapped by OS) plus one (now destroyed) mapped by OS on mid-19th century 1st ed. adjacent to 'Coal Mine';</li> <li>2. No kilns mapped on OS 2nd ed. (late 19th century) but 'Airshaft' mapped on 2nd ed. is adjacent to the four kilns noted in 1.</li> <li>3. Local information confirms that one or more of the group of four kilns was operating in the early 1900s with the lime going by horse and cart to local railway for transport (presumably for the 10 or so into Glasgow see text).</li> </ol>
3. Hole S6072 Figure 4	Aldernock (Aldernock)	11	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. All OS mapped kilns labelled as 'Old Limekilns' (Figure 4)</li> <li>2. Multiple mines ('Old Pit'; 'Old Pit Coal &amp; Limestone'; 'Limestone Pit'; 'Coal &amp; Limestone Pit' [the latter two labels lacking 'Old', indicating active mining when OS surveyed the area in 1860])</li> <li>3. Remains of elevated (constructed) ridge for trackway to pit entrance to kilns (Figure 4)</li> <li>4. Downhill terminus of 'South Craigend Lime Road' (Figures 4 and 9).</li> </ol>
4. Linn S9076	Aldernock (Aldernock)	1	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Single kiln adjacent to a (presumably limestone) quarry or pit</li> <li>2. Not labelled on OS 1st ed. 6" mapping, but 'Old Limekiln' on OS 1st ed. 25" and OS 2nd ed. 6" mapping</li> <li>3. A major underground limestone mine (the Aldernock Linn Mine) is also adjacent</li> <li>4. House 'Linn' mapped adjacent to the quarry and kiln on OS 1st ed.; this is presumably the 'Linn Bank' occupied by a lime burner and his family in the 1801 census</li> <li>5. Unroofed house mapped on OS 2nd ed.</li> </ol>
5. South Craigend S602760 Figure 5	Aldernock (Aldernock)	37	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. All kilns labelled as 'Old Limekilns' on OS 1st and 2nd eds</li> <li>2. Subsurface 'plumbing' connecting clamp kilns indicated on gradiometer survey (Figure 5)</li> <li>3. Multiple pit shafts (identified in field and not mapped by OS - central pit entrance mapped on pit abandonment plan (Figure 8))</li> <li>4. Downhill terminus of 'South Craigend Lime Road' (Figure 9).</li> </ol>

<p>6. Cairns with Trig S96767 Figure 6</p>	<p>Aldernock (Aldernock)</p>	<p>26 (initially because parts of this area are highly disturbed by later forestry activities)</p>	<p>1. OS showed only three pits all labelled 'Kilns' implying that they were still functioning in the mid 19th as is also implied by the buildings adjacent to the pits being shown as roofed and the fact that the labels on the lines do not include the descriptor 'Old'; 23 pits not shown by OS 2. Multiple mines, two of which mapped by OS ('Coal &amp; Limestone Mine'; 'Coal &amp; Limestone Pit'); other (unshown) shafts very obvious on the ground including two substantial water-filled shafts one of which is in plan view 40m long and 1m wide 3. Remains of constructed ridge or trackway (not shown by OS) to mine entrance towards pits and a different trackway shown on OS 1st ed. but not located on the ground 4. Large drains running downhill away to (drainage) shafts.</p>
<p>7. Glenwynd S606761 Figure 7</p>	<p>Aldernock (Caesie)</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>1. All OS mapped kilns labelled as 'Old Limekilns'; 2. Nine mines (all 'Old Pit Coal &amp; Limestone') mapped by OS in area immediately surrounding these pits with other unshown lines and/or air shafts located in field checking and/or shown by OS as small circular ponds 3. Glenwynd bar house is uphill terminus of 'Glenwynd Lime Road' (Figure 9).</p>
<p>8. Langshot S6178</p>	<p>Aldernock (Caesie)</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>1. All OS mapped kilns labelled as 'Old Limekilns'; 2. On side branch of 'Langshot Lime Road' (Figure 9).</p>
<p>9. Culloch Slap S622773 Figure 12</p>	<p>Caesie (Caesie)</p>	<p>1st ed.: 7 2nd ed.: □</p>	<p>OS 1st edition: 1. Mapped as 'Limekilns' on OS 1st ed 6" map and as 'Old Limekilns' on OS 1st ed 25" map; 2. 10m long trackway shown connecting pits to 'Culloch Slap Old Mine Coal &amp; Limestone'. OS 2nd edition: 3. pits rebuilt 4. Mapped as 'Limekilns' and therefore assumed to be operating 10m long trackway still present and a second trackway 00m long to a new (second) mine is shown.</p>
<p>10. Caesie Alu Works S632770</p>	<p>Caesie (Caesie)</p>	<p>1st ed.: 8 2nd ed.: 8</p>	<p>OS 1st edition: 1. Mapped as 'Limekilns' on 1st ed 6" and 25" maps; 2. Two trackways connecting pits to lines: one 00m long to 'Coal &amp; Limestone Mine' and the other 960m long to 'Tarfin Mine (Alu Coal &amp; Limestone)'. OS 2nd edition: 3. pits rebuilt/rearranged and enlarged (two shown as being 17m long) 4. 00m long trackway still connecting to first mine noted under 1st edition, now called 'Boyd's Burn Mine'.</p>
<p>11. Aldoran (Derry Coal &amp; Lime Works on 1st ed. Glorat Lime Works on 2nd ed) S60772 Figure 13</p>	<p>Caesie (Caesie)</p>	<p>Derry: 11 Glorat: 13</p>	<p>OS 1st edition: Derry Coal &amp; Lime Works 1. Eight kilns adjacent to 'Old Limestone Pit' mapped as 'Old Limekilns', and three mapped as 'Limekilns', adjacent to 'Coal Pit' and 'Limestone Mine' (with a further 'Old Limestone Pit' adjacent); 2. unshown shafts or airshafts also identified in field checking. OS 2nd edition: Glorat Lime Works: 3. The eight 'Old' kilns and adjacent 'Old Limestone Pit' as shown in 1st ed. (see 1.) are repeated in 2nd</p>



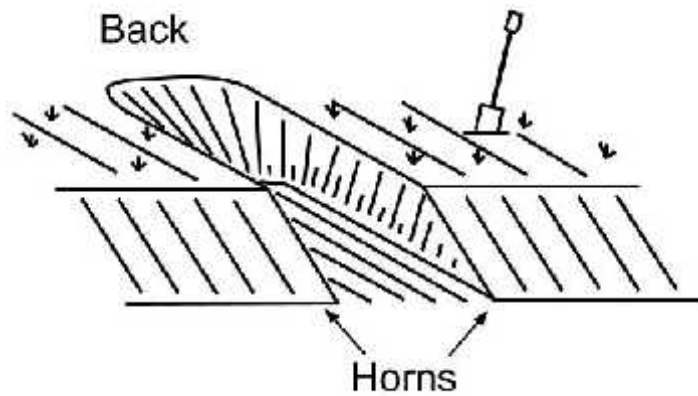
			<p>ed.</p> <p>4. Five large kilns have replaced the three 'limekilns' as noted in 1st ed.</p> <p>Tramway and roadway into 'Levels' (adits) airshaft plus 'Old Limestone Pit';</p> <p>6. 600 m long tramway connecting the Glorat Lime Works to the North British Railway's Blane Valley branch line (including a bridge to cross the Gart Water).</p>
<p>12. Glorat House Coal Lime Works (1st ed.) S644781</p>	<p>Ca site (Ca site)</p>	<p>1st ed.: 0 2nd ed.: 0</p>	<p><u>OS 1st edition:</u></p> <p>1. Kilns of different sizes and slight differences in plan view or morphology (one with rounded end the remainder with squared ends)</p> <p>2. 'Coal &amp; Limestone Mine', with two roofed buildings adjacent</p> <p>3. 'Old Coal Pits'.</p> <p><u>OS 2nd edition:</u></p> <p>4. 'Old Coal &amp; Limestone Mine', with no buildings; 'Old Quarries'.</p>
<p>13. Sculliongour Lime &amp; Coal Works S626790</p>	<p>Ca site (Ca site)</p>	<p>1st ed.: 0 2nd ed.: 8</p>	<p><u>OS 1st edition:</u></p> <p>1. 'Mines', 'Old Coal Pits'.</p> <p><u>OS 2nd edition:</u></p> <p>2. Kilns rebuilt/reorganised and apparently increased in size and number of kilns</p> <p>3. 'Levels';</p> <p>4. More than 800 m of tramways between levels and kilns</p> <p>Roofed building adjacent to kilns.</p>

**Table 2.** Numbers employed in the lignite and coal industries in Aldernock and Caerisie parishes according to various 19th century censuses

	Census	Aldernock parish	Caerisie parish
Lignite	1841	14	30
	1851	6	29
	1861	1	22
	1871	0	4
Coal	1841	12	70
	1851	7	118
	1861	14	118
	1871	7	143

Note: The 1841 and 1851 census data were obtained from [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org) and the data for the 1861 and 1871 censuses were derived from the microfilm copies of the original census enumerator books held by the East Dunbartonshire Leisure and Culture Trust at William Patric Library, Kirkintilloch. The microfilm reader at the William Patric Library was provided by the NewsPaper 2000 Project, the Heritage Lottery Fund and the Regional NewsPaper Industry.

Figures:



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Figure 1. A. Sketch of clastic basin redrawn by Shorrocks (1963) (see Figure 1). B. Degraded remains of clastic basins at Blairkaith Trig (aldernock) (left: shaded line and right: adjacent horseshoe-shaped depression at centre left of figure 6 (see figure 2 for location and detail)).

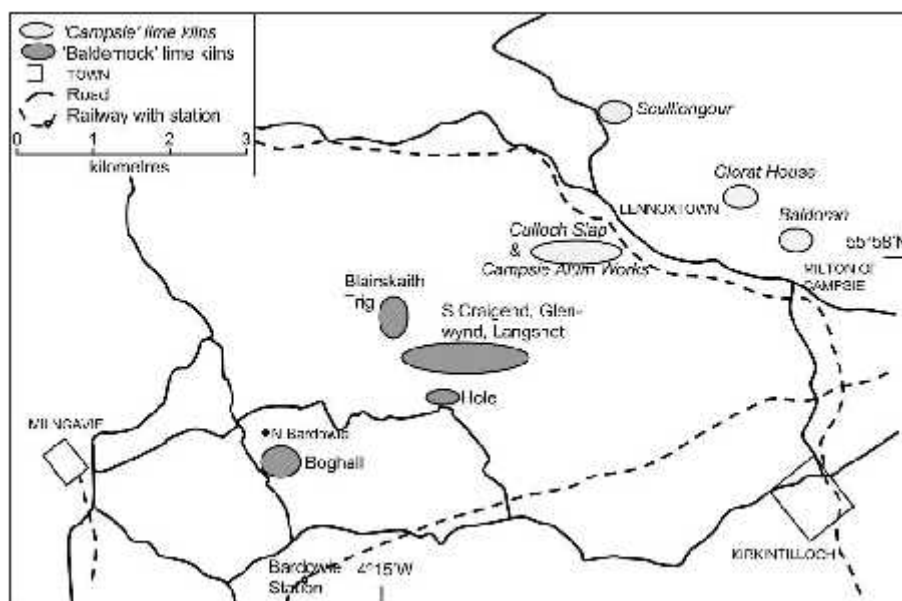


Figure 2. Map of the principal lime kiln sites in aldernock and Campsie parishes. The South Craighend kilns lie in aldernock parish. The adjacent Glenwynd and Langshot kilns are in Campsie

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Barish but they are treated here together as part of the Aldernock limestone because they are clearly working the same occurrence of the Aldernock limestone and its associated coal.

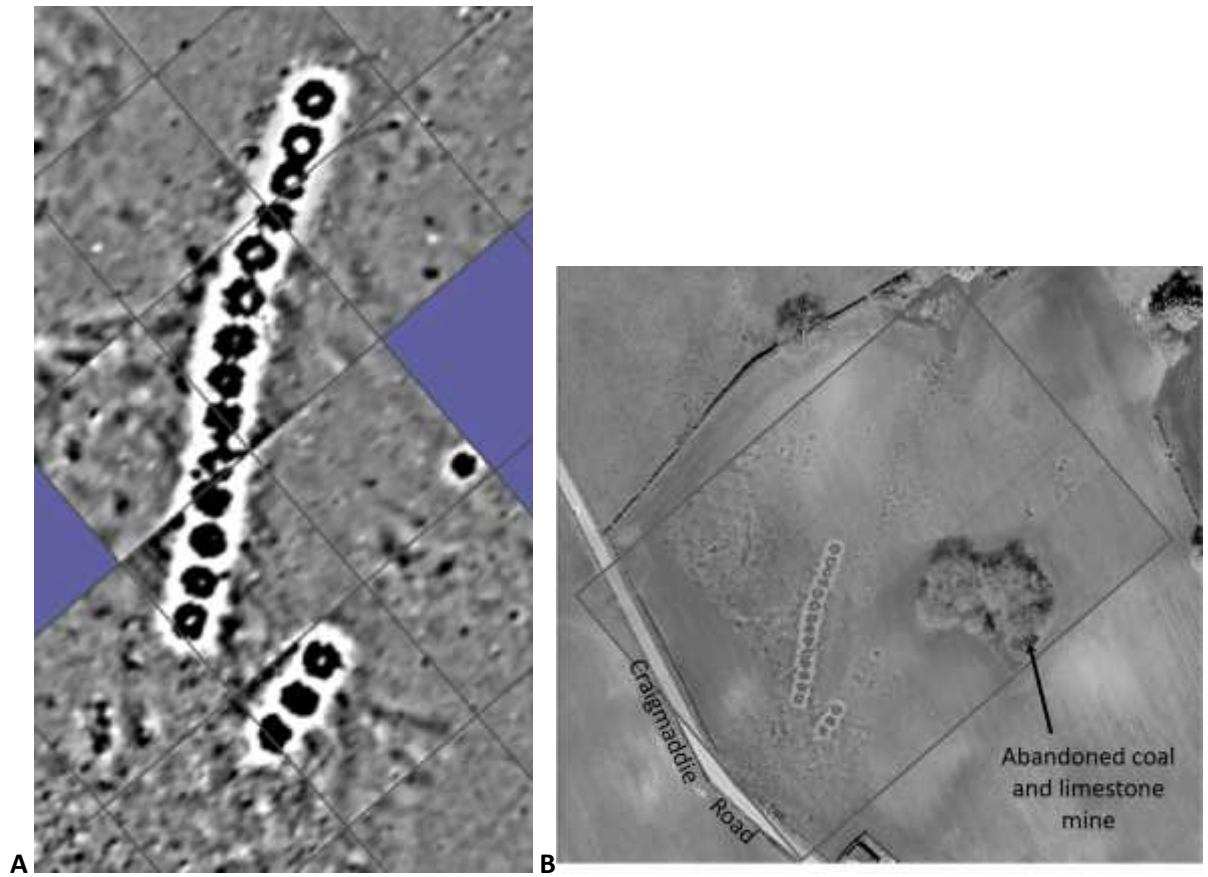


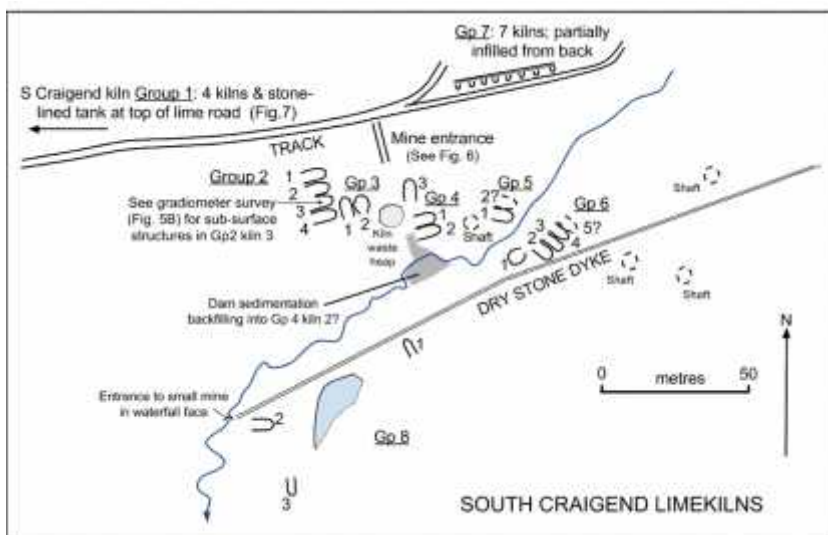
Figure 3. Dughall limestone inliers. A. Radio-aerial survey showing the remains of 17 horseshoe-shaped claystone inliers. B. The Dughall inliers as revealed by radio-aerial survey in context highlighting the inliers.

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closeness to the adjacent line in the Aldernock limestone and associated coal measures. C. Colour and contrast enhanced aerial photograph highlighting the circular reddened burnt ground remnants corresponding to the magnetic anomalies in A and B.

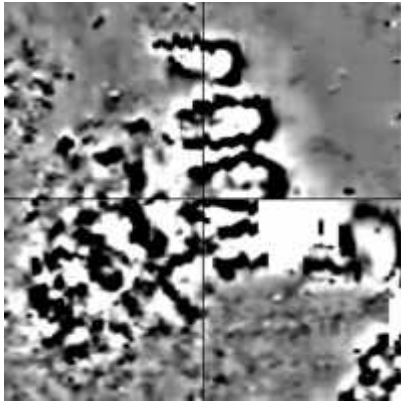


Figure 4. OS 1st edition 2 1/2 inch mapping of lime industry remains at Hole (Stirling Sheet 32.4 (Aldernock parish) survey date 1860 publication date 1864). The elevated ridge at upper right is interpreted to have carried a trackway to old pit in upper right-hand corner. A second ungraded elevated ridge (i.e. second trackway) ran to the southern end of the first trackway (at spot height 260) WSW along the graded track to the crossroad in the middle of the figure (marked M.23.3). That trackway would have then continued on to the hills adjacent to the buildings (liners/cottages) at Hole. The road coming in from the north-west immediately to the west of Hole is the downhill terminus of the South Craigend Lime Road (see also figure 9). (Reproduced by permission of the National Library of Scotland)



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Figure 5. A. Remains of the lime industry at South Craigend based on field mapping. At least one further pit and adjacent mine shaft occur just to the south of the area mapped here. B. South Craigend gridometer survey of Groups 2 and 3 pits (following numbering in A at left) of the plan area between Group 2 pit 4 and Group 3 pit 1 corresponds to a tree where it was not possible to survey. Note the possible subsurface structures (dotted lines) in the floor of pit 3 in Group 2 (centre of figure) and possible connection between that pit and the adjacent pit 2.

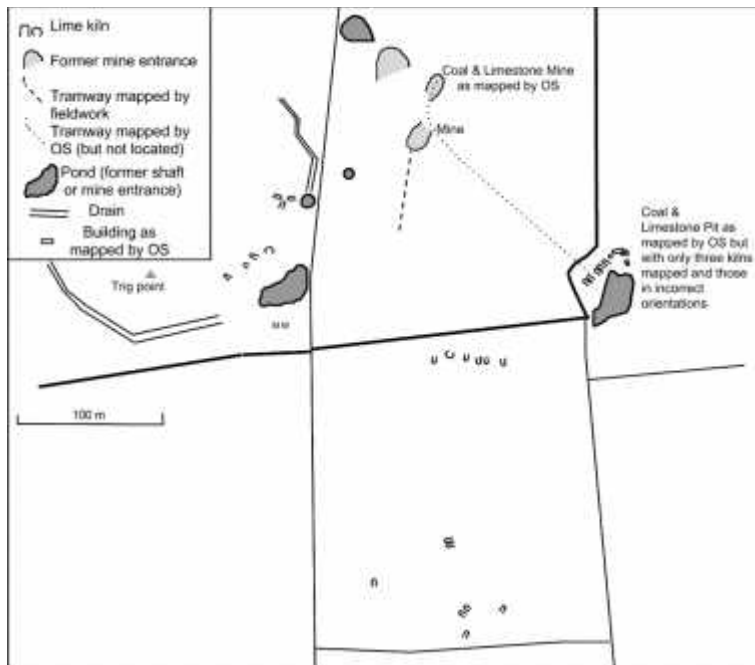


Figure 6. The area of pits with Trig station showing pits and lines. OS mapping shows only the three pits at centre right and no mine entrances or drains.



Figure 7. OS 1st edition 2-inch scale map of 24 clay pits near Glenwynd (Stirling Sheet 27.16 (Cassie parish) surveyed 1860 and published 1861). Ground survey confirms this mapping as



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accurate and as complete as it is possible to assess given the considerable disturbance by current forestry activities of the northern half of the area in this figure. (Reproduced by permission of the National Library of Scotland)

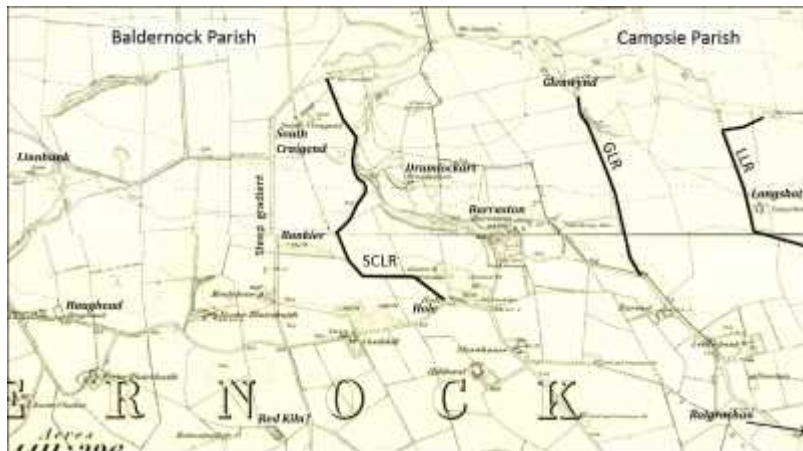


Figure 8. Line roads in Baldernock including various localities mentioned in the text above is the grid 19th century OS 1st edition 600000 (upper portion: Stirlingshire sheet 27 surveyed 1860 published 1861 lower portion: Stirlingshire sheet 32 surveyed 1860 published 1864). SCLR: South Craighend Line Road GLR: Glenwynd Line Road LLR: Langshot Line Road. (Reproduced by permission of the National Library of Scotland)

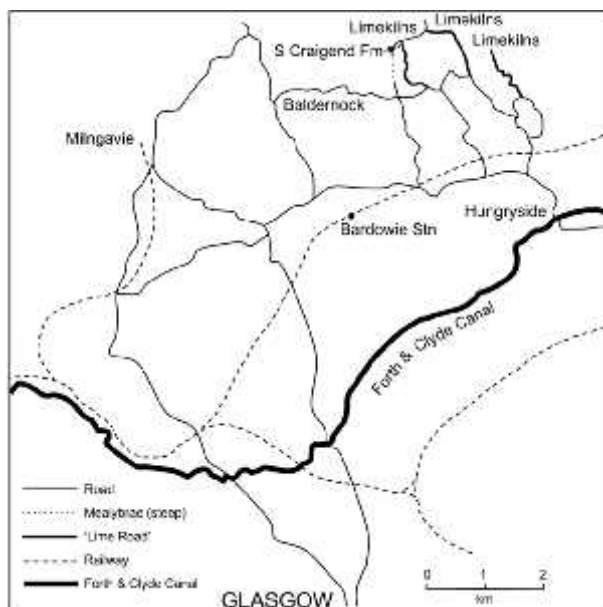


Figure 9. Baldernock Line Roads in relation to the wharf at Hurgryside on the Forth and Clyde Canal (see figure 9 for details and names of Line Roads).

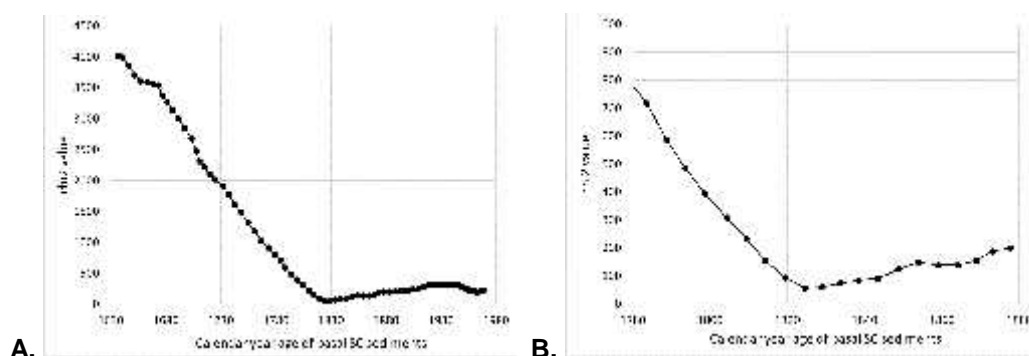


Figure 10. Plots of  $\chi^2$  values for the lead (Pb) sequences in the South Craighend water tank (Figure 1A) and the dated sequence in Loch Lochnod. (A)  $\chi^2$  values for the goodness of fit between the 17 point South Craighend profile and all possible 17 point profiles moving progressively down through the dated Loch Lochnod sequence (enlarged in (B)). The minimum  $\chi^2$  gives the basal age of 1824. (say 1820 for the onset of sedimentation in the South Craighend water tank sequence (and hence the assumed age of the onset of decline of the South Craighend life operations).



Figure 11. OS 2nd edition 6" mapping of Culloch Slap lime works showing rebuilt lines and new tramway (Stirlingshire Sheet 27. Surveyed 1896, published 1899). The elevated ridge that carried this second tramway is still clear in the field. (Reproduced by permission of the National Library of Scotland)



Figure 12. OS 2nd edition 6" mapping of the Derry Lime Works at Baldoran redeveloped in the second half of the 19th century as the Glorat Lime Works showing tramways connecting lines to the line north of the lines and to the mainline railway to the south. (Reproduced by permission of the National Library of Scotland).



Figure 13. Google Earth image of the draw line at the Cults Lime Works (eastern Scotland). Note the massive square masonry structure surrounding and supporting the line (the central circular feature).