

NORTH AYRSHIRE WATERMILL SURVEY

Name of mill: Hunterston mill. Known locally as Poteath

Date visited: 4.5.10.

Address: Hunterston, by Fairlie

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Grid ref: NS196523

Present use: No evidence of mill or its lade/tail race on visit. Site is now part of the Hunterston deep water port area.

Past use: Notated on the 1st edition OS. Thought to be a grain mill.

Description of mill buildings: Not known at present

Construction: Not known

Power: Assumed to be powered by water.

Other buildings: None.

Photographs taken:No.

Notes: Mill as part of the Montgomerie (Southannan) Estate. (From local source).

Nothing remains of the building complex apart from some free standing dykes. The adjacent farm, Poteath, which most likely included the mill, was probably demolished at the time of the construction of the Hunterston deep water port. The land form in the approximate location of the mill has been much changed by earth moving machines, no doubt in the process of demolishing the mill/farm buildings.

The burn, (the Poteath?) which fed the mill has been canalised and culverted in places.

Much of the tree/scrub growth in the area appears to be post 1970s albeit there are some mature sycamore and beech trees in the area. Some shrub planting in the area is of a gardenesque form, eg Snowberry, Privet. At the time of the survey daffodils were evident.

Further research required of:

The planning application for the Hunterston development.

Montgomerie (Southannan) Estate.
