

Pitheid
Patter
Education
Resource
Pack

**Sources,
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and Time line**

Primary Sources

This education resource pack has used the oral testimony of those interviewed by ATS Heritage for the Barony Trust project "Pitheid Patter"

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Time line

Date	Event
1906	William Baird & co began work the Barony Colliery, sinking two shafts on the site of Old Byres Farm, to the west of Auchinleck.
1912	First National Coal Miners Strike. A miners' strike lasted for 5 weeks.
1912	First coal brought to the surface at Barony Pit.
1913	Mines Rescue Station in Auchinleck, Ayrshire Coal Owners Association.
March 1930	First manager, Thomas MacCulloch, dies aged 63.
1930	871 men employed below ground and 203 above.
1931	William Baird & Co becomes Bairds & Dalmellington.
1932	Pithead baths opened.
1938	Reorganisation scheme started to increase output, increase ventilation and raise the standard of coal produced at the Barony. New electric winding gear installed and work began on sinking shaft No 3.
1939	Outbreak of war brought work on reorganisation and shaft 3 to a standstill.
1940	Barony Miners earned around £1 13s 1d per week (approx: £1.65) for 6 shifts. 4d (2p) was deducted for the pit doctor.
1946	Work resumed on shaft 3.
Early 1947	A cage broke free in shaft 2 falling 1500 ft into 60 ft of sludge. The cage contained only coal, no-one was injured. The pit loses 1500 ton of output.
1947	5 mines operating near Auchinleck, together producing 622,000 tons of coal.
1947	Mines nationalised, National Coal Board.
1947	1763 miners employed in parish pits, 1357 work underground.
1950	Work on shaft 3 completed. Later production reaches around 380,000 tons pa.
1954	New A Frame head gear for shaft 3 complete.
Early 1960s	1,600 employees.
8 Nov 1962	Serious accident in shaft 2. Shaft 2 collapsed and winding frame fell apart. Four men died in the pit. Their bodies could never be recovered.
16 Nov 1962	Memorial service for the dead men - more than 1,200 people attended.
Nov 1962	1,100 of the pit's 1614 men were laid off. 200 men redeployed to other pits, 300 kept on to carry out remedial works.
1963	Shafts 1 & 2 filled in but shaft 3 left open.
1966	New shaft (shaft 4) completed and production restarted at Barony Pit.
1969	New pit canteen opened at Barony Pit.
1973	1,025 people employed at Barony colliery, producing 320,000 tons of coal.
1980	1,006 people employed.
1989	Pit closed