



**Places in Scotland affected by changes to
boundaries of counties and parishes**

BANFFSHIRE

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9.—COUNTY OF BANFF.

The county of Banff had four detached parts, all surrounded by the county of Aberdeen, viz., the parish of St. Fergus, and parts of the parishes of Gartly, New Machar, and Old Deer. On the other hand, it contained a detached part of the county of Aberdeen, which was at the same time a detached part of the parish of King Edward. Three other parishes (Cabrach, Cairnie, and Keith) were situated partly in the county of Aberdeen and partly in the county of Banff, and five (Bellie, Bobarn, Inveravon, Keith, and Rothes) partly in the county of Banff and partly in the county of Elgin. Further, the parishes of Gamrie and Inverkeithny and parts of the parishes of Alvah and Rothiemay (all Banffshire parishes) were for certain purposes of administration held to form part of the county of Aberdeen.

The county boundaries have been dealt with as follows:—

A. With the County of Aberdeen.

1.—GAMRIE, INVERKEITHNY, ALVAH, AND ROTHIEMAY.

By section 41 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1889, the parishes of Gamrie and Inverkeithny and parts of the parishes of Alvah and Rothiemay (all of which are Banffshire parishes) are to be deemed to be in the county of Aberdeen for public health and road administration. Clause (g.) of the section, however, saves the powers of the Boundary Commissioners. By the Order printed at p. 26, it is directed that these parishes shall form part of the county of Banff for all purposes not saved by the Act. As the areas affected by the Order were held to be in the county of Aberdeen only for certain limited purposes of administration, it does not seem necessary to specify the subjects affected. It is sufficient to state that the four parishes named are now for all purposes situated wholly in the county of Banff.

2.—CABRACH.

The parish of Cabrach was situated partly in the county of Aberdeen and partly in the county of Banff. By the Order printed at p. 23 it has been placed wholly in the county of Banff.

The following subjects have thus been transferred from the county of Aberdeen to the county of Banff (while remaining in the parish of Cabrach):—

PLACE.	DESCRIPTION.	PROPRIETOR.
Aldivalloch, . . .	Farm, crofts, houses, and land, . . .	Duke of Richmond and Gordon.
Aldunie,	Farms and houses,	Do.
Auchnasair,	Farm, houses, and land,	Do.
Bank,	Croft,	Do.
Blackwater,	Moor,	Do.
Bodiebae,	Farm, and house with garden, . .	Do.

PLACE.	DESCRIPTION.	PROPRIETOR.
Bracklach, . . .	Farm, and house with garden, . . .	Duke of Richmond and Gordon.
Buck,	Farm, houses, and land,	Do.
Cabrach,	Shooting lodge, moor, and house,	Do.
Craigencat,	Croft, house, and mill,	Do.
Elrick,	Crofts, houses, and land,	Do.
Gauch or Reekomlane,	Farms and houses,	Do.
Haddoch,	Farm,	Do.
Nether Howbog,	Do.	Do.
Upper Howbog,	Do.	Do.
Kirkton,	Farm, croft, houses, and land,	Do.
Largue,	Farm, croft, houses, and land,	Do.
Milltown,	Farm, and house with garden,	Do.
Powneed,	Farm, croft, houses, and land,	Do.
Redford,	Farm,	Do.
Torniechelt,	Farms,	Do.
Whitehillock,	Crofts and houses,	Do.
Cabrach,	Church, manse, glebe, garden, and offices,	Heritors of Parish.
Do.	School buildings,	School Board of Parish.
Whitehillock,	House and shop,	Robert Mackintosh.

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3.—CAIRNIE.

The parish of Cairnie was situated partly in the county of Aberdeen and partly in the county of Banff. By the Order printed at p. 28 no change was made on the county boundary, but the Banffshire part of the parish was transferred to the Banffshire parish of Keith. The parish of Cairnie, as altered in area, consists solely of the Aberdeenshire part of the old parish of Cairnie.

For details, see Cairnie, &c., *infra*, p. 164.

4.—GARTLY.

The eastern portion of the parish of Gartly formed a detached part of Banffshire. This detached part was wholly surrounded by the county of Aberdeen, and has been transferred to that county by the Order printed at p. 24.

See County of Aberdeen, Gartly, *infra*, p. 166.

5.—GLASS.

The parish of Glass was situated partly in the county of Aberdeen and partly in the county of Banff. It has now been placed wholly in the county of Aberdeen by the Order printed at p. 23.

See County of Aberdeen, Glass, *infra*, p. 168.

6.—KING EDWARD.

There was a detached part of the county of Aberdeen which was also a detached part of the Aberdeenshire parish of King Edward, and which was surrounded by the county of Banff. It was situated near the town of Banff, and was surrounded by the Banffshire parishes of Alvah, Banff, and Gamrie. By the Order printed at p. 27 this detached part was transferred to the county of Banff, and was at the same time annexed to the parish of Alvah.

The following subjects have thus been transferred from the county of Aberdeen to the county of Banff (and from the parish of King Edward to the parish of Alvah):—

PLACE.	DESCRIPTION.	PROPRIETOR.
Estate of Montcoffer—		
Montcoffer, . . .	Mansion-house, offices, garden, farm, woodlands, and fishings,	Duke of Fife.
Mains of Montcoffer, . . .	Farm,	Do.
Beekie's Lands, . . .	Crofts,	Do.
Corskie & Ferniebrae, . . .	Farm,	Do.
Gavenwood, . . .	House, offices, and garden, . . .	Do.
Gavenybrae, . . .	Garden,	Do.
Gellyburn, . . .	Croft,	Do.
Gellymill, . . .	Garden,	Do.
Upper Haugh, . . .	Croft,	Do.
Kirkside, . . .	Farm and croft,	Do.
Lodge Crofts, . . .		Do.
Part of the Great North of Scotland (Banff, Macduff, and Turriff Extension) Railway line (4 chains or thereby) north of Montcoffer.		Great North of Scotland Railway Co.

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7, 8, and 9.—NEW MACHAR, OLD DEER, AND ST. FERGUS.

Part of the parish of New Machar, part of the parish of Old Deer, and the whole of the parish of St. Fergus formed detached parts of the county of Banff surrounded by the county of Aberdeen. These detached parts have all been transferred to the county of Aberdeen by the Orders printed at pp. 25 and 26. For details as to the subjects thus transferred, see County of Aberdeen, *infra*, p. 169 *et seq.*

B. With the County of Elgin.

1.—BELLIE.

The parish of Bellie, which was situated partly in the county of Banff and partly in the county of Elgin, was placed wholly in the county of Elgin by the Order printed at p. 21. See County of Elgin, Bellie, *supra*, p. 155.

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2.—BOHARM.

The parish of Boharm was situated partly in the county of Banff and partly in the county of Elgin. By the Order printed at p. 21 it has been placed wholly in the county of Banff.

The following subjects have thus (while remaining in the parish of Boharm) been transferred from the county of Elgin to the county of Banff :—

PLACE.	DESCRIPTION.	PROPRIETOR.
Auchroisk, . . .	Farm,	Countess Dowager of Seafield.
Backshalloch, . . .	Do.	Do.
Balnabrieoch, . . .	Do.	Do.
Blackfolds,	Do.	Do.
Blackhillock, . . .	Croft, house, and land, . . .	Do.
Boharm,	Woodlands,	Do.
Do.	Governor's croft,	Do.
Burghnamary, . . .	Farm, crofts, houses, and land,	Do.
Cairnty,	Crofts, &c.	Do.
Mains and Easterton of Cairnty,	Farm,	Do.
Newtack of Cairnty,	Do.	Do.
Woodhead of Cairnty,	Do.	Do.
Clachnayell,	Houses,	Do.
Clachwarren,	Croft,	Do.
Craigbeg,	Do.	Do.
Craighead,	Farm,	Do.
Culfoldie and Bauds,	Croft,	Do.
Cullieshangan, . . .	Farm and croft,	Do.
Cunningston,	Farm, house, and garden,	Do.
Delfur,	Shooting lodge, &c.	Do.
Drakemyres,	Farm,	Do.
Lower Drakemyres,	Do.	Do.
Forgie,	Crofts, &c.	Do.
Moor of Forgie, . . .	Crofts, &c.	Do.
Newton of Forgie,	Farm,	Do.
Garlands,	Do.	Do.
Goodgrain,	Crofts,	Do.
Gorlieach,	Croft,	Do.
Holl,	Farm and Croft,	Do.
Janetsleys,	Farm,	Do.
Joek's Lodge,	Croft,	Do.
Knoweheds,	Farm,	Do.
Lachdhu,	Croft,	Do.
Malcolmsburn, . . .	Farm, crofts, houses, and land,	Do.
Marchbraes,	Farm,	Do.
Midtown and Mount- foot,	Farm,	Do.
Moorfield,	Croft,	Do.
Mountfoot,	Do.	Do.
Mulben,	Mills and Croft,	Do.
Mains of Mulben, . .	Farm,	Do.
Upper Mulben, . . .	Do.	Do.
Parkfoot,	Do.	Do.
Shalloch,	Do.	Do.
Shandstown,	Farm, houses, and land, . . .	Do.
Soundmoor,	House and garden,	Do.

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PLACE.	DESCRIPTION.	PROPRIETOR.
Lower Soundmoor,	Farm,	Countess Dowager of Seafield,
Upper Soundmoor,	Crofts,	Do.
Starryhowe,	Croft,	Do.
Stonytown,	Farm,	Do.
Tam,	Do.	Do.
Walkerstrough,	Do.	Do.
Whitehillock,	Croft,	Do.
Boharn,	Old schoolhouse and garden,	Representatives of James Cameron, Strypeside.
Do.	Fishings,	Duke of Richmond and Gordon.
Do.	Church, manse, garden, and glebe,	Heritors of the Parish.
Do.	School buildings,	School Board of the Parish.
Blackhillock,	Teacher's house,	Do.
Forgie,	School buildings,	Do.
Clockenwells and Lower Strypeside, {	Land,	{ W. F. Day Stewart of Auchlunkart.
Kirkton,	House and garden,	Rev. Stephen Ree.
Mulben,	House, shop, and stores,	William Neish.
Mulben Station,	Store,	G. G. Kynoch.
Mulben,	Houses and land,	Highland Railway Co.
Rosarie Gates,	Do.	Do.
Lochdhu,	House and land,	Do.
Part of the Highland Railway line (3 miles 75 chains or thereby) west of Keith,		Do.
Mulben Station,		Do.

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3.—INVERAVON.

The parish of Inveravon was situated partly in the county of Banff and partly in the county of Elgin. By the Order printed at p. 21 it was placed wholly in the county of Banff.

The following subjects have thus (while remaining in the parish of Inveravon) been transferred from the county of Elgin to the county of Banff:—

PLACE.	DESCRIPTION.	PROPRIETOR.
Ballindalloch Estate—		
Ballindalloch,	Castle, garden, policies, offices, and servants' houses.	Sir George Macpherson Grant, Bart., of Ballindalloch.
Do.	Woodlands,	Do.
Do.	Fishings in Avon and Spey,	Do.
Boldow,	Farm,	Do.
Delnashaugh,	Inn and farm,	Do.
South Greenmoss,	Farm,	Do.
Knocknashaly,	Do.	Do.
Marionburgh,	Factor's house and farm (part),	Do.
Shoulder,	Farm,	Do.
Sunnytrae,	Croft,	Do.
Tombreck,	Farm,	Do.
Tomore,	Do. (part),	Do.
Do.	Meal mill, lint mill, and land,	Do.

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4.—KEITH.

The parish of Keith was situated partly in the county of Banff and partly in the county of Elgin. By the Order printed at p. 21 it was placed wholly in the county of Banff.

The following subjects have thus (while remaining in the parish of Keith) been transferred from the county of Elgin to the county of Banff :—

PLACE.	DESCRIPTION.	PROPRIETOR.
Burnside of Allanbaie,	Farm,	Countess Dowager of Seafield.
Mains of Allanbaie, . .	Do.	Do.
North Bogbain,	Do. (part),	Do.
South Bogbain,	Do.	Do.
Bowlins,	Do.	Do.
Broomstrype,	Croft,	Do.
Easter and Wester Bush,	Farm,	Do.
Crooksmill,	Meal mill, kiln, croft, house, and garden,	Do.
Hill of Mulderie,	Crofts and land,	Do.
Hillockhead of Mulderie,	Croft,	Do.
Mains of Mulderie,	Farm,	Do.
Strypside,	Do.	Do.
Woodlands,	Do.	Do.
Part of the Highland Railway line (1 mile 65 chains),		Highland Railway Co.

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5.—ROTHES.

The parish of Rothes, which was situated partly in the county of Banff and partly in the county of Elgin, has been placed wholly in the county of Elgin by the Order printed at p. 21. See County of Elgin, Rothes, *supra*, p. 156.

II.—PARISH BOUNDARIES.

1.—ALVAH.

The parish of Alvah has been increased in area through the transference to it of the detached part of the parish of King Edward by the Order printed at p. 27. See King Edward, *supra*, p. 161.

2.—CAIRNIE AND KEITH.

The parish of Cairnie was situated partly in the county of Aberdeen and partly in the county of Banff. In dealing with it no change has been made in the county boundary, but by the Order printed at p. 28 the Banffshire part of the parish has been transferred to the Banffshire parish of Keith.

The following subjects have thus (while remaining in the county of Banff) been transferred from the parish of Cairnie to the parish of Keith :—

PLACE.	DESCRIPTION.	PROPRIETOR.
Pitlurg,	Woodlands and rough pasture,	William F. Steuart, Esq., Younger of Auchlunkart.
Little Pitlurg,	Farm (part),	Do.
North Whiteley,	Do.	Do.
Little Pitlurg,	Do.	Major L. G. D. Duff of Drummuir.
Mains of Pitlurg and Ardimannoch,	Do.	Do.
Newtack,	Do.	Do.
Woodhead and Whitehillock,	Do. (part),	Do.
Woodlands,	Do.
Greenwood,	Mansion-house and farm,	Francis L. Farquharson of Greenwood.
Marypark,	Farm,	Do.
Pitlurg,	Woodlands,	Do.

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EXPLANATORY NOTES.

1. The Counties are arranged in the same order as in the Census returns, "so that a zig-zag line beginning at the north of Scotland and carried to the south passes successively through every County." The Counties have the same numbers as in the Census returns.

2. The subjects transferred are enumerated under the head of the County or Parish to which they are transferred. Thus when an area has been transferred from County A to County B, the subjects affected are enumerated under County B, and a cross reference is given under County A.

3. The names of subjects are those contained in the Valuation Rolls. In the description of subjects the term "farm" includes the farm-house and servants' houses, and the term "croft" includes the house. But where any of the servants' houses on a farm have distinctive names, such houses are detailed separately. "House" includes cottages, and "land" includes gardens, yards, &c.

4. The names of proprietors are in almost every case those given in the Valuation Rolls of 1890-91. It is therefore to be borne in mind that in some cases those who are described as proprietors may be limited owners only, such as liferenters or leaseholders.

5. Where villages or towns are affected, the names of the subjects and the proprietors are not usually given. The description of the area transferred is in such cases quite sufficient to show whether and to what extent any subject in the village or town has been affected by the Order.

6. The Ordnance maps referred to are those published by the Ordnance Survey Department on the scale of one inch to the mile. Those published down to this date (November 1891), show the Counties and Parishes as they were before the Orders of the Commissioners came into operation. It is expected that, when the work of the Commissioners is completed, revised maps will be published to show the altered boundaries, but the sheets of the revised maps will bear the same numbers as the present maps. The Orders and the explanations can be readily followed on the maps as published at present.

7. An ampersand (&) is used where a County or a Parish has a double name, e.g., "Ross & Cromarty", "Fetlar & North Yell."

8. In most cases it is necessary to read the text of the Order along with the explanation, because the full descriptions contained in the Orders are, as a rule, not repeated in the explanation.