



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

ROSS AND CROMARTY

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5.—COUNTY OF ROSS AND CROMARTY.

By section 39 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1889 (52 and 53 Vict., cap. 50) the counties of Ross and Cromarty are "united for all purposes whatsoever under the name of the county of Ross & Cromarty." The result of this is to dispose of the various scattered portions of the old county of Cromarty by placing them entirely in the new county of Ross & Cromarty.

I.—COUNTY BOUNDARIES.

There are only two parishes which were situated partly in the county of Ross & Cromarty and partly in other counties, viz., Urquhart & Logie-Wester and Urray. Urquhart & Logie-Wester was situated partly in Nairnshire, the part in Nairnshire being a detached part of that county. Urray was situated partly in the county of Inverness.

The following changes in county boundaries have been made:—

A. With the County of Inverness.

1.—URRAY.

The parish of Urray was situated partly in the county of Inverness and partly in the county of Ross & Cromarty. No change is made in the county boundary. By Clause II. of the Order printed at p. 7 the part of the parish of Urray previously in Inverness-shire remains in that county, but ceases to be part of the parish of Urray, being transferred to the Inverness-shire parish of Kilmorack.

For details see county of Inverness, Kilmorack, *infra*, p. 150, and for changes on the area of the parish of Urray see Contin, &c., *infra*, p. 136.

2.—KILMORACK.

The Inverness-shire parish of Kilmorack had a detached part situated in that county near Muir of Ord, presenting the appearance of a narrow wedge of the county of Inverness driven into the county of Ross & Cromarty. By the Order printed at p. 7 (Clause I.) this detached part was disjoined from the parish of Kilmorack and from the county of Inverness and annexed to the parish of Urray and to the county of Ross & Cromarty. Accordingly the boundary between the two counties, which formerly ran from the Beaully River up the north-east and down the west boundaries of the wedge-shaped detached part of Kilmorack, now runs along its south boundary. The county boundary as altered now runs up the Beaully River to the mouth of the Black Burn (about 200 yards further up the Beaully River than the old boundary); and thence it runs up the Black Burn past Tomich till it rejoins the old county boundary, along which it continues westwards.

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The following subjects have thus been transferred from the county of Inverness to the county of Ross & Cromarty (and at the same time from the parish of Kilmorack to the parish of Urray) :—

PLACE.	DESCRIPTION.	PROPRIETOR.
Ardnagrask, . . .	Farm,	Lord Lovat.
Moor of Lettoch, . . .	Houses and land,	Do.
Muir of Ord,	House and land,	Do.
Do.	Temperance coffee-house,	Do.
Tomich and Lettoch, . . .	Farm (part),	Do.
Windmill,	Houses and land,	Do.
Muir of Ord,	Hotel and offices,	John Forbes.
Do.	Office,	Caledonian Banking Co., Limited.
Do.	House, land, and stances at station,	Highland Railway Co.
Part of the Highland Railway line (1 mile 22 chains) south of Muir of Ord Station,		Do.
Muir of Ord Station,		Do.

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For further changes on the parish of Kilmorack see county of Inverness, Kilmorack, *infra*, p. 150.

B. With the County of Nairn.

I.—PARISH OF URQUHART & LOGIE-WESTER.

A large part of the parish of Urquhart & Logie-Wester (6385 acres out of a total acreage of 14,998) formed a detached part of the county of Nairn, marked on the Ordnance Survey maps "Nairnshire detached No. 5." It consisted simply of the barony of Ferintosh. Under various Acts, public and local, it has for some years been treated as part of Ross & Cromarty for most county purposes, and by the Order printed at p. 6 this transference is completed, the detached part being disjoined from Nairnshire and annexed to Ross & Cromarty.

The following are the subjects so transferred from the county of Nairn to the county of Ross & Cromarty :—

PLACE.	DESCRIPTION.	PROPRIETOR.
Estate of Ferintosh, viz :—		
Alcaig, Village,	Houses,	Duncan Forbes of Culloden.
Alcaig, Easter,	Mill and land,	Do.
Do. do.	House,	Do.
Alcaig, Wester,	Farm,	Do.
Balgalkin & Leanaig,	Do.	Do.
Balnabean,	Do.	Do.
Cornton,	Do.	Do.
Crochair,	Croft,	Do.
Drumonreach,	Farm,	Do.
Duncanston,	Crofts,	Do.
Dunvoornie,	Farm,	Do.
Ferintosh,	Crofts,	Do.
Do.	Old Schoolhouse,	Do.

PLACE.	DESCRIPTION.	PROPRIETOR.
Ferintosh, . . .	Free Church manse and garden,	Duncan Forbes of Culloden.
Do.	Salmon-fishings,	Do.
Gallowhill, . . .	Farm,	Do.
Do.	House and smithy,	Do.
Kinkell,	Farm,	Do.
Leanaig,	Farm,	Do.
Do.	House and smithy and croft,	Do.
Mulchaich, . . .	Farm,	Do.
Do.	Old Schoolhouse,	Do.
Mulchaich, Upper		Do.
and Mid,	Farm,	Do.
Rye-field,	Do.	Do.
Do.	House and land,	Do.
Smithfield, . . .	Croft,	Do.
Teanahinch, . . .	Farm,	Do.
Teanagairn, . . .	Do.	Do.
Teadore,	Do.	Do.
Torgorm,	Do.	Do.
Wellhouse, . . .	Do.	Do.
Ferintosh,	Schoolhouse,	School Board of Urquhart.
Do.	Inn, house, and workshop,	John Mackenzie.
Urquhart,	Church, manse, and glebe,	Heritors of the Parish.
Do.	Free Church, manse, and garden,	Free Church Trustees.

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II.—PARISH BOUNDARIES.

1.—CONTIN, DINGWALL, FODDERTY, AND URRAY.

The parish of Fodderty had two detached parts. Fodderty detached No. 1 extended to 18,474 acres, and was almost surrounded by the parish of Contin. Fodderty detached No. 2, extending to 2720 acres, lay to the south of the main portion of the parish, and was separated from it by a narrow strip of the parish of Dingwall. Not only had the parish of Urray two detached parts in the county of Ross & Cromarty, but in addition part of the main portion of the parish was situated in the county of Inverness. Urray detached No. 1, containing 2463 acres, was almost surrounded by the parish of Contin. Urray detached No. 2, with 38,561 acres, lay in Glen Orrin west of the main portion of the parish, being separated from it by a strip of Contin and a strip of Fodderty detached No. 1. In dealing with these two parishes it was found necessary to effect alterations on the boundaries of the parishes of Contin and Dingwall. By the Order printed at p. 7 the following changes were effected on the four parishes concerned:—

(1.)—Contin.

The only territory taken from Contin is the small portion of the parish lying to the south of the watershed between Strath Conan and Glen Orrin which was transferred to the parish of Urray. On the other hand Contin received a large accession of territory, for there were

transferred to it detached part No. 1 of the parish of Urray, and all of Fodderty detached No. 1 except the portion lying to the south of the above-mentioned watershed. The change on the boundaries of the parish can be very simply followed on the map. In order to ascertain the new boundaries follow the old southern boundary from the east end of the parish in a westerly direction till it meets the boundary of Fodderty detached No. 1 at or near Meall a' Bhuic Gaibhra. From that point draw a line in a westerly or south-westerly direction along the watershed till it reaches the boundary of Urray detached No. 2 at or near Meall Giubhais. At this point the line meets the western part of the old southern boundary of Contin, along which it continues to its westmost point. This is the new southern boundary of Contin. The extreme west boundary, the north boundary, and the extreme east boundary remain as before, and the area within these forms the new parish of Contin.

The following subjects have thus been transferred :—

(a.) From the parish of Contin to the parish of Urray.—See Urray, *infra*, p. 137.

(b.) From the parish of Urray to the parish of Contin (Urray detached No. 1) :—

PLACE.	DESCRIPTION.	PROPRIETOR.
Aultdearg, . . .	House,	Lady Ashburton.
Do.	Grazings,	Do.

(c.) From the parish of Fodderty to the parish of Contin (the whole of Fodderty detached No. 1, except what lay in the watershed of Glen Orrin) :—

PLACE.	DESCRIPTION.	PROPRIETOR.
Achanalt, . . .	Inn and land,	Arthur Bignold of Loch Rosque.
Do.	Moor, forest, grazings, and fishings,	Do.
Do.	Deer forest grazings,	Lady Ashburton.
Carnoch, . . .	Schoolmaster's house,	School Board of Carnoch.
Strathcoman Estate, viz. :—		
Auchlerachan, . . .	Farm (part),	Arthur James Balfour of Strathcoman.
Bridgend, . . .	Houses and land,	Do.
Dalbreck, . . .	Shooting lodge,	Do.
Dalnacroich, . . .	Crofts,	Do.
Fearn,	Cottage with land,	Do.
Milltown, . . .	Crofts,	Do.
Porrin,	Crofts,	Do.
Strathcoman, . . .	Home farm (part),	Do.
Do.	Woodlands,	Do.
Do.	Deer forest grazings (part), and fishings,	Do.
Part of Highland Railway line (3 miles 77 chains) in the vicinity of Achanalt Station,		Highland Railway Co.
Achanalt Station,		Do.
Achanalt,	Station-master's house, and land,	Do.

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(2.)—*Dingwall.*

With the view of uniting Fodderty detached No. 2 to the main portion of that parish, part of the parish of Dingwall has been transferred to the parish of Fodderty. The part so disjoined consisted of a narrow strip of territory situated beside Loch Ussie and bounded on the north and north-west by the main portion of the parish of Fodderty, on the south-west by the parish of Urray, on the south by Fodderty detached No. 2, and on the east by the centre of the road leading north from Keithtown past Upper Bogehroe and Baddamhroy to Coill an Rìghe (not shown on the Ordnance Survey one-inch maps). The last-mentioned boundary has thus become part of the western boundary of the parish of Dingwall.

For details as to the subjects transferred, see Fodderty, *infra*.

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(3.)—*Fodderty.*

The parish of Fodderty loses the whole of Fodderty detached No. 1, of which a small portion goes to the parish of Urray and the remainder to the parish of Contin. But Fodderty detached No. 2 is united to the main portion of the parish of Fodderty by the annexation to that parish of the intervening portion of the parish of Dingwall just described. Thus the parish of Fodderty now comprises the main portion of the old parish and Fodderty detached No. 2, along with the portion of Dingwall parish above described.

The following subjects have thus been transferred :—

- (a.) From the parish of Fodderty to the parish of Contin.—See Contin, *supra*, p. 135.
- (b.) From the parish of Fodderty to the parish of Urray.—See Urray, *infra*, p. 137.
- (c.) From the parish of Dingwall to the parish of Fodderty :—

PLACE.	DESCRIPTION.	PROPRIETOR.
Loch Ussie, . . .	Crofts,	J. A. F. H. Stewart Mackenzie of Seaforth.

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(4.)—*Urray.*

The parish of Urray has lost two portions of its old area. Urray detached No. 1 has been transferred to the parish of Contin, and the part of Urray which was situated in the county of Inverness has been transferred to the parish of Kilmorack in that county. On the other hand the detached part of Kilmorack in the county of Inverness has been transferred to the parish of Urray and to the county of Ross & Cromarty; and Urray detached No. 2 has been united to the main portion of the parish by the annexation to Urray of those intervening portions of Contin and of Fodderty detached No. 1 which lay south of

the watershed between Strath Conan and Glen Orrin. The change in boundary effected by the addition of the detached part of Kilmorack is described above (Kilmorack, p. 132). The change made in the north boundary of Urray by the additions from Contin and Fodderty is the same as the change on the south boundary of Contin already described (p. 135).

The following subjects have thus been transferred :—

- (a.) From the parish of Urray to the parish of Contin.—See Contin, *supra*, p. 135.
- (b.) From the parish of Urray to the parish of Kilmorack.—See Kilmorack, *infra*, p. 150.
- (c.) From the parish of Kilmorack to the parish of Urray.—See Kilmorack, *supra*, p. 133.
- (d.) From the parishes of Contin and Fodderty to the parish of Urray :—

PLACE.	DESCRIPTION.	PROPRIETOR.
Strathconan, . . .	Moor, forest, and grazings (part),	Arthur James Balfour of Strathconan.

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2.—KILLEARNAN AND KNOCKBAIN (KILMUIR-WESTER & SUDDIE).

The parish of Killearnan had a detached part situated at Torc. It contained 2007 acres, and was separated from the main portion of the parish by an intervening strip of the parish of Knockbain (Kilmuir-Wester & Suddie). It may be explained that the parish marked on the maps Kilmuir-Wester & Suddie is commonly known as the parish of Knockbain.

By the Order printed at p. 8 the following alterations were made on the boundaries of these two parishes :—

(1.) The main portion and the detached part of Killearnan were united by annexing to that parish the intervening portion of Knockbain. The old road from Munlochry to Redcastle runs in a south-westerly direction for nearly half a mile along the south-east boundary of the detached part of Killearnan. It leaves that boundary at the southmost point thereof and runs past Glackmore to the nearest point of the main portion of Killearnan parish. The north fence of this road, from the point at which it leaves the detached part to the point at which it meets the main portion of Killearnan, is made the new boundary at this part between Killearnan and Knockbain, all that part of Knockbain which lies to the north of it being transferred to the parish of Killearnan.

(2.) Gallowhill Wood (with croft), which formerly lay partly in Knockbain, was placed entirely in the parish of Killearnan. The new parish boundary at that part is the centre of the track on the east side of Gallowhill Wood from a point on the north about 700 yards north-

west of St. Johns to a point on the south about 500 yards north of Balagunneerie.

(3.) That part of Killearnan which lay east of the centre of the road leading from Allanglach past Artafallie to North Kessoek was transferred to Knockbain.

(4.) The whole farm of Bellfield was placed in Knockbain.

The last change, however, does not involve any alteration on the boundaries as laid down on the Ordnance Survey maps.

The following subjects have thus been transferred:—

(a.) From the parish of Knockbain to the parish of Killearnan.

PLACE.	DESCRIPTION.	PROPRIETOR.
Gallowhill, . . .	Woodlands and land, . . .	James F. Mackenzie of Allangrange.
Do.	Croft,	Do.
Muckernich, . . .	Houses, crofts, and land, . . .	Do.
Do.	Croft,	Roderick Maclellan.
Tore,	House, shop, and land, . . .	Thomas Dilke Campbell.

(b.) From the parish of Killearnan to the parish of Knockbain.

PLACE.	DESCRIPTION.	PROPRIETOR.
Artafallie, . . .	Farm (part),	J. E. B. Baillie of Dochfour.
Ashley,	Farm,	Do.
Do.	Tollhouse,	Do.
Bellfield,	Farm (part),	Marriage-Contract Trustees of Colonel and Mrs Burton Mackenzie of Kilcoy.
Croftnacreich, . .	Crofts,	Do.
Do.	Houses and land,	Do.
Knockbain, . . .	Free Church and manse, . . .	Free Church Trustees.

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3.—APPLECROSS AND LOHCARRON.

The parish of Lochcarron had four detached parts, all surrounded by the parish of Applecross. Lochcarron detached No. 1, containing 141 acres, was situated above a mile to the south of the southern end of Loch Damh. The other three detached parts, containing 89, 46, and 491 acres respectively, were situated at the head of Loch Kishorn and on the left bank of the River Kishorn.

By the Order printed at p. 9 the following changes were effected:—

(1.) That part of Applecross which lies east of the River Kishorn and south of the north march of Kishorn estate was transferred to Lochcarron. In this way detached parts Nos. 2, 3, and 4 of Lochcarron are united to the main portion of the parish. The new boundary between the parishes at this part consists of the centre of Loch Kishorn, and the

medium filum of the River Kishorn from its mouth to a point about a quarter of a mile north of Tornapress; from this point it runs in an easterly direction along the march between the estates of Kishorn and Lochcarron until it meets the old boundary of the parish of Lochcarron at a projecting point about 300 yards north of Loch na Caillich.

- (2.) Lochcarron detached No. 1 and a portion of the main portion of Lochcarron lying to the east of this detached part were transferred to Applecross. The alteration on the boundary between the parishes due to the latter transference is fully described in the Order (*supra*, p. 9), and need not be repeated.

The following subjects have thus been transferred:—

- (a.) From the parish of Applecross to the parish of Lochcarron.

PLACE.	DESCRIPTION.	PROPRIETOR.
Estate of Kishorn—		
Achavanie and Glenbeg,	Land (part),	John Stuart of Kishorn.
Achdcilach,	Land,	Do.
Ardarroch,	Land,	Do.
Ardoch,	House and grounds,	Do.
Ardoch Hill,	Land,	Do.
Ardoch Hill and Dell,	Farm,	Do.
Laggan, Copsig,	House, &c.	Do.
Tornapress,	Farm (part),	Do.
Kishorn,	Schoolhouse,	School Board of the Parish.
Estate of Lochcarron—		
Achantraid,	Houses, crofts, &c.	Charles James Murray of Lochcarron.
Ardarroch,	Lands, houses, smithy, &c.	Do.
Glemmore,	Farm (part),	Do.
Kishorn Island and Aird, (Part of Reraig farm),		Do.
Rhunasoul,	House,	Do.

- (b.) From the parish of Lochcarron to the parish of Applecross.

PLACE.	DESCRIPTION.	PROPRIETOR.
Tullich,	Farm (part), land and moor,	Charles James Murray of Lochcarron.

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4.—BARVAS, LOCHS, AND UIG.

The parish of Lochs had a detached part situated at Carloway, and lying between the parishes of Barvas and Uig.

By the Order printed at p. 11 this detached part has been divided between the parishes of Barvas and Uig by a line fully described in the Order, which, however, there may be some difficulty in tracing on the map for the first part of its course. The starting-point, Geodha Shealaiga (which is not marked on the one-inch Ordnance Survey maps) lies on the coast nearly due north of Carloway between two points

which are marked on the map Aird Ghòudhann and Rudha an Trilleachain. The starting-point once obtained, the line may readily be traced (running always in a generally south-easterly direction) by the succession of Lochs through which it passes, viz., Loch Langabhat, Loch Ghleadhairean, Loch Shanndabhat, Loch Mor Connaidh, and Loch Àiridh Seibh, till it reaches the boundary of Uig in Gleann Eiracleit. All to the west of this line goes to Uig, and all to the east to Barvas.

The following subjects have thus been transferred :—

(a.) From the parish of Lochs to the parish of Barvas.

PLACE.	DESCRIPTION.	PROPRIETOR.
Dalbeg and Island Campay,	Farm,	Lady Matheson of the Lews.
Shawbost, New,	Crofts,	Do.
Shawbost, North,	Do.	Do.
Shawbost, South,	Do.	Do.
Soval,	Moor (part),	Do.
Shawbost,	Schoolhouse,	School Board of the parish.

(b.) From the parish of Lochs to the parish of Uig.

PLACE.	DESCRIPTION.	PROPRIETOR.
Borrowston,	Crofts,	Lady Matheson of the Lews.
Carlway, Upper,	Do.	Do.
Carlway,	Salmon-fishings and storehouse,	Do.
Carlway Park,	Crofts,	Do.
Garinin,	Do.	Do.
Kirivick,	Do.	Do.
Knock Carlway,	Do.	Do.
Carlway,	Free Church, manse, and glebe,	Free Church Trustees.
Do.	Free Church schoolhouse,	Do.
Do.	Schoolhouse,	School Board of the parish.

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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 cottage, 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.