



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

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25.—COUNTY OF EDINBURGH.

I.—COUNTY BOUNDARIES.

The county of Edinburgh contained a detached part of the county of Haddington which was at the same time a detached part of the parish of Humbie. There were four parishes situated partly in the county of Edinburgh and partly in other counties, viz., Cramond, Fala & Soutra, Kirkliston, and Stow.

The following changes have been effected on the county boundaries :—

A. With the County of Haddington.

1.—FALA & SOUTRA.

The parish of Fala & Soutra was situated partly in the county of Edinburgh and partly in the county of Haddington. By the Order printed at p. 104 the parish was placed wholly in the county of Edinburgh.

The following subjects have thus been transferred from the county of Haddington to the county of Edinburgh :—

PLACE.	DESCRIPTION.	PROPRIETOR.
Chesterhill,	Farm (part),	Archibald Brown of Johnstonburn.
Gilston,	Farm and woodlands, .	Trustees of late John Dun.
Nether Brotherstone, .	Farm,	Mrs. Ann Young.
Soutra Mains,	Farm,	Thomas Elliot Ogilvie of Chesters.
Do.	Houses,	Do.
Woodcote,	Mansion-house, offices, policies, and woodlands,	Alexander Crombie of Thornton.
Do.	Sawmill, tilework, mill, smithy, house, and land,	Do.
Woodcote Mains, . . .	Farm,	Do.

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2.—HUMBIE.

The parish of Humbie had a detached part which was at the same time a detached part of the county of Haddington. By the Order printed at p. 104 this detached part has been transferred to the county of Edinburgh and to the parish of Fala & Soutra.

The following subjects have thus been transferred from the county of Haddington to the county of Edinburgh (and at the same time from the parish of Humbie to the parish of Fala & Soutra) :—

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PLACE.	DESCRIPTION.	PROPRIETOR.
Blackshiels,	House, offices, and land,	Earl of Stair.
Do.	Shop and houses,	Do.
Do., Youngston's field,	House and land,	Viscount Dalrymple and Hon. N. de C. Dalrymple.
Do.	House, offices, and garden.	Heirs of late John Chisholm.
Do.	Houses and garden,	Do.
Westmains of Blackshiels,	Farm,	George Wight of Blackcastle.
Do.	House and land,	Do.

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B. With the County of Linlithgow.

1.—CRAMOND AND DALMENY.

The parish of Cramond was situated partly in the county of Edinburgh and partly in the county of Linlithgow, the county boundary being the River Almond. By the Order printed at p. 102 the Linlithgowshire part of Cramond parish was transferred to the parish of Dalmeny, and the only alteration made on the county boundary was one by which a small part of Dalmeny parish on the Edinburgh side of the River Almond was transferred to the parish of Cramond and to the county of Edinburgh.

For details as to the subjects transferred from the parish of Cramond to the parish of Dalmeny, see County of Linlithgow, Dalmeny, *supra*, p. 305.

The following subject was transferred from the county of Linlithgow to the county of Edinburgh (and at the same time from the parish of Dalmeny to the parish of Cramond):—

PLACE.	DESCRIPTION.	PROPRIETOR.
Turnhouse,	Farm (part),	J. C. Hope Vere of Craigiehall.

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2.—KIRKLISTON.

The parish of Kirkliston had a detached part in the county of Edinburgh which has been transferred to the parish of Currie (see Currie, *infra*, p. 312). Further, the main portion of Kirkliston parish was situated partly in the county of Edinburgh and partly in the county of Linlithgow. On 7th July 1891 the Boundary Commissioners issued a Draft Order by which they proposed to transfer the Edinburgh portion of Kirkliston parish to the parish of Ratho, the county boundary being unaltered. On 12th November 1891, however, they intimated their intention of issuing no final Order, and accordingly the main portion of the parish remains as hitherto divided between the two counties mentioned.

C. With the County of Selkirk.

1.—Stow.

The parish of Stow was situated partly in the county of Edinburgh and partly in the county of Selkirk. On 15th August 1890 the Boundary Commissioners issued a Draft Order by which it was proposed to place the parish wholly in the county of Edinburgh. On reconsideration of the question in the light of the objections and representations made with reference to the Draft Order, the Commissioners issued a circular on 23d March 1891 intimating that they had resolved to issue no Order, but to leave the parish of Stow, as hitherto, partly in the county of Edinburgh and partly in the county of Selkirk. They further expressed the opinion that the wider powers conferred on the Secretary for Scotland by section 51 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1889, should be utilised in the formation of a new civil parish of Caddenfoot, which should embrace the whole of the Selkirkshire part of the parish of Stow.

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II.—PARISH BOUNDARIES.

1.—BORTHWICK.

The parish of Borthwick had one detached part situated at the north-east corner of the parish of Heriot. By Order printed at p. 105 this detached part has been transferred to the parish of Heriot. The parish of Borthwick has been further altered in area through the transference to it of the detached part of the parish of Temple, situated at Gorebridge, by the Order printed at p. 108.

The following subjects have thus been transferred :—

- (a.) From the parish of Borthwick to the parish of Heriot.—See Heriot, *infra*, p. 312.
- (b.) From the parish of Temple to the parish of Borthwick :—

The Village of GOREBRIDGE, in so far as previously in the parish of Temple, consisting chiefly of small urban subjects, including part of gas-work.

The Village of STONSMILLS, consisting of small urban subjects.

The Villages of STORHILL and MOSSESD, consisting of small urban subjects, chiefly miners' houses.

PLACE.	DESCRIPTION.	PROPRIETOR.
Clayhouse, . . .	House and garden, . . .	Miss M. W. Renton.
Hillside, . . .	House and shed, . . .	Thomas Thomson.
Millstone Brow, . . .	Quarry, . . .	Capt. J. C. Dewar of Vogrie.
Stobbe Green, . . .	Houses (miners'), . . .	Do.
Stobhill, . . .	House, . . .	Do.
Vogrie Engine, . . .	Houses (miners'), . . .	Do.

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PLACE.	DESCRIPTION.	PROPRIETOR.
Vogrie,	Minerals (part) and house,	Capt. J. C. Dewar of Vogrie.
Stobbs Mains,	Farm,	Do.
Towardean,	Do. (part),	Do.
Water-pipes, &c.		Gorebridge Water Co., Ltd.
Part of the North British Railway line (37 chains),		North British Railway Co.
Gorebridge Station,		Do.

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2.—CANONGATE, CITY OF EDINBURGH, ST. CUTHBERTS, AND SOUTH LEITH.

Each of these parishes had detached parts. The Commissioners have signed and sealed a final Order readjusting the boundaries of these parishes, but at the date of writing it is not known whether the Order will be brought before Parliament or not. The Order is printed in the First Appendix.

3.—CORSTORPHINE.

The parish of Corstorphine had one small detached part, situated south-west of the village of Corstorphine and west of South Gyle. By the Order printed at p. 106 this detached part was transferred to the parish of Currie.

For details see Currie, *infra*, p. 312.

4.—CRAMOND.

The parish of Cramond has been altered in area by the Order printed at p. 102, (a) through the transference of the Linlithgowshire part of the parish to the parish of Dalmeny (see County of Linlithgow, Dalmeny, *supra*, p. 305), and (b) through the transference to Cramond of the small portion of Dalmeny on the right bank of the River Almond (see Cramond, &c., *supra*, p. 309).

5.—CRANSTON AND CRICHTON.

The parish of Cranston had a detached part situated on the south-west border of the parish of Crichton. By the Order printed at p. 106 this detached part has been transferred to the parish of Crichton.

The following subjects have thus been transferred from the parish of Cranston to the parish of Crichton :—

PLACE.	DESCRIPTION.	PROPRIETOR.
Cakemuir,	Castle, offices, house, and garden,	George Wight.
Do.	Farm (part),	Do.

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6.—CURRIE.

The parish of Currie has been altered in area (*a*) by the addition of the detached part of the parish of Corstorphine, situated near South Gyle, in the north of Currie parish (see Order printed at p. 106), and (*b*) by the addition of the detached part of the parish of Kirkliston situated at the south extremity of Currie parish (see Order printed at p. 107).

The following subjects have thus been transferred :—

(*a*.) From the parish of Corstorphine to the parish of Currie.

PLACE.	DESCRIPTION.	PROPRIETOR.
Gyle Muir, Hermiston Myre, &c.	Land,	Sir James H. Gibson-Craig, Bart.

(*b*.) From the parish of Kirkliston to the parish of Currie.

PLACE.	DESCRIPTION.	PROPRIETOR.
Listonshiels,	Farm,	Sir James Liston Foulis, Bart.
Water-pipes, &c.		Edinburgh and District Water Trust.

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7.—FALA & SOUTRA.

The parish of Fala & Soutra has been altered in area through the addition of the detached part of the parish of Humbie by the Order printed at p. 104.

For details as to the subjects thus transferred from the parish of Humbie to the parish of Fala & Soutra, see Humbie, *supra*, p. 308.

8.—HERIOT.

The parish of Heriot has been altered in area (*a*) through the addition of the detached part of the parish of Borthwick by the Order printed at p. 105, and (*b*) through the addition of the detached part of the parish of Stow by the Order printed at p. 107. Both these detached parts were situated on the north-east border of Heriot parish.

The following subjects have thus been transferred :—

(*a*.) From the parish of Borthwick to the parish of Heriot.

PLACE.	DESCRIPTION.	PROPRIETOR.
Cowbraehill,	Farm,	Jahn Borthwick of Crookston.
Cakenuirhill,	Do. (part),	Do.
Part of the North British Railway line (35 chains),		North British Railway Co.

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(b.) From the parish of Stow to the parish of Heriot.

PLACE.	DESCRIPTION.	PROPRIETOR.
Nettleflat,	Farm (part),	John Borthwick of Crookston.
Part of the North British Railway line (31 chains),		North British Railway Co.
Part of Falahill Goods Station,		Do.

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9.—KIRKLISTON.

See County of Linlithgow, Kirkliston, *supra*, p. 307.

10.—STOW.

The parish of Stow has been altered in area through the transference of its detached part to Heriot parish by the Order printed at p. 107. For details see Heriot, *supra*, p. 312.

11.—TEMPLE.

The parish of Temple has been altered in area through the transference of its detached part to Borthwick parish by the Order printed at p. 108. For details see Borthwick, *supra*, p. 310.

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.