BARSKIMMING	[See also Mauchline; Tarbolton for one lodge]
nr	Old name: Stairquhite. Cf Stair is Stair Montgomery.
BARSKIMMING HOUSE, [1]	
List 14	Late C18 square Georgian house, re ast and altered in Victorian era. 3 storeys; 2.1.2 sash window facade, centre slight pedimented projection; balustraded parapet; proch has 4 Doric columns. Battlemented semi-circular courtyard to rear. The mansion was built by Sir Thomas Miller, Lord President of the Court of Session, and later extended by his son. Ref: 3SA, 717, B.
	Deleted per Amendment 1.
Desmond, 1984	Scottish Gardener and Northern Forester, v.7, 1912, 317-318, 501-502.
	Maxwell, Scottish Gardens, 1911, 101-107. [Transcript herewith]
Paterson, I, 1863, 715	Built by Sir Thomas Miller, who died 1789.
Tait	Gives date for house and bridge of 1791, but says for Sir Thomas Miller. Quotes illustration of house in William Angus, Seats of the Nobility and Gentry, Islington, 1787.
Paterson, I, 1863, 715	2 wings and other additions made c.1817. Library forms the East wing: 'a splendid apartment'. For Sir William Miller, Lord Glenlee.
NSA, 1845, 642	2 wings added and considerable additions, decorations and improvement of interior carried out to 'a plan furnished by Mr Hamilton of Glasgow', about 25 years ago. Library in East wing is 60' long, divided into 3 compartments, of which central has low window. Ceiling is beautifully decorated. [Ref used by Colvin, 1978, 383]
Barber, 2000, 22-23	Bought by Meikle family in 1846 (No), and let to Sheriff Anderson. Passed to Dunlops - in 1946 Thomas Dunlop Galbraith (1st Lord Strathclyde, † 1985).
C1851	William and Emily Miller, with Edwina, Thomas, Emily and Florence, their children.
C1861	Archibald Buchanan, partner in James Findlay & Co. B, Sorn, c.1813. Married. Wife not present.
Blair 2012	Lot of letter openers, &c., included one inscribed 'Barskimming Christmas Tree 1863"
C1871	Archibald Buchanan, with wife, Julie Pratt Buchanan (B, England, c.1820).
C1881	Buchanans, and their daughter Julia, Lady Gibson Craig (B, Glasgow, c.1850), and her children (Henrietta 1872, Alice 1876, Grace 1878, all born in Edinburgh).
AA, Th 9.3.1882	Completely destroyed by fire yesterday morning.

BARSKIMMING HOUSE, 482250 [2]

Gibb	About 1882 the house was burned, and the present structure was erected on its site.
C1891	Mary Anne Caird or Anderson, widow, b, Stranraer, c.1811. Her daughters, Isabella 1841, Robertha 1846, Frances P 1849 and Marianne 1852, all Midlothian. Also Marianne M and Lucy A Dangerfield, g/daus, born in Wales, 1867, 1869.
BNA	Sir William Frederick Miller inherited c.1899/1900; ref to his sister, Emily Agnes, dau of late Sir Thomas MacDonald Miller.
C1901	Marianne, Isabella, Roberta and Frances Anderson. Marianne and Lucy Dangerfield. Edward Dangerfield, b., India, c.1900.
VR 1905	John Meikle
BNA, Feb 1906	JP: John Meikle of Barskimming and Lochlibo
BNA, Jun 1908	Miss Meikle married Rev Shannon, Stair.
BNA	John Meikle died Tu 21.1.1913, Newcastle, aged 80. [BNA, July 1918, his s1, L/Col Hamilton Meikle, RHA, wounded]

BNA, Dec 1913 — Estate for sale.
Nr — The Anderson sisters moved to Drumley, c.1919.
VR 1915, VR 1920 — Robert Jack Dunlop.
AA, Th 8.1.1953, 9bc — Ownership passed "a few years ago" from Mrs Dunlop to her nephew, Commander T D Galbraith.
Barber, 2000, 23 — Requisitioned in 1939, and used 1942-1957 as 'a home for wayward Catholic boys who had apparently got into trouble'. [GO, Jan 1957, says St Mungo's Junior Approved School opened in December 1941, and closed on 31st December 1956]
ACC Planning, 2345 — December 1941. Alterations, Barskimming, for St Mungo's Approved School.
ACC, Finance Cttee 11.3.1948, 423 — Reference to St Mungo's Approved School, Barskimming.
Shaw — 'Is now a RC institution for Brothers of the Christian School'.
ACC Planning, A4277 — December 1951. Convert lumber room to bedroom, B, for Commander T.D. Galbraith

BARSKIMMING NEW BRIDGE, 48212519

List 15 — Built about 1788. A striking classical bridge in policies of Barskimming House spanning the Ayr which here flows through a ravine; single-arch, balustraded parapet topped by pencil obelisks. Rocks below are honey-combed with caves excavated at the time the bridge was built, some of the grottoes having architectural features. Ref: Shaw, Ayrshire Soc & Ind, 24. A.
Andrew, PR — [PHOTOCOPY herewith] Suggests a date of nearer 1759.
AP, F 28.11.2014, 12 — Extensive and robust programme of repairs began in September 2014.

BARSKIMMING OLD BRIDGE, 49042942

List 17 — Single arch spanning River Ayr; coursed pink stone; flanking splayed buttresses carried up as refuges. Probably partly rebuilt in C19, original bridge C18. B.
AA, Th 5.3.1840, 1a — Bridge Money application.

BURNBRAE LODGE, 476245

C1871-C1891 — Occupied by David Taylor, estate overseer and land steward.
ACC Planning, B1347 — June 1957. Additions and alterations; J E Murray, Troon, for David Galbraith.

ESTATE HOUSE

ACC, PHSC 16.10.1931 — RW. 12 houses, on the estate, for Robert J Dunlop.

GARDENS

Glenfield Ramblers, VII, 1913, 99 — Visited September 1914 by Glenfield Ramblers. A garden gate 'of light filigree ironwork wrought entirely by Miss Fanny Anderson'.

DALMORE HOUSE, 434232

Davis, 1991, 232 — With its stonework still well preserved, but internally gutted by fire in April 1969, the shell of this Victorian Tudor or Elizabethan style mansion of 1880-81 stands amid wooded grounds. Combining English Manorial gables with bay windows and dummy bartizans, this was a well finished and pleasant house of local red sandstone. A good lodge survives, but [in 1988] this was still empty and seems to have been left to become derelict.
AP, x.4.1969 — 1880 datestone. Burnt out c.1968-1970.

LODGE, 433231

STAIR HOUSE, 440238

List 3 — A picturesque example of a C17 Scottish country house. Originally L-shape, with a round tower at the NW angle and a square tower at the diagonally opposite angle; main body has the usual vaulted ground floor, with hall and other rooms on the 1st and 2nd floors; to this

central block, various additions have been made at different times; one of these extends towards the east and has a round tower attached at the NE angle; another is added towards the south and has a lower but very picturesque round tower at the SW angle. The whole of these erections combine to form a very pleasing composition. Refs: C&DA, III, 495-6. A.

C&DA, III, 495 — Belonged to Kennedys. c.1450 'William de Dalrymple acquired lands of Stair-Montgomerie with his wife, Agnes Kennedy'. More a mansion than a fortress. Home of 1st Viscount Stair, 1619-1695, author of 'Institutes of Law of Scotland'. exterior: originally L-plan, with round tower at NW angle and square tower at SE angle. vaulted ground floor; hall on 1st floor, and apartments on 2nd floor. Addition at E end - one at E end of old house, round tower at NE angle. Probably C16. Addition at S end. Has lower, but picturesque round tower at SW angle. Probably C16.

Tranter — Typescript herewith.

Barber, 2000, 7 — Extensively restored in 1930, and let to Lockhart. Sold in early 1990s to Robert Cameron Corbett, who † in 1999. Since bought by Colonel Michael Bullen.

Reg Mag Sig, III, 990 — Charter granted by James V to William Dalrymple of the lands of Stair-Montgomery. 15.2.1531. No mention of castle.

Reg Mag Sig, VI, 1478 — Charter granted by James VI to John Dalrymple of Stair, and James his son, of lands of Stair Montgomerie with fortalice, &c. 9.8.1603.

GM, Th 22.12.1785, 406c — Reference to 'Colonel Alexander Stewart of Afton, residing at Stair House.'

Sasine Abridgement 4756 of 1796 — Disp of [part of the estate of Stair, viz Shawholm, mill and mill lands with mansion house of Stair. Disponed by Katherine Gordon, relict of Major General Stewart of Afton (wco David Morrison of Trabbochmains) to Archibald Montgomerie, late of the Civil Service of the India Company at Bengal.

Edinburgh Evening Courant, 30.3.1805 — Considerable additions and alterations. Addition built by present proprietor and old parts altered and improved.

AA, Th 12.4.1821, 1a — For sale. The mansion house is 'suitable and commodious'.

AA, Th 26.4.1821, 1a — For sale. 'The offices have been rebuilt within these few years at a great expense.'

AA, Th 30.5.1822, 1e — To let.

AA, Th 20.6.1822, 1a — Sale of household furniture, to be 3rd July 1822.

AP, F 12.9.1930 — DGANHS conducted round by James Carrick, architect.

Sunday Times, 17.10.1999 — In 1930 James Carrick commissioned by Lord Stair 'to work on the castle, with surprisingly sympathetic results. Then, the Stairs leased the house to an important tenant, and although no detrimental work was done during this period, the house did not receive the ongoing attention that a structure of this age deserves.'

Sunday Times, 17.10.1999 — For sale. Acquired and restored 1990 - †1999 by Bobby Corbett, 'a Scottish Sebastian Flyte.' PHOTOCOPY herewith.

HOME FARM, 442239

UNNAMED COTTAGE, 440235

POLICIES

AA, Th 21.2.1828, 1b — Lands to let for one year, in grass; also garden and orchard to let.

STAIRAIRD

Barber, 2000, 25 — Stairaird is a lovely house in a beautiful setting.

CO 3/12/18 BBC 8.11.1921 — Alterations and additions, Stairaird, for H J J Howie, by T Andrew Miller, Glasgow.

AP, F 12.4.1935, 16c — Garden open, 23.6.1935. Mr H.J. Howie.

KS, 22.5.1957, per Dick Folder 63 — Henry J J Howie, †1957, bought Stairaird at break-up of the Barskimming estate, and 'built a fine modern mansion house'.

Web — Margaret Risk, dau of Henry James Howie, Stairaird, married in 1939, as his 2nd wife, Matthew Arthur, 3rd Lord Glenarthur (He's 1909-1976, she died in 1993).

ACC Planning, 3619 — May 1946. Alterations, Stairaird, for Lord Glenarthur.. ACC TPC 11.6.1946, **Stevenson & Ferguson**, agents.

ACC Planning, a2726 — September 1950. Alterations, Stairaird; **Stevenson & Ferguson**, for Lord Glenarthur.

COTTAGE

ACC Planning, A183 — September 1948. Cottage, Stairaird, for Lord Glenarthur. Licence 20.6.1949. [Not obvious in *VR52/53*]

TRABBOCH CASTLE, 45832213

List 6 — Remains of a tower; L-shaped ruins. Ref: NSA, V, 642. B.

Baird Institute, Stair Box, photocopy of archaeological survey file card (origin unknown, but ?RCAHMS: c.1977, Ian Fisher

OS Name Book says south and east walls taken to build Trabboch Mains. Now L-shaped fragment, 2.5 m thick, and of average height of 3.0m. Massive rubble masonry, og length 9.0 m on NW arm and 2.5 m on SW arm. No openings visible.

AP, F 6.3.2105, 67 — Delisted. Still a scheduled monument under Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979

TRABBOCH HOUSE, 433210

List 5 — Early C19. White plaster; 2 storeys; L-shape; sash windows; low pitched slate roof, spreading eaves. C.

nr — Sold in 1895 by Auchinleck Estate to J W Galloway, coalmaster.

ACC, Planning 1105 — August 1938, alterations for J Mason MacQuaker.

ACC Planning, 3538 — April 1946. Alterations, for Robert Simpson Brown.

ACC Planning, A5395 — December 1952. Change of use to hotel, for Elizabeth Caine

GARDENER'S HOUSE

ACC Planning, A33 — July 1948. Addition, for Major David Callendar.

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