

THE GARDEN HISTORY SOCIETY IN SCOTLAND

SURVEY OF GARDENS & DESIGNED LANDSCAPES RECORDING FORM

A. GENERAL SITE INFORMATION

(Expand boxes as necessary)

A1 SITE NAME:

Lindertis House

A2 ALTERNATIVE NAMES OR SPELLINGS:

- 14thC – Estate known as Reedie with the main house at Lindertis from ‘Airlie: A Parish History’ (refer B4 Bibliography for details)
- Date unknown - Lundateris from ‘Airlie: A Parish History’
- Date unknown - Lendartaris from ‘Airlie: A Parish History’
- c.1590 – Lendaurthous (?) from map by Timothy Pont (refer B1)
- c.1636 – Lendarthous (also Readye) from map by Robert Gordon (refer B1)
- 1750 – Lindary from Roy’s Military Survey (refer B1)
- 1808 – Lindertis from ‘Caledonian Mercury’.
- 1816 - Lindertis from ‘Forfarshire Illustrated’ (refer B4 Bibliography for details)
- 1832 – Landertis map by John Thomson (Imprint 1820 in Atlas of Scotland 1832) (refer B1)

Landertis used in various maps during 19thC but written references seem to use Lindertis from 1816.

A3 ADDRESS AND POSTCODE:

House no longer exists. Postcode would probably be DD8 5NT.

A4 GRID REFERENCE:

NO 3377 5133

A5 LOCAL AUTHORITY:

Angus Council

A6 PARISH:

Airlie

A7 INCLUDED IN AN INVENTORY OF GARDENS & DESIGNED LANDSCAPES IN SCOTLAND: NO

A8 TYPE OF SITE: (eg. Landscaped estate, private garden, public park/gardens, corporate/institutional landscape, cemetery, allotments, or other – please specify)

Landscaped estate; house no longer exists.

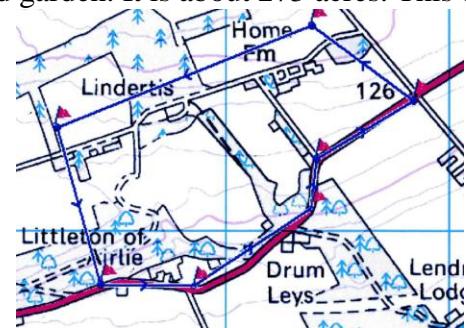
A9 SIZE IN HECTARES OR ACRES:

Historic Scotland's definition:-

1. *An assessment of the area which is essential to the setting of the main house or group of main buildings. The area covered by OS co-ordinates NO 332 515, NO 339 518, NO 341 514 and NO 333 512 meets this definition and is about 60 acres.*



2. *An assessment from documentary evidence and evidence on the ground collected during the site survey, of the area of land which has actually been designed at some point in time and which still shows evidence of this design today. The area covered by OS co-ordinates NO 332 515, NO 344 520, 348 516, NO 344 513, NO 344 511, NO 339 507 and NO 335 508 extends to include tree planting on public road and the walled garden. It is about 273 acres. This excludes Lendrick Lodge.*



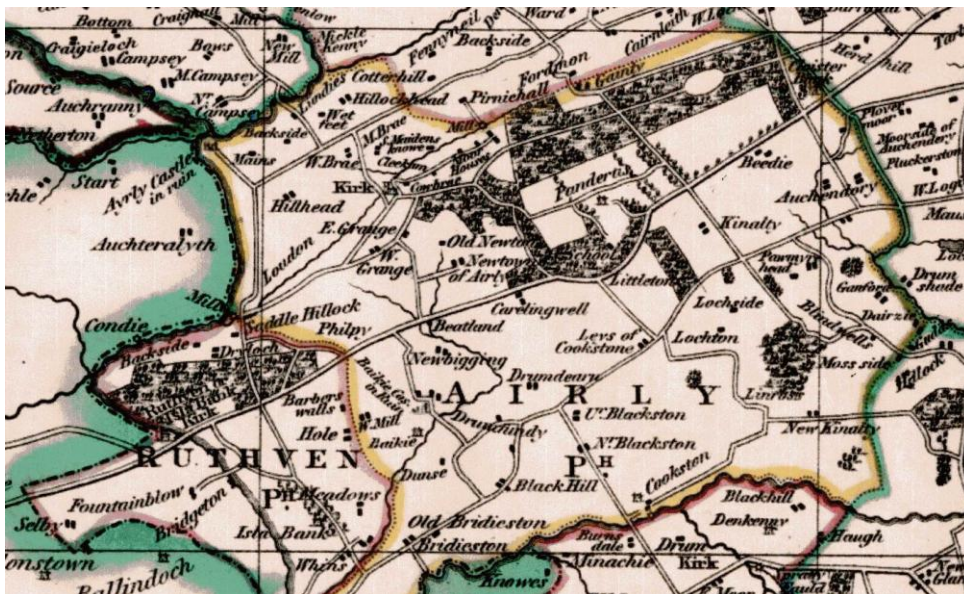
3. *An assessment of the surrounding landscape which is integral to the designed landscape, either as 'borrowed' landscape such as a hill or view of an offshore island, or simply as setting for the design. It is not now possible to assess this. However, the views are mentioned in all older books. Refer B4 Bibliography.*

A10 PUBLIC ACCESS ARRANGEMENTS/OPENING TIMES (If any): None
A11 NATIONAL & LOCAL AUTHORITY DESIGNATIONS: (eg. Conservation Area, Green Belt, Tree Preservation Order(s), Nature Conservation Area, etc.) None found
A12 LISTED STRUCTURES: No structure exists.



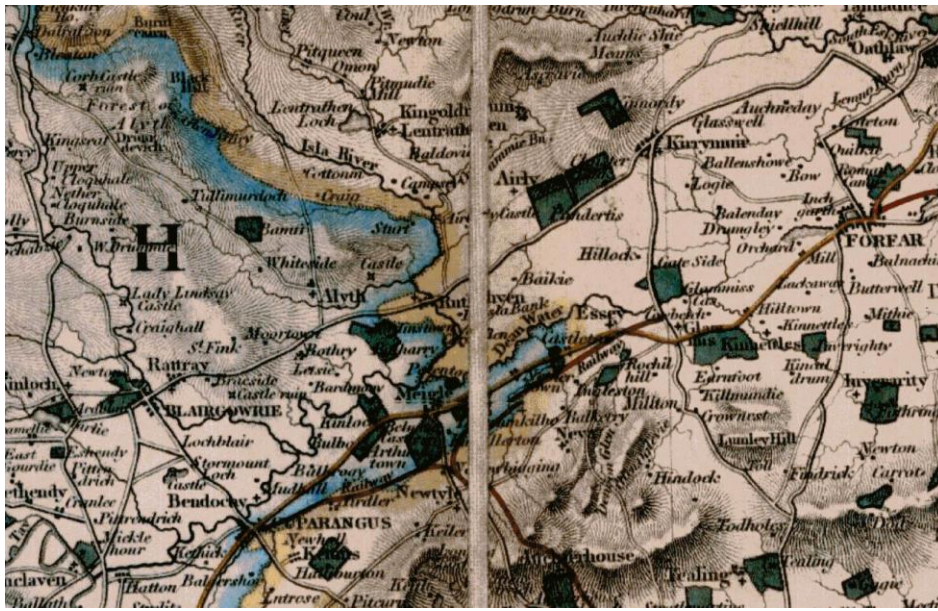
1745 – Roy’s Military Survey. Shows Lindertis. © **British Library Board. All Rights reserved.**

<http://maps.nls.uk/geo/roy/#zoom=13&lat=56.61758&lon=-3.04736&layers=B0000000TTT>



1820 – John Thomson: Imprint 1820 in Atlas of Scotland 1832. Shows Landertis.

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1846 - Frederick Carrington & G.W. Carrington: A Map of Scotland Divided into Counties. Shows Landertis.

<http://maps.nls.uk/joins/view/?rsid=74400714&sid=74400714&mid=1037&pdesc=Middle%20section&zoom=7&lat=2870.5&lon=15944.5&layers=B>



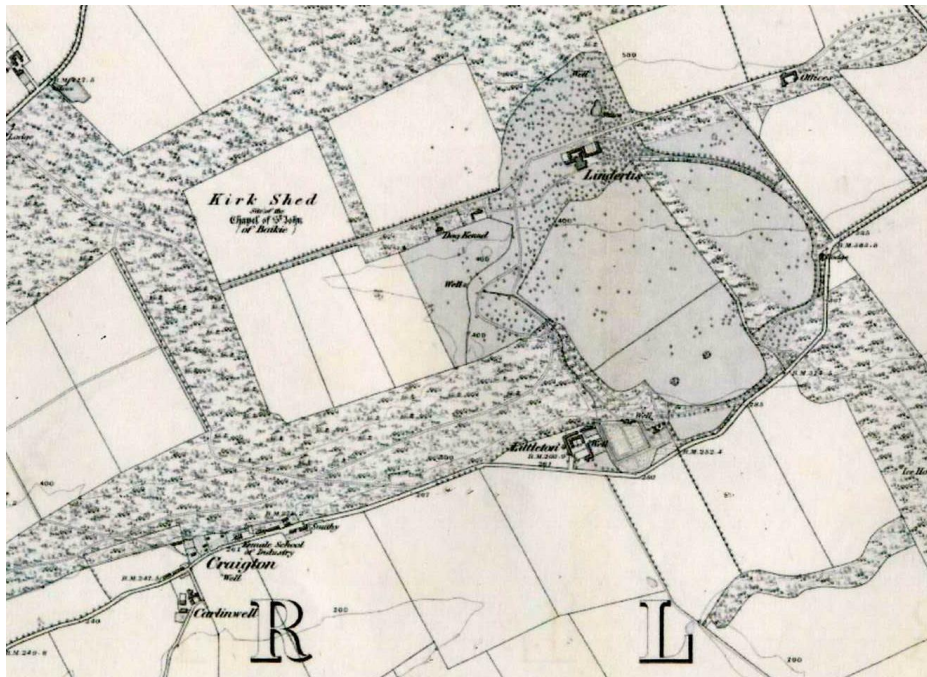
1846 - James Wyld: Scotland with its Islands. Shows Lindertis.

<http://maps.nls.uk/scotland/view/?sid=74400733&zoom=6&lat=6053&lon=6910.5&layers=B>



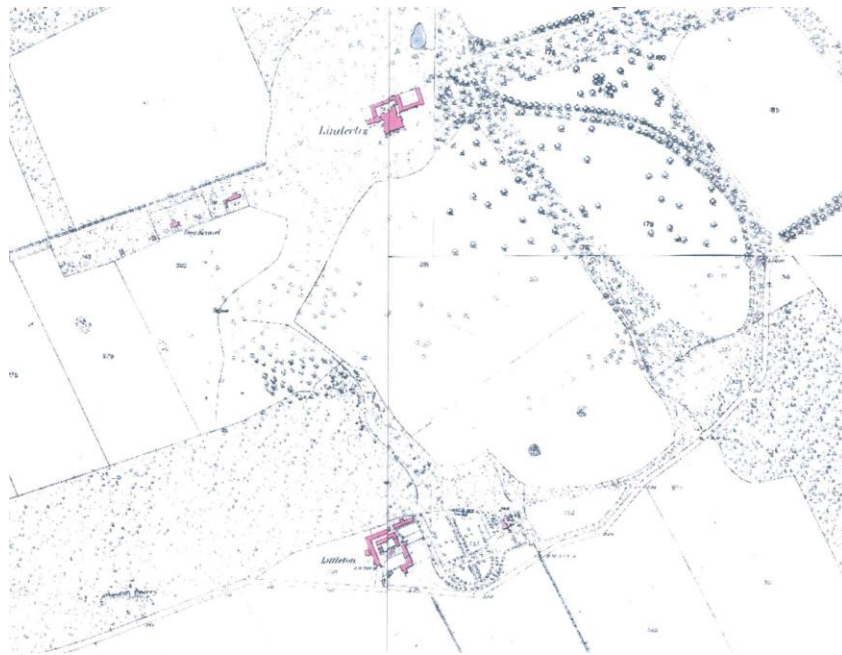
1850 - John Knox: Basins of the Tay. Shows Lindertis & Reddie.

<http://maps.nls.uk/coasts/view-chart/?id=842&zoom=6&lat=5504.5&lon=7919&layers=B>



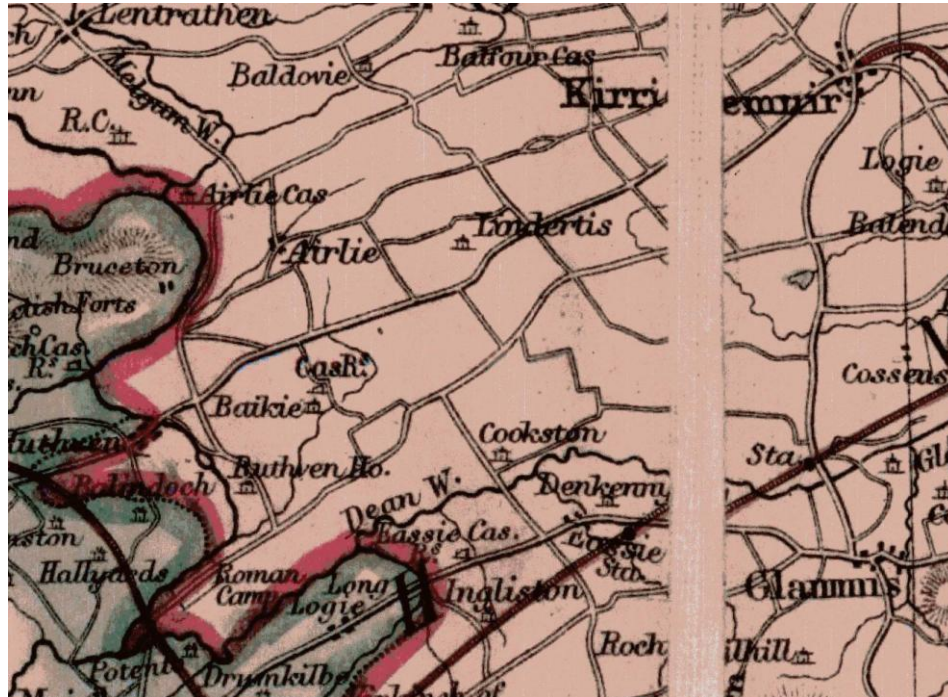
1861 – OS 1st edition 6" to mile sheet XXXVII surveyed 1861 published 1865. Shows Lindertis.

<http://maps.nls.uk/os/6inch/view/?sid=74426915&zoom=5&lat=8132&lon=9028&layers=B>



1861 - OS 1st edition 25" to mile sheet XXXVII.2 surveyed 1861 published 1865. Shows Lindertis.

<http://maps.nls.uk/os/25inch/view/?sid=74945323&zoom=4&lat=2152&lon=15410&layers=B>



1862 – Adam & Charles Black: Black's New Large Map of Scotland. Shows Landertis.

<http://maps.nls.uk/joins/view/?rsid=74400735&sid=74400738&mid=759&pdesc=Centre%20South%20East%20section&zoom=6&lat=7378&lon=3295.5&layers=B>



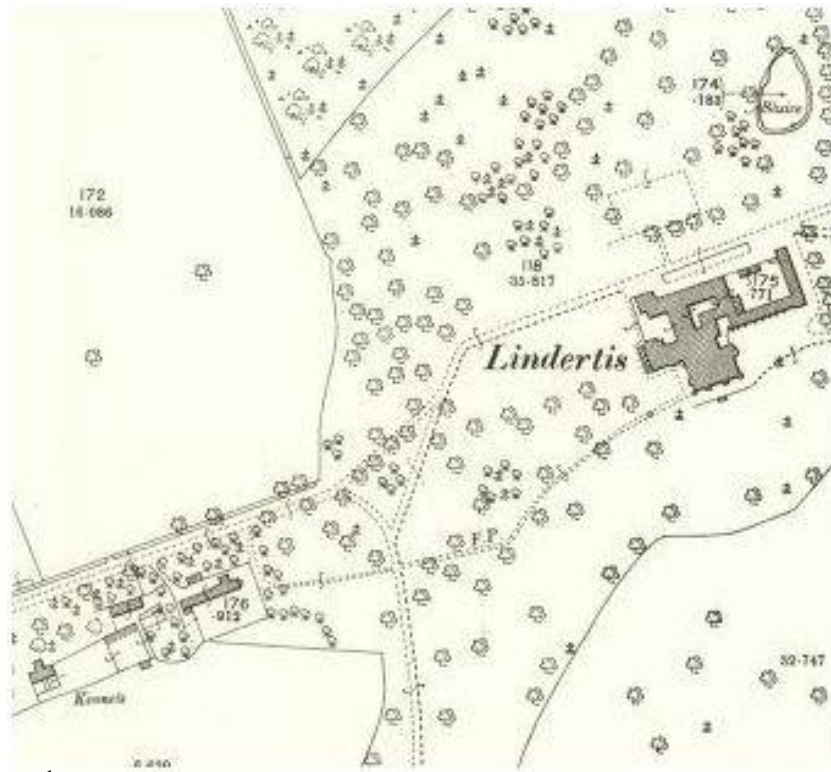
1863 – Edward Weller: Scotland. Shows Lindertis.

<http://maps.nls.uk/joins/view/?rsid=74400747&sid=74400747&mid=771&pdesc=Bottom%20section&zoom=6&lat=7025&lon=7842&layers=B>



1900 – OS 2nd edition 6" to mile sheet XXXVII.NW and XXXVII.NE revised 1900 published 1903.

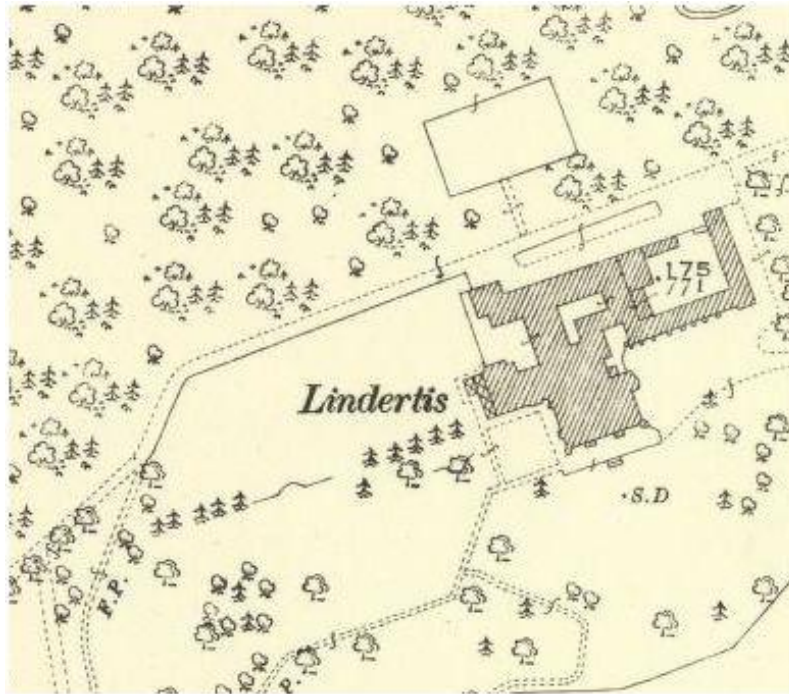
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1902 – OS 2nd edition 25” to mile sheet 037.3 and 037.4 revised 1900 published 1902.
<http://maps.nls.uk/os/25inch-2nd-and-later/view/?jp2=82883535&zoom=4&lat=2059&lon=15536&layers=B>



1908 – OS 3rd edition 1” to mile sheet 56 published 1908.
<http://maps.nls.uk/os/view/?sid=74490366&zoom=6&lat=3225.5&lon=9032&layers=B>



1921/2 – OS 3rd edition 25” to mile sheet 037.2 and 037.3 revised 1921/2 published 1924.

<http://maps.nls.uk/os/25inch-2nd-and-later/view/?jp2=82883538&zoom=4&lat=2042.5&lon=14992&layers=B>



1922 – OS 3rd edition 6” to mile sheet XXXVII.NW and XXXVII.NE revised 1922 published 1926.

<http://maps.nls.uk/os/6inch-2nd-and-later/view/?sid=75534830&zoom=4&lat=4179&lon=7028&layers=B>



1927 – OS Popular edition 1” to mile sheet 57 published 1927.

<http://maps.nls.uk/os/view/?sid=74400674&zoom=6&lat=7357&lon=6436&layers=B>

2001 – OS Explorer series (1:25,000) sheet 381 revised 2001.

2003 – OS Landranger series (1:50,000) sheet 53 & 54 revised 2003.

B2 PRIMARY & DOCUMENTARY SOURCES: (plans, manuscript documents and other estate records) Please list material consulted in date order and attach copies where possible. Give description of material, and location and reference number of archival holding.

Angus Archives 01:015.41 NRA(S)/1511 Stracathro and Lindertis Estates.

- Bundle 46 1834-1913 c) Lindertis Garden Accounts, 1865 e) Estimates for Craigton cottages 1851
- Bundle 47 1819-1867 a) Estimates for new terrace wall at mansion house 1867 and for plaster work at East Lodge 1860

B3 HISTORICAL ILLUSTRATIONS & PICTORIAL SOURCES: (drawings, paintings, photographs, aerial photographs etc. Include type, subject, artist, source or reference location, and date if known)

- 1816c - Forfarshire Illustrated – Sketch of House (refer B4)
- 1822 – Sketch by John Preston Neale (refer B4)
- 1831 – Sketch by Thomas Hosmer Shepard after John Preston Neale. Angus & Dundee Scottish Prints 3404.
- c.1890 – Historical Castles & Mansions of Scotland – Sketch of House (refer B4)
- c.1909 – The Regality of Kirriemuir – Sketch of House
- c.1920 – RCAHMS AN1242 – Photograph of Lindertis House
- 1925 – RCAHMS G91340PO – Photograph of Lindertis House

- c.1925 – RCAHMS G91343PO – Photograph of Lindertis House view from SW
- c.1925 – RCAHMS G91344PO - Photograph of Lindertis House view from SW
- c.1930 – Road showing Spanish Oaks Avenue (repeated 1982, 2011)
- 1947 – RCAHMS AND-856-1 - Sketch of Lindertis House by Colin Gibson (from photograph taken at time of demolition.
- 1947 – RCAHMS associated with AND-856-1 – Photograph used for sketch by Colin Gibson. Lindertis House from S.
- 1956 – RCAHMS AN1570-5 – Photograph of Lindertis House view from S.
- 1956 – RCAHMS AN1570-6 – Photograph of Lindertis House view from S.
- 1956 – RCAHMS AN1570-7 – Photograph of Lindertis House view from SW.
- 1956 – RCAHMS AN1571-8 – Photograph of Lindertis House view from SW.
- 1956 – RCAHMS AN1572-12 – Photograph of Office wing from S.
- 1956 – RCAHMS AN1573-15 – View from N.
- 1956 – RCAHMS AN1571-10 – South front detail.
- 1956 – RCAHMS AN1571-13 – Main staircase.
- 1956 – RCAHMS AN1571-14 – North staircase.
- 1962? – RCAHMS G91338PO – Detail from SW.
- 1962? - RCAHMS G91341PO – Not identified; possibly part of office remains.
- 1982 – Road showing Spanish Oaks Avenue as taken 1930c, repeated 2011.
- 1988 – RCAHMS 006-002-000-143-C – Aerial photograph.
- 2011 – Bing Aerial map
- 2011 – Road showing Spanish Oaks Avenue as taken 1930c & 1982 (strictly would be part of a site survey).

Dates of RCAHMS photographs post 1947 are probably date of collection rather than date of photograph. Architectural notes on RCAHMS state demolition began August 1947 and completed March 1948 but this was probably just removal of the roof.

B4 BIBLIOGRAPHY OF PUBLISHED SOURCES: (Statistical Accounts, Gazetteers, Directories, Travel Accounts etc.) Please list publications consulted in alphabetical order. Include details of author, title, journal or periodical, and date, volume/edition and page numbers where relevant.

Airlie Silver Surfers, The, *Airlie Past and Present*, undated local history booklet, 16-17.

Binney, Marcus, 1980, *Lost Houses of Scotland*, London, SAVE Britain's Heritage.

Cumming, G. 1848, *Forfar Illustrated* Dundee, Gershom Cumming, Engraver 114.

Groome, F.H. 1896, *Ordnance Gazetteer of Scotland*, On-line edition edited by Mike Spathaky, 512.

Millar, A.H., 1890, *The Historical Castles and Mansions of Scotland: Perthshire and Forfarshire*, Alexander Gardner, 429-433.

Neale, J.P., Moule, T., c.1822, *Views of the Seats of noblemen and gentlemen in England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland Volumes 1-6*.

Newspapers

- 1808 – Caledonian Mercury July 11th 1808 – Let of farms.
- 1848 – Glasgow Herald February 11th 1808 – Magnus Laing-Measson bankrupt.
- 1908 – Newspaper article – Lindertis ‘At Home’ day; policies mentioned.

Property Shop, Blairgowrie, *Sales Brochure for North Lodge, Lindertis*.

RCAHMS, *Archeological Notes*.

Reid, A. 1909. *The Regality of Kirriemuir* Edinburgh, John Grant, 359-360.

Warden, A.J. 1881 *Angus or Forfarshire the Land and People Vol II*, Charles Alexander & Co, 343-345.

Website, Community of Westmuir,

<http://www.westmuir.org.uk/History%20-%20Past%20and%20Present.html#Lindertis>

(Accessed 10th May 2013)

White, Rev. D., 1843, *New Statistical Accounts of Scotland for the Parish of Airlie*, On-line edition, Vol. 11, 681-685.

Wilson, W, 1917, *Airlie: A Parish History by William Wilson*, Coatbridge, Alex. Pattigrew, 166-174.

B5 PRINCIPAL PERIODS OF DEVELOPMENT:

- 16th century – Original house built. Refer ‘Airlie: A Parish History’.
- 1814-1836 New house built, policies and gardens set out. Various references, especially ‘Airlie: A Parish History’.
- 1864 West portion added. Refer ‘Airlie: A Parish History’.
- 1947-48 – Demolished. Architectural notes on RCAHMS state demolition began in August 1947 and completed in March 1948. This was probably just removal of the roof.
- 1987 A local website (www.westmuir.org.uk – last visited May, 2013) states demolition completed around 1987. (Demolition by Charles Brant – refer B7 Oral Records).

B6 PRINCIPAL ARCHITECTS/DESIGNERS ASSOCIATED WITH SITE: (please reference source of information)

- Elliot of Edinburgh – New Statistical Account of Scotland, Parish of Airlie written 1843.

- Archibald Elliott – Lost Houses of Scotland – Marcus Binney.
- Archibald Elliot 1833 – Canmore ID 32391 Architectural Notes NMRS.
- Archibald Elliot designed Lindertis for Gilbert Laing-Meason, 1815-16 – ‘A Biographical Dictionary of British Architects 1600-1840’ by Howard Colvin.
- John Murray Robertson 1899 – Canmore ID 32391 Architectural Notes NMRS.
- Dictionary of Scottish Architects: Robertson house built as dower house.
http://www.scottisharchitects.org.uk/building_full.php?id=217954 (Last accessed 10th May 2013)

B7 ORAL RECORDS/REMINISCENSES Please include a list of any people interviewed during the course of research/survey work. Include name and role of interviewee (eg. family member, former employee, local resident), date of conversation and major dates, features or events recalled. Attach a transcript of the conversation if possible.

- Notes with annotated photographs by the grand-daughters of the Lindertis gamekeeper about 1950. Refer separate files ‘Lindertis Oral History’.

C. SITE SURVEY Use map provided to mark positions and boundaries. Take photographs where possible.

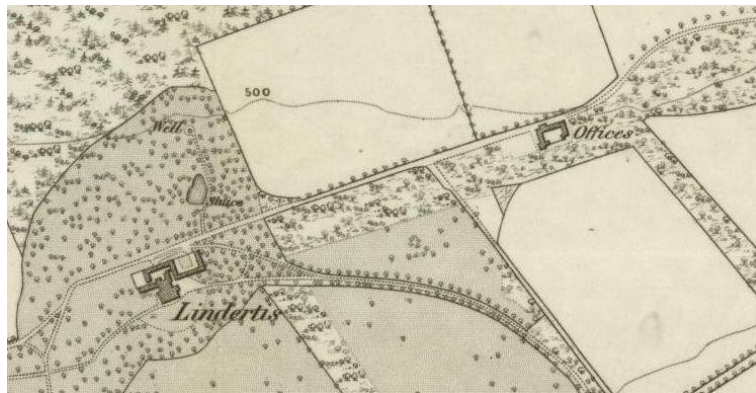
C1 ARCHITECTURAL ELEMENTS Note the materials used, the dates and styles of various phases of development, and category of listing if appropriate

C1A PRINCIPAL HOUSE OR BUILDING:

There is nothing left of the house. It was not possible to conduct a site visit. The information which follows is based on the oral history (refer B7), maps and observations made from the road and land adjacent to Littleton of Airlie Cottages.

C1B OFFICES (stables, outbuildings, etc):

The offices shown on the 1st edition OS map 25” to mile sheet XXXVII.3 are now known as Home Farm. On the 2nd edition OS map of 1900 they are shown as Home Farm.



C1C HOME FARM OR MAINS:

Home Farm is situated where the offices are shown in 1861. Some photographs were taken around the area of Littleton of Airlie and Airlie Farm Cottages nearby the walled garden.

C1D BOUNDARIES (External & internal; estate walls, ha-has, park fences etc.):

There is a boundary fence along the old service road; metal post and wire.

The ha-ha that would have been at the front or S side of the house is still visible and in places in reasonable condition.

C1E GATES/GATE LODGES:

The East Lodge is at NO 344 513 at the junction of the A926 and the road leading to Home Farm (previously offices – refer C1B Offices).

<p>The West Lodge is in Airlie village (previously known as Baitland). This now houses the offices of Scottish Natural Heritage.</p> <p>The North Lodge is at NO 324 516 near Muirhouses Farm. This has been extended to make a modernised 3 or 4 bedroom house.</p> <p>Lendrick Lodge at NO 350 506 may have been built as a lodge for Drumleys rather than the main house.</p>
<p>C1F GARDEN BUILDINGS (Summer houses, view houses, temples, grottoes etc):</p> <p>None seen.</p>
<p>C1G CHAPELS/MAUSOLEUMS/BURIAL GROUNDS:</p> <p>Refer C1K.</p>
<p>C1H CONSERVATORIES/FERNERIES:</p> <p>None seen.</p>
<p>C1J GARDEN STATUARY (Fountains, statues, sundials, monuments etc.) Note any inscriptions:</p> <p>None seen.</p>
<p>C1K BURIAL GROUNDS/CEMETERIES (Note principal memorials and headstones with inscriptions where possible):</p> <p>To the SW of the walled garden, there is a section of ground running parallel to the SW wall of the walled garden. This is about 30' wide. The other wall of this is about 5' high. In this section there are several family graves and stones.</p>
<p>C1L BRIDGES:</p> <p>None seen.</p>
<p>C1M TERRACES (Including steps & stairways):</p> <p>None seen.</p>
<p>C1N WALLED GARDENS (Including potting sheds, bothies, glasshouse ranges etc.):</p> <p>There is a walled garden to the NE of Littleton of Airlie. It is not in use but has been used for commercial purposes. The walls in part are falling especially on the N side. On the outside of the N wall there are ruins of a small building with stone window lintels. There</p>

is little left of the small building but piles of stone. It was reported that at one time small cottages or bothies were built into the N wall of the walled garden.

The external walls of the garden on the S and W are heavily studded with nails. The S is in a pattern that may have been wires for cordons but the W wall is thickly studded in what appears to be a random pattern.

C1P AVENUES, CARRIAGE DRIVES, ORNAMENTAL WALKS, SERVICE DRIVES ETC:

There were four drives; three relating to the three lodges (refer C1E Gates/Gate Lodges). The fourth according to H. Phillips (refer B7 Oral Records) came across Egnomoss and Hundred Acre Wood.

The main drive is still in use as a track as is the service drive.

There may have been a walk from the house to the walled garden.

C1Q ROCKERIES:

None seen.

C1R WATER FEATURES (natural & man-made including rivers, cascades, lochs, pools etc.):

There is a pond to the N of the location of the house. This is shown on the 1st edition OS map of 1861 and is marked as sluice. Known locally as the washing pond, it has the remains of a small wooden jetty.

C1S ANY OTHER FEATURES NOT INCLUDED ABOVE (Include any historic or modern feature and indicate use where possible):

- An Ice House is shown in 1st edition OS map at approx NO 346 508.
- Kennels Cottage once the home of the gamekeeper and now the main property lived in by the owner.
- Gardens Cottage previously the gardener's cottage now a private residence



Garden Cottage previously the gardener's cottage.

C2 PLANTED ELEMENTS: The garden or park should divide up naturally and historically into different areas, e.g. ornamental gardens, parkland, walled garden, policy planting. Each area should be delineated on a plan and current use noted.

C21. ORNAMENTAL GROUNDS

C21A GRASSED AREAS (Lawns, meadows, terraces):

There are open grassed areas which would once have been either the site of the house or grassed area around the building.

C21B FLOWER BEDS (Indicate theme or type – parterres, perennial herbaceous border/annual bedding where possible. Note whether significant plant collection):

None seen.

C21C SHRUBBERY INCLUDING HEDGES & TOPIARY (Include details of height, species etc. if possible):

None seen.

C21D ORNAMENTAL TREE PLANTING (Single specimens, groups – include details of age and species if possible):

None seen.

<p>C21E AVENUE PLANTING (May also cross parkland and policy planting. Note predominant species and whether single or double planted if possible:</p> <p>None seen.</p>
<p>C21F ANY OTHER ORNAMENTAL PLANTING FEATURE NOT COVERED ABOVE:</p> <p>None seen.</p>
<p>C22. KITCHEN GARDENS AND ORCHARDS</p>
<p>C22A KITCHEN GARDENS (walled, hedged or other boundary. Note any other historical features and current use)</p> <p>None seen.</p>
<p>C22B ORCHARDS (walled, hedged or other boundary. Note any other historical features and current use)</p> <p>None seen.</p>
<p>C23. PARKLAND</p>
<p>C23A GRASSED AREAS (Note current use, amenity grassland, agricultural use – grazing, cultivation etc.):</p> <p>There is an area to the SW of the house now called the den.</p>
<p>C23B TREE PLANTING (Individual specimens, clumps, belts, roundels etc. Note species if possible, and whether fenced):</p> <p>None seen</p>
<p>C23C ANY OTHER PARKLAND FEATURE NOT INCLUDED ABOVE:</p> <p>None seen.</p>
<p>C24. POLICY WOODLAND PLANTING</p>
<p>C24A COMPOSITION (Note composition of woodland; deciduous/coniferous/mixed, and principal species if possible. Note current use eg. commercial timber cropping/amenity woodland):</p> <p>All the woodland in between the site of the house and the road counts as policy woodland, as indicated in Warden. It stretches from the drive in from the east to the SNH offices (previously West Lodge) and then north. It is largely hardwood with a preponderance of beech.</p>

C24B ANY OTHER POLICY WOODLAND FEATURE NOT INCLUDED ABOVE:

None seen.

C25. VIEWS, VISTAS, BORROWED LANDSCAPE & PERIPHERAL AREAS,

C25A KEY VIEWS (please note views inwards to the house, outwards from the house, and internally within the landscape):

The view from where the house would have been is now obscured by trees.

C25B BORROWED LANDSCAPE (please note any features, natural or man-made, lying outside the designed landscape which act as eye-catchers or contribute to the outward views):

None seen.

C25C PERIPHERAL AREAS (please note any features lying outside the main landscape but which are clearly designed eg. regularly spaced roadside/field boundary trees, estate walls etc.):

The main road to Kirriemuir via Westmuir is lined on both sides by Spanish Oaks possible c1850.



Spanish Oak Avenue 2012

C3 GENERAL OBSERVATIONS ON CURRENT CONDITION OR CARE OF THE LANDSCAPE

C4 SURVEY DRAWINGS AND/OR PHOTOGRAPHS

Please include a list and copies where possible of any drawings, photographs made/taken during the ground survey.

D. SUMMARY HISTORY OF THE SITE

This section should be set out in chronological form and should include information on the way the site has developed and changed since it was first recorded, using dates and maps where possible. The names of owners, architects or designers involved, and relevant historical events should be recorded, and the sources noted

Summary Timeline

- c.1550 Original house built
- 1640 Bought by the Earl of Strathmore
- 1770 Bought by Colonel Fletcher of Ballinshoe
- 1770 Start of plantations
- 1809 Bought by Sir John Wedderburn of Ballindean
- 1812 Bought by Mr Gilbert Laing-Meason
- 1814 Castellated house built
- 1814-1836 Policies & garden set out, extensive building and planting
- 1836 Inherited by Magnus Laing-Meason
- 1838 Sold to trustees of Sir Thomas Munro
- 1864 West wing added by Sir Thomas Munro
- 1947 The Munro family living at Drumleys
- 1947 Mansion house roof removed
- 1955 Mansion house demolished
- 1987 Final demolition

Name:

Alice Bremner

Signature:

Dates of ground survey work: August, 2011
Date research completed: November, 2011