

THE GARDEN HISTORY SOCIETY IN SCOTLAND

SURVEY OF GARDENS & DESIGNED LANDSCAPES RECORDING FORM

A. GENERAL SITE INFORMATION

(Expand boxes as necessary)

A1 SITE NAME

Letham Grange

Letham Grange was built on the site of the manor of New Grange, originally a grange of the Letham estate which was situated to the south of what is now called Letham Grange. The only remaining cartographic evidence of the Letham estate is the Mains of Letham farm adjacent to the Kirkton area of Arbroath. It should not be confused with the village of Letham east of Forfar.

A2 ALTERNATIVE NAMES OR SPELLINGS:

Neugrange (see B1)

Newgrange (see B1)

A3 ADDRESS AND POSTCODE:

Letham Grange

Kinell

DD11 4RL

A4 GRID REFERENCE

NO 62452 45684

A5 LOCAL AUTHORITY:

Angus Council

A6 PARISH

Arbroath and St Vigeans

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

Country house hotel (See B6)

Golf course (See B5)

A9 SITE OWNERSHIP & CONTACT: (Where site is in divided ownership please list all owners and indicate areas owned on map if possible)

Site in multiple ownership including private houses and the golf club.

A10 SIZE IN HECTARES OR ACRES:

Not known.

A11 PUBLIC ACCESS ARRANGEMENTS/OPENING TIMES (If any):

There are public roads on the estate to provide access to the private residences and the golf club.

A12 NATIONAL & LOCAL AUTHORITY DESIGNATIONS: (eg. Conservation Area, Green Belt, Tree Preservation Order(s), Nature Conservation Area, etc.

None known.

A13 LISTED STRUCTURES

Letham Grange. Doo'cot, Ref. 4735; Category B 1971

Letham Grange. East Lodge Gates , Ref. 4760; Category C; 1980

Letham Grange. North Entrance Gateway; Ref. 4736; Category C; 1980

Letham Grange. East Lodge , Ref. 4739; Category C;

Letham Grange House; Ref. 4734; Category B; 1980

B. HISTORICAL SURVEY INFORMATION: MAPPED, DOCUMENTARY & PUBLISHED SOURCES

B1 MAPPED SOURCES: (please list maps below in date order and attach copies where possible. Give the description or title, date, maker's name if known, and for Ordnance Survey maps give the date of survey, edition number and sheet number)

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c. 1583-96 (Imprint) Timothy Pont : Lower Angus and Perthshire East of the Tay. Only shows Letham.



1678 Robert Edward : Angusia Provincia Scotinae sive The Shire of Angus. Shire of Angus. Shows Letham Grange as Neugrange.



1745 (imprint) Herman Moll : The Shire of Angus or Forfar. Shows Letham Grange as Newgrange.



1794 John Ainslie : Map of the County of Forfar or Shire of Angus, South East Section. Letham Grange shown as New Grange.



1832 John Thompson : Atlas of Scotland Northern part of Angus Shire .Southern part.
Shows Letham Grange as New Grange, with Lethem (Letham) to the south



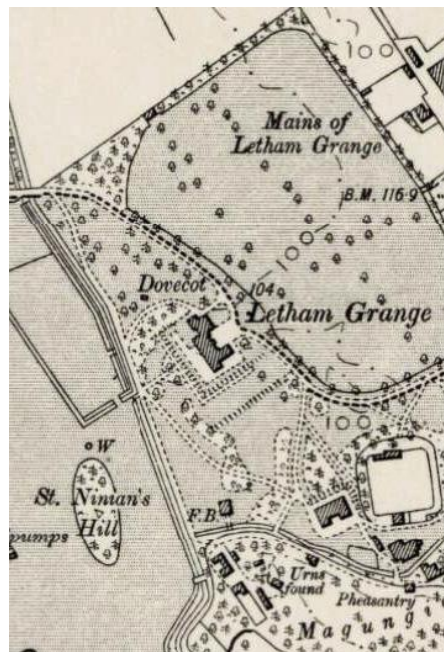
1859 OS Sheet XLV1 Forfarshire 6 inch to the mile 1st edition. Survey 1859. Publication 1865. Shows Letham Grange.



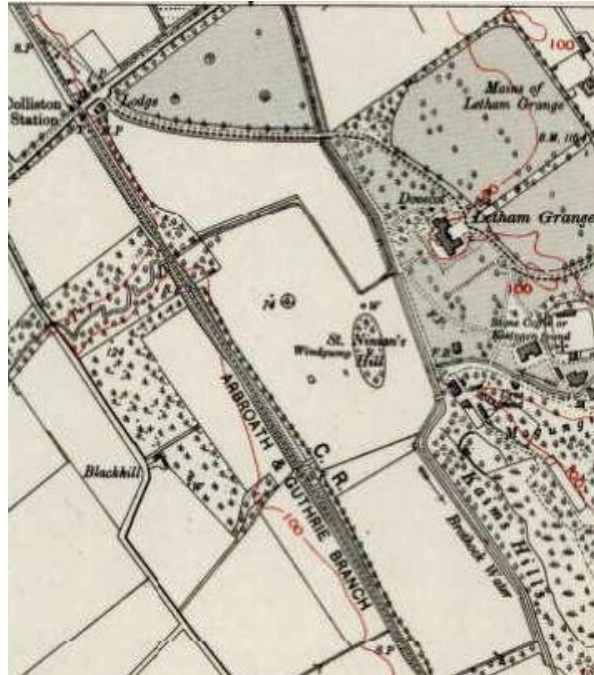
1865 OS Sheet XLV1.2 Forfar 25 inch 1st edition. Survey 1859. Publication 1865. Shows Letham Grange.



1901 OS Forfarshire, Sheet 046.02. 25 inch. Publication date: 1903 Revised: ca. 1901



1921 OS Forfarshire, Sheet XLVI.NW. 6 inch. Publication date: 1926 Date revised: 1921



1957 OS NO64 & Parts of NO63 & NO74. 1 : 25 000. Publication date: 1957



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.

National Archives of Scotland (now National Records of Scotland)

(<http://catalogue.nrscotland.gov.uk/nrsonlinecatalogue/welcome.aspx>)

To see the catalogue entry go to the above website and then type the reference number of the entry into the appropriate box.

1645-1726 RH15/101/1 Papers regarding the lands of Newgrange and Eastern Baikie once belonging to Sir Francis Ogilvie

1810 C1810 NAS RHP1185 Plan and survey of the estate of Peebles, arable, pasture, gardens, plantations, house and park with lake, steadings and stackyards

1817 RHP 3244 Plan of the Estate of Lethem Grange (Newgrange). By William Blackadder

1819 RHP1175 Plan of the Estate of Lethem property of John Hay surveyor William Blackadder

1819 RHP 1176 Plan of the Estates of Lethem, Peebles and Newgrange the property of John Hay by William Blackadder

1819 RHP1184 Plan of the estate of Peebles property of John Hay Esq by William Blackadder

1833-1837 MS105/2/6/6 University of Dundee correspondence concerning John Hay of Lethem relating to the erection of a mansion house and the seeding and laying of grounds on the estate of Lethem Grange and the line of the Arbroath to Forfar railway which passes through his land.

1838 RHP1177 Architectural plan of Lethem Mill farm steading. Architect David Pitkethly

1840 RHP89391 RIAS. Photocopy of plan of lands of Lethem

1907 RHP1178/1-2 Plan of Peebles Farm grass parks, Lethem Grange, Arbroath and St Vigean by J. Stirling

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

The following can be seen in the Search Room at RCAHMS.

1900 AN1241 RCAHMS View from South

1950PA209/8/1 RCAHMS General view of the doo'cot at Letham Grange

1950 PA209/8/2 RCAHMS General view of the doo'cot at Letham Grange

1958 G91274 PO General view doo'cot, Lady Maitland

1959 AN1845/17 RCAHMS View of gate piers, West gates, North and South lodges and Letham house from the South

1959 AN1845/18 View of gate piers, West gate, North and South lodges, and Letham House from South West

1959 AN1842 View of West gates and North and South lodges from West

1978 F84227 RCAHMS Newgrange farmstead, view from South West. Copyright Dr Y.E.C. Peters

1978 F84260 P.O. RCAHMS Newgrange farmstead from East. Copyright Dr Y.E.C. Peters

1978 F8422 P.O RCAHMS Tools in shed . Copyright Dr Y.E.C. Peters

1978 F8425 P O RCAHMS Horse mill. Copyright Dr Y.E.C. Peters

1973 H93859CS.General view upper park Doo'cot. RCAHMS collection

1975 A10658 RCAHMS View from South East Gate lodge. www.scotlandplaces.gov.uk

1975 A10657 RCAHMS View of East gates gate lodge. www.scotlandplaces.gov.uk

1975 A10652 RCAHMS View from North gates

1975 A10656 RCAHMS Detail of glass house from South

1975A25530 RCAHMS Detail of entrance

1975 A25529 RCAHMS General view

1977 A3433 P.O . RCAHMS Detail of entrance

1985 DC52642 RCAHMS Alternative sketch proposals for conference and bedroom extensions Edward Taylor.www.scotlandplaces.gov.uk

1986 DC52643RCAHMS Six designs - studies for bedroom wing extension, Edward Taylor. www.scotlandplaces.gov.uk

1986 DC52644 RCAHMS Bedroom wing extension. plans, sections, elevations, and perspective. Edward Taylor. www.scotlandplaces.gov.uk

1986 DC52645RCAHMS Sketch of west elevation of bedroom wing extension. Edward Taylor. www.scotlandplaces.gov.uk

1986 DC52646 RCAHMS Revised bedroom wing extension. Plans, section, elevations and perspectives, Edward Taylor. www.scotlandplaces.gov.uk

1986 DC52651 RCAHMS Proposed phased extensions, plans and location plan, Edward Taylor. www.scotlandplaces.gov.uk

1986 DC 5652 RCAHMS Proposals for Lethem Grange Hotel. Proposed phased extensions. Plans and section, Edward Taylor. www.scotlandplaces.gov.uk

1986 DC52653 RCAHMS Proposed phased extensions, elevations, section and perspective, Edward Taylor. www.scotlandplaces.gov.uk

1987 DC52650 RCAHMS Proposals for time share apartments. Plans elevations and section.

1998 DC5652 RCAHMS Sketch proposals for timeshare apartments, location site plans and site section. Edward Taylor

1988 DC52655 RCAHMS Proposal for Letham Grange Hotel. Plan at upper level, Edward Taylor
 1998 DC52657 RCAHMS Proposed country club. Fifteen prints and working sketches, Edward Taylor
 1988 DC52658 RCAHMS Proposed country club, proposed phasing, Edward Taylor
 1988 DC52659 RCAHMS Proposed country club. Five sketches, Edward Taylor
 1988 DC52660 RCAHMS Proposed country club (curling ice rink). West elevation
 1988 DC52661 RCAHMS Proposed country club (curling ice rink). Axonometric from North, Edward Taylor
 1988 DC52662 RCAHMS Proposed country club (curling ice rink) North elevation, Edward Taylor
 1988 DC52664 RCAHMS Proposed country club (curling ice rink) upper level plan, E Taylor
 1988 DC52665 RCAHMS proposed holiday flats. Plans, sections and elevations, E Taylor

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.

Cumming, G, *Forfarshire Illustrated*. Dundee. 1848 p.71
 Gifford, John. *The Buildings of Scotland : Dundee and Angus*, pp. 592-594
 Muir, The Rev. John. Parish of St Vigeans in *The New Statistical Account of Scotland* 1845. p.497.
 Ochterlony, J. 1682 Account of the shire of Forfar Arbroath-St Vigeans in Mitchell, A, *Macfarlane's Geographical Collections*, Vol. II, p.45
 "Newgrange lying on the East syd of the said water, good yard, well planted and pleasant meadows."
 Warden A.J, *Angus or Forfarshire* Vol. V p.132-135, includes, Letham (New) Grange, Letham and Peebles.
 Savills Letham Grange Hotel and Golf Course (Sale particulars) Held at RCAHMS - D.13.13.LET.S
 RCAHMS Catalogue of Horticultural buildings by Moncur and Mackenzie including the range of hothouses erected at Lethem Grange, 1907

B5 PRINCIPAL PERIODS OF DEVELOPMENT:

Letham Grange changed hands frequently over the centuries, but there is no indication of the style of the house or of any gardens and designed landscapes until the 19th century.

1803-1822 Alexander Hay, manufacturer, merchant and sometime Provost of Arbroath, put together an estate consisting of the lands of Letham, New Grange and Peebles. (See Gifford in B4)

1827-1830 John Hay, son of Alexander, had a mansion house built called Letham Grange. The architect was Archibald Simpson.

1881-1885 major remodelling and enlargement carried out for James Fletcher who bought the house in 1877. James Robertson was responsible for the designs which were modified by John Rhind when Robertson fell ill.
1986-88 Alterations and additions to what was by the a county house hotel.
1987 'Old' golf course opened.
1991 'Glen' golf course opened.

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

See www.scottisharchitects.org.uk for source material.

1828 Archibald Simpson
1838 David Pitkethly see B2
1877 John Rhind Extended
1887 Alexander Ross (Additions)
1887 Ross and Macbeth (Additions)
1907 J. Stirling See B2
1986-88 Edward Taylor See B3
1987 Donald Steel www.worldgolf.com. See B5.
1991 Donald Steel see B5

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.

None.

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

No site visit was possible.

Name: Sinclair Sutherland and Sue Hewer

Signature:

Dates of ground survey work:

Date research completed: February 2015

Date research completed: February 2015