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## Losgaintir

Name	Variant spellings	Authority	Remarks
Luskentyre	1:Luskentyre Losgainntir Luskentyre Luskentire Luskenture Luskentyre	1:Valuation Roll 1868+9 P. 106 Kenneth McDonald Factor, Scarasta Harris Admiralty Chart Blacks Map Johnstons Map Old Estate Maps 1805	This name is applied to a farm house situate on the north side of Traigh Luskentyre The building is two storeys high slated + in good repair. The Earl of Dunmore is propr. [proprietor] There is a small burying ground or graveyard situate west and adjacent to the house
Ben Luskentyre	Beinn Losgainntir  Ben Luskentire Ben Luskentyre	Admiralty Chart/A A Carmichael Esq. Johnston's Map Old Estate Map 1805/General Usage	Is applied to a large mountain situate [sic] between West Loch Tarbert and Traigh Luskentyre. There are several well defined tops on this mountain, each of which have names applied to them. It is covered with good healthy pastures and is the property of the Earl of Dunmore
Faodhail Luskentyre	1:Faodhail Luskentyre 2: Faodhail Losgainntir	1: Donald McLeod, Lacklee 2: AA Carmichael Esq.	This name signifies "Luskentyre ford" and is applied to the low water channel of Traigh Luskentyre.
Tràigh Luskentyre	1:Traigh Luskentyre 2: Traigh Losgainntir	A.A. Carmichael [both forms]	Is applied to a sandy beach 2 1/4 miles in length and 1/2 mile wide which is covered by the sea at high water. It is situate 5 1/2 miles south-west from Tarbert. Signification Luskentyre sands or beach

<sup>1</sup> Inverness-Shire, Outer Hebrides vols. 3-5,(1876x1878) <http://www.scotlandsplaces.gov.uk/digital-volumes/ordnance-survey-name-books?class=parish&name=HARRIS&id=875>

## Seilebost

Name	Variant spellings	authority	remarks
Seilebost	[1] Seilebost [2] Seilaboist [3] Chillibost [4] Chillibost [5] Seilebost	[1] - [2] Admiralty Chart [3]Johnson's Map [4]Black's Map [5]A.A.Carmichael Esq	Is applied to a small district which was formerly inhabited by tenants, but now under pasturage. It is situate near the coast at the mouth of the glen of the same name. No English meaning could be got for the word " Seilebost
Faodhail Seilebost	1:Faodhail Seilabost 2: Faodhail Seilebost	"	Is applied to a small low water channel on Traigh [sic] Luskentyre between the points called Crago and Corran <del>Seilabost</del> Sheilebost. Signification " Seilebost Ford"
Tràigh Seilebost	1: Tràigh Seilebost 2: Traigh Seilabost 3: Traigh Chillibost	Donald McLeod Admiralty Chart Old Estate Map	This name is applied to the sandy beach on the west side of the bank called Corran <del>Seilabost</del> Sheilebost. Signification Seilabost[sic] beach
Corran Seilebost	[1] Corran Seilebost [2] Corran Seilaboist	[1]-dg- [2] admiralty chart	This name is applied to a sand bank on traigh Luskentyre which extends from the south shore to nearly the opposite shore near Luskentyre. The name signifies " seilebost bank"
Ben Seilebost	[1] Ben Seilebost [2]Beinn Sheileboist [3] Beinn Sheileboist	[1]-d- [2]Admiralty Chart [3] A.A. Carmichael esq	Is applied to a small hill on the property of the Earl of Dunmore ¾ of a mile west from "[illeg.]"
Glen Seilebost	[1]Glen seilebost [2]Glen Chillibost [3]Glen Sheileboist	[1} Donald McDonald, Crofter, Flodabay, Harris [2]Johnston's map, Black's map [3] A.A. Carmichael esq	This name is applied to a small glen extending in a southerly direction from the shore of Tràigh Luskentyre for a distance of two miles. It is covered with excellent heathy pasture. On the property of the Earl of Dunmore.
Seilebost River	[1] Seilebost River [2] Abhuinn Sheileboist	[1] -?- [2] A.A. Carmichael esq	Is applied to the stream which flows through the above named glen. It has its source in the pass called " Bealach an Donalaidh[?]" which is situate between "bulaval" and " Heilisval more.[sic] It empties itself into the sea at Tràigh Luskentyre near of west of the point called Crago.

## Horgabost

Name	Variant spellings	authority	remarks
Glen Horgabost	1: Glen Horgabost 2: Gleann Horagabost 3: Horgabost	1:- 2: A.A. Carmichael 3: Old Estate Map	[ note in situation column] Probably from Haugar-busta[?], house, farm of the cairn or? burying place, from the antiquity on last page. [main note]The meaning of this name is obscure, it is applied to a glen partly covered with pasture & partly heathy of rough pasture situated immediately east of "Clett Nisabost."
Liana Horgabost	1: Liana Horgabost 2:Liana Horgaboist 3:Hagabost	1: A.A.Carmichael Esq. 2: Admiralty Chart 3: Blacks Map	This name applies to patch of marshy land situated in "Glean Horgabost" signification obscure.

## Nisabost

Name	Variant spellings	Authority	remarks
Ard Nisabost	1:Ard Nisabost 2:Àrd Niseboist 3:Aird Nisaboist	1:- 2:A.A.Carmichael Esq. 3: Admiralty Chart	This name applies to a head-land situated about one and a half miles north-east of Borge shooting Lodge. Signification "Nisabost Point"
Clett Nisabost	1: Clett Nisabost 2: Cleite Nisaboist	1:- 2: Admiralty Chart	Applies to a hill about 500 feet high situate about 3/4 of a mile north of "Borge Lodge" it is covered with heathy pasture. Signification "Rocky eminence of the Promontory farm."
Erd House/Clett Nisabost	Erd House	Admiralty Chart	Applies to the remains of an ancient dwelling commonly spoken of by the inhabitants as " Pict's House" and situated about one half mile north of " Clett Nisabost". It is said to have been explored by Capt. Thomas. R. >n about A.D. 1860. The entrance is now closed up and a few slabs of stone protrude through an accumulation of[... 5 words illeg] these are [illeg] small heaps of stones & earth[illeg] as tumuli in the vicinity of the above object.
Tràigh Nisabost	1:Traigh Nisabost 2: Tràigh Niseboist	[1] – [2] A. A. Carmichael Esq.	Applied to a patch of sandy beach situated on the west side of the public road leading from Rodel to to[sic] Tarbert and about eleven miles distant from the former. Signifies "Nisabost Beach"

Na Buirgh

Name	Variant spellings	authority	remarks
Borve Lodge	1: Borve Lodge 2: Bothan Bhuirigh 3: Shooting Lodge Borve	1: Mr Kenneth Morrison, Mr Kenneth MacDonald 2: A.A. Carmichael Esq, Admiralty Chart, Valuation Roll 1868 & 9	This name applies to a shooting lodge one story [sic] high and slated, situated about one mile north east of the Parish church. Right Hon Earl of Dunmore, proprietor.
Borvemore	1: Borvemore 2: Borogh-Mor 3: Borgh Mhor 4: Borve 5: Borve	1- 2: A.A. Carmichael Esq 3: Admiralty Chart 4: Black's Map 5: Ainslies Map 1789	Applied to a farm house two stories high slated and in good repair having suitable out offices attached. Right Hon Earl of Dunmore Propr.
Borve-mor [discussed under standing stone/burial site]	Borve-mor	Mr Kenneth Morrison Mr Kenneth McDonald - factor "Borve-mor"	This name applies to a standing stone seven feet six in high [sic], three feet broad and 18 inches in thickness situated near the sea coast and about 1/2 mile south-west of 'Borvemor" a short distance north is the site of a stone circle & immediately south human remains were found A.D. 1864. This stone is said to be of ancient origin
Borvebeg [amended from Borvebeag]	1: Borvebeg [ amended from Borvebeag] 2: Borogh-beag 3: Borgh beag 4: Little Borve	1:-  2: A.A. Carmichael Esq. 3: Chart 4: Johnstons Map	Applied to a farmhouse one storey high, slated, and in fair repair with suitable out offices Right Hon. Earl of Dunmore proprietor

Scarasta

Name	Variant spellings	authority	remarks
Scarastavore	[1]Scarastavore [2]Scarasta Mhor [3]Scarasta Mhor [4] Meichle Scarasta[5]Scarista..... [6]Scarista	1]- [2] AA Carmichael esq [3] Admiralty Chart [4] Johnstons Map [5] Black's map [6] Ainslies Map 1789	Applied to a small district partly cultivated and partly pasture situated a short distance north east of the parish church. Right Hon Earl of Dunmore Propr. It signifies " Big Scarasta"
ABHUINN SCARASTA MHOR	1]Abhuinn Scarasta Mhor [2]Allt-Milleadh Mna (ravishing Burn)	1] Mr K Morrison and Mr K McDonald. AACarmichael Esq [2] Admiralty Chart	This name is applied to stream having i[ts] source about one half mile east of [the] Parish church. It runs westwards & fall[s] into the sea
Scarastaveg	[1]Scarastabeg  [2]Scarasta-bheag  [3]Little Scarristra	[1] Mr Kenneth Morrison, Mr K. McDonald [2] AA Carmichael esq Admiralty chart [3] Johnstons Map	This name applies to a farm house two storeys high with suitable out offices the former slated the latter thatched the whole are in good repair they are situated west of the Parish Church
Tràigh Scarasta	[1]Traigh Scarasta [2]Tràigh Scarasta	[1] Mr Kenneth Morrison Mr Kenneth McDonald [2] A.A. Carmichael Esq Admiralty Chart	This name applies to a patch of sand extending along the sea shore from low water to a few [illeg] west of the H.W.M [ High water Mark] and about one hundred yards north-west of the Parish Church of Harris. Signifies " Scarasta Beach"

## Taobh Tuath

Name	Variant spellings	authority	remarks
Northtown	1: Northtown 2: N.Town 3:Northtown 4: Northton	1:Mr Kenneth McRae, Mr Kenneth McDonald 2:Johnston's map 3:Black's Map 4:Vall roll 1868-9	Applied to Shepherd's dwelling one storey high, thatched and in fair repair. Situating about two miles south west of the parish church. Right hon. Earl of Dunmore propr.
Tràigh an Taoibh Thuath	1: Tràigh an Taoibh Thuath 2: Tràigh an Taoibh Thuath 3: Tràigh an Taobh Tuath (Northside sands)	1: -? dg? 2: A.A. Carmichael esq 3: Admiralty chart	Applied to a large piece of sand situated about one mile South-west of the parish church of Harris. Signifies "Northside beach"



Druim a' Phuind

Name	Variant spellings	authority	remarks
<del>Druim a' Phuind</del> Drimophuind	1: Drimophuind 2:Druim a' Phuind	1:-- 2:A. A, Carmichael Esq	This name applies to <del>a ridge and</del> ruins of houses situated about 45 chains north east from Tràigh na h-Ùidhe covered with good rough pasture the property of the Earl of Dunmore. This name signifies 'ridge of the fold'
Clett Druim a' Phuind	1: Clett Druim a' Phuind 2: Cleit Druim a' Phuind	1: " " 2: A.A. Carmichael Esq.	This name applies to a small hill covered with heathy pasture, situated about 20 chains west from Drimophuind. The property of the Earl of Dunmore. <del>The name signifies</del> [erased material: may read "ridge of the fold/gold lump"]
Abhuinn Druim a' Phuind	Abhuinn Druim a' Phuind	A.A. Carmichael esq	This name applies to a small stream which flows from [original erased] Loch losal Vassaray [unclear] and flows in a north westerly direction. The property of the Earl of Dunmore. This name signifies " Ridge of the fold river" [written over an erased passage]