THE GARDEN HISTORY SOCIETY IN SCOTLAND

EAST LOTHIAN SURVEY OF GARDENS & DESIGNED LANDSCAPES
RECORDING FORM

A. GENERAL SITE INFORMATION ***(Expand boxes as necessary)***
SITE NAME: Longniddry House
ALTERNATIVE NAMES OR SPELLINGS: Manor Place of Longniddry
ADDRESS AND POSTCODE: Private ownership
GRID REFERENCE: NT 4386 7590
LOCAL AUTHORITY: East Lothian (Historical County Haddingtonshire)
PARISH: Gladsmuir
INCLUDED IN *AN INVENTORY OF GARDENS & DESIGNED LANDSCAPES IN SCOTLAND*: No
TYPE OF SITE: *(eg. Landscaped estate, private garden, public park/gardens, corporate/institutional landscape, cemetery, allotments, or other – please specify)* Private garden

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

Private ownership

SIZE IN HECTARES OR ACRES:

Historic boundary is approximately 7.8 Hectares (19.27 acres)

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

None
Public road ways and paths open

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

There are tree preservation orders nearby but not in the environs of Longniddry House itself.

LISTED STRUCTURES:

Longniddry House with outbuilding, garden walls, well head and kirk ruin Category B Listed. 5 February 1971 Ref: HB13162
http://data.historic-scotland.gov.uk/pls/htmldb/f?p=2200:15:0::::BUILDING,HL:13162,Longniddry%20House

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

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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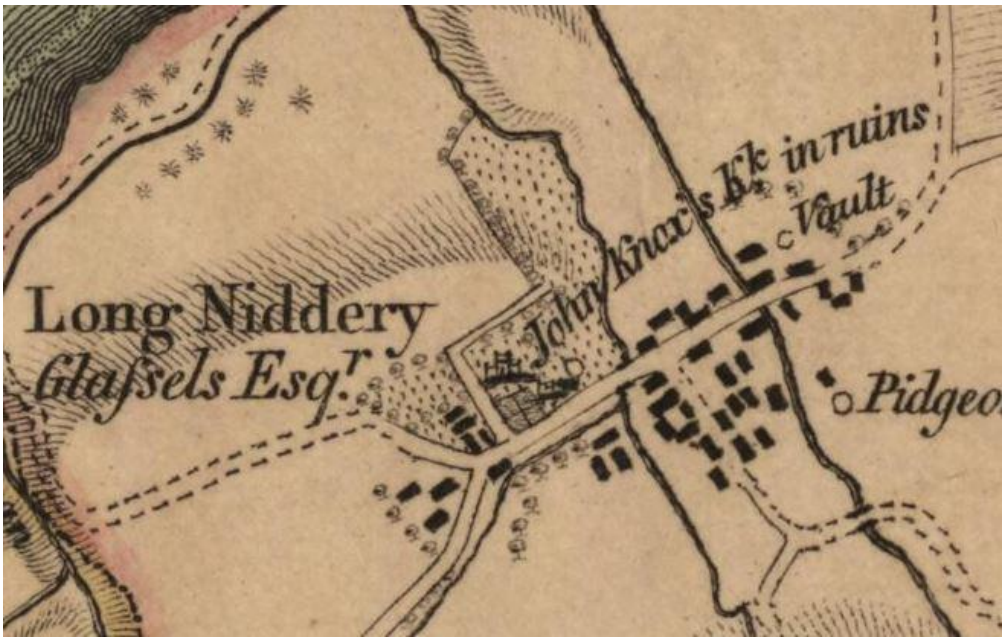
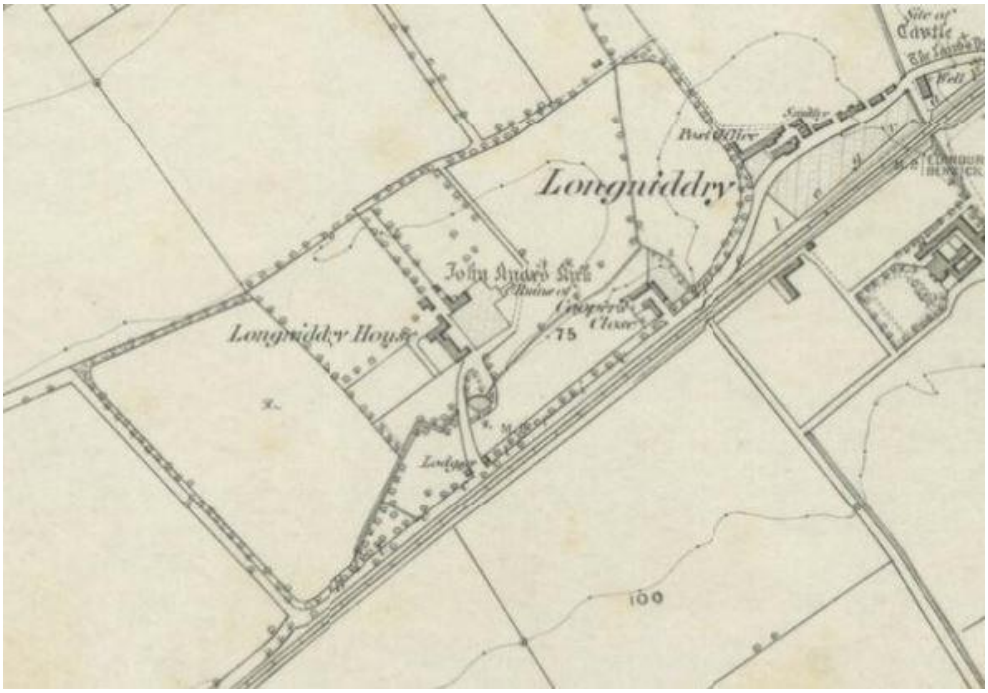
1682 John Adair East Lothian
http://maps.nls.uk/view/00001015#zoom=5&lat=3701&lon=2042&layers=BT

Circa 1755 Roy Military Survey of Scotland (Lowlands)
http://maps.nls.uk/geo/roy/#zoom=15&lat=55.9780&lon=-2.8865&layers=roy-lowlands



1799 William Forrest Map of Haddingtonshire
http://maps.nls.uk/view/74400256#zoom=6&lat=3077&lon=5313&layers=BT



Ordnance Survey First Edition Six inch to One mile
Haddingtonshire Sheet 9 Surveyed 1853, Published 1854
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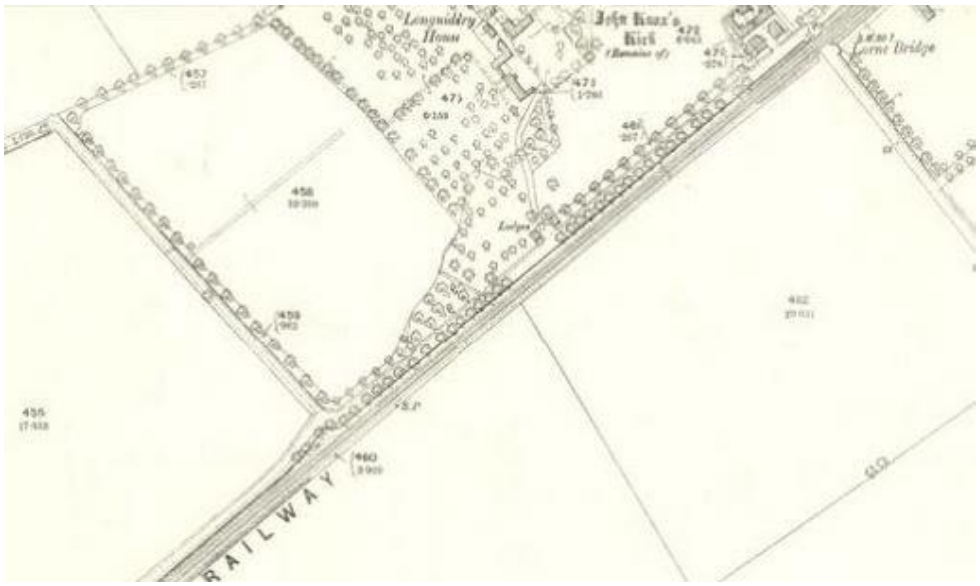

Ordnance Survey Second Edition & Later Editions 25 inches to One mile Haddingtonshire Sheet 009.03 Revised circa 1892, Published 1894
http://maps.nls.uk/view/82885401#zoom=4&lat=10522&lon=8464&layers=BT

Ordnance Survey Second Edition & Later Editions 25 inches to One mile Haddingtonshire Sheet 004.15 Revised 1892, Published 1894
http://maps.nls.uk/view/82885134#zoom=4&lat=2444&lon=8984&layers=BT

Ordnance Survey Second Edition & Later Editions 25 inches to One mile Haddingtonshire Sheet 009.03 Revised circa 1906, Published 1907
http://maps.nls.uk/view/82885404#zoom=4&lat=9320&lon=8600&layers=BT

Ordnance Survey Second Edition & Later Editions 25 inches to One mile
Haddingtonshire Sheet 004.15 Revised 1906, Published 1907
http://maps.nls.uk/view/82885137#zoom=4&lat=1690&lon=9364&layers=BT

Ordnance Survey 1955 1:2500 NT 47

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.*

Archive of the Charteris Family, Earls of Wemyss & March held at Gosford House. Access via National Register of Archives of Scotland NRAS208
1778 Plan of the Barony of Long Niddery House lying in the Parish of Gladsmuir and County of East Lothian John Home NRAS208/155/133
1792 Plan of the Estate Longniddry. The property of John Glassel Esq. Thomas Richardson NRAS/208/155/134
1871 (April) David Mason Haddington
1938 Feuing Areas
13 January 1971 Entrance to Longiddry House Scottish Residential Estates Co Ltd.
1833 letter from John Campbell (7th Duke of Argyll) from Ardencaple Castle to Lt Col Charles Caddell for rental of house and other rental letters between 1824-1849
1849 Railway land sold (doc)
c1852 Land sold to Earl of Wemyss

RCAHMS
Copy of a plan in the Duke of Argyll archive at Inverary post 1780 ELD/166/1 (Inveraray Archive not searched)

John Gray Centre, Haddington
1792 Thomas Richardson Map of Longniddry Estate facsimile
Valuation rolls

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

RCAHMS
SC1268703 Aerial image by Aerofilms of site & market gardens before Glassel Park development 12 August 1947- the lodge houses are no longer there
EL 5287 Aerial of Glassel Park housing estate around Longniddry House 1981
EL/1555(10) & (11) Photographed Colin McWilliam 1953
C 34426 Group on doorstep of house circa 1890 (may not be Longniddry House)
SC 1265202 & C34169 1929 Gate lodges 1929

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.)*

Chambers, Robert & William *1844 The Gazeteer of Scotland* (Published Edinburgh) 869 G890 V5 'Baronial mansion let out to tenant, of desolate appearance and an absentee landlord'

Groome, Francis 1896 *Ordnance Gazeteer of Scotland* 2nd Edition
http://www.gazetteerofscotland.org.uk/

Robertson, D M 1993 *Longniddry* East Lothian District Council

Munro, Dunn, & Elder, David 2010 *Doocots of Scotland: EastLothian* The Scottish Vernacular Buildings Working Group (doocot once existed)

Longniddry Legacy: A History of Longniddry Golf Club

Croal, D & J *Longniddry District and its Golf Course*

The Second 'New' Statistical Account of Scotland 1834-45: *Gladsmuir County of Haddington* vol 2 p 179-181 pub. John Stark (1836)
http://stat-acc-scot.edina.ac.uk/sas/sas.asp?action=public&passback

February 1819 Blackwoods Magazine (Death of Mrs Helen Buchan, widow)

Clan McFarlane Website (Site currently blocked)

Haddington Courier Year Book 1927

East Lothian Antiquarian & Field Naturalist Society 1933 visit to Longniddry House
East Lothian Antiquarian & Field Naturalist Society vol 6 1955
http://www.eastlothianantiquarians.org.uk/site/pages/transactions.php

PRINCIPAL PERIODS OF DEVELOPMENT:

1540 Hugh Douglas landowner engaged John Knox to teach his sons and there was a single storey house next to the Kirk
Mid-1600s Setons
After 1715 Seton/Winton lands sold to York Building Company.
1747 Building on William Roy's map but not recognisible as present house.
1770s York Building Company went bankrupt
1779 John Glassel, who had made his money in Virginia, bought estate and married Helen Buchan of Letham, daughter Joan born 9 June 1796, died 1828.
1784 Francis Charteris buys Gosford House (Wemyss Estate)
1818 Joan Glassel inherits.

1820, 17 April John Campbell (1777-1847) heir to brother Sixth Duke of Argyll, marries Joan Glassel heiress of Longniddry as second wife. Family living at Ardencaple Castle, Dumbartonshire have two sons and a daughter.
1828 Joan Glassell dies.
1833 rented to Lt Col Caddell
1839 John Campbell becomes Seventh Duke Argyll, inheriting from his brother
1844 mention of house being desolate and rented out
1846 Edinburgh to Berwick rail line opened and North British Rail-line bought land from Argyll estates
1847 Seventh Duke of Argyll dies
1852 Estate sold by Eighth Duke of Argyll (Joan's second son) to Earl of Wemyss, Longniddry House rented out.
1890 Peter Allen Snr and Jnr
1918 Edward Sawers
1927 George Mitchell
1939 Edward Sawers (now died)
1980- Rented out by Wemyss estate

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

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

PRINCIPAL HOUSE OR BUILDING:
17th century Lairds house of complex building history, possibly single storey L plan later raised to two storeys. Mid 18th century two storey two bay addition to east. 19th century alterations and additions at the rear. Harled with sandstone. Slate roof.

South View of House

OFFICES *(stables, outbuildings, etc):*

Stables, two buildings with rubble stone walls and pantiled roofs. With six bee boles on opposite walls and 24 nesting boxes

Stables and Outhouses

Bird Nesting Boxes and Two Bee Boles on Side of Outhouse

HOME FARM OR MAINS:

Steading built 1867. This is on the south-east boundary of the historic map.

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

South-east boundary of the walled garden is broken fencing
West boundary of walled garden is six foot rubble wall capped with stone
North-west boundary of walled garden beside a foot path is fenced with mixed hedging
North-east boundary of walled garden is three foot rubble wall in places and mixed hedging
North-west boundary of stable yard is five to six foot rubble wall

GATES/GATE LODGES:

Pair of lodges built in 19th century or late 18th century removed in the 1970s

GARDEN BUILDINGS *(Summer houses, view houses, temples, grottoes etc):*

Small wooden hexagonal summer house in south east corner of walled garden

CHAPELS/MAUSOLEUMS/BURIAL GROUINDS:

Remnants of old Kirk in north side of the house.

Remains of Kirk Now Used As Potting Shed

BRIDGES:

Small stone bridge over the stream on old entrance drive

Bridge Taking Original Drive Over Stream

WALLED GARDENS *(Including potting sheds, bothies, glasshouse ranges etc.):*

The south garden is part walled

North Gateway Into Walled Garden and Old Orchard

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

Old drive way from Longniddry remains as a Priority habitat (see East Lothian County Planning map)

Old Entrance on Main Road, Lodges and Gates Removed

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

Small stream which goes under the original carriage way to the south of the house and then into a cundy.

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

Tufa stone is in places as copes to the internal walls and original boundary walls to north

Tufa Stone as Ornamental Wall Cope

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.***

1. ORNAMENTAL GROUNDS

GRASSED AREAS *(Lawns, meadows, terraces):*

North and south lawns and new orchard in the walled gardens of Longniddry house.

Looking East Over North Lawn

Open grass space to west of the entrance drive (seen on 1947 aerial) which is kept as Priority habitat.

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

A number of simple flower beds around the house, none of note

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

Outgrown evergreen shrubbery with three large Lime trees and Holly to north-east of the garden and along Glassel Park Road with the purple Beech and Sycamores, remnants of a designed shrubbery.
Inside the west internal garden wall is Portuguese Laurel between the Cedar trees and the Mulberry. Nothing of note

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

Three Cedars of Lebanon Inside Walled Garden

Purple Beech, groups of Lime, Horse Chestnut, some previously pollarded Sycamores from possible early 19th century plantings.

Lime Trees Planted Next to Pond

AVENUE PLANTING *(May also cross parkland and policy planting. Note predominant species and whether single or double planted if possible*:

None but on the early Ordnance Survey maps show evidence of boundary trees and a wide north-west avenue which continues as a space today

ANY OTHER ORNAMENTAL PLANTING FEATURE NOT COVERED ABOVE:

Old Apple, fruit trees now no longer in ordered groupings in the internal old orchard

2. KITCHEN GARDENS AND ORCHARDS

KITCHEN GARDENS *(walled, hedged or other boundary. Note any other historical features and current use)*

What might have been the original kitchen gardens in the new orchard are no longer laid out as such.

ORCHARDS *(walled, hedged or other boundary. Note any other historical features and current use)*

An old and new orchard as seen on site survey maps to south-east and north-east of the house. Old espaliered Damsons to north and south of east nine foot garden wall, along with Pears and Apples.

Old Orchard Inside Walled Garden

Old Pear on South Side of Garden Wall

3. PARKLAND

TREE PLANTING *(Individual specimens, clumps, belts, roundels etc. Note species if possible, and whether fenced):*

There are a number of tree preservation orders on trees outside the immediate grounds of the house in the Glassell Park Housing estate, but surprisingly not on any of those around Longniddry House and its original driveway, some of which, the Mulberry, the Purple Beech, and the Horse Chestnut and Limes in the grounds of 44 Glassel Park Road are particularly fine.

Entrance Gates to Longniddry House with Mulberry Tree to Right

ANY OTHER PARKLAND FEATURE NOT INCLUDED ABOVE:

None

4. POLICY WOODLAND PLANTING

ANY OTHER POLICY WOODLAND FEATURE NOT INCLUDED ABOVE:

None

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

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

There may have been a view north-west along the main avenue but this is now obscured by housing and later tree planting

GENERAL OBSERVATIONS ON CURRENT CONDITION OR CARE OF THE LANDSCAPE

Longniddry house gardens are well maintained inside the walls. However the woodland to the north of the walls is overgrown.
The margins of the old drive have recently been pruned but the old beech hedge is now overgrown.

Beech Hedge Along Original Drive

SURVEY DRAWINGS AND/OR PHOTOGRAPHS

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

A selection of survey photographs is included in this document. A full set of photographs is available, together with a paper copy of this recording form in the John Gray Centre, Haddington.

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.

Longniddry was originally part of the Winton Estates.

In the 1770s York Building Company, which had bought up forfeited land after the 1715 rebellion, went bankrupt.

John Glassel bought the Barony of Longniddry in Lot 1 in 1778 and substantially extended the house to the east with a two bay addition. In 1792 he moved the road south, away from the mansion house, and demolished over 70 cottages and buildings in Longniddry on his land.

The 19th century additions and possibly the pair of lodge houses seen on main road on the First Edition Ordnance Survey map may have been built when Joan Glassel inherited in 1818. There is considerable ornamental tree planting from the Glassel period remaining, including a Mulberry, Limes, Horse Chestnut, Purple Beech, Sycamores and Beech hedging.

Longniddry House was bought by the Earl of Wemyss in 1852 for the land holding and house rented out. This buying of land, from the Glassel family, had been an ongoing arrangement from the original land holding. There is a walled garden to the south and east of the house which separates it from the road.

On the First Edition Ordnance Survey there is an avenue north-west from the house on the present footpath and trees line the south margin of the policies from the railway. There is a small oval pond to the east of the drive which runs in a curve north east from the main road. The pond has disappeared by the Second Edition Ordnance Survey of 1894.

The area of Glassel Park housing estate was used for market gardens in the late 19th and early 20th century. (SC1268703).

In 1971 there were proposals for a new road nearer to the house, as an access to the Glassel Park Estate. The original drive from the A198 road changed into footpath, the lodges having already been removed. The shape of the walled garden changed to a curved line and the main road, A199 (A198), was widened thus necessitating the relocation of the gate posts to a new position on Glassel Park Road. Glassel Park Housing Estate was built from 1972. Longniddry House and grounds became surrounded by the housing estate with a foot path running north-south along the old wide avenue in mixed Sycamore woodland. The internal walled gardens retain the old fruit trees.

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