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: Stoneyhill House
ALTERNATIVE NAMES OR SPELLINGS: Stonyhill House
ADDRESS AND POSTCODE: Private ownership
GRID REFERENCE: NT 3345 7231
LOCAL AUTHORITY: East Lothian (Historical County Edinburghshire)
PARISH: Inveresk
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:

0.45 hectares (1.1 acres)

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

None

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

Tree preservation orders: East Lothan District Council order 99 24 May 1995, modified 28 April 1998: T2 Chamaecyparis lawsonia; T11 Taxus baccata.

Included within the boundary of the Battlefield of Pinkie as defined in the Inventory of Historic Battlefields: Historic Scotland 2011
http://data.historic-scotland.gov.uk/pls/htmldb/f?p=2500:15:0::::BATTLEFIELD:pinkie

LISTED STRUCTURES:

Stoneyhill House Category B Listed. 15 May 1985 Ref: HB38389
http://data.historic-scotland.gov.uk/pls/htmldb/f?p=2200:15:0::::BUILDING,HL:38389,Stoneyhill

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)*

Unless otherwise stated all extracts from map images are reproduced by kind permission of the Trustees of the National Library of Scotland

1654 Joan Blaeu, Lothian & Linlithgow 'Stony Hill' on road to Edinburgh
http://maps.nls.uk/view/00000395#zoom=6&lat=3315&lon=4258&layers=BT

1682 John Adair Map of Midlothian
http://maps.nls.uk/view/00001013#zoom=5&lat=3865&lon=4225&layers=BT
(Shown with two walled gardens)

1735 John Adair Map of Midlothian
http://maps.nls.uk/view/00000985#zoom=5&lat=3036&lon=5755&layers=BT
(Walled garden and trees)

Circa 1755 Roy Military Survey of Scotland (Lowlands)
© British Library Board. All Rights Reserved
http://maps.nls.uk/geo/roy/#zoom=15&lat=55.93831&lon=-3.05981&layers=0B000000TTT
(shows wall)

1745 Herman Moll Lothian : contains The Shire of Linlithgow or West Lothian. The Shire of Edinburgh or Midlothian. and Haddington or East Lothian
http://maps.nls.uk/view/00000271#zoom=5&lat=1858&lon=2609&layers=BT

1766 John Laurie A Plan of Edinburgh and Places Adjacent
'Stonyhill' (Square plot surrounded by trees)
http://maps.nls.uk/view/74400229#zoom=6&lat=6598&lon=8644&layers=BT

1773 Andrew & Mostyn Armstrong Map of the Three Lothians (North Centre Section)
http://maps.nls.uk/view/74400362#zoom=5&lat=2214&lon=4126&layers=BT

1775 Map Roll Act of Parliament 6th June 1775 reference to holding (In private ownership)

1786 John Laurie A plan of Edinburgh and Places Adjacent
http://maps.nls.uk/view/74400229#zoom=6&lat=6626&lon=8614&layers=BT

1812 James Knox Map of the Shire of Edinburgh – North East Section
http://maps.nls.uk/view/74400232#zoom=7&lat=3076&lon=4888&layers=BT

1817 Robert Kirkwood A Map of the Environs of Edinburgh
http://maps.nls.uk/view/74400235#zoom=7&lat=9583&lon=11922&layers=BT

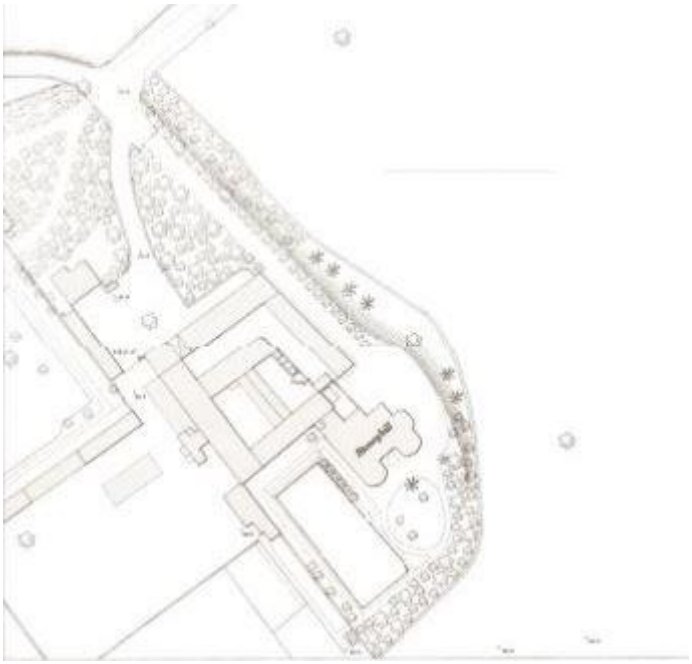
1821 John Ainslie's Map of the Southern Part of Scotland
http://maps.nls.uk/view/74400287#zoom=7&lat=17687&lon=4524&layers=BT

1821 John Thomson Edinburghshire
http://maps.nls.uk/view/74400125#zoom=7&lat=3170&lon=4997&layers=BT

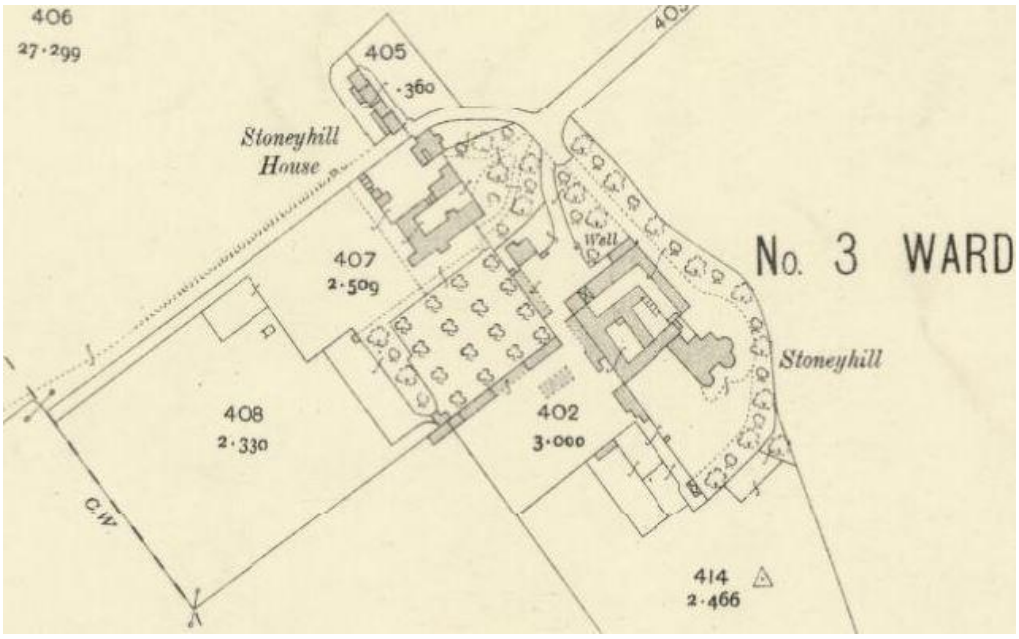
1824 James Hay's New Plan of Musselburgh & Its Environs National Records of Scotland RHP1855. Also reproduced in facsimile at about one inch to 100 yards by East Lothian District Library, 1993.

1850 William Forrester Map of the County of Edinburgh showing the turnpike and statute labour roads...etc
http://maps.nls.uk/view/74400242#zoom=5&lat=6968&lon=7162&layers=BT

Ordnance Survey Town Map of Musselburgh Sheet 10 Scale 1:1056 Surveyed 1853
Garden wall extant with summer house (building to south still in existence 1995) now outside the boundaries of Stoneyhill House & fits with Ainslie
http://maps.nls.uk/view/74416177#zoom=3&lat=8746&lon=12594&layers=BT



Ordnance Survey Musselburgh TownMap Edinburgh Sheet IV.11.7 Scale 1:500
Surveyed 1893
http://maps.nls.uk/view/74416187#zoom=4&lat=2496&lon=3557&layers=BT



Ordnance Survey Second Edition & Later Editions 25 inches to One mile Edinburghshire Sheet 004.II Revised 1912-13, Published 1914
http://maps.nls.uk/view/82877598#zoom=5&lat=7611&lon=3768&layers=BT

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.*

Survey of Stonyhill near Musselburgh made for the use of the Duke of Argyll when bargaining for this place in anno vio 1753 Earl of Wemyss and March RCAHMS 1249/1

Plan Lands at Stoney Hill John Ainslie Estate Map Earl of Wemyss and March circa 1806 Archive of the Charteris Family, Earls of Wemyss & March held at Gosford House. Access via National Register of Archives of Scotland NRAS208/74

Plans of the Lands in East Lothian (Book of Estate & Farm Plans) circa 1807 Archive of the Charteris Family, Earls of Wemyss & March held at Gosford House. Access via National Register of Archives of Scotland NRAS208/155/189 (Wall shown as at time of Ainslie survey and comparing to Duke of Argyll House and Garden 3.64 acres)

Writs of Stoneyhill by Jane Dobie circa 2000 in the possession of the current owner

Deeds of the house in the possession of current owner. 2013

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

Aerial photograph Sortie 106G_UK_0011 Frame 5306 1946 Vertical Aerial Photograph Collection RCAHMS

Theatrum Scotiae 1718 John Sleazer Prospectus Orce maritmae Lothianae a Praedio de Stony hill The coast of Lothian from Stony hill
(This is not an image of the property but of the view from the property)
http://maps.nls.uk/view/91169162#zoom=2&lat=5306&lon=6691&layers=BT

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.*

The First 'Old' Statistical Account of Scotland: *Inveresk, County of Edinburgh* vol 16 1795 p10

The Second 'New' Statistical Account of Scotland: 1845 p281-282

Paterson *History of the Regality of Musselburgh* 1857 p186-189 Reference to fruits and vegetables grown at Stoneyhill 17th century

Dennison, E Patricia & Coleman *Historical Musselburgh* 1893 Russell

Langhorn, Reminiscences, (father was founder of Loretto and resided at Stoneyhill in 1820)

The Scottish Burgh Survey 1996 Historic Scotland
Hopkins, Bob *East Lothian Life Magazine* 2002 Issue 44 p5-6

Menary, *Life and Letters of Duncan Forbes of Culloden* 1936 Published Maclehose (gigantic buttressed wall surrounding garden of great age with an ancient mulberry tree coeval with Shakespeare)

PRINCIPAL PERIODS OF DEVELOPMENT:

Time line.

- Colonel Charteris succeeded in life rent by Lord President Duncan Forbes of Culloden circa1732 after Charteris died.
- David Anderson factor for Earl of Wemyss c1753-1786 (1707-1786)
- 1806 Mr Anderson (see Ainslie Survey 1806)
- 1841 occupied by John Taylor (68, solicitor and wife)
- 1851 Mary Forrester unmarried lady with servants
- 1861 Margaret Lang and servants
- 1870 acquired by James Park from Wemyss estate until sometime after 1881
- 1891 Major Gen Charles McGovern and wife -1905
- 1910 Charles Maitland and family
- 1940 David Lowe & sons Ltd (formerly known as Stoneyhill market Gardens Ltd with registered office at Stoneyhill)
- 1970 George Maxwell (senior)
- 1984 Mrs Lilias Eleanor Lowe (or Maxwell), widow
- 1990 McNeil Properties (Glasgow) Ltd for redevelopment of the whole walled garden and sold on to others (1990)
- 1992 James Caldwell Dumbrek Heeps renovated house
- 1995 Lord Cameron of Lochbroom (main house). Strip of orchard to south and west of the house walled garden acquired (1996) and West wing, originally a ballroom acquired (1998).

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

James Simpson architect, Leith died 1894
1871 plans for porch& stair RCAHMS Wemyss & March 249/2

ORAL RECORDS/REMINISCENCES *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.*

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:

Mid to late 18th century (two building periods) with later additions and alterations. Small mansion with high walled garden to south and west, access through segmental arched vehicular and foot gateways. High walled garden to south and west, access through segmental arched vehicular and foot gateways with solid timber doors. Two storeys with attics, elongated rectangular plan. The newer house will have been built around the older. A ballroom (the West Wing) was added in the 19th century.

South Front of Stoneyhill House

OFFICES *(stables, outbuildings, etc):*

The farm cottage to the north of Stoneyhill House is now a separate property. It remains

within the designed landscape.

HOME FARM OR MAINS:

Category B listed. Circa 1840, large steading, mainly single storey but with lofts over some sections. Piended pantiled roofs, rubble, whitewashed adjacent to Stoneyhill; tall, square, tapered, brick chimney. North-west elevation has inside segmental arched cartshed or coachhouse arches now fitted with garage doors, one wider side opens through as pend to internal yard, two blocked up. Third small loft windows above.

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

Twelve foot and nine foot red stone rubble walls in places it is buttressed inside and outside with brick buttressing and depicted on the First Edition1853 Ordnance Survey map. Additional buttresses have been added since that date.

Brick Buttresses on Inside of South-East Section of Stone Garden Wall

GATES/GATE LODGES:

The gates no longer exist

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

Summer house on 1853 Ordnance Survey still extant in 1995 but no longer exists.

CHAPELS/MAUSOLEUMS/BURIAL GROUNDS: None
CONSERVATORIES/FERNERIES: None
GARDEN STATUARY *(Fountains, statues, sundials, monuments etc.) Note any inscriptions:* None
BURIAL GROUNDS/CEMETERIES *(Note principal memorials and headstones with inscriptions where possible):* None
BRIDGES: None
TERRACES *(Including steps & stairways):* Short flight of stairs added in 1995 to garden level
WALLED GARDENS *(Including potting sheds, bothies, glasshouse ranges etc.):* Two walled gardens originally depicted on the 1682 John Adair map and respecting the original boundaries.
AVENUES, CARRIAGE DRIVES, ORNAMENTAL WALKS, SERVICE DRIVES ETC: Service drive still exists in position from the north-east and Musselburgh town, but no longer connects to the town.
ROCKERIES: None
WATER FEATURES *(natural & man-made including rivers, cascades, lochs, pools etc.):* None

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

None

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):*

Lawn on plat to south of house

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

There are a number of island flower beds which have been well planted in a late 20th century style by the present owners with shrubs, roses and perennial plants.

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

Beech hedge planted as west boundary to Stoneyhill House in 2000 and Leylandii hedge to west boundary further north opposite the west wing. Both five to six feet high.
East shrubbery at centre of house drive contains fastigiated Yew, Holly and Rhododendron.
Shrubbery to south of house drive contains Laurel, two Yews, three Cherries, Holly and a three-stemmed Sycamore.
A prominent yew is to the north of the entrance from road to one side and the stump of an Elm covered in Ivy to the south i.e. where gates would have been.

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

Yew (T1) of layering type

Layering Yew

Chamaeparis lawsonia (T2) girth 1.34metres at 1metre height

Fastigiated yew planted circa 1990

Fastigate Yew Tree

Cedrus deodara girth 2metres at 1metre height planted pre 1990

Deodar Cedar and Northern Wall of Garden

Willow girth 1.4metres at 1metre height planted pre 1990

Sycamore tree removed 2012 against east garden wall blocking a doorway stump girth 3.07metres at 0.5metre height

Sycamore Stump Removed 2011 to Reveal Doorway to Steading Behind

Robinia pseudoacacia Against Back Wall of House Removed 2013

ANY OTHER ORNAMENTAL PLANTING FEATURE NOT COVERED ABOVE:

Wood to north of main drive to Musselburgh removed before 1893 Ordnance Survey. There may be the remnants of two Lime trees present.

Drive way to house and farm buildings with some mature planting including 200 year old Aesculus hippocastanum girth 4metres at 1metre height see below.

2. KITCHEN GARDENS AND ORCHARDS

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

Original kitchen gardens to west of house are now a housing estate of mixed private and Council houses, inserted inside and outside the wall and respecting its boundaries. Tree Preservation Order 99 covers this area.

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

Three remaining old Apple trees in orchard to south-west of house.
Post 1995 planting: One Pear, Two Victoria Plum, One Crab Apple, One Damson, Three espaliered Apple.

3. PARKLAND
GRASSED AREAS *(Note current use, amenity grassland, agricultural use – grazing, cultivation etc.):* None
TREE PLANTING *(Individual specimens, clumps, belts, roundels etc. Note species if possible, and whether fenced):* None
ANY OTHER PARKLAND FEATURE NOT INCLUDED ABOVE: None
4. POLICY WOODLAND PLANTING
COMPOSITION *(Note composition of woodland; deciduous/coniferous/mixed, and principal species if possible. Note current use eg. commercial timber cropping/amenity woodland):* None
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):* None
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
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.):* At the entrance the south drive to the steading bifurcates to where a significant Horse Chestnut tree, *Aesculus hippocastanum* measures (4metres girth at 1metre height) sits on a raised triangular section. There may be elements of the original tree avenue to the east (seen in the First Edition

Ordnanace Survey map as two Lime trees to the south side.
The view in the John Sleazer Theatrum Scotiae 1718 no longer exists as there are now a number of 20th century housing estates.

GENERAL OBSERVATIONS ON CURRENT CONDITION OR CARE OF THE LANDSCAPE

Good condition

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, together with a paper copy of this recording form is available 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.

Stoneyhill house and walled gardens are significant remnants of a property and designed landscape which has stood since before the 1654 Blau map. Reports of fruit growing from the 17th century within the walled garden confirm its success. Though the entire landscape has been divided since 1946 and houses built inside the west section of the walled garden, the boundaries have been respected and the walls remain in the gardens of those houses outwith the wall, forming their land boundary. The infamous Colonel Charteris died whilst owning the house, and the property was eventually sold by the Wemyss & March estates in 1870.

The property had a significant ownership by the Lowe family who created a market garden to the south of the walled garden (seen on the 1946 aerial) in the Second World War whilst retaining the inner walled garden to the west as a pleasure ground and the south garden as part orchard.

The avenue of trees which was prominent on early maps leading along the service drive to Musselburgh to the north-east was removed before the Second Ordnance Survey of 1893. However the northern pastures seen in the Ainslie survey of 1806 with a pond and stream remain as a rugby ground. There are no remains of the dovecot.

Name: Kristina Taylor with Lord Cameron of Lochbroom East Lothian Gardens and Designed Landscapes Recording Project under the auspices of The Garden History Society in Scotland http://www.gardenhistorysociety.org
Dates of ground survey work: October 2012 and July 2013
Date research completed: 1 August 2013