

Marr Lodge

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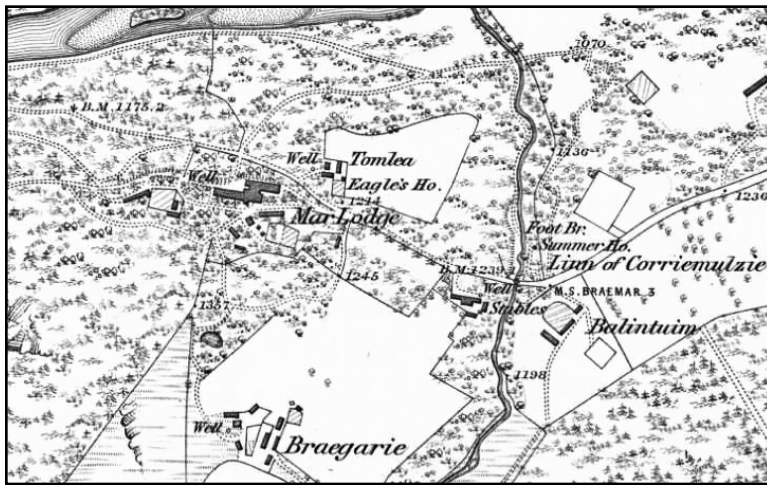
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MARR LODGE.

Walker: *A Collection of Strathspeys, Reels, Marches, &c., 1866; No. 15, pg. 5.*

Scottish, Reel. A Major, AAB.

i. Paddy LeBlanc, LP. c.1963. ii. Rachel Davis, CD, c.2009.



2nd Mar Lodge 1850

Mar Lodge is a House and estate near Braemar in Aberdeenshire, just next to the Queen's estate at Balmoral. There have been three buildings known as Mar Lodge:

The first, originally known as Dalmore House, was built in the 18th century by William Duff, Baron Braco, (family later became Earl Fife) close to the site of the present Lodge. Lord Braco had acquired the Dalmore estate sometime between 1730 and 1737, and by the end of the 18th century the Duff family also owned the lands of Allanaquoich, Auchindryne and Inverey. The building was damaged in the 'Muckle Spate' (great flood) of 1829, and later demolished.



Left Corriemulzie Cottage - Right 2nd Mar Lodge 1848 (Illust. London News)

The 2nd Mar Lodge, colloquially known as Corriemulzie Cottage or 'New' Mar Lodge, was built near Linn of Corriemulzie at the top of Mar Lodge Brae. It was a very 'Victorian' building with architectural detailing such as prominent use of lattice work (still visible on the 'Stag Ballroom') and tree-trunk supports (visible in the veranda of the old bar at the rear of Mar Lodge) being reused in the construction of the next Mar Lodge. It was destroyed by fire on the 14th of June 1895. (See tune *The Falls of Corrymulzie*)



3rd Mar Lodge 2015

The 3rd Mar Lodge was built between 1895 and 1898 for Alexander Duff, the 1st Duke of Fife and his wife Princess Louise, Princess Royal and Duchess of Fife. The foundation stone was laid by the Duchess' grandmother, Queen Victoria on 15 October 1895.

The 3rd Mar Lodge was damaged by a fire while being renovated in 1991, but was repaired. It has recently been converted into holiday flats and retains many of the grand features of its heyday as a hunting lodge. The ballroom has a spectacular 2,435 red deer stags heads lining the walls and ceiling.

Mar Lodge Estate became a National Trust for Scotland property in 1995.

Mar Lodge Estate borders the Balmoral Estate owned by Queen Victoria. Queen Victoria bought Balmoral Castle from The Earl Fife the owner of Mar Lodge. There was frequent contact between Earl Fife and the Queen with both regularly attending each other's social events. So much so that the son of James Duff, 5th Earl Fife, Alexander William George Duff, married Louise Victoria Alexandra Dagmar Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, Princess Royal, and Queen Victoria's daughter

Alexander Walker Connection

The Forbes family had close connections with the Earl Fife and attended many social occasions at Mar Lodge. Alexander would have attended there as one of the Lonach Highlanders and also played at Balls there.