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NAMED POOLS

No	Name	Location	Overview	Researcher
1	The Otter Pool	259478, 573556	Pool on the Black Water of Dee at the site of Crannoch Ford. Only appears on modern maps (associated with the Raiders Road). Is a popular tourist attraction and picnic spot.	William Ion
2	Marion's Pool	257954, 573526	A pool on the Black Water of Dee close to Marion's Isles. Also close to Orchards farmstead which sits to the southwest. It first appears on the 1st edition Ordnance Survey 6-inch map of 1851 and continues to appear through to current mapping (2022). The Ordnance Survey name book (OS1/20/78/14) states: "This pool is situated at the West end of the islands called Marion from which it takes its name'. Marion's Isles entry simply states that they are 'supposed to have taken their name from a woman of that name".	William Ion
3	Laggan Pool	257210, 574083	A pool on the Black Water of Dee beside Laggan Ford and near Laggan o' Dee farmstead (which sits to the north of the pool). It first appears on the 1st edition Ordnance Survey 6-inch map of 1851 and continues to appear through to current mapping (2022). The Ordnance Survey name book (OS1/20/53/25) states: "A pool on the Black Water of Dee where Salmon abounds. It takes its name from the farm of Laggan of Dee".	William Ion
4	Linnfraig	259737, 589284	A pool on the Water of Deugh as it passes to the east of Dalshangan. It first appears on the 1st edition Ordnance Survey 6-inch map of 1853 and continues to appear through to current mapping (2022). The Ordnance Survey name book (OS1/20/17/17) describes it as: "A deep pool in the Water of Deugh, and situated at the south end of Dalshangan Plantation." The researcher notes: "the positioning of the name on the map leaves the exact pool location a little unclear. It is printed alongside a rocky constriction in the course of the river and I take it to be the pool above or upstream of this constriction that is referred to". They also note that "At first glance Linnfraig might suggest ScG <i>Linn Fraoich</i> , 'heather pool' however it's unlikely that -fraig is a reflex of <i>fraoich</i> , one would expect -ree, -rie, -ry(e) (as perhaps in Dalry). And /-xr-/ > /-fr-/ is phonetically quite possible ... It may be that the underlying form of the specific element is actually ScG <i>creag</i> , 'a rock', referring to	Michael Ansell

			the rocky constriction I mentioned above. This is by analogy with Stroanfreggan, which an earlier spelling of 1655 shows as Stronchreigan for ScG <i>Sròn a' Chreagain</i> ('the promontory of the rocky place'). This shows that in this area Gaelic 'ch' can be represented in Scots by 'f'. Thus <i>Linn Chreag</i> , 'pool of rocks' may be the correct interpretation."	
5	Bloody Mires	253403, 588852	This water feature is shown on the 1st edition Ordnance Survey map of 1853 and the second edition on 1888-1913 as a small lochan with open water. However, more recent Ordnance Survey mapping shows it as a bog with no open water. It is now in the middle of the huge Forrest Estate monoculture Sitka plantation and indeed has been ploughed over and planted up. It occupies something of a poorly drained col between Torrs and Thorny Hill. There are no burns entering or discharging from the mires. The Ordnance Survey name book (OS1/20/15/29) states: "A small stagnant pool of water on the farm of Darnaw, and a short distance N. West of Thorny Hill, in it at various times sheep have been found drowned hence the name."	Michael Ansell & Jen Cianci
6	Carse Pool	260036, 587920	Carse Pool is located on the Water of Deugh as it passes Dundee. It first appears on the 1st edition Ordnance Survey 6-inch map of 1853 and continues to appear through to current mapping (2022). The Ordnance Survey name book (OS1/20/19/12) describes it as "A deep pool in the Water of Deugh, and situated close on the West side of the Carse of Dundee hence the name." The researcher notes: "The Scots word 'carse' means 'a low lying tract of land beside a river'. This word was borrowed into Galloway Gaelic, giving rise to such as <i>Cars Fàda</i> (Carsfad) and <i>Cars Fhèarna</i> (Carsphairn)."	Michael Ansell
7	Cutter's Pool	267497, 546947	Cutter's Pool sits along the eastern side of Kirkcudbright Bay. It first appears on the 1st edition Ordnance Survey 6-inch map of 1854 and continues to appear through to current mapping (2022). The Ordnance Survey name book (OS1/20/158/38) describes it as "A deep pool about 35 chains in length in the channel of the River Dee, it is both a sheltered & safe anchorage for vessels, and was the place where the revenue cutters used to lie hence the name."	Alison Fabian
8	Red Brae Pool	268041, 556021	One of a series of named pools located along Tarff Water as it runs south from High Bridge of Tarff to Cumstoun. Red Brae Pool first appears on the 1st edition Ordnance Survey 6-inch map of 1852 and continues to appear through to current mapping (2022).	Lyn Walby

			The Ordnance Survey name book (OS1/20/132/23) describes it as "A small pool in Tarf Water situated close to Red Bank hence the name."	
9	Gordon's Pool	268117, 555940	One of a series of named pools located along Tarff Water as it runs south from High Bridge of Tarff to Cumstoun. Gordon's Pool first appears on the 1st edition Ordnance Survey 6-inch map of 1852 and continues to appear through to current mapping (2022). The Ordnance Survey name book (OS1/20/132/22) describes it as "A deep pool of water (in the Tarf Water) in which it is [said] a person called Gordon was drowned, hence the name."	Lyn Walby
10	Chapel Pool	268204, 555706	One of a series of named pools located along Tarff Water as it runs south from High Bridge of Tarff to Cumstoun. Chapel Pool first appears on the 1st edition Ordnance Survey 6-inch map of 1852 and continues to appear through to current mapping (2022). The Ordnance Survey name book (OS1/20/132/61) describes it as "A small pool in the Tarf Water, what gave rise to this name is not generally known, it may be from the farm Chapel which is close to it."	Lyn Walby
11	Sandybrae Pool	268142, 555426	One of a series of named pools located along Tarff Water as it runs south from High Bridge of Tarff to Cumstoun. Sandybrae Pool first appears on the 1st edition Ordnance Survey 6-inch map of 1852 and continues to appear through to current mapping (2022). The Ordnance Survey name book (OS1/20/132/23) describes it as "A small pool in Tarf Water situated opposite to Sandybrae hence the name."	Lyn Walby
12	Clinton's Pool	268130, 555357	One of a series of named pools located along Tarff Water as it runs south from High Bridge of Tarff to Cumstoun. Clinton's Pool first appears on the 1st edition Ordnance Survey 6-inch map of 1852 and continues to appear through to current mapping (2022). The Ordnance Survey name book (OS1/20/132/24) describes it as "A small pool in Tarf [Water] which has its name from a person called Clinton who one time lived convenient."	Lyn Walby
13	Boretree Pool	268351, 555084	One of a series of named pools located along Tarff Water as it runs south from High Bridge of Tarff to Cumstoun. Boretree Pool first appears on the 1st edition Ordnance Survey 6-inch map of 1852 and continues to appear through to current mapping (2022). The Ordnance Survey name book (OS1/20/132/13) describes it as "A small pool in Tarf Water which derived its name from a kind of tree growing on its eastern side. Called Boretree in England, called Elder." The spelling 'Alder' is also written on the entry.	Lyn Walby
14	Battery Pool	268353, 555016	One of a series of named pools located along Tarff Water as it runs south from High Bridge of Tarff to Cumstoun. Battery Pool first appears on the 1st edition Ordnance Survey 6-inch map of 1852 and continues to appear through to current mapping (2022).	Lyn Walby

			The Ordnance Survey name book (OS1/20/132/14) describes it as "A small pool in Tarf [Water] on its eastern side is a [small?] battery which prevents the water from breaking over the fields hence the name."	
15	Lint Hole	268589, 554476	One of a series of named pools located along Tarff Water as it runs south from High Bridge of Tarff to Cumstoun. A pool named Lint Hole first appears on the 1st edition Ordnance Survey 6-inch map of 1852 and continues to appear through to current mapping (2022). The Ordnance Survey name book (OS1/20/132/90) describes it as "A small pool in the Water of Tarf, it derives its name from lint being steeped at this spot."	Lyn Walby
16	Lochan of Vice	268986, 561261	A pool near to the summit of Whirstone Hill. It first appears on the 1st edition Ordnance Survey 6-inch map of 1852 and continues to appear through to current mapping (2022). The Ordnance Survey name book (OS1/20/109/18) states: "A small cavity at the western extremity of Whirstone Hill. It is filled with water two thirds of the year, the remainder which occurs during drought it is perfectly dry, the rocks immediately about it are of a dark color and tradition says that the Devil frequents it, hence the name."	Jennifer Roberts
17	Horse Pool	259942, 580988	Horse Pool is located along Glenlee Burn to the east of Ford House. It first appears on the 1st edition Ordnance Survey 6-inch map of 1853 and continues to appear through to current mapping (2022). The Ordnance Survey name book (OS1/20/36/20) describes it as "A deep pool of water in Glenlee Burn, a horse at one time [?] been lost in it hence the name."	Dru Hatcher
18	Englishmen's Dub	264230, 573127	A pool named Englishmen's Dub first appears on the 1st edition Ordnance Survey 6-inch map of 1853 and continues to appear through to current (2022) mapping. Englishmen's Dub is located along the Lowran Burn on the eastern side of Cairn Edward Hill. The Ordnance Survey name book (OS1/20/57/19) describes it as: "A deep pool in Lowran Burn out of which two Englishmen had been got drowned hence the name."	Keith Hamblin
19	Bell's Pool	262138, 590321	A pool named Bell's Pool first appears on the 1st edition Ordnance Survey 6-inch map of 1853 and continues to appear through to current mapping (2022). Bell's Pool is located along the Water of Ken, to the north of High Bridge of Ken. The Ordnance Survey name book (OS1/20/17/11) describes it as "A considerable pool in the "Water of Ken" and close to "Bell's Craig" it is said to have been a favourite pool of a person (while Angling) named Bell hence the name "Bell's Pool".	Susan Smyth
20	Craig Pool	263539, 592076	A pool named Craig Pool first appears on the 1st edition Ordnance Survey 6-inch map of 1853 and continues to appear through to current mapping (2022). Craig Pool is located along the Water of Ken, to the north of Smittons Bridge.	Susan Smyth

			The Ordnance Survey name book (OS1/20/20/7) describes it as "A deep pool in the Water of Ken and situated close to Stroanfreggan Craig hence the name".	
21	Image Pool	264373, 591668	A pool named Image Pool first appears on the 1st edition Ordnance Survey 6-inch map of 1853 and continues to appear through to current mapping (2022). Image Pool is located along the Stroanfreggan Burn, to the south of Stroanfreggan Bridge. The Ordnance Survey name book (OS1/20/20/49) describes it as "A small pool in Stroanfreggan Burn in which an Image, cut in stone, of a woman and two babes was found some years ago, hence the name. The Image has been built into the chimney over the fireplace in Stroanfreggan House, also another one was got in it which is over the Door supposed to have been the representation of St Paul no tradition or facts whatsoever can be gleaned respecting them". A paper by John Corrie in the <i>Proceedings of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland</i> from 1912 (Vol. 46, pp 258-263) identifies a stone in the grounds of Hastings Hall, Moniaive as being one of the stones pulled out of the Image Pool. It is identified as being the shaft of an early Christian cross, and Corrie writes that the carvings might be similar to those found on the Anglo-Saxon Ruthwell Cross.	Susan Smyth
22	Big Alder Pool	260608, 590655	A pool named Big Alder Pool first appears on the 1st edition Ordnance Survey 6-inch map of 1853. Big Alder Pool was located along the Water of Deugh to the east of Carminnow farm. The pool was later incorporated into Kendoon Loch, which was formed as part of the Galloway Hydro Scheme in the 1930s. The Ordnance Survey name book (OS1/20/17/20) describes it as "A small pool in the Water of Deugh, with a few alder trees growing on its margin, hence the name."	Susan Smyth
23	Little Alder Pool	260441, 590518	A pool named Little Alder Pool first appears on the 1st edition Ordnance Survey 6-inch map of 1853. Little Alder Pool is located along the Water of Deugh to the southeast of Carminnow farm. The Ordnance Survey name book (OS1/20/17/20) describes it as "A small pool in the Water of Deugh and situated a short distance south of Big Elder Pool". The Place-Names of the Galloway Glens database (https://kcb-placenames.glasgow.ac.uk) states "Its name has disappeared, probably as a result of its loss of significance since the raised water levels caused by the creation of the hydroelectric scheme".	Susan Smyth
24	Well Hole	270013, 554032	A pool along the eastern bank of the River Dee. It first appears on the 1st edition Ordnance Survey 6-inch map of 1852 and continues to appear through to current mapping (2022).	Claire Heron

			The Ordnance Survey name book (OS1/20/149/44) describes it as "A deep pool in the River Dee east of Wee Doach, in it are quantities of salmon caught by the means of a shoulder net. It has its name from a spring well in the bank of the river opposite".	
25	Milligan's Hole	261897, 579948	A pool along Finlay's Burn to the west of the Water of Ken. It first appears on the 1st edition Ordnance Survey map of 1853 and continues to appear through to current (2022) mapping. The Ordnance Survey name book (OS1/20/36/69) describes it as: "A small pool of water on the south side of Meikle Hill. It formed part of the parish boundary betwixt Dalry & Kells. It is said from a man that this took its name."	Samantha Oakley
26	Poachers Pool	237320, 577298	The site of Poachers Pool is shown on the Water of Minnoch as it passes to the southeast of High Minniwick. Appears on current mapping (2022) but does not appear on historic mapping for the area.	Claire Williamson
27	Dog Pool	237353, 577099	The site of Dog Pool is shown on the Water of Minnoch as it passes to the west of Holm. Appears on current mapping (2022) but does not appear on historic mapping for the area.	Claire Williamson
28	Auld Wife's Stank	237464, 577621	The site of Auld Wife's Stank is shown within fields to the north of High Minniwick. It is depicted as smaller 'pond' on current (2022) mapping. The origin of the name is unknown and it does not appear to be listed in the Ordnance Survey name book despite appearing on the 1st edition Ordnance Survey map.	Claire Williamson
29	Moss Robin	257356, 555705	Moss Robin is located to the north of Low Ardwall Hill. It first appears on the 1st edition Ordnance Survey map of 1854 and continues to appear on current mapping (2022). The Ordnance Survey name book (OS1/20/127/28) describes it as: "A small pond or lake on the [?] of Low Ardwell, formerly it ha[?] a moss and in consequence of it [?] all cut away, it filled up with [?]."	Simon & Kate Lidwell
30	Heat Haggies Pond	259412, 557955	Heat Haggies Pool is located to the west of the Water of Fleet. It first appears on the 1st edition Ordnance Survey map of 1854 and continues to appear on current mapping (2022). The Ordnance Survey name book (OS1/20/126/18) describes it as: "A large pool on the farm of Pulcree on the west side of Water of Fleet."	Simon & Kate Lidwell
31	Sprott's Pool	259417, 557080	One of a series of named pools located along the Water of Fleet. It first appears on the 1st edition Ordnance Survey map of 1854 and continues to appear on current mapping (2022).	Simon & Kate Lidwell

			The Ordnance Survey name book (OS1/20/128/28) describes it as: "A considerable pool in an angle of the Water of Fleet, [?] a short distance south of Standing Stone Pool. A man named Sp[rott] often frequented it whilst ang[ling] hence the name."	
32	Stroquhain's Pool	259546, 558370	One of a series of named pools located along the Water of Fleet. The pool first appears on the 1st edition Ordnance Survey map of 1854 as 'Stroquhan's Pool' and continues to appear on current mapping (2022) under the spelling 'Stroquhain's Pool'. The Ordnance Survey name book (OS1/20/126/20) describes it as: "A small deep pool in the Water of Fleet, which has [its] name from a person called Maxwell (Laird of Stroquhan in Dumfriesshire) who was in 1699 drowned here, under the following circumstances, he had been on a visit to a Gentleman called Brown a resident in Bushy Bield near Anwoth, for whose [daughter] Jane Brown, Maxwell was said to entertain an attachment, but being unsuccessful in his addresses to the young Lady, & on the evening of the same day, it is said he left Bushy Bield [abruptly] & was drowned in the Water of Fleet in this pool which has been ever since called Stroquhan's Pool, in commemoration of the mournful accident."	Simon & Kate Lidwell
33	Standing Stone Pool	259574, 557234	One of a series of named pools located along the Water of Fleet. The pool first appears on the 1st edition Ordnance Survey map of 1854 and continues to appear on current mapping (2022). The Ordnance Survey name book (OS1/20/128/28) describes it as: "A pool in an angle of the [Water] of Fleet, about 4 chains to the [east] of it is a small standing [stone] from which the pool took the name." A standing stone is visible to the east of the pool on mapping but has been identified as being more likely a "cattle-rubbing post" (MDG4578; Canmore: 63653).	Simon & Kate Lidwell
34	Ditches Pool	259907, 556769	One of a series of named pools located along the Water of Fleet. The pool first appears on the 1st edition Ordnance Survey map of 1854 and continues to appear on current mapping (2022). The Ordnance Survey name book (OS1/20/128/29) describes it as: "A deep pool in the Water of Fleet situated about 30 chains below Sprotts Pool, not known in the locality how it got the name. It derives the name from a number of drains or ditches which empty their waters into the pool."	Simon & Kate Lidwell
35	Red Brae Pool	268635, 554181	One of a series of named pools located along Tarff Water as it runs south from High Bridge of Tarff to Cumstoun. A pool named Red Brae Pool first appears on the 1st edition Ordnance Survey 6-inch map of 1852 and continues to appear on mapping until 1957. The	Claire Williamson

			pool no longer appears on mapping by 1967, by which time the river appears to have changed course to the west. The Ordnance Survey name book (OS1/20/149/23) describes it as "A small pool in Tarf Water at the foot of a gentle declivity called Red Brae hence the name."	
36	Hell's Hole	268416, 554161	One of a series of named pools located along Tarff Water as it runs south from High Bridge of Tarff to Cumstoun. A pool named Hell's Hole first appears on the 1st edition Ordnance Survey 6-inch map of 1852 and continues to appear through to current mapping (2022). The Ordnance Survey name book (OS1/20/149/23) describes it as "A muddling deep pool in Tarf Water, what gives rise to this name is not known." On modern maps it appears as if the term might have been extended to also include the marshy ground to the east of the river.	Claire Williamson
37	Lower Bridge Pool	268527, 554050	One of a series of named pools located along Tarff Water as it runs south from High Bridge of Tarff to Cumstoun. Lower Bridge Pool first appears on the 1st edition Ordnance Survey 6-inch map of 1852 and continues to appear through to current mapping (2022). The Ordnance Survey name book (OS1/20/149/23) describes it as "A small pool in Tarf Water and situate [sic] close to the Low Bridge of Tarf hence the name."	Claire Williamson
38	Compstone Pool	268523, 553606	One of a series of named pools located along Tarff Water as it runs south from High Bridge of Tarff to Cumstoun. Only appears on the 1st edition Ordnance Survey 6-inch map of 1852. The Ordnance Survey name book (OS1/20/149/24) describes it as "A large pool in Tarf Water from its proximity to Compston House it took the name."	Claire Williamson
39	Kiln-End Pool	269930, 553928	Kiln-End Pool sits along the eastern bank of the River Dee. It first appears on the 1st edition Ordnance Survey 6-inch map of 1852 and continues to appear through to current mapping (2022). The Ordnance Survey name book (OS1/20/149/44) describes it as "A pool in the River Dee situated a little south of Tongueland Mills, it is much frequented by anglers whilst fishing."	Claire Williamson
40	Boat Weil	261831, 581285	Boat Weil sits along the Water of Ken just to the west of St John's Town of Dalry. It first appears on the 1st edition Ordnance Survey 6-inch map of 1853 and continues to appear through to current mapping (2022). The Ordnance Survey name book (OS1/20/36/25) describes it as "A large deep pool in the Water of Ken, situate between Boat Green & Dalry. A boat was at one time stationed here for the purpose of conveying passengers across the River, hence the name."	Claire Williamson

41	Red Weil	282170, 561154	The site of Red Weil sits along the Urr Water to the west of Reedweel farm. Only appears on the 1st edition Ordnance Survey map of 1854. The Ordnance Survey name book (OS1/20/116/14) describes it as "A deep pool in Urr Water at a bend in the river its extent is about 8 [?] in length."	Lyn Ferguson
42	Dead Man's Weil	266328, 581739	The site of Dead Man's Weil is located along the Garple Burn to the northwest of Barscobe Loch. Dead Man's Weil or Well first appears on the 1st edition Ordnance Survey 6-inch map of 1854 and continues to appear through to current mapping (2022). The Ordnance Survey name book (OS1/20/39/39) states: "A deep pool in that part of Garpel Burn which runs through Bar Glen. It took its name in consequence of a dead man being found in it".	Donald Gibson
43	Bar Weil	266051, 581279	The site of Bar Weil is located along the Garple Burn as it passes Bar Wood. It first appears on the 1st edition Ordnance Survey 6-inch map of 1854 and continues to appear through to current mapping (2022). The Ordnance Survey name book (OS1/20/39/40) describes it as "A pool in the Garpel Burn on the [farm] of Mill Mark & a short [distance] North of it is the Site of [Bar] Cothouse (hence the name)."	Donald Gibson
44	Mc.Kie's Wiel	237438, 576989	Mc.Kie's Wiel is located to the west of Holm farm. It first appears on the 1st edition Ordnance Survey 6-inch map of 1848 and continues to appear on current mapping (2022). The Ordnance Survey name book (OS1/20/45/13) describes it as "A deep pool in the Water of Minnick, its name originated from a [man] called McKie who was drowned in it."	Claire Williamson
45	Quaking Ash Wiel	237125, 575705	Quaking Ash Wiel is located along the Water of Minnoch, to the southwest of the Old Bridge of Minnoch. It first appears on the 1st edition Ordnance Survey 6-inch map of 1848 and continues to appear on current mapping (2022). The Ordnance Survey name book (OS1/20/45/52) describes it as "A deep pool in the Water of Minnick over which leaned an Ash tree, which shook with the Slightest Breeze - hence the name".	Claire Williamson
46	Queen Mary's Pool	270323, 554698	Queen Mary's Pool is located at the southern end of Tongland Loch. The Ordnance Survey name book (OS1/20/132/53) describes it as: "A pool in the River Dee, over which Queen Mary's Bridge was built hence the name." The New Statistical Account for Tongland, describes a well a short distance from "Mary's Brig" (1845 Vol. IV, 89-90): "An estate and knoll called Queenshill derived their name from Mary Queen of Scots, who, on her flight from the battle of Langside, is said to have rested in the neighbourhood and taken some refreshment. Continuing her flight, she crossed the	Moir Charters

			Dee by a wooden bridge ... about a mile from the present church [1845] ... There is a well, also, at a short distance [from the bridge], called by her name, from whence tradition says that she drank." It is said that the wooden bridge which Mary crossed was then destroyed to delay any pursuers and allow her to make haste on to Dundrennan Abbey. The Ordnance Survey maps from 1852 onwards show the site of the bridge and Queen Mary's Pool (as opposed to a well). It is said that after taking water from the well she waited at Dun's Wa's (270280, 554518), a house on the east bank of the river, while the bridge was destroyed. The Tongland dam now covers the site of this house. The current Ordnance Survey map (2022) also shows Queen Mary's Pool but it appears as part of the larger dam flowing to Tongland. There appears a bit of a debate as to whether this was the route that Mary took. The memoirs of Lord Herries, one of her supporters and who accompanied her on her flight from Scotland, states that she travelled via Sanquhar, Terrgeles and then on to Dundrennan. It is interesting the number of references to her in the area of Tongland (Queens Hill, Wood, Knoll, pool) and makes more sense in terms of a route to Dundrennan.	
47	Kennan's Isle Pool	270546, 555472	Kennan's Isle Pool is located along the eastern side of Tongland Loch close to Kennan's Isle. It first appears on the 1st edition Ordnance Survey 6-inch map of 1852 and continues to appear on current mapping (2022). The Ordnance Survey name book (OS1/20/132/48) describes it as: "A considerable pool in the [River] Dee, which took its name [from] a small island on the [?] river called Kennan." The researcher notes: "I may be speculating here but the Kennan's Isle Pool and Kennan's Isle, could be related in some way to the Abbey at Tongland, due to its proximity and the name Kennan."	Moira Charters