Place names Glenuig to Smirisary and Kylesbeg.

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Glenuig Gleann Uige. Glen of the bay. uig = a bay (Norse)

Rubha na h-Aird Eanachaidh the point where the heights meet. rubha = point, promentary. àirde

(f) = a promontory, a height. aonachadh, (gen) aonachaidh =

meeting together, uniting

??? promontory of the rising corrie ??? rudha = a promontory. Rudha nan Erricorry

èirigh = a rise, mounting. coire = kettle, a corrie.

Samalaman ??? sàmhach = quiet. Samhain = all saints day. samhuil, samhladh =

likeness. salm = psalm. mala, pl malaidhean = brow of a hill ???

??? saideal = a satelite??? Saideal Samalaman

the rough harbour. garbh = rough. port = port, harbour An Garbh-phort

the high harbour of fishing. port = port, harbour. ard = high. iasgach Port Ard an Iasgaich

gen. *iasgaich* = fishing

Monadh Gleann Uige Glenuig moorland. *monadh* = moorland, rough hill land

Cruach na Bairness cruach = a conical hill. ??? Bairness = barr an easa = the top of the

> waterfall??? barr = top, summit. eas (m) gen easa = a waterfall. nes (Norse) = cape, headland. bàirn = to judge. bàirneach = a

barnacle, a limpet.

See Cruach na Bairness. Loch na Bairness

Coire Lochain Loch Dubh

The hillock of the crows / lazybeds. *cnoc* = small to medium sized Cnoc Feannaig

> hill. feannag = (1) a crow; (2) a lazybed (Watson Dictionary). the corrie of the small loch. *lochan*, gen *lochain* = a small loch

black loch

The hillock of the small bog. cnoc = small to medium sized hill. Cnoc a'Phuill Bhig

poll, gen puill = mud, a bog. beag = small

Rudh' a'Phuill Bhig the point of small bog. rubha = rudha. rubha = a point, a

promontory. poll gen puill = mud, bog.

The point of surgeon's plot. *rubha* = a point, a promontory. *gead* = a Rubha Ghead a' Leighe

small spot of arable land, a lazybed. *leigh* = a physician, surgeon

The harbour of the greyest meadow? *port* = port, harbour. *lòn*, gen Port an Loin Léith

lòin = a pool, puddle, meadow. *liath* = gray. *léithe* = greyer, greyest. Lèith would sound the same way as Leigh. *leigh* = a physician, surgeon. The place name would then mean "The harbour of

surgeon's meadow"

Port an Doicheall (Margaret Leigh).??? The churlish harbour ??? Port an Doichgil

> doicheall, gen doichill = churlishness, unwillingness. daoidh = a rogue. Port of the rogue boy? geall, gen gill = a bet, a wager. This is named Port an Doill on the 1873 map. dall gen doill = a

blind person. The blind person's harbour?

The harbour of the whitings. *pollag* = a whiting, pollock Port na Pollaig Seann Rudha

The old promontary. rubha = a point, a promontory

Called Sgeir a' Bhuic on 1873 map. The billygoat skerry. boc, gen Am Boc

buic = a billygoat. sgeir = a skerry, a rock usually covered, except at

low tide

Rubha na Faing Móire The point of Mary's fank. rubha = point, promentary. faing = a

fank. $M \hat{o} ire = Mary. m \hat{o} r = large.$

Smirisary Named Smearisary on the 1873 map. The butter shieling? $\dot{a}irigh = a$

shieling. Norse smør = butter. But smeorach = a thrush. smeur = a bramble. smeurach = full of brambles. smeuradh = the act of

smearing (sheep).

Port Achadh an Aonaich The port of the upland moor field. *achadh* = a field. *aonach*, gen

aonaich = an extensive upland moor

Eilean Coille The wood island. *coille* = a wood. Eilean Coillteach on 1873 map.

coillteach = a wood

An Glas-eilean The gray island. glas = grey

Bean an Taighe The housewife

Sgeirean Dubha Fhiadhach The black wild rocks. *sgeir* pl *sgeirean* = a skerry, rock, a sea rock

almost covered by high neap-tides but covered by high spring tides (Dwelly p820). *dubhan* = a fishing hook. *fiadhaich* = wild. *fiadhach*

= abounding in deer. dubh = black

Bean an Taighe the housewife

Rubha nan Clach Dearga The point of the red stones. rubha = a point, a promontory. clach = a

stone. dearga = plural of dearg (red).

Eilean na h-Oitire the island of the low ridge. oitir, gen oitire (f) = a low ridge going

into the sea

An Liath-chreag The gray rock. liath = gray

Bad an Dobhrain The otter's spot. bad = a place, a spot. $d\grave{o}bhran = an$ otter

Egnaig eag gen eige = a notch, nick, indentation. uig = a bay (Norse). ??

The notch of the bay?? (The bay for going to Eigg?? WJ Watson

p85).

Aultigil allt = a burn. geall, gen gill = a bet, a pledge. gille = a lad, a servant.

allta = fierce, savage. ??? The burn of the pledge / the boy's burn /

the fierce savage boy ???

Kylesmore The big strait. caolas = a strait, narrows. $m \grave{o} r = big$ Kylesbeg The wee strait. caolas = a strait, a firth. beag = small

Ath a' Chaolais The ford of the narrows. ath = a ford. caolais = gen of caolas = a

narrows

Torr Mór The big mound. $t \partial r r = a$ conical mound. $m \partial r = large$

Allt na h-Uraich The burn of the soil / grave. allt = a stream. ulltarrow iir (f), (gen na h-ulltarrow iir)

= soil, earth; a grave (euphemism)

Cruach na Cuilidh Moire The hillock of Mary's treasury. *cruach* = a heap, pile. *culaidh* (f) = a

garment. *Moire* = Mary. *cùilidh-Moire* = the treasury of Mary

(Dwelly p291).

Loch na Draipe The loch of calamity. *draip* (f) gen *draipe* = hurry, difficulty,

calamity

Bealach Carach The changeable / meandering pass. bealach = a hill pass. carach =

changeable, unreliable

Seanlac The old hollow or den. sean = old. lag = a hollow, a howe, a den.

Allt an Loin Chlachaich The burn of the stony meadow. l o n (gen l o i n) = a pool, puddle, a

meadow. clachach = stony.

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Carn Mòr the big cairn / hill. carn = hill, cairn. mor = big Forsay for s = Norse for waterfall. ey = old Norse for island Leachd Fhorsa the rock ledge of Forsay. leac = slab / ledge of rock

Goirtean na Caorach the field of the sheep. *goirtean* = a small patch of arable land. *caora* = a

sheep.

Allt na h-Innse Slocaich (1873 6" map, beside Roshven). The burn of the meadow full of holes. *allt*

= a burn. *innis* (gen *innse*) = a haugh, meadowland. *slocach* = full of

hollows, holes

Cruach Bhrochdadail The hill of the badger meadow. *cruach* = a hill, a pile. *broc* = a badger. *dail*

= a meadow

Creag na Speireig creag = a rock. speir (f) gen na speire = a claw, ankle. speireag = a little

claw / ankle? spiric = a steeple, pinnacle (Dwelly p 884).

Sgèir Ghlas gray rock. sgeir = a skerry, rock. glas = gray Eilean nan Gobhar the island of the goats. gobhar = a goat

Irine irionn = a field

Eilean nam Bairneach the island of the barnacles. *bàirneach* = a barnacle, a limpet.

Eilean nan Trom island of the loads? *trom* = a weight, a load, difficulty, pregnancy! (Dwelly

p973).

Eilean na Gualainn the island of the shoulder hill. gualann / gualainn (f) = a shoulder of a hill

Called Eilean na h-Uilinn on the 1873 6" map.

Eilean Buidhe yellow island. *buidhe* = yellow.

Allt Lagan a' Chaltuinne burn of the hollow of the hazel. *lagan* = a little hollow. *calltuinn* (gen.

calltuinne) = hazel

Allt an Sgriodain burn of the stony ravine. sgrìodan, (gen sgrìodain) = a stony ravine of a

mountainside (Dwelly p833)

Allt Dhughail Dougall's burn. Dùghaill = Dougall
Allt an Daraich the oak burn. darach (gen daraich) = oak

Rois-bheinn (Fros-bheinn on 1873 6" map). Should it be *An Fhrois-Bheinn* = the

mountain of the shower? fras (gen froise) = a shower (of rain). an fhrois

(where fh is silent in sound) = of the shower.

fros = dark. a' Bheinn = the mountain. Could it be An Fhros Bheinn (fh

silent) = the dark mountain? $r \partial s$, gen $r \partial i s$ = a rose.

Coire na Cnamha The corrie of the bone. *cnàimh*, gen *cnàmha* = a bone

An Stac stac = a precipice, a high cliff

Alisary the shealing of pride?? *aileas* = pleasant country (Dwelly p 12). *àilleas* =

pride, will. $\dot{a}iridh = a$ sheiling.

Sgeir Bhuidhe the yellow sea rock. *sgeir* = a skerry, sea rock.

Allt Tarsuinn (Alisary Burn) The crossing burn. allt = a burn. tarsuinn (adj) = oblique, which crosses.

Allt an Daraich The oak burn. allt = a burn. darach (gen & pl daraich) = oak.

Bealach Beac ??The pass of ideas / wasps??bealach = a pass. beach = a bee, a wasp.

beachd = idea, thought.

Am Falachan hidden treasure, a hiding place, concealment. *falachan* = a place where

treasure is hidden, hidden treasure (Dwelly p408).

Allt Sron an Uinnseann the burn of the promontory of the ash tree. *sron* = a promontory. *uinnseann*

= ash tree

Seann Chruach the old hill. seann = old. cruach = a stack, a conical hill

Coire Beithe the corrie of birches. *beith* = a birch tree

Tom Odhar dark coloured hillock. *tom* = a round hillock, a bush. *odhar* = drab.

Tom na Faing. (1873 map) hillock of the sheepfold. *tom* = a round hillock, a bush. *faing* = sheepfold Allt a' Bhùiridh (Roti Burn) burn of the roaring. *allt* = a burn. *bùireadh* (gen. *bùiridh*) = roaring

Allt Raostig (1873 map) ?

Allt an t-Sagairt The priests burn. sagart (gen sagairt) = a priest.

Coire an t-Sagairt The priest's corrie

Creagan an t-Sagairt The priest's little rock. *creagan* = a little rock & rocks.

Glenshian the fairy's glen. Gleann an t-Sìthein. sìthean (gen. an t-sìthein) = a knoll, a

fairy hill.

Innis na Cuilce the reedy meadow. Innis Chuilceach (1873 map). *innis* = island;

meadowland. cuilc (gen cuilce) = a reed, cane. cuilceach = reedy.

Carn Dhùghail Odhair The cairn of the dun lowlander. *càrn* = hill, cairn. *Dubh-Ghall* = a

lowlander. *odhar* = dun (-coloured)

Meall Damh lump-hill of the stag or ox. *meall*= a lump of a hill. *damh* = a stag, ox,

bullock.

Beinn Coire nan Gall the hill of the corry of the lowlanders. gall = a lowlander

Druim Fiaclach toothed ridge. *druim* = a ridge. *fiaclach* = toothed.

Bealach an Fhalaisg Dhuibh the pass of the moor-burning blackness. falaisg (m) = moor-burning. dubh

(gen duibh) = blackness.

An t-Slat-bheinn the rod-hill. an t-slat = the rod, wand

Sgùrr na Bà Glaise the sharp mountain of the grey cow. sgùr = a steep, sharp mountain top. $b\partial$

 $(\text{gen }b\grave{a}) = \text{a cow. } glas = \text{grey.}$

Bealach an Fhiona the pass of the wine. *fion* (gen an *fhiona*) = the wine

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Moidart Place Names near Loch Shiel.

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Loch Shiel Gaelic *Loch Seile* = stream, flowing water, current (Nicolaison p189). *sal*

(Pictish) = flowing. seileach = a willow. (Mackay, Scottish Place Names, p84). sile = nectar. siol (gen sil) = progeny, ancestry. siol (gen sil) = (1) seeds, (2)

semen, (3) a clan, (4) descendents.

Glenfinnan Gleann Fhìonan = St Finnan's Glen

Camus nan Slataiche camus=a creek, bay, harbour. slaodaiche = (noun) the drawing, trailing, dragging

(Dwelly p850). *slatach* = (adjective) full of rods, twigs; stately, erect.

Rubha Camas nan Slataiche rubha = a point, promontary. See Camus nan Slataiche

Eilean Ghleann Fhionainn The island of Glen Finnan

Rubha nan Gamhna The point of the stirks. rubha = a point, promontary. gamhainn (pl gamhna)= a

stirk

Druim na h-Aire The ridge for watching out. *druim* = a ridge. *aire* (f)= attention, watchfulness

Camas a' Bhruais The bay of the bank. *camas* = a bay, a bend in a river. *bruach* = a bank

Eilean Dubh Black island

Rubha Dubh The dark promontary. rubha = a point, promontory

Carn Mhic Labhraich MacLaren's hill. *carn* = stony hill. MacLaren = *Mac Labhruinn*

Meall a' Bhrodainn The goat's hill. meall= a lump of a hill; brodann (gen brodainn)= a goat

Coille Bhrodainn Woodland of goats

Coire Fearna The alder corrie. *feàrna* = alder

Sgurr na Boineid The bonnet hill. sgù r = a steep, sharp mountain top. boineid = a bonnet

Beinn Odhar Mhor/ Bheag Big / small brown mountain. *odhar* = dun-coloured, drab

Coire na Lotha The filly's corrie. *loth* (gen *lotha*) = a filly, a young female horse

Sgurr an Iubhair The sharp mountain of the yew. iubhair = a yew. sgùr = a steep, sharp mountain

top

Gurr an Tuirc a'gur = brooding. torc, gen tuirc = a boar.

Allt na Brachd ??Burn of stag roaring / putrification?? brac = the roar of a stag. brachd =

putrification

Beinn a' Chaorainn The rowan hill. *caorann* = a rowan

Màm na h-Imriche $m\grave{a}m = a$ large round hill. Imrich (gen imriche) = flitting, removal, migration. Coille Ruighe nam Fiadh The wood on the hillside of the deer. coille = a wood, forest. ruighe = a hillslope.

fiadh = a deer

Rubha Innis Aird nan Clach The promontary of the high stony meadowland. *rubha* = a promontory. *innis* =

meadowland. $\dot{a}rd = high$

Beinn Bhuidhe Yellow hill

Rubha an Eireannaich The Irishman's promontary. *rubha* = a coastal promontary. *Eireannach* = an

Irishman

Creag an Fhàraidh The ladder rock. fàradh / àradh = a ladder

Rubha Gainmheach The sandy promontory. *rubha* = promontory. *gainneach* = sandy

Torr a' Choit The small boat's mound. $t \partial rr = a$ heap, a mound. cot (m) (gen. coit)= a small boat

Camus Cròm camas = a bay; crom = bent

Poll an Daimh poll = a bog, mire. damh, (gen daimh) = a stag

Glen Aladale -dale = Norse for a glen. ??? alla / allaidh = wild, fierce. all = white, foreign,

prodigious. *all* = a horse, rock, a great hall (Dwelly p25) ??? *ala* Norse??

Beinn an t-Samhainn Mountain of Saint's Day. Samhainn (gen. an t-samhainn)= all saints day, Nov 1st

Allt a' Ghiubhais Burn of the pine tree. giuthas (gen giuthais)= a pine

??Round hill of the footprint?? m a m = a large round hill. lorg, (gen) luirge = aMàm na Luirg

footprint, a mark

Croit Bheinn Croft hill. *croit* = croft

Allt a' Choire Rèidh Burn of the flat corrie. coire (m) = a corrie. $r\grave{e}idh$ = level

Big stony hill of the waterfalls. *carn* = stony hill. *easan* = a little waterfall. *eas*, Carn Mor Easain

(plural) easan = a waterfall

????cèdidh = ??? A personal name?? Beinn Mhic Cèdidh

Burn of the drinking horn. $c \delta r n$, gen = c u i r n = a drinking horn Allt a' Chuirn

Coire nam Fuaran Seileach Corrie of the willow springs. *fuaran* = a spring, well. *seileach* = a willow

 $m \grave{a} m$, gen = $m \grave{a} i m$ = a rounded hill Allt a' Mhàim

Eilean Comhlach comh-laoch = a fellow-warrior (Dwelly p245). còmhlach = a sucking pig

> (Dwelly p244). còmhlach = connlach = straw, fodder (Dwelly p244 &p250) connlach = straw, fodder. còmhla (adverb) = together. còmhla (noun) = doorway,

a barrier (Dwelly p 244). *coltach* = likely, probable.

Rubha nan Eileanan Comhlach *rubha* = a point. *eileanan* = islands. See Eilean Comhlach.

Gaskan gasg = a tail, a point of land extending from a plateau. gasgan = a small gasg.

Burn of the pine. giuthas, (gen) giuthais)= a pine Allt a' Ghiubhais Sunny bay. *camas* = a bay; *grianach* = sunny Camas Grianach

Crùach na Maraiche The sailor's hill. *crùach* = a conical hill. *maraiche* = a sailor, seaman

Allt an Dòbhrain Burn of the otter. $d\hat{o}bhran = an otter$

Annat Burn annaid = patron saint's church. (p250, WJ Watson). An ancient burial ground

sometimes with a church. (G. Mackay, p7)

fireach = hill . moor, high barren ground Fireach Dubh

An Garbh-allt garbh = rough, rugged. Garbh-allt = an impetuous torrent (Dwelly) Fàsadh an Fhamhair *fàsadh* = a stance, station (p499, Watson) = a protuberance (Dwelly).

famhair = a giant, a champion, a hero.

The calf's ridge. druim = a ridge of a hill. laogh (gen laoigh) = a calf Druim an Laoigh

Coire na Taothuirt coire = corrie. ??? tothar/tothair = a freebooter. taothal = tadhal = calling,

visiting, a shinty goal post ???

Rubha na h-Airde The high promontory. rubha = a point, promontory. airde (f) = height

Camas Drollaman / Camastroloman camas = a bay, a bend in a river. ??? straoile, (plural) straoileanan

= a heavy blow, a thump. sròl (plural sròltan / srolan) = a banner, flag. drolmad-

bhainne = a milk-pitcher. drolla = a pot, hook. dreallag = a child's swing. straoileag = a slattern female. omna = lance, spear. omhan = whey ???

The burn of the yellow meadowland. buidhe = yellow. innis gen innse (f) = an Allt na h-Innse Buidhe

island; a haugh, meadowland.

The wood of the ridge of the calf Coille Druim an Laoigh

Tom an t-Sluichd tom = a hillock; a bush, a thicket. sloc, gen sluic = a hollow surrounded by higher

ground

Linne Ghorm linne(f) = a pool. gorm = blue / green

Creag an Uisge The rock of the water

Creagan an Fhithich creagan = a little rock / rocks. fitheach, gen & pl fithich = a raven

Cruach a' Ghaill cruach = a conical hill. gall (gen goill) = a lowlander Eilean Fhìonain St Finnan's Island. *fiann* = a giant, a warrier, a Fingalian

Promontary of the herons. rubha = a promontary. corra (f) = a heron. Rubha nan Corra

cùil (f) = a corner, neuk, nook, a sheltered hidden place. cùil = a retreat (p81 Cuil

Watson). cùil gen cuile (f) = a nook (p494 Watson).

Allt na Cuile Burn of the nook

Rubha na h-Aird Mholaich The point of the rough high place. rubha = a point, promontary. aird(f) = a high

place, a height; a land point. *molach* = rough, hairy

Burn of the lumpy garden. goirtean, gen goirtein = a little corn field, a small Allt a' Ghoirtein Chnapaich

patch of arable land. *cnapach* = lumpy, knobby

Cnoc na Faing Hillock of the fank. cnoc = a small hill. faing(f) = a sheepfold

Allt Ur The new burn. ur = new

Allt an t-Sratha srath gen sratha (m) = a valley with a river (Dwelly p 891)

Dalilea The Physician's Meadow. *dail* = meadow, valley. *léigh* = a physician, surgeon.

Rubha Cruaidh The hard point. *rubha* = point, promentary Druim Buidhe *druim* = ridge of a hill. *buidhe* = yellow

Creag Loisgte Burnt rock. *loisgte* = burnt

Cnoc nan Coinneal Hillock of the candles. *cnoc* = a small hill. *coinneal* = a candle.

Rubha nan Coinnlean The point of the candles. *coinnlean* = candles

Eilean nam Bàn Island of the wives. ban = genative plural of bean (a wife)

Rubha na Croite The croft point. *rubha* = point, property. *croite* = gen of *croit* (a croft)

Torr Darach Hillock of oaks. $t \circ rr = a \text{ heap. } darach = oak$

Torr na Slingrich $t \partial rr = a \text{ heap. } ??? \text{ sligearnach} = a \text{ place abounding in shells. } \text{ slige} = a \text{ shell.}$

slinnean = a shoulder. *slighreach* = shreds. *slinneanach* = a broad-shouldered man

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Rubha Torr na Cachlaidh rubha = a promomtary. $t \partial rr = promontory$. cachaileith (f) = (1) a gate, (2) = a

temporary breach made in a park wall as a thoroughfare for carts or cattle.

(Dwelly)

Langal lann = an enclosed piece of ground. geal = white ???

Rubha Langal rubha = a point

Rubha Cumhann The narrow point. *rubha* = a point. *cumhang* = narrow.

Rubha Gorm gorm = blue, green

Rubha na Gainmhich The sand point. gainmheach gen gainmhich = sand

Rubha na h-Eala The swan point. eala (f) = a swan

Rubha Daraich The oak point. darach plural daraich = an oak

Abhainn Dèabh $abhainn = a \text{ river. } d\hat{e}abh = (1) \text{ to drain } (2) \text{ to battle, encounter (Dwelly p314)}$

Cnoc Breac The trout hillock. *cnoc* = a small hill. *breac* = trout

Crudh an Eich The horse-shoe. crù dha = a horse-shoe. each gen eich = a horse Lochan na Ceardaich Little loch of the smithy. $ce\grave{a}rdach$ gen $ce\grave{a}rdaich$ (f) = a smithy

Creag an t-Sagairt The priest's rock. sagart gen sagairt = a priest

Rubha na h-Airde Suaineartaich rubha = a point, promontary. $\grave{a}irde$ (f) = height. Suaineart = Sunnart

Creag nam Feannag The rock of the crows. *feannag* = a crow

Camas Bhlathain The bay of the small flowers. *camus*=a creek, bay, harbour. *blàth* plural *blàtha* =

a flower. *blàthan* plural *blàthain* = a small flower

Creag nan Sgriob Rock of the furrows / the walk?? creag = rock. sgriob = (1) a scrape, scratch (2)

a farming furrow (3) a walk (Dwelly p832 & Owen p101)

Caochan na Creadha caochan = the eddying, the first still of whisky (!) (Dwelly p161). crèadh gen

crèadha (f) = clay. cuach = a bowl, a cup. cuachan = a bird's nest (Dwelly p284)

Rubha nan Ceann Mora The point of the big heads. *rubha* = a point, promontary.

Rubha na Luinge The ship point. rubha = a point, promontary. long gen luing (f) = a ship Rubha nam Broc The point of the badgers. rubha = a point, promontary. broc = a badger.

Ceanna Garbh Rough head. ceann = a head, (gen & pl) = cinn. ceannag = a wisp. <math>garbh = rough,

rugged

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