

LISTED BUILDINGS IN THE HIGHLAND REGION

TITLE Applecross Mains Top Barns.		DISTRICT Ross & Cromarty
MAP REFERENCE NG 714 443	PARISH Applecross Parish	PHOTOGRAPHED 14 FEB 1984
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Late 18th century, pair of hay/threshing barns. Both orientated north/south; northern barn possibly the older. Both of coursed drystone, square rubble; low walls with marked external batter, wide wall vents filled with rough vertical half-cut staves, replacing former wattling; centre win owing doorways; piended roofs.

Northern barn; measures 55' x 19' with 5'6" wallhead height; corrugated iron roof; modern silage pit falls floor space.

Southern barn; measures 62'6" x 19' with 6'9" wallhead height; thatched roof over felt; cemented floor.

Very unusual pair barns, showing strong Hebridean influence in their walling. Dating difficult, but could well be earlier than late 18th century in view of earlier Applecross House. Appear on undated, but probably earlier 19th century, estate maps in Applecross House, on which the Mains appear as Borrodale. Barns would originally have heather thatch. the heavy roofs borne by pairs of crucks (couples) standing on the cills of the wide vents. Similar barn in Kintail and the Gairloch.





