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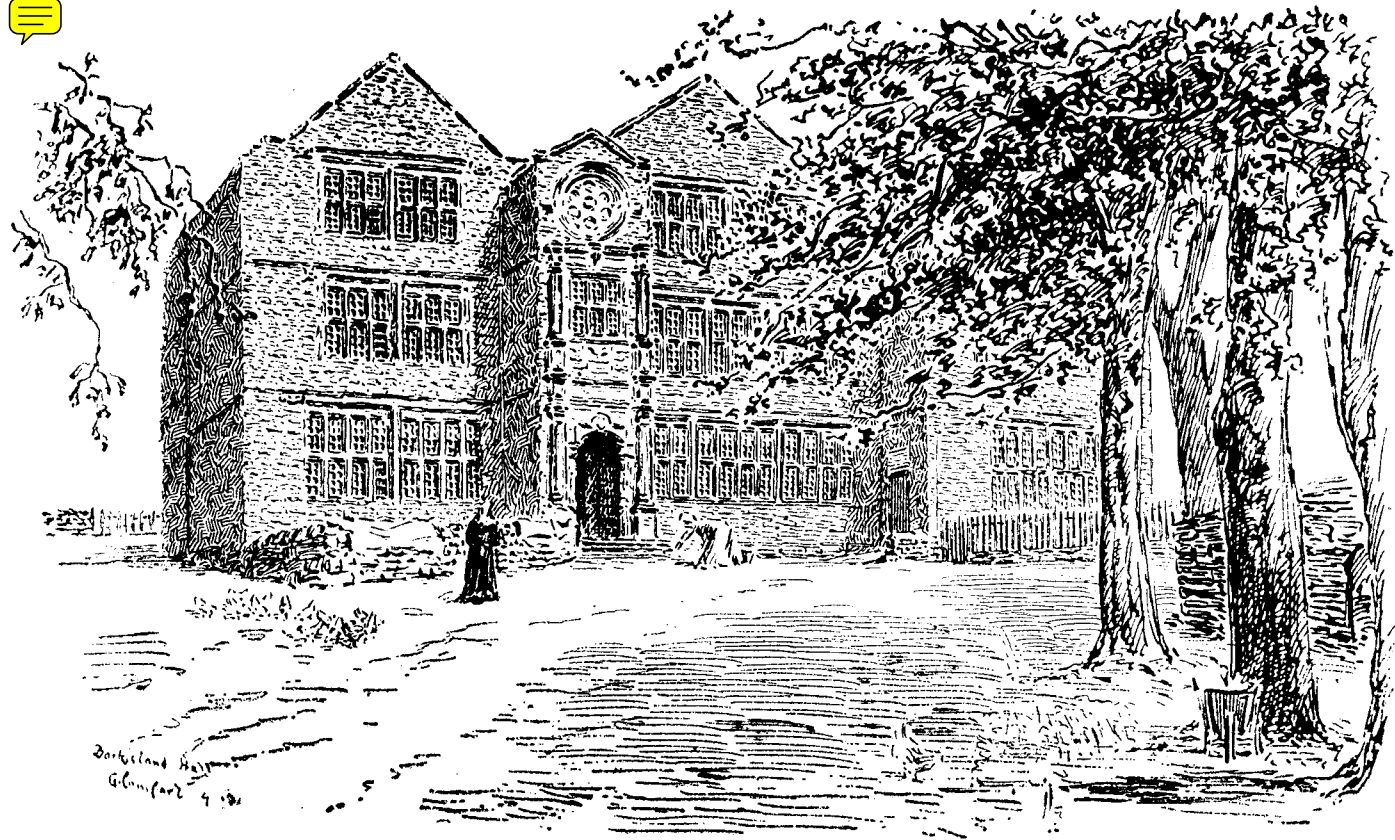
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No. 1.—Barkisland Hall.

Barkisland Hall was built in 1638 by John Gledhill, whose initials, along with those of his wife, appear over the doorway. There is also the motto (in Latin): "Once his, now mine, but I know not whose afterwards." The hall was not long in his possession. The Hortons, of Howroyde, became owners, and retained possession to comparatively recent times. Mr. Eli Sutcliffe, cotton spinner, was next owner, and it passed into the Lumb

family, one of whom, Ccr. M. Lumb, resides in the principal portion (there are now six tenements). Besides possessing the ordinary features of the Elizabethan structure, it has a three-storied porch, some old windows, beautiful plaster work, and a carved oak fireplace. Situate just below the village, it is a striking memorial of 17th century prosperity.