

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

FIELD MONUMENTS

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES AND MONUMENTS RECORD



1 SITE CODE		H N C 8 2 N W 0 0 7	
2 NGR		N C 8 3 4 2 5 5	
3 QUAL		CE	
4 DISTRICT		5 PARISH	
SUTHERLAND		KILDONAN	
7 AREA STATUS		8 SITE STATUS	
9 REGIONAL STATUS		10 GENERIC TYPE	
11 CONCORDANCE		12 FORM	
OS NC 82 NW 7		STANDING STRUCTURES	
13 DIMENSIONS		14 PERIOD/DATE	
15 DATING METHOD		16 RELATIONSHIP OF ELEMENTS	
TYP		THREE HUTS + TWO HOMESTEADS	
17 CONDITION		18 SHAPE	
INCOMPLETE		19 THREAT AND DATE	
20 LAND USE		21 GEOLOGY	
ROUGH PASTURE		22 SOILS	
23 VEGETATION		24 HYDROLOGY/DRAINAGE	
25 RELIEF		26 ASPECT	
MODERATE HILLSLOPE		ENE	
27 ALTITUDE		28 EXCAVATION (EXCAVATOR: DATE: EXTENT: QUALITY)	
160 = 191m OD			
29 BIBLIOGRAPHY (AUTHOR: DATE: TITLE: JOURNAL OR PUBLISHER: VOLUME: DETAIL)			
1. ORDNANCE SURVEY: 1962: 6" MAP			
30 GROUND PLAN NO.		31 GROUND PHOTO NO.	
32 SLIDES NO.		33 HR. AP. NO.	
34 NMR. AP. NO.		35 OTHER AP. NO.: SOURCE	
B49384-S, B49390			
36 ARCHIVE AND LOCATION		37 GEOPHYSICAL SURVEY	
38 SAMPLES		39 PALYNOLOGY	
40 NUMERICAL DATES: RANGE: LAB NO.		41 SMALL FINDS	
42 MUSEUM/LOCATION		43 OTHER	
44 NAME & ADDRESS OF OWNER		45 ATTITUDE OF OWNER	
46 NAME & ADDRESS OF TENANT		47 ATTITUDE OF TENANT	
48 ACCESS & RESTRICTIONS			
49 NAME & ADDRESS OF FINDER/RECORDER: DATE		50 RECORDER: DATE	
		GS: 13.5.1985	
51 CHECK: DATE		A.R. 26.6.1985	
52 TEXT			
"See attached photocopies for text."			

('D': NC 83452553 Hut Circles (NR)

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'E': NC 83542552)

Three enclosures and two hut circles discovered during field investigation.

(OSFI:WDT:24.5.1961)

On the lower NE-facing slopes of Ceannabhaid, within the confines of the deserted township of Ceannabhaid, is a settlement comprising three stone-walled huts ('A', 'D' and 'E') and two complex huts (homesteads (B and C).

(OSFI:JB:14.2.1977)

Hut W is large and strongly constructed, set into the hill-slope. From the evidence of a few surviving inner and outer facing stones, the hut appears to have been 10.5m in diameter within a wall 1.4m high and 3.5m wide. The entrance in the S arc is about 1.6m wide flanked by large stones. There appears to be projecting horns on either side producing a passage length of 5.5m. A turf-covered mound lies immediately outside the entrance almost blocking it, possibly the result of debris being cleared from the entrance at a later date. A later low straight field wall springs from the NW arc.

'B' is a double-celled homestead of unusual form, the cells divided by a relatively unimpressive wall. It appears to be of typical hut circle construction, boulder-faced with rubble infill, the wall surviving to 1.0m maximum height and spread to 2.5m. The entrance is probably indicated by three upright stones in line in the S arc, but this part of the feature is mutilated (see enlargement).

'C' is a homestead whose north part has been destroyed. What remains is a 'hut-like' semi-circle of walling, 1.0m high and spread to 2.8m, faced internally with boulder slabs on edge. Outside, and concentric to it, is a low heather-covered bank of stones 0.4m high, 1.5m wide. Its purpose cannot be determined. Immediately to the east are the remains of a squarish feature of similar construction to the semi-circle of walling. Only the east and part of the north and south walls survive, but presumably this and the 'hut-like' construction originally formed one unit. The entrance position was probably in the SE but there is mutilation here (See enlargement).

'D' and 'E' are similar being of the common hut circle type. 'D' is 8.5m in diameter within a wall surviving as a bank of earth and stone 2.5m wide in the N with the S half defined only by a slight rim. A set stone in the SE may indicate the position of the entrance. 'E' is about 10.0m in diameter within a denuded wall; large outer facing stones survive in the SE arc. A large slab set transversely across the wall in the SE indicates the entrance. A field bank springs from the E arc petering out after a metre and continuing as a lynchet.

The area around the huts had been cultivated more recently and apart from a few clearance heaps there is no evidence of contemporary cultivation.

Published survey (6") revised.

Scale $\frac{1}{500}$

Homestead B.



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