

## HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

## FIELD MONUMENTS

## ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES AND MONUMENTS RECORD



1 SITE CODE	H	N	D	1	5	N	W	0	0	1	A
2 NGR	N	D	1	1	9	0	5	9	6	0	CE
3 QUAL											
6 SITE NAME	H O U S L E C A I R N *										
10 GENERIC TYPE	BROCH + BURIAL CISTS, SHORT + BURIAL										
14 PERIOD/DATE	IA					15 DATING METHOD TYP					
18 SHAPE	CIRCULAR										
19 THREAT AND DATE											

4 DISTRICT	CAITHNESS		5 PARISH	HALKIRK				
7 AREA STATUS	8 SITE STATUS		9 REGIONAL STATUS					
11 CONCORDANCE OS ND 15 NW 1 NMR	12 FORM STANDING STRUCTURE		13 DIMENSIONS 46.0m OVERALL					
16 RELATIONSHIP OF ELEMENTS			17 CONDITION INCOMPLETE (ROBBED)			18 SHAPE CIRCULAR		
20 LAND USE ENCLOSED PASTURE			21 GEOLOGY			22 SOILS		
24 HYDROLOGY/DRAINAGE			25 RELIEF LEVEL GROUND			26 ASPECT 360°		
						27 ALTITUDE 40 = 50m OD		

28 EXCAVATION (EXCAVATOR: DATE: EXTENT: QUALITY)

29 BIBLIOGRAPHY (AUTHOR: DATE: TITLE: JOURNAL OR PUBLISHER: VOLUME: DETAIL)

1. ORDNANCE SURVEY: 1907: 6" MAP
2. ORDNANCE SURVEY: 1960: 6" MAP
3. RCAHMS: 1911: CAITHNESS INVENTORY: HMSO: : p35: No. 115
4. GRAHAM, A: 1949: PROC. SOC. ANT. SCOT: Vol. 81: p96
5. ORDNANCE SURVEY: 1872: OBJECT NAME BOOK: Vol. 4: p75-6
6. ORDNANCE SURVEY: 1970: 1/10 000 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

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 &amp; ADDRESS OF OWNER

45 ATTITUDE OF OWNER

46 NAME &amp; ADDRESS OF TENANT

47 ATTITUDE OF TENANT

48 ACCESS &amp; RESTRICTIONS

49 NAME &amp; ADDRESS OF FINDER/RECORDER: DATE

50 RECORDER: DATE  
RMM: 10.2.1986

51 CHECK: DATE

10/11 3/3/1986

52 TEXT

"ND 1190 5960. Housel Cairn. Stone cists containing human remains, bronze rings, iron spearheads and pottery found." (1)

"ND 1190 5960. Housel Cairn." (2)

"Housel Cairn. supposed broch. A mound, sharply scarped all round, on the top of which are fragmentary ruins which, though appearing to be those of a broch, are so pillaged that definite measurements are unobtainable." (3)

"Uncertain broch." (4)

" 'Housel Cairn' (ref. Estate map): A mound about 250 links (i.e. approx. 50m) in diam. and 10ft (3.0m) high wherein, circa 1850, several stone cists containing human remains were discovered, also bronze rings, iron spearheads in which were remains of wood, a crude earthenware dish of blue clay, and animal bones with deer horns. On the top of the cairn is a modern one 5ft (1.7m) high." (5)

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6.      "\* Alternative spelling 'HOUSEL CAIRN'."

"'Housle Cairn' is 46.0m in overall diam. and 3.5m high and has been severely mutilated and dug into in the NE where traces of walling are now clearly visible. This walling, and the remains of a mound 24.0m in diam. on top of the 'cairn' leave no doubt that these are the remains of a mound 24.0m in diam. on top of the 'cairn' leave no doubt that these are the remains of a broch. There is now no trace of the modern cairn." (OSFI:RD:24.3.1965)

"ND 1190 5960. Housle Cairn. Broch."

(6)

"The remains of this much disturbed broch mound are as described by OSFI:RD."

(OSFI:JB:22.12.1981)

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RINGS, BRONZE + SPEARHEADS, IRON + POTTERY DISH											
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IA						TYP + ASS					
15 EXCAVATOR AND DATE											
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4 DISTRICT CAITHNESS 5 PARISH HALKIRK

8 CONCORDANCE OS ND 15 NW 1 NMR 9 MUSEUM/LOCATION OF FIND(S) 10 ACCESSION NO.

13 FIND CIRCUMSTANCES FROM STONE CISTS ASSOCIATED WITH BROCH HND 15 NW 001 14 CONDITION

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"House cairn, wherein c.1850, several stone cists containing human remains were discovered; also bronze rings, iron spearheads in which there were remains of wood, a crude earthenware dish of blue clay, and animal bones with deer horns."

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