

## HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL



## FIELD MONUMENTS

## ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES AND MONUMENTS RECORD

4 DISTRICT CAITHNESS		5 PARISH WICK		1 SITE CODE H N D 3 4 S W 0 1 2	
7 AREA STATUS		8 SITE STATUS SCHEDULED		2 NGR N D 3 1 6 5 4 1 3 6 C E	
11 CONCORDANCE os ND 34 SW 12		12 FORM STANDING STRUCTURE		6 SITE NAME W A T E R N A N	
16 RELATIONSHIP OF ELEMENTS		13 DIMENSIONS 27.0m x 24.0m		10 GENERIC TYPE MOUND (ALLEGED FORT, POSSIBLE CAIRN).	
17 CONDITION INCOMPLETE (MUTILATED)		14 PERIOD/DATE		15 DATING METHOD	
20 LAND USE HEATH		21 GEOLOGY		18 SHAPE CIRCULAR	
22 SOILS		23 VEGETATION		19 THREAT AND DATE	
24 HYDROLOGY/DRAINAGE		25 RELIEF MODERATE HILLSLOPE		26 ASPECT SE	
28 EXCAVATION (EXCAVATOR: DATE: EXTENT: QUALITY)		27 ALTITUDE 100=110m OD			
29 BIBLIOGRAPHY (AUTHOR: DATE: TITLE: JOURNAL OR PUBLISHER: VOLUME: DETAIL) 1. ORDNANCE SURVEY: 1976: 1:10,000 MAP. 2. RCAHMS: 1911: CAITHNESS INVENTORY: HMSO: pp 164-65 NO 527. 3. MERCER R.J.: 1985: FIELD SURVEY IN N. SCOTLAND: EUP: VOL 3: No 183. 4. HBK(S.D.D.): LIST OF SCHEDULED MONUMENTS.					
30 GROUND PLAN NO.		31 GROUND PHOTO NO.			
32 SLIDES NO.		33 HR. AP NO.			
34 NMR. AP. NO. B49588-40; B49596-7		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 & 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: 8.10.1985	
52 TEXT "See cont. card for text + illust."				51 CHECK: DATE AM: 29.10.1985	

ND 316 413 Waternan, fort, 165m NW of, Ulbster (4)

(ND 3165 4136) Cairn (NR)

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Defensive Enclosure: On a slight elevation 'is a circular enclosure with an interior diameter of some 58 ft, an entrance from the S, and a bank from 15 to 20 ft in thickness. The position of the outer entrance is indicated by two upright slabs set 3 ft 5 ins apart. It opens on a small outer court in rear of which, at 13 ft distant from the main entrance, is an inner circle with a diameter of some 32 ft and divided by a bank 8 or 9 ft in thickness crossing the interior from the W side. Being overgrown with vegetation the plan of the construction is difficult to expiscate. Along the edge of the elevated ground on the NE runs an old bank, but its defensive character is doubtful.'

(2).

The remains of an oval structure, generally as described by the RCANM are too amorphous for positive classification but the amount of turf and heather-covered debris within it suggests a robbed cairn rather than an enclosure. The presence of the small central hollow and the upright slabs as previously described, together with a further slab set on edge at the perimeter of the mound to the W, suggest a heavily mutilated chambered cairn. The old field bank to the NE is much later.

(OSFI:NKB:4.5.1967).

183. 'Fort'/? 'Broch'. Dimensions: 27m x 24m. Height: 2m. Oval grass-covered hummocky mound. A bank 8m wide curves round the N and E sides. Scatter of stones at S end. Possible entrance to the S of mound marked by two orthostats 1m apart. Opens into an oval depression with a small circular mound in the centre. 3m to the N of this outer hollow lies an inner oval depression 7m x 3.50m. 3m to the N lies a further oval hollow 7m x 1.50m. Another depression is situated E of these three. A large flat slab lies tilted on the W edge of the mound.

Mon. No. WAR 183 "Fort" Watenan West (Fig. 62). This monument appears to be much damaged but to have comprised a penannular earthwork 18m from crest to crest of bank with a number of internal divisions which also take earthwork form. An entrance appears on the S side of the site leading from what may be a hollow-way into the interior, marked by two orthostats 1m apart. It is unlikely that this structure represents a broch but it is difficult to parallel its clearly defensive nature with any other structure-type known in the area.

Mon 183  
"Fort"  
Watenan West

