

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 3 1	
7 AREA STATUS OS ND 34 SW 31		8 SITE STATUS STANDING STRUCTURE		2 NGR N D 3 2 0 0 4 3 7 2 CE	
9 REGIONAL STATUS		10 GENERIC TYPE BURIAL CAIRN, LONG		3 QUAL	
11 CONCORDANCE NMR		12 FORM STANDING STRUCTURE		13 DIMENSIONS 41.0m LONG	
14 PERIOD/DATE NE		15 DATING METHOD TYP		16 RELATIONSHIP OF ELEMENTS	
17 CONDITION INCOMPLETE (ROBBED + MUTILATED)		18 SHAPE TRAPEZOIDAL		19 THREAT AND DATE	
20 LAND USE ROUGH PASTURE		21 GEOLOGY		22 SOILS	
23 VEGETATION		24 HYDROLOGY/DRAINAGE		25 RELIEF GENTLE HILLSLOPE	
26 ASPECT ENE		27 ALTITUDE 90 = 100m OD		28 EXCAVATION (EXCAVATOR: DATE: EXTENT: QUALITY)	
29 BIBLIOGRAPHY (AUTHOR: DATE: TITLE: JOURNAL OR PUBLISHER: VOLUME: DETAIL)					
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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 & 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 AM: 9.10.1985	
				51 CHECK: DATE GS: 29.10.1985	

52 TEXT

"ND 320 437. The greatly robbed and mutilated remains of a now mainly turf-covered long cairn, lying in a level field. The remains lie in heaps about 2ft (0.61m) high, though in places they are quarried to below ground level. Where exposed, the cairn material can be seen to be slabs, several large ones standing vertical or lying prone, but there is no definite indication of an internal structure. The cairn has measured about 175ft (53m) long E-W, the E end being about 60ft (18.40m) across and the W possibly about 30ft (9.27m), but it is rather vague W of where it is crossed by a track. The E end, which lies at the edge of a steep drop, is also vague but appears to have rounded corners and to be either straight or concave across the end. The long sides are still fairly distinct."

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"ND 3200 4372. The indefinite remains of a long cairn as described above." (OSFI:RL:20.4.1967)

"See continuation sheet for text and illustrations."

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9 BROUNABAN

(long)

In the parish of WICK

Location 5 m. SSW of WICK

E of the

LOCH OF YARROWS

Map reference ND/320437

Sheet XXIX NE; ND 34 SW

Inventory number 589

Reference R.C.A.M. Inv. 191¹

Description. 'On a slight heather-covered elevation between two grass fields is the site of a long cairn. The cairn has been almost entirely removed, but a low ridge appears to mark its outline. It seems to have been 170ft. in length, lying with its long axis E and W, and to have been 50ft. broad at the E end and some 33ft. at the W. There are no indications of horns.'¹

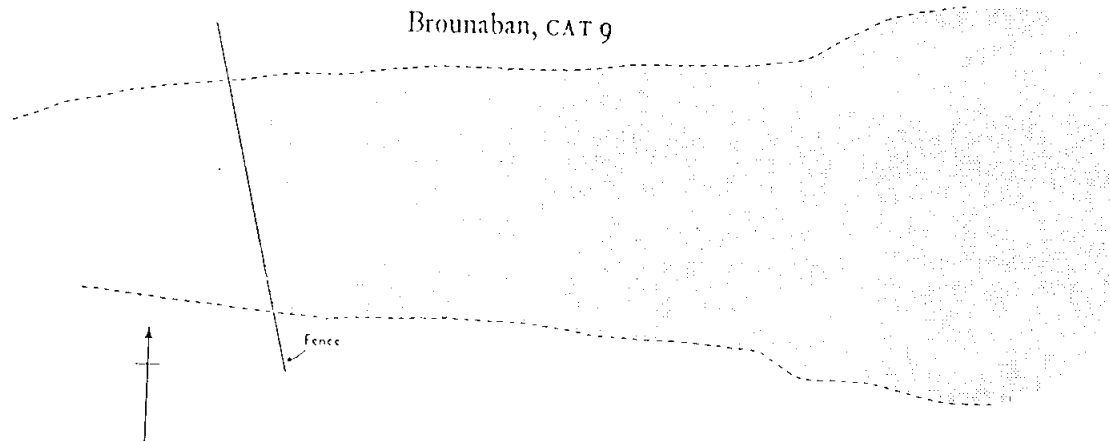
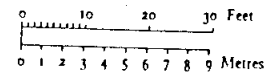
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BROUNABAN

Plan by A.S.H. and K.T., 24.9.67

This long cairn lies in a level position, in a field of rough grazing. The cairn has been greatly robbed and mutilated. The remains are mainly turf-covered, lying in heaps up to 2 ft high, but in places quarried to below ground level. Where exposed the cairn material can be seen to be slabs. Several large slabs stand vertical or lie prone, but there is no definite indication of any internal structure. The long sides are still fairly distinct. The cairn lies E-W. The W end has been cut by an old track, and the traces of the cairn beyond this are vague. The E end, which lies at the edge of a steep drop in the field, is rather indefinite, but appears to have rounded corners, and to be either straight or slightly concave across the medial line.

The length of the cairn has been about 175 ft. The E end is about 60 ft wide, but at 50 ft from the end the width contracts to 45 ft, and from there narrows very gradually to about 36 ft where it is crossed by the track, and possibly to 30 ft at the W end.



Henshall CAT 9 Brounaban Mon. No. WAR 228 (Fig. 8). This would appear to be a simple example of its type, a ruined round? cairn some 8m in diameter to which is attached a long cairn 40m in length - the whole oriented E-W.

This diminutive cairn recorded by the 1983 surveyors as 40m in length is oriented ENE-WSW and is set upon hillslope overlooking the North Sea. It is distinguished from the Class I simple cairns by virtue of two characteristics. Firstly, at its tail (WSW) end there would appear to be incipient 'horns', while secondly at its broader (ENE) terminal there is some evidence of an amorphous 'hump' suggesting a terminal mound. The body of the long cairn exhibits traces of dilapidation that are associated frequently with monuments of this type and a number of small orthostats are to be noted near the tail of the cairn - again a feature commonly to be associated with monuments of this class.

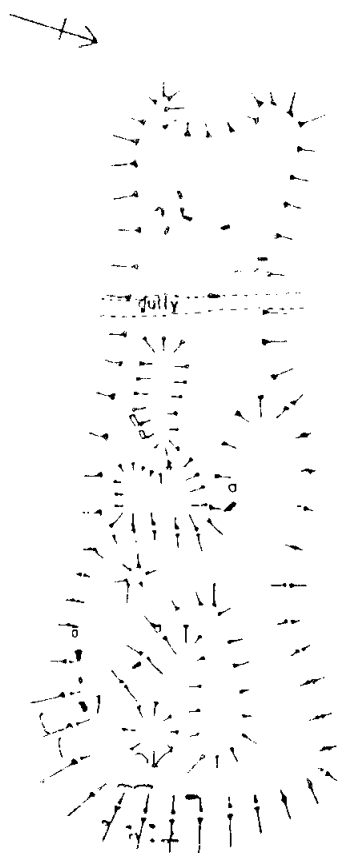
228. Long cairn. Dimensions: 41m x 16m (E end), 11m (W end). Low sub-rectangular grass-covered mound. Badly disturbed. E face is convex with some stones and one orthostat on the surface. Depressions and hummocks are situated throughout the mound. Some uprights, including six orthostats in two roughly parallel lines, are visible towards the W end. Some facing-stones in SE corner. A gully divides the cairn 12m from the W end. Elevation: 90m OD. ND 320437.

O.S. Card ND 34 SW 31.

Henshall, A.S. (1963) The Chambered Tombs of Scotland, vol. 1, 260.

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RCAHMS (1911) Caithness, 191, No. 589. (Fig. 8)



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