

## HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL



## FIELD MONUMENTS

## ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES AND MONUMENTS RECORD

1 SITE CODE		H	N	D	3	4	S	W	0	3	2
2 NGR		N	D	3	1	1	0	4	4	2	9
3 QUAL		CE									
6 SITE NAME											
R E A I N											
10 GENERIC TYPE											
BURIAL CAIRN, ROUND, CHAMBERED											
14 PERIOD/DATE						15 DATING METHOD					
NE						TYP					
18 SHAPE											
19 THREAT AND DATE											
4 DISTRICT						5 PARISH					
CAITHNESS						WICK					
7 AREA STATUS				8 SITE STATUS				9 REGIONAL STATUS			
				SCHEDULED							
11 CONCORDANCE				12 FORM				13 DIMENSIONS			
OS ND 34 SW 32				STANDING STRUCTURE							
16 RELATIONSHIP OF ELEMENTS				17 CONDITION							
				INCOMPLETE (ROBBED)							
20 LAND USE						21 GEOLOGY					
ENCLOSED PASTURE											
22 SOILS						23 VEGETATION					
24 HYDROLOGY/DRAINAGE						25 RELIEF					
						KNOLL ON LEVEL GROUND					
26 ASPECT						27 ALTITUDE					
360°						90 = 100m OD					
28 EXCAVATION (EXCAVATOR: DATE: EXTENT: QUALITY)											
1. ANDERSON, J: 1865 or 1866											
29 BIBLIOGRAPHY (AUTHOR: DATE: TITLE: JOURNAL OR PUBLISHER: VOLUME: DETAIL)											
1. ORDNANCE SURVEY: 1960: 6" MAP											
2. HENSHALL, A.S.: 1963: CHAMBERED TOMBS OF SCOTLAND: EDIN.U.P: Vol.1: p267											
3. RCAHMS: 1911: SUTHERLAND INVENTORY: HMSO: : p171, No.542											
4. HMB (SDD): 1985: LIST OF SCHEDULED MONUMENTS											
5. MERCER, R.J.: 1983: A FIELD SURVEY IN N. SCOTLAND: EDIN.U.P: Vol.3: WAR No.4											
6. ANDERSON, J.: 1872: PROC.SOC.ANT.SCOT: Vol.9: p294											
7. " : 1886: SCOTLAND IN PAGAN TIMES: Vol.1, BRONZE & STONE AGES: p258											
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		51 CHECK: DATE	
								DH: 9.10.1985		Am: 29.10.1985	
52 TEXT											

"See continuation card for text and illustrations"

TD 311 442 REAIN, CAIRN, FORTY YARROWS, TIRUMSTER (4)

(ND 3110 4429) Cairn Reain(7)Chambered Cairn (LB) (1)

Carn Righ or Cairn Reain. Anderson, in 1865 or 1866 (2), (2) (3) found the chamber of this round cairn destroyed and the whole cairn greatly disturbed, but noted a double wall 3 to 4 ft high running round the cairn at a distance of 6 ft within the loose stones at the edge of the cairn.

The Commission state that this cairn has been removed but note what appears to be a second cairn (unexcavated) nearby, with a diameter of 40 to 50 ft and a height of c. 5 ft. The cairn is turf covered and the edge is indefinite.

Scheduled - Cairn Reain. (4)

Cairn Reain is generally as described by the Commission. A low ridge surrounding a hummocky area may mark the cairn outline. (OSFI:RL:25.4.1967)

The adjoining 'cairn', at ND 3108 4428, as described by the Commission, may be merely the top of a natural knoll but this could only be determined by excavation.

In another cairn, locally known as Carn Righ, which I excavated, on the opposite shore of the Loch of Yarhouse, the chamber had been completely destroyed by being quarried out for lintels to a neighbouring house and steading, but the exterior outline of the cairn showed the double circular bounding wall still standing to a height of from 3 to 4 feet, completely round the original circumference, though now imbedded about 6 feet within the verge of the loose stones which formed the base of the cairn. (7)

4. ? Cairn. 'Cairn Reain'. Dimensions: 33m x 24m. Irregular grass-covered mound, 18m x 24m, badly disturbed and squared off by modern damage. Some scattered stones visible. Abutts a circular mound, 15m x 21m, on the E side. Elevation: 90m OD.

ND 311443.

O.S. Card ND 34 SW 32.

Anderson, J. (1873) 'Notice on the excavation of 'Kenny's Cairn',... Carn Righ, near Yarrowhouse...' PSAS, IX (1870-72) 294.

Anderson, J. (1886) Scotland in Pagan Times - Bronze and Stone Ages, 258. Henshall, A.S. (1963) The Chambered Tombs of Scotland, vol. 1, 267, No. 16. RCAHMS (1911) Caithness, 171, No. 542.

(Fig. 66)

