

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL



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ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES AND MONUMENTS RECORD

1 SITE CODE		H	N	D	3	5	N	W	0	0	3	B
2 NGR		N	D	3	2	3	4	5	6	5	5	3 QUAL
6 SITE NAME		S	K	I	T	T	E	N				

4 DISTRICT CAITHNESS		5 PARISH WICK		7 GENERIC TYPE POTTERY, SHERDS+KITCHEN IMPLEMENTS	
8 CONCORDANCE OS ND35NW 3 NMR		9 MUSEUM/LOCATION OF FIND(S) RMS(QUEEN STREET)		10 ACCESSION NO. HD 431-BONE NEEDLE HD 432-BONE BORER GA 908-POTTERY	
13 FIND CIRCUMSTANCES EXCAVATION		14 CONDITION		11 PERIOD/DATE IA=EM=LM 12 DATING METHOD TYP	
				15 EXCAVATOR AND DATE TRESS-BARRY:1901/CALDER:1940	
				16 EXCAVATION RECORD NO.	

17 LAND USE ENCLOSED LAND		18 GEOLOGY	
19 SOILS		20 VEGETATION	
21 HYDROLOGY/DRAINAGE		22 RELIEF LEVEL GROUND	
		23 ASPECT 360°	
		24 ALTITUDE 25=30m OD	

25 DETAILED DESCRIPTION/DIMENSIONS	
26 BIBLIOGRAPHY (AUTHOR: DATE: TITLE: JOURNAL OR PUBLISHER: VOLUME: DETAIL)	
1. ORDNANCE SURVEY:1907:6" MAP 2. ORDNANCE SURVEY:1974:1/10,000 MAP 3. CALDER, CST:1950 :PROC.SOC.ANT.SCOT.:VOL.82:pp124-45 4. (DONATIONS):1908-9:PROC.SOC.ANT.SCOT.:VOL.43:p18 5. RCAHMS:1911:CAITHNESS INVENTORY:HMSO:p146,No.507	
27 GROUND PLAN NO.	28 GROUND PHOTO NO.
29 SLIDES NO.	30 HR. AP. NO.
31 NMR. AP. NO.	32 OTHER AP. NO.: SOURCE
33 ARCHIVE AND LOCATION	
34 GEOPHYSICAL SURVEY	35 SAMPLES
36 PALYNOLOGY	37 NUMERICAL DATES: RANGE: LAB NO.
38 OTHER	

39 NAME & ADDRESS OF OWNER		40 ATTITUDE OF OWNER	
41 NAME & ADDRESS OF TENANT		42 ATTITUDE OF TENANT	
43 ACCESS & RESTRICTIONS			

44 NAME & ADDRESS OF FINDER/RECORDER: DATE		45 RECORDER: DATE RM:9.4.1986		46 CHECK: DATE PB:13.5.1986	
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47 TEXT
"See continuation card for text, also see continuation file of HND 35 NW 003A for additional text (3)."

(ND 3234 5655) Brough (1)
 Broch (site of) (2)

In 1940 this broch was destroyed to allow the construction of an aerodrome. Prior to this it had appeared as a grass-covered knoll about 150 ft in diameter and 9 ft high. It had been partially excavated in 1904 by Sir Francis Tréss Barry, when only the W half of the tower was exposed. A second excavation was carried out by Calder in 1940, immediately preceding destruction.

The broch had consisted of a round tower, encircled by a strong defensive rampart, with a wide, shallow ditch outside. Originally circular in shape, the tower had been built with walls some 15 ft thick and an average external diameter of 62 ft 6 ins. The entrance had been on the W with a guard chamber built into the thickness of the wall off the S side of the passage. From the inner wall face thirteen compartments were arranged radially around the inside of the tower, the divisions consisting of thin stone slabs set on edge. Structurally it would appear that these compartments were later than the broch and possibly early improvements.

Sherds of some twenty vessels were discovered, some of them resembling pottery from the lower levels at Traprain Law. In 1904 a bone needle was also found on this site. Other relics found during the 1940 excavation include a saddle quern, several grain rubbers, dishes, knocking stones, pivot stones, anvils, tether stones, pot lids, pounders and smoothing stones, a pestle and a whorl. Also parts of circular querns of post-Roman date. Fragments of human remains found indicated an individual of rather small stature.

Finds from the 1904 excavation in the N M A S include a bone needle (HD 431), a bone borer (HD 432), a pot (GA 908) and possibly two whorls, one of sandstone and one of steatite, donated to the N M A S in 1908. (3)(4)(5)

There are no remains of the broch to be seen. (OSFI:RDL:22.4.1963)
 Published survey (1:2500) revised.

There is no trace of this broch. (OSFI:JM:14.7.1982)