

NG 25 NW 9.00

NG 242 594

LOWER HALISTRA

Township: Crofting; Harbour

NG25NW 9 242 594.

The crofting township of Lower Halistra was created during the first half of the 19th century and may be identified as that block of land lying to the SW of the Trumpan road and NW of the Allt na Claise Moire. From the 1st edition of the OS 6-inch map (Island of Skye &c., Inverness-shire 1880, sheet ix) it is evident that it was bounded to the NW by a wall, which ran from NG 2433 5985 to the sea at NG 2379 5942. In the 20th century a new set of crofts was added to the NW of this wall, most of which are still occupied, but one group of buildings (some of them roofed at the time of the 1st edition (op.cit.)), in a croft immediately beyond the wall have been abandoned and are included in this

(Numbers in brackets refer to Dbase disc data, available as MS)

9.01 NG 2437 5980 Farmstead (64-5, 143)
 9.02 NG 2447 5968 Farmstead (67-8, 144)
 9.03 NG 2427 5939 Farmstead (69-71, 145)
 9.04 NG 2447 5944 Farmstead (72-3, 146)
 9.05 NG 2461 5955 Farmstead (74-5, 147)
 9.06 NG 2409 5943 Farmstead (77-8)
 9.07 NG 2418 5937 Building (79)
 9.08 NG 242 598 Buildings (184-7)
 9.09 NG 241 590 Harbour

(1:10,000 map overlay of survey information is available on request)
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NG 25 NW 9.01 NG 2437 5980

LOWER HALISTRA
 Farmstead

NG25NW 9.01 2437 5980.

This farmstead, which lies immediately SW of the public road to Trumpan, comprises two buildings on the NE side of an enclosure; both buildings are shown as roofed on the 1st edition of the OS 6-inch map (Island of Skye &c, Inverness-shire 1880, sheet ix). The more easterly building is severely robbed, but the more westerly building measures 14.6m from NW to SE by 6m transversely over low stony banks.

(WAT 90 64-5, 143)

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NG 25 NW 9.02 NG 2447 5968

LOWER HALISTRA
 Farmstead

NG25NW 9.02 2447 5968.

This farmstead, which is situated at the head of a croft to the SW of the public road to Trumpan, comprises two buildings and an attached enclosure; both buildings are shown as roofed on the 1st edition of the OS 6-inch map (Island of Skye &c Inverness-shire 1880, sheet ix). The building on the NE of the enclosure has a central door between two windows and measures 9.2m from NW to SE by 4.3m transversely within rubble-faced walls 0.9m in thickness and 1.5m in height. That to the SW side, a two compartment structure with an entrance on the SE side and outshot to the NE, measures 7.9m from NE to SW by 3.9m transversely within similar walls.

(WAT 90 67-8, 144)

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LOWER HALISTRA
Farmstead

NG25NW 9.03 2427 5939.

This farmstead, which is situated on the S side of the public road to Port na Cagain, comprises three buildings and an enclosure. Two of the buildings form an L-shaped block which is shown as roofed on the 1st edition of the OS 6-inch map (Island of Skye &c., Inverness-shire 1880 sheet ix), but the third building to the E is a later addition, which is roofed on the 2nd edition (ibid, 1904 ix). The main wing of the L-shaped block is a two compartment, windowed sub-rectangular structure with square internal angles and an entrance in its W side, measuring 11.5m from N to S by 4m transversely within rubble-faced walls 1m in thickness and 1.6m in height. The W wing, which is similarly built, measures 6.1m in length and 3.3m in breadth with an entrance in the W end. The secondary building is a small outbuilding measuring 5.1m in length by 3m in breadth.

(WAT 90 69-71, 145)

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NG 25 NW 9.04

NG 2447 5944

LOWER HALISTRA
Farmstead

NG25NW 9.04 2447 5944.

This farmstead, which lies in the middle of a croft on the E side of a small tributary of the Allt na Claise Moire, comprises two parallel buildings and an open-ended enclosure. Both buildings, which are shown unroofed on the 1st edition of the OS 6-inch map (Island of Skye &c., Inverness-shire 1880, sheet ix), are sub-rectangular structures: the more westerly measuring 10.3m from NE to SW by 4m transversely within rubble-faced walls 1.2m in thickness and 0.7m in height and an entrance on its SE side; the more easterly building is of similar construction, 6.6m in length by 3.1m in breadth and has an entrance on the E side. (WAT90 72-3, 146).

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NG 25 NW 9.05

NG 2461 5955

LOWER HALISTRA
Farmstead

NG25NW 9.05 2461 5955.

This farmstead, which is situated at the head of a croft on the SW side

of the public road to Trumpan, just before the turning to Port na Cagain, comprises two buildings and an enclosure, both buildings being shown roofed on the 1st edition of the OS 6-inch map (Island of Skye &c., Inverness-shire 1880, sheet ix) and abandoned by the time of the 2nd edition survey (ibid 1904 ix). Both buildings are sub-rectangular with square internal angles: that along the SW side of the enclosure measures 10.6m from NW to SE by 4.2m transversely within rubble-faced walls 1m in thickness and 0.9m in height, with an entrance on the SW side while that on the SE side measures 8.7m from NE to SW by 3.9m transversely with similar walls standing to 1.5m in height.
(WAT 90 74-5, 147)

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NG 25 NW 9.06

NG 2409 5943

LOWER HALISTRA
Farmstead

NG25NW 9.06 2409 5943.

This farmstead, which is situated on the E bank of a small unnamed burn, just behind the modern cottage at the S end of the croft, formerly included a building, shown roofed on the 1st edition of the OS 6-inch map (Island of Skye &c., Inverness-shire 1880, sheet ix), and an enclosure, on the site of the modern cottage. The surviving ruins include a long building, an outbuilding and a small hut, which is tucked into the gully of the burn. The long building, also roofed on the 1st edition (op.cit.), measures 9.1m from N to S by 3.3m transversely within walls 0.8m in thickness and 1.5m in height with an entrance to the E side and an outshot to the S.

(WAT90 77-8)

Visited by RCAHMS (PJD) 1 October 1990.

NG 25 NW 9.07

NG 2418 5937

LOWER HALISTRA
Building

NG25NW 9.07 2418 5937.

This rectangular building, which is situated on the S side of the public road to Port na Cagain, is shown as roofed on the 2nd edition of the OS 6-inch map (Island of Skye &c., Inverness-shire 1904, sheet ix) and appears to replace a smaller structure on the same site (see ibid 1880). It still survives, if somewhat decayed, the principal rafters of the roof being 1.3m apart, supporting a ridge beam and covering of turf over saw-mill cut timbers. Terraced into the slope at the N end with a window to the S of an entrance in the E side, it measures 12m from NE to SW by 3.8m transversely within rubble-faced walls 0.95m in thickness and 1.6m in height. The enclosure shown on the 1st edition OS map does not survive, nor does the building 10m to the W (op. cit.).

(WAT90 79)

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NG 25 NW 9.08

NG 242 598

LOWER HALISTRA
 Buildings

NG25NW 9.08 242 598.

There are four buildings, in two groups of two along the S edge of the public road to Trumpan at the head of the croft to the W of the old stone dyke. The eastern pair are depicted as roofed on the 1st edition of the OS 6-inch map (Island of Skye &c., Inverness-shire 1880, sheet ix) and the road has truncated the NE side of the more westerly of the two buildings. Of the westerly pair, the W building is a two compartment structure on the same axis as the road and the other is a small outbuilding at right angles.

(WAT90 184-187)

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 NG 25 NW 9.09

NG 241 590

PORT NA CAGAIN
 Harbour

NG25NW 9.09 241 590.

To the N of the issues of the Allt na Claise Moire is a small harbour formed by two rubble-built causeways; the larger and longer on the seaward side, about 5m thick; the other extending for 36m from the HWMOST is 4.2m thick. There is a channel about 20m wide between the causeways, which, together with the harbour, is partially silted up. Visited by RCAHMS (DCC) 2 October 1990.

 NG 25 NW 10.00

NG 242 592

PEINSTAPHEN
 Township: Crofting; Mill

NG25NW 10 242 592.

This township lies to the W and SW of the junction of the Trumpan and Geary roads and is bounded to the N and W by the Allt na Claise Moire and the sea-shore. The southern extent is bounded by a straight drystone wall aligned from NNE to SSW from the road junction to the shore.

The farm of Peine Staptine is first documented in a rent roll of 1683 of the MacLeod estate (R C MacLeod 1928, Vol.I) and in 1788 when there were four married couples, fourteen children and five unmarried adults (SR0 GD 9/3 Abstract Minutes of the British Fisheries Society 1786-1788).