

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL



FIELD MONUMENTS

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES AND MONUMENTS RECORD

4 DISTRICT INVERNESS		5 PARISH ARDERSIER		1 SITE CODE H N H 7 5 N E 0 0 2	
7 AREA STATUS		8 SITE STATUS SCHEDULED		2 NGR N H 7 8 2 2 5 5 5 6	
11 CONCORDANCE OS NH75 NE 2		12 FORM STANDING STRUCTURE = EARTHWORK		3 QUAL CE	
16 RELATIONSHIP OF ELEMENTS		13 DIMENSIONS c6.0m HIGH SUMMIT c25.0m DIAMETER		6 SITE NAME C R O M A L M O U N T *	
17 CONDITION MUTILATED		10 GENERIC TYPE MOTTE ?		14 PERIOD/DATE LM	
20 LAND USE ENCLOSED LAND		21 GEOLOGY		15 DATING METHOD TYP	
22 SOILS		23 VEGETATION		18 SHAPE CIRCULAR	
24 HYDROLOGY/DRAINAGE		25 RELIEF HILLOCK SUMMIT		19 THREAT AND DATE	
26 ASPECT 360		27 ALTITUDE 40=45m OD *			
28 EXCAVATION (EXCAVATOR: DATE: EXTENT: QUALITY)					
29 BIBLIOGRAPHY (AUTHOR: DATE: TITLE: JOURNAL OR PUBLISHER: VOLUME: DETAIL)					
1. ORDNANCE SURVEY:1870:25" MAP 2. MATHESON, J:1845:NEW STATISTICAL ACCOUNT:14:p470-1 3. WALLACE, TD:1882-3:TRANS. OF INVERNESS SCI.SOC. & FIELD CLUB:VOL.2:p202 4. MACKENZIE, Wm:1727:MEDIEVAL CASTLE IN SCOTLAND: 5. BARRON, J:1906-12:TRANS. OF INVERNESS SCI.SOC. & FIELD CLUB:VOL.7; 6. HBM(SDD):1985:LIST OF SCHEDULED MONUMENTS: OVER...					
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 A BRASS PIN FROM CROMWELL'S FORT ARDERSIER WAS IN THE N.INSTITUTION 1827				42 MUSEUM/LOCATION NOT LOCATED	
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 AR:1.12.1986	
				51 CHECK: DATE FS 17/12/1986	

52 TEXT

"NH 7822 5556. Cromal Mount. Fort (remains of)." (1) "Cromal, or Tom, Mhoit, corrupted into Cromwell's Mount, is circular, c20' (6.21m) high, with its top surrounded by a rampart about 5' (1.5m) high, and which is nearly straight on the W side. An earthen mound once formed a raised approach on the SE; on its removal a section of the rampart in the same arc was also destroyed but revealed a layer of small calcined, or decomposing, stones level with the interior area and exposed fragments of charred wood in the section of the rampart." (2) (3) "Cromall (popularly Cromwell's) Mount is a 'saucer-mote' with a mound of slight elevation and a diameter of 50' (15.3m) within a ditch and rampart. It may not have had a bailey - or this has disappeared." (4) "A brass pin from Cromwell's Fort, Ardersier is listed (item No.139) in an inventory of the Northern Institutions Museum, 1827. This pin may well have been lost between then and 1877, but could be in the present Inverness Museum. Donated by Sir. TD Lauder." (OSFI:JH:17.6.1963) over...

6."* Also known as 'Tom Mhoit', 'Cromal Mhoit', or 'Cromwell's Mount'."

27. "'* Spot height of 46m OD."

29. 7. SOC.ANT.SCOT.:1979:ARCH. SITES & MONS. OF NE INVERNESS:RCAHMS:p25,No.187

52. "Cromal Mount, a possibly artificial, but more likely natural, sandy hillock on the brink of a raised beach. The sides have partly been scarped and the top levelled, and an earthen rampart (up to 4.0m wide and 1.0m max. height) has been placed around the brink of the summit enclosing a roughly D-Shaped area measuring 35.0m NNW-SSE by 25.0m. The original approach was probably in the E on the line of the modern approach, but quarrying here and in the S has destroyed the rampart and the entrance, and probably the alleged ditch. Some 20.0m E of the base of the hillock is an earthen embankment up to 10.0m wide and 2.5m high surmounted by a modern wall. It is uncertain if this is contemporary with the site or later. The summit of the mound has been mutilated by a concrete water tank. The site appears to be medieval rather than pre-historic, and probably has been a motte."(OSFI:AA:14.9.1973) "NH 782 556 Cromal Mount, Motte, Ardersier."(6)
"Cromal Mount. This motte has been scarped from a natural mound which occupies a slight promontory sand-digging has removed all traces of a ditch which may guarded the line of easiest approach. The mound stands about 6.0m high of a level summit about 25.0m in diameter within a bank up to 15m high."(7)