

## HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL



## FIELD MONUMENTS

## ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES AND MONUMENTS RECORD

1 SITE CODE		H	N	H	7	6	S	W	O	1	4				
2 NGR		N	H	7	1	0	6	6	4	2	4	3 QUAL			
6 SITE NAME		P	O	Y	N	T	Z	P	I	E	L	D			
10 GENERIC TYPE		HOUSE, MANSION													
14 PERIOD/DATE		1757					AD		15 DATING METHOD						
18 SHAPE		TYP													
19 THREAT AND DATE															
4 DISTRICT		ROSS & CROMARTY					5 PARISH								
7 AREA STATUS		LAND BUILT UPON					9 REGIONAL STATUS								
8 SITE STATUS		SDD: 'A' LISTED					12 FORM								
11 CONCORDANCE		osNH76SW(M1)					13 DIMENSIONS								
16 RELATIONSHIP OF ELEMENTS		REUSED AS RESTAURANT					17 CONDITION								
20 LAND USE		LAND BUILT UPON					21 GEOLOGY								
22 SOILS							23 VEGETATION								
24 HYDROLOGY/DRAINAGE							25 RELIEF					26 ASPECT		27 ALTITUDE	
							LEVEL GROUND					360°		35=61m OD	
28 EXCAVATION (EXCAVATOR: DATE: EXTENT: QUALITY)															
29 BIBLIOGRAPHY (AUTHOR: DATE: TITLE: JOURNAL OR PUBLISHER: VOLUME: DETAIL)															
1. SOC.ANT.SCOT.:1979:ARCH. SITES & MONS. OF THE BLACK ISLE:RCAHMS:p22															
2. CLOSE-BROOKS,J:1986:EXPLORING SCOTLAND'S HERITAGE, THE HIGHLANDS:HMSO:p78															
3. HMB(SDD):1985:BSAHI LIST, ROSS & CROMARTY															
30 GROUND PLAN NO.						31 GROUND PHOTO NO.									
32 SLIDES NO.						33 HR. AP. NO.									
						86/08/2/018.									
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				
								FJ:17.12.1986			F.J:14.1.1987.				
52 TEXT															

"NH 7106 6424. Poyntzfield: The present mansion (formerly SDD listed: 'B', now SDD listed: 'A') dates from 1757. It is locally said to occupy the site of an earlier house. Portions of two late 17th century dormer window-pediments are preserved in the garden."(1)  
"See continuation card (1) for text and photo (2)."

(1)  
**Poyntzfield House, Ross and Cromarty**  
 18th century AD.  
 NH 710642. In the Black Isle, 8 km SW of  
 Cromarty, off B 9163. (Now a restaurant.)

HNH 76 SW 014

This charming 18th century house is a more modest affair than the great mansions of Foulis and Dunrobin, and it is representative of other laird's houses on the east coast and a few on the west. It is dated 1757 under the pediment. Once known as Ardoch, it was formerly the seat of the Gordons of Ardoch, but sold to a Munro in the late 18th century and renamed Poyntzfield, reputedly in honour of a Munro surnamed Poyntz. Its partial resemblance to Foulis Castle (no. 31), also a Munro house, is curious, and one wonders if the pediment, and the view room on top of the tower, were incorporated in deliberate imitation of the other house.

Poyntzfield has a main block of three storeys with two lower wings forming a courtyard in front, and is harled and painted. At the back is an octagonal stair-tower with a view room at the top and attractive ogee-domed slate roof. A drawing-room with decorative plaster frieze and an angled bay was added in the late 18th century; this is now the dining-room. Outside the front door are two carved stone pediments, formerly above dormer windows, one dated 1673, suggesting that there may have been an earlier house on the site.

There are two old sundials in the garden, one either side of the house. Along the north drive is a simple one-storey mill building with the crowstepped miller's house beside it.



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