

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES AND MONUMENTS RECORD

1 SITE CODE		H	N	H	7	7	N	W	0	1	8	
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6 SITE NAME		S	C	O	T	S	B	U	R	N	W	O

4 DISTRICT		5 PARISH		6 SITE NAME	
ROSS & CROMARTY		LOGIE EASTER		S C O T S B U R N W O O D 2	
7 AREA STATUS	8 SITE STATUS	9 REGIONAL STATUS		10 GENERIC TYPE	
11 CONCORDANCE OS NH77NW5	12 FORM SITE OF	13 DIMENSIONS		CAIRN	
NMR				14 PERIOD/DATE NE = BA	15 DATING METHOD TYP
16 RELATIONSHIP OF ELEMENTS		17 CONDITION DESTROYED		18 SHAPE	
				19 THREAT AND DATE	

20 LAND USE	APFORESTATION	21 GEOLOGY	
22 SOILS		23 VEGETATION	
24 HYDROLOGY/DRAINAGE	25 RELIEF STEEP HILLSLOPE	26 ASPECT SSW	27 ALTITUDE 130=137m OD

28 EXCAVATION (EXCAVATOR: DATE: EXTENT: QUALITY)	
29 BIBLIOGRAPHY (AUTHOR: DATE: TITLE: JOURNAL OR PUBLISHER: VOLUME: DETAIL) 1. ORDNANCE SURVEY: 1907: 6" MAP 2. WATSON, WJ: 1904: PLACE NAMES OF ROSS & CROMARTY: : p60 + Lxxxiii 3. ORDNANCE SURVEY: 1873: OBJECT NAME BOOK: 25: 24 4. ORDNANCE SURVEY: 1975: 1/10,000 MAP 5. SOC. ANT. SCOT: 1979: ARCH. SITES & MONS. IN EASTER ROSS: RCAHMS: p12, No. 59	
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
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48 ACCESS & RESTRICTIONS			
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52 TEXT
"See over fort text. See continuation card for supplemental text of the six cairns in this area."

A: (NH 7304 7644) Cairn HNH 77 NW 005
 B: (NH 7300 7649) Cairn HNH 77 NW 018
 C: (NH 7282 7673) Cairn H NH 77 NW 019
 D: (NH 7260 7687) Cairn HNH 77 NW 020
 E: (NH 7218 7679) Cairn HNH 77 NW 021
 F: (NH 7220 7669) Site of Cairn HNH 77 NW 022 (1)

Cairn nam Marbh (Dead Men's Cairn): This cairn and those in Scotsburn Wood are almost certain to mark the site of a battle. Neighbouring names are: "Lochan a' Chlaidheimh" - Sword Lochlet, and Bearnas a' Chlaidheimh" - Sword Cleft. (2)

. . . traditionally said to indicate an ancient battle between some Scottish forces and the Danes." (3)

In the area centred NH 7261 7667 on the S-facing slopes of Beirn an Lochain are, or have been, six cairns in the positions given. All are in an area that has been fairly recently reafforested.

Cairn A is a heather-covered mound 11.0m in diameter with a maximum height of 2.0m on the W. It has been ploughed and planted with young firs but this has at least served to show the stony content of the mound.

There are no remains of cairn B.

Cairn C is 13.0m N-S and has a fairly level top now of bare stone. The perimeter is covered (heather) except on the S side where the cairn is now skirted by a forestry road. The greatest height of the cairn is 1.0m.

Cairn D is 14.0m in diameter and has a maximum height of 1.2m. It consists of bare stone and just W of its centre a large slab stands on edge which together with a few other large stones nearby may form or have formed part of a chamber or cist. Any such feature is at present, however, obscured by the abundance of smaller rubble.

Cairn E has been much mutilated by ploughing and tree planting. It appears to have been 16.0m in diameter and is now generally level with the ground. In the centre of the cairn, four large slabs, one of which has fallen, form the NW end of a chamber 5.5m long and 3.0m wide, aligned NW-SE. The largest of these stones is set across the chamber, dividing it into two compartments. A passage 0.8m wide and 2.0m long can be discerned at the SE end marked by four stones, two set on each side.

There are no remains of cairn F.

No further information concerning the battle tradition.

(OSFI: RDL: 17.5.1963.)

Cairn "D" (NH 7260 7687) lies in the Forestry plantation, 550' above sea level on a S-facing hillside. (168m)
 It has been c. 50' in diameter and the remains are 3' to (15.4m)(0.9m)
 4' high. (1.2m)

Many of the orthostats of a chamber or passage can be identified, their tops, generally, level with the remains of the cairn. The entrance has been from the WNW c. 13' within the present edge of the cairn. The passage (4.1m)
 is 10'6" long and the chamber entrance 1'9" wide, The (3.4m)(0.5m)
 chamber, c. 14'6" long, has two compartments divided by a (4.5m)
 pair of transverse slabs with an entry between them.

Cairn "E" (NH 7218 7679) is in the Forestry plantation a little under 600' above sea level. The (183m)
 cairn material had been almost completely removed before the remains were ploughed through and planted. The diameter seems to have been c. 60'. (18.4m)

Most of the large stones which formed the chamber walls survive. The entrance was from the ESE. A pair of split slabs c. 10' within the apparent edge of the (3.0m)
 cairn form the entrance to a short passage 4'6" long (1.4m)
 which is divided from the chamber by a pair of transverse stones set 2'4" apart. (0.6m)

The chamber was c. 15' long, divided into two (4.7m)
 compartments by a pair of low massive stones. The lintel which had rested on these stones has fallen to the W. One stone remains on the S side of the outer compartment. The inner compartment, 6'6" wide, is defined by three (2.0m)
 stones, the back-slab having recently fallen forward.

(FROM HENSHALL, VOL. 2. APPLIES TO SITES 020 AND 021)

Cairn A: Not located.

Cairn B: No trace.

Cairn C: 15.5m in diameter and 1.2m high, truncated in the S by a forestry road. The centre has been partially removed but there is no trace of a chamber.

"D", sub-circular, measuring c. 15.5m NW-SE by c. 14.0m transversely, and 1.2m high. The dug-out centre shows one or two slabs of an Orkney-Cromarty chamber, entered from the SE, which is mainly obscured by debris.

"E" has probably measured about 15.0m in diameter, but most of the cairn has been removed, leaving exposed the orthostats of an Orkney-Cromarty chamber entered from the SE. Projecting NW from each end of the back slab are two more slabs on edge which appear to be the remains of a secondary chamber.

Cairn F: no trace. (OSFI: A A:14.3.1973.)

Re-surveyed at 1:2500.

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B: (NH 7300 7649) Cairn

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There are no remains of cairn B.

(OSFI:RDL:17.5.1963)

Cairn B: No trace.

(OSFI:AA:14.3.1973)

"NH 7300 7649. Cairn (site of)."

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"This cairn was destroyed before 1963."

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