

Croft 22, Port Henderson.

This croft is given an acreage of 29.75 on the 1845 estate map, but part of this allocation was not included in the final croft boundary, instead being part of the common grazing along with a croft marked 23 and never allocated as such. Today the croft is subdivided with one third tenanted and the remaining two thirds owned.

The croft contains part of the ruined fishing village and gardens of Port Henderson established in 1815(see separate description). A further continuation of the row of the village has been redeveloped as a garage and house that are still used, and to the E two original buildings are still roofed and used as a holiday house and storage barn. There is also one remaining wall of the known boat builders shed to be seen. In front of this a ruined slipway can just be detected. A local resident can remember when one of the children's summer tasks was to clear the 4 slipways in the township of boulders. The beach in front of the boat shed was known as 'the singing sands' because they squeaked when walked on.

The ground slopes gently N to the shoreline except to the S of the ruins where the steep slope of a raised beach drops to the garden area.

There are several lines of footings of stone dykes on the croft, including the divisions between the gardens.

The 1st OS shows the row of the fishing village as partially unroofed with the boat builders shed shown clearly at right angles to the houses for ease of launching the boats down the slipway. The 2nd OS now shows a separate house by the shore, known as 'Seacrest' and another at the S boundary of the croft known as 'Carnmore'. This house was burnt down and a modern house built to replace it to the N. The remaining wall of the original house is contained in a shed.

No wells were found on this croft.



Ruins of fishing village
on croft 22

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Two remaining roofed buildings of the fishing village, croft 22



Old postcard of croft 22, showing 'Seacrest' by the shore and the original 'Carnmore'. Inset a detail of the wall now used in shed.



The new 'Carnmore' with shed in background and part of fishing village garden in foreground.



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Looking W over the singing sands to croft 22

Remaining wall of the boat builders shed



Slipway below the boat builders shed.

Plan of Croft 22 known as 'Lota Rodaidh Mhorto' Port Henderson.
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