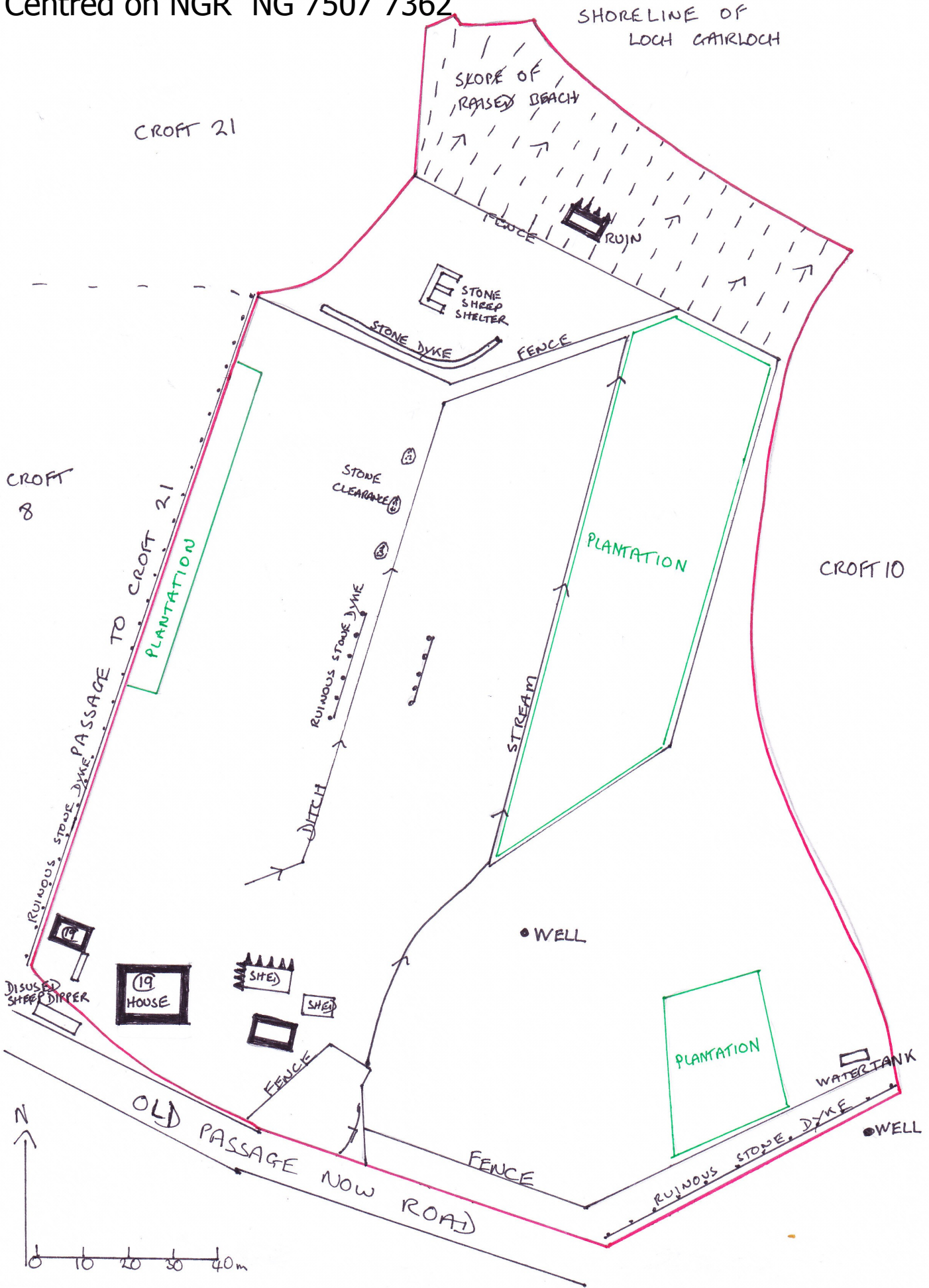


Croft 9 known as 'Lota Mhortisan'
Port Henderson
Centred on NGR NG 7507 7362



Croft 9, Port Henderson.

This croft is one of the largest crofts in Port Henderson with an acreage shown on the 1845 estate map of 8.25. The ground slopes gently from S to N until the steep raised beach at its northern end which drops steeply to the shore. It is well drained, and maintained, with plantations, and garden areas as well as being used for sheep management.

The 1st OS shows an unroofed ruin by the shore which can still be seen built into the slope of the raised beach (see separate description), and a smaller roofed building, and unroofed building in the SW of the croft. The smaller roofed building was a barn, is still roofed and used as a shed. The unroofed building may have been under construction as on the 2nd OS it is now roofed, and today having been extended and modernised is still lived in. From local knowledge we know that this was the later home of the shoemaker after the ruin by the shore. Attached to this house was the workshop of the shoemaker now removed. Three outbuildings of more recent construction are situated near the house.

There are several stone clearance piles, ruined stone dykes, and a more recent stone sheep shelter.

A well is situated at NG 75078 73569 GPS with cap stone still visible.

Between the croft boundary, and the road lies a sheep dipper now full of stones. A former local resident gave us a drawing of how she remembers the dipper and fank being used when a child.

In the SE of the croft lies a water tank that used to supply water probably from the same source as the well that lies just S of it known as Ali Eachanns well after a local resident.

The croft boundaries are marked with a post and wire fence, with remains of the estate iron fence remaining on the SE section.

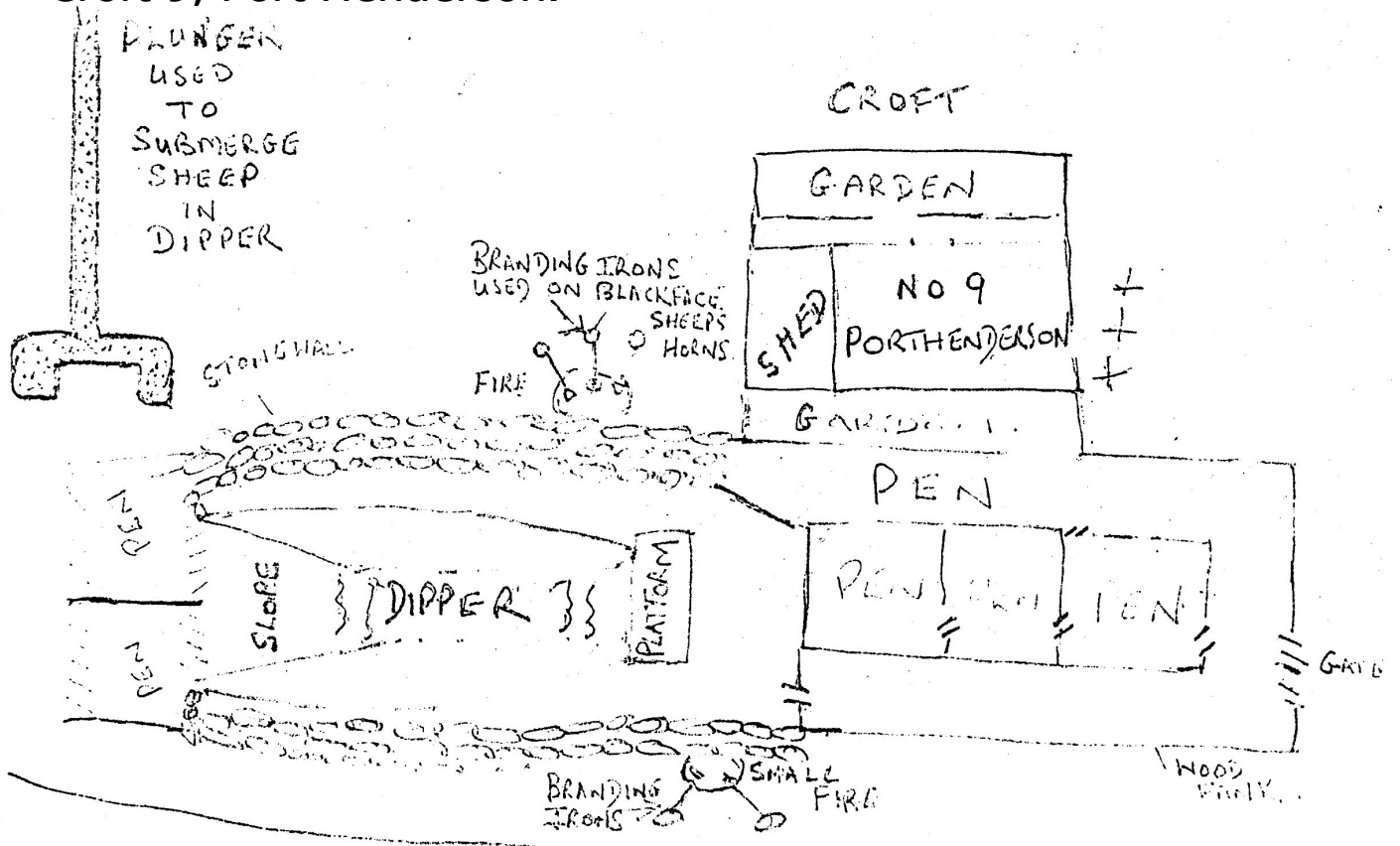


Well on croft 9



Ali Eachanns Well

Croft 9, Port Henderson.



The fank and dipper just S of croft 9 as it is today, with hand drawn diagram of how a local resident remembers it being used.

Croft 9, Port Henderson.

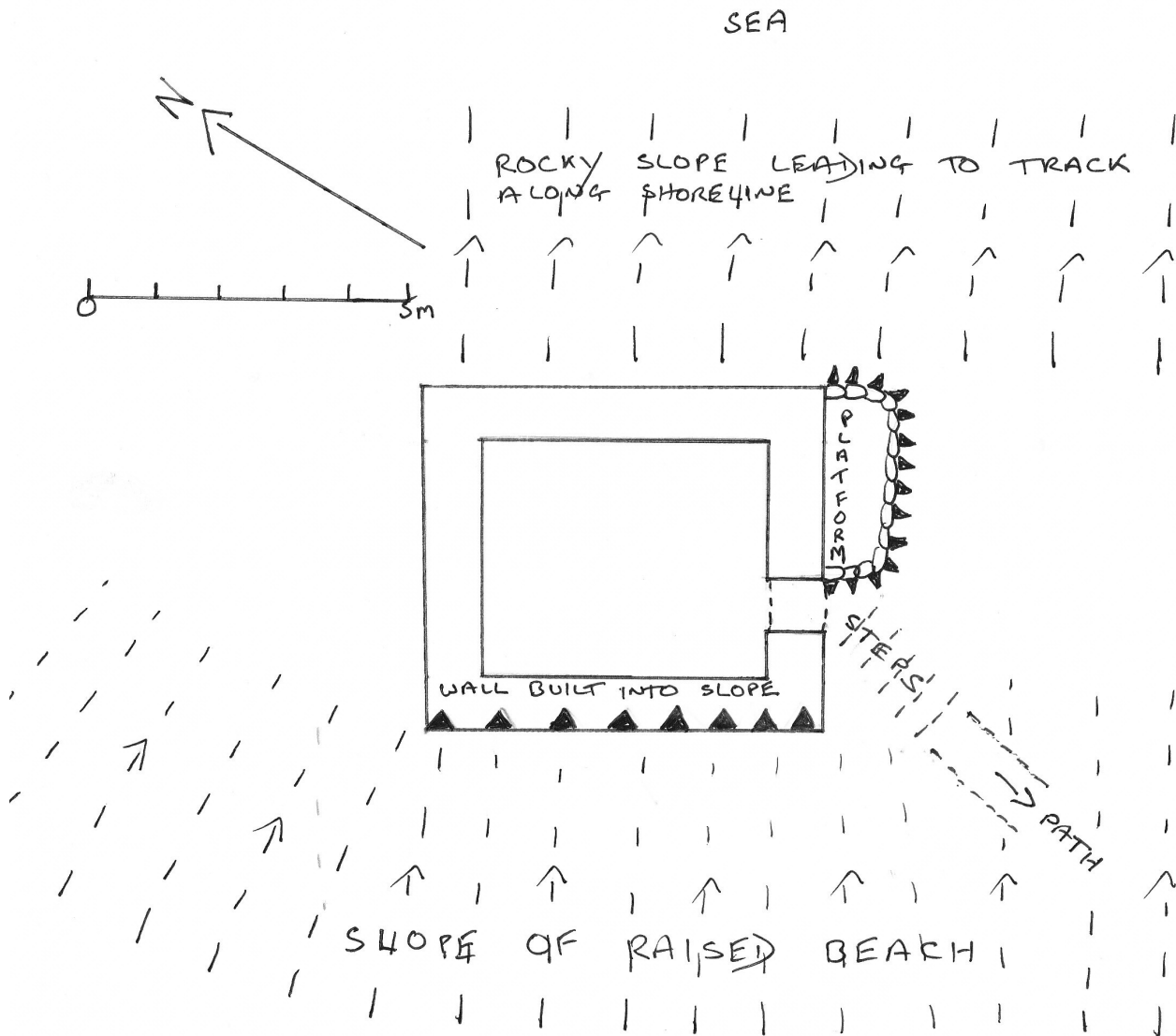


The Shoemakers Workshop



One of the surviving shoemakers wooden templates

RUIN BY SHORE ON CROFT 9 PORT HENDERSON.NG 75096 73737 GPS.ELEVATION 7m
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This ruin which is only 7 to 8m from the shoreline was known to have been the house of a local man before he built a house at the S edge of the croft by the road. It is just above the old track that ran in front of the precrofting fishing village around the bay, so is likely to be contemporary with it.

Built into the slope of the raised beach, with steps leading from the S side up the slope to a path, the remaining walls are roughly made of chosen stone with infill, and some boulders. They are 0.75m wide, and 0.75m to 1.0m high.

There is a small stone platform adjacent to the external S wall. The only visible opening is where the steps enter the building.

This ruin is shown on the Gairloch estate map and 1st and 2nd OS. It is not visible on any aerial photo, as it is swamped in bracken.

RUIN BY SHORE ON CROFT 9 PORT HENDERSON



SHOWING POSITION OF RUIN



LOOKING DOWN ON RUIN FROM TOP OF RAISED BEACH

LOOKING UP AT RUIN FROM BOTTOM OF SLOPE



RUIN BY SHORE ON CROFT 9 PORT HENDERSON



DETAIL OF W WALL BUILT INTO SLOPE OF RAISED BEACH



DETAIL OF N WALL SHOWING SOME CHOSEN STONES AND BOULDERS