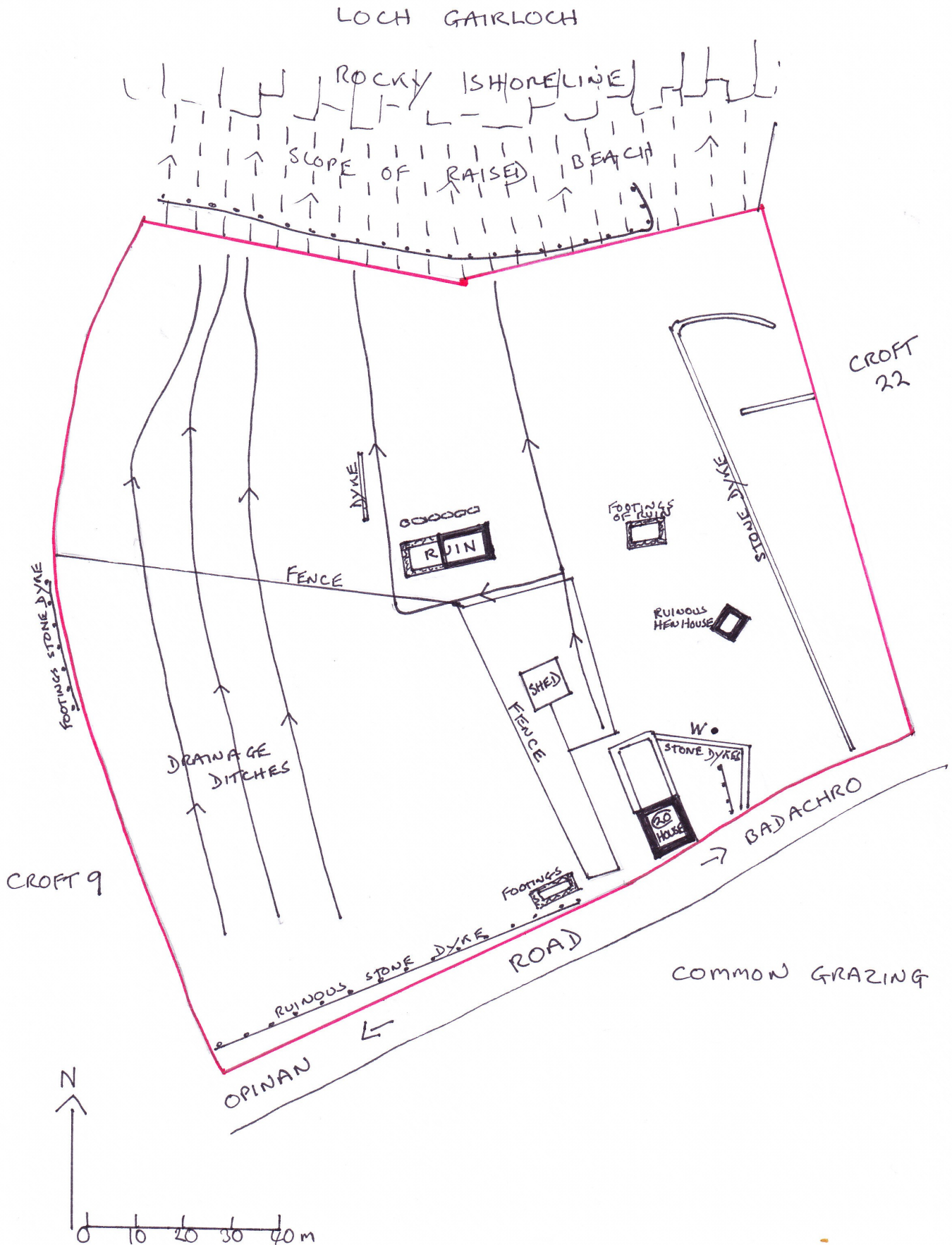


Plan of Croft 10 known as 'Lota Dhonnchadh Ruaidh'
Port Henderson
Centred on NGR NG 7523 7365



Croft 10, Port Henderson.

This croft is used today for the management of sheep. The estate map of 1845 gives it an acreage of 4.75. The ground slopes gently from SE to NW until the raised beach where it drops steeply to the rocky shore.

The first OS shows two roofed buildings in the centre of the croft and the 2nd OS has an additional two roofed buildings by the track.

Today the ruins of the larger building in the centre remain, (see separate description), and the smaller one as footings at NG 75266 73654 GPS measuring 5x4m. By the road one house is still used as a holiday house, and a few footings remain of the other at NG75250 73567 GPS measuring 3x9m. The stone from this probably went into the substantial wall around the remaining house.

There is also an unroofed stone henhouse at NG 75278 73621 GPS measuring 3.5m x3.0m with walls at 1.4m high and 0.5m wide.

There are several ruined stone dykes on the croft and numerous drainage ditches. An old well is situated just outside the stone dyke associated with the holiday house.

The croft is surrounded with a post and wire fence.



Remaining croft house beside the road, now used as holiday house, with substantial garden wall behind it.

Croft 10, Port Henderson.



Footings of building beside the road.



Ruined stone dyke



Ruined Henhouse

Croft 10, Port Henderson.

S of the road but associated with Croft 10, is a stone house built in the early 1900's as a cottars house now modernised and used as a holiday house. There are also the footings of two buildings at NG 75309 73527 GPS 5x3.5m and NG 75328 73527 GPS 2x4m built into the slope. It is not known what these were used for and they are not shown on any OS map. Alongside them runs a track S to Loch nan Eun. To the W of this loch are some of the main peat cuts for the township. The early OS maps show it as one loch but the gentleman who built the cottars house decided to build a causeway to bring the peats back a shorter route, and the causeway that at first was wide enough for a wheel barrow is now 35m wide. There is a modern bungalow built on an apportionment to croft 10 just S of the road. In the garden of the bungalow there is a stone called the urine stone or 'Clach an Fhuail'.



The Urine Stone with stone cottars house beyond



Ruin built into the bank



Footings of ruin S of road

Croft 10, Port Henderson



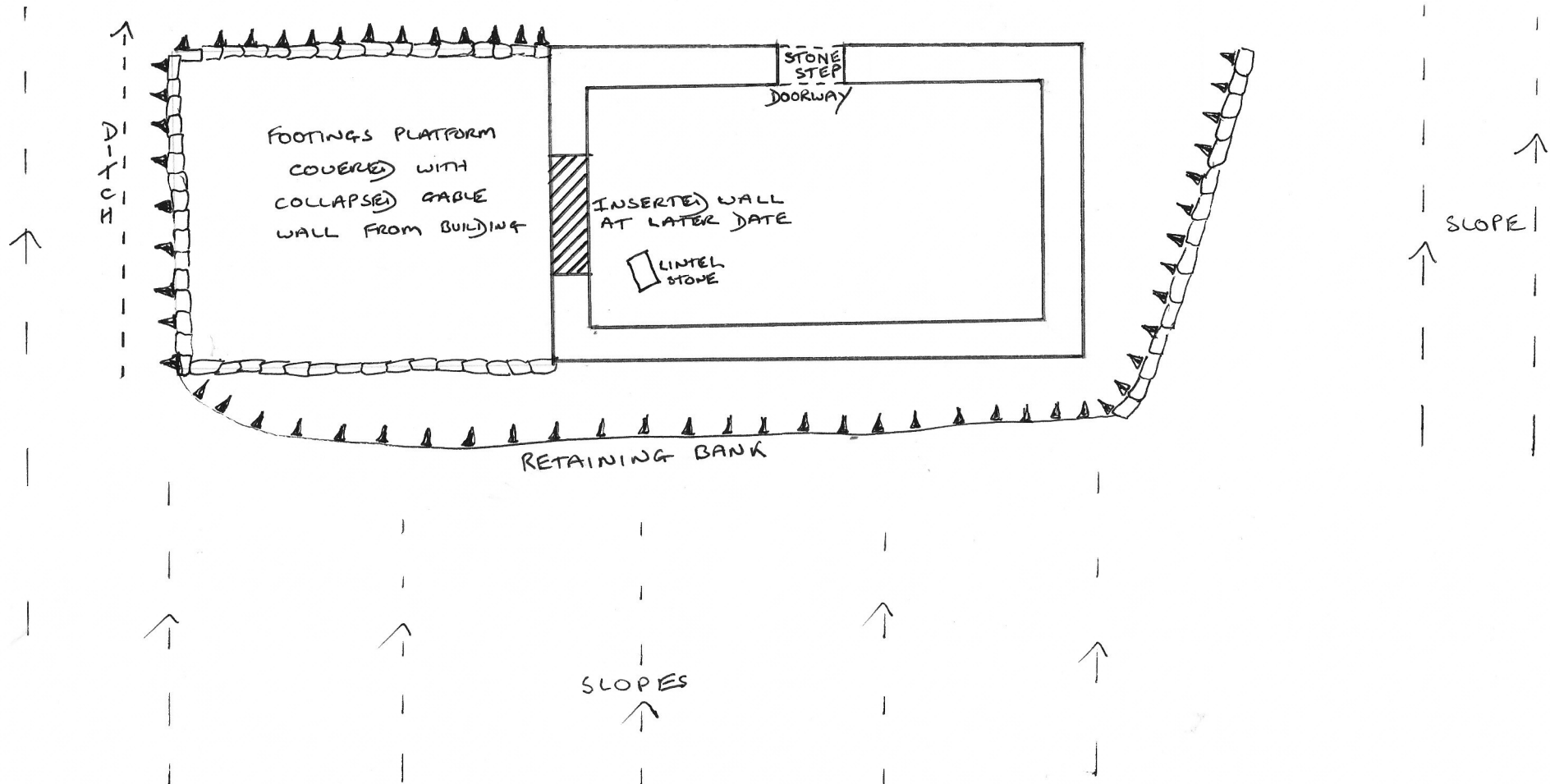
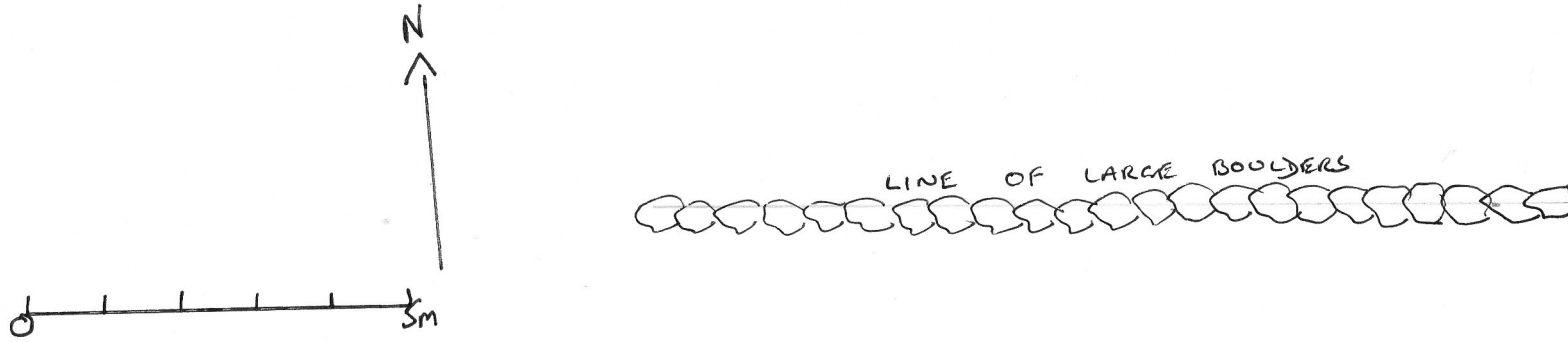
The track leading S to Loch nan Eun and the peat cuts

The cause way across the loch



Looking from the track W towards the peat cuts

RUIN ON CROFT 10 PORT HENDERSON. NG 75224 73644 GPS ELEVATION 20m. SURVEYED ON 04-02-10



RUIN ON CROFT 10 PORT HENDERSON

This unroofed ruin is situated on a gentle N to S slope running down to the shoreline of Loch Gairloch. It is shown as roofed on both the 1st and 2nd OS maps, and is shown as roofed in 1954 on aerial photographs.

It is an upstanding ruin with adjoining platform of another ruinous structure which only has footings remaining under the tumble from the collapsed gable wall of the ruin.



LOOKING SE AT COLLAPSED GABLE WALL AND RUIN

The walls are constructed with dressed and chosen stone that is layered with snecking. They range in height from 0.5m on the tumbled section to 3.75m at the gable end and have an average thickness of 0.60m. Local knowledge from the crofting family says that this was the original croft house (there is no other sizeable building on 1st OS) but it was latterly used as a byre.



LOOKING E THROUGH COLLAPSED GABLE AT RUIN WALLS

RUIN ON CROFT 10 PORT HENDERSON

There is certainly evidence of the building being reworked from its original construction as there is an inserted collapsed wall in the W gable and possible rebuilding on the E gable. There is only a door visible in the ruins with no filled in windows. Behind the ruin is a retaining wall built into the slope, and to the W a ditch to aid drainage.



LOOKING W AT COLLAPSED INSERTED GABLE WALL



LOOKING NE THROUGH DOORWAY



LOOKING E AT GABLE WALL

It is possible that the footings end of the ruin was the house ,with the existing ruin a barn/byre.