

FORT, FLAY HILL, CRICHTON, (Inventory No. 59). There is nothing to add to the Inventory ~~and~~ account. It is a simple curvilinear earthwork with a single rampart, standing in a dominating position. There is no trace of stonework in the rampart at the present time, but its construction is uncertain in the absence of excavation. The work is probably an Early Iron Age fort.

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xv N.W.

24 May 1955.

NT 36 SE

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Midlothian

FORT, LONGFAUGH, (Inventory No. 60). There is nothing to add to the Inventory account and plan. The work is probably an Early Iron Age fort and appears to belong to the circular type common in East Lothian (e.g. Kidlaw No. 259).

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24 May 1955.

NT 46 SW

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FORT, LAWHEAD, (Inventory No. 103). The Inventory plan and description are satisfactory as far as they go, but it would be possible to make a plan showing the complete outline of the fort as there are still faint traces of the rampart and ditch on the SE. side of the dyke.

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27 May 1955.

NT 26 SW

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Midlothian

FORT, HERIOT STATION (Inventory No. 107). The inventory account is satisfactory, and the size of the work together with the existence of double ramparts allows the designation Fort.

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8 June 1954.

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FORT, CORSEHOPE RINGS, MID HILL, (Inventory No. 108). The Inventory description of the defences is adequate. The ramparts are all of dump construction and individually have never presented much of an obstacle, although they were presumably topped with palisading. The ditches are simply external quarry pits and in many cases do not occupy the whole of the space between the ramparts.

About a dozen huts are visible, apparently coeval <sup>with</sup> ~~to~~ the visible defences or with an earlier palisade following the same circuit. They are of ring-ditch rather than ring-groove type, and measure some 35-ft.- 40 ft. over the ditch which is 4 ft. - 5 ft. in width. The huts have been grafted on to the Inventory Plan in P.S.A.S. lxxxiii, 2.

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10 June 1954.

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FORT, HILLEND HILL. This fort has consisted of an inner wall with the addition of an exterior wall or rampart on the more vulnerable W.<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>: the latter element may have been continued on the E.<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> <sup>also</sup> ~~one~~, although no trace of it is now visible. The fort has been plundered of its stone, and subsequently brought under cultivation so that it is in the last stages of decay. The only superficial remains of the inner wall consist of a line of outer facing stones, one course in height, on the N. side and a ~~limited~~ <sup>little</sup> stony core elsewhere. The facing stones are untrimmed boulders about 18 ins. in length.

The outer defence is now represented merely by terrace which lies 15 ft. below the inner wall on the W. and 15 ft. below it on the S. The entrance on the N. side is probably original but the gap on the E. is more likely to be due to cultivation. An oval depression marked on the plan may be the site of a hut, but otherwise the interior is featureless. ?our plan

The knoll on which the fort stands is 20 ft. in height on the W. side where a narrow gully separates it from Caerketton, and is 20-30 ft. higher than a lunate shelf which breaks the slopes on the S. and E. sides. The slope to the N. is longer and steeper. Some slight traces can be seen of a quarry-terrace behind the inner wall and this was doubtless a continuous feature.

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Midlothian

FARMSTEAD, SYMINGTON, HILLHEAD, (Inventory No. 237). Although the Inventory describes this as a fort, it is clearly a farmstead of post-medieval date. The enclosure wall is not defensive, and nothing was seen of the supposed circular structures in the interior.

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xxiii N.E.

10 June 1954

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## Midlothian

EARTHWORK, CAMP WOOD, (Inventory No. 187). There is nothing to add to the plan and account given in the Inventory. The main enclosure, whose rampart has probably been faced with boulders, may be an Early Iron Age fort in view of its situation on a ridge top, but this is by no means certain. The inner enclosures are enigmatic, and I have no opinions on their age or purpose. Superficially the larger of the two bears a resemblance to the earthworks on ~~on~~ Whitcastle Hill, Roxburghshire.

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viii S.E.

24 May 1955.

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FORT, HALLTREE RINGS, CHAPEL HILL, (Inventory No. 234). There is nothing to add to the Inventory account, and the fort seems never to have possessed more than a single rampart.

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10 June 1954.

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FORT, HODGE CAIRN, SHANK WOOD, BROCKHOUSE BURN, (Inventory No. 235).  
The plantation that formerly covered this site has recently been felled,  
but the Inventory account is satisfactory and no plan is required.  
The work is unquestionably an Early Iron Age fort.

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Midlothian

SETTLEMENT, MIDDLE HILL, (Inventory No. 236). The **I**nventory plan and account are satisfactory, although the work is a settlement, similar to that at Soon Hope Burn (East Lothian) and not a fort.

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FORT, CRAIGEND, (Inventory No. 239). The inventory account is satisfactory, and the appellation Fort seems justified.

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FORT (?), WATHERSTON. (Inventory No. 240). This is an unusual monument and is difficult to classify. The outer rampart has been a boulder-faced rubble wall of the kind used in the Roxburghshire homesteads, while the inner wall, which is now almost entirely destroyed, appears to have been of solid stone construction. The medial ditch has also been something more than a mere drainage trench. The interior is in a very disturbed condition, but the "circular construction" in the NE. angle is a quarry-pit, as are the two others shown on the plan outside and to the NE. of the enclosure. The three supposed huts ranged against the W. wall are merely hollows of no definite shape and could well be quarries, while the others tentatively indicated on the plan are highly suspect. There are however seven or eight scooped courts in the interior (arranged in three tiers), only two of which (i.e. the courts) are properly shown on the plan. The upper, or S, sites, are excavated into sloping ground and are generally crescentic on plan: Each one opens on to a member of the next tier at the front. These courts could be platforms for huts but no definite hut walling is visible at any point. The site lies on sloping ground immediately below the crest of a spur, and its classification as a fort in the Inventory is open to question. Although larger, it bears some resemblance to the work at Over Hartside, Channelkirk.

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ENCLOSURE, CORTLEFERRY, (Inventory No. 241). The Inventory account and plan are satisfactory. The hut circle is not certain, but very probable, so that two periods of occupation seem to be represented, i.e. a settlement with at least <sup>one</sup> ~~single~~ round hut, followed by a re-occupation and the construction of the rectangular building.

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xxi S.E.(unnoted)

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EARTHWORK, TARGEITH KNOWE. Targeith Knowe is a narrow elongated ridge, some 50 ft. in height, which extends westwards from Swanston Cottage for a quarter of a mile along the foot of Caerketton Hill. Across the top of the ridge, about 80 yds. from the W. end, there is a slightly curved ditch measuring 20 - 30 ft. in width but not more than 2 ft. in present depth (Fig. ). The ditch is interrupted near the centre by an unexcavated causeway 10 ft. in width. Although there are now no signs of any further defences, it seems probable that the ditch represents the E. side of an earthwork whose other three sides followed the margin of the summit area of the ridge and have been destroyed by former cultivation. If this is the case the work will have measured overall about 250 ft. from E. to W. by 110 ft. transversely.

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vii N.E. (unnoted).

12 April 1956.

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EARTHWORK, MAIDEN CASTLE, ROSLIN. One mile NE. of Roslin, the River Esk, flowing in a deep gorge, makes a tight loop round a narrow, elongated<sup>w</sup> rocky spur which lies approximately NW. and SE. and is known as The Maiden Castle. The ends of the spur are only gently inclined, but the SW. side rises fairly steeply to a height of about 60 ft. above the haugh while the opposite (NE.) side is formed by a precipitous cliff face. Although no artificial defences are marked on the O.S. map, the spur has been fortified at some time in the past, the remains of two ramparts and a medial ditch being visible running on a slight curve across the level ground at the NW. end as shown on the plan (Fig. ). Both ramparts were evidently of massive proportions but have been heavily reduced by later cultivation. Where best preserved, the inner rampart stands to a height of one foot above the interior ground surface and 6 ft. above the present bottom of the ditch, while the outer rampart measures up to 18 ins. in height internally and 5ft. 6 ins. in height externally. The ditch has also been a formidable obstacle with an effective<sup>width</sup> ditch of about 25 ft. A gap near the N. end of the outer rampart may represent an original entrance, but the point cannot be established without excavation as the stretch of inner rampart opposite this gap is masked by a dense growth of whins. No traces can be seen of any corresponding defences at the SE. end of the spur where, however, the ground has been much<sup>disturbed</sup> obstructed by hollow tracks and by quarrying. <sup>The</sup> Surface of the spur is covered with rough pasture and whins and shows no sign of structures.

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viii S.W. (unnoted).

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The following buried features are visible as crop-markings on National Survey air-photographs:-

(1) EARTHWORK, THE CHESTERS (Borthwick). About two-thirds of the perimeter of an earthwork, now levelled by cultivation, in the field known as <sup>half a mile</sup> the Chesters, ~~half a mile~~ NW. of Borthwick Castle. The earthwork, which straddles the crest of a ridge at a height of 700 ft. O.D., was oval on plan, and was defended by a single rampart and an external ditch: the overall measurements are approximately 380 ft. from NW. to SE. by 270 ft. transversely. On the W. side, about 30 yds. from the NW. apex, there is an entrance from 10 ft. to 15 ft. in width, on either side of which the ditch terminals are in-turned for a short distance. (1)

(1) CPE/SCOT/UK 310, 5015 - 6.

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xiv N.E. ("Fort, site of").

10 June 1954.

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(2) EARTHWORK, STONEFIELD HILL (Carrington). The ditch of a circular earthwork, about 300 ft. in diameter, on the flat top of a slight ridge a quarter of a mile SE. of Stonefield Hill farm and at a height of 550 ft. O.D. A crop-mark of a lighter tone, which encloses the dark crop-mark of the ditch on the NE. half of the work, suggests the presence of an external bank, and there are vague indications of two opposed entrances on the NW. and SE. arcs respectively. The foregoing structural features, the presence of a nearby stream, and the name Stonefield Hill, which, if it refers to this site, might conceivably be derived from a setting of standing stones which once stood in the central area, suggest that the work may be a "henge" monument. (1)

(1) CPE/SCOT/UK 310, 5118 - 9. For monuments of this class cf.

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xiv N.W. (unnoted).

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(3) ENCLOSURE, CRAW HILL (Ratho). The double ditches of a D-shaped enclosure on the E. flank of Craw Hill, 500 yds. NNE. of Hatton House and at a height of 450 ft. O.D. The ditches are from 40 ft. to 70 ft. apart, and the enclosure measures about 130 ft. by 90 ft. internally. (1)

(1) 106G/SCOT/UK 140, 5157-8.

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vi N.W. (unnoted).

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(4) ENCLOSURE, BABERTON MAINS (Currie). The single ditch of a nearly rectangular enclosure on the top of a low ridge a quarter of a mile W. of Baberton Mains. The enclosure measures approximately 220 ft. from N. to S. by 250 ft. transversely and there appears to be an entrance causeway across the ditch in the centre of the N. side. (1)

(1) 106G/SCOT/UK 140, 5148-9.

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vii N.W. (unnoted).

25 April 1955.

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Numlink 51816

(5) EARTHWORK, ROSLIN (Lasswade). A segment of a curvilinear earthwork with triple ditches on the S. side of the road leading into Roslin from the SW., a hundred yards W. of the Free Church. The northern portion of the earthwork lies under houses on the opposite side of the road, and the southern portion has likewise been built over since the air photographs were taken. (1)

(1) 106G/SCOT/UK 140, 5035-6.

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(6) ENCLOSURE, DRYDEN MAINS (Lasswade). The single ditch of an irregularly-shaped enclosure 100 yds. S. of Dryden Mains. The enclosure has two straight sides and one curved, and measures approximately 200 ft. from N. to S. by 160 ft. from E. to W. (1)

(1) F. 21. 58 R.A.F. 1097, 0193-4.

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vii S.E. (unnoted).

8 April 1954.

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