

**Report of Archaeological Watching Brief
12th July 2003
Tanglewood, Old Allangrange, Munloch
NH 62566 / 51555**

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Non-Technical Summary

Stuart Farrell was commissioned by Mr. Gammie in July 2003 to undertake an archaeological watching brief at Tanglewood, Old Allangrange, by Munlochry (NH 62566/51555) as part of a development for a garage. Highland Council Archaeology Unit produced a specification for this work.

Work revealed no archaeological features or deposits.

No recommendations for further work have been proposed.

1. Introduction

This report is for an archaeological watching brief conducted on behalf of Mr. Gammie by the author for a garage plot at Tanglewood, Old Allangrange, by Munloch.

The fieldwork was conducted on the 12th of July 2003.

2. Acknowledgements

I would like to thank the following for their help during the work:

- Mr. Gammie;
- Staff of Highland Council Archaeology Unit;
- Staff of Highland Council Archives.

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Figure 1 – General Location – Site Circled



Figure 2 – Development Plan

Left – Wall plan

Right – Foundation Plan

Below – Site plan 1:200

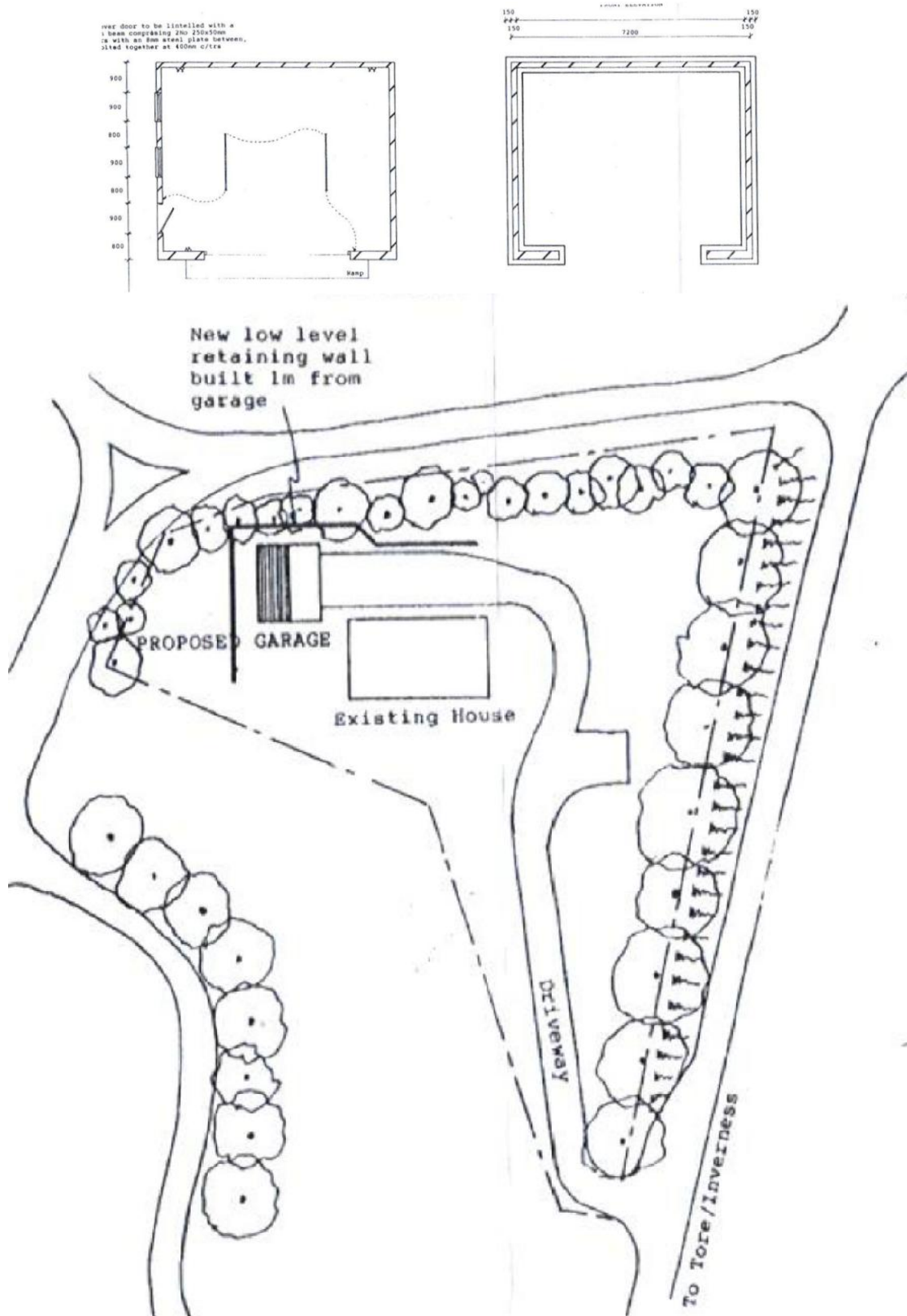


Figure 3 – Area of Watching brief in relation to Site Plan 1: 200

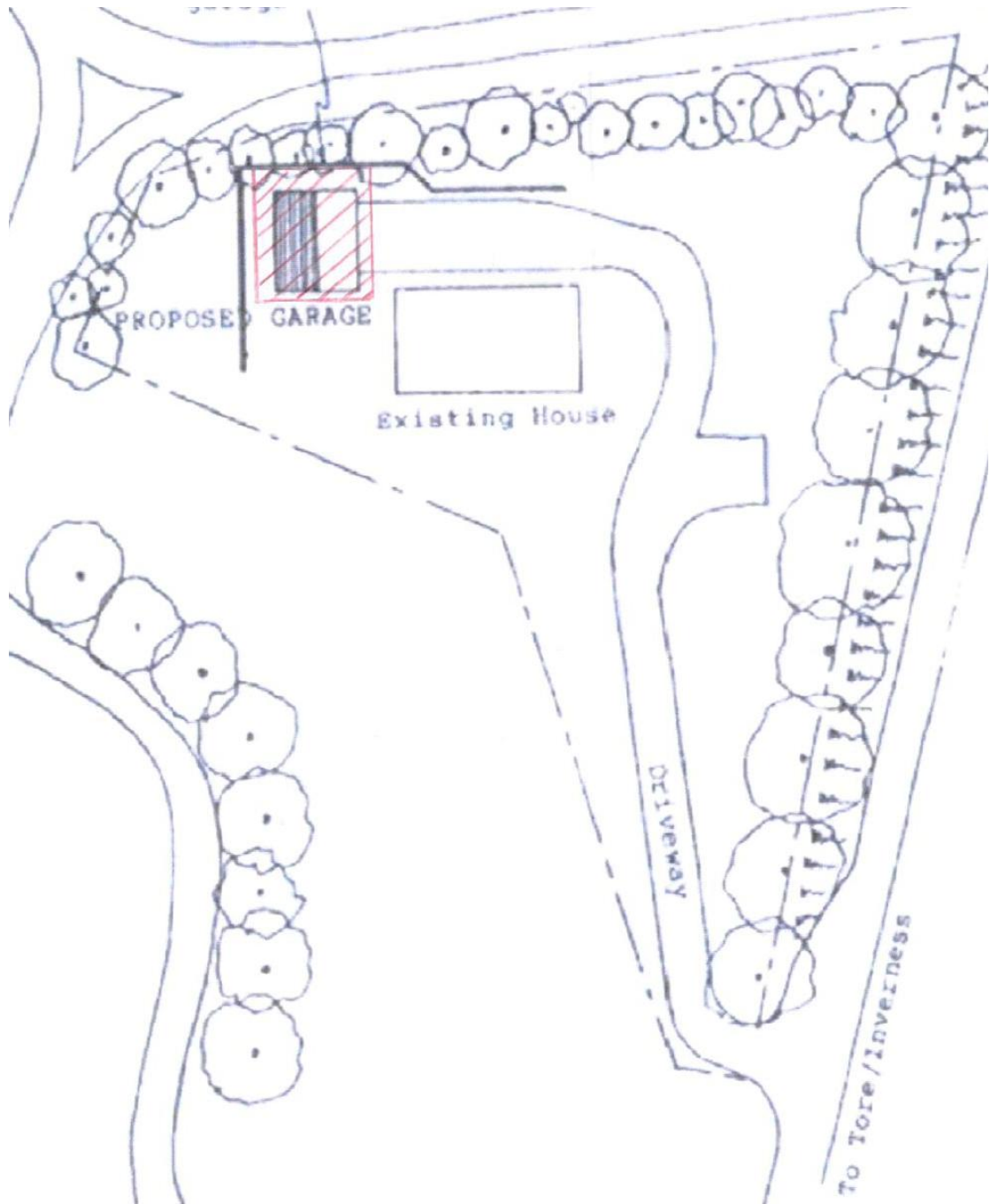


Figure 4 – 1st edition Ordnance Survey Map of 1874 1: 2500

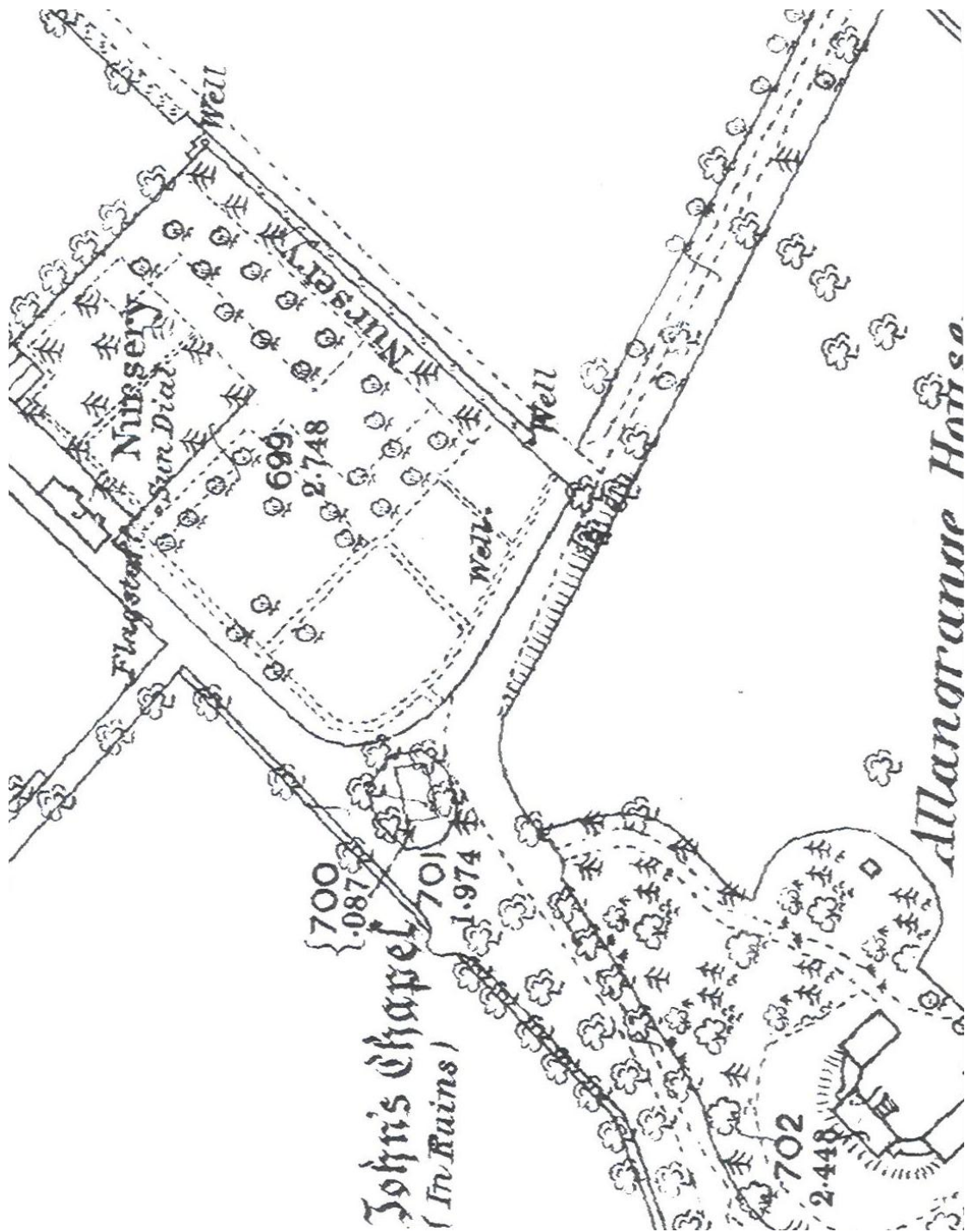
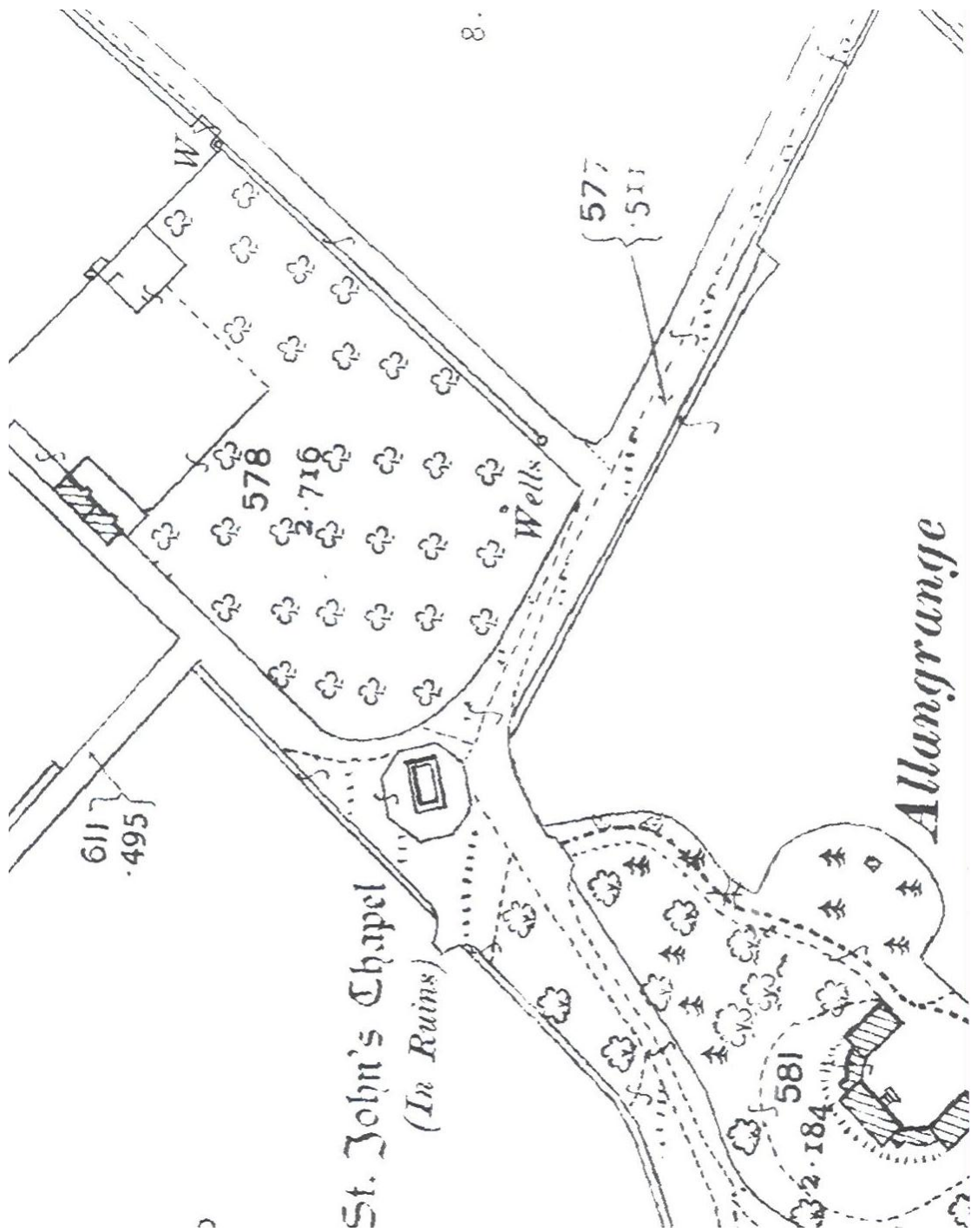


Figure 5 – 2nd edition Ordnance Survey Map of 1906 1: 2500



3. Historical Background

The proposed garage development lies close to the Chapel of Allangrange. The site is recorded in the Highland Council Sites and Monuments Record and the National Monuments Record of Scotland CANMORE database as follows:

Allangrange

HSMR: NH NH65SW0005

NMRS: NH NH65SW0005

Grid Ref: NH 62528/51501

Type: Chapel; Graveyard

Recorded as 'St. John's Chapel, which is alleged to have belonged to the Knights Templar, only east gable, with a triple lancet window, and portions of side walls remain. The extant ruins of St. John's Chapel consist of N wall 2.6m high, E wall with the triple lancet window, at gable height, and S wall, 3.3m high, containing 2 small windows. W wall has been removed and replaced with an iron railing with a gate in its centre giving access to central area of chapel, which is used as a burial ground. Gravestones have been built into the inside face of both N and S walls, and there are also several in the central area. The remaining walls are all 1m wide, and the area enclosed by these measures 10m E-W by 6.2m transversely.' Site is Listed B structure and a Scheduled Ancient Monument.

Noted by Gifford (1992) that Templars' cross on top of gable is Victorian in date (ibid, 443). Alston (1999, 175-176) notes the same as Gifford and that the building dates to the 13th Century. Beaton (1992, 12) notes the chapel to be the burial ground of the Fraser's of Allangrange. Nothing is marked at the development location on the 1st or 2nd edition OS maps of 1874 and 1906 respectively. (See figures 4 and 5)

4. Objectives

To conduct a watching brief on the excavation of the development to record those features revealed by excavation work. A copy of the specification provided by Highland Council Archaeology Unit is enclosed.

5. Methodology

A monitoring was made of the removal of topsoil and subsoil's to a maximum depth of 800mm for the garage to an area of 700m². A back-acting machine with a straight edged bucket cleared the site with possible archaeological features being cleaned by hand.

Weather on the day of work (12th July 2003) was slightly overcast but bright.

6. Watching Brief Investigation

The watching brief was carried out in accordance with accepted professional archaeological standards as published by the Institute of Field Archaeologists (IFA 1999). Over the construction period a suitably qualified archaeologist was on site to carry out observations and assessment of the area affected by the excavation works.

Site Location

The site lies to the NE of the existing house in an area part garden and part existing access.

Results

A monitoring of the excavation revealed no archaeological features or deposits to be located. About 60% of the site had already been excavated as part of the turning area for the adjacent house about 10 years ago. Also part of the site has been disturbed by the insertion of an electricity cable. Only a small area 4m NS x 10m EW was newly excavated for the garage revealing only a natural of light orange-brown sandy gravel. A monitoring of the foundations for the retaining wall and part of the garage foundations revealed part of the sit had already been excavated and fine gravel and sand mix placed on top of the natural ground level.

7. Conclusions

As no archaeological deposits or features were located, any archaeological deposits relating to the chapel must lie closer to the building itself.

8. Recommendations

No recommendations with regard any further fieldwork for this project is to be proposed due to no features being revealed.

9. Archive

The following is to be deposited in the National Monuments Record in Edinburgh:

- Notebook of results
- Copy of this report

A set of colour slides showing the progress of the work has been deposited with Highland Council Sites and Monuments Record as well as a copy of this report as a PDF file.

10. Discovery & Excavation in Scotland

A short summary of the results of this project will be submitted to the Council for Scottish Archaeology's publication *Discovery & Excavation in Scotland*.

11. References

Alston, D (1999) *Ross and Cromarty: A Historical Guide*. Birlinn. Edinburgh.

Beaton, E (1992) *Ross & Cromarty: An Illustrated Architectural Guide*. Royal Incorporation of Architects in Scotland. Edinburgh.

Gifford, J (1992) *The Buildings of Scotland: Highlands and Islands*. Penguin. London.

IFA (1999) *By-laws, Standards and Policy Statements of the Institute of Field Archaeologists*. Reading.

Highland Council Sites and Monuments Record entry for NH65SW 5.

National Monuments Record of Scotland CANMORE database entry for NH65SW 5.

Maps Consulted

Ordnance Survey 1st edition 1:2500 sheet 102 Ross-shire of 1874 surveyed 1871.

Ordnance Survey 2nd edition 1:2500 sheet 102 Ross-shire of 1906 revised 1904.

Appendix 1 – Details of Slides

- 1 – View of garage area prior to excavation facing N.
- 2 – View of garage area prior to excavation facing NW.
- 3 – View of Chapel facing NNE from edge of property.
- 4 – View of garage area prior to excavation facing S.
- 5 – View of part excavation facing N.
- 6 – View of part excavation facing NE.
- 7 – View of rear or garage area upon excavation facing NNE.
- 8 – View of garage area upon excavation facing E.