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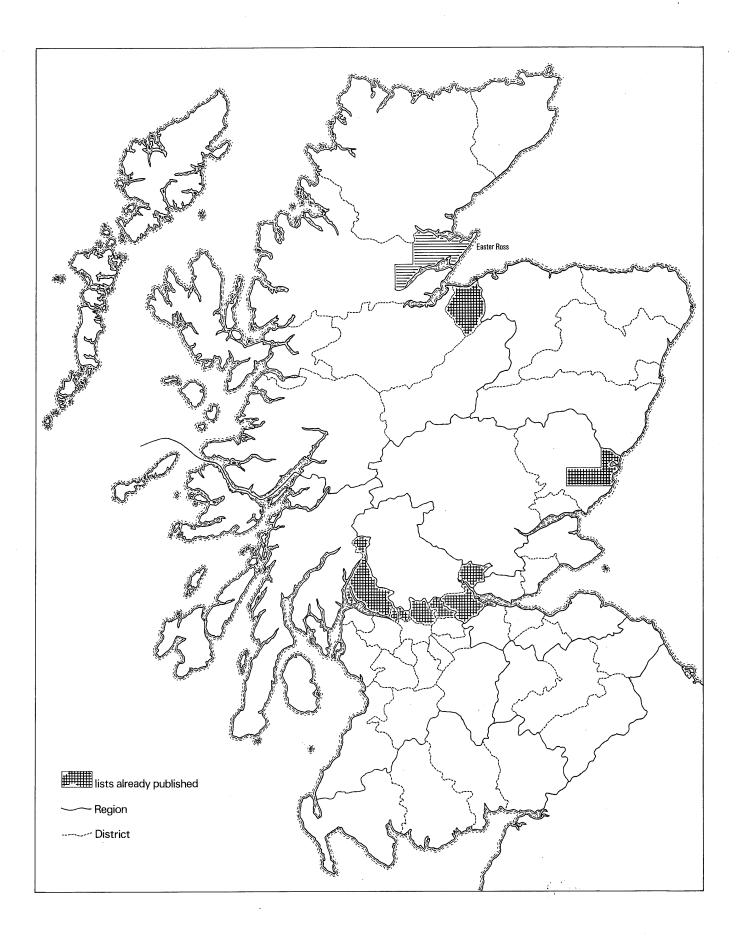
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NOTES

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CHAMBERED CAIRNS AND LONG CAIRNS

The code number in brackets immediately following the title of an article in this section conforms to the system outlined by Henshall 1963-72, ii, 312-13.

1 Ardvannie (ROS 2) *

NH 682 874

NH 68 NE 7

This Orkney-Cromarty Cairn measures 21m in diameter and 0.9m in height. A polygonal chamber lies to the E of the centre of the cairn. *November 1977* Henshall 1963-72, i, 333, 335.

2 Baldoon (ROS 44)

NH 633 759

NH 67 NW 3

Only a two-compartment chamber is now visible of this Orkney-Cromarty Cairn, which formerly measured 15.8m by 12.8m. In 1883 a cist containing human bones was found in the cairn. This is probably the 'fort' mentioned by Watson. Watson 1904, 73; Henshall 1963-72, ii, 566-8.

3 Balnacrae (ROS 4) *

NH 533 646

NH 56 SW 1

All that now survives of this Orkney-Cromarty Cairn are the massive slabs of a chamber measuring over 7m from NE to SW by about 4.3m transversely and entered from the NE by an entrance-passage at least 5.8m long. The original diameter of the cairn was probably over 23m. September 1978
Henshall 1963-72, i, 334, 335.

4 Brahan Wood *

NH 504 552

NH 55 NW 2

This Orkney-Cromarty Cairn is situated in a forest clearing and occupies the level top of a slight spur. All that now remains are parts of a two-compartment chamber measuring 7.8m from N to S, by 2.6m transversely. The spur is covered by dense vegetation and no cairn material is visible. September 1978

Name Book, Ross-shire, no. 6, p. 63...

5 Carn Liath, Morangie Forest (ROS 45)

NH 729 798

NH 77 NW 10

This Long Cairn measures 36.5m from NE to SW by 13.7m at the broader (NE) end, and is still up to 2m high in places. *November 1977* Henshall 1963-72, ii, 567, 568.

6 Clachan Biorach (ROS 14) †

NH 562 617

NH 56 SE 4

Nothing now survives of what was probably an Orkney-Cromarty Cairn. Henshall 1963-72, i, 344.

7 Cnoc Navie (ROS 18)

NH 656 722

NH 67 SE 11

This Orkney-Cromarty Cairn stands in mature forest and has been severely mutilated. It measures about 22m in diameter and within it there are the remains of a chamber measuring 8.5m in length.

Henshall 1963-72, i, 345, 347.

B Edderton Hill

NH 734 834

NH 78 SW 14

This Long Cairn stands about 900m SE of Redburn. It measures 61m from NW to SE by 14m transversely at the SE end, 7m at the centre and 10m at the NW end. *November 1978*

9 Glaick

NH 635 744

NH 67 SW 10

In 1975 the OS recorded what is probably a chambered cairn situated in dense forest 650m ESE of Glaick Cottage. It measures 18m in diameter and the remains of a chamber are visible within it. This may be the site mentioned by Maclean. Maclean 1886, 333-4.

10 Heights of Brae (ROS 22) *

NH 514 615

NH 56 SW 2

The wasted remains of this Orkney-Cromarty Cairn are situated 350m NNW of Firth View and measure 22m in diameter. There are two chambers visible, the more complete lying to the S of the centre of the cairn and the other to the N. September 1978. Henshall 1963-72, i, 346-7.

11 King's Head Cairn (ROS 25) *

NH 697 751

NH 67 NE 3

This Orkney-Cromarty Cairn measures about 27m from E to W by 23m transversely. At the centre there is a two-compartment chamber and on the NW a cist. November 1977 Henshall 1963-72, i, 349-50; ii, 563.

12 Kinrive East (ROS 26) *

NH 699 754

NH 67 NE 5

This Long Cairn stands 50m E of Kinrive West (no. 13) and measures 13.7m from NE to SW by 7.6m transversely. Much of the W end was removed during road construction in 1977. November 1977 Henshall 1963-72, i, 350; ii, 563, 565.

13 Kinrive West (ROS 27)

NH 699 754

NH 67 NE 2

The wasted remains of this Long Cairn stand in rough pasture 50m W of Kinrive East (no. 12). The mound of bare stones measures 63m from NE to SW by 18.5 transversely. November 1977

Henshall 1963-72, i, 350; ii, 564, 565.

14 Lechanich

NH 682 859

NH 68 NE 30

What may be the wasted remains of a chambered cairn measuring about 11m in diameter stand 400m of Lechanich farmhouse. Two slabs standing at the centre of the cairn may be the remains of a burial-chamber. September 1978

15 Lower Lechanich North (ROS 29) *

NH 684 859

NH 68 NE 8

This Orkney-Cromarty Cairn is situated 250m NNW of Lechanich and measures about 15m in diameter. It has been extensively robbed, but a chamber, 5.3m long with an entrance on the E, is still visible. September 1978 Henshall 1963-72, i, 351.

16 Lower Lechanich South (ROS 30) *

NH 684 858

NH 68 NE 9

This Orkney-Cromarty Cairn is situated 150m N of Lechanich and measures 24m from N to S by 21m transversely. There is a chamber aligned E and W on the E side of the cairn. September 1978

Henshall 1963-72, i, 351, 353.

17 Mains of Ardross (ROS 52)

NH 615 747

NH 67 SW 6

All that remains of this Orkney-Cromarty Cairn (known also as Carn na Feinne) is a chamber measuring 5.8m from ENE to WSW by 1.5m transversely. Two inhumations were found when the chamber was opened in 1876. September 1978 Henshall 1963-72, ii, 572; OS Record Card NH 67 SW 9.

18 Millcraig (ROS 32) *

NH 658 710

NH 67 SE 24

This Orkney-Cromarty Cairn measures at least 34m in diameter, and on the NE there are the remains of a chamber. September 1978 Henshall 1963-72, i, 352, 353.

19 The Priest's Sepulchre (ROS 35) †

NH c. 60 66

NH 66 NW 9

In 1791 a 'grave of oblong form' measuring 2.1m by 0.9m and 1.07m deep was recorded; it may have been the chamber or passage of a chambered cairn.

Henshall 1963-72, i, 354.

20 Red Burn (ROS 36) *

NH 727 834

NH 78 SW 5

This Orkney-Cromarty Cairn measures about 23m in diameter and stands 4m high. There are the remains of a chamber in the SE of the mound and parts of a peristalith on the NNE. A track and building-foundations may have destroyed part of the cairn on the S and E respectively. In 1824 a cist containing an 'urn' was found in the cairn. Henshall 1963-72, i, 354.

21 Scotsburn House (ROS 46) *

NH 715 761

NH 77 NW 7

All that can now be seen of this Orkney-Cromarty Cairn are parts of a chamber aligned NW and SE. *November 1977*Henshall 1963-72, ii, 567, 568.

22 Scotsburn Wood East (ROS 47) *

NH 726 768

NH 77 NW 5(D)

The remains of this round Orkney-Cromarty Cairn measure about 15m in maximum diameter; within the mound there is a two-compartment chamber entered from the WNW. *September 1977*Henshall 1963-72, ii, 568-9.

23 Scotsburn Wood West (ROS 48) *

NH 721 767

NH 77 NW 5(E)

A two-compartment chamber with an entrance on the ESE can be distinguished within a mutilated Orkney-Cromarty Cairn measuring about 18m in diameter. *November 1977* Henshall 1963-72, ii, 569, 571.

24 Stittenham (ROS 49)

NH 649 743

NH 67 SW 1

Heavily robbed Orkney-Cromarty Cairn, 12m in diameter, with roofless polygonal chamber entered from the SE. *September 1978*Henshall 1963-72, ii, 570, 571.

25 Swordale

NH 578 661

NH 56 NE 8

All that survives of this Orkney-Cromarty Cairn are three slabs forming part of the chamber and an arc of stones set on edge, which may be kerb-stones. September 1978

26 Upper Park (ROS 51)

NH 589 665

NH 56 NE 6

This Orkney-Cromarty Cairn measures about 24m in diameter and stands up to 1.8m high. Within the cairn there are the remains of an unusually large chamber measuring 3.3m by 4.5m and entered from the E. September 1978 Henshall 1963-72, ii, 570-1.

27 Ussie (ROS 38) *

NH 530 565

NH 55 NW 9

The mound of this Orkney-Cromarty Cairn has been almost entirely removed, but the remains of what has probably been a polygonal chamber are still visible. *September 1978* Henshall 1963-72, i, 356.

28. Wester Lamington (ROS 40) *

NH 747 780

NH 77 NW 2

This Long Cairn measures 32m from NW to SE by 17m transversely and stands to a height of 1.3m. *November 1977*Henshall 1963-72, i, 356; ii, 564.

BARROW AND CAIRNS

29 Achnacloich 1 †

NH c. 668 738

NH 67 SE

In 1880 a grave is said to have been found 'under a cairn at Auchnacloich', but it is possible that this report refers to the cairn at Stittenham (no. 63). The stone-lined grave was set in a pit and measured 2.4m by 0.75m by 0.6m. It contained what may have been an oak coffin containing an inhumation accompanied by three barbed flint arrowheads (NMAS EQ 353-5) and a shale disc.

PSAS, Ivi (1921-2), 18; OS Record Card NH 67 SE 15.

NH 67 SE

30 Achnacloich 2

NH 668 738

14 and 16

What may be the remains of a cairn are situated 75m SE of Achnacloich. The mound, which has had recent field-gathered stones added to it, contains a possible cist measuring 0.85m from NNW to SSE by 0.5m transversely and 0.4m deep. This may be the site where three cists containing inhumations were found before 1874. September 1978 Name Book, Ross-shire, no. 2, p. 24; Watson 1904, 71.

31 Achnacloich 3

NH 680 737

NH 67 SE 6

This cairn measures 25m in diameter, and stands up to 2m high. NSA, xiv (Ross and Cromarty), 270-1; Name Book, Ross-shire, no. 2, p. 25; Noble 1909,

32 Ardmore

NH 700 872

NH 78 NW 18

A stony mound measuring about 12m in diameter and 0.6m in height may be the wasted remains of a burial-cairn. November 1977

33 Ardvannie 1

NH 674 873

NH 68 NE 24

This cairn is situated on a small but prominent spur 450m SW of Ardvannie House. It measures 4.7m in diameter and 0.3m high and is surrounded by a kerb which is best preserved on the NE. At the centre there is a cist measuring 0.9m from E to W by 0.6m transversely. September 1978

34 Ardvannie 2

NH 680 875

NH 68 NE 26

This disturbed cairn measures 6.5m in diameter and 0.5m in height. A few kerb-stones are visible on the S. October 1978

35 Ardvannie 3

NH 682 875

NH 68 NE

This cairn measures about 8m in maximum diameter and 0.5m high. A second cairn, which stands about 30m to the SSW, measures about 3.5m in diameter and 0.4m in height. October 1978

36 Ardvannie 4 †

NH 685 874

This cairn was destroyed during the construction of the railway in 1864. It contained two cremations; one was in a central cist measuring 1.2m by 1m by 0.4m deep and was accompanied by a 'glass' bead and what may have been the tip of a bronze knife (NMAS EQ 44 and EQ 45 respectively); the second was in an 'urn' which had been placed in the ditch along with a fragment of bronze.

Joass 1864; Coles 1964, 149; Guido 1978, 196.

37 Ardvannie 5

NH 685 875

NH 68 NE

There are the remains of what may be three prehistoric burial-cairns situated respectively 8m to the S, 15m to the SE and 5m to the SW of the enclosure no. 193. October 1978

38 Ardvannie 6

NH 691 879

NH 68 NE 5

This oval cairn measures 18.5m in maximum diameter and stands 2m high. On the W there are traces of a shallow ditch and external bank surrounding the cairn; the ditch is interrupted by a causeway on the W. October 1978

Name Book, Ross-shire, no. 10, p. 5.

39 Assynt †

NH c. 590 670

NH 56 NE 5

When this barrow was destroyed in 1824 a cist containing an inhumation accompanied by an 'urn' and a jet necklace (NMAS EQ 84) was found.

MacKenzie 1831; Innes 1860, 46-7.

40 Carn a' Chait

NH 716 804

NH 78 SW 7

This cairn measures 16m in diameter and 1.5m in height; a modern boundary-stone stands on the top.

Name Book, Ross-shire, no. 10, p. 66.

- 41 Carn Fionntearnach, Mains of Ardross † NH c. 609 746 NH 67 SW 4
 This cairn was removed in 1848; it contained several cists, one of them placed centrally.

 Maclean 1886, 334.
- 42 Carn Liath * NH 666 695 NH 66 NE 10

 This cairn is about 15m in diameter and contains a central cist measuring 1.5m by 0.8m and 0.2m in depth. When the cairn was excavated in 1810 'human remains' are said to have been found. This is probably the Dalmore cairn noted by Maclean. September 1978

 Maclean 1886, 330-1; Name Book, Ross-shire, no. 2, p. 89.
- 43 Cnoc Duchaire 1 NH 623 716 NH 67 SW 13

 When recorded by the OS in 1963, this cairn measured about 16m in diameter over a kerb of large boulders, by 1.2m in height. A cist containing 'human bones' was found in it in 1874. The cairn is now inaccessible in dense woodland.

 Name Book, Ross-shire, no. 2, p. 53; Transactions of the Inverness Scientific Society and Field Club, ii (1880-3), 321.
- 44 Cnoc Duchaire 2 NH 623 716 NH 67 SW 14

 This mutilated cairn stands in dense forest 27m SSE of Cnoc Duchaire 1 (no. 43); in 1963 it measured 8m in diameter and stood 1.2m high within what may have been a kerb.
- 45 Cnoc Ravoch 1 NH 557 610 NH 56 SE 15
 What may be two cairns are situated 600m NW of Mountrich. One stands at the centre,
 and the other on the NE, of a tree-ring; they measure 3.1m and 7.7m in diameter respectively. October 1978
- 46 Cnoc Ravoch 2 NH 557 612 NH 56 SE 8

 This cairn has been reduced to a low stony mound about 20m in diameter. There is what may be a kerb-stone on the W, and on the S there are three stone slabs which may be parts of four cists recorded in 1791. October 1978

 Stat Acct, i (1791), 292-3; Simpson 1866, 46-7.
- 47 Corriefoulis † NH 577 648 NH 56 SE 1
 Human remains were found when this cairn was removed in 1860.
 Name Book, Ross-shire, no. 1, p. 85; OS 6-inch map, Ross and Cromarty, 1st edition (1880), sheet lxxvi.
- 48 Dalreoch NH 631 717 NH 67 SW 2
 In 1967 this cairn measured about 10m in diameter and 1m high, and was surrounded by a stony bank 13.5m in diameter, 2m thick and 0.5m high. The cairn is now inaccessible in dense forest.
- 49 Edderton Glebe † NH 713 845 NH 78 SW 2

 This cairn stood 200m WNW of Dridgag Cottage and measured 7.4m in diameter and 1.5m in height. In 1853 a cist containing a flint flake was found, and in 1866, when the cairn was completely excavated, five other cists were discovered. Three contained cremations and a fourth an inhumation accompanied by an N3 Beaker.

 Joass 1868; Clarke 1970, ii, 520, no. 1748.
- 50 Edderton Hill NH 742 832 NH 78 SW 15
 This cairn measures 13m in diameter and there are several kerb-stones visible on the N. A forestry road has cut the S side of the cairn.
- 51 Lechanich 1 NH 672 852 NH 68 NE 14
 The remains of this cairn stand just below the summit of Cnoc Leddie and measure about 6m in diameter and 0.4m in height. September 1978
 Name Book, Ross-shire, no. 10, p. 24.
- 52 Lechanich 2 NH 682 858 NH 68 NE 30 This cairn stands 350m NW of Lechanich farmhouse. It measures about 5.5m in diameter and stands 0.3m high. September 1978

53 Lechanich 3 NH 682 860 NH 68 NE
This heather-covered cairn stands on a slight shelf 170m NNW of the chambered cairn
no. 15. It measures 6.7m in diameter and stands 1m high. *November 1978*

54 Little Daan NH 669 833 NH 68 SE 17
This cairn, which formerly measured about 4m in diameter, has been reduced to an arc of

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55 Moultavie † NH c. 631 712 NH 67 SW 15
Two burial-cairns containing cists were found at 'Multivie' before 1875.
Maclagan 1875, 134.

56 Novar House NH 619 680 NH 66 NW 18
This bowl-shaped mound which measures 25m in diameter and stands 4m high may be a burial-cairn.

57 Redburn NH 575 668 NH 56 NE 15
This turf-covered mound, which measures 15m from NW to SE by 13.5m transversely and stands 1m high, is probably a burial-cairn. A number of kerb-stones are visible, one of which bears at least 16 cup-marks.

58 Scotsburn Wood 1 NH 730 764 NH 77 NW 5(A)
When recorded by the OS in 1963, this cairn measured 11m in diameter and 2m in height.
It is now inaccessible in dense forest.

59 Scotsburn Wood 2 † NH 730 764 NH 77 NW 5(B)
This cairn was destroyed before 1963.

60 Scotsburn Wood 3 * NH 728 767 NH 77 NW 5(C)
This cairn measures 13m in diameter and stands 1m high. It is skirted by a forestry track.

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61 Scotsburn Wood 4 † NH 722 766 NH 77 NW 5(F)
This cairn was destroyed before 1904.
OS 6-inch map, Ross and Cromarty, 2nd edition (1907), sheet liv.

62 Stittenham 1 NH 649 743, 650 743 NH 67 SW, SE
Three cairns are situated 30m ENE, 90m NE and 180m ENE respectively of Stittenham
chambered cairn (no. 24). They vary between 4m and 5m in diameter and 0.4m and 0.5m
in height. October 1978

63 Stittenham 2 † NH 653 741 NH 67 SE 15
In 1847-8 a 'large cairn' was removed 'about half a mile north of Dalnavie'; it measured
33m in diameter and 6m in height. What may be its remains are situated 400m ESE of
Stittenham House. See also no. 29. September 1978
Maclean 1886, 333.

64 Struie

NH 656 862

NH 68 NE 31

This cairn is situated on a knoll about 600m SSW of Dun Alascaig broch (no. 185). It measures about 10m in diameter and 0.5m in height and is surrounded by a kerb.

65 Torran Dubh † NH 713 843 NH 78 SW 1
This cairn stood 400m NW of Edderton Farm, and when it was destroyed in 1964 a
central cist was found. Three cists had already been found in the cairn in 1866; two
contained 'urns' and the third a cremation accompanied by a fragment of bronze.
Name Book, Ross-shire, no. 10, pp. 38-9; Joass 1866.

66 Torr Sgriobaidh † NH 697 846 NH 68 SE 2

Nothing now survives of this cairn in which a cist containing a flint knife and a jet necklace was found before 1916.

Callander 1916, 212, 239, no. 11.

67 Wester Lealty

NH 602 725

NH 67 SW 21

This cairn is situated 500m SSW of Wester Lealty farm and close to the unenclosed settlement no. 177. It measures 8m in diameter and stands 0.6m high; on the W side there is a cist measuring 0.8m from N to S by 0.4m transversely.

September 1978

CAIRNFIELDS

(See also nos. 137, 139-141, 143-4, 147-9, 153, 156, 158, 161, 163, 165, 167-73, 176-7)

68 Admiral's Farm

NH 689 824

IH 68 SE 16

About 500m WSW of Admiral's Farm there is a cluster of small cairns, many of which have been disturbed as a result of land improvement. *June 1978*

69 Ardvannie 1

NH 686 873

NH 68 NE 20

Several small cairns are visible S of the railway and W of the track leading to Ardvannie. October 1978

70 Ardvannie 2

NH 692 874

NH 68 NE

There are at least eight cairns 450m E of Ardvannie. They measure up to 5m in diameter and not less than 0.5m in height. *November 1978*

71 Ardvannie 3

NH 692 876

NH 68 NE 21

There are at least twelve cairns and an enclosure in rough pasture 550m ENE of Ardvannie. The enclosure measures 8m in diameter within an earth-and-stone bank; a central mound measures 2m in diameter and 0.2m in height. October 1978

72 Ardvannie 4

NH 694 876

NH 68 NE

There are at least three cairns situated in improved pasture 700m WNW of Ardvannie. They measure up to 7.4m in diameter and 1m in height. To the NE there are several clearance-heaps of recent date set among rig-and-furrow cultivation. *November 1978*

73 Cartomie Wood

NH 710 853

NH 78 NW

A group of about thirty small cairns, which measure up to 3.5m in diameter and 0.5m in height, is visible 300m E of Balblair distillery and immediately N of the railway. *November 1977*

74 Cnoc nan Each

NH c. 526 649

NH 56 SW

This group of about thirty small cairns is situated roughly 700m NW of Balnacrae chambered cairn (no. 3) and is probably the group noted and excavated by Macrae. What may be a mutilated hut-circle is visible on the S of the Group. September 1978 Macrae 1923, 342-3; OS Record Card NH 56 NW 4.

75 Heights of Keppoch

NH 500 610

NH 56 SW 5

A scatter of small cairns. Name Book, Ross-shire, no. 9, p. 60.

76 Hill of Nigg

NH 835 711

NH 87 SW

This cluster of small cairns on the SE slopes of the Hill of Nigg may be associated with a cottage of recent date, which stands 200m to the SE. October 1977

77 Inchindown

NH c. 690 745

NH 67 SE 2 & 3

Cairns have been recorded N of Inchindown in an area now covered by forest. Maclean 1886, 335; Watson 1904, 70-1.

78 Little Dallas 1

NH 692 852

NH 68 NE 17

This group of small cairns is situated on each side of a track 600m W of Little Dallas. September 1978

Name Book, Ross-shire, no. 10, p. 46.

79 Little Dallas 2

NH 695 851

NH 68 NE 27

This group of small cairns covers an area of 6ha in cleared woodland 400m SW of Little Dallas. The cairns vary considerably in size. September 1978

80 Mains of Ardross †

NH c. 609 745

NH 67 SW 5

This cairnfield contained about 200 cairns; it was removed before 1886. Maclean 1886, 334.

81 Newmore Wood

NH 682 736

NH 67 SE

In 1976 three cairns measuring about 4m in diameter were recorded in this area, which is now buried in a forestry plantation.

DES (1976), 60.

82 Rhanich

NH 711 803

NH 78 SW 12

There are a large number of small cairns situated on either side of an arable field 600m WSW of Carn a' Chait cairn (no. 40). One is traditionally said to be a burial-mound.

November 1978

83 Rosehill

NH 760 801

NH 78 SE 12

Numerous small cairns are visible in marginal land 450m SE of Rosehill. September 1977

84 Strath Rory

NH 704 770

NH 77 NW

About a dozen small cairns, measuring about 1m in diameter and 0.5m in height, are visible in rough ground 700m NW of Coag. *November 1977*

BURIALS AND CISTS

(See also no. 123)

85 Achnacloich †

NH 670 734

NH 67 SE 17

This group of three cists was found before 1874; each contained an inhumation. 'Two urns' and 'black pottery' were also found. *September 1978*Name Book, Ross-shire, no. 2, p. 23.

86 The Aonach, Drummond †

NH c. 591 652

NH 56 NE 4

In 1888 two cists were found 22m apart in a morainic mound on the farm of Drummond. Each contained an inhumation and one was accompanied by a Food Vessel and a fragment of bronze (NMAS EQ 601-2).

Watson 1889.

87 Ardross †

NH c. 61 74

NH 67 SE 18

This grave, probably a cist, contained a slab decorated with 'concentric rectangles'. Milne 1911, 35.

88 Balintore 1 †

NH 860 753

NH 87 NE

Between 1937 and 1955 numerous burials, probably of prehistoric date, were found in this area (NH 860 753 - NH 861 755). There were at least four cists and one crouched inhumation.

Davidson 1946, 26.

89 Balintore 2 †

NH 862 756

NH 87 NE 10

About 1950 a cist containing bones was found when a sewer was being dug.

90 Balintore 3 †

NH 863 756

NH 87 NE 11

Human bones were found here about 1919. A large stone slab found near by may have formed part of a cist.

91 Balintore 4+

NH 864 757

NH 87 NE 8

What may have been a crouched inhumation was found in this cist in 1932. The burial was left in situ.

92 Balintore 5 †

NH 865 757

NH 87 NE

This cist was found in 1976; it measured 0.92m by 0.45m and contained two inhumations, the primary being an adult and the secondary a child.

93 Balnabruaich †

NH 794 698

NH 76 NE 13

In 1922 a cist was found under the W gable of this cottage, and in 1945 two 'vases' were discovered in the bank surrounding the cottage.

94 Castle Corbet †

NH 900 832

NH 98 SW 13

In 1865 this cist was found during land reclamation about 160m W of Castle Corbet. It contained a cremation and a small 'urn'.

Name Book, Ross-shire, no. 30, p. 59.

95 Cnoc a' Mhargadaidh †

NH 556 677

NH 56 NE 14

About 1965 what may have been a Beaker was found during the construction of a forestry road.

96 Cnoc Dubh, Ballone Castle †

NH c. 92 83

NH 98 SW 2

The discovery of stone coffins was recorded here in 1904.

Watson 1904, 48.

97 Dalmore 1 †

NH 666 687

NH 66 NE 15

During railway construction in 1878 a cemetery was found; it comprised seven cists, two cremations with urns, and an unprotected inhumation. Among the grave-goods there were two Food Vessels, a Food Vessel Urn, a bronze blade, a jet necklace, a flint knife, a stone bracer, and a bone toggle.

Jolly 1879; PSAS, xv (1880-1), 249-50; Cowie 1978, 133.

98 Dalmore 2+

NH 664 690

NH 66 NE 15

During railway construction in 1878 a cemetery was found; it comprised seven cists and three unprotected cremations. The only grave-goods were a Beaker and an 'urn'. Several other graves were not excavated.

Jolly 1879; Clarke 1970, ii, 520, no. 1745, 1.

99 Dalnaclach †

NH 733 762

NH 77 NW 8

During land reclamation in 1837 two cists were found; both contained calcined bone and ash. *November 1977*

Name Book, Ross-shire, no. 25, p. 21.

100 Dalnavie †

NH c. 647 735

NH 67 SW 7

What may have been an enclosed cremation cemetery was discovered in 1847. A large urn and a stone axe (NMAS AF 420) were surrounded by fifteen smaller urns, all of them grouped within a banked enclosure about 16m in diameter.

Maclean 1886, 323-3.

101 Dridgag Cottage †

NH 714 845

NH 78 SW 16

This cist was situated 100m WNW of Dridgag Cottage. It contained an inhumation, a flint flake and a fragment of copper, and there was organic material on the floor. Cremated bone was found behind the cist-slabs.

DES (1977), 33.

102 Fodderty †

NH 511 595

NH 55 NW 12

A cist containing human remains was found about 1830. September 1978

Name Book, Ross-shire, no. 9, p. 76; OS 6-inch map, Ross and Cromarty, 2nd edition (1907), sheet lxxvi.

103 Fyrish †

NH 618 689

NH 66 NW 5

These two cists were found before 1865; one contained an inhumation, an N4 Beaker and a bracer (NMAS EQ 131 and 133 respectively); the other was empty. *PSAS*, vi (1864-6), 233; Name Book, Ross-shire, no. 2, p. 71; Clarke 1970, ii, 520, no. 1749.

104 Heights of Fodderty †

NH 513 602

NH 56 SW 7

A cist containing human remains was found in 1871.

Name Book, Ross-shire, no. 9, p. 68.

105 Keppoch †

NH 507 596

NH 55 NW 11

A cist containing human remains was found about 1820. September 1978

Name Book, Ross-shire, no. 9, p. 69; OS 6-inch map, Ross and Cromarty, 1st edition (1880), sheet Ixxvi.

106 Lechanich †

NH 688 858

NH 68 NE 15

This 'stone coffin' was found with an 'urn' in 1852. September 1978

Name Book, Ross-shire, no. 10, p. 11.

107 Millcraig 1 †

NH 650 709

NH 67 SE 22

In 1852 human bones and an urn were found W of Millcraig.

Name Book, Ross-shire, no. 2, p. 55.

108 Millcraig 2 †

NH 653 706

NH 67 SE 21

This cist, which was found in 1852, contained coins dated by different reports to between

the 14th and 17th centuries.

Name Book, Ross-shire, no. 2, p. 56; Transactions of the Inverness Scientific Society and Field Club, ii (1880-3), 320; OS 6-inch map, Ross and Cromarty, 1st edition (1880), sheet lxv.

109 North Sutor †

NH c. 800 691

NH 86 NW 2

In 1820-23 two urns were found close to North Sutor; one contained what was probably a cremation, the other what appears to have been a jet necklace. *September 1977* Miller 1835, 81; *NSA*, xiv (Ross and Cromarty), 30.

110 Poll na Marie †

NH c. 79 69

NH 76 NE 13

About 1922 four cists were found at Poll na Marie.

111 Old Shandwick +

NH 855 746

NH 87 SE 5

About 1954 a cist was found containing a crouched inhumation; it was left in situ.

112 Scotsburn †

NH 728 760

NH 77 NW 4

No trace is now visible in an overgrown mound of cists found in 1837 and 1960.

November 1977

Name Book, Ross-shire, no. 25, p. 40.

113 Stittenham †

NH 650 743

NH 67 SE 9

It is reported that several cists were discovered at Stittenham before 1863.

Wilson 1863, i, 345.

114 Wester Teaninich +

NH 625 675

NH 66 NW 19

This cist was discovered while a drain was being dug in 1963. It contained fragments of bone and part of the rim of a Food Vessel (Hunterian Museum, University of Glasgow, A.1963. 42-44). *November 1977*

STANDING STONES AND STONE CIRCLES

115 Carriblair *

NH 709 851

NH 78 NW 1

Four stones visible in dense vegetation are all that remain of what may have been a stone circle measuring 12m in diameter. A central cist containing a Food Vessel and a cremation was excavated in 1866. *November 1977*

Joass 1868, 269; PSAS, Ixv (1930-1), 258.

116 Dounie †

NH 694 867

NH 68 NE

What may have been a prehistoric standing stone was removed about 1970 from a field 300m NE of Dounie. It measured 2.1m high, 1m broad and 0.2m thick; a sandstone slab lying on a near-by clearance-heap may be the stone. September 1978 OS Record Card NH 68 NE (M) 1.

117 Heights of Dochcarty †

NH 524 613

NH 56 SW 4

A standing stone 1.4m high, 1m broad and 0.4m thick has been removed. Name Book, Ross-shire, no. 9, p. 64.

118 Humberston †

NH 54 58

NH 55 NW 6

What may have been a stone circle was demolished before 1923. September 1978 Macrae 1923, 341.

119 Inchvannie

NH 500 593

NH 55 NW

This standing stone is situated 30m E of Inchvannie; it measures 1.6m high, 0.8m broad and 0.5m thick. A second stone stands about 60m to the WSW. September 1978 Name Book, Ross-shire, no. 9, p. 84; OS Record Card NH 45 NE 1.

120 Nigg Churchyard †

NH 804 717

NH 87 SW

No trace now remains of a 'rude, undressed stone', possibly a standing stone, which is mentioned in an account of 1835. *November 1977*Miller 1835, 245.

CUP-MARKED STONES

(See also nos. 57, 87 and 218)

121 Ardjachie

NH 746 845

1H 78 SW

This boulder (1.7m by 0.65m by 0.35m), which was uncovered by the plough about 1960, is now at Tain Museum. One face bears about thirty irregular cup-shaped depressions and a symbol resembling a spoked wheel. *September 1977 DES (1971)*, 38-9.

122 Ardoch

NH 611 724

NH 67 SW 23

This prostrate slab bears at least twenty-five cup-marks and two grooves. September 1978

123 Bakerhill 1

NH c. 535 570

NH 55 NW

The cup-and-ring marked capstone of a cist, discovered at Bakerhill some time before 1865, is now at Brahan House (NH 5111 5473). *September 1978*Simpson 1866, 29; Jolly 1882, 340; Simpson and Thawley 1972, 100, no. 3; OS Record Card NH 55 SW 14.

124 Bakerhill 2 †

NH c. 53 56

NH 55 NW

A cup-marked boulder, which was found in a march-dyke near Bakerhill and transferred to a rockery at Moniack Castle (NH 551 436) about 1866, is no longer visible. It bore at least nineteen cups up to 125mm in diameter and 50mm in depth. The dyke is said to have contained other cup-marked boulders.

Jolly 1882, 339-40; OS Record Card NH 54 SE 10.

125 Black Hill 1

NH 573 637

NH 56 SE 10

This large flat rock bears about forty cup-marks, two of which are joined by a groove, and a cup-and-ring mark. This and the following cup-marked rock (no. 126) may be two of those noted by Joass in 1864 between Dingwall and Swordale. September 1978 Transactions of the Inverness Scientific Society and Field Club, i (1875-80), 369-70; OS Record Card NH 56 NE 12.

126 Black Hill 2

NH 573 637 NH 56 SE 10

About fifteen cup-marks are visible on this irregular boulder, which lies 60m NNE of Black Hill 1 (no. 125). September 1978

127 Edderton Farm †

NH c. 713 843 NH 78 SW 9

A sandstone slab bearing what may have been a single cup-mark was seen lying on a knoll adjacent to Torran Dubh (no. 65) in 1866. Joass 1866, 419.

128 Fluchlady †

NH c. 554 614 NH 56 SE 7

Several cup-marked stones were recorded around Fluchlady in 1923, but they cannot now be located.

Macrae 1923, 339.

129 Humberstone †

NH c. 545 576

NH 55 NW 17

In 1882 a cup-marked stone was recorded on this farm; it cannot now be located. Jolly 1882, 340.

130 Lemlair

NH 576 621

NH 56 SE 12

This stone slab is situated 30m SSW of Lemlair house in an overgrown garden. Its SE face bears some twenty cup-marks and a single cup-and-ring mark. September 1978

131 Newmore Wood

NH 683 737

NH 67 SE

In 1976 a boulder bearing cup-and-ring markings was recorded in Newmore Wood. *DES (1976)*, 60.

132 Strath Sgitheach 1

NH 515 625

NH 56 SW 11

This group of six cup-marked boulders stands within the area of the unenclosed settlement no. 172. September 1978

133 Strath Sgitheach 2

NH 522 630

NH 56 SW 13

Eight outcrops of rock with shallow cup-marks. September 1978

134 Swordale 1 t

NH 574 656

NH 56 NE 3

A slab decorated with 'cup marks and other artificial hollows and channels' was recorded in the stackyard at Swordale in 1880, but it is now lost.

Transactions of the Inverness Scientific Society and Field Club, i (1875-80), 367, 369.

135 Swordale 2

NH 576 659

NH 56 NE

There are twenty-four cup-markings visible on the exposed face of this slab which is now built into a field-wall. The slab measures 0.8m by 0.5m; the cup-markings measure up to 70mm in diameter by 20mm in depth. September 1978

136 Swordale 3

NH 578 661

NH 56 NE 8

There are a number of cup-marks on a rock outcrop about 20m to the W of chambered cairn no. 25. September 1978

UNENCLOSED SETTLEMENTS

137 Abhainn Sgitheach

NH 514 620

NH 56 SW 15

An overgrown hut-circle and a few possible small cairns were recorded by the OS in 1976. The hut-circle measured 6m in internal diameter and 0.1m high. It was obscured by vegetation at the date of visit. September 1978

138 Achnacloich

NH 662 743

NH 67 SE 26

These two mutilated hut-circles were recorded in 1970; they measured 9.0m and 12.5m respectively between wall-centres, and are now obscured by trees.

139 Ardoch

NH 609 723

NH 67 SW 22

There are two possible hut-circles and a number of small cairns about 500m W of Ardoch. September 1978

140 Ardvannie 1

NH 669 874

NH 68 NE 23

At least two hut-circles are visible among numerous cairns of widely varying sizes 1km WSW of Ardvannie House. September 1978

141 Ardvannie 2

NH 672 874

NH 68 NE 22

Numerous hut-circles are visible in deep heather within a cairnfield extending over an area of 6.5ha 800m WSW of Ardvannie House. September 1978

142 Ardvannie 3

NH 678 874

NH 68 NE 25

What may be a hut-circle stands on a gentle rise between the public road and Ardvannie House. It measures about 10m in diameter within a wall about 4m in thickness; several large stones are set along the crest of the wall. It has been disturbed on the E, and a telegraph pole has been erected on the SE. October 1978

143 Ardvannie 4

NH 697 877

NH 68 NE 28

The remains of a hut-circle measuring about 8m in internal diameter are visible among small cairns in woodland. *November 1977*

144 Ardvannie 5

NH 699 876

NH 68 NE 16

The largest of this group of three hut-circles measures 11.5m in internal diameter within a wall spread to 3.5m in thickness. The two smaller examples measure about 10m in diameter; one is overgrown and the other severely mutilated. A few small cairns are visible near by. *November 1977*

Name Book, Ross-shire, no. 10, p. 28.

145 Assynt †

NH 59 67

NH 56 NE 7

Nothing now survives of 'two stone circles' which were recorded in 1923; they are described as standing 'within a few yards of each other' and may have been hut-circles. Macrae 1923, 341.

146 Balleigh Wood

NH 696 842

NH 68 SE 5

This hut-circle measures 9.2m in diameter within a stone wall 1.6m thick. There is an entrance 1.3m wide on the E. September 1978

147 Bogrow

NH 707 821

NH 78 SW 13

This group of seven hut-circles stands in a cairnfield covering 9ha.

148 Cnoc a' Mhargadaidh

NH 557 669

NH 56 NE 1

On the recently afforested S flank of Cnoc a' Mhargadaidh there is a cairnfield covering about 3ha. Amongst the cairns there are two hut-circles and the remains of a probable third. Nothing can now be seen of a 'formed roadway' and other remains recorded further uphill in 1884.

Transactions of the Inverness Scientific Society and Field Club, iii (1883-8), 30-1.

149 Driminault *

NH 723 750

NH 77 NW 11

This well-preserved hut-circle measures 12m in diameter within a ring of inner kerb-stones and has an entrance on the SE. A group of small cairns which formerly stood to the NW has been removed since 1973. *November 1977*

150 Drove Stance

NH 654 746

NH 67 SE 25

This hut-circle measures about 10.5m in diameter within a wall about 3m thick. The entrance is on the SE and there are outer facing-stones on the N. September 1978

151 Easter Fearn 1

NH 644 863

NH 68 NW 13

This hut-circle is situated 300m SSW of Easter Fearn and measures about 12m from ESE to WNW by 10.5m transversely between wall-centres.

152 Easter Fearn 2

NH 647 864

NH 68 NW 13

This hut-circle is situated 300m SE of Easter Fearn; it measures 11m in diameter between wall-centres, and the entrance is on the SSW.

153 Eileanach Lodge

NH 550 681

NH 56 NE 13

This mutilated hut-circle measures 11m in diameter between wall-centres and stands on the N of a group of small cairns.

154 Heathmount

NH 765 775

NH 77 NE 3

A group of five hut-circles was recorded by the OS in 1972, but at the date of visit only one was visible in the dense vegetation that now covers the area, October 1977

155 Heights of Brae

NH 514 613

NH 56 SW 3

A group of about five hut-circles which measure up to 13.5m in internal diameter. One is set on a platform scooped into the slope. September 1978

156 Hilton of Calrossie 1

NH 792 798

NH 77 NE 4(B)

The wasted remains of this hut-circle are visible on top of a hillock 180m WSW of Hilton of Calrossie. It measures 14m in external diameter with the wall spread to a thickness of 2.5m. What may be small cairns are visible to the N and NE. *October 1977*

157 Hilton of Calrossie 2

NH 794 797

NH 77 NE 4(A)

This hut-circle, which stands 200m SSE of Hilton of Calrossie, measures about 12m in internal diameter within a wall at least 0.9m in thickness. An entrance 1m wide is visible on the E. October 1977

158 Kinrive 1

NH 70 75, 70 76

NH 77 NW 3

There are four groups of monuments on the SE flank of Kinrive Hill.

About 1.2km W of Torran farmhouse there is a rectangular enclosure (NH 702 756) measuring about 230m by 70m, which surrounds two hut-circles measuring about 9.5m and 8.5m respectively in diameter between wall-centres.

About 1km WNW of Torran farmhouse there is a rectilinear enclosure (NH 704 758) measuring about 150m by 90m over a bank 1.5m thick and 0.7m high, which surrounds two hut-circles measuring about 15m and about 8.5m respectively in diameter between wall-centres.

To the NE of the second rectilinear enclosure, and SW of a recent field-bank which crosses the hill from NW to SE, there are a number of small cairns, hut-circles and an enclosure.

To the E of the recent field-bank there are several hut-circles, two circular enclosures, several small cairns and some stretches of what are probably prehistoric enclosure-banks. Some of the enclosure-banks abut the hut-circles and circular enclosures. *November 1978*

159 Kinrive 2

NH 699 754

NH 67 NE 6

What may be a hut-circle stands among small cairns in an area of cleared woodland 250m NNW of Mid Kinrive. It measures 10m in diameter within a wall 2m in thickness with an entrance on the ESE. A sub-rectangular enclosure which abuts on the SE appears to be of no great age. *November 1977*

160 Lamington *

NH 749 771

NH 77 NW 12

The wasted remains of this hut-circle measure 10m in internal diameter and the entrance is on the SE. *November 1977*

161 Lechanich

NH 673 851

NH 68 NE 12

These two hut-circles stand among a scatter of small cairns. The more northerly example measures 11m from ESE to WNW by 9.5m transversely between wall-centres; the other measures 10m in diameter and is terraced into the slope. September 1978 Macdonald and Polson 1931, 64.

162 Little Daan

NH 673 842

NH 68 SE 15

This hut-circle measures about 11m in diameter within a wall spread to 2m in thickness; the W arc has been destroyed. Immediately to the N there is a circular enclosure measuring 5m in diameter within a bank spread to a thickness of 1.5m. September 1978

163 Meikle Gluich

NH 690 839

NH 68 SE 18

There are numerous small cairns, several stony banks and what may be three hut-circles in this area. September 1978

Name Book, Ross-shire, no. 10, pp. 51-2; Macdonald and Polson 1931, 64.

164 Polintark 1

NH 666 826

NH 68 SE 3

These two hut-circles stand 750m NW of Polintark in an area disturbed by peat-cutting. September 1978

165 Polintark 2

NH 669 822

NH 68 SE 10

About 450m WSW of Polintark, among numerous small cairns, there are four hut-circles varying between 11m and 16m in diameter between wall-centres. *June 1978 Transactions of the Inverness Scientific Society and Field Club*, ii (1880-3), 322.

166 Polintark 3

NH 680 824

NH 68 SE 12

Standing in improved ground close to an unnamed stream 750m ENE of Polintark there are two hut-circles, measuring 12.5m and 8.5m in diameter respectively within walls spread to 3m in thickness; each has an entrance on the E. *June 1978*

167 Polintark 4

NH 685 826

NH 68 SE 14

This hut-circle stands 1.25km ENE of Polintark and measures about 11.5m from E to W by 10m transversely between wall-centres. The entrance is on the E and there are small cairns in the surrounding area. *June 1978*

168 Pollagharrie

NH 672 847

NH 68 SF 6

This group of hut-circles and cairns covers an area of 7.5ha. Most of the cairns measure between 1m and 2m in diameter. *September 1978*

169 Scotsburn House *

NH 705 765

NH 77 NW 1

One hut-circle and a possible second can be seen within an extensive spread of small cairns 1.5km NW of Scotsburn House. *November 1977*

Transactions of the Inverness Scientific Society and Field Club, v (1895-9), 362.

170 Strath Rory

NH 660 778

NH 67 NE 8

Two hut-circles are situated 300m NNE of Strathrory Bridge. They measure 13.5m and 12m from NNW to SSE by 11.5m and 9.5m respectively between wall-centres; each has an entrance on the SSE. A few small cairns are visible on the NW. *June 1978*

171 Strath Sgitheach 1

NH 508 623

NH 56 SW 10

Four hut-circles and scattered small cairns. September 1978

172 Strath Sgitheach 2

NH 514 626

NH 56 SW 11

This group of at least seven hut-circles and numerous small cairns was largely obscured by heather at the date of visit. September 1978

173 Strath Sgitheach 3

NH 524 632

NH 56 SW 14

This group of at least three hut-circles and scattered cairns stands in improved pasture. September 1978

174 Strath Sgitheach 4

NH 540 637

NH 56 SW 12

A group of three hut-circles. September 1978

175 Struie 1

NH 650 858

NH 68 NE

This hut-circle stands 230m WNW of the Struie Mountain Indicator and measures 8.6m in diameter within a wall about 3m thick. There are gaps in the wall on the N and ESE, and it has been destroyed by road construction on the S. October 1978

176 Struie 2

NH 652 849

NH 68 SE 4

This hut-circle measures 10.5m from NW to SE by 9m transversely. Scattered small cairns are visible to the SE. September 1978

177 Wester Lealty

NH 601 726

NH 67 SW 20

Two hut-circles measuring respectively 7.5m and 9.5m between wall-centres are visible in a group of small cairns which have been partly overgrown by peat. September 1978

BURNT MOUNDS

178 Balnacraig 1

NH 645 707

NH 67 SW

The remains of what may be a burnt mound stand on the N bank of an unnamed stream. The mound measures 11.3m in diameter, stands 1m high and consists of ashy sand and burnt stone. *October 1978*

179 Balnacraig 2

NH 646 707

NH 67 SW

The remains of what is probably a burnt mound stand about 100m E of burnt mound Balnacraig 1 (no. 178). Burnt stone is visible in the oval mound, which measures 11m from E to W by 9m transversely and stands 1m high. *October 1978*

FORTS

180 Castlehaven

NH 929 872

NH 98 NW 5

This promontory fort has been defended by a single rampart on the E and N; on the S, where the approach is easiest. extra protection has been provided by the addition of three ditches. In the interior there is a D-shaped enclosure. September 1977 Stat Acct, vi (1793), 426-7; Name Book, Ross-shire, no. 30, p. 5.

181 Cnoc an Duin

NH 696 768

NH 67 NE 1

This unfinished fort occupies the summit of Cnoc an Duin. The defences, which would have enclosed an area measuring about 220m by 80m, comprise an inner wall and what was probably intended to be an outer rampart. *November 1977 Transactions of the Inverness Scientific Society and Field Club*, v (1895-9), 362; Feachem 1971, 28-9; 1977, 149.

182 Easter Rarichie

NH 843 736

NH 87 SW 6

This complex multi-period fort stands on a prominent knoll rising from the lower slopes of the Hill of Nigg. The defences comprise three ramparts, two walls and an inner enclosure which may be a dun. September 1977

NMRS no. RCD/2/1; NSA, xiv (Ross and Cromarty), 20.

183 Knock Farril *

NH 504 585

NH 55 NW 10

The remains of this complex multi-period vitrified fort occupy the summit of Knock Farril. September 1978
Feachem 1977, 148-9.

BROCHS

184 Cnoc Tigh, Castle Corbet

NH 902 832

NH 98 SW 12

The wasted remains of what is probably a broch stand on a tongue of raised beach 650m SW of Lower Seafields. It measures 22m in diameter over a wall 5.5m thick; a single outer facing-stone is visible on the NW. The remains are obscured by dense vegetation and an enclosure of no great age. September 1977

Name Book, Ross-shire, no. 30, p. 58; Macfarlane 1906-8, i, 215.

185 Dun Alascaig

NH 656 868

NH 68 NE 11

Little now survives of this broch, which was still standing to a height of 4.5m in the 18th century. *November 1977*

Maitland 1757, i, 145; Pococke 1887, 111-3; Young 1962, 186.

186 Lechanich

NH 681 854

NH 68 NE 13

This broch occupies the summit of a knoll and measures 18.5m in diameter over a wall 4.6m thick. The entrance lies on the ESE and there may be a guard-chamber on the S side of the passage. September 1978 Watson 1904, 31.

187 Scotsburn House *

NH 714 761

NH 77 NW 6

The remains of what is probably a broch stand 600m WSW of Scotsburn House. It measures 6m in diameter within a wall spread to about 7m in thickness. The broch is surrounded by an outwork, and on the W there are two additional ramparts and ditches. October 1978

Transactions of the Inverness Scientific Society and Field Club, v (1895-9), 361-2; DES (1969), 46-7; DES (1970), 45.

DUNS

188 Morangie

NH 761 839

NH 78 SE

The wasted remains of this dun measure about 13m in diameter within a wall spread to between 4.5m and 7m in thickness and 1.2m in height. October 1977

189 Tarrel

NH 904 803

NH 98 SW

This dun occupies the summit of a rocky knoll overlooking the seashore. The dun wall has been destroyed on the seaward side, but elsewhere it measures up to 3.7m in thickness, and encloses an area which now measures 9.5m by 6.7m. October 1977

190 Wester Rarichie

NH 840 736

NH 87 SW 8

This dun occupies the summit of a prominent knoll 250m W of Easter Rarichie fort (no. 182). It measures 10.5m in diameter within a wall spread to between 5m and 6.5m in thickness. An entrance is visible on the E. September 1977

MISCELLANEOUS EARTHWORKS AND ENCLOSURES

(See also no. 71)

191 Alness -

NH 665 696

NH 66 NE

There are a number of crop-marks of unknown function between cairn no. 42 and the Alness to Tain road (A9). September 1978

192 Ardvannie 1

NH 684 876

NH 68 NE 6

This circular enclosure, possibly a small dun, measuring 11m in diameter within a wall now spread to a thickness of 3.5m; there is an entrance on the ESE. *October 1978*

193 Ardvannie 2

NH 685 875

NH 68 NE 19

Situated about 200m WNW of Ardvannie farmhouse there is a mutilated enclosure 11m in diameter within a stony bank. Eccentrically placed within the enclosure there is a turf-covered mound. *October 1978*

194 Cadboll +

NH 871 778

NH 87 NE

The crop-marks of three sides of what is probably a rectangular enclosure measuring at least 40m by 30m have been recorded 650m WNW of Cadboll Castle.

195 Fyrish +

NH 624 684

NH 66 NW

What may be the soil-mark of an enclosure has been noted on an air photograph. OS Record Card NH 66 NW (M)2.

196 Pitcalzean

NH 816 703

JH 87 SW

What may be the mutilated remains of a circular enclosure 16m in diameter over all are visible in rough pasture 1.4km E of Pitcalzean House. *October 1977*

197 Rhives +

NH 742 735

VH 77 SV

Crop-markings about 400m NW of Rhives show parts of three sides of a rectilinear enclosure, which measures about 40m from N to S by at least 45m transversely within a ditch about 3m broad. It may be of comparatively recent date. September 1978

198 Salmore +

NH 543 580

NH 55 NW

Air photography has revealed the crop-mark of a circular enclosure about 250m SSW of Salmore. It measures about 30m in diameter within a ditch 3.5m broad which has a gap 6m wide on the SE. September 1978

199 Polnicol +

NH 752 731

1H 77 SE

The crop-marks of about six ring-ditches have been recorded about 100m NW of Polnicol. They measure about 5m in diameter.

200 Scotsburn House

NH 715 761

NH 77 NW

About 30m N of the chambered cairn no. 21 there is a circular enclosure which measures about 20m in diameter over a low bank 3m in thickness. Immediately inside the bank there are traces of what may be a shallow ditch. *October 1978*

201 Swordale +

NH 576 656

NH 56 NE

The crop-mark of an oval enclosure has been recorded 150m SW of Swordale School. It measures about 18m from E to W by 10m transversely. September 1978

202 Tarbat House +

NH 773 733

NH 77 SE

The crop-mark of an oval enclosure has been recorded in an area of former parkland about 400m SE of Tarbat House; it measures about 18m in maximum diameter.

ECCLESIASTICAL MONUMENTS INCLUDING CROSSES AND PICTISH SYMBOL STONES

203 Achandunie, Chapel †

NH 642 727

NH 67 SW 3

Two pillars standing in dense undergrowth mark the reputed site of the chapel of 'Seapal-dail a' mhic'.

Maclean 1886, 338.

204 Alness, Church

NH 644 690

NH 66 NW 2

There is documentary evidence for the existence, before 1227, of a church on the site occupied by the present 18th-century one, which has two stones bearing the date 1629 incorporated in the belfry.

OPS 1851-5, ii, 472-3.

NH 66 NW

205 Balconie, Church †

NH 61 65

10 and 15

The ruins of this church, which was dedicated to St Ninian, were recorded at 'Balcony' in 1909.

Bain 1899, 57; Beaton 1909, 72.

206 Balnabruach, Chapel †

NH c. 908 840

NH 98 SW 5

A chapel is said to have stood in this vicinity. September 1977 Davidson 1946, 27.

207 Balnagown, Chapel

NH 757 759

NH 77 NE

The roofless shell of this chapel stands in dense vegetation. A plain rectangular building of mortared rubble, it measures 20m from E to W by 8m transversely. A tall flat-lintelled window survives in the W gable, and the last vestiges of a splayed window in the E gable. October 1977

Scott 1915- , vii, 58.

208 Bindal Muir

NH 938 850

NH 98 NW 1

The traditional site of a hermitage, now occupied by a ruinous dry-stone structure probably of no great age. *September 1977*Name Book, Ross-shire, no. 30, p. 26.

209 Brahan Castle, Chapel †

NH 508 541

NH 55 SW 6

The Name Book records the former existence of a chapel and burial-ground. September 1978

Name Book, Ross-shire, no. 6, p. 73.

210 Cadboll, Chapel †

NH 883 791

NH 87 NE 2

The site of St Mary's Chapel, recorded in 1529 and still visible in 1855, is now occupied by a rubbish-dump. September 1977

OPS 1851-5, ii, 434; OS 6-inch map, Ross and Cromarty, 2nd edition (1907), sheet xliii; Davidson 1946, 27.

211 Castlecraig, Annat †

NH c. 822 707

NH 87 SW

It has been suggested on the evidence of the place-name that an early chapel or cemetery may have stood near by.

Watson 1904, 52-3.

212 Clach a' Mheirlich, Rosskeen *

NH 681 690

NH 66 NE 12

This Class I 'Pictish' symbol stone stands 1.8m high. Traces of incised step, crescent and, possibly, tongs or tuning fork symbols are visible. *September 1978*Allen and Anderson 1903, iii, 61.

213 Clach Chairidh, Edderton *

NH 708 850

NH 78 NW 2

A Class I 'Pictish' symbol stone decorated with a fish and double disc and Z-rod symbols. *November 1977*

Allen and Anderson 1903, iii, 57-9.

214 Cille Bhrea, Church *

NH 576 614

NH 56 SE 3

The overgrown remains of the pre-Reformation church of Lemlair stand on the edge of the Cromarty Firth. Known locally as Cille Bhrea, the church was probably dedicated to St Brigh. Tombstones, a fragment of door-jamb and a font are visible within the claymortared building, which was partially excavated in 1966. *September 1978 OPS* 1851-5, ii, 481; Watson 1904, 85-6; Macrae 1923, 289; Cowan 1967, 129.

215 Cladh Thuradain

NH 585 673

NH 56 NE 2

A burial-ground, traditionally dedicated to St Curitan or Curadon. Brown 1906, 19; Watson 1904, Ixix-Ixx; Macrae 1923, 282.

216 Cullisse, Chapel †

NH c. 828 752 NH 87 NW 3

The remains of a chapel were recorded in 'Chapel Park' in the 18th century. September 1977
OPS 1851-5, ii, 454.

217 Delny, Chapel †

NH c. 734 723 NH 77 SW 3

The former existence of a chapel dedicated to St Mary is recorded at Delny. Scott 1915- , vii, 58.

218 Dingwall, Symbol Stone *

NH 549 589

NH 55 NW 7

A Class I 'Pictish' symbol stone, which stands in front of Dingwall Parish Church, bears double disc, crescent, circle, Z- and V-rod decoration, and six cup-marks. *September 1978* Allen and Anderson, 1903, iii, 56-7.

219 Edderton, Cross-slab * and church †

NH 719 842

NH 78 SW 3 & 4

The present Free Church, built in 1743, may occupy the site of a pre-Reformation church. In the graveyard there is a 'Pictish' cross-slab bearing a cross and equestrian decoration.

October 1978

OPS 1851-5, ii, 414; Macrae 1923, 289.

220 Fearn Abbey +

NH 631 874

NH 68 NW 10

Nothing now remains of the Premonstratensian abbey, which stood here from c. 1225 until it was moved to New Fearn (no. 229) about 1238. OPS 1851-5, ii, 414-5; Cowan and Easson 1976, 101-2.

221 Fodderty, Chapel †

NH c. 512 596

NH 55 NW 15

The Chapel of the Virgin Mary of Inchrory, which is mentioned in 1349, probably stood in the field of Croicht an Teampuill. *September 1978*Name Book, Ross-shire, no. 9, p. 76; Watson 1904, 101.

222 Fodderty, Church +

NH 513 593

NH 55 NW 13

The traditional site of the former parish church of Fodderty is marked by a large mound within the present burial-ground. The ruins were said to be still visible in 1876. September 1978

Name Book, Ross-shire, no. 9, p. 76.

223 Foulis, Burial-ground +

NH 587 636

NH 56 SE 11

No traces are now visible of the burial-ground of Cnoc an Teampuill, which is said to have occupied this site. *September 1978*Name Book, Ross-shire, no. 1, p. 113.

224 Hilton of Cadboll, Chapel * and Cross-slab

NH 873 768

NH 87 NE 6 & 7

Only the footings survive of this chapel, which measures 12m from E to W by 6.5m transversely within an irregular-shaped enclosure. A semi-circular annexe at the W end of the building was probably the original site of the 'Pictish' cross-slab, which is now in the National Museum of Antiquities of Scotland (NMAS IB 189). A broken font lies on the N. November 1978

Allen and Anderson 1903, iii, 61-3; Watson 1904, 43; *PSAS*, Ivi (1921-2), 60-3; Davidson 1946, 27.

225 Kiltearn, Church +

NH 616 652

NH 66 NW 1

The present 18th-century church may occupy the site of an older church possibly dedicated to St Tighernac. September 1978

Bain 1899, 57; NSA, xiv (Ross and Cromarty), 327; Macrae 1923, 289.

226 Marybank, Church *

NH 749 761

NH 77 NW 9

The roofless shell of this T-plan church stands 200m SE of Marybank. Built of mortared rubble, it survives to gable height on the N and W; the chamfered windows indicate a 17th-century date for the church but some of the tombstones in the surrounding graveyard appear to be of earlier date. *November 1978*

Name Book, Ross-shire, no. 25, p. 29; Transactions of the Inverness Scientific Society and Field Club, v (1895-9), 360-1.

227 Midd Genie, Chapel †

NH 897 792

NH 87 NE 9

The traditional site (350m ESE of Geanies House) of a chapel built about 1500 and probably dedicated to St Barr. Two ornamental gateways at NH 8961 7911 commemorate the tradition. *October 1977*

OPS 1851-5, ii, 436; Macfarlane 1906-8, i, 215.

228 Mountrich, Church †

NH 562 604

NH 56 SE 5

It is recorded that the church of Killechoan or Cille a' Choan was destroyed during railway construction in 1862-3. *September 1978*Macrae 1923, 281; Watson 1926, 281.

229 New Fearn, Abbey

NH 837 772

NH 87 NW 1

This Premonstratensian abbey was founded at Edderton in c. 1225 (no. 220) and transferred to New Fearn in c. 1238. After successive rebuildings the medieval church is still in parochial use. September 1977

MacGibbon and Ross 1896-7, ii, 542-7; Cowan and Easson 1976, 101-2.

230 Newton, Chapel

NH 845 814

NH 88 SW 3

Only the lower walls remain of a chapel, which is said to date from the 16th century and which was in use as a burial-ground until 1832. No gravestones are visible but the site stands within an irregular enclosure. *November 1978*Name Book, Ross-shire, no. 29, p. 98.

231 Nigg, Cross-slab * and Church

NH 804 717

NH 87 SW 1 & 5

This parish church, dedicated to St Fiacre, dates from 1626 but the earliest reference to a church on this site occurs in 1255-6. A fine Class II 'Pictish' cross-slab stands within the church. *November 1978*

OPS 1851-5, ii, 454; Cowan 1967, 157; Allen and Anderson 1903, iii, 75-83.

232 Nonakiln, Chapel

NH 662 712

NH 67 SE 20

All that survives of this chapel (dedicated to St Ninian), which is said to have collapsed in 1714, is the W gable. In the burial-ground there are several graveslabs of probable 17th century date. A decorated slab (now lost) and possibly of Early Christian date was also found in the graveyard; a cast of the slab is in the National Museum of Antiquities of Scotland (NMAS 1B 216). September 1978

Maclean 1886, 338; Noble 1909, 179; Macdonald and Polson 1931, 51-2; PSAS, Ix

Maclean 1886, 338; Noble 1909, 179; Macdonald and Polson 1931, 51-2; *PSAS*, Ix (1930-1), 11.

233 Old Shandwick, Chapel

NH 858 745

NH 87 SE 1

Only two dressed stones and a length of walling survive of this chapel, which stood within a burial-ground until the end of the 18th century. *October 1977 Stat Acct*, xiii (1794), 19; *OPS* 1851-5, ii, 455.

234 Portmahomack, Chapel †

NH 916 845

NH 98 SW 6

The discovery before 1845 of human bones 'deposited within rough flags of freestone' may be linked with the chapel that is alleged to have stood on this site. The 'rough flooring of flat stones in a roughly oblong setting, approximately east and west', recorded in 1947 may be associated with the chapel or with later buildings, which were still standing on the site in 1907. September 1978

NSA, xiv (Ross and Cromarty), 460; OPS 1851-5, ii, 434; OS 6-inch map, Ross and Cromarty, 2nd edition (1907), sheet xxx; Davidson 1946, 27.

235 Rosskeen, Church

NH 688 692

NH 66 NE 13

What may be fragmentary remains of an earlier church are visible among the burial-enclosures which lie to the E of the present 19th-century church. There is a blocked window in the N wall of the eastermost enclosure. *November 1978*Maclean 1886, 337; Name Book, Ross-shire, no. 2, pp. 107, 109.

236 Shandwick, Cross-slab * and Burial-ground + NH 855 747 NH 87 SE 3 & 4
This well-preserved cross-slab, known as the Clach a' Carridh, is of Early Christian date; it measures 3m in height, 1m in width and 0.34m in thickness. An associated burial-ground is reported to have been levelled about 1885.

Stat Acct, xiii (1794), 19; Allen and Anderson 1903, iii, 68-73; Macdonald and Laing 1970, 137.

237 Stittenham, Symbol-stone fragments NH c. 650 743 NH 67 SE 12
Two sandstone fragments, bearing incised representations of a deer and wolf in Pictish style, were found 'built into an old wall at Stittenham' before 1891. Often known as the Ardross 'wolf' and 'horse', they are preserved in Inverness Museum (INVMG 00.208-9).
Allen and Anderson 1903, iii, 55-6.

238 Tain, Chapel * NH 785 822 NH 78 SE 1
This chapel, dedicated to St Duthus, was probably built not earlier than the 14th century.
It was destroyed by fire in 1429 and the ruins stand in the modern churchyard.

September 1977
MacGibbon and Ross 1896-7, ii, 537-8; Macdonald and Laing 1970, 137-8.

239 Tain, Church NH 780 821 NH 78 SE 3

The restored remains of what was probably the original parish church stand to the SE of the Collegiate Church (no. 240). Dedicated to St Duthus, it is apparently of 15th-century date or earlier. September 1977

MacGibbon and Ross 1896-7, ii, 539-42.

240 Tain, Collegiate Church * NH 780 821 NH 78 SE 3
This mid-14th-century church, dedicated to St Duthus, was given collegiate status in
1487, and in 1877 it was restored for use as a burial-place. September 1977
MacGibbon and Ross 1896-7, ii, 538-9.

Tarbat, Church
The present parish church, built in 1756 and dedicated to St Colman, is probably the latest of several which have occupied this site from at least as early as 1255. In 1899 a Viking silver hoard (NMAS IL 272-81) was discovered during the digging of a grave. September 1977

NSA, xiv (Ross and Cromarty), 461; OPS 1851-5, ii, 434; Shetelig 1940-54, ii, 109-110; Cowan 1967, 195; Macdonald and Laing 1970, 138; OS Record Card NH 98 SW 8.

Tarbat, Cross-slab and Symbol-stones NH c. 914 840 NH 98 SW 14-16
Numerous fragments of 'Pictish' cross-slabs and symbol-stones have been found in and around Tarbat churchyard. Apart from a single example of Class II, they are of Class III, and all are preserved in the National Museum of Antiquities of Scotland (NMAS IB 130-1, 190, 209, 280-6).

Allen and Anderson 1903, iii, 73-5, 88-95; PSAS, Ivi (1921-2), 63-4; Curle 1940, 103-4,

243 Tarbat, St Bridget's Chapel † NH c. 92 84 NH 98 SW 17
This chapel is said to have stood 'a short mile' E of Tarbat parish church.
Macfarlane 1906-8, i, 215.

244 Tarbat, St John's Chapel NH c. 864 829 NH 88 SE 2
This chapel, dedicated to St John the Baptist, is said to have stood 'a large mile' W of
Tarbat parish church. A burial-ground may have existed alongside.
Macfarlane 1906-8, 215; OPS 1851-5, ii, 450.

245 Teampall-Earach, Chapel

NH 926 834

NH 98 SW 7

A single gravestone, bearing the date 1682 and lying on a clearance-heap, is all that remains to indicate the site of this chapel and graveyard. *September 1977 Stat Acct*, vi (1793), 431; *OPS* 1851-5, ii, 434.

MOTTES

246 Alness

NH 649 690

NH 66 NW 6

Cnoc a' Chaisteil, an artificial mound about 27m in diameter, may be a motte; it is accompanied, on the N and W, by a ditch and outer bank.

Name Book, Ross-shire, no. 2, p. 85.

247 Dunskeath Castle *

NH 807 689

NH 86 NW 1

A semi-circular ditch 11m broad and 2m deep, with an internal bank 0.8m high and faint traces of an outer bank and ditch on the NE, are all that remains of this promontory motte built by William the Lion in 1179. September 1977 MacKenzie 1948, 60-1; Stell 1972, 186, no. 29.

CASTLES AND TOWER-HOUSES

248 Achnacloich Castle †

NH 670 734

NH 67 SE 10

The castle of the lairds of Achnacloich is said to have stood in this area. Name Book, Ross-shire, no. 2, p. 23; Maclean 1886, 327.

249 Balconie †

NH 615 656

NH 66 NW 8

A castle, occupied by the Earls of Ross, is said to have stood here. Balconie House, a 19th-century building which later occupied the site, has been demolished.

Macrae 1923, plates following p. xvi.

250 Ballone Castle *

NH 928 837

NH 98 SW 1

This commodious Z-plan tower-house was built in the late 16th century, traditionally by the Earls of Ross. It has a forework on the NE and what may be a curtain-wall and associated building on the SW. The condition of the tower-house is rapidly deteriorating. *November 1978*

MacGibbon and Ross 1887-92, ii, 248-51; Tranter 1962-70, v, 147-8.

251 Brahan Castle

NH 511 545

NH 55 SW 5

An ornamental wall standing at the N end of a level grass platform is all that survives of this castle, which was originally of 17th-century date but was heavily restored in the early 19th century and demolished in 1965. September 1978

Transactions of the Inverness Scientific Society and Field Club, ix (1918-25), 333-9.

252 Cadboll Castle

NH 878 776

NH 87 NE 4

This two- or three-storeyed tower-house dates from the 16th century and stands adjacent to a 17th-century laird's house. It is built on the L-plan with an additional round tower on the NW corner; much of the E wing has been demolished. *November 1978* Tranter 1962-70, v, 150-2.

253 Ceann Righ, Kinrive †

NH 69 75

NH 67 NE 7

The foundations of a 'large castle or building' were still visible in 1845. *November 1977 NSA*, xiv (Ross and Cromarty), 305.

254 Contullich Castle +

NH 636 704

NH 67 SW 11

Until its demolition in 1826 this castle is said to have stood on the W side of the present farmhouse; foundations discovered in drainage work may be part of the structure. Part of a 17th-century door- or window-pediment bearing monogram initials was found during reconstruction of the adjacent farmsteading in about 1974. September 1978 Name Book, Ross-shire, no. 2, p. 58; Bain 1899, 15.

255 Dingwall Castle

NH 553 590

NH 55 NE 4

This castle, which comes on record in the 13th century, was levelled in 1818 and the site is now occupied by a house of that period. The existing remains comprise part of a ditch, a small vaulted chamber and a length of rubble-built wall 1.7m thick to which a circular garden pavilion has been added in the 19th century. September 1978 MacGibbon and Ross 1887-92, iv, 390; Macrae 1923, 49-77.

256 Dochmaluag

NH 519 599

NH 55 NW 16

The overgrown remains of this three-storeyed tower-house stand 100m N of Dochmaluag. The much-reconstructed building, which probably originated in the 17th century, measures 4.3m from E to W by 3.7m transversely within a mortared-rubble wall 0.8m thick and has an entrance on the NW. A barrel-vaulted undercroft 20m W of the tower stands within what was probably an enclosure attached to the N of the tower. There is a rectangular outbuilding which incorporates a fireplace 50m SW of the tower. *November 1978* Macrae 1923, 67.

257 Geanies Castle +

NH 894 798

NH 87 NE 1

The traditional site of Geanies Castle is recorded about 450m E of Mains of Geanies farm-house; no visible remains survive. *September 1977* Davidson 1946, 28.

258 Invergordon Castle †

NH 698 696

NH 66 NE 16

This castle, which is said to have been in existence in the 13th century, was formerly known as Inverbreakie. It was replaced by a 19th-century mansion, now demolished. September 1978

259 Little Tarrel Castle

NH 910 819

NH 98 SW 11

This L-shaped tower-house, also known as Rockfield, is in poor condition. Most of it probably dates from the 17th century but it may incorporate earlier work. September 1977

Tranter 1962-70, v, 164-5.

260 Lochslin Castle

NH 849 806

NH 88 SW 4

The lower courses of the NE corner of this L-plan tower-house are visible in a clearance-heap. September 1977

NSA, xiv (Ross and Cromarty), 361; Macdonald and Polson 1931, 59.

261 Milntown Castle †

NH 772 737

NH 77 SE 1

No visible remains survive of this castle which was built c. 1500. A square underground structure visible in a heavily-landscaped area is most probably an ice-house.

September 1977

Transactions of the Inverness Scientific Society and Field Club, v (1895-9), 359; Watson 1904, 63.

262 Newmore Castle

NH 680 719

NH 67 SE 7

The remains of this tower-house comprise the barrel-vaulted ground floor and a stair-turret on the E corner. The discovery of a datestone of 1625 is recorded. *September 1978* Name Book, Ross-shire, no. 2, p. 41.

263 Old Shandwick †

NH 858 745

NH 87 SE 2

This castle, which was probably built in about 1460, was ruinous by 1780 and was finally removed in 1942.

Cordiner 1780, i, 65; Name Book, Ross-shire, no. 26, p. 11.

264 Red Castle †

NH 892 825

NH 88 SE 1

The remains of this castle were removed shortly before 1872. Name Book, Ross-shire, no. 30, p. 58.

265 Tain Castle †

NH 780 821

NH 78 SE 2

The castle that is said to have stood at this location was first mentioned in the 16th century. The last vestiges were removed about 1820.

Name Book, Ross and Cromarty, no. 29, p. 25.

MEDIEVAL BURGHS

266 Dingwall

NH 546 590

NH 55 NW

This royal burgh was granted by Robert I to William, Earl of Ross in 1321; the name is of Norse origin.

Watson 1904, 93-4; Macrae 1923; Pryde 1965, 45, no. 117; Simpson 1972, 33; Nicolaisen 1976, 119.

267 Tain

NH 78 82

NH 78 SE

Tain had achieved burgh status by 1524. See also no. 296. Watson 1904, 32-3; Pryde 1965, 24-5, no. 48; Nicolaisen 1976, 190.

DOMESTIC ARCHITECTURE OF THE SIXTEENTH TO NINETEENTH CENTURIES

268 The Bishop's House, Nigg +

NH 804 717

NH 87 SW 9

Crop-marks of what may be the foundations of this large house, traditionally associated with the Bishops of Ross, are visible on an air photograph. *October 1977 Stat Acct,* xiii (1794), 17; *OPS* 1851-5, ii, 457.

269 Edderton House †

NH 716 838

NH 78 SW 6

This house, which was probably of 18th-century date, was demolished in about 1951. It may have stood on the site of a castle founded by William the Lion in 1179.

OS Record Card NH 78 SW 8.

270 Meikle Daan

NH 689 845

NH 68 SE

The mansion-house of Daan is first mentioned in 1592, but the building that now occupies this site is a small laird's house built of clay-mortared rubble and bearing a date of 1680. The building, inhabited until recently, is still roofed and in use as a store. *November 1978 NSA*, xiv (Ross and Cromarty), 449.

FARMS, TOWNSHIPS AND SHIELINGS

271 Alness †

NH c. 644 690

NH 66 NW 7

It is recorded that the village of Alness stood in this area prior to about 1800. Maclean 1888, 219.

272 Arboll

NH 884 828

NH 88 SE

This township comprises at least nine buildings, represented by dry-stone footings. September 1977

273 Ardoch

NH 610 724

NH 67 SW

The footings of a cottage of dry-stone construction. September 1978

274 Ardoch 2

NH 614 723

NH 67 SW

The fragmentary remains of what was probably a kiln-barn are visible 100m S of two cottages. Built of dry-stone, the footings measure 8m from NNE to SSW by 5m transversely and are set into a hillock on the SSW. September 1978

275 Ardvannie 1

NH 676 875

NH 68 NE

The turf-covered footings of at least two deserted cottages stand 170m W of Ardvannie House and immediately N of the public road. The larger building measures 18m from ENE to WSW by 3m transversely within walls about 1m thick. *October 1978*

290 Glen of Scotsburn 2

enclosures and field-walls. November 1977

NH 678 874 NH 68 NE 276 Ardvannie 2 This deserted cottage stands 100m SSE of Ardvannie House. It measures 8.8m from NNE to SSW by 2.2m transversely within the footings of walls about 0.8m thick. October 1978 NH 721 770 **NH 77 NW** 277 Badnaguin A three-roomed rectangular building of dry-stone construction. November 1977 278 Balnaha NH 878 800 **NH 88 SE** A single deserted cottage. September 1977 279 Bankhead NH 924 831 **NH 98 SW** Two deserted cottages situated 200m SE of Bankhead. September 1977 280 Bindal Muir NH 942 859 **NH 98 NW** A single rectangular building of dry-stone construction with associated enclosures and clearance-heaps. September 1977 **NH 87 NW** 281 Bogbain NH 815 793 A deserted cottage of dry-stone construction, partly hidden by a clearance-heap. September 1977 282 Bravard **NH 68 NE** NH 673 850 The cottage, which measures 15m from WSW to ENE by 5m transversely, is of claymortar construction and abuts the WSW end of a cottage of more recent lime-mortar construction. September 1978 283 Caanrigh NH 833 707 This farmstead, which measures 30m from WSW to ENE by 5m transversely, stands to a height of 1.5m and is built of clay-mortared rubble. It is surrounded by associated enclosures. September 1977 284 Cadboll NH 889 782 **NH 87 NE** This complex of rectilinear dry-stone enclosures may represent a farmstead. October 1977 285 Casandamff **NH 68 SE** NH 681 825 This farmstead consists of a four-roomed building of dry-stone construction with numerous outbuildings and enclosures. June 1978 286 Craggan NH 68 NE NH 675 855 This L-shaped deserted farm is of clay-mortar construction. A cobbled area measuring about 2m in diameter may be a stack-stand. September 1978 NH 56 NW 1 287 Eileanach Lodge NH 540 686 Extensive remains of deserted settlement have been noted in this area at 250m OD. NH 895 789 **NH 87 NE** A two-roomed cottage of dry-stone construction. October 1977 289 Glen of Scotsburn 1 NH 704 771 **NH 77 NW** This farm comprises three buildings of dry-stone construction, one of them a kiln-barn; there are traces of enclosures and field-walling. November 1977

NH 717 778

This farm comprises two rectangular buildings of dry-stone construction with associated

NH 77 NW

291 Heights of Brae 1

NH 507 611

NH 56 SW

A deserted farmhouse of clay-mortar construction with what may be an associated kilnbarn. September 1978

292 Heights of Brae 2

NH 510 612

NH 56 SW

This deserted farm measures 25m from SW to NE by 5m transversely and has three rooms. An enclosure is visible to the NW and a quarry to the S. September 1978

293 Heights of Brae 3

NH 512 611

NH 56 SW

The fragmentary remains of this deserted farm of clay-mortar construction are visible in a modern clearance-heap. September 1978

294 Hill of Nigg 1

NH 827 733

NH 87 SW

The wasted remains of this farmstead and its associated enclosures are visible as footings around a single standing building. September 1977

295 Hill of Nigg 2

NH 842 718

NH 87 SW

This deserted farm consists of two buildings and probably displays at least two phases of construction. The SE building is of clay-mortar construction while that to the NW has clay walls above a height of about 1m. September 1977

296 Innerathy †

NH c. 785 822

NH 78 SE 7

The original site of the town of Tain, known as Innerathy, is alleged to have stood close to St Duthus' chapel (no. 238).

MacGibbon and Ross 1896-7, ii, 537; Macrae 1923, 290-1.

297 Keanstruie 1

NH 664 840

NH 68 SE

These two cottages of dry-stone construction stand in improved ground 1km WNW of Little Daan. Both survive to a height of about 0.5m. September 1978

298 Keanstruie 2

NH 665 838

NH 68 SE

Three deserted cottages situated among enclosures in cleared ground 1.1km NW of Little Daan. One of the cottages shows evidence of two phases of clay-mortar construction with later lime-mortar pointing; the other two are of dry-stone construction. September 1978

299 Kinrive

NH 707 758

NH 77 NW

This deserted cottage stands 750m WNW of Torran. It measures 15.5m from ENE to WSW by 3.8m transversely within walls spread to a thickness of 1.6m. There are associated enclosures on the S and W. *November 1978*

300 Lairgs of Tain 1

NH 717 798

NH 77 NW

A single rectangular cottage of dry-stone construction with a large enclosure on the NE. *November 1977*

301 Lairgs of Tain 2

NH 728 797

NH 77 NW

The remains of this farm are largely hidden in dense vegetation. Some of the buildings are of mortared-stone construction. *November 1977*

302 Lechanich 1

NH 677 852

NH 68 NE

A cottage of clay-mortar construction measuring 12m by 4m and standing 3m high; to the E there are the footings of a long, narrow building of similar construction, measuring 22m by 5m. September 1978

303 Lechanich 2

NH 680 855

1H 68 NE

This single-chambered cottage of clay-mortar construction measures 15m from SW to NE by 5m transversely and has turf-built gables. It stands immediately NW of an occupied cottage. September 1978

304 Little Daan 1

NH 672 835

NH 68 SE

Two cottages of dry-stone construction survive as footings in an area of improved ground 300m SW of Little Daan. September 1978

305 Little Daan 2

NH 673 840

NH 68 SE

A single dry-stone cottage 200m NNW of Little Daan. It measures 13m from WSW to ENE by 5m transversely and has an attached enclosure on the E end. September 1978

306 Loch Eye

NH 825 804

NH 88 SW

This deserted cottage measures 25m from WSW to ENE by 5m transversely and is apparently of dry-stone construction. September 1977

307 Luacharmhor

NH 674 803

NH 68 SE

Two deserted cottages of clay-mortar construction situated immediately E of a stream; one of them has been re-pointed with lime mortar. September 1978

308 Meall a' Bhreacainn

NH c. 64 81

NH 68 SW

Numerous shielings are reported on the E side of this hill. One example visited measured 12m from NW to SE by 4m transversely. September 1978

309 Meikle Dallas

NH 694 841

NH 68 SE

This two-roomed cottage measures 20m from WSW to ENE by 5m transversely and is of crude, clay-mortar construction. *September 1978*

310 Mounteagle

NH 836 794

NH 87 NW

The footings of what appear to have been two dry-stone buildings, one of them 24m long internally. September 1977

311 Polintark

NH 682 826

NH 68 SE 13

What may be a deserted cottage stands in improved ground 1.1km ENE of Polintark and measures 13m from E to W by 8m transversely between wall-centres. *June 1978*

312 Pollagharrie

NH 680 847

NH 68 SE

The remains of two cottages of clay-mortar construction are visible 100m E of Pollagharrie. Both have been partially re-pointed with lime mortar. September 1978

313 Port Uilleim

NH 921 858

NH 98 NW

A single rectangular cottage of dry-stone construction. September 1977

314 Rhamore

NH 677 844

NH 68 SE

A group of deserted cottages, two of them of clay-mortar construction (one extensively altered and re-pointed with lime mortar) and the third one built with lime mortar and evidently of more recent date. September 1978

315 Rhanich

NH 711 803

NH 78 SW 12

The footings of two stone-built deserted cottages stand among small cairns (no. 82) and modern clearance-heaps on the edge of improved land 550m WSW of Carn a' Chait (no. 40). *November 1978*

316 Rheguile

NH 689 858

NH 68 NE

This deserted cottage measures 12m from E to W by 5m transversely and is of clay-mortar construction. September 1978

317 Ruighe Corrach

NH 651 780

NH 67 NE

This farmsteading comprises four rectangular buildings of dry-stone construction with associated enclosures. May 1978

318 Strath Rory 1

NH 675 772

NH 67 NE

The remains of an L-shaped farm, apparently of dry-stone construction, with what may be a kiln a little to the S. *November 1977*

319 Strath Rory 2

NH 692 767

NH 67 NE

This single rectangular cottage of dry-stone construction is surrounded by enclosures. *November 1977*

320 Strath Rory 3

NH 695 765

NH 67 NE

This farmsteading comprises two cottages, two enclosures and a kiln, all of dry-stone construction. *November 1977*

321 Strath Rory 4

NH 697 764

NH 67 NE

A single four-roomed cottage of dry-stone construction with an associated enclosure. May 1978

322 Strath Sgitheach 1

NH 522 637

NH 56 SW

A three-roomed cottage, apparently of dry-stone construction, standing in cleared ground. September 1978

323 Strath Sgitheach 2

NH 547 636

NH 56 SW

The remains of this T-plan deserted farm measure, at greatest, 20m from NE to SW by 15m transversely. It is of dry-stone construction and stands within an enclosure. September 1978

324 Swordale

NH 578 661

NH 56 NE

This extensive area of deserted settlement covers the summit of a ridge just NW of the chambered cairn no. 25 from which much of the building stone has probably been derived. What may be a domestic building, measuring 10m from NE to SW by 6m transversely and of dry-stone construction, stands among numerous enclosures. September 1978

325 Tain †

NH 795 829

NH 78 SE

In 1974 this corn-drying kiln was excavated and found to be of dry-stone construction with a clay lining. No datable artifacts were found but grain samples recovered are held at Inverness (INVMG 975.34) and Tain Museums. *DES (1974)*, 58.

326 Torran

NH 712 762

NH 77 NW

A single rectangular cottage of dry-stone construction with an enclosure on the S. November 1977

327 Torrnambroc

NH 690 842

IH 68 SE

This two-roomed cottage is of clay-mortar construction with dressed quoins and margins. It measures 20m from E to W by 5m transversely and stands gable-high. The remains of at least one dry-stone building or enclosure are visible on the NW. September 1978

328 Wester Lealty

NH 602 728

NH 67 SW

This cottage measures 12m from E to W by 5m transversely over walls of dry-stone construction which still stand 0.7m high. September 1978

329 Wester Rarichie 1

NH 838 737

NH 87 SW

The wasted remains of a cottage. September 1977

330 Wester Rarichie 2

NH 839 736

NH 87 SW

The outline of this single deserted cottage is visible under turf. September 1977

INDUSTRIAL MONUMENTS

331 Balchladich

NH 893 830

NH 88 SE

Fragments of iron-working slag found in disturbed sand may indicate the site of a bloomery. September 1977

332 Ballone Mill

NH 930 839

NH 98 SW

The remains of stone and brick buildings with an associated mill-pond. September 1977

333 Blackpark

NH c. 676 832

NH 68 SE 9

'Traces of iron-smelting' are recorded in this area.

Transactions of the Inverness Scientific Society and Field Club, ii (1880-3), 321, 322.

334 Stittenham, Millstone-quarry

NH 654 742

NH 67 SE

Two incomplete millstones, partly cut from an outcrop, were recorded here in 1975. OS Record Card NH 67 SE (M) 1.

335 Tarrel Mill

NH 900 799

NH 97 NW

The remains of a mill are visible at the mouth of the Tarrel Ditch. September 1977

MISCELLANEOUS

336 Admiral's Farm

NH 696 827

NH 68 SE 7

In 1851 a scatter of 'arrow heads (flint)' was found about 180m NE of this farmsteading. Name Book, Ross-shire, no. 10, p. 54.

337 Balnapaling 1 †

NH c. 801 692

NH 86 NW 5

In 1887 Duns excavated a shell-midden, the precise location of which is not known, but it was probably at either NH 799 690 or NH 801 692. It contained a hearth, worked bone, and the remains of shellfish, mammals, birds and fish. The midden may be that noted by Lubbock in 1863. September 1977 Lubbock 1863, 421; Duns 1897.

338 Balnapaling 2

NH 804 689

NH 86 NW

There is a shell-midden composed mainly of winkle shells exposed in the face of a quarry 220m W of Dunskeath Castle (no. 247). The midden is 0.2m thick and extends for at least 2.7m, October 1978

339 Cadboll Mount

NH 889 790

IH 87 NE

This garden mount was built before 1760 in the form of a pyramid. It measures 29m square at the base and stands 6m high. September 1977 Pococke 1887, 173; Davidson 1946, 25-6.

340 Carn a' Bhodaich

NH 946 875

NH 98 NW 2

A mound of earth and stones measuring 8m in diameter and standing 0.8m high has been identified as a possible cairn, but it is probably a beacon stance of no great age. September 1977

Roy 1747-55, sheet 27/5; NSA, xiv (Ross and Cromarty), 460.

341 Castle Corbet

NH 902 833

NH 98 SW 10

There are shell-middens at NH 902 833, where a broad spread of midden is exposed in one corner of a field, and at NH 903 833, where burrowing animals have brought shells to the surface. September 1977

Name Book, Ross-shire, no. 30, p. 60.

342 Castle Haven †

NH 931 873

NH 98 NW 8

It is reported that numerous shell-middens were removed in land reclamation about 1872. September 1977

Name Book, Ross-shire, no. 30, p. 7.

343 Catherine's Cross †

NH 828 804

NH 88 SW 1

This cross, which may have been a girth cross of Tain, was removed before 1871. *OPS* 1851-5, ii, 428; Name Book, Ross-shire, no. 29, p. 95; Watson 1904, 33.

344 Easter Ardross †

NH 635 747

NH 67 SW 8

The remains of a 'small fortification of stone' were noted at Cnoc nam Fiann in 1886; nothing remained visible in 1963.

Maclean 1886, 333-4.

345 Foulis

NH 588 639

NH 56 SE

A mound, probably a garden mount, situated 200m S of Foulis Castle, may be the 'fortalice' mentioned by Bain as existing at Foulis in the 11th century. *September 1978* Bain 1899, 15; OS Record Card NH 56 SE 2.

346 Lechanich

NH 683 858

NH 68 NE

Cultivation terraces are visible on a SE-facing slope 150m WSW of the chambered cairn no. 16. They vary between 3m and 6m in width and cover an area measuring at least 100m from NE to SW by about 40m transversely. *November 1978*

347 Loch Eye *

NH 82 79, 83 79

NH 87 NW 5

Numerous circular stone structures varying between 2m and 5m in diameter were temporarily exposed on the W and S of Loch Eye during conditions of low water in October 1972. Some were linked to the shore by causeways. The date and function of these structures is unknown but they may be duck-shooting hides.

348 Meikle Tarrel

NH 904 804

NH 98 SV

Traces of a shell-midden are exposed on the neck of a coastal promontory 600m SE of Meikle Tarrel. September 1977

349 Mountrich 1 †

NH c. 562 604

NH 56 SE 6

Nothing survives of this kitchen-midden which was recorded in 1923. September 1978 Macrae 1923, 2-3, 9.

350 Mountrich 2+

NH c. 562 606

NH 56 SE 13

Nothing can now be seen of this shell-midden. *September 1978* Macrae 1923, 343.

351 Mountrich 3 +

NH c. 562 606

NH 56 SE 9

A flint scatter was recorded here in 1923. Macrae 1923, 343-4.

ABBREVIATIONS

INVMG Inverness Museum and Art Gallery, Castle Wynd, Inverness

NMAS National Museum of Antiquities of Scotland, Queen Street, Edinburgh

NMRS National Monuments Record of Scotland, 54 Melville Street, Edinburgh

OS Ordnance Survey, 43 Rose Street, Edinburgh

PSAS Proceedings of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland



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