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# **South Carrick**

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The items included in this list of sites and monuments range in period from prehistoric burial-cairns and forts to deserted farmsteads of comparatively recent date. The following categories have been omitted from the list: buildings eligible for listing by the Scottish Development Department as buildings of special architectural or historic interest under the Town and Country Planning Acts (Scotland); buildings in towns; roads, railways and canals; most structures of 19th-century and later date.

The list of prehistoric monuments in South Carrick is dominated by the large number of Bronze Age barrows and cairns which is in marked contrast to the apparent absence of the other forms of burial (cists, etc.) typical of this period. Open settlements of stone-walled houses have been located in this area for the first time, some of them associated with field-systems and groups of small cairns. Other groups of irregularly-shaped small cairns have been found close to patches of rig-and-furrow cultivation, but these may be no more than clearance-heaps of relatively recent date. The dearth of recognisable defensive works of Iron Age date is remarkable, even if sites such as Knockmalloch (no. 134) are taken into account. Included within the category of miscellaneous earthworks and enclosures are several stony banks buried by peat (nos. 132, 137, 138); they enclose areas of 0.6ha to 1.2ha, and may be agricultural enclosures of prehistoric date.

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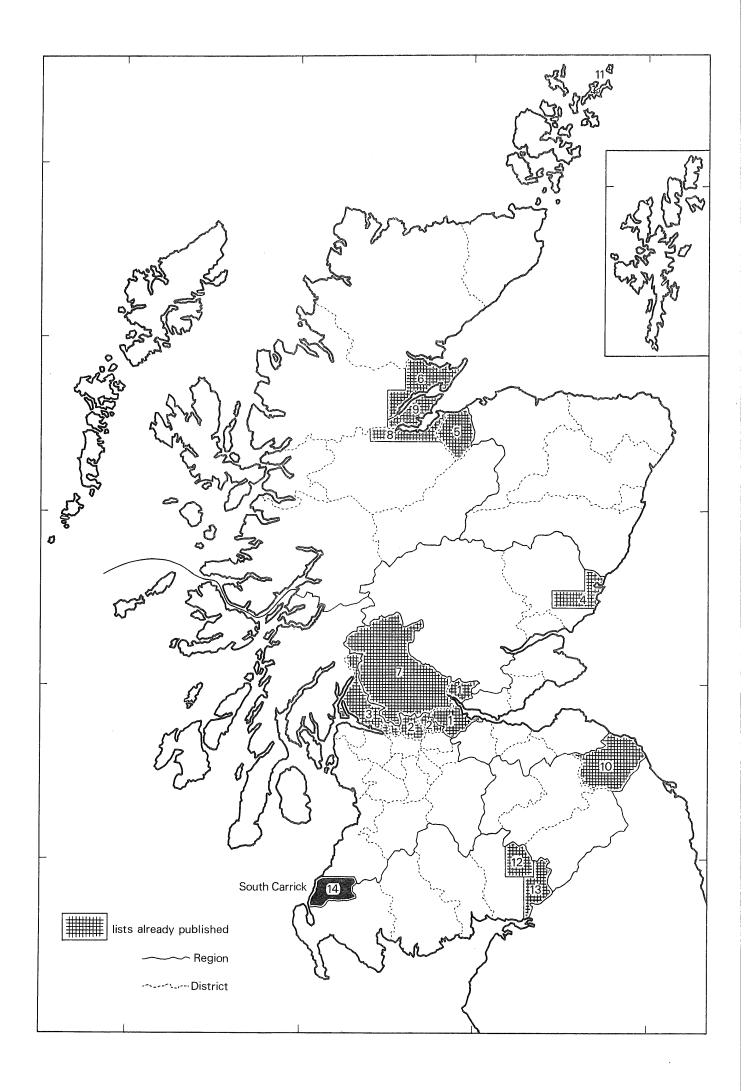
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#### CHAMBERED AND LONG CAIRNS

The code number in brackets immediately following the title of the articles in this section conforms to the system outlined by Henshall 1972, 312-13.

1 Arecleoch (AYR 2) †

NX 174 782

NX 17 NE 2

Nothing remains of this chambered cairn of Bargrennan type. *July 1981* Name Book, Ayr, No. 6, pp. 51, 75; Smith 1895, 224; Henshall 1972, 397.

2 Balmalloch (AYR 3) \*

NX 263 845

NX 28 SE 1

This chambered cairn of Bargrennan type occupies a low knoll 550m WNW of the abandoned farmstead of Balmalloch. Circular on plan, it measures 18m in maximum diameter by 2.4m in height and contains at least two chambers. September 1981 Smith 1895, 219; Henshall 1972, 398.

3 Cave Cairn, Arecleoch (AYR 4)

NX 183 792

NX 17 NE 3

Situated in a clearing in Arecleoch Forest, this circular chambered cairn of Bargrennan type measures up to 21m in diameter by 1.5m in height and contains two chambers set back to back (about 2.1m apart) along a NE to SW axis. *July 1981* Smith 1895, 224-5; Henshall 1972, 399-400.

4 Craigance

NX 248 774

**NX 27 NW** 

What may be the remains of a chambered cairn occupy a slight rise 350m ESE of the ruins of Craigance farmstead. The cairn is oval, measuring 16.8m from NW to SE by 14.5m transversely by 1m in height, and on the SW its perimeter is flattened for a distance of 13.5m. On the SW, at the centre of the flattened side there is a narrow chamber 1.25m long and 0.6m wide; its side-slabs stand 0.6m and 0.4m in height respectively. September 1981

5 Loch Hill

NX 173 817

VX 18 SE (

On the E flank of Loch Hill there are the remains of a probable long cairn overlain by a sheepfold. Within the fold little more than a spead of stones and some possible kerbstones survive, but outside it, on the E, there are three upright slabs (the largest about 1.3m high) which appear to form the S side of a concave forecourt. *July 1981* Gray 1956, 11.

6 Shennas

NX 123 723

**NX 17 SW** 

What may be a severely robbed long cairn is situated on a low rise 400m NW of Shennas farmhouse. The cairn, which still stands to a height of 0.8m, measures 18m in length and tapers from 11.3m in breadth at the E end to 7.2m at the W end. Three kerb-stones are visible on the N, and at the E end there are a further four low boulders which may delineate a concave forecourt. September 1981

### **BARROWS AND CAIRNS**

(See also nos. 102, 104, 111 and 128)

7 Arecleoch

NX 177 778

NX 17 NE 4

What may have been a cairn, recorded by Smith in 1895, was identified by the Ordnance Survey about 350m SE of Arecleoch in 1955 as a vegetation mark with a scatter of stones (about 20m in diameter); the site is now afforested. Smith 1895, 224.

8 Arnsheen 1

NX 275 770

NX 27 NE 2

A robbed cairn overlain by a sheepfold is situated on a low ridge 600m ENE of Arnsheen farmhouse; it probably measured about 27m in diameter but its edge can only be traced on the E and N, where a rim of cairn material survives. *September 1981*Name Book, Ayr, No. 15, p. 41; Smith 1895, 220.

9 Arnsheen 2

NX 275 770

NX 27 NE

A cairn measuring 11m in diameter by 1m in height is situated 30m NE of the cairn no. 8. On the SSE two upright slabs, possibly indicating a cist, are exposed in quarry-pit which has been driven into the cairn from the SSW. September 1981

10 Balnowlart Hill 1

NX 103 836

**NX 18 SW** 

On the summit of Balnowlart Hill there is a cairn measuring 17.5m in diameter by 1m in height.

June 1981

11 Balnowlart Hill 2

NX 102 835

**NX 18 SW** 

What is probably a cairn, reduced to little more than a ring of cairn material, is situated about 100m WSW of the cairn no. 10; it measures 15.2m in diameter over all and 0.6m in maximum height. *June 1981* 

12 Balnowlart Hill 3

NX 101 835

**NX 18 SW** 

Three cairns stand in a line running NE from the farmstead no. 168. The SW cairn measures 9.5m in diameter by 1m in height, the middle cairn 11m in diameter by 0.9m in height, and the NE cairn 11.5m in diameter by 0.9m in height. On the WSW of the middle cairn a tail of stones 4.5m broad extends for a distance of 14m down the spine of the knoll on which the cairn stands. *June 1981* 

13 Cairn Hill, Craigneil Toll +

NX 135 850

NX 18 NW 10

Nothing is visible of a cairn which occupied the low knoll that forms the summit of Cairn Hill. Before demolition it measured about 15m in diameter and 0.6m in height. *July 1981* Name Book, Ayr, No. 13, p. 52.

14 Cairn Hill, Mains of Tig

NX 132 836

NX 18 SW 4

This cairn stands on the summit of Cairn Hill; stone-robbing has left little more than a ring of cairn material 13m in diameter over all and 0.5m in maximum height. About 10m to the NW there is a stony mound measuring 3.7m in diameter and 0.3m in height, but it may only be debris from the cairn. July 1981

Name Book, Ayr, No. 7, p. 42.

15 Cairn Hill of the Moil

NX 164 763

NX 17 NE 5

On the summit of Cairn Hill of the Moil, which now lies within Arecleoch Forest, there is a cairn measuring 14m in diameter by a maximum of 0.6m in height. A number of kerbstones are visible on the W. Smith 1895, 224.

16 Cairnlea †

NX 222 817

NX 28 SW 4

Nothing remains of a cairn which stood 200m WSW of Cairnlea farm-house. About 1830, when its site was first cultivated, an 'urn' containing a cremation was found. *July 1981* Name Book, Ayr, No. 14, p. 75.

17 Cairn Leys, Kilwhannel

NX 114 815

NX 18 SW

What is probably a cairn, now reduced to a spread of stones about 25m in diameter and 0.6m in height, is situated on a low rise in a field known as Cairn Leys, 500m NE of Kilwhannel farmhouse. *July 1981* 

18 Carlock Hill

NX 085 772

NX 07 NE 1

Little remains of a cairn about 16m in diameter which occupies the summit of Carlock Hill; in the 19th century human bones were found in it. *May 1981*Name Book, Ayr, No. 8, p. 28; Smith 1895, 223.

19 Chirmorie

NX 209 760

**NX 27 NW** 

This cairn is situated on the N slopes of Far Cairn 700m S of Chirmorie farmhouse; it measures 7.7m in diameter and has been reduced to a rim of cairn material 0.3m high, enclosing a low spread of stones. *July 1981* 

20 Colmonell †

NX 149 860

NX 18 NW 15

Nothing is visible of a cairn which was situated on the NW side of Hyslop Crescent and measured about 18m in diameter. *June 1981* 

21 Corwar Burn 1

NX 286 778 to 287 779

**NX 27 NE** 

There are thirteen earthen mounds, possibly barrows, spread over a distance of 200m along the SE bank of the Corwar Burn, 700m S of Corwar farmhouse. The best preserved examples, which lie on the NE, measure about 4m in diameter by 0.4m in height, and some of them are surrounded by shallow ditches. September 1981

22 Corwar Burn 2

NX 287 780

**NX 27 NE** 

There are at least three earthen mounds, possibly barrows, on a low knoll which overlooks the N bank of the Corwar Burn, 600m SSE of Corwar farmhouse. September 1981

23 Craigie Fell

NX 097 783

**NX 07 NE** 

An oval cairn, measuring 14.2m by 13m and up to 1m in height, is situated on the W slopes of Craigie Fell at a height of about 200m OD. *June 1981* 

24 Craigneil

NX 146 854

NX 18 NW 7

This cairn, which is situated on the river terrace 300m NE of Craigneil farmhouse, has been reduced to a mound measuring about 20m in diameter and 0.4m in height. *July 1981* Name Book, Ayr, No. 13, p. 44.

25 Darnaconnar

NX 279 839

1X 28 SE

This cairn, which is situated on a rocky spur 750m NNE of Darnaconnar farmhouse, measures 6.8m in diameter within a ditch 1.7m broad and 0.3m deep. At least five possible kerb-stones are visible within the edge of the cairn; the largest of them, on the SSW, is about 0.6m high. September 1981

26 Darnarroch

NX 245 757

**NX 27 NW** 

What is probably a cairn, now reduced to a spread of stones 17m in diameter and no more than 0.4m in height, is situated on a low hillock 450m ENE of the farmstead of Darnarroch (no. 186). September 1981

27 Docherneil Cairn †

NX 217 878

NX 28 NW 3

The site of this cairn is marked by a standing stone (1.3m broad by between 0.25m and 0.5m thick at the base and 1.8m high) 500m W of the abandoned cottage of Glake. Nothing remains of a standing stone shown on the 1st edition of the OS 6-inch map on the line of a field wall immediately W of the cairn. September 1981 Name Book, Ayr, No. 16, p. 84; Smith 1895, 220; OS 6-inch map, Ayrshire, 1st ed. (1858), sheet lxii.

28 Drumanwherran 1

NX 112 716

NX 17 SW 7

This cairn is situated at the S end of a low ridge known as Drumanwherran; it is slightly oval, measuring 24m by 22m and 1.3m in height, and is surmounted by a modern marker cairn. September 1981

Name Book, Ayr, No. 6, p. 134; Smith 1895, 226.

29 Drumanwherran 2

NX 112 715

**NX 17 SW** 

About 50m S of the cairn no. 28 there is a peat-covered mound measuring 7.5m in diameter and 0.5m in height; it is probably a cairn. September 1981

30 Drumanwherran 3

NX 111 714

**NX 17 SW** 

A robbed cairn, measuring 8.9m in diameter and 0.3m in height, is situated 150m SSW of the cairn no. 28. September 1981

31 Drumanwherran 4

NX 110 715

NX 17 SW

A cairn, which has been reduced to a ring of cairn material measuring 8.2m in diameter over all and a maximum of 0.5m in height, is situated 120m WSW of the cairn no. 28. At the centre there is a recumbent slab measuring 0.9m by 0.75m and 0.2m in thickness. September 1981

32 Drumanwherran 5

NX 109 721

NX 17 SW

What may be a cairn, measuring 5m in diameter and 0.4m in height, is situated on the W shoulder of Drumanwherran 600m NNW of the cairn no. 28. August 1981

NX 068 762 33 Drumduff An oval cairn measuring 19m by 17.5m and 0.6m in height is situated on open moorland

about 500m SSE of the summit of Drumduff. May 1981

Name Book, Ayr, No. 8, p. 46.

34 Drumley, Barnvannoch

NX 137 740

**NX 17 SW** 

NX 07 NE 4

Two possible cairns, which are visible as peat-covered mounds measuring 0.5m in height and 3.4m and 3.9m in diameter respectively, are situated on the SW flank of Drumley 550m NNE of Barnvannoch farmhouse. September 1981

35 Drummanmoan Loan

NX 116 742

NX 17 SW 3

A cairn, now reduced to a ring of cairn material 11m in diameter and a maximum of 0.6m in height, is situated in open moorland at the head of Drummanmoan Loan. July 1981

36 Duisk Lodge

NX 225 830

NX 28 SW 1

What may be a cairn, which has been reduced to an oval mound of stones measuring 20.4m by 12.6m and 0.7m in height, is situated on the haughland of the Duisk River 150m NW of Duisk Lodge. August 1981

37 Fardenreoch †

NX 202 864

NX 28 NW 5

This cairn stood 250m WNW of Fardenreoch farmhouse, at the junction of the Linkumtoy Burn and the Duisk River. In 1865, when it was removed, an inhumation and a battle-axe were found.

Macdonald 1882, 77-8; Smith 1895, 218, 221; Roe 1967, 73.

38 Finnarts Hill 1

NX 051 740

NX 07 SE 7

On the SW shoulder of Finnarts Hill, 240m SW of the ritual enclosure no. 95, there is a cairn measuring about 8m in diameter; the capstone of a cist, which contained a Food Vessel (NMAS EE 138), is visible at its centre. May 1981 Smith 1895, 229; Anderson 1944; Young 1951, 42; Simpson 1965, 38.

39 Finnarts Hill 2

NX 053 742

NX 07 SE 11

Stony debris and shallow quarry-pits on the summit of Finnarts Hill may indicate the site of a cairn about 15m in diameter. May 1981

40 Friar's Kirk 1

NX 104 730

NX 17 SW 5

A cairn measuring 11m in diameter and 0.5m in height is situated in open moorland 120m NW of a sheepfold known as The Friar's Kirk. July 1981 Name Book, Avr. No. 6, p. 122; Smith 1895, 227.

41 Friar's Kirk 2

NX 102 732

NX 17 SW 11

This cairn is situated in open moorland about 350m NW of the sheepfold known as The Friar's Kirk; it measures 9.5m in diameter by 0.6m in height, and its centre has been dug out to provide material for a modern cairn which stands on the SSE. July 1981 Smith 1895, 227.

42 Glenapp Church †

NX 074 746

**NX 07 SE** 

Glenapp Church stands on the site of a cairn. May 1981 Name Book, Ayr, No. 8, pp. 86, 87.

43 Glenduisk

NX 209 853

NX 28 NW 8

This cairn, which stands 100m ESE of Glenduisk farmhouse measures 23m in diameter and 1.4m in height; on the WNW a water-tank has been dug into it. September 1981 Smith 1895, 220.

44 Grey Hill, Shennas

NX 133 719

NX 17 SW 9

A mutilated cairn measuring 11.5m in diameter and 0.5m in height is situated on the SSW tip of Grey Hill about 700m E of Shennas farmhouse. July 1981

45 Haggstone Moor 1

NX 057 725

NX 07 SE 12

This cairn, which is situated on a low knoll on the W shoulder of Haggstone Moor, has been reduced to a rim of cairn material about 15.8m in diameter over all with eight kerb-stones on the SW. What may have been a second cairn was noted by Gray 350m to the E but its site has now been afforested. *May 1981*Smith 1895, 223; Gray 1956, 20.

46 Haggstone Moor 2

NX 058 721

NX 07 SE

There is an oval mound (7m by 4.5m and 0.4m in height), possibly a burial-cairn, 350m SSE of the cairn no. 45; its centre has been dug out. *May 1981* 

47 Half Merk Burn

NX 282 861

NX 28 NE 1

A robbed cairn, measuring about 10m in diameter, is situated at the head of the Half Merk Burn; the area is now afforested.

MS notes in NMRS, RCAMS Emergency Surveys.

48 Halfmerk Hill

NX 305 800

**NX 38 SW** 

There is a probable cairn on the rounded summit of Halfmerk Hill; it measures 7m in diameter by 0.5m in height, and there are traces of a pit dug into its centre. August 1981

49 Kilmoray

NX 149 785

NX 17 NW 1

A cairn surmounted by two modern cairns is situated on the NE shoulder of the summit of Kilmoray; it measures 12m in diameter and 0.5m in height. *June 1981* 

50 Knockdaw Hill

NX 162 889

**NX 18 NE** 

On the summit of Knockdaw Hill there is a possible cairn which measures 6.5m in diameter by 0.3m in height. It is surmounted by an Ordnance Survey triangulation station. *July 1981* 

51 Knockdolian

NX 113 848

NX 18 SW 5

A cairn surmounted by an OS triangulation station stands on the summit of Knockdolian; it measures 9m in diameter and 0.8m in height. *June 1981* Smith 1895, 219.

52 Knocking Stone Knowe, Shennas

NX 128 720

**NX 17 SW** 

A cairn measuring 3.8m in diameter and 0.3m in height is situated on the S tip of Knocking Stone Knowe, 300m ENE of Shennas farmhouse. In the immediate vicinity there are at least three peat-covered stony mounds but they may be of natural origin. July 1981

53 Laganabeastie Burn, Shennas

NX 123 729

**NX 17 SW** 

This cairn is situated on a shelf overlooking the Laganabeastie Burn 950m NNW of Shennas farmhouse; it measures at least 3.6m in diameter (and possibly as much as 6m) by 0.6m in height, and a pit has been dug into its centre. What may be a second cairn (3m in diameter and 0.2m in height) lies 132m to the N. September 1981

54 Laganabeastie Hill 1

NX 130 727

NX 17 SW 10

At the foot of the SSE slopes of Laganabeastie Hill, 800m NNE of Shennas farmhouse, there is an apparently undisturbed cairn measuring a maximum of 17.1m in diameter and 1.4m in height. *July 1981* Gray 1956, 25.

55 Laganabeastie Hill 2

NX 130 727

NX 17 SW

This cairn, which lies 50m E of the cairn no. 54, measures 17.3m in diameter and 1.5m in height. *July 1981* 

56 Laggan 1

NX 253 829

NX 28 SE 2

This cairn, which measures about 16m in diameter and 1m in height, stands on a low knoll 650m NNW of Laggan farmhouse.

Name Book, Ayr, No. 14, pp. 53, 83; MS notes in NMRS, RCAMS Emergency Surveys.

57 Laggan 2

NX 260 828

**NX 28 SE** 

This cairn stands on the SE tip of a low hillock 600m NE of Laggan farmhouse; it measures 4.6m in diameter by 0.5m in height. September 1981

58 Little Bennane

NX 101 867

NX 18 NW 4

What is probably a barrow measuring 26.5m in diameter and 1.5m in height is situated on a low hillock 170m SSE of Little Bennane farmhouse. *June 1981* Christison 1893, 387.

59 Loch Meraddie

NX 151 839

**NX 18 SE** 

This probable cairn is situated in open moorland 500m NNW of Loch Meraddie. It is of negligible height but measures 5.7m in diameter within a ditch (1.4m broad and 0.2m deep) surrounded by a stony bank (1.2m thick and 0.2m high). On the ESE there is a causeway across the ditch and a corresponding gap in the bank. September 1981

60 Low Mark, Glen App

NX 076 733

IX 07 SE

To the SE of the unenclosed settlement no. 110 there are five possible cairns. The first lies on a low knoll immediately to the S and it has been reduced to a peat-covered spread of stones; the remainder measure from 3.6m to 4m in diameter by 0.3m to 0.6m in height. The second and third cairns are situated 50m to the SE and 70m to the E respectively, while the fourth and fifth are 20m apart 150m to the SE. *June 1981* 

61 Mains Hill

NX 095 831

**NX 08 SE** 

An oval cairn, measuring 10.1m by 7.7m and 0.9m in height, is situated on the NE end of Mains Hill. June 1981

62 Millmoan Hill, Glen App

NX 088 743

NX 07 SE 8

A cairn measuring up to 21m in diameter and 1.8m in height is situated at a height of about 225m OD on the W slopes of Millmoan Hill. *May 1981*Name Book, Ayr, No. 6, p. 108; Smith 1895, 226.

63 Penderry Hill

NX 064 751

NX 07 NE 5

There is a cairn surmounted by an OS triangulation station on the summit of Penderry Hill (309m OD); it measures 6.3m in diameter and 0.4m in height. *May 1981* Smith 1895, 223.

64 Pinwherry †

NX c. 20 86

NX 28 NW

The removal of a mound covering 'human remains' is noted by Smith in the area between Pinwherry and the mouth of the Muck Water; it is possible that his informant was referring to the cairn at Fardenreoch (see no. 37) which is mentioned separately by Smith. Smith 1895, 220.

65 Polcardoch

NX 118 842

NX 18 SW 2

Little remains of this cairn, which lies 200m NNE of Polcardoch farmhouse and was under crop at the date of visit. In the 19th century it was described as 'a circular heap of stones and earth loosely thrown together, about 50 feet (15m) in diameter and 4 feet (1.2m) above the general surface'. *July 1981*Name Book, Ayr, No. 7, p. 35.

66 Roughlea Burn

NX 268 871

NX 28 NE 2

A robbed cairn measuring about 12.5m in diameter is situated in a forestry clearing on the SW flank of Pindonnan Craigs, immediately S of the Roughlea Burn. September 1981 MS notes in NMRS, RCAMS Emergency Surveys.

67 Sallochan

NX 121 844

NX 18 SW -

This cairn, which stands in a pasture field 250m WNW of Sallochan farmhouse, has been reduced to a mound measuring 25m in diameter and 0.7m in height. *July 1981* Name Book, Ayr, No. 7, p. 33.

68 Sallochan Hill

NX 130 846

**NX 18 SW** 

A heavily quarried cairn, measuring 24m in diameter and up to 1m in height, is situated on the SE shoulder of Sallochan Hill. About 150m to the WNW (NX 128 847) there is an irregular mound of stones measuring 14.2m by 5.2m and up to 0.5m in height, but it may be no more than the results of field clearance. *July 1981* 

69 Standard NX 308 858 NX 38 NW 1
Situated 400m SSW of the summit of the hill known as Standard, there is an oval cairn measuring 10m by 9.2m and 0.4m in height. September 1981
Smith 1895, 208.

70 Tongue Cairn

A low mound immediately SE of Colmonell cemetery marks the site of a cairn which, in the 19th century, measured about 20m in diameter and 1.5m in height. *June 1981*Name Book, Ayr, No. 13, p. 65.

71 West Altercannoch NX 233 814 NX 28 SW This cairn, which is surmounted by a modern cairn, is situated 250m NNW of West Altercannoch farmhouse, and measures about 11m in diameter by 0.7m in height.

August 1981

72 White Cairn

This cairn, which occupies the summit of a rocky knoll 400m WSW of White Cairn cottage, measures 25m in diameter and 2m in height. *July 1981*Name Book, Ayr, No. 14, p. 67; Smith 1895, 218.

73 White Cairn, Laggish

NX 229 786

NX 27 NW 1

This cairn, which lies 450m NNW of Laggish farmhouse, has been reduced to little more than an oval spread of stones measuring 19m by 14m. Near the centre there is a large recumbent stone measuring 1.8m in length. In the 19th century an empty 'urn' covered by a small flat stone was discovered in the cairn. July 1981

Name Book, Ayr, No. 15, p. 4; Smith 1895, 218-19.

# **GROUPS OF SMALL CAIRNS**

(See also nos. 104, 106, 107, 108, 132, 137, 138 and 141)

74 Arnsheen 1 NX 271 766 NX 27 NE
What may be a group of small cairns extends over an area of about 2ha on a SW-facing
slope 200m ESE of Arnsheen farmhouse; the cairns are visible as low mounds (about 4m in diameter) on the surface of the peat, and at the S end of the group there are traces of a bank. September 1981

75 Arnsheen 2 NX 273 761 to 274 763 NX 27 NE
There is a group of small cairns spread over an area of about 4ha on the more westerly
of two hillocks 600m SE of Arnsheen farmhouse; the cairns are visible on the surface of
the peat as low mounds measuring about 3.5m in diameter. September 1981

76 Balmalloch NX 263 844 to 265 844 NX 28 SE
Situated on a low ridge running ESE from Balmalloch chambered cairn (no. 2), there are
about twenty-three small cairns, twelve of which are only visible as low mounds on the
surface of the peat. The largest cairn (85m SSW of the chambered cairn) measures 6m in
diameter and 0.8m in height, but the majority are only about 4m in diameter.
September 1981

77 Barnvannoch NX 143 737 NX 17 SW

A group of twenty cairns (visible as peat-covered mounds up to 4m in diameter and 0.5m in height) are spread over an area of about 2ha on a low spur of moorland 600m ENE of Barnvannoch farmhouse. September 1981

78 Dornal 1 NX 295 776 NX 27 NE

At least eight small cairns are situated immediately beyond an area of rig-and-furrow cultivation on the N slopes of a low rise 800m N of Dornal farmhouse; the largest cairn measures 3.5m in diameter and 0.4m in height. About 150m to the NW there are traces of banks and low scarps buried in the peat (NX 294 778). September 1981

79 Dornal 2 NX 292 772 NX 27 NE

Situated on a hillock 400m NW of Dornal farmhouse, there are at least fourteen small cairns, the largest measuring 4m in diameter and 0.4m in height. The majority of the cairns are concentrated on the N slopes of the hillock, but around the S and W there are traces of rig-and-furrow cultivation. *September 1981* 

80 Dornal Hill NX 307 795 NX 37 NW
A group of about fifteen small cairns, the largest measuring 4m in diameter and 0.4m in height, are situated on a low hillock immediately E of Dornal Hill. August 1981

81 High Altercannoch 1 NX 242 802 to 243 801 NX 28 SW

There are numerous small cairns and rickles of stone around the N slopes of a low hillock
1km SW of High Altercannoch farmhouse. July 1981

82 High Altercannoch 2 NX 244 799 to 245 797 NX 27 NW There are numerous small cairns and rickles of cleared stones on the NE flanks of the hillock known as Eyes 150m NE of the stone-walled house no. 105. September 1981

83 Killantringan NX 269 809 NX 28 SE

There are eleven small cairns on a knoll 700m ESE of Killantringan farmhouse; the cairns measure up to 4m in diameter by 0.4m in height, and there are possible traces of rig-and-furrow cultivation on the WSW slopes of the knoll. September 1981

84 Knockmalloch † NX c. 235 841 NX 28 SW
The Ordnance Survey Name Book notes that 'within a radius of a quarter of a mile' of
the Knockmalloch enclosure (no. 134), there had previously existed 'upwards of thirty
well-defined cairns'.
Name Book, Ayr, No. 14, p. 42.

85 Laggan NX c. 253 828 NX 28 SE
In 1942 a possible group of small cairns was noted to the S of the cairn no. 56.
MS notes in NMRS, RCAMS Emergency Surveys.

86 Long Loch NX 238 765 NX 27 NW
Situated about 130m ESE of the settlement no. 109 there is a compact group of at least four small cairns, the largest measuring 3m in diameter and 0.4m in height. October 1981

87 Pollgowan Burn, Knockycoid 1 NX 257 789 NX 27 NE
A group of about thirty small cairns are situated on a hillock 450m W of Knockycoid
farmhouse. The majority of the cairns lie on the W and S slopes of the hillock, while on
the E there are traces of a bank enclosing an area of rig-and-furrow cultivation.

September 1981

Pollgowan Burn, Knockycoid 2 NX 252 785 NX 27 NE
On the E slopes of a hillock overlooking the Pollgowan Burn, 1km WSW of Knockycoid
farmhouse, there are about twelve irregular small cairns. On the adjacent hillock to the N
there are traces of several stony banks (NX 251 788). September 1981

89 Pollgowan Burn, Knockycoid 3 NX 253 781 NX 27 NE
There are about twenty-three small cairns on a hillock overlooking the Pollgowan Burn
1.2km SW of Knockycoid farmhouse; the cairns are very irregular in shape, the largest
measuring 3.3m across and 0.4m in height. There are possible traces of rig-and-furrow
cultivation running up and down the slopes of the hillock. September 1981

90 Smyrton Hill

NX 112 797

**NX 17 NW** 

In an area of improved pasture at the foot of the NW slopes of Smyrton Hill, there are the remains of at least eight small cairns. *June 1981* 

91 Standard

NX 304 851

**NX 38 NW** 

A group of at least twenty-seven small cairns, the largest measuring 4m in diameter and 0.4m in height, extends over an area of approximately 3ha on a low ridge 300m S of the circular stone-walled house no. 111. At least one stony bank is visible within the area of the cairns. September 1981

92 Tods Wood, Dornal

NX 293 783

**NX 27 NE** 

There are up to seven possible small cairns and a rectangular structure, probably a pen, on the NE end of a ridge 300m N of Tods Wood. Only one cairn protrudes through the peat and it measures 2.9m in diameter and 0.3m in height; the rest are visible as low peat-covered mounds. September 1981

#### **BURIALS**

93 Ballantrae †

NX c. 08 82

NX 08 SE 6

In 1931 at least two inhumations (aligned NW-SE and WNW-ESE respectively) were discovered near Ballantrae. They were found at a depth of 0.45m and were covered by a layer of whelk shells sealed beneath flagstones.

94 Holm Park †

NX 082 817

NX 08 SE 3

In 1879 eight inhumations were discovered between 0.9m and 1.2m below the surface of the raised beach, 350m NW of Holm Park farmhouse. They had been laid from E to W in a bed of sand which was covered with flat pebbles, a layer of shells, and more sand. Moore 1881; Smith 1881; Smith 1895, 228-9.

#### RITUAL ENCLOSURE

95 Finnarts Hill \*

NX 053 742

NX 07 SE 6

Situated 60m WSW of the summit of Finnarts Hill, there is a roughly circular enclosure measuring about 17.3m in diameter within a ditch (up to 1.6m broad and 0.3m deep) surrounded by a low bank; on the N there is a possible causeway across the ditch. In the 19th century a 'sepulchral urn' was found within the interior. The monument may be a ritual enclosure of Bronze Age date. *May 1981*Name Book, Ayr, No. 8, pp. 84, 85, 101; Smith 1895, 229.

# STANDING STONES

(See also no. 27)

96 Drumley, Barnvannoch †

NX 138 742

NX 17 SW 4

The site of this standing stone is marked by a hollow in the surface of the peat on the summit of Drumley, a low hillock 750m NNE of Barnvannoch farmhouse. *July 1981* Name Book, Ayr, No. 6, p. 112.

97 Finnarts Hill

NX 055 745

NX 07 SE 9

This standing stone (0.8m by 0.5m at the base and 0.9m in height) stands on open moorland 330m NNE of the summit of Finnarts Hill; what may be the stump of a second lies 12.9m to the NNW, *May 1981* 

98 Garleffin

NX 087 818 to 087 816

NX 08 SE 1

In 1855 eight standing stones were recorded on the raised beach at Garleffin; of these, five remain upright, two are recumbent, and one was removed before 1895. The stones, which are irregularly placed over a distance of 200m, range from a slab of conglomerate measuring 1.2m by 0.7m at the base and 1.6m in height, to a rounded granite boulder about 1.3m in height. *June 1981* 

Name Book, Ayr, No. 6, p. 14; Smith 1895, 222-3.

99 Stinnen Stane

NX 178 822

NX 18 SE 2 & 3

This standing stone, which is situated 650m NE of the cairn no. 5, measures 1m by 0.6m at the base and rises to a pointed top at a height of 2.4m. About 30m to the NE there is a small slab (0.5m by 0.25m at the base and 0.7m in height) set upright in the centre of an area of disturbed ground; the nature of these remains is uncertain. *July 1981* Smith 1895, 225-6.

100 White Clauchrie

NX 290 856

**NX 28 NE** 

In 1942 a standing stone (1.2m high) was noted on the summit of a knoll 700m SW of White Clauchrie farmhouse; the area is now afforested.

MS notes in NMRS, RCAMS Emergency Surveys.

#### FORT

101 Duniewick \*

NX 116 851

NX 18 NW 12

A small fort, measuring 30m by 25m within an earthen rampart up to 5.6m in thickness and 0.9m in height, occupies the summit of the craggy knoll known as Duniewick; additional defence is provided on the W by a ditch at the base of the knoll. The entrance is probably on the W. *June 1981*Smith 1895, 216; Feachem 1977, 179.

#### **UNENCLOSED SETTLEMENTS**

102 Barnvannoch

NX 141 739, 142 739

VX 17 SW

Two circular houses, their walls visible as low mounds (up to 2.2m thick and 0.3m high) above the surface of the peat, are situated on gently sloping moorland 700m NE of Barnvannoch farmhouse. The larger house measures 9.5m in internal daimeter and the smaller (situated about 80m W) 8m; their entrances are on the SE and ESE respectively. An area of at least 1.5ha around the houses is enclosed by a field-bank, and 7m ESE of the smaller house there is a cairn measuring 2.8m in diameter and 0.3m in height. September 1981

103 Drumdowns, Altimeg

NX 103 753 to 105 751

**NX 17 NW** 

What are probably one oval and four circular stone-walled houses are visible in old peat-cuttings on the SW flank of Drumdowns. The circular houses vary between 4.4m and 9m in internal diameter and the oval house, which has an entrance flanked by two upright stones on the SE, measures 5.3m by 3.7m internally. On the SE of the largest house there is an entrance protected by a baffle wall; attached to the NW side of the smallest there is a circular structure measuring 1.6m in internal diameter. *June 1981* 

104 High Altercannoch 1

NX 243 795, 244 795

NX 27 NW

Two circular houses and two rectangular buildings are situated within an irregular walled enclosure of about 0.8ha on the S slopes of a hillock 1.6km SSW of High Altercannoch farmhouse. The larger house measures 9.5m in diameter within a wall 1.3m thick, and the entrance is on the SE; the other is 9.1m in diameter internally, its wall is 1.5m thick with an entrance on the SSE. The surrounding wall, which is faced with large boulders, measures 1.6m in thickness by 0.5m in height; beyond it, on the W and S, there are at least fourteen cairns and a low stony bank. The largest cairn is oval, measuring 9.4m by 7m and up to 0.6m in height, but the majority are between 2.4m and 5.1m in diameter. Within a modern enclosure on the crest of the hillock there is a possible barrow measuring 2.8m in diameter and 0.3m in height within a ditch up to 1.2m in breadth and 0.3m in depth. July 1981

105 High Altercannoch 2

NX 244 797

NX 27 NW

About 200m N of the settlement no. 104 there is a circular enclosure, possibly a house, measuring 5.4m in diameter within a wall spread to a thickness of 1.7m and 0.3m in height; the entrance is on the SE. September 1981

106 High Altercannoch 3

NX 243 789

**NX 27 NW** 

This circular house stands within a field-system which extends across the S and E flanks of a low hillock 600m S of the settlement no. 104. The house measures 7.7m in diameter within a wall 1.2m in thickness by 0.4m in height, and the entrance is on the SE. Besides the stony banks of the field-system, which run both along and across the contour, there are at least eight small cairns, the majority of which lie to the SW of the house. September 1981

107 Kilwhannel High Plantation 1

NX 117 804

**NX 18 SW** 

On the crest of a low ridge within Kilwhannel High Plantation, there is a circular house adjacent to a field-system. The house measures 7.6m in internal diameter, its wall reduced to a stony bank 1.6m thick and 0.3m high with an entrance on the SE. The field-system is best preserved within the plantation, but traces of banks and small cairns can still be identified in the improved ground to the N. July 1981

108 Kilwhannel High Plantation 2

NX 120 804 to 122 800

**NX 18 SW** 

There are three circular houses situated within a group of small cairns on the NW slopes of Benawhirter, where they drop down to Kilwhannel High Plantation. The houses measure 9.5m, 6.5m and 4.9m in internal diameter respectively, their walls averaging about 1.2m in thickness. Within the group of cairns, which extends over an area of about 12ha, there are traces of stony banks. *July* 1981

109 Long Loch

NX 237 766

**NX 27 NW** 

What is probably a circular house is situated on a low hillock immediately N of Long Loch. It measures 8.7m in diameter within a wall 0.4m high which has been spread to a thickness of 1.9m; the entrance is on the ESE. Outside the entrance there is an arc of stony bank which springs from the house wall on the SSE. October 1981

110 Low Mark, Glen App

NX 076 734, 077 733

**NX 07 SE** 

What is probably an unenclosed settlement comprising three stone-walled houses is situated in an area of peat-covered moorland known as the Low Mark, about 1.2km S of Glenapp Church; two of the houses are circular (8m and 5m in internal diameter respectively), and the third is oval (4.3m by 3.2m internally). For possible cairns to the SE see no. 60. June 1981

111 Standard

NX 304 854

**NX 38 NW** 

There is a possible circular house situated on a low spur which juts SW from the hill known as Standard; it measures 8.3m in diameter within a wall about 1.2m in thickness by 0.3m in height, and the entrance is on the SE. About 15m to the NNE there is a small cairn measuring 2.7m in diameter and 0.3m in height. September 1981

# **RING DITCHES**

112 Balig +

NX 088 834

NX 08 SE 15

The cropmark of a possible ring-ditch has been recorded 600m SW of Balig farmhouse; it measures about 8m in internal diameter and there is a gap in the ditch on the ESE. *June 1981* 

113 Laggan 1 +

NX 091 821

**NX 08 SE** 

Cropmarks reveal a ring-ditch 200m WSW of Laggan farmhouse; it measures about 7m in internal diameter and there is a gap in the ditch on the NE. *June 1981* 

114 Laggan 2+

NX 102 824

NX 18 SW 8

The cropmark of a ring-ditch has been revealed 1km ENE of Laggan House; it measures about 8m in internal diameter and there is a gap in the ditch on the E.

# MISCELLANEOUS EARTHWORKS AND ENCLOSURES

115 Balnowlart +

NX 098 832

NX 08 SE 16

Cropmarks indicate the site of a circular enclosure occupying a low knoll on a SE-facing slope 900m WSW of Balnowlart house; it measures about 50m in diameter within a ditch up to 5m broad. *June 1981* 

116 Balsalloch Hill

NX 124 889

NX 18 NW 5

A series of scarps, which have been recorded as the defences of a fort enclosing the summit of Balsalloch Hill, are unconvincing as the remains of ramparts; they may be no more than the product of the rig-and-furrow cultivation which is visible on the summit and the flanks of the hill. *June 1981* 

117 Bargain Hill

NX 191 884

**NX 18 NE 4** 

This earthwork, situated on the summit of Bargain Hill, probably measured about 90m by 78m internally. It is protected on the SW by a bank (3m thick by 0.3m high) with an external ditch (2.8m broad) and a low counterscarp bank, but on the SE and W only the bank survives (as a scarp about 0.6m high), and there are no visible traces of any defences on the NW and NE. The entrance may have been on the SSW. July 1981

118 Carleton Hill

NX 128 892

NX 18 NW 6

The rocky boss which forms the NE end of the summit of Carleton Hill, has been enclosed by a combination of a low stony bank on the SW and a low scarp on the SE, in conjunction with precipitous slopes on the NE and NW. The siting of the bank at the foot of the boss renders it improbable that these are the remains of the defences of a fort, as has been previously suggested. *June 1981* 

119 Carleton Mains +

NX 139 893

**NX 18 NW** 

The cropmark of an enclosure has been revealed 280m SSE of Carleton Mains farmhouse; roughly circular on plan, it measures about 20m in diameter within its ditch. *June 1981* 

120 Chirmorie Cairn

NX 205 763

X 27 NW

There is a small enclosure on a knoll 250m S of the summit of Chirmone Cairn. Externally the enclosure is circular (about 9.5m in diameter over all) but the interior is sub-rectangular, measuring 5m by 3.4m; its bank is composed of boulders and small stones, and varies between 1.5m and 2.6m in thickness, while maintaining an average of 0.4m in height. July 1981

121 Corseclays 1 +

NX 093 851

NX 08 NE 3

Cropmarks indicate the ditch of an earthwork cutting off a steep-sided promontory 400m NW of Corseclays farmhouse. The interior measures about 34m from NE to SW by a maximum of 45m transversely. The ditch is visible as a shallow hollow on the NE, and on the W it emerges from the cultivated ground into a natural gully 10m broad and 1.6m deep. The photographs show two other marks running concentrically with the ditch but their interpretation is uncertain. *June 1981* 

122 Corseclays 2+

NX 098 851

NX 08 NE

Cropmarks 300m NE of Corseclays farmhouse reveal a circular enclosure measuring about 40m in diameter within a narrow ditch. *June 1981* 

123 Craigans +

NX 053 773

**NX 07 NE** 

Nothing is visible of a 'round fort' noted by Paterson 'on the hill of Craigins' which is the modern Craigangal. *June 1981* 

Paterson 1863-6, ii, 83; Smith 1895, 228.

124 Craigneil Toll +

NX 137 851

**NX 18 NW** 

Cropmarks immediately N of Craigneil Toll cottages reveal an arc of ditch which may have formed part of an oval enclosure. July 1981

125 Craigview 1

NX 066 798

NX 07 NE 2

An earthwork comprising a low bank and ditch, accompanied on the E by an outer bank and ditch, cuts off a coastal promontory 950m W of Craigview; the interior measures about 27m by 23m. On the date of visit a piece of vitrified stone was recovered from the earthen core of the inner bank. *May 1981* 

126 Craigview 2+

NX 071 799

NX 07 NE

Cropmarks reveal the NW half of a circular enclosure on the summit of a low hill 450m WNW of Craigview farmhouse; it measures about 35m in diameter within two narrow ditches 4m apart. *May 1981* 

127 Dornal

NX 293 772

NX 27 NE 4

The remains of a heavily quarried stone structure are situated on the summit of a low hillock 400m N of Dornal farmhouse. It is oval, measuring 27.5m by 25m over all, and nowhere is the debris more than 0.4m high. The pattern of quarrying suggests the removal of a massive stone wall (perhaps as much as 5m in thickness) which had enclosed an area about 12m in diameter. *September 1981* Smith 1895, 219.

128 Dornal Hill

NX 305 794

**NX 37 NW** 

On the summit of Dornal Hill there is a roughly circular enclosure measuring 18.3m in diameter within a boulder-faced bank about 1.4m in thickness and 0.3m in height. Centrally placed within the interior there is a stony mound about 2.7m in diameter and 0.2m in height, and there is a possible entrance on the SSE. Although the site superficially resembles the enclosed cremation cemeteries found elsewhere in Scotland, its date and purpose can only be resolved by excavation. *August 1981* 

129 Drumcargo

NX 104 723

NX 17 SW

What may be the site of a small circular enclosure buried in peat is marked by a modern cairn immediately E of a hillock known as Drumcargo. The enclosure measures about 6m in diameter within a wall 1m thick, and on the SSE there is a possible entrance.

August 1981

130 Garphar +

NX 107 828

NX 18 SW

Cropmarks 750m WSW of North Garphar farmhouse have revealed part of a roughly circular enclosure, measuring 30m in diameter within a narrow ditch. Two parallel marks adjacent to the enclosure probably indicate recent field-drains. *July 1981* 

131 High Altercannoch 1

NX 249 807

NX 28 SW

Situated on sloping ground about 200m SW of High Altercannoch farmhouse, there is a circular enclosure measuring 11.6m in diameter within a stony bank 1.8m in thickness and 0.3m in height. The interior has been levelled up on the downslope (ENE) side, and on the WSW there are traces of a possible rectangular building measuring 6.7m by 2.6m internally. July 1981

132 High Altercannoch 2

NX 245 788

NX 27 NW

A stony bank buried in peat encloses an area of about 0.6ha on the tip of a low spur of raised ground 200m ESE of the settlement no. 106, Immediately ENE of the enclosure there are at least three small cairns. September 1981

133 Kilbride Knowe, Mark

NX 244 877

NX 28 NW 7

On Kilbride Knowe, 500m WSW of Mark farmhouse, there is a circular enclosure measuring about 19m in diameter within a stony bank 3.8m thick and 0.6m high. On the NW the bank is overridden by a field-bank but the date and purpose of the enclosure are unknown. *September 1981*Name Book, Ayr, No. 11, p. 94.

134 Knockmalloch

NX 235 841

NX 28 SW 2

An oval enclosure, measuring 24m by 20m internally, is situated in a pasture field 450m ENE of Knockmalloch farmhouse. Its wall has been reduced to a mound of rubble 6m thick by up to 0.7m high, and on the SSW there is an entrance (1.5m wide) flanked by two jamb-stones. Smith 1895, 216.

135 Lagafater Lodge

NX 138 752

NX 17 NV

A small circular enclosure, measuring 5.4m in diameter within a wall about 1m thick and 0.3m high, is situated on a low knoll 800m S of Lagafater Lodge. *July 1981* 

136 Laggan 1 †

NX 258 824

NX 28 SE 6

Nothing remains of an enclosure noted by Smith, which probably enclosed the summit of a steep-sided knoll 200m ENE of Laggan farmhouse. Smith 1895, 219-20.

137 Laggan 2

NX 257 829

NX 28 SE

On a low hillock 400m E of the cairn no. 56 a stony bank, buried in peat, encloses an area of about 1ha. Within the enclosure there are at least five small cairns. September 1981

138 Laggan 3

NX 261 826

**NX 28 SE** 

On a low ridge 600m ENE of Laggan farmhouse a stony bank, buried in peat, encloses an area of about 1.2ha. Within the enclosure there is a semi-circular length of bank. About 150m to the ESE there are at least two possible small cairns. September 1981

139 Laggan 4

NX 266 825

1X 28 SE

What may be a small enclosure, its perimeter only visible as a low mound in the surface of the peat, is situated immediately W of a quarry on the N side of the road, 950m ENE of Laggan farmhouse. The interior appears to be sub-rectangular (approximately 4m by 3m) and there is a possible entrance on the E. September 1981

140 Liggetcheek

NX 107 857

**NX 18 NW** 

This earthwork is situated on a low rise in badly drained ground 500m W of the cottage of Liggetcheek; it comprises three separate arcs of ditch (up to 3.6m broad and 0.6m deep) flanked by low banks, which roughly enclose an area measuring 30m by 24.5m. The date and purpose of the work are unknown. *June 1981* 

141 Pinwherry Hill

NX 186 859

**NX 18 NE** 

On the summit of Pinwherry Hill there is a small oval enclosure measuring 9.2m by 8m within a stony bank up to 1.4m thick and 0.2m high. Around the enclosure (immediately to the NNE, 7m to the SE, 16m to the S and 10m to the WNW respectively) there are four small heaps of stones. *July 1981* 

#### **ECCLESIASTICAL MONUMENTS**

(See also no. 178)

142 Ballantrae, Old Parish Church,

NX 083 824

NX 08 SE 4

Kennedy Aisle \* and Burial-ground

Only the Kennedy aisle and a fragment of the S wall of this church now remain. It was built between 1601 and 1605, and became the parish church of Ballantrae (formerly Kirkcudbright-Innertig) in 1617. It was abandoned in 1819 in favour of a new church which still stands 30m to the N. *June 1981* 

Name Book, Ayr, No. 7, p. 18; Paterson 1863-6, ii, 87-9; Chalmers 1887-1902, vi, 543-4; Kennedy 1957; White and White 1960, 214-26, 230, 236.

143 Carleton Mains, Chapel

NX c. 137 895

NX 18 NW 16

There are no visible remains of a chapel which stood at Carleton Mains. Scott 1915-61, viii, 187.

144 Colmonell, Parish Church and Burial-ground

NX 144 857

NX 18 NW

There was a church here by 1179 although the existing building is of late 18th-and 19th-century date. The 'old church', which bore the date 1591, was taken down in 1772 and the datestone is incorporated in the present church. July 1981

Paterson, 1863-6, ii, 127-9; Chalmers 1887-1902, vi, 541-2; Cowan 1967, 34.

145 Fardenreoch

NX 205 862

NX 28 NW 6

A fragment of a cross-shaft, probably of 10th-or 11th-century date, built into the wall of a farm-building at Fardenreoch, was said in 1925 to have been found 'many years ago ..... near the top of a hill behind the farmhouse'. A second fragment was not recovered. September 1981

Anderson 1926, 268.

146 Hallowchapel

NX c. 193 872

NX 18 NE 3

There are no visible remains of a chapel which stood at Hollowchapel. Pont 1654; Name Book, Ayr, No. 16, p. 69; Chalmers 1887-1902, vi, 542.

147

Kirkholm, St Cuthbert's Church and Burial-ground \* NX 116 838 NX 18 SW 3
The fragmentary remains of the medieval church of the parish of Kirkcudbright-Innertig
(now Ballantrae) lie within a rectilinear burial-ground 50m E of Kirkholm farmhouse. It
went out of use in the early 17th century, when a new church was built at Ballantrae
(no. 142). July 1981

Paterson 1863-6, ii, 87-9; Chalmers 1887-1902, vi, 543-4; White and White 1960, 211-14; Cowan 1967, 120.

148 Shallochwreck

NX 069 773

NX 07 NE 6

In 1957 a stone bearing a hammer-head cross (Hunterian Museum, University of Glasgow, C. 1961. 41), probably of 10th-or 11-century date, was found in a wall 400m SE of Shallochwreck.

Foster 1960

# MOTTES

(See also no. 161)

149 Almont

NX 187 873

NX 18 NE 2

There is no evidence to indicate that a natural flat-topped mound immediately behind Almont cottages served as a motte. A modern monument stands upon it. *July 1981*Name Book, Ayr, No. 16, p. 69; Paterson 1863-6, ii, 134; Smith 1895, 216-17; MS notes in NMRS, RCAMS Survey of Marginal Lands; Stell 1972, 181, no. 71.

150 Knockdolian Barns

NX 119 862

**NX 18 NW** 

A mound depicted on the 1st edition of the OS 6-inch map as the supposed site of Knockdolian Castle appears to be entirely natural and bears no traces of artificial work.

Name Book, Ayr, No. 13, p. 15; OS 6-inch map, Ayrshire, 1st ed. (1858), sheet lxvi.

151 Little Carleton \*

NX 133 895

NX 18 NW 3

Situated 60m E of Carleton Castle there is a motte standing to a height of 5.5m on the WNW but only 2.3m on the ENE; its level summit measures 23.5m from ENE to WSW by 19m transversely. Around the base, on the N and E, there are the remains of a ditch 7m broad and up to 0.5m deep. *June 1981*Smith 1895, 217-18; NMRS, AYD/24/1.

152 Lousey Knowe, Lendalfoot

NX 134 899

NX 18 NW 1

Situated 400m NNE of Carleton Castle there is a steep-sided natural knoll, its level top measuring 21m from ENE to WSW by up to 9.5m transversely and surmounted by a modern memorial. There is no evidence to indicate that it has served as a motte. *June 1981* 

Smith 1895, 218; Stell 1972, 181, no. 70.

153 Mote Knowe

NX 230 816

NX 28 SW 6

It is uncertain whether 'a circular platform, 21 paces in diameter', recorded in 1895, is a motte. It is situated at the SW end of a low ridge upon which a cattle-market now stands, and a show-ring has been built upon it. August 1981 Smith 1895, 217; Stell 1972, 181, no. 73.

#### **CASTLES AND TOWER-HOUSES**

154 Ardstinchar Castle \*

NX 086 824

NX 08 SE 2

The ruins of this castle are situated on a rocky eminence overlooking the village of Ballantrae. It comprises an early three-storeyed tower, heightened by at least one more storey in the 15th century, when an irregularly shaped courtyard was added. There are buildings on three sides of the courtyard, an entrance with flanking tower at the N corner, and an external ditch on the W and NE. June 1981 Paterson 1863-6, ii, 89-90; MacGibbon and Ross 1887-92, iii, 302-5.

155 Carleton Castle

NX 18 NW 2

This oblong five-storeyed tower-house is probably of 15th-century date. Only the shell of the building now remains, and the greater part of the NE angle has fallen to be partially replaced by a 19th-century wall. June 1981 Paterson 1863-6, ii, 131, 135; MacGibbon and Ross 1887-92, iii, 209-10.

NX 147 853

NX 18 NW 13

156 Craigneil Castle The ruins of this late 14th- or 15th-century tower stand on a steep-sided knoll 300m E of Craigneil farmhouse. June 1981

Paterson 1863-6, ii, 129-31; MacGibbon and Ross 1887-92, i, 297-8.

157 Kildonan

NX c. 227 831

**NX 28 SW** 

The Statistical Account records the remains of a castle at Kildonan, where 'ruins' are depicted on Armstrong's Map.

Armstrong 1775; Stat. Acct., ii (1792), 66; Chalmers 1887-1902, vi, 542.

158 Kirkhill Castle \*

NX 145 859

NX 18 NW 11

This ruinous L-plan tower-house bears the date 1589. July 1981 Paterson 1863-6, ii, 132-3; MacGibbon and Ross 1887-92, ii, 146-7; Tranter 1962-70, iii, 41-2.

159 Knockdaw Castle

NX 151 897

NX 18 NE 1

The only identifiable remains of this building is a fragment of masonry incorporated in the wall of a storage shed in the SE corner of a quadrangle of modern farm buildings 100m NE of Knockdaw farmhouse. July 1981

Pont 1654; Armstrong 1775; Stat. Acct., ii (1792), 66; Name Book, Ayr, No. 16, p. 20; Paterson 1863-6, ii, 133.

160 Knockdolian Castle \*

NX 122 853

NX 18 NW 8

This oblong tower-house appears to have been extensively repaired in the mid 17thcentury, when the garden earthworks to the NW may have been laid out. July 1981 Paterson 1863-6, ii, 131-2, 160-1; MacGibbon and Ross 1887-92, iii, 387-8; Tranter 1962-70, v, 216-17.

161 Pinwherry Castle

NX 197 867

NX 18 NE 6

This ruinous five-storeyed L-plan tower-house is of late 16th-century date and stands on a low natural mound, the level summit of which measures 30m by 25m. July 1981 Paterson 1863-6, ii, 133; MacGibbon and Ross 1887-92, iii, 504-6.

## MEDIEVAL BURGH

162 Ballantrae

NX 083 824

**NX 08 SE** 

Ballantrae was erected a burgh of barony in 1541. (see also nos. 142 and 154). June 1981 Paterson 1863-6, ii, 84; Pryde 1965, 59, no. 223.

# MEDIEVAL AND LATER SETTLEMENTS

(See also nos, 104 and 131)

163 Airyewn

NX 224 755

**NX 27 NW** 

The farmstead of Airyewn comprises the remains of two rectangular buildings and a kiln dispersed within an area of rig-and-furrow cultivation, and is depicted as ruinous on the 1st edition of the OS 6-inch map. Airyewn is recorded on the maps of Thomson and Pont.

Pont 1654; Thomson 1828; OS 6-inch map, Ayrshire, 1st ed. (1857), sheet lxxi.

164 Balig

NX 092 840

About 60m NNE of Balig farmsteading there are the remains of a rectangular building and enclosure. June 1981

165 Ballaird

NX 204 844

**NX 28 SW** 

This farmstead comprises the remains of a rectangular building and at least three enclosures, two of which contain cultivation ridges. It is named 'Dounie' and depicted as ruinous on the 1st edition of the OS 6 inch map, but does not appear on earlier maps. August 1981

OS 6-inch map, Ayrshire, 1st ed. (1857), sheet Ixvii.

166 Balnowlart 1

NX 095 832

NX 08 SE

This farmstead comprises the remains of up to three rectangular buildings situated on opposite sides of an enclosure, two on the W, the third on the E. There are traces of other possible structures and clearance-heaps in the vicinity. June 1981

167 Balnowlart 2

NX 096 833

**NX 08 SE** 

About 90m E of the farmstead no. 166 there are the remains of a rectangular building and enclosure. June 1981

168 Balnowlart Hill

NX 101 835

NX 18 SW

This farmstead comprises the remains of a rectangular building and enclosure. About 18m to the SSW there is a possible second building. June 1981

169 Balsalloch Hill

NX 123 886

**NX 18 NW** 

This farmstead is situated on the SW flank of Balsalloch Hill and comprises the remains of up to three rectangular buildings. It was abandoned before 1855, but may be the 'Carletonhill' of Thomson's Map of 1828. Pont's Map records 'Kartounhill', but the name does not appear on the maps of Armstrong and Roy. July 1981 Pont 1654; Roy (1747-55), sheet 2/1; Armstrong 1775; Thomson 1828; OS 6-inch map, Ayrshire, 1st ed. (1858), sheet lxi.

170 Barjard

NX 319 782

**NX 37 NW** 

This farmstead comprises a rectangular building adjoined by two small, slightly scooped yards, and an enclosure containing what may be rick-bases or the remains of a second building. There is rig-and-furrow cultivation in the area around the farmstead. August 1981

171 Barnvannoch 1

NX 140 740

**NX 17 SW** 

On a slight knoll 600m NE of Barnvannoch farmhouse there are the remains of a possible rectangular building and enclosure. September 1981

172 Barnvannoch 2

NX 141 748

**NX 17 SW** 

Situated about 100m below a disused dam on the W bank of the Main Water of Luce there are the remains of a sub-rectangular hut. September 1981

173 Barwinnock

NX 306 772

NX 37 NW

This farmstead comprises the remains of up to three rectangular buildings. About 120m to the SW there is a rectangular platform, possibly the site of a building. *August 1981* 

174 Barwinnock Hill

NX 311 770

NX 37 NW

This farmstead comprises the remains of three rectangular buildings within an enclosure. It was ruinous by 1855. *August 1981* 

OS 6-inch map, Ayrshire, 1st ed. (1857), sheet Ixxii.

175 Bellimore-on-Tig

NX 139 827

**NX 18 SW** 

This farmstead comprises the remains of two rectangular buildings and an enclosure; a third building lies about 60m to the NE. It is named 'Macewenston' and depicted as ruinous on the 1st edition of the OS 6-inch map, which records a hay ree and an 'Old Maltkiln' about 100m to the SW.

OS 6-inch map, Ayrshire, 1st ed. (1858), sheet lxvi.

176 Cammock Burn

NX 262 838

**NX 28 SE** 

This farmstead comprises the remains of a rectangular building accompanied by plots of cultivation ridges. It is recorded as 'Dawhine' on Armstrong's Map and as 'Dawan' on Thomson's Map but is depicted as ruinous on the 1st edition of the OS 6-inch map. September 1981

Armstrong 1775; Thomson 1828; OS 6-inch map, Ayrshire, 1st ed. (1857), sheet lxvii.

177 Cawan

NX 246 871

IX 28 NW

About 350m SSE of the ruinous farmstead of Cawan there are the remains of three small oval or sub-rectangular structures, possibly huts, and a small sub-square enclosure. September 1981

178 Chapel Croft, Killantringan

NX 260 808

NX 28 SE 4

Dispersed over a pasture field 170m SW of Killantringan farmhouse there are the remains of three rectangular buildings and a kiln-barn. One of the buildings lies within an enclosure containing cultivation ridges and known as 'Chapel Croft'. About 150m to the WSW there are the remains of the farmstead of Kilcroy which was abandoned after 1894. Although a chapel is said to have stood at Killantringan, these remains appear to be of secular character, and when the Chapel Croft was 'partially excavated' in the 19th century 'no sepulchral remains' were found, 'thereby proving that the enclosure was not a place of interment'. September 1981

Name Book, Ayr, No. 14, pp. 104, 107; OS 6-inch map, Ayrshire, 1st ed. (1857), sheet Ixvii; Chalmers 1887-1902, vi, 542; OS 6-inch map, Ayrshire, 2nd ed. (1896), sheet Ixvii SE.

179 Chirmorie 1

NX 220 760

NX 27 NV

On the NW side of an unnamed burn 1.4km SE of Chirmorie farmhouse there are the remains of a possible rectangular building and a small enclosure. *July 1981* 

180 Chirmorie 2

NX 205 770

**NX 27 NW** 

Situated 400m NW of Chirmorie farmhouse there are the remains of two sub-rectangular huts, *July 1981* 

181 Clauchrierob

NX 312 847

NX 38 SW

The remains of this farmstead, abandoned by 1855, are situated within an extensive system of cultivation and field-walls, and comprise a rectangular building (with traces of a possible second) adjacent to a plot of cultivation ridges. *September 1981*OS 6-inch map, Ayrshire, 1st ed. (1857), sheet lxviii.

182 Clauchrieskaig

NX 321 853

**NX 38 NW** 

The remains of this farmstead comprise three rectangular buildings and a kiln situated adjacent to rig-and-furrow cultivation. It is recorded on Thomson's Map in 1828, but was abandoned by 1855. September 1981

Thomson 1828; OS 6-inch map, Ayrshire, 1st ed. (1857), sheet lxviii.

183 Craig Hill

**NX 18 NE** 

About 500m ESE of the summit of Craig Hill there are the remains of a rectangular building and enclosure adjacent to an area of rig-and-furrow cultivation. July 1981

184 Craigneil Hill

NX 141 843

On the S side of Craigneil Hill, within an extensive area of rig-and-furrow cultivation, there is a farmstead comprising the remains of two possible rectangular buildings and an enclosure. It is depicted as ruinous on the 1st edition of the OS 6-inch map. September 1981

OS 6-inch map, Ayrshire, 1st ed. (1858), sheet lxvi.

185 Crongart, Standard

NX 269 822

**NX 28 SE** 

The farmstead of Crongart comprises the remains of at least three rectangular buildings and an enclosure. About 60m and 90m respectively to the E there are two further enclosures and what is probably a potato store. Crongart is recorded on the maps of Thomson, Roy and Pont, and was abandoned between 1856 and 1894. September 1981 Pont 1654; Roy 1747-55, sheet 3/5; Thomson 1828; OS 6-inch map, Ayrshire, 1st ed. (1857), sheet Ixvii; OS 6-inch map, Ayrshire, 2nd ed. (1896), sheet Ixvii SE.

186 Darnarroch

NX 241 755

The farmstead of Darnarroch, comprising a rectangular building and enclosure, was ruinous by 1855, although a second building and enclosure 50m to the SW were abandoned between 1855 and 1894. Darnarroch is recorded on the maps of Thomson, Armstrong, Roy and Pont. July 1981

Pont 1654; Roy 1747-55, sheet 3/5; Armstrong 1775; Thomson 1828; OS 6-inch map, Ayrshire, 1st ed. (1857), sheet lxxi; OS 6-inch map, Ayrshire, 2nd ed. (1896), sheet lxxi

187 Davy's Hill

NX 068 747

**NX 07 SE** 

Adjacent to an area of rig-and-furrow cultivation on Davy's Hill, and 600m WNW of Glenapp Church, there are the remains of a rectangular building and a small square structure. May 1981

188 Dornal

NX 296 775

The remains of what is probably a rectangular building are situated 600m NNE of Dornal. September 1981

189 Duniewick

NX 114 851

**NX 18 NW** About 100m W of Duniewick there are the remains of a rectangular building. June 1981

190 Garna Burn

NX 144 877

**NX 18 NW** 

The remains of this farmstead comprise up to five rectangular buildings, an enclosure and a kiln, and appear to represent at least two periods of construction. It is named 'Pinbraid' and depicted as ruinous on the 1st edition of the OS 6-inch map, 'Pinbraid' or 'Pinbrake' is recorded on the maps of Thomson, Armstrong, and Pont. June 1981 Pont 1654; Armstrong 1775; Thomson 1828; OS 6-inch map, Ayrshire, 1st ed. (1858), sheet Ixi.

191 Glenour 1

NX 182 827

**NX 18 SE** 

This farmstead comprises the remains of a rectangular building and a kiln, and around it there are a number of enclosures and field-banks. It was abandoned before 1856 but is probably the farmstead recorded on the maps of Thomson and Armstrong as 'Byne' and on Roy's Map as 'Bane'. July 1981

Roy 1747-55, sheet 2/2; Armstrong 1775; Thomson 1828; OS 6-inch map, Ayrshire, 1st ed. (1858), sheet lxvi.

192 Glenour 2

NX 179 827

**NX 18 SE** 

About 250m WNW of the farmstead no. 191 there are the remains of a possible rectangular building. *July 1981* 

193 Half Merk

NX 275 853

NX 28 NE

The farmstead of Half Merk comprises the remains of two rectangular buildings and a kiln, and in its vicinity there are extensive traces of rig-and-furrow cultivation. It is recorded on Thomson's Map of 1828 but was abandoned by 1856. Although the maps of Armstrong, Roy, and Pont all depict a settlement of this name, none can be certainly identified with this site. *September 1981* Pont 1654; Roy 1747-55, sheet 3/5; Armstrong 1775; Thomson 1828; OS 6-inch map, Ayrshire, 1st ed. (1857), sheet lxvii.

194 High Altercannoch 1

NX 248 811

**NX 28 SW** 

About 300m NW of High Altercannoch farmhouse there are the remains of a rectangular building. July 1981

195 High Altercannoch 2

NX 244 807

**NX 28 SW** 

About 20m S of a modern cairn, 600m WSW of High Altercannoch farmhouse, there are the remains of a sub-rectangular building and enclosure. Immediately to the NE there are traces of a possible second building. *July 1981* 

196 High Altercannoch 3

NX 245 805

IX 28 SW

About 180m SSE of the building and enclosure no. 195 a roughly circular mound (5.4m in diameter and 0.3m high) with a central depression may be the remains of a turf-built hut. *July 1981* 

197 Kilbride Knowe

NX 243 876

**NX 28 NW** 

The remains of this farmstead are situated at the foot of Kilbride Knowe adjacent to an area of rig-and-furrow cultivation. They comprise three rectangular buildings and an enclosure which were depicted as 'Ruins' on the 1st edition of the OS 6-inch map. Although Armstrong's Map notes only the place-name of 'Kilbride', the maps of Roy and Pont record the settlement of 'Kirbride' or 'Kirkbryd' in this area. September 1981 Pont 1654; Roy 1747-55, sheet 3/5; Armstrong 1775; OS 6-inch map, Ayrshire, 1st ed. (1858), sheet lxii.

198 Kilgrossan

NX 195 781

**NX 17 NE** 

The farmstead of Kilgrossan, abandoned between 1855 and 1894, comprises the remains of a rectangular building, divided into five compartments, and a kiln. Kilgrossan is recorded on the maps of Thomson, Armstrong and Pont. *July 1981* Pont 1654; Armstrong 1775; Thomson 1828; OS 6-inch map, Ayrshire, 1st ed.,(1857), sheet lxxi; OS 6-inch map, Ayrshire, 2nd ed. (1896), sheet lxxi NW.

199 Laganabeastie Burn

NX 124 737

NX 17 SW 15

Situated on the E side of Laganabeastie Burn, about 700m NNW of the summit of Laganabeastie Hill, there are the remains of two rectangular structures, possibly huts, one surmounted by a modern cairn. On the W side of the burn there is a small rectangular pen. July 1981

Gray 1956, 16-17.

200 Laigh Dangart

NX 174 860

**NX 18 NE** 

Situated within an extensive area of rig-and-furrow cultivation 350m SSE of Laigh Dangart there is a farmstead comprising the remains of up to four rectangular buildings. September 1981

201 Loch Dornal

NX 294 762

NX 27 NE 5

Ruins depicted on an island in Loch Dornal on the 1st edition of the OS 6-inch map are described by Smith as a 'dry-stone fort, or castle'.

OS 6-inch map, Ayrshire, 1st ed. (1857), sheet lxxii; Smith 1895, 221; MacCrimmon 1924, 8.

202 Loch Goosey

NX 298 822

NX 28 SE 7

A ruin depicted on an island in Loch Goosey on the 1st edition of the OS 6-inch map is described by Smith as a 'dry-stone fort, or castle'.

OS 6-inch map, Ayrshire, 1st ed. (1857), sheet lxviii; Smith 1895, 221.

203 Loch Hill

NX 183 811

NX 18 SE 4

On the W bank of the Water of Tig, E of Loch Hill, there are the remains of nine roughly circular, oval or sub-rectangular stone structures, possibly huts, four of which are linked by a stone wall. *July 1981* 

204 Lochton Hill

NX 138 873

**NX 18 NW** 

Situated on a low ridge to the SE of Lochton Hill there are the remains of a farmstead comprising two rectangular buildings (with traces of a possible third) and an enclosure. It may be recorded as 'Craigcar' on Thomson's Map of 1828 but does not appear on earlier maps. It was abandoned before 1855. *June 1981*Thomson 1828; OS 6-inch map, Ayrshire, 1st ed. (1858), sheet lxi.

205 Macherguhat

NX 107 843

**VX 18 SW** 

This farmstead comprises the remains of four rectangular buildings, two enclosures and a kiln, and around it there are traces of rig-and-furrow cultivation. It is depicted as ruinous on the 1st edition of the OS 6-inch map. *June 1981* OS 6-inch map, Ayrshire, 1st ed. (1858), sheet lxvi.

206 Mark

NX 252 878

NX 28 NE

Situated on a spur 300m E of Mark farmhouse there are the remains of a farmstead, comprising a rectangular building and enclosure, adjacent to a small area of rig-and-furrow cultivation. *September 1981* 

207 Mark, Glen App 1

NX 078 743

**NX 07 SE** 

About 500m ESE of Mark there is a farmstead comprising the remains of three rectangular buildings, an enclosure and a kiln. On the surrounding hillside there are extensive traces of rig-and-furrow cultivation, field walls and stone-built pens. It is named 'Old Mark'and depicted as ruinous on the 1st edition of the OS 6-inch map, but cannot be certainly identified with the farmsteads of High and Low Mark recorded on earlier maps. June 1981

Roy 1747-55, sheet 2/2; Armstrong 1775; Thomson 1828; OS 6-inch map, Ayrshire, 1st ed. (1857), sheet lxix.

208 Mark, Glen App 2

NX 077 743

**NX 07 SE** 

About 90m W of the farmstead no. 207 there are the remains of a rectangular building adjoined by a D-shaped enclosure. *June 1981* 

209 Meikle Bennane

NX 100 864

NX 18 NW 9

The remains of two enclosures and what may be a kiln probably indicate the site of a farmstead about 300m SE of Meikle Bennane Farm. *June 1981* Smith 1895, 228.

210 Mirren's Stone

NX 096 735

NX 07 SE 22

There are two rectangular huts, about 35m apart, situated between Mirren's Stone and an unnamed burn 65m to the W. *May 1981* Gray 1956, 21.

211 Moak Hill

NX 141 874

**NX 18 NW** 

At the foot of the SE flank of Moak Hill, 150m WSW of the ruinous farmstead of Boghead, there are the remains of a rectangular building and enclosure. *June 1981* 

212 Near Eyes Stanks

NX 252 844

NX 28 SE 3

The OS Record Card describes what are probably two huts midway between the two lochs known as Near Eyes Stanks.

Smith 1895, 220.

213 Old Park of the Gleick

NX 058 718

**NX 07 SE** 

In the Old Park of the Gleick there is a farmstead comprising the remains of up to three rectangular buildings adjacent to a small enclosure containing cultivation ridges. About 40m to the S there is a kiln, and 47m to the NW there are two enclosures and a further possible rectangular building. The settlement of 'Glaick' is recorded on the maps of Pont and Armstrong, but does not appear on later maps. *June 1981* Pont 1654; Armstrong 1775.

214 Pinwherry Hill

NX 186 854

**NX 18 NE** 

On the S flank of Pinwherry Hill there are the remains of a farmstead depicted as ruinous on the 1st edition of the OS 6-inch map. It may be that recorded as 'Boghead' on Thomson's Map of 1828. Situated 420m, 580m and 850m respectively to the WSW there are the remains of the farmsteads of Broadmoor (NX 182 853), Backhill (NX 181 853) and Milwharran (NX 178 852), all of which were abandoned between 1856 and 1894. None appear on maps of earlier than 19th century date. *July 1981* Thomson 1828; OS 6-inch map, Ayrshire, 1st ed. (1858), sheet Ixvi; OS 6-inch map, Ayrshire, 2nd ed. (1896), sheet Ixvi NE.

215 Pinwhiskie

NX 105 725

NX 17 SW 16

Situated 270m NNW of the summit of Pinwhiskie there are the remains of three roughly oval structures, possibly huts. A roughly circular structure 170m to the NE (NX 107 726) may be a fourth. *August 1981* Gray 1956, 23.

216 Strabracken

NX 142 758

NX 17 NW

On the W bank of the Main Water of Luce, 200m N of Strabracken, there are the remains of a rectangular building and enclosure depicted as ruinous on the 1st edition of the OS 6-inch map. *July 1981* 

OS 6-inch map, Ayrshire, 1st ed. (1857), sheet lxx.

217 West Altercannoch

NX 235 815

**NX 28 SW** 

About 400m NNE of West Altercannoch there are the remains of a farmstead comprising up to three rectangular buildings and two enclosures. There are extensive traces of rigand-furrow cultivation and field-banks in its vicinity. *August 1981* 

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

218 Ballantrae

NX 08 SE 5 & 12

Large numbers of flints have been recovered in the fields lying between the 5m and 15m contours from the Crailoch Burn in the N (NX 092 822) to the Downan Burn in the S (NX 074 808).

Edgar 1939; Lacaille 1945; Lacaille 1954, 150-3, 253-62; Gray 1956, 5-9; DES (1965), 13.

219 Bennane Cave

NX 091 861

NX 08 NE 1

The interior of this cave (over 30m in length) is divided into two compartments by two stone walls. The inner wall incorporates a doorway and the outer, built across the mouth of the cave, a doorway, a blocked window-opening and, on its inner face, a fireplace. October 1981

Name Book, Ayr, No. 13, p. 5; Paterson 1863-6, ii, 126-7; Smith 1895, 228.

220 High Altercannoch

NX 248 812

**NX 28 SW** 

An oval sheep pen 300m NW of High Altercannoch farmhouse, occupies a circular platform 9.5m in diameter which has been dug into the slope on the SW and revetted with boulders around the NE. *July 1981* 

221 Mill Hill

NX 090 832

NX 08 SE 8

On the summit of Mill Hill there are the remains of a windmill tower standing to a height of about 7.3m. It may be of late 17th-or early 18th-century date and is recorded on the maps of Roy and Armstrong, but it was ruinous by 1792. *June 1981* Roy 1747-55, sheet 2/2; Armstrong 1775; Heron 1793, ii, 311; Donnachie and Stewart 1966, 287.

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