

HIGHLAND KIRKYARDS: Ross and Cromarty Pilot Proforma



1. Name of Kirkyard: Tulloch Castle
(From HER)

2. National Grid Reference: NH 5430 5997

3. Civil Parish: Kiltearn

4. Description: Small burial ground in the woods behind Dingwall with only four headstones. There is no church in use or redundant church within this site. The ground is uneven and it slopes to the south on a natural hill. The ground is strewn with vegetation roots.

The flat granite slab is a memorial to Duncan Davidson, d.1881, and family whose remains were re-interred to this burial ground in 1999 from the Davidson Family Mausoleum at St James's Episcopal Church in Dingwall. The mausoleum was taken down to form a car park.

5. Setting: The graveyard is within woods that formed part of the Tulloch Castle estate grounds in Dingwall. Immediately to the south is a housing estate and to the north, east and west lie the woods with public walking paths running through them.

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6. Designations and Significance: The burial ground is not listed, scheduled nor is it on the inventory of gardens and designed landscapes.
The site is very much a small, personal burial ground without any built structures.

Scheduled Ancient Monument

Listed Building

7. Elements:

Boundary Walls: An unwelcoming heavy duty industrial fence surrounds the burial ground. It is made of concrete pillars and thick wiring and topped with barbed wire.

Railings, Gates and Gateways: The entrance gate is in the west fence made of metal and wire.

8. Ownership of Kirkyard:

Highland Council

Private

Other

9. Risk: Although the fence and gate are forbidding, the gate is unlocked so that people may enter.

On Entry No

10. Ancillary Issues:

ACCESS: In a wood along woodland paths, not very accessible for a wheelchair.
Parking in housing estate nearby.

INTERPRETATION: There is a nice clean modern stone sign with a plaque explaining that this is the burial place of three Lairds of Tulloch, all named Duncan Davidson, and their wives, who died between 1881 and 1917, outside the entrance gate. It also says Clan Davidson and has a family crest.