



ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES AND MONUMENTS RECORD

1 SITE CODE										
H	N	C	2	2	S	W	0	0	1	
2 NGR		3 QUAL								
N	C	2	4	1	4	2	3	7	1	CE
6 SITE NAME										
A R D V A E C K										
10 GENERIC TYPE										
BURIAL CAIRN, CHAMBERED										
14 PERIOD/DATE						15 DATING METHOD				
NE						TYP				
18 SHAPE										
OVAL										
19 THREAT AND DATE										

4 DISTRICT		5 PARISH	
SUTHERLAND		ASSYNT	
7 AREA STATUS	8 SITE STATUS	9 REGIONAL STATUS	
11 CONCORDANCE	12 FORM	13 DIMENSIONS	
OS NC 22 SW 1	STANDING STRUCTURE	12.5m by 11.5m	
16 RELATIONSHIP OF ELEMENTS		17 CONDITION	
		INCOMPLETE	
20 LAND USE		21 GEOLOGY	
ROUGH PASTURE			
22 SOILS		23 VEGETATION	
24 HYDROLOGY/DRAINAGE		25 RELIEF	26 ASPECT
		Craggy knoll on hillslope	NW
		27 ALTITUDE	
		69=76m OD	

28 EXCAVATION (EXCAVATOR: DATE: EXTENT: QUALITY)	
29 BIBLIOGRAPHY (AUTHOR: DATE: TITLE: JOURNAL OR PUBLISHER: VOLUME: DETAIL)	
1. ORDNANCE SURVEY: 1967: 6" MAP. 2. HENSHALL, A.S.: 1963: CHAMBERED TOMBS OF SCOTLAND: E.U.P.: Vol I: p 309.	
30 GROUND PLAN NO.	31 GROUND PHOTO NO.
	87/05/1/033-034.
32 SLIDES NO.	33 HR. AP. NO.
34 NMR. AP. NO.	35 OTHER AP. NO.: SOURCE
36 ARCHIVE AND LOCATION	
37 GEOPHYSICAL SURVEY	38 SAMPLES
39 PALYNOLOGY	40 NUMERICAL DATES: RANGE: LAB NO.
41 SMALL FINDS	42 MUSEUM/LOCATION
43 OTHER	

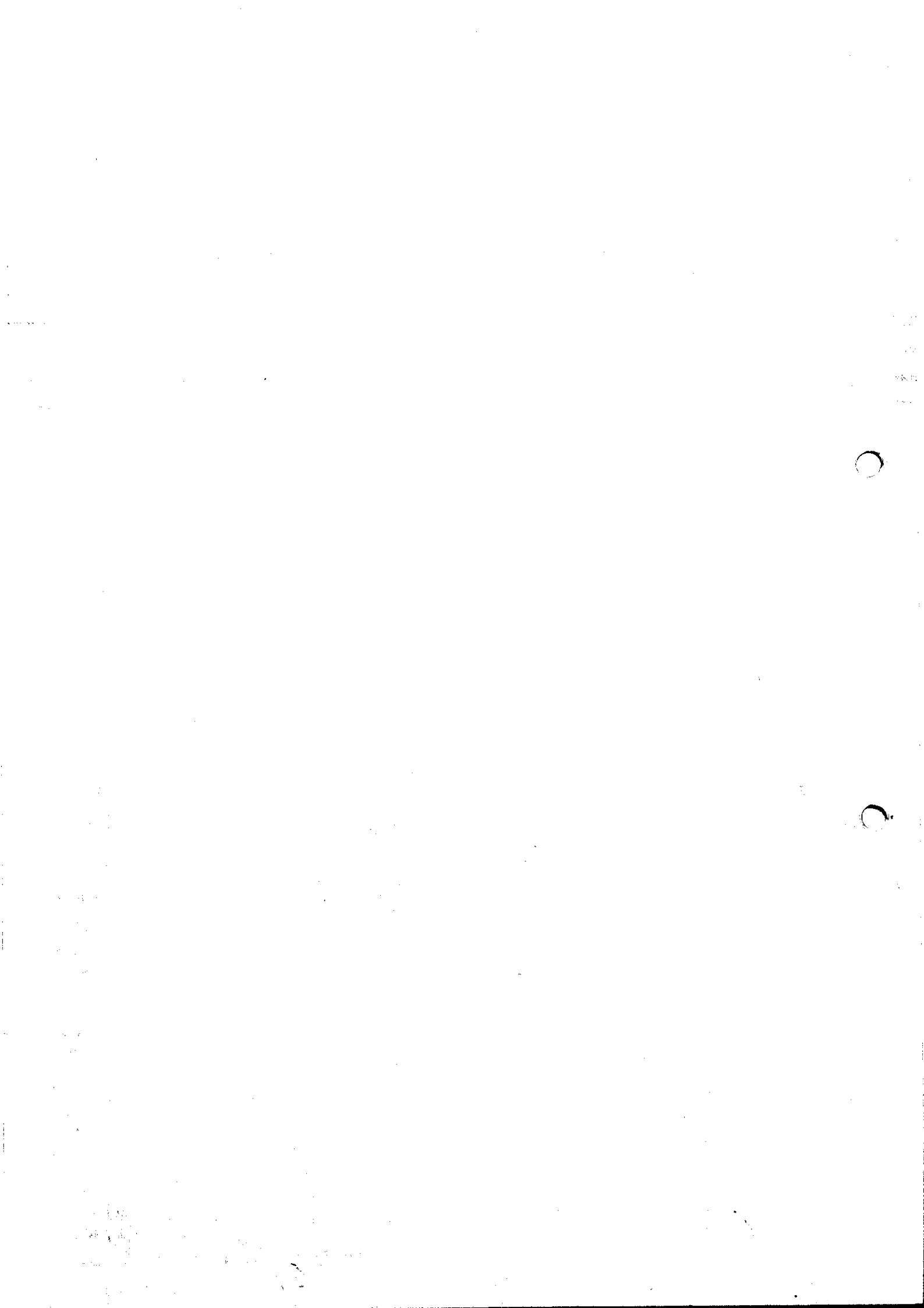
44 NAME & ADDRESS OF OWNER		45 ATTITUDE OF OWNER
46 NAME & ADDRESS OF TENANT		47 ATTITUDE OF TENANT
48 ACCESS & RESTRICTIONS		
49 NAME & ADDRESS OF FINDER/RECORDER: DATE		50 RECORDER: DATE
		HAR: 8.1.1985
		51 CHECK: DATE
		HAR: 4-2-1985

52 TEXT

'This chambered cairn now measures some 11.0m in diameter and 1.0m high. The W end of the chamber has disappeared, but the large slab on the N side of the chamber remains intact (see illustration).'
(OSFI:RDL:21.5.62)

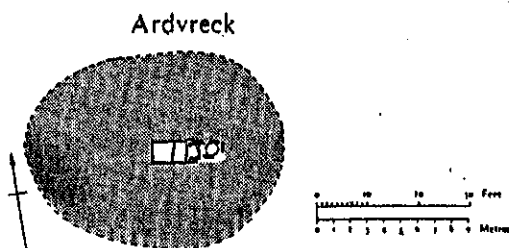
'This chambered cairn is as described by the previous field investigator. The overall dimensions are uncertain but appear to have been 12.5m E-W by 11.5m.
'Published survey (6") correct.'
(OSFI:JB:12.8.80)

'Chambered Cairn at 2414 2371 not as given by OSFI RDL 21.5.62.' (SEM.9.1.1985)



2. HENSALL, 1963.

9 ARDVRECK
(oval, ? gallery-grave)
In the parish of
ASSYNT
Location in W
SUTHERLAND
1½ m. NNW of
INCHNADAMPH
Map reference
NC/241237
Sheet LXXI; NC 22 SW
Reference
ANTIQUARIES' MS. 501(V11)
Plan after CREE¹ (fig. 59)
Excavation CREE 1925¹
Visited 24.5.54



Description. The site is on the shore of Loch Assynt at a little below 250ft. OD. The cairn is now much ruined and turf-covered, and though it stands up to 5ft. high it is inconspicuous owing to the broken nature of the ground. It is oval, and measures about 49ft. 6in. E-W and about 36ft. 6in. N-S, with the chamber orientated along the main axis.

At present only the innermost compartment of the chamber and the inner septal slab can be seen in the centre of the cairn. However the chamber plan was recovered at the time of excavation.¹ The entrance was from the E, but no structure was noted by Cree until 11ft. within the E edge of the cairn. The passage was 4ft. long and about 1ft. 6in. wide, with a lintel which had fallen in and measured 2ft. square. Across the E end of the passage was a stone 2ft. long, and Cree noted that the entrance was blocked by three quartzite water-worn stones. The entry into the chamber was only 1ft. 1in. high and 10in. wide, under a narrow lintel.

The chamber was rectangular, 9ft. 2in. long by 2ft. 11in. wide at the E end widening to 3ft. 4in. at the W end. It was divided into three compartments by two lower transverse septal slabs. The inner end of the chamber was constructed of large slabs, that on the N side 6ft. long and that on the S side 5ft. 7in. long, with a back-slab fitted between their ends. The three slabs were all about 3ft. 6in. high. The inner septal slab, which was 1ft. 2in. high, was set askew and considerably further W than the end of the side slabs, making the innermost compartment 3ft. 7in. to 4ft. 4in. long. The side walls were continued eastwards with shorter slabs, three on the N side and two on the S side, their ends slightly overlapping. The outer septal slab was 2ft. 2in. high and formed a central compartment 2ft. 2in. to 2ft. 8in. long, and an outer compartment 1ft. 10in. long. The width of the outer compartment seems to have been reduced to 1ft. 6in. by the insertion of a stone on the N and three stones on the S side, and these (according to the plan) carried the lintel at the entrance. The heights of the stones at the E end of the chamber were not noted. The chamber had already lost its roof at the time of excavation.

 Finds

Skeletal. Lost. A crouched skeleton on its right side in the innermost compartment, the top of the head against the end-slab.

