

# HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL



# FIELD MONUMENTS

## ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES AND MONUMENTS RECORD

1 SITE CODE									
H	N	C	7	5	N	W	0	0	6
2 NGR		3 QUAL							
N	C	7	2	3	5	5	7	5	2
6 SITE NAME									
A L L T A C H A I S T E I L									
10 GENERIC TYPE									
BROCH									
14 PERIOD/DATE					15 DATING METHOD				
IA					TYP				
16 SHAPE									
CIRCULAR									
19 THREAT AND DATE									

4 DISTR:CT		5 PARISH	
SUTHERLAND		FARR	
7 AREA STATUS	8 SITE STATUS	9 REGIONAL STATUS	
	SCHEDULED		
11 CONCORDANCE	12 FORM	13 DIMENSIONS	
OS NC 75 NW 6	STANDING STRUCTURE	c.8.4m DIAM	
NMR			
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
		ROCKY KNOLL	SE=SW=NW
			27 ALTITUDE
			76=84m OD

28 EXCAVATION (EXCAVATOR: DATE: EXTENT: QUALITY)	
29 BIBLIOGRAPHY (AUTHOR: DATE: TITLE: JOURNAL OR PUBLISHER: VOLUME: DETAIL)	
1. ORDNANCE SURVEY: 1964: 6" MAP. 2. RCAHMS: 1911: SUTHERLAND INVENTORY: HMSO: pp60-61, No 182. 3. YOUNG A.: 1964 : PROC SOC ANT SCOT: : 95: pp185 & 197. 4. MACKIE E.W.: 1975: SCOTLAND, AN ARCHAEOLOGICAL GUIDE: : : p221. 5. S.D.D.(AM): 1983: LIST OF SCHEDULED MONUMENTS.	
30 GROUND PLAN NO.	31 GROUND PHOTO NO.
	91/06/2/25
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
		AM: 15.4.1985
		51 CHECK: DATE
		HAR: 13-8-1985

52 TEXT  
' See attached photo copies for text.'

(NC 72355752) Broch (NR)

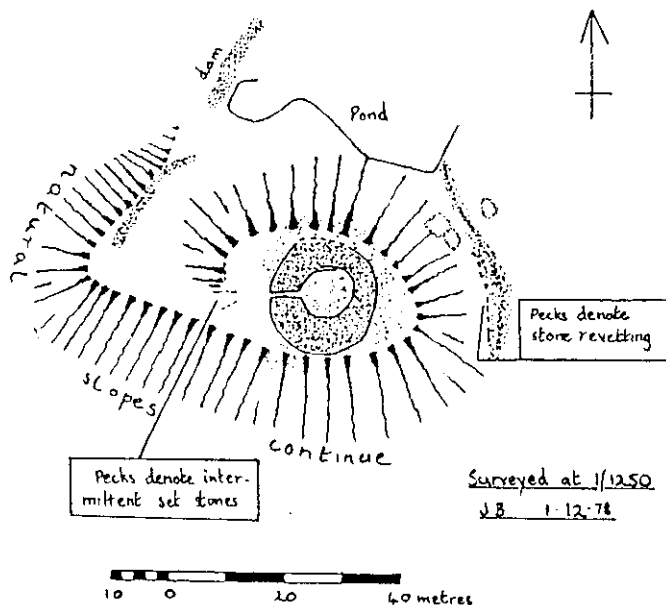
The remains of a broch impressively situated on a rocky knoll towering about 100 feet about the plain. It measures 8.4m. in diameter within a wall 4.2m. broad and about 3m. high internally. The outer face is visible to a height of 1m. to 2m. for almost the whole circuit.

A ledge-type scarcement can be seen on the inner wall face (4). The entrance passage, which is said to be 0.6m. wide, and to curve southwards (a) is still identifiable in the NW, one of the roofing lintels being exposed in situ (4). Miss Young notes a triangular lintel-stone lying outside the entrance and so dates the broch to the 2nd to early 3rd centuries AD. She also notes that it is defended by an earth and stone bank (2).

At the foot of the slope of the knoll on the east are three 'huts' 3m. to 4m. in diameter and a rectangular building, all later than the broch (1).

A broch with outworks generally as described by the previous authorities, except that it measures internally 9.0m. E-W by 8.2m. and the wall varies in width from 6.4m. in the S. to 3.8m. in the E. (The marked increase in wall width in the S. is probably due to the appreciable slope upon which the wall is built in this arc.) The entrance in the W arc is well-defined; no guard chambers are apparent. Within the broch on the N. side, the scarcement mentioned by MacKie can be seen.

The summit of the hill appears to have been scarped, and two discontinuous lines of stones in the W. probably demarcate the entrance approach to the broch. At the base of the scarp in the east is an outer defence comprising a wall revetted on its inner side by large stones visible intermittently. There are traces of a further outer wall or bank below the broch on the NW side. To the N. is a pond with a dam at its W. side, this and the 'huts' and 'rectangular building' are later than the broch. See plan.  
Published survey (6") correct.



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- OSF1 JLD 2 5 60
2. a. RCAHM 1911 60-1 No 182  
Visited 1909
3. PSAS 95 1961-2 185 & 197  
(A Young)
4. Scotland An Arch Guide  
1975 221 (E W MacKie)

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