

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL



FIELD MONUMENTS

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES AND MONUMENTS RECORD

1 SITE CODE
H N C 9 1 N E 0 2 6

2 NGR
N C 9 9 8 8 1 8 2 8 C E

3 QUAL
S A L S C R A G G I E / L O D G E

6 SITE NAME
S A L S C R A G G I E / L O D G E

10 GENERIC TYPE
SOUTERRAIN

14 PERIOD/DATE
I A

15 DATING METHOD
TYP

18 SHAPE

19 THREAT AND DATE

21 GEOLOGY

23 VEGETATION

26 ASPECT
SW

27 ALTITUDE
38=46m OD

4 DISTRICT
SUTHERLAND

5 PARISH
KILDONAN

7 AREA STATUS
SCHEDULED

8 SITE STATUS
SITE OF

9 REGIONAL STATUS

11 CONCORDANCE
OS NC 91 NE 26

12 FORM
SITE OF

13 DIMENSIONS

16 RELATIONSHIP OF ELEMENTS

17 CONDITION
DESTROYED (FILLED IN)

20 LAND USE
GARDEN

22 SOILS

24 HYDROLOGY/DRAINAGE

25 RELIEF
MODERATELY SLOPING HILL TERRACE

28 EXCAVATION (EXCAVATOR: DATE: EXTENT: QUALITY)

29 BIBLIOGRAPHY (AUTHOR: DATE: TITLE: JOURNAL OR PUBLISHER: VOLUME: DETAIL)

1. ORDNANCE SURVEY: 1964: 6" MAP.

2. SCOTT A.B.: 1899: THE SCOTTISH ANTIQUARY: :VOL 13: pp 55-60.

3. RCAHMS: 1911: SUTHERLAND INVENTORY: HMSO: p 112 No 324.

4. HBM (SDD) : 1985: LIST OF SCHEDULED MONUMENTS.

30 GROUND PLAN NO.

31 GROUND PHOTO NO.

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
DH: 26.6.1985

51 CHECK: DATE
GS: 17.7.1985

52 TEXT

"(NC 99881828) Earth House. (site of)." (1).
"In the centre of the lawn in front of Salscraggie Lodge is a souterrain, the entrance to which was discovered when an earthen mound, some 25' in diameter and 6' to 8' high, possibly the remains of a hut circle, was being cleared away. It is entered by a flight of six steps, 2' wide leading to a covered passage 3' wide and 4' to 5' high, its extreme length being 22'. The sides are built of boulders and the roof is flagged. Within the gallery, when it was cleared, were found a 'human arm bone', a rotary quern, a portion of another, and a saddle quern, all of which with the exception of the first item, are lying around the entrance." (3) (2).
"This souterrain was filled in many years ago, and there are now no surface indications." (OSFI:NKB:19.11.1976).
(See attached photo copy." "NC 998 182. Salscraggie Lodge, Souterrain Helmsdale." (4)

(3).

324. *Earth-house, Salscraggie Lodge.*—In the centre of the lawn in front of Salscraggie Lodge is an earth-house, the entrance to which was discovered when an earthen mound some 25' in diameter and 6' to 8' in height was being cleared away, possibly the remains of a

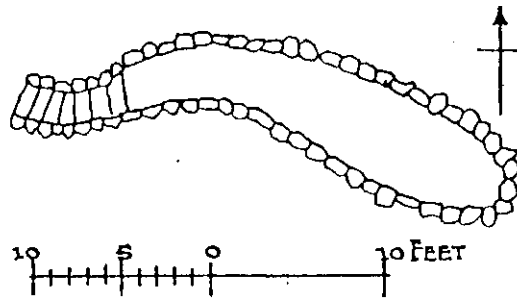


FIG. 39.—Earth-house, Salscraggie Lodge (No. 324).

hut circle. It is entered down a flight of six steps, 2' wide, curving round to the left. At 6' from the top step the covered passage commences, with a width of about 3', and height of 4' 5". For the first 4' 6" it curves slightly towards the right, and thereafter runs straight from WNW. to ESE. to the end. The extreme length is 22' following the curve of the E. wall, and 19' 6" on the W. At 10' from the back it is 4' 8" high and 3' 2" wide. The back is rounded, measuring 3' 6" in width and 5' 2" in height. The sides are built of boulders, and the roof flagged. Within the gallery when it was cleared out were found a human arm bone, a rotary quern, a portion of another, and a saddle quern, all of which, with the exception of the first item, are lying around the entrance (fig. 39).