

# HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL



# FIELD MONUMENTS

## ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES AND MONUMENTS RECORD

|                               |   |   |   |   |                  |   |   |   |   |
|-------------------------------|---|---|---|---|------------------|---|---|---|---|
| 1 SITE CODE                   |   |   |   |   |                  |   |   |   |   |
| H                             | N | D | 0 | 5 | N                | E | 0 | 2 | 7 |
| 2 NGR                         |   |   |   |   |                  |   |   |   |   |
| N                             | D | 0 | 7 | 2 | 2                | 5 | 9 | 2 | 8 |
| 3 QUAL                        |   |   |   |   |                  |   |   |   |   |
| C                             | A | R | R | I | S                | I | D | E |   |
| 6 SITE NAME                   |   |   |   |   |                  |   |   |   |   |
| CARRISIDE                     |   |   |   |   |                  |   |   |   |   |
| 10 GENERIC TYPE               |   |   |   |   |                  |   |   |   |   |
| BURIAL CAIRN, CHAMBERED (OCH) |   |   |   |   |                  |   |   |   |   |
| 14 PERIOD/DATE                |   |   |   |   | 15 DATING METHOD |   |   |   |   |
| NE                            |   |   |   |   | TYP              |   |   |   |   |
| 18 SHAPE                      |   |   |   |   |                  |   |   |   |   |
| SUB-OVAL                      |   |   |   |   |                  |   |   |   |   |
| 19 THREAT AND DATE            |   |   |   |   |                  |   |   |   |   |

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| 4 DISTRICT<br><b>CAITHNESS</b>         |                                      | 5 PARISH<br><b>REAY</b>                     |  |
| 7 AREA STATUS                          | 8 SITE STATUS<br><b>SCHEDULED</b>    | 9 REGIONAL STATUS                           |  |
| 11 CONCORDANCE<br><b>05ND 05 NE 27</b> | 12 FORM<br><b>STANDING STRUCTURE</b> | 13 DIMENSIONS<br><b>22.7m x 21.2m.</b>      |  |
| 16 RELATIONSHIP OF ELEMENTS            |                                      | 17 CONDITION<br><b>INCOMPLETE (ROBBED)</b>  |  |
| 20 LAND USE<br><b>ROUGH PASTURE</b>    |                                      | 21 GEOLOGY                                  |  |
| 22 SOILS                               |                                      | 23 VEGETATION                               |  |
| 24 HYDROLOGY/DRAINAGE                  |                                      | 25 RELIEF<br><b>GENTLE SHOULDER OF HILL</b> |  |
|                                        |                                      | 26 ASPECT<br><b>ENE =E=SE</b>               |  |
|                                        |                                      | 27 ALTITUDE<br><b>76=84m OD</b>             |  |

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| 28 EXCAVATION (EXCAVATOR: DATE: EXTENT: QUALITY)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                    |
| 29 BIBLIOGRAPHY (AUTHOR: DATE: TITLE: JOURNAL OR PUBLISHER: VOLUME: DETAIL)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                    |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. ORDNANCE SURVEY:1963:6" MAP.</li> <li>2. HENSHALL A.S.:1963:CHAMBERED TOMBS OF SCOTLAND:EUP:VOL I:p 267 No 17 + PLAN.</li> <li>3. RCAHMS:1911:CAITHNESS INVENTORY:HMSO:p103 No 373.</li> <li>4. MERCER R.J.:1985:A FIELD SURVEY IN N. SCOTLAND:EUP:VOL 3:FOR No 378.</li> <li>5. HMB (S.D.D.):1985:LIST OF SCHEDULED MONUMENTS.</li> </ol> |                                    |
| 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                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                    |

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| 44 NAME & ADDRESS OF OWNER  | 45 ATTITUDE OF OWNER  |
| 46 NAME & ADDRESS OF TENANT | 47 ATTITUDE OF TENANT |
| 48 ACCESS & RESTRICTIONS    |                       |

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| 49 NAME & ADDRESS OF FINDER/RECORDER: DATE | 50 RECORDER: DATE<br><b>GS: 7.8.1985</b> | 51 CHECK: DATE<br><b>DY 14.8.1985</b> |
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52 TEXT

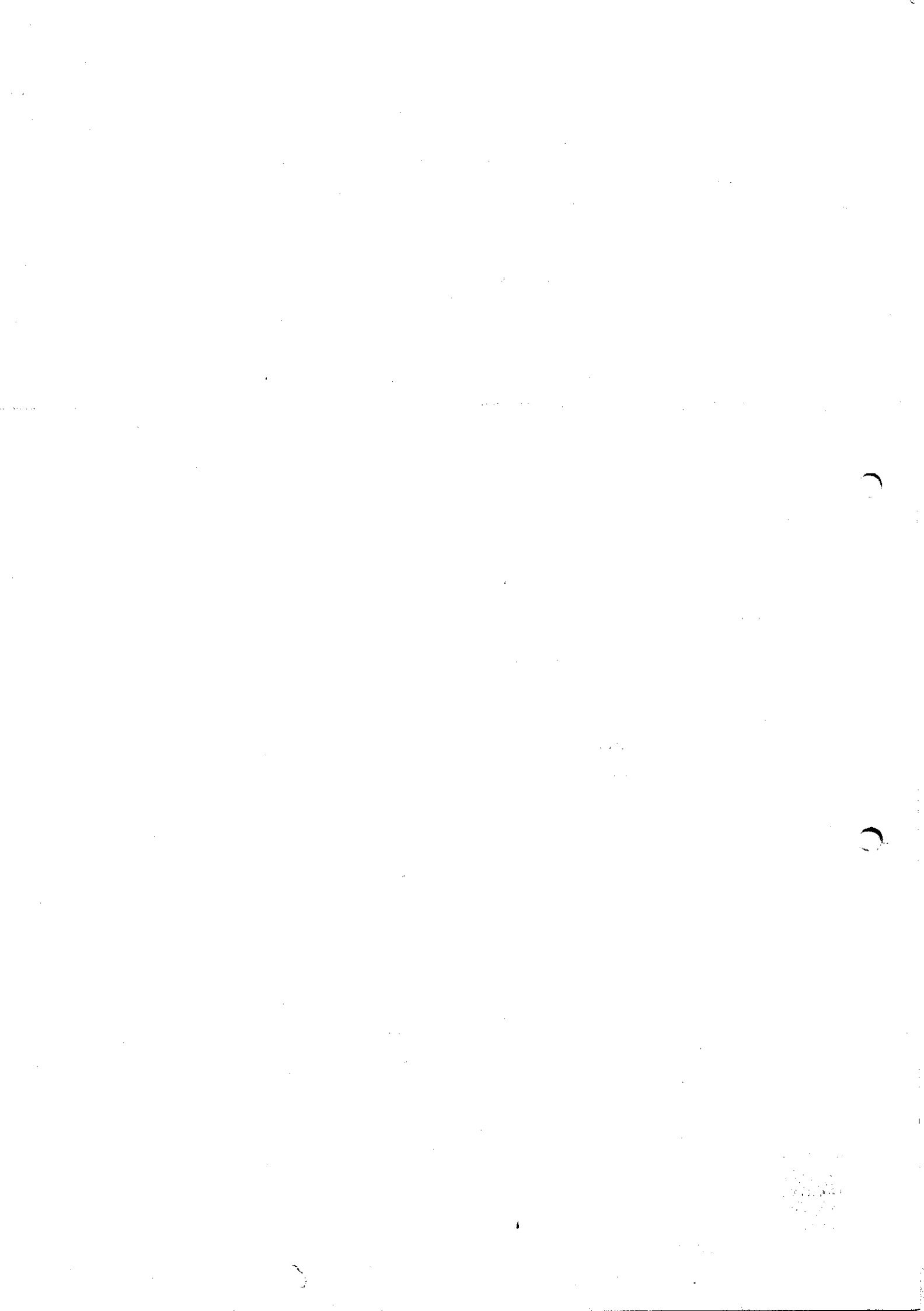
" (ND 0722 5928) Chambered Cairn." (1).

"Carriside. Orkney-Cromarty - round, with Camster-type chamber. This chambered cairn has been considerably robbed and now appears as an irregular, turf-covered mound about 6 ft high from which the tops of some stones project. Its extent, however, is quite clear, 75 ft N-S by 70 ft transversely. The entrance to the chamber has been from the SSE and the remains, as visible at present, suggest a passage 20 ft long with a large chamber 26 ft long divided into only three compartments, 9 ft 10 ft and 6 ft long respectively." (2)(3).

"A chambered cairn as described above."  
(OSFI:JM:30.6.1981).

"See continuation card for text of (2) (3) (4)."

ND 072 593 Carriside, Chambered cairn, 350m NW of (5)



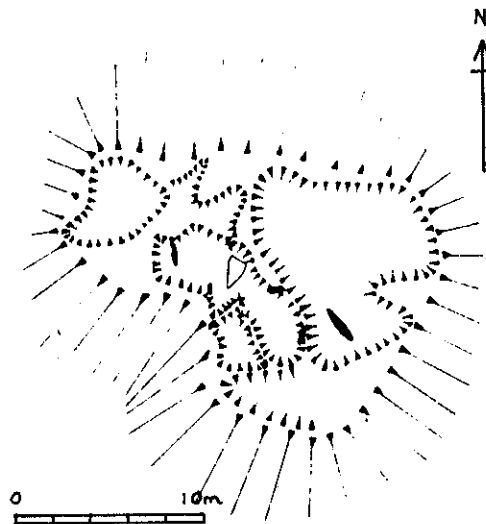
373. *Chambered Cairn, Loch Calder.*—On the W. side of Loch Calder, about  $\frac{1}{4}$  m. from the S. end of the loch, and about  $\frac{1}{4}$  m. NNW. of Carriside, is a chambered cairn. The diameter over all is 70' and the greatest elevation is 6'. The entrance has been from the ESE, and some 18' from the outer edge in that direction two thin slabs, 2' 9" apart, protrude from the turf with which the cairn is overgrown, while in front of them lies a stone which has evidently formed a lintel. In rear of these stones several other parallel slabs protrude, indicating the divisions of the chamber and of the back. The slab occupying the latter position is 5' broad. None of the slabs extend above ground for a greater height than 1' 7". No parts of the walls of the chamber are visible. A large amount of stone has evidently at some time been removed from the cairn on the SE.

(3).

378. Chambered cairn. 'Carriside'. Dimensions: 26m x 23m. Subcircular grass- and heather-covered mound with evidence of a chamber provided by six visible uprights. Damaged on its E side. Chamber lies E-W. Possible entrance to E. Orientation: NE-SW. Elevation: 275' OD. ND 072593.

O.S. Card ND 05 NE 27.

(4).



Mon 378  
Carriside  
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17 CARRISIDE  
(O.-C., Camster-type, round)  
In the parish of  
REAY  
Location on the SW shore of  
LOCH CALDER  
6 m. SSW of  
THURSO  
Map reference  
ND/072592  
Sheet XV11; ND 05 NE  
Inventory number 373  
Reference R. C. A. M. Inv. 103  
Plan by A. S. H. and M. J. S.  
(fig. 41)  
Visited 17.8.56

*Description.* The cairn is situated on the gentle moorland slope down to the shore of the loch, at a little over 250ft. OD. It has been considerably robbed and now appears as an irregular turf-covered mound about 6ft. high, from which the tops of some stones project. Its extent is, however, quite clear, 75ft. N-S and 70ft. E-W.

The entrance to the chamber has been from the SSE. At 16ft. from the cairn edge on this side there lies a lintel stone, probably *in situ* over the inner end of the passage. Behind it is a pair of transverse slabs 2ft. 9in. apart. Nine feet further N there is a single transverse slab on the E side of the chamber. At a further 10ft. to the N is another pair of transverse slabs set 3ft. 6in. apart, with a back slab 6ft. behind them and a slab forming part of the W wall of this inner compartment. The back-slab is the tallest in the chamber, the other stones graduating in height though there is no great difference between them. The remains, as visible at present, suggest a passage 10ft. or more long with a large chamber 26ft. long divided into only three compartments, 9ft., 10ft. and 6ft. long respectively.

(2).

