



ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES AND MONUMENTS RECORD

4 DISTRICT <b>CAITHNESS</b>		5 PARISH <b>REAY</b>		1 SITE CODE H N D 0 6 N W 0 0 5	
7 AREA STATUS		8 SITE STATUS		2 NGR N D 0 0 7 9 6 6 0 4 C E	
11 CONCORDANCE OS ND 06 NW 5		12 FORM STANDING STRUCTURE		3 QUAL	
16 RELATIONSHIP OF ELEMENTS SECONDARY B.A. BURIAL CIST IN NE BURIAL CAIRN		17 CONDITION INCOMPLETE		10 GENERIC TYPE SHORT HORNED BURIAL CAIRN, CHAMBERED (OCH) + BURIAL CIST	
20 LAND USE ROUGH PASTURE		21 GEOLOGY		14 PERIOD/DATE NE + BA	
22 SOILS		23 VEGETATION		15 DATING METHOD TYP	
24 HYDROLOGY/DRAINAGE		25 RELIEF SUMMIT OF LOW RIDGE		18 SHAPE	
28 EXCAVATION (EXCAVATOR: DATE: EXTENT: QUALITY)		26 ASPECT 360°		19 THREAT AND DATE	
27 ALTITUDE 60 = 70m OD		29 BIBLIOGRAPHY (AUTHOR: DATE: TITLE: JOURNAL OR PUBLISHER: VOLUME: DETAIL)			
		1. ORDNANCE SURVEY: 1907: 6" MAP			
		2. HENSHALL, A.S.: 1963: CHAMBERED TOMBS OF SCOTLAND: EDIN U.P.: Vol. 1: p298, plan			
		3. RCAHMS: 1911: CAITHNESS INVENTORY: HMSO: pp102-3, No. 372			
		4. MERCER? R.J.: 1985: FIELD SURVEY IN N. SCOTLAND: EDIN. U.P.: Vol. 3: FOR. 82			
30 GROUND PLAN NO.		31 GROUND PHOTO NO.			
32 SLIDES NO.		33 HR. AR NO.			
34 NMR. AP. NO.		35 OTHER AR 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: 12.8.1985		51 CHECK: DATE Am: 22.8.1985	

52 TEXT

"ND 0079 6604. Brough." (1)

"The short, horned, chambered cairn of the Orkney-Cromarty group at Upper Dounreay measures about 55ft (16.88m) across and has horns projecting towards the cardinal points, giving a diameter from top across the cairn of about 90ft (27.52m). The top of the cairn has been removed leaving a present height of 4 to 5ft (1.21m to 1.52m), and four stones of the chamber are visible. Two sides of a short cist can be seen on the S horn." (2) (3)

"This turf-covered chambered cairn, 1.5m max.height, is generally as described above. The W horn although shapeless is larger than the others. Stone slabs set on edge, forming part of the burial chamber, are visible in the mutilated top of the cairn. In the S horn, one end and one side slab of a cist, 1.0m by 0.6m, can be seen protruding 0.1m through the surface of the cairn (OSFI:NKB:23.11.1964)

"ND 0079 6604. Chambered cairn."  
"No change to the previous field report."  
"See continuation card for text of (2) (4)"

(OSFI:JB:7.9.1981)

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## 2. HENSHALL, A.S.

## 61 UPPER DOUNREAY

(O-G, short, horned)

In the parish of

REAY

Location 1½ m. from the N  
coast 2½ m. ENE of

REAY

Map reference

NO/007660

Sheet X; ND 06 NW

Inventory number 372

Reference

R. C. A. M. Inv. 102-3

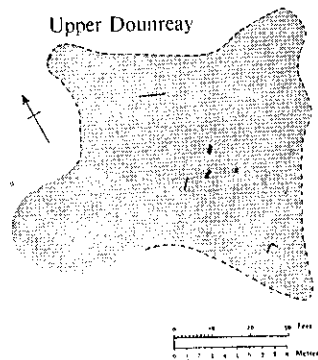
Plan by E. V. W. F. and A. S. H.

(fig. 54)

Visited 10.7.58

*Description.* The grass-grown cairn is situated at 200ft. OD. in the fairly flat ground which slopes gently down to the coast from Shebster Hill. The cairn itself is in rough grazing, at the end of a slight rise which terminates in a small but sheer outcrop, an obvious source of stone for building. The mound measures about 55ft. across, and has horns projecting towards the cardinal points giving a diameter from tip to tip across the cairn of about 90ft. The cairn edge is well defined especially on the N side, the N horn having a small stone set at its tip, but the W horn seems to have been greatly spread. About 10ft. within the cairn edge on the NE side there are exposed several courses of a straight wall-face. The top of the cairn has been removed leaving a present height of 4 or 5ft., and the tops of four upright stones project as a result. The entrance to the chamber appears to have been from the ESE, and on this side there is much cairn material between the apparent line of the horns, which may be deliberate blocking. The constructional slabs at present visible seem to represent a pair of divisional slabs set 4ft. apart and projecting 2ft. 3in. and 11in. above the surface near the cairn's centre, the S member of another pair of transverse slabs 6ft. to the E, and a long thin slab to the SW. Near the centre of the S horn two slabs forming half a cist 3ft. 3in. long and 1ft. 9in. wide just show above the surface.

In the same field 600ft. to the W of the cairn is a standing stone.



(over)

82. Short horned chambered cairn. 'Creag Bhreac Bheag'. 'Upper Dounreay'.  
Dimensions: 13m x 11.40m. Height: 1.50m. Horned chambered cairn with  
its most pronounced horns towards the W, these being 5m and 3m long.  
There are four upright stones visible in the centre of the cairn.  
Orientation: E-W. Elevation: 200' OD.  
ND 008660.  
O.S. Card ND 06 NW 5.  
Henshall, A.S. (1963) The Chambered Tombs of Scotland, vol. 1, 298,  
No. 61. RCAHMS (1911) Caithness, 102, No. 372.  
(Fig. 12)

