

# HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL



# FIELD MONUMENTS

## ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES AND MONUMENTS RECORD

1 SITE CODE	H	N	D	1	5	N	W	0	0	5
2 NGR	N	D	1	2	3	5	5	9	1	1
3 QUAL	CE									
6 SITE NAME	T U L L O C H O F M I L T O N									
10 GENERIC TYPE	BURIAL CAIRN, ROUND, CHAMBERED									
14 PERIOD/DATE	NE = BA					15 DATING METHOD				
						TYP				
18 SHAPE	SUB-OVAL									
19 THREAT AND DATE										

4 DISTRICT	CAITHNESS	5 PARISH	HALKIRK
7 AREA STATUS		8 SITE STATUS	SCHEDULED
9 REGIONAL STATUS			
11 CONCORDANCE	OS ND 15 NW 5	12 FORM	STANDING STRUCTURE
		13 DIMENSIONS	31.0m x 24.0m
16 RELATIONSHIP OF ELEMENTS	17 CONDITION		
	INCOMPLETE (ROBBED)		

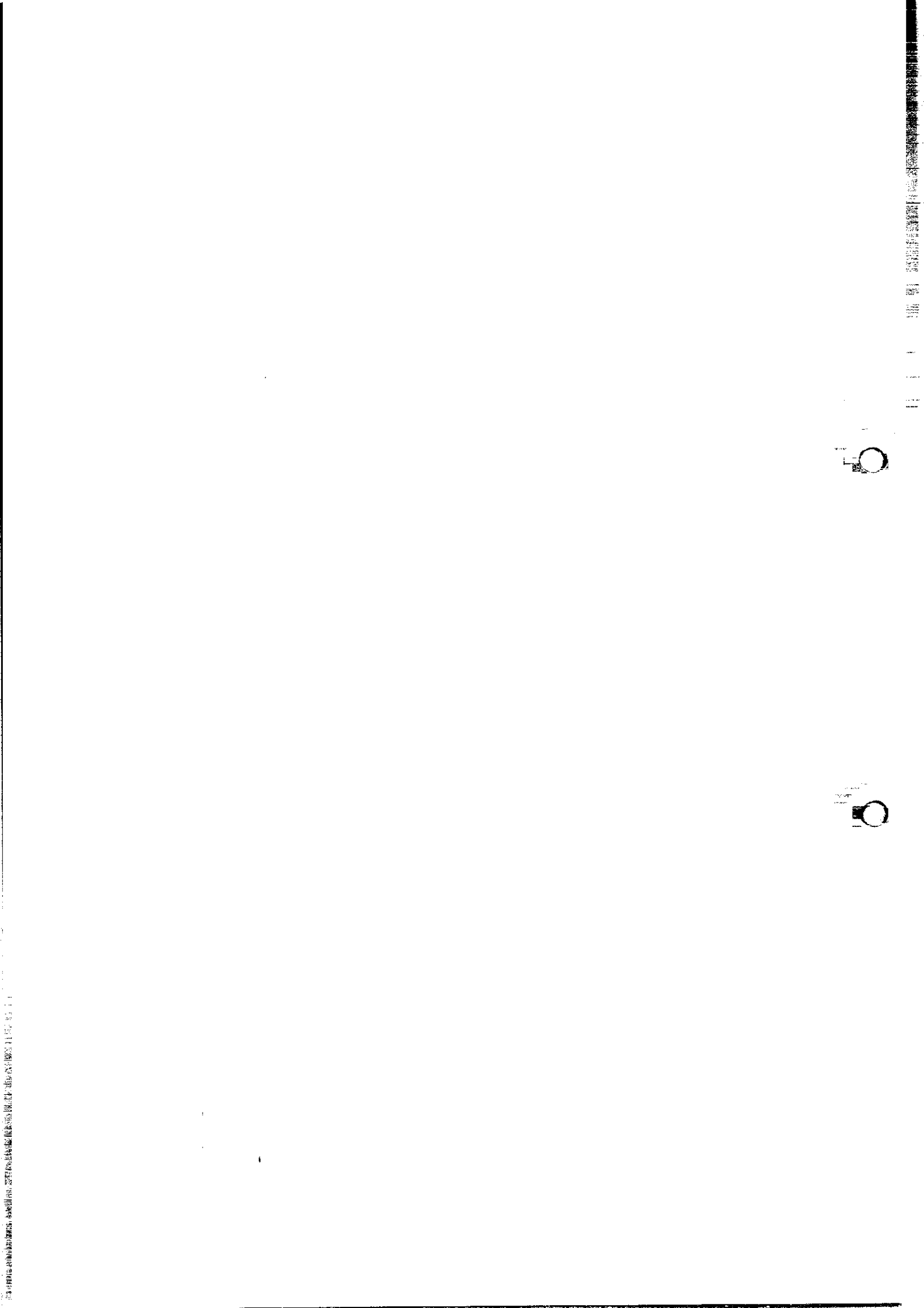
20 LAND USE	ENCLOSED PASTURE	21 GEOLOGY	
22 SOILS		23 VEGETATION	
24 HYDROLOGY/DRAINAGE		25 RELIEF	VALLEY BOTTOM
		26 ASPECT	360°
		27 ALTITUDE	40m OD

28 EXCAVATION (EXCAVATOR: DATE: EXTENT: QUALITY)	
29 BIBLIOGRAPHY (AUTHOR: DATE: TITLE: JOURNAL OR PUBLISHER: VOLUME: DETAIL)	
1. ORDNANCE SURVEY: 1970: 6" MAP 2. HENSHALL, A.S.: 1963: CHAMBERED TOMBS OF SCOTLAND: EDIN. U.P.: Vol. 1.1: p298 PLAN 3. RCAHMS: 1911: CAITHNESS INVENTORY: HMSO: p37-8; No. 124 4. ORDNANCE SURVEY: 1872: OBJECT NAME BOOK: Vol. 4: p71 5. ORDNANCE SURVEY: 1970: 1/10 000 MAP 6. 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	51 CHECK: DATE
	RMM: 10.2.1986	Jan 3/3/1986

52 TEXT  
"See continuation card for text."



(ND 1235 5911) Tulloch of Milton  
Chambered Cairn

(1)

Tulloch of Milton, a formerly oval Orkney-Cromarty type chambered cairn, is so severely robbed that it now appears as a number of grass-grown hummocks; it measured about 33 by 24m. The tops of a number of upright slabs are exposed. Seven in the SW have no great difference in their height and may represent the divisions of two chambers but it is uncertain whether they all belong to the same structure. Two other slabs forming the middle group (see plan) may also represent a chamber and passage. Four other stones are shown but their purpose is not conjectured. However, the ONB records, by a drawing based on descriptions, a six-sided chamber in which were found burnt human bones and red ashes.

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Generally as described above, this chambered cairn now measures 31.0 by 24.0 m and 1.7 m high. Only the nine stones in the S half can be identified and these suggest two chambers.

(OSFI:RD:16.2.1965)

Tulloch of Milton is as described and planned by Miss Henshall.

(OSFI:JB:11.2.1982)

Some 20 m to the S is a low, turf-covered mound, 8.0 m in diameter and 0.4 m high, which has been scooped out and levelled from the N, creating a horse-shoe shaped platform. It is possibly the remains of a robbed round cairn; alternatively it may be a spoil heap from the digging of the adjacent chambered cairn.

129. *Chambered Cairn, "Tulloch of Milton," Halkirk.*—Situating about  $\frac{1}{4}$  m. to the W. of Halkirk are the remains of a large oval cairn, much quarried. The dimensions are 100' from N. to S. by about 76' from E. to W. Towards the S. end some six or seven slabs set on end protrude from 8" to 14" above the ground, parallel, and almost in line. They face WNW. and ESE., and are about 27' inwards from the S. end. The first two at the W. side are 2' 6" apart, passing E, the next slab is 13' 8" distant, parallel, but somewhat S. of the other two. At 2' 6" distant from it is the next, parallel, and in line. Some 5' 4" E. is another, parallel, and somewhat S., and 22' further E. is a sixth, also parallel. In line with the last and 20' to the N. is another. Towards the N. end of the construction a small portion of cairn-like appearance remains intact, and beside it are one or two more slabs all facing in the same direction as the others. The slabs vary from 2' 6" to 3' in breadth as exposed, except one which is 4' 3" in breadth. This appears to have been a cairn with one or more chambers, and of a plan not hitherto noted on the mainland of Scotland, but possibly resembling that of certain chambered cairns in Orkney. Excavation is, however, necessary to ascertain fully its features.

The O.S. map indicates that human remains were found at the spot.

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CHAMBERED TOMBS OF SCOTLAND

60 TULLOCH OF MILTON (o.-c., oval)  
 In the parish of HALKIRK  
 Location nearly ½ m. w of HALKIRK  
 5½ m. S of THURSO  
 Map reference ND/123591  
 Sheet XVII; ND 15 NW  
 Inventory number 129  
 Reference R. C. A. M. Inv. 37-38  
 Plan by A. S. H. and M. J. S. (fig. 54)  
 Visited 13.8.56

*Description.* The cairn is situated in rough pasture on the edge of a low terrace above the River Thurso, at a little under 150ft. O.D. It has been very severely robbed and now appears as a number of grass-grown hummocks. The cairn was oval, the longer axis being SSE-NNW, about 108 by 80ft.

The tops of a number of upright slabs are exposed, and seem to represent parts of more than one chamber. At the S side is a group of seven stones all apparently set, more or less transversely, in relation to an E-W axis. Of these, four stones to the W are arranged in two pairs, 2 to 3ft. apart, the W pair 20ft. from the cairn edge. The inner ends of the stones are 2ft. 3in. apart, and they have the appearance of being the divisional slabs of a chamber. The next stone is set 13ft. 8in. further E with the others at intervals of 2ft. 6in. and 5ft. 4 in. behind it, all at an oblique angle and positioned in line with the gap between the other two pairs. These stones also have the appearance of being the divisional stones of a chamber lacking their partners, but whether all seven slabs belong to the same structure is uncertain. There is no great difference in their heights. Near the E edge of the cairn are two slabs, but placed to the N and S of the axis of the other stones.

Near the centre of the cairn and 30ft. from the W edge is a large slab, 21ft. N of the former group but also aligned N-S. Twenty-nine feet to the E of it is a small slab set parallel. It is possible that these represent the back-slab and portal stone of a chamber and passage orientated E-W. Some 16ft. further N is another smaller slab, also aligned N-S, and 23ft. to the E of it is a slab set slightly obliquely.

*Finds:*

The 6in. OS map marks 'human remains found here'.

Tulloch of Milton

