

# HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL



# FIELD MONUMENTS

## ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES AND MONUMENTS RECORD

1 SITE CODE												
H N D 0 1 N W 0 0 3												
2 NGR												
N D 0 1 2 3 1 7 7 6 C E												
3 QUAL												
6 SITE NAME												
C A E N B U R N S O U T H												
10 GENERIC TYPE												
BURIAL CAIRN, CHAMBERED												
14 PERIOD/DATE												
NE												
15 DATING METHOD												
TYP												
18 SHAPE												
TRAPEZOIDAL												
19 THREAT AND DATE												

4 DISTRICT				5 PARISH			
SUTHERLAND				KILDONAN			
7 AREA STATUS		8 SITE STATUS		9 REGIONAL STATUS			
		SCHEDULED					
11 CONCORDANCE		12 FORM		13 DIMENSIONS			
osND 01 NW 3		STANDING STRUCTURE		c 53.0m LONG			
16 RELATIONSHIP OF ELEMENTS		17 CONDITION				18 SHAPE	
		ROBBED				TRAPEZOIDAL	
						19 THREAT AND DATE	

20 LAND USE				21 GEOLOGY					
ROUGH PASTURE									
22 SOILS				23 VEGETATION					
24 HYDROLOGY/DRAINAGE				25 RELIEF		26 ASPECT		27 ALTITUDE	
				BASE OF STEEPLY SLOPING RIDGE		E=SE=S		38=46m OD	

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: 1970: 25" MAP.</li> <li>2. RCAHMS: 1911: SUTHERLAND INVENTORY: HMSO: p126 No 356.</li> <li>3. HENSHALL A.S.: 1963: CHAMBERED TOMBS OF SCOTLAND: EUP: VOL I: p311 No 15.</li> <li>4. HENSHALL A.S.: 1972: CHAMBERED TOMBS OF SCOTLAND: EUP: VOL 2: p572-73 No SUT 15.</li> <li>5. HBM (SDD): 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				
1349780-2									
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	
						HAR: 12.7.1985		GS: 29.7.1985.	

52 TEXT									
"See over card for text."									
" ND 012 177 CAEN, CAIRN 500mW OF, H: ELMSDALE ". (5)									

15 CAEN BURN, SOUTH  
 (long)  
 In the parish of  
 KILDONAN  
 Location N side of the  
 STRATH OF KILDONAN  
 1 1/2 m. NNW of  
 HELMSDALE  
 Map reference  
 ND/OI3177  
 Sheet LXXIX; ND OI NW  
 Inventory number 356  
 Reference R. C. A. M. Inv. 126  
 Visited 19.6.52

*Description.* The cairn is on a terrace on the moorland hillside at a little over 168ft. OD. The main axis lies ESE-WNW. It is about 168ft. long, 46ft. wide at the E end which appears to be straight rather than rounded in plan, and 27ft. wide at the W end. Here it is only about 1ft. high but it rises to a maximum of 7ft. near the E end. The cairn is of large irregular boulders and stones, bare of vegetation except where peat and heather are encroaching over the edges. It appears to be nearly intact except for an area which has been robbed about the centre of the S side and some disturbance at the E end. The latter has exposed, at 12ft. within the E edge, a large slab set on edge aligned along the main axis. It is 4ft. 9in. long and at least 2ft. deep. Another large stone lies by it, obviously displaced. More of the structure of the chamber probably exists under the cairn material to the W of them. On the E edge and 18ft. from the S side there is a large boulder measuring 4ft. wide and 4ft. high.

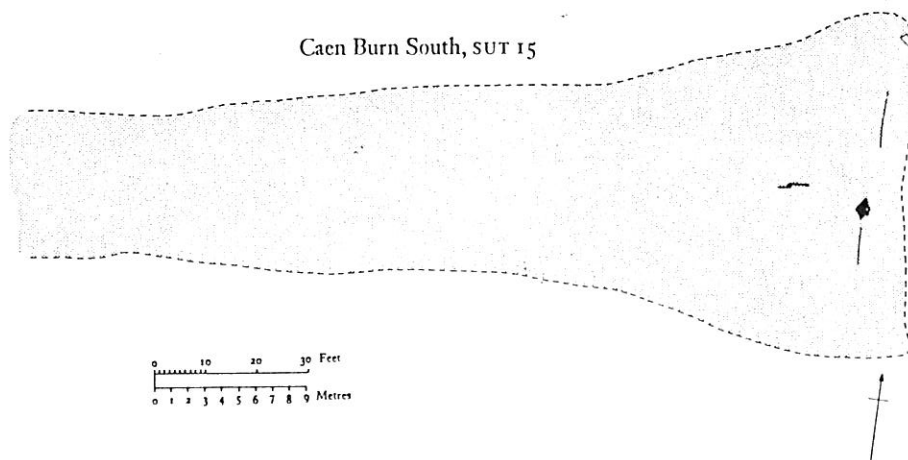
168ft = 51.5m  
 (3).  
 27ft = 8.34m  
 7ft = 2.13m  
 12ft = 3.67m  
 4ft = 1.21m  
 2ft = 0.61m

SUT 15  
 CAEN BURN SOUTH  
 Revisited 17.6.67  
 Plan by A.S.H. and M.K.M.

The cairn is 172 ft long overall, by 66 ft wide across the E end. From this end the sides narrow rapidly to a width of 40 ft at 56 ft from the end, and then narrow gradually to a width of about 26 ft at the W end. The E end is straight or very slightly concave, edged by a boulder kerb, including a particularly large stone 4 ft wide and 2 ft 6 in. high, just S of the centre. Cairn material extends 10 ft in front of this kerb. At intervals along the N side stones may be seen, apparently laid lengthwise, and possibly kerb stones. The plan of the W end is uncertain.

172ft = 52.61m  
 (4)  
 10ft = 3.00m

About 10 ft W of the kerb at the E end, and on the medial line, two overlapping upright slabs can just be seen amongst the cairn material, one 4 ft 9 in. long, the other rather smaller.



"This long cairn is as described above." (OSFI:JB:22.6.1976).

(SKETCH PLAN:JB:1976).

