

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL



FIELD MONUMENTS

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES AND MONUMENTS RECORD

4 DISTRICT CAITHNESS		5 PARISH THURSO		1 SITE CODE H N D 1 6 N E 0 0 7	
7 AREA STATUS		8 SITE STATUS		2 NGR N D 1 5 7 9 6 9 8 7	
11 CONCORDANCE OS ND 16 NE 7		12 FORM STANDING STRUCTURE		3 QUAL CE	
16 RELATIONSHIP OF ELEMENTS		9 REGIONAL STATUS		6 SITE NAME W E S T M U R K L E	
20 LAND USE FORESHORE		13 DIMENSIONS		10 GENERIC TYPE FORT, PROMONTORY	
22 SOILS		17 CONDITION INCOMPLETE (MUTILATED)		14 PERIOD/DATE BA = IA	
24 HYDROLOGY/DRAINAGE		21 GEOLOGY		15 DATING METHOD TYP	
25 RELIEF LOW ROCKY PROMONTORY		23 VEGETATION		18 SHAPE	
26 ASPECT 360°		27 ALTITUDE 0 = 10m OD		19 THREAT AND DATE	
28 EXCAVATION (EXCAVATOR: DATE: EXTENT: QUALITY)					
29 BIBLIOGRAPHY (AUTHOR: DATE: TITLE: JOURNAL OR PUBLISHER: VOLUME: DETAIL)					
1. ORDNANCE SURVEY: 1970: 6" MAP 2. RCAHMS: 1911: CAITHNESS INVENTORY: HMSO: p125: No. 451 3. ORDNANCE SURVEY: 1872: OBJECT NAME BOOK: 11: 171 4. LAMB, R.G.: 1980: PROMONTORY FORTS IN THE NORTHERN ISLES: : p73 5. MERCER, R.J.: 1981: ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIELD SURVEY IN N. SCOTLAND: EDIN. U.P.: Vol. 2, No. 506					
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 GS: 5.3.1986	
				51 CHECK: DATE GS: 20.3.86	

52 TEXT

"ND 1579 6987. Fort (remains of)." (1)

"Opposite the termination of the farm road which leads part West Murkle is a small promontory across the landward end of which is a wall or rampart measuring some 8 to 10ft (2.44m - 3.00m) thickness and 8ft (2.44m) max. height. The end and sides of the promontory are much eroded and there is no trace of any structure which may have formerly existed behind the defence. 'An old fort'. A 2ft (0.61m) layer of black soil overlies heaps of periwinkle and limpet shells." (2) (3)

"The fragmentary remains of a small promontory fort. It consists of a ruined stone wall or rampart, measuring some 7.0m in width, 2.5m high externally and 1.0m internally, which encloses a small, much eroded cliff projection 26.0m NW-SE by 13.0m transversely. Running N from the E end of the rampart along the cliff edge for about 2.0m, there is a line of thin slabs 0.6m high, possibly the remains of defences along the E side. No evidence of an entrance or/PTO..."