

# HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL



# FIELD MONUMENTS

## ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES AND MONUMENTS RECORD

1 SITE CODE										
H	N	D	1	6	N	E	O	1	1	A
2 NGR		3 QUAL								
N	D	1	9	3	6	6	8	7	6	CE
6 SITE NAME										
C	A	S	T	L	E	H	I	L	L	
10 GENERIC TYPE										
MOUND (BROCH?) + BURIAL, INHUMATION										
14 PERIOD/DATE							15 DATING METHOD			
BA = IA = EM(NOR)							TYP			
17 CONDITION										
INCOMPLETE (ROBBED + MUTILATED)										
18 SHAPE										
CIRCULAR										
19 THREAT AND DATE										

4 DISTRICT		5 PARISH	
CAITHNESS		OLRIG	
7 AREA STATUS	8 SITE STATUS	9 REGIONAL STATUS	
	SCHEDULED		
11 CONCORDANCE	12 FORM	13 DIMENSIONS	
ND 16 NE 11	STANDING STRUCTURE	c.16.5m DIAM.	
6 RELATIONSHIP OF ELEMENTS		17 CONDITION	
		INCOMPLETE (ROBBED + MUTILATED)	
20 LAND USE		21 GEOLOGY	
ENCLOSED PASTURE			
22 SOILS		23 VEGETATION	
24 HYDROLOGY/DRAINAGE		25 RELIEF	26 ASPECT
		GENTLE HILLSLOPE	NE
		27 ALTITUDE	
		0 = 10m OD	

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: p87, No. 320	
3. ANDERSON, J: 1875: PROC. SOC. ANT. SCOT: Vol. 10: pp549-51.	
4. : : ARCHAEOLOGICA SCOTICA: Vol. 3: Appdx. 2: p61	
5. ANDERSON, J: : SCOTLAND IN PAGAN TIMES: Vol. 2 (Iron Age): p43	
6. ANDERSON, J: 1878: PROC. SOC. ANT. SCOT: Vol. 12: pp329-30	
7. NMAS: 1951: SCOTLAND'S ANCIENT TREASURES /cont...	
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
	GS: 5.3.1986	GS: 20.5.86

52 TEXT

"ND 1936 6876. Broch (remains of). Viking Burial found AD 1786." (1)

"This grassy mound, which contains the ruins of a broch, has been robbed to some extent from the S. The remaining portion is some 54ft (c.16m) in diam. and 7ft (2.13m) high." (2) (3) (4)

"A skeleton, accompanied by a pair of 10th century Norse tortoise brooches, a jet armlet 3in (76.2mm) in diam, and a bone pin 8cm long, was found in September 1786 on top of this mound buried under a flat stone with very little earth above it. One of the brooches is in the National Museum of Copenhagen, while the other relics are in the NMAS (Acc. Nos. IL 222, FN 2 & FN 3 respectively)." (5) (6) (7) (8) (9)

"This artificial, grass-covered, conical mound, which measures 19.0m E-W by 13.0m transverse and 2.7m high, contains many protruding stone slabs and has been mutilated on the N side/PT"

"See continuation card for map."

29. 8. GREIG,S. & SHETELIG,H:1940:VIKING ANTIQUITIES IN GT.BRITAIN & IRELAND:Vol.  
pp23-24
9. NMA:1892:MUSEUM CATALOGUE:217, 278
10. HBM(SDD):1985: LIST OF SCHEDULED MONUMENTS

52./ "by the construction of a wall and track and by ploughing along the S side. It may have been a broch but its present condition makes classification difficult."  
(OSFI:NKB:16.2.1965)

"The mound, probably the remains of a broch, is as described by OSFI:NKB."  
(OSFI:JB:2.11.1981)

ND 193 687 Castlehill,broch, WNW of (10)

320. *Broch, Castlehill, Castletown.*—At the edge of a field just above the shore road, a short distance to the W. of Castlehill quarries, Castletown, is a grassy mound which contains the ruins of a broch. It has been pillaged to some extent from the S. side. The remaining portion has a diameter of about 54' and an elevation of 7'.

On the top of this mound there was discovered in 1786 an unburnt burial beneath a flat stone and quite near the surface. With the skeleton were two oval bowl-shaped brooches of brass, gilded and surrounded by thin plaited silver cord. The convex surface is ornamented with four figures with horses' heads in high relief and with chased work characteristic of the Norse Viking period. With the brooches were also a bracelet of coarse jet, and a bone pin 4" in length.

With the exception of one of the brooches, which is in the Museum of Old Northern Antiquities at Copenhagen, the relics are preserved in the National Museum of Antiquities, Edinburgh.

See Anderson, *The Iron Age*, p. 43.

