

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL



FIELD MONUMENTS

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES AND MONUMENTS RECORD

1 SITE CODE	H	N	D	2	3	N	W	0	1	4
2 NGR	ND 20573749 CE									
3 QUAL										
6 SITE NAME	GOLSAARY									
10 GENERIC TYPE	BROCH									
14 PERIOD/DATE	IA					15 DATING METHOD				
						TYP				
18 SHAPE										
19 THREAT AND DATE										

4 DISTRICT	CAITHNESS		5 PARISH	LATHERON	
7 AREA STATUS	8 SITE STATUS		9 REGIONAL STATUS		
	SCHEDULED				
11 CONCORDANCE	12 FORM		13 DIMENSIONS		
OSND 23 NW 14	STANDING STRUCTURE		19.0m OVERALL DIAM.		
NMR					
16 RELATIONSHIP OF ELEMENTS			17 CONDITION		
			INCOMPLETE		
20 LAND USE	AFFORESTATION		21 GEOLOGY		
22 SOILS			23 VEGETATION		
24 HYDROLOGY/DRAINAGE	25 RELIEF		26 ASPECT		27 ALTITUDE
	LOW RIDGE		SSE		120=130m OD

28 EXCAVATION (EXCAVATOR: DATE: EXTENT: QUALITY)	
29 BIBLIOGRAPHY (AUTHOR: DATE: TITLE: JOURNAL OR PUBLISHER: VOLUME: DETAIL)	
1. ORDNANCE SURVEY: 1976: 1:10,000 MAP. 2. RCAHMS: 1911: CAITHNESS INVENTORY: HMSO: :p60 No 220. 3. HMB(S.D.D.): 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
	MC: 15.9.1985
	51 CHECK: DATE
	15.10.1985

52 TEXT

"(ND 2057 3749) Broch." (I)

"The remains of a broch contained within a conical grassy mound, the outer face visible intermittently, indicating an overall diameter of 56 ft (17.0m). Built on a sloping rock on a ridge, it survives to a maximum height of 12 ft, (3.67m), and is defended on the N by a rampart or wall with an external ditch, crossing the ridge at a distance of 18 or 20 ft. (5.6 or 6.2m). The rampart is 3 ft 6 ins (c.1.0m) high on the inner side, and the flat-bottomed ditch is 27 ft (8.35m) wide and 7 ft (2.13m) deep. Traces of outbuildings occur along the slope of the ridge to the S." (2).

"A broch with outworks on a low, narrow ridge running N-S. The broch survives as a quarried, grass-covered mound of debris spread to 19.0m in diameter and 4.0m maximum height, with one or two stones of the outer face visible, giving an overall diameter of 15.7m. No other structural

(over).

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details are visible.

About 12m to the N the ridge has been cut through by a curving ditch 7.0m wide and 2.0m deep with the spoil thrown on both the inner and outer lips forming two ramparts, both about 4.0m broad and up to 1.0m high. Quarrying has almost completely destroyed the W half of the inner rampart. Outside the outer rampart is another ill-preserved ditch some 2.0m wide which may be contemporary. Similar terrain to the S of the broch appears to demand a defence, but there is no trace of one, nor of the outbuildings described by the RCAHM. This area is occupied by quarry holes and two or three grassy platforms, probably of a later period."

(OSFI:AA:21.4.1972).

"No change to the previous report."

(OSFI:JM:23.3.1983).

ED 205 374 Golsary, broch, W bank of Burn of Golsary