

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL



FIELD MONUMENTS

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES AND MONUMENTS RECORD

1 SITE CODE		H	N	D	3	4	N	E	0	0	7
2 NGR		N	D	3	5	5	0	4	7	2	3
3 QUAL		C E									
6 SITE NAME											
H E M P R I G G S H O U S E											
10 GENERIC TYPE											
HOUSE											
14 PERIOD/DATE						15 DATING METHOD					
1692						DOC					
18 SHAPE											
19 THREAT AND DATE											

4 DISTRICT		5 PARISH	
CAITHNESS		WICK	
7 AREA STATUS		8 SITE STATUS	
		S.D.D.LISTED: B	
9 REGIONAL STATUS		11 CONCORDANCE	
		OS ND 34 NE 7	
12 FORM		13 DIMENSIONS	
STANDING STRUCTURE			
16 RELATIONSHIP OF ELEMENTS		17 CONDITION	
		INCOMPLETE	

20 LAND USE		21 GEOLOGY	
LAND BUILT UPON			
22 SOILS		23 VEGETATION	
24 HYDROLOGY/DRAINAGE		25 RELIEF	
		GENTLE HILLSLOPE, BANK OF STREAM	
		26 ASPECT	
		NW=N=E	
		27 ALTITUDE	
		40=50m 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: p 139 No 496.
3. BSAHI LIST: : CAITHNESS.
4. THOMSON REV. C.: 1841: NEW STAISTICAL ACCOUNT: : p142.
5. : 1855: ORIGINES PAROCHIALES SCOTIAE: : VOL 2 pt 2: p776.

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: 15.8.1985		GS: 22.8.1985	

52 TEXT

"(ND 3550 4723) Hempriggs House." (1).\$

"Hempriggs House is said to have been built in 1692 by William Dunbar who probably acquired the property, formerly known as Telstone or Telstane, in 1690 and apparently re-named it from the Dunbar seat at Hempriggs in Moray (NJ 1063)." (2)(3).

"Two storeys high of dressed stone, the house was altered and partly reconstructed in the 19th century but the front elevation is symmetrical and of a simple classical design. A fireplace lintel dated 1692 and a tablet bearing the arms of the Dunbar and Sinclair families and the date 1705 were preserved at Ackergill in 1910." (4)(5).

"A mill is asociated with the lands of Telstane in 1545." (5).

"Hempriggs House is as described above."

(OSFI:JB:2.9.1982).

See continuation card for remaining text.

Dated 1692 and 1875; now mainly 19th century, incorporating earlier fabric. Large, 2-storey house built around small inner court. All harled with some ashlar dressings.

Asymmetrical 6-bay front with near centre (1875) wide rectangular 2-storey entrance porch with side doors, that to right with re-used lintel; and with front tripartite; porch rises as 1st floor canted bay window with cornice and shaped blocking course.

Wide 2-storey west elevation. Rear elevation flanked by wide gables; round-headed centre entrance infilled with modern door and window; large centre wallhead stack with diminutive attic window.

Simple east range, with service entrance, linked to 2-storey L-plan stable block. 2- and 4-pane glazing in front windows; mainly 12-pane glazing in other elevations; ridge and end coped stacks; slate roofs, modern tiles to rear.

Stables; earlier-mid 19th century 2-storey, L-plan stable range linked to house at east by small lean-to outbuilding. All rubble, tooled rubble dressings. South facing elevation with small 3-bay dwelling with centre door and flanking lying-pane glazed windows, left; segmental headed carriage house, right, with loft window above. North arm of L contains stables and loft. Ridge and end stacks; slate roofs.

(2), (3).