

# HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL



# FIELD MONUMENTS

## ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES AND MONUMENTS RECORD

1 SITE CODE	H	N	D	3	4	S	W	0	1	2
2 NGR	N	D	3	1	6	5	4	1	3	6
3 QUAL	C	E								

4 DISTRICT	CAITHNESS		5 PARISH	WICK		6 SITE NAME	W A T E R N A N			
7 AREA STATUS	8 SITE STATUS		9 REGIONAL STATUS		10 GENERIC TYPE					
osND 34 SW 12		12 FORM		13 DIMENSIONS		MOUND (ALLEGED FORT, POSSIBLE CAIRN).				
16 RELATIONSHIP OF ELEMENTS		17 CONDITION		18 SHAPE		14 PERIOD/DATE				
		INCOMPLETE (MUTILATED)		CIRCULAR		15 DATING METHOD				
20 LAND USE		21 GEOLOGY		22 SOILS		23 VEGETATION		26 ASPECT		27 ALTITUDE
HEATH								SE		100=110m OD
24 HYDROLOGY/DRAINAGE		25 RELIEF		28 EXCAVATION (EXCAVATOR: DATE: EXTENT: QUALITY)		29 BIBLIOGRAPHY (AUTHOR: DATE: TITLE: JOURNAL OR PUBLISHER: VOLUME: DETAIL)				
		MODERATE HILLSLOPE				1. ORDNANCE SURVEY:1976:1:10,000 MAP. 2. RCAHMS:1911:CAITHNESS INVENTORY:HMSO:pp 164-65 NO 527. 3. MERCER R.J.:1985:FIELD SURVEY IN N. SCOTLAND:EUP:VOL 3:No 183. 4. HBK(S.D.D.):LIST OF SCHEDULED MONUMENTS.				
30 GROUND PLAN NO.		31 GROUND PHOTO NO.		32 SLIDES NO.		33 HR. AP. NO.		34 NMR. AP. NO.		
				849588-40; 849596-7				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		
43 OTHER								42 MUSEUM/LOCATION		
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: 8.10.1985		AM: 29.10.1985						

52 TEXT  
"See cont. card for text + illust."

DD 316 413 Waterman, fort, 165m NW of, Ulbster (4)

(ND 3165 4136) Cairn (NR)

(I).

Defensive Enclosure: On a slight elevation 'is a circular enclosure with an interior diameter of some 58 ft, an entrance from the S, and a bank from 15 to 20 ft in thickness. The position of the outer entrance is indicated by two upright slabs set 3 ft 5 ins apart. It opens on a small outer court in rear of which, at 13 ft distant from the main entrance, is an inner circle with a diameter of some 32 ft and divided by a bank 8 or 9 ft in thickness crossing the interior from the W side. Being overgrown with vegetation the plan of the construction is difficult to expiscate. Along the edge of the elevated ground on the NE runs an old bank, but its defensive character is doubtful.'

(2).

The remains of an oval structure, generally as described by the RCAHM are too amorphous for positive classification but the amount of turf and heather-covered debris within it suggests a robbed cairn rather than an enclosure. The presence of the small central hollow and the upright slabs as previously described, together with a further slab set on edge at the perimeter of the mound to the W, suggest a heavily mutilated chambered cairn. The old field bank to the NE is much later.

(OSFI:NKB:4.5.1967).

183. 'Fort' / ? 'Broch'. Dimensions: 27m x 24m. Height: 2m. Oval grass-covered hummocky mound. A bank 8m wide curves round the N and E sides. Scatter of stones at S end. Possible entrance to the S of mound marked by two orthostats 1m apart, opens into an oval depression with a small circular mound in the centre. 3m to the N of this outer hollow lies an inner oval depression 7m x 3.50m. 3m to the N lies a further oval hollow 7m x 1.50m. Another depression is situated E of these three. A large flat slab lies tilted on the W edge of the mound.

Mon. No. WAR 183 "Fort" Watenan West (Fig. 62). This monument appears to be much damaged but to have comprised a penannular earthwork 18m from crest to crest of bank with a number of internal divisions which also take earthwork form. An entrance appears on the S side of the site leading from what may be a hollow-way into the interior, marked by two orthostats 1m apart. It is unlikely that this structure represents a broch but it is difficult to parallel its clearly defensive nature with any other structure-type known in the area.

