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### OTHER

- FRAGMENTS OF 3 URNS + BURNT BONES.

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29. ASHMORE P.J.: 1982: T S REPORT.
An Orkney-Cromarty type round cairn with a Quanter type chamber. One of the group of five shown as Cairns of Barlogue, it was excavated by Shand in 1865 and Anderson in 1865. It now contains a round of flat slabs, partly turf-covered, 2.44 to 2.74m high with a diameter of about 16m, and a partially exposed chamber. Anderson found remains of the original wall facing the outer of which is exposed north and east of the entrance and the inner on the SW side of the entrance. This cairn bears an resemblance to that discussed in the previous paragraph, in which case her L shape is inverted. The cairn survives as a mound of bare stones on a hilltop, and measures 11m in diameter and 1.5m maximum height, and is surrounded by a modern marker cairn. A hollow in the centre shows the top of a large upright slab 2.45m long facing 57° 55' which appears to be the back slab of an Orkney-Cromarty type chamber. One of the smaller upright slabs, facing 119° 45' is visible about 1.2m to the SE. There is no other sign of the chamber nor of the slab, nor of the entrance, which is presumably the SE end of a small cairn extending to the SW in approximate material clumps from the central excavation.

(OSPI:ES:28.7.1982)

Under and extending 3 of the Orkney-Cromarty type round cairn warehouses is a long horned cairn. Near the round cairn it measures approximately 10m in breadth; at its narrowest point some 50m it measures some 7m in breadth; it extends some 35m from the edge of the round cairn to the centre of its forecourt. The forecourt measures approximately 9 to 10m between the southernmost inner corners of horns some 2m wide, and is about 5m deep. A mass of masonry on the SE side of the round cairn may be a horn of a 8 forecourt, but excavations by Anderson in 1865 allow the possibility that this masonry is spoil. A more jumbled mass of masonry on the NW side of the round cairn is in a reasonable position for a horn but is indistinguishable from spoil. All measurements are converted from plans and orientations are approximate.

(P.J.ASHMORE DOE 10.3.1982)

552. About 100 yards to the E of the last, at an elevation of some 600', is another chambered cairn. It has now two chambers, which have been under separate roofs, and is entered by a passage from the NE 12° 6' in length. The roof of the passage and of the first chamber remains entire, both formed of flaggs. The passage is some 3' in breadth, and is divided into sections about 4 in length by upright supports projecting from the built sides facing each other 2 2' apart. The first chamber is rectangular on plan, and measures 5' in the direction of the passage by 5' 7' across, and is, from present floor level, about 3' in height. A wall 1' 8' high, probably secondary, has been built between the vertical stones at its outer end. The entrance to the second chamber is through portal stones 2' 3' Apart. This chamber is approximately circular, with a diameter of 8' 8', and is entirely built. The height of its wall is still some 5'. The diameter of the cairn is about 55. Lying towards the SE of the cairn is a large quadrangular block measuring 9' 8' in length and 1' 5' x 11' in horizontal section.

This is evidently the cairn described by Dr Joseph Anderson in Scotland in Dugan Times—The Bronze and Stone Age, p. 254, and there illustrated by a ground-plan. What is now a single circular cairn at the back was at the date of his description divided, and had a single large slab forming the back wall. The division stones and back slab are not now visible. In the central chamber Mr. Shand found the remains of at least three urns "of coarse thick pottery" and fragments of burnt bone. In the outer chamber remains of an unburnt burial were found. The relics do not appear to have been preserved.

(3)
Warehouse South (CAT 64, Mon. No. WAR 60, Fig. 7). This monument was first recognised to be a long cairn by P.J. Ashmore during a visit to the area in 1979. The site is oriented NE-SW and is 58m long. Once again the monument is very much dilapidated, a process that again one may choose to link with the, clearly later, construction of a round cairn containing a tripartite O-C-H chamber at its northeasternmost end. The existence of horns is evident at the SW terminal and there is the suggestion of a concave façade at the NE terminal.

The chamber as excavated by Rhind in 1853 is still largely visible - a tripartite chamber 4.5m in length with a maximum span of chamber to be roofed c.2.5m in width. Wall facings visible to survey in 1983 would appear to indicate that the cairn pertaining to this tripartite chamber may not originally have been circular but exhibited a flattened facet on its NE side to correspond with the earlier "forecourt" façade of the earlier long cairn. It is also tempting to suggest that the ruination of the long cairn was consequent upon the construction of this later chambered cairn.

60. Long horned chambered cairn. 'Warehouse S'. Length: 39m. Width: 18m (NE end), 11.30m (SW end). Chambered round cairn 18m in diameter with long cairn tail running to the SW. The round cairn contains a clearly defined central chamber with a passage 5m long opening to the NE which contains two pairs of divisional-slabs. The circular inner compartment is lined with coursed walling and marked at the entrance by two further divisional-slabs. Towards the back of the inner compartment lies one remaining divisional-slab on the SW side. Two lintels remain at either end of the passage. Two wall faces are visible; an outer one on the NE side and an inner one SE of the entrance. A long horned cairn extends 38m SW of the round cairn. The SW horns are clearly defined by revetment while the horns are not so distinct to the NE of the round cairn. Scattered stones, including orthostats, are situated on the long tail.

Orientation: NE-SW.

ND 306421.
The largest of this group, situated on the highest ridge of the Yarhouse Hills, is an oval-shaped cairn (Fig. 225), measuring about 55 feet in its longer, by 45 feet in its shorter, diameter. Its chamber is now not more than 8 or 9 feet in height, but the stones thrown out of it had been piled to a considerable height all round it, so that the outer slope of the cairn seemed nearly of its original altitude at about 18 feet. The passage leading into the chamber is about 20 feet in length, but only 2½ feet wide, and scarcely more in height at the entrance. It is built in three spaces, separated by flagstones set on edge, and projecting slightly into the passage-way. These help to carry the lintels, and at the same time to steady the walls of the passage, as we have noticed in the case of the Camster cairn. The chamber is, like the passage, somewhat irregularly built. It is tripartite, and at the height of about 7 feet above the floor there are indications of convergence to form the spring of the rudely arched roof. The first compartment is about 6 feet by 4 feet, the middle compartment about 9 feet by 5 feet, and the third compartment about 5 feet by 6 feet at the entrance, and 4½ feet at the back. The divisional stones, and the stone which forms the back of the chamber, are of great size. The remains of a double wall, which seems to have surrounded the whole structure, and defined its external outline, were traced for a short distance on either side of the exterior opening of the entrance passage. The outer of the two bounding walls also appears for some distance at the back of the cairn.
WAREHOUSE, SOUTH
(P. 2, E. 1, Census 1977, round)
In the parish of Wick
Location plan fig. 8 of the
Excavation plan
WAREHOUSE III.2
Map reference
Sheets XXI/5, 20, 31
Inventory number 522
References
V. A. A. (1894) 101-3, 107
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Excavation report 1896
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Description. The cairn, one of the group on Warehouse Hill, stands at just
under 900 ft, 300. The mound of flat slabs, partly turf-covered, is still 8 or
9 ft. high and has a diameter of about 35 ft. Anderson found remains of two
enclosing wall faces which he traced for a short distance on either side of
the entrance, and saw the outer wall also at the back of the cairn; two
wedges of the outer wall can be seen to the left and right of the cairn, and the inner
wall face on the right side of the entrance.

The entrance is from the NE. The passage is intact, 15 ft. 6 in. long and
about 3 ft. 6 in. wide, and lined the whole length. The height of the passage
increases from 2 ft. 6 in. near the entrance to 3 ft. 7 in. at the inner end.
Just short of the chamber a wall, 1 ft. 6 in. high, has been built across the
passage. The passage walls are built of horizontally laid slabs, with two pairs
of transverse stones at roughly 4 ft. intervals projects slightly into the
passage to give a space of 2 ft. 6 in. between their ends. These slabs help to
support the lintel and to strengthen the walling. When excavated in 1893
the passage was not blocked through the external opening but to be cleared.
There is now no sign of the passage walls having extended beyond the
present entrance to the outer wall face, nor does Rhind's plan indicate that
he found an extension of the passage.

The chamber was divided between a pair of portal stones. The outer compart-
ment is 8 ft. 8 in. long, at the same level as the passage, and inner
part has a height of about 3 ft. 6 in. originally, but it now partially filled with
debri. This compartment is 4 ft. 6 in. long; its walls are curved in plan, 4 ft.
above the rim and widening to 5 ft. 7 in. The portal stones between it and the
inner compartment are 2 ft. 6 in. apart and at present 1 ft. 6 in. high above the
debris, their tops 6 in. higher than the roof of the outer compartment. At the
time of the 1893 excavations this entry was found to be closed by a large
thinly fitting stone. The inner part of the chamber is not roofed and
partially filled with debris through which the inner part of divisional slabs
have passed. The central compartment has a maximum length of 9 ft.
being the course at both pairs of divisional stones, are set obliquely, but the
side walls are only 4 ft. 3 in. long, the width of the compartment is about
7 ft. 6 in. The inner compartment is 2 ft. 6 in. long, the side walls running
very obliquely from the divisional stones to the back slab. Walling of fine
quality slabs forms a height of about 3 ft. 6 in. above the divisional slabs. The
wall is overall 2 ft. above the back slab, and in the central compartment
some larger wall slabs have been set across the course of the side walls and
other divisional stones, so that the upper part of the dry-walling takes on a
curved plan over the central compartment. At the time of excavation the
wall had already collapsed but the walls stood 1 ft. 6 in. high, beginning to
converge at 2 ft. 6 in. above the floor. The floor was of hard disturbed clay, in
the outer compartment covered with 2 in. of sandy loam.

To the SE of the cairn there lies a large slab, 8 ft. 9 in. by 1 ft. 6 in. by 11 in.,
previously part of the roofing.

 Finds
Artifacts. Lint. Fragments of at least three turns of coarse thick pottery," the
only attempt at ornamentation they present are a few coarse incisions,
such as thumbs might have made, which seem to have been continued
round the outer inch or so under the lip. All were found in the central
compartment, each resting on a stone on the clay floor, in front of the
divisional stones between the central and inner compartments and in front of
the divisional stone between the central and outer compartment.

Skull. Lint. The potter's stopper and traces of macerated bone, in the
SE corner of the central compartment. In the corner of the internal skull, in the
rear of the outer compartment, in the sand, bone, and traces of gravel bones.

* When excavated in 1893 it was found that one lintel had broken and the passage
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