

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL



FIELD MONUMENTS

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES AND MONUMENTS RECORD

4 DISTRICT INVERNESS		5 PARISH KIRKHILL		1 SITE CODE H N H 5 4 S E 0 0 5	
7 AREA STATUS		8 SITE STATUS		2 NGR N H 5 9 5 4 3 3	
11 CONCORDANCE osNH54SE5 NMR		12 FORM STANDING STRUCTURES		3 QUAL CE	
16 RELATIONSHIP OF ELEMENTS		9 REGIONAL STATUS		6 SITE NAME B L A R N A M F E I N N E *	
20 LAND USE AFFORESTATION		13 DIMENSIONS		10 GENERIC TYPE FIELD SYSTEM, CLEARANCE HEAPS? + BATTLEFIELD ALLEGED	
22 SOILS		17 CONDITION INCOMPLETE		14 PERIOD/DATE IA + LM	
24 HYDROLOGY/DRAINAGE		21 GEOLOGY		15 DATING METHOD TYP	
25 RELIEF		23 VEGETATION		18 SHAPE	
26 ASPECT		27 ALTITUDE		19 THREAT AND DATE	
28 EXCAVATION (EXCAVATOR: DATE: EXTENT: QUALITY)					
29 BIBLIOGRAPHY (AUTHOR: DATE: TITLE: JOURNAL OR PUBLISHER: VOLUME: DETAIL)					
1. ORDNANCE SURVEY:1906:6" MAP 2. ORDNANCE SURVEY:1872:OBJECT NAME BOOK:54:52 3. SKENE: :HIGHLANDERS OF SCOTLAND:VOL.1: 4. JOLLY,W:1875-80:TRANS. INV. SCI. SOC. +FIELD CLUB:VOL.1:p81 5. WALLACE,T:1886:PROC. SOC. ANT. SCOT.:VOL.20:p348 6. ORDNANCE SURVEY:1978:1/10,000 MAP 7. SOC ANT. SCOT.:1979:ARCH. SITES & MONS. OF NE INVERNESS:RCAHMS:p12, No.51					
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 FJ:1.10.1986	
				51 CHECK: DATE HSR.9.10.1986	

52 TEXT
 "Area: NH 595 433. Blar Nam Feinne. (Site of Battle fought here between Malcolm King of Scotland & Thorfinn, a Norwegian Earl) Cairns.Twice."(1) "Blar nam Feinne is traditionally the scene of an early 11th c. battle which resulted in the defeat of the Scots and the death of Malcolm; and also as the site of the defeat of Donald Balloch in 15th c. The cairns are supposed to mark the burials on both occasions. Wallace describes them simply as several cairns measuring from 12(3.7m) to 21ft(6.5m) in diameter and from 3(0.9m) to 5ft(1.5m) high, situated in the young wood E of Alt-na-Ceardaich not far from the road leading to Kirkton Muir."(2)(3)(4)(5)"NH 595 433 Blar nam Feinne. Field system."(6) "The tradition of a battle between Malcolm and Torfinn is still known locally at Blar nam Feinne. The majority of the alleged associated mounds have been destroyed by forestry operations; only about 20 remain and these are considerably mutilated. Composed of stones, they measure on average 6.0m diameter and 0.6m in height. They would appear to be field clearance heaps forming a minor field system, but afforestation has OVER

*6. ALSO KNOWN AS "ALT NA CARDICH".

52. obliterated any trace of field walls or hut circles."(OSFI:NKB:12.9.1966)