

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL



FIELD MONUMENTS

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES AND MONUMENTS RECORD

1 SITE CODE												
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2 NGR								3 QUAL				
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6 SITE NAME												
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4 DISTRICT INVERNESS			5 PARISH KIRKHILL			6 SITE NAME MONIACK CASTLE								
7 AREA STATUS		8 SITE STATUS			9 REGIONAL STATUS									
11 CONCORDANCE osNH54SE10		12 FORM DOCUMENTS ONLY			13 DIMENSIONS 0.6m x 0.6m									
14 PERIOD/DATE BA		15 DATING METHOD TYP												
16 RELATIONSHIP OF ELEMENTS					17 CONDITION NOT LOCATED					18 SHAPE				
19 THREAT AND DATE					20 LAND USE									
21 GEOLOGY					22 SOILS									
23 VEGETATION					24 HYDROLOGY/DRAINAGE			25 RELIEF			26 ASPECT		27 ALTITUDE	

28 EXCAVATION (EXCAVATOR: DATE: EXTENT: QUALITY)

29 BIBLIOGRAPHY (AUTHOR: DATE: TITLE: JOURNAL OR PUBLISHER: VOLUME: DETAIL)

- JOLLY, W: 1882: PROC. SOC. ANT. SCOT.: pp339-40, fig. 43
- ORDNANCE SURVEY: 1978: 1/10,000 MAP

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 SM: 2.10.1986		51 CHECK: DATE

52 TEXT

"Area NH 552 436. There is a cup-marked stone in the rockery at Moniak Castle. It stands at the end of the rockery next to the entrance gate, and is an erect block of hard grey gneiss, 2'(0.6m) x 2'(0.6m) with at least 19 well formed cups, the largest being 5"(127mm) across. It is on loan to Miss Campbell of Moniak Castle, and came from an old dike, which is the march between the farm of Mr Yule of Maryburgh, near Dingwal, and Bakerhill of Brahan. Letter. Seaforth to Rev. Dr. Joass, Golspie, Jun 1880."(1) "No trace of this stone could be found."(OSFI:RD:21.12.1964) "NH 5518 4361. Moniak Castle."(2)

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II. AT MONIACK CASTLE, NEAR BOGROY, IN THE AIRD.

10. At Moniack Castle, near the entrance to the beautiful Glen of Reelig, between Beauly and Inverness, there exists a large rockery, composed of curious stones from many places, some from great distances, including India, formed some sixteen years ago by the lessee of the house, Miss Campbell, daughter of Mrs. Campbell who excavated the Clava cairn. At the end of the rockery, next the entrance gate, there is an erect block

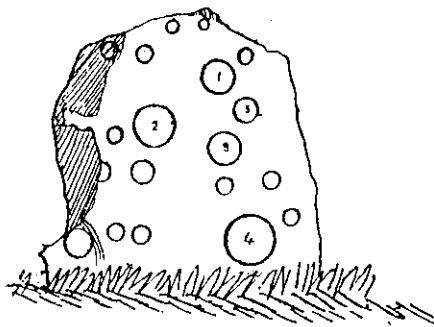


Fig. 43. At Moniack Castle.

of hard grey gneiss, 2 feet by 2 feet, with at least nineteen cups, shown on fig. 43. They are remarkably well shaped, quite circular, and very smooth. Three of them are unusually large, No. 4 being 5 inches across and $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches deep; No. 2, $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches across and $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches deep; No. 1, $3\frac{5}{8}$ inches across and $1\frac{1}{8}$ inches deep; and No. 3, 3 inches across and $\frac{7}{8}$ inch deep. No. 5 is $2\frac{3}{8}$ inches by $\frac{7}{8}$ inch deep. The stone shows altogether very fine specimens of cup sculpturing, all the more remarkable that the material is so very hard and close-grained.

It came, as Scaforth writes,¹ "from an old dike, which is the march between the farm of Mr. Yule of Maryburgh, near Dingwall, and Bakerhill of Brahan," and was lent by him to Miss Campbell. "There are, or were," he continues, "some more specimens in the same dike, and a good one on the east side of the road leading up to the farm-house of Humberstone. A remarkably fine one from Bakerhill, now on the steps at Brahan Castle, was said by Simpson, to whom I showed it, to be one of the best he ever saw." This last is the stone figured by Simpson on pl. xiv. fig. 1. Some of those mentioned there, as well as others, have been found and sketched by Mr. Joass, architect, Dingwall, who has discovered and drawn a large number of cupped stones in the neighbourhood of Dingwall.²