

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL



FIELD MONUMENTS

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES AND MONUMENTS RECORD

1 SITE CODE									
H	N	H	5	4	S	W	0	0	2
2 NGR		3 QUAL							
N	H	5	0	9	6	4	3	5	7
6 SITE NAME									
C A S T L E H I L L *									
10 GENERIC TYPE									
MILITARY SITE, GUN EMPLACEMENT ?									
14 PERIOD/DATE					15 DATING METHOD				
LM					TYP				
18 SHAPE									
RECTANGULAR									
19 THREAT AND DATE									

4 DISTRICT		5 PARISH	
INVERNESS		KILTARLITY & CONVINTH	
7 AREA STATUS	8 SITE STATUS	9 REGIONAL STATUS	
	EARTHWORK		
11 CONCORDANCE		13 DIMENSIONS	
OSNH 54 SW 2		40.0 x 13.0 x 7.0 m	
12 FORM			
NMR			
16 RELATIONSHIP OF ELEMENTS		17 CONDITION	
		INCOMPLETE	

20 LAND USE		21 GEOLOGY	
ENCLOSED LAND			
22 SOILS		23 VEGETATION	
24 HYDROLOGY/DRAINAGE		25 RELIEF	
		STEEP SIDED GLACIAL RIDGE	
		26 ASPECT	
		SE	
		27 ALTITUDE	
		2 = 15m O.D.	

28 EXCAVATION (EXCAVATOR: DATE: EXTENT: QUALITY)

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

1. ORDNANCE SURVEY: 1968: 25" MAP
2. ORDNANCE SURVEY: 1872: OBJECT NAME BOOK: 49: 8
3. ORDNANCE SURVEY: 1971: 1/10,000 MAP
4. SOC. ANT. SCOT.: 1979: ARCH. SITES & MONS., NE INVERNESS: RCAHMS: p27, No204

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	
		HSR: 1.10.1986		A.R. 6.10.1986	

52 TEXT

"See continuation card for text."

A mediaeval defensive earthwork occupying the SE extremity of Castle Hill, a steep sided glacial ridge and overlooking the River Beaully.

It consists of two earthen banks with medial ditch which cross the ridge isolating an area measuring c.40.0m NE-SW, by transversely c.13.0m in the NE and c.7.0m in the SW. The inner bank measures c.3.0m wide and c.0.5m high in the SW widening to c.7.5m wide and c.1.2m high in the NE. The ditch is c.3.5m wide and c.0.7m deep in the SW increasing to c.5.0m wide and c.1.2m deep in the NE. The outer bank c.2.0m wide and c.0.2m high in the SW is barely discernible in the NE. The inner bank turns and follows the lip of the natural slope in the NE, where it is c.3.5m wide and c.0.4m high. There is no trace of artificial defences on the SE and SW sides, and the interior is featureless. The banks and ditch terminate before reaching the natural slopes in the SW leaving a gap c.25m wide which is probably the entrance. (2)

o Traditionally the earthwork was dug by the Duke of Cumberland after Culloden to protect his guns when bombarding Beaufort Castle (NH 54 SW 4) but is also alleged to protect a ford at the foot of the ridge. The latter supposition is probably correct. The layout of the earthwork is not conducive to a bombardment of the castle, as it faces the wrong way.

(OSFI:NKB:11.1.1971)

"NH 5096 4357 "Earthwork", Castle Hill." (3)