

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL



FIELD MONUMENTS

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES AND MONUMENTS RECORD

4 DISTRICT INVERNESS		5 PARISH KILTARLITY & CONVINTH		1 SITE CODE H N H 5 4 SW 0 0 4	
7 AREA STATUS		8 SITE STATUS SDD: 'A' LISTED		3 QUAL C E	
11 CONCORDANCE OSNH 54 SW 4 NMR		12 FORM STANDING STRUCTURE		10 GENERIC TYPE CASTLE	
16 RELATIONSHIP OF ELEMENTS PRESENT CASTLE BUILT UPON 2 PREVIOUS FORTIFIED SITES		17 CONDITION PRESENT CASTLE } DOUNIE CASTLE } INCOMPLETE		14 PERIOD/DATE EM/12THC=LM*MO	
20 LAND USE LAND BUILT UPON = GARDEN		21 GEOLOGY		15 DATING METHOD DOC	
22 SOILS		23 VEGETATION		18 SHAPE RECTANGULAR	
24 HYDROLOGY/DRAINAGE		25 RELIEF GLACIAL RIDGE		26 ASPECT 360°	
28 EXCAVATION (EXCAVATOR: DATE: EXTENT: QUALITY)		27 ALTITUDE 23 = 30m O.D.		19 THREAT AND DATE	
29 BIBLIOGRAPHY (AUTHOR: DATE: TITLE: JOURNAL OR PUBLISHER: VOLUME: DETAIL)					
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ORDNANCE SURVEY: 1871: 25" MAP 2. MACRAE, R.: 1845: NEW STATISTICAL ACCOUNT: : pp496-7 3. : 1882: HISTORY OF PROVINCE OF MORAY: VOL. 2: p382 4. ORDNANCE SURVEY: 1971: 1/10,000 MAP 5. SOC. ANT. SCOT.: 1979: ARCH. SITES & MONS., NE INVERNESS: RCAHMS; p26, No195 6. RCAHMS : 1976: CATALOGUE OF AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS 7. HBM (SDD) : 1986: BSAHI LIST, INVERNESS. 					
30 GROUND PLAN NO.		31 GROUND PHOTO NO.			
32 SLIDES NO.		33 HR. AP. NO.			
34 NMR. AP. NO. IN/2645		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 HSR: 1.10.1986	
				51 CHECK: DATE U.R. 6.10.1986	
52 TEXT					

"See continuation card for text."

- "NH 5070 4298 Beau Fort (Ruin)" (1)
 "NH 5063 4297 Dounie Castle (Site of)" (1)
 "NH 5067 4730 Beaufort Castle" (1)

Beaufort Castle stands on the site of the old fortress of Beaufort or Downie; and mention is made of it so early as Alexander I (1106 - 1124) when it sustained a siege, and the trenches then made are still visible. It was also seized and blown up by Oliver Cromwell. (2) Immediately after the battle at Culloden, it was burnt and razed to the ground by Cumberland's army. It is said that the present is the twelfth edifice which has been erected on the same site. It was the seat of the Frasers of Lovat.

'On the North it was secured by a steep green bank, rising about 100 feet from the edge of the river: on the (3) land side, it was guarded by two ditches, the nearest about 40 and the other about 300 yards from the walls... Traces of fortification may still be explored.

The present Beaufort Castle, seat of the Frasers of Lovat, was built in 1885 and has since been modified. The only surviving feature of Dounie Castle is part of a wall 11.0m long, 1.5m. thick and 1.5m high situated at NH 5073 4300, which, according to a plaque set in a wall close by is "...the ruin of Castle Downie, the ancient stronghold of the Frasers of Lovat, built c. 1400, and destroyed by Cumberland after the battle of Culloden" The name "Downie" is undoubtedly a corruption of Dounie.

Landscape gardening, in association with the modern structure, has obliterated all trace of outer defences in the west, but the ditch mentioned by Shaw is still evident in the east. Published survey (25") revised.

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"NH 5067 4301, Roofed Building, "Beaufort Castle", Castle Ditch (4)

" BEAUFORT CASTLE " (7).