

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL



FIELD MONUMENTS

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES AND MONUMENTS RECORD

1 SITE CODE	H	NH	5	4	SW	007
2 NGR	NH	5127	4134	3	CE	
3 QUAL						
6 SITE NAME	TOMNA CROISEIGE *					
10 GENERIC TYPE	GRAVEYARD + GALLOWS HILL. (BURIAL CAIRN? - MOTTE)					
14 PERIOD/DATE	BA+LM			15 DATING METHOD	TYP	
18 SHAPE	HILL - CIRCULAR					
19 THREAT AND DATE						

4 DISTRICT	INVERNESS		5 PARISH	KILTARLITY & CONVINTH		
7 AREA STATUS	8 SITE STATUS	9 REGIONAL STATUS		10 GENERIC TYPE		
	SCHEDULED			GRAVEYARD + GALLOWS HILL. (BURIAL CAIRN? - MOTTE)		
11 CONCORDANCE	12 FORM	13 DIMENSIONS		14 PERIOD/DATE		
os NH 54 SW 7	STANDING STRUCTURE *	HILL - 21.7m DIAMETER		BA+LM		
NMR	LOCAL TRADITION			15 DATING METHOD		
				TYP		
16 RELATIONSHIP OF ELEMENTS	17 CONDITION		18 SHAPE			
	GRAVEYARD - IN USE		HILL - CIRCULAR			
	GALLOWS HILL - MOUND IN GRAVEYARD		19 THREAT AND DATE			
20 LAND USE	21 GEOLOGY			27 ALTITUDE		
CEMETERY				38 = 46m O.D.		
22 SOILS	23 VEGETATION			26 ASPECT		
				360°		
24 HYDROLOGY/DRAINAGE	25 RELIEF		27 ALTITUDE			
	VALLEY FLOOR		38 = 46m O.D.			

28 EXCAVATION (EXCAVATOR: DATE: EXTENT: QUALITY)

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

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2. MACDONALD, W. R.: 1902: PROC. SOC. ANT. SCOT.: VOL. 36: p714-5
3. FEACHEM, R. W.: 1954: MS NOTES
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6. ORDNANCE SURVEY: 1971: 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	51 CHECK: DATE
	HSR: 1.10.1986	D.R. 6.10.1988

52 TEXT

"NH 5127 4134. Tom Na Croiseige. (Formerly a Justice Seat)."(1) "The burial ground of Tomna-cross 'has only recently been enclosed for that purpose'. It contains the 'Seat of Judgement', an ancient circular mound with a smaller one on top, on which grew the 'Hanging Tree'."(2) "This structure consists of a grass-covered mound in the form of a truncated cone measuring 9ft(2.7m) in height with a surface diameter of 40ft(12.3m) and basal one of about 70ft(21.4m). No ditch is visible. The regular appearance of the sides which seem to have been scarped, suggest that this is probably a motte."(3) "This feature is as described above. The name and tradition that it was once a gallows hill, is still known locally. No finds have been made recently."(OSIF:NKB:14.12.1964) 'NH 5126 4135, Tom Na Croiseige.'"(6) "NH 512 413, Tom Na Croiseige, Motte."(8)

6. " * Gaelic for 'Hill of the Cross'."

IN the Highlands the sole possible examples of a motte seem to be a small apparently terraced mound in a churchyard, a mile SSW of Beaufort Castle, Inverness, entered on the OS as 'Tom na Croisege', formerly a seat of Justice,'. (9)

"Concern has lately been expressed about the classification of flat-topped earthen mounds as 'mottes', 'mounds' and 'barrows' in Ayrshire. (RBG:IRA:30.1.87)

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7. SOC. ANT. SCOT.:1979:ARCH. SITES & MONS., NE. INVERNESS:RCAHMS:pp9,23,25, No.193
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36 KILTARLITY
CHURCH (? Clava-type)
In the parish of KILTARLITY
AND CONVINTH
Location 3½ m. SSW of
BEAULY
Map reference N11/512413
Sheet X SE; NH 54 SW
Reference O.S.A. X111
(1794) 524¹

Description. 'There are six druidical temples within a mile of the present church, one of them in the present churchyard.' This site, now destroyed, is not marked on the 6in. OS maps, but was possibly a Clava-type cairn. The other sites referred to are presumably Culburnie, Bruiach and Belladrum North and South. Quarter of a mile to the NNW of the church the 6in. map marks an antiquity, also destroyed, called Uaigh Gillechunne, 'stone coffin containing two urns found here A.D. 1763'. This might possibly be the sixth site referred to in the *Statistical Account*.

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