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FIELD MONUMENTS

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES AND MONUMENTS RECORD

4 DISTRICT ROSS & CROMARTY		5 PARISH KILTEARN		1 SITE CODE H N H 5 6 S E 0 0 4		2 NGR N H 5 6 2 2 6 1 7 3		3 QUAL CE	
7 AREA STATUS		8 SITE STATUS		9 REGIONAL STATUS		6 SITE NAME C L A C H A N B I O R A C H			
11 CONCORDANCE OS NH56SE4		12 FORM SITE OF		13 DIMENSIONS		10 GENERIC TYPE BURIAL CAIRN (?), CHAMBERED, (OCH ?)			
16 RELATIONSHIP OF ELEMENTS		17 CONDITION DESTROYED		14 PERIOD/DATE NE		15 DATING METHOD TYP			
20 LAND USE ENCLOSED ARABLE LAND (1965)		21 GEOLOGY		18 SHAPE		19 THREAT AND DATE			
22 SOILS		23 VEGETATION		26 ASPECT NE		27 ALTITUDE 152=168m OD			
24 HYDROLOGY/DRAINAGE		25 RELIEF SMALL KNOLL ON MODERATE HILLSLOPE		28 EXCAVATION (EXCAVATOR: DATE: EXTENT: QUALITY)					
29 BIBLIOGRAPHY (AUTHOR: DATE: TITLE: JOURNAL OR PUBLISHER: VOLUME: DETAIL)									
1. ORDNANCE SURVEY: 1938: 6" MAP									
2. ORDNANCE SURVEY: 1875: OBJECT NAME BOOK: 1: pp97-8									
3. HENSALL, AS: 1963: CHAMBERED TOMBS OF SCOTLAND: EDINBURGH U.P: VOL. 1: p344									
4. ROBERTSON, DR: 1791: OLD STATISTICAL ACCOUNT: pp201-2									
5. MUNRO, REV. T: 1845: NEW STATISTICAL ACCOUNT: p321									
6. ORDNANCE SURVEY: 1971: 1/10,000 MAP									
7. SOC ANT. SCOT: 1979: ARCH SITES & MONS. OF EASTER ROSS: p7, No. 6									
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: 6.10.1986		51 CHECK: DATE HSR. 15.10.1986	

52 TEXT
"See continuation card for text."

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CHAMBERED TOMBS OF SCOTLAND

14 CLACHAN
BIORACH
(? o.-c., polygonal)
In the parish of
KILTEARN
Location $1\frac{1}{2}$ m. NE of
DINGWALL
Map reference
NH/562617
Sheet LXXVI; NH 56 SE
References
O.S.A. 1 (1791) 291-2¹;
N.S.A. XIV (1845) 321²

Description. A monument, destroyed 'lately' in 1839,² stood at about 500ft. OD in the agricultural land above the NW shore of the Cromarty Firth. An early description of the site suggests it may have been a large denuded polygonal chamber. It 'consists of a single row of twelve large stones, placed upright, and so disposed to form two ovals, which are joined to each other. The areas of these ovals are equal; they are 13ft. from east to west, and 10ft. in the middle from north to south. At the west end of one of them is a stone, which rises 8ft. above the surface of the earth; the other stones are from 4 to 6ft. long. There is also, in the middle of this oval, a flat stone. . . . These ovals are situated on the top of an eminence round which are marked out three concentric circles; one at the bottom, another 28 paces above the former, and the third 12 paces higher, immediately surrounding the ovals. The circumference of the first is 80, of the second 50, and of the third, or highest circle, 35 paces.'¹

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(NH 56216172) Clachan Biorach
(Supposed Remains of Stone Circle)

(1)

Two prostrate stones, one measuring about 12' (3.7m) by 6' and the other about 6' square, are all that remain of 'Clachan Biorach' - 'the Pointed Stones' - the setting of 12 large stones, fully described by Dr. Robertson. It was destroyed about 1839.

(1.8m)

(2)

(3)

There is no trace of the two stones described above, the site of which falls on a small natural knoll now under cultivation. (OSFI:NKB:30.6.1965)¹

Published survey (25") revised.

The site is on a small natural knoll under cultivation. A small part of what appears to be a large slab, possibly one of stones referred to above, protrudes from the ground on the SE side. There is no trace of a further stone. (OSFI:JB:18.11.1976)

"NH 5622 6173, Clachan Biorach, Cairn (site of)."

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