

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL



FIELD MONUMENTS

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES AND MONUMENTS RECORD

1 SITE CODE	H	N	H	6	4	N	E	0	1	0
2 NGR	NH	6	6	6	8	4	5	2	1	3 QUAL
6 SITE NAME	TOWN HOUSE									

4 DISTRICT	INVERNESS		5 PARISH	INVERNESS & BONA		
7 AREA STATUS	8 SITE STATUS	9 REGIONAL STATUS		10 GENERIC TYPE		
11 CONCORDANCE	12 FORM		13 DIMENSIONS		14 PERIOD/DATE	
OS NH64NE10	STANDING STRUCTURES					15 DATING METHOD
NMR +11					MO/c1768 AD+ EM	DOC
16 RELATIONSHIP OF ELEMENTS			17 CONDITION		18 SHAPE	
CLACH-NA-CUDAINN STONE NOW			WEATHERED			
EMBEDDED IN MARKET CROSS STEPS					19 THREAT AND DATE	
20 LAND USE			21 GEOLOGY		26 ASPECT	
ROADSIDE					WNW	
22 SOILS			23 VEGETATION		27 ALTITUDE	
24 HYDROLOGY/DRAINAGE			25 RELIEF		15=20m OD	
			MODERATE HILLSLOPE			

28 EXCAVATION (EXCAVATOR: DATE: EXTENT: QUALITY)	
29 BIBLIOGRAPHY (AUTHOR: DATE: TITLE: JOURNAL OR PUBLISHER: VOLUME: DETAIL)	
1. ORDNANCE SURVEY: 1868: OBJECT NAME BOOK: 33: 42	
2. SMALL, JW: 1900: SCOTTISH MARKET CROSSES: : ILLUSTR	
3. MACKINTOSH, CF: 1913: ANTIQUARIAN NOTES: : p222	
4. TODD, G: 1925: FAMOUS SCOTTISH BURGHS: : pp204-5	
30 GROUND PLAN NO.	31 GROUND PHOTO NO.
	AO/60/77/8
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
	GS: 13.11.1986	A.R. 9-12-1986

52 TEXT
 "NH 6668 4521. The original site of the market cross of Inverness cannot be pointed out now; it is supposed to have stood near its present one which is on the Exchange in front of the Town Hall. The cross is about 10'(3.0m) in height and in good preservation."(1) "The Market Cross of Inverness is a square shafted example with splay on corners, supporting a moulded capital. It rests on a large stone base set against the wall of the Town Hall. This Cross is about to be restored."(2) "The present Town Cross probably dates from 1768. The older one was removed many years ago. It stood in front of the site of the Forbes Fountain now standing in the Exchange."(3) "The Market Cross of Inverness now stands close to the N side of the Town Hall. It is a square shaft of ashlar masonry (c2mx0.2m) with chamfered edges, set in a modern base, upon three steps. It is surmounted by a unicorn and has a total height of c50.m."(OSFI:WDJ:31.3.1960) "NH 6668 4521. 'Clach-na-Cudainn' or 'Stone of the Tubs' ... now rests at the foot of the town cross...over

6. " * Stone is known as 'Clach-na-cudainn'."

52. ... in front of the Town Hall. Traditionally women used to rest their water stoups on it as they passed up from the river. The stone is mentioned as early as the time of Harlow, when the townsmen rejoiced to find it had escaped the burning of Inverness by Donald of the Isles. Still earlier it is said to have been the seat of a seer, who prophesied that so long as Inverness preserved the stone the place would prosper. But the probability is that the sacredness of the 'Clach-na-Cudainn' dates from a much remoter time."(4) "The Clach-na-Cudainn is now embedded in the top of the steps of the Market Cross. The flat top of the stone measures 1.0m x 0.8m and is almost flush with the top of the steps."(OSFI:WDJ:1.4.1960) "NH 64 NE 11."