

# HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL



# FIELD MONUMENTS

## ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES AND MONUMENTS RECORD

1 SITE CODE	H	N	H	6	7	N	E	0	0	2
2 NGR	NH	6995	7538	3 QUAL						
6 SITE NAME				CE						
K I N N I R I V E W E S T										

4 DISTRICT	ROSS & CROMARTY		5 PARISH	KILMUIR EASTER	
7 AREA STATUS	8 SITE STATUS		9 REGIONAL STATUS		10 GENERIC TYPE
SCHEDULED		STANDING STRUCTURE		63.1m x 20.2m x 12.9m	BURIAL CAIRN, LONG + BURIAL, INHUMATION
11 CONCORDANCE OS NH67NE2	12 FORM		13 DIMENSIONS		14 PERIOD/DATE
NMR	STANDING STRUCTURE		63.1m x 20.2m x 12.9m		NE
16 RELATIONSHIP OF ELEMENTS			17 CONDITION		15 DATING METHOD
			INCOMPLETE		TYP
20 LAND USE			21 GEOLOGY		18 SHAPE
OPEN WOODLAND					
22 SOILS			23 VEGETATION		19 THREAT AND DATE
24 HYDROLOGY/DRAINAGE			25 RELIEF		26 ASPECT
			MODERATE HILLSIDE		SE
					27 ALTITUDE
					168=183m OD

28 EXCAVATION (EXCAVATOR: DATE: EXTENT: QUALITY)	
29 BIBLIOGRAPHY (AUTHOR: DATE: TITLE: JOURNAL OR PUBLISHER: VOLUME: DETAIL)	
1. ORDNANCE SURVEY: 1907: 6" MAP	
2. HENSHALL, AS: 1963: CHAMBERED TOMBS OF SCOTLAND: EDIN. U.P.: VOL. 1: p350, No. 279	
3. (EXCURSION): 1899: TRANS. INVER. SCI. SOC. & FIELD CLUB: VOL. 5: p363	
4. CHILDE, VG: 1943-4: PROC. SOC. ANT. SCOT.: VOL. 78: pp28, 30-1	
5. ORDNANCE SURVEY: 1969: 1/10,000 MAP	
6. HMB(SDD): 1985: LIST OF SCHEDULED MONUMENTS	
7. HENSHALL, AS: 1972: CHAMBERED TOMBS OF SCOTLAND: EDIN. U.P.: VOL. 2: p564, No. 27 OVER	
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
	FS: 10.10.1986	F.S 5/11/1986

52 TEXT  
 "NH 699 754. Cairn."(1) "A long cairn only 150ft(46.0m) W of NH 67 NE 5. It is a featureless mound of bare stones, overgrown with heather along the edges, measuring 207ft(63.1m) long, 61ft (20.2m) across the NE end and 42ft(12.9m) across the SW end. From the NE end an old dyke runs to the NW but there are no convincing traces of horns. Visited 14.7.1956. Human bones have often been found."(2)(3)(4) "As described above, this cairn has a max. height of 3.5m near the NE end."(OSFI:RDL:12.5.1963) "NH 6995 7538, Long Cairn."(5)  
 "See continuation card for text."

*scheduled as 'knirive word'*

BOX 52

8. SOC.ANT.SCOT:1979:ARCH SITES AND MONS OF EASTER ROSS:RCAHMS:P 8, No 13

## 27 KINRIVE, WEST (long)

*In the parish of*

KILMUIR EASTER

*Location above the N shore of*

CROMARTY FIRTH

4½ m. N of INVERGORDON

*Map reference* NH/699753*Sheet* LIV; NH 67 NE*References*

P. S. A. S. LXXVIII (1943-44)

30-31, 28;

T. I. S. S. V (1895-99) 363

*Visited* 14.7.56

*Description.* The cairn is only 150ft. w of the former cairn. It stretches along the contour orientated NE-SW, and is a featureless mound of bare stones overgrown with heather along the edges. It measures 207ft. long, 61ft. across the NE end and 42ft. across the SW end. From the NE end an old dyke runs to the NW, but there are no convincing traces of horns.

*Finds*

'Human bones have often been found.' A human skull in Inverness Burgh Library and Museum may come from this site or possibly from Kinrive East or King's Head Cairn.

(2)

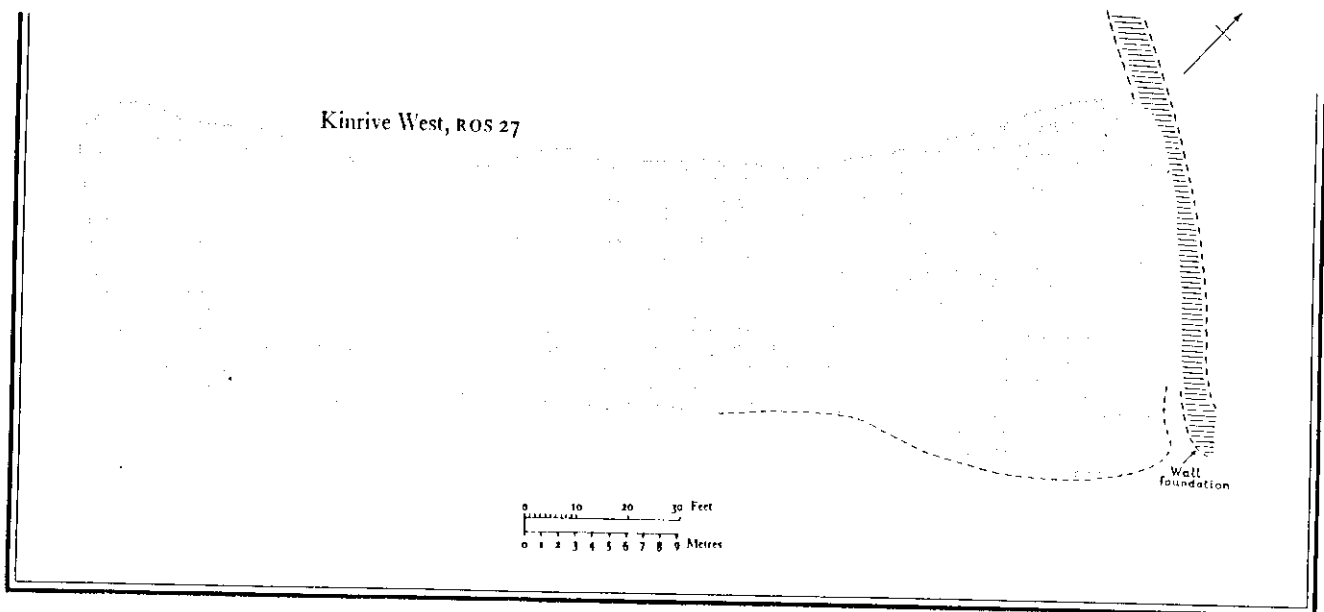
## ROS 27

KINRIVE, WEST

*Revisited* 4.7.67*Plan by* A.S.H. and J.C.W.

The cairn has been considerably disturbed, and is also much overgrown along the edges. The NE end is overlaid by an old dyke, but the existing E corner suggests that the end was either slightly concave or straight in plan. Along the SE side the edge is clearly defined for about 87 ft, and it can be seen that the wide NE end narrows at about 60 ft from a maximum width of about 70 ft to about 46 ft, and at the same distance from the NE end there is also a slight dip in the profile. The centre part of the cairn, though the edge is less easily traced, seems to be parallel sided, but there is a slight expansion towards the SW end of the cairn to a width of about 52 ft, and the SW end is askew to the axis of the cairn. The ground level is higher along the NW side, and from here the general height of the cairn is about 5 ft as far as 120 ft from the NE end (except for the dip already mentioned). The rear part of the cairn is relatively low, but is more disturbed.

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(2)

Descending the Dun, the party crossed the river and descended the other side by the old road leading on to the east shoulder of Kinrive Hill. On this slope, facing south-east and south, many burial tumuli were seen, and no fewer than twelve hut circles, varying in diameter from about 24 to 42 feet. Most of these are very fine specimens, and one in particular Dr Ross and Mr Wallace declared to be the finest they had seen. Immediately to the west of these a long burial cairn was inspected, the dimensions of which are about 200 by 45 feet, and close beside it a smaller one, 45 by 24 feet. In these cairns human bones have often been found, and a skull from the larger one has been seen by Mr Watson. The site of this prehistoric community, with its hut circles, tumuli, and great cairns, occupies rather less than half-a-mile of the hillside, and it is about that distance both from the Dun and from the smaller and lower fort, the river in

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