

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL



FIELD MONUMENTS

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES AND MONUMENTS RECORD

1 SITE CODE									
H	N	H	7	4	N	W	0	0	4
2 NGR		3 QUAL							
N	H	7	2	5	0	4	7	6	9
6 SITE NAME									
C	U	L	L	E	A	R	N	I	E
10 GENERIC TYPE									
BURIAL CAIRN, ROUND, KERBED, RING									
14 PERIOD/DATE					15 DATING METHOD				
NE = BA					TYP				
18 SHAPE									
OVAL									
19 THREAT AND DATE									

4 DISTRICT		5 PARISH	
INVERNESS		PETTY	
7 AREA STATUS	8 SITE STATUS	9 REGIONAL STATUS	
	SCHEDULED 26.3.91.		
11 CONCORDANCE	12 FORM	13 DIMENSIONS	
OS NH74NW4	STANDING STRUCTURE	13.4m x 11.2m	
16 RELATIONSHIP OF ELEMENTS		17 CONDITION	
		(ROBBED)	
20 LAND USE		21 GEOLOGY	
ENCLOSED LAND			
22 SOILS		23 VEGETATION	
24 HYDROLOGY/DRAINAGE		25 RELIEF	26 ASPECT
		LEVEL GROUND	360°
			27 ALTITUDE
			25.30m

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: EDINBURGH U.P.: VOL. 1: p372
3. ADERSON: 1831: ARCHAEOLOGICA SCOTICA: VOL. 3: p216
4. : 1875-80: TRANS. INVER. SCI. SOC. & FIELD CLUB: VOL. 1: p253
5. ORDNANCE SURVEY: 1969: 1/10,000 MAP
6. SOC. ANT. SCOT: 1979: ARCH. SITES & MONS. OF N.E. INVERNESS: RCAHMS: 68, No. 16: p10, No. 36
30 GROUND PLAN NO.
31 GROUND PHOTO NO.
32 SLIDES NO.
33 HR. AP. NO.
34 NMR. AP. NO.
35 OTHER AP. NO. SOURCE
38 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
	MWC: 23.9.1986	F.S: 27.10.1986

62 TEXT
 "NH 7250 4769. Stone Circle (remains of)." (1) "The feature is as described by (2) (int the original typescript). The cairn, oval in shape, measured 13.4m NE-SW by 11.2m NW-SE." (OSFI:EGG: 25.4.1962)
 "See continuation card for text of (2)."
 "This Clava ring cairn measures about 10.5m in diameter over a boulder kerb." (6)
 "NH 725 477. Nothing now remains of a circle probably a prehistoric burial cairn which stood 'hard by' the Clava Cairn No.16 in 1824. It was surrounded by a ditch." (6)

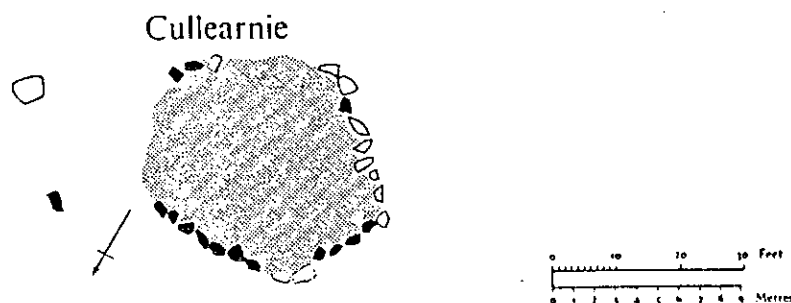
- 23 CULLEARNIE
[CULLODEN TILE
WORKS] (ring-cairn)
In the parish of
INVERNESS AND BONA
Location 4 m. ENE of
INVERNESS
Map reference
NH/725476
Sheet IV SE; NH 74 NW
References
ARCH. SCOT. III (1831) 216¹;
P.S.A.S. XVIII (1883-84)
361;
T.I.S.S. I (1875-80) 253
Plan by A.S.H. and J.C.W.
(fig. 93)
Visited 10.4.57

Description. The cairn is barely $\frac{1}{4}$ mile from the shore of the Moray Firth, at a little over 50ft. OD, in a flat field which looks across the Firth to the Black Isle. The structure has been greatly disturbed and robbed. However, part of a typical peristalith remains, fairly complete on the N and NW sides. It is built of boulders of considerable size set close together and ranging from 2ft. 3in. to 2ft. 9in. in height. Only one stone seems to be in place on the S side and two on the SE. Various other stones have fallen forwards from their original positions. The cairn seems to have been oval in plan, about 34ft. N-S by 40ft. E-W. There is a great number of boulders lying about the site, some split by blasting, and it is not easy to distinguish the stones that are *in situ* and those which have been moved, perhaps for the foundation of a building which once stood here. A certain amount of turf-covered cairn material remains inside the kerb and round the base of the monolith.

A single stone 4ft. 6in. high stands about 13ft. outside the position of the kerb on the NE side, and another slab lies to the E of the cairn. These stones are probably survivors of the circle of monoliths. The standing stone has been joined to the kerb by a line of boulders, the foundation of a secondary wall.

The site was seen by Anderson about 1824.¹ It then consisted of 'two concentric circles, and part of an inner one'. The kerb had thirty-four or thirty-six stones, many of them fallen or displaced, especially on the SW side. The smallest stones were to the E side. The diameter of the interior circle was 'seven or eight paces, most perfect at the W end where there are still four upright stones close together'. The circle of monoliths was said to be formed of fifteen stones, but judging by his sketch plan some of these were displaced for they are very unevenly spaced, and the original total was probably less. There were two prominent stones on the NE side, each about 5ft. high. The average height of the others was 3ft., except for two prostrate stones on the SW which were much larger.

Close to the site on the NE Anderson records another cairn, thought not to have been opened. It was bounded by a kerb '15 paces' in diameter, and said to have been surrounded by a ditch, but apparently without a circle of monoliths. No signs of this monument remain.



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