

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL



FIELD MONUMENTS

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES AND MONUMENTS RECORD

1 SITE CODE H N H 7 6 S W O O 8 A		2 NGR N H 7 1 4 5 6 0 7 0 C E	
4 DISTRICT ROSS & CROMARTY		5 PARISH CROMARTY	
7 AREA STATUS		8 SITE STATUS	
9 REGIONAL STATUS		10 GENERIC TYPE BURIAL MOUND + BURIAL, CIST	
11 CONCORDANCE OS NH 76 SW 8		12 FORM STANDING STRUCTURE	
13 DIMENSIONS		14 PERIOD/DATE BA	
15 DATING METHOD TYP		16 RELATIONSHIP OF ELEMENTS	
17 CONDITION INCOMPLETE		18 SHAPE	
19 THREAT AND DATE		20 LAND USE AFFORESTATION	
21 GEOLOGY		22 SOILS	
23 VEGETATION		24 HYDROLOGY/DRAINAGE	
25 RELIEF GENTLE HILLSLOPE		26 ASPECT SSE	
27 ALTITUDE 150=155m O.D.		28 EXCAVATION (EXCAVATOR: DATE: EXTENT: QUALITY)	
29 BIBLIOGRAPHY (AUTHOR: DATE: TITLE: JOURNAL OR PUBLISHER: VOLUME: DETAIL)			
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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 SKELETAL REMAINS		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 FS: 15.1.1987	
51 CHECK: DATE F.S: 19.1.1987.		52 TEXT	

"NH 7145 6070. This is an oval, gorse and broom covered mound in which a cist, with a skeleton and beaker, was found in or about 1940."
 "Miss Henshall considers the mound, which measures 120' (36.7m) by 90' (27.5m) and approximately 7' (2.1m) high, more likely to be natural than artificial." (1)
 "The cist was found, during the digging of trenches, in the northern side of the mound. The beaker, of B/C type, was built up of rings of clay. It was found and presented by Captain F.W. Colledge, Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders, 1 East Mayfield, Edinburgh, to the NMS - E.G. 90. The skeletal remains have been lost." (2) (3)

52. "The find-spot was sited from the description given above to a natural mound, at NH 7146 6070, in a forestry plantation." (OSFI:NKB:21.1.1966)

"Surveyed at 1/2500."

"See continuationcard for text + illustration (2)".

During the earlier part of the war, while trenches were being dug at Blackstand, Rosemarkie, a cist containing a Beaker burial was discovered in the northern side of a mound. The site (Nat. Grid Ref. 28/714606) is on the southern slope of a

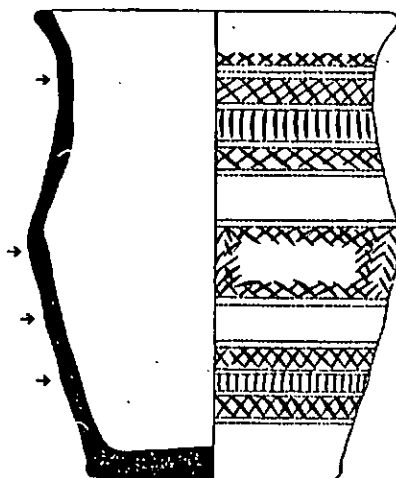


Fig. 4. (1)

rounded tableland a couple of miles inland from the Moray Firth, toward which there is a view down the valley of the Rosemarkie Burn. On this tableland various cairns are marked by the Ordnance Survey a mile or two north-west, north-east and north of Blackstand, while a quarter of a mile and less south, south-east and east of the farm buildings there is a line of mounds at an elevation of 500 to 550 feet. The largest resembles a long or chambered cairn, and is over 200 feet long, the others are round. All may possibly be of natural formation, but the war-time discovery shows that the southernmost was at least utilised as a burial-place in the Early Bronze Age.

The skeletal remains have been lost, but the beaker (fig. 4) was preserved by Captain F. W. Colledge, Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders, who not only has provided information but has generously added the vessel to the National Collection. It has a well-smoothed red-brown surface, but is made of coarse paste with much quartz grit, grey on the inner surface and black in the core. Its height is 7 inches, rim diameter 5.75 inches and base diameter 3.9 inches. The profile is S-shaped, but with a carination in the middle. The decoration consists of serrated impressions in horizontal bands disposed in three zones. On the neck there are four bands, two of criss-cross impressions, one of short vertical lines, and another of criss-cross lines, each band with two or three continuous horizontal lines below it. About the carination is a broad band outlined with two horizontal lines above and below and containing five panels of close chevrons alternating with five panels which are plain, except for a criss-cross edging. On the lower part of the body there are two criss-cross bands with a band of vertical lines between them, each band having horizontal lines above and below.

The vessel has been built up of rings of clay.¹ The tops of only two of these could be identified where the beaker was broken, but a thickening of the walls most probably denotes the tops of four more: these are pointed out by arrows in the drawn section.

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1 SITE CODE		H	N	H	7	6	S	W	0	0	8	B	
2 NGR		N	H	7	1	4	5	6	0	7	0	CE	
3 QUAL													
4 DISTRICT		ROSS & CROMARTY											
5 PARISH		CROMARTY											
6 SITE NAME		BLACKSTAND											
7 GENERIC TYPE		BEAKER,											
8 CONCORDANCE		9 MUSEUM/LOCATION OF FIND(S)		10 ACCESSION NO.									
OS NH 76 SW 8		RMS 4 (QUEEN ST.)		EG 90									
11 PERIOD/DATE		12 DATING METHOD											
BA		TYP											
13 FIND CIRCUMSTANCES				14 CONDITION				15 EXCAVATOR AND DATE					
16 EXCAVATION RECORD NO.													
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47 TEXT													

"See HNH 76 SW 008A continuation card (1) for text & illustration."