

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL



FIELD MONUMENTS

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES AND MONUMENTS RECORD

4 DISTRICT ROSS & CROMARTY		5 PARISH RESOLIS		1 SITE CODE H N H 7 6 S W O 1 4				2 NGR N H 7 1 0 6 6 4 2 4		3 QUAL CE	
7 AREA STATUS		8 SITE STATUS SDD: 'A' LISTED		9 REGIONAL STATUS		6 SITE NAME P O Y N T Z P I E L D					
11 CONCORDANCE osNH76SW(M1)		12 FORM STANDING STRUCTURE		13 DIMENSIONS		10 GENERIC TYPE HOUSE, MANSION					
16 RELATIONSHIP OF ELEMENTS REUSED AS RESTAURANT		17 CONDITION REUSED		14 PERIOD/DATE 1757 AD		15 DATING METHOD TYP		18 SHAPE			
20 LAND USE LAND BUILT UPON		21 GEOLOGY		22 SOILS		23 VEGETATION		19 THREAT AND DATE			
24 HYDROLOGY/DRAINAGE		25 RELIEF LEVEL GROUND		26 ASPECT 360		27 ALTITUDE 35=61m OD		28 EXCAVATION (EXCAVATOR: DATE: EXTENT: QUALITY)			
29 BIBLIOGRAPHY (AUTHOR: DATE: TITLE: JOURNAL OR PUBLISHER: VOLUME: DETAIL)											
1. SOC.ANT.SCOT.:1979:ARCH. SITES & MONS. OF THE BLACK ISLE:RCAHMS:p22 2. CLOSE-BROOKS,J:1986:EXPLORING SCOTLAND'S HERITAGE, THE HIGHLANDS:HMSO:p78 3. HMB(SDD):1985:BSAHI LIST, ROSS & CROMARTY											
30 GROUND PLAN NO.						31 GROUND PHOTO NO.					
32 SLIDES NO.						33 HR. AP. NO. 86/08/2/018.					
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 FJ:17.12.1986		51 CHECK: DATE F.J:14.1.1987.	
52 TEXT											

"NH 7106 6424. Poyntzfield: The present mansion (formerly SDD listed: 'B', now SDD listed: 'A') dates from 1757. It is locally said to occupy the site of an earlier house. Portions of two late 17th century dormer window-pediments are preserved in the garden."(1)
 "See continuation card (1) for text and photo^e (2)."

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Poyntzfield House, Ross and Cromarty
 18th century AD.
 NH 710642. In the Black Isle, 8 km SW of
 Cromarty, off B 9163. (Now a restaurant.)

HNH 76 SW 014

This charming 18th century house is a more modest affair than the great mansions of Foulis and Dunrobin, and it is representative of other laird's houses on the east coast and a few on the west. It is dated 1757 under the pediment. Once known as Ardoch, it was formerly the seat of the Gordons of Ardoch, but sold to a Munro in the late 18th century and renamed Poyntzfield, reputedly in honour of a Munro surnamed Poyntz. Its partial resemblance to Foulis Castle (no. 31), also a Munro house, is curious, and one wonders if the pediment, and the view room on top of the tower, were incorporated in deliberate imitation of the other house.

Poyntzfield has a main block of three storeys with two lower wings forming a courtyard in front, and is harled and painted. At the back is an octagonal stair-tower with a view room at the top and attractive ogee-domed slate roof. A drawing-room with decorative plaster frieze and an angled bay was added in the late 18th century; this is now the dining-room. Outside the front door are two carved stone pediments, formerly above dormer windows, one dated 1673, suggesting that there may have been an earlier house on the site.

There are two old sundials in the garden, one either side of the house. Along the north drive is a simple one-storey mill building with the crowstepped miller's house beside it.



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