

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL



FIELD MONUMENTS

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES AND MONUMENTS RECORD

1 SITE CODE									
H	N	H	7	8	N	W	0	0	1
2 NGR		3 QUAL							
N	H	7	0	9	0	8	5	1	1
6 SITE NAME									
CARRIBLAIR									
10 GENERIC TYPE									
BURIAL CAIRN, CISTED + STONE URN									
14 BURIAL, CREMATION URNED.									
14 PERIOD/DATE					15 DATING METHOD				
BA					TYP				
16 RELATIONSHIP OF ELEMENTS									
17 CONDITION									
ROBBED									
18 SHAPE									
CIRCULAR									
19 THREAT AND DATE									

4 DISTRICT		5 PARISH	
ROSS & CROMARTY		EDDERTON	
7 AREA STATUS	8 SITE STATUS	9 REGIONAL STATUS	
	SCHEDULED		
11 CONCORDANCE	12 FORM	13 DIMENSIONS	
OS NH 78 NW 1	STANDING STRUCTURE	c.13.0m DIAM.	
NMR			

20 LAND USE		21 GEOLOGY	
ROUGH PASTURE			
22 SOILS		23 VEGETATION	
24 HYDROLOGY/DRAINAGE		25 RELIEF	26 ASPECT
		KNOLL ABOVE RAISED BEACH	360°
			27 ALTITUDE
			23m OD

28 EXCAVATION (EXCAVATOR: DATE: EXTENT: QUALITY)			

29 BIBLIOGRAPHY (AUTHOR: DATE: TITLE: JOURNAL OR PUBLISHER: VOLUME: DETAIL)			
1. ORDNANCE SURVEY:1907:6" MAP.			
2. JOASS J.M:1870:PROC.SOC.ANT.SCOT:VOL.7:p269			
3. :1931:PROC SOC ANT SCOT.:VOL 65:p258.			
4. ORDNANCE SURVEY:1969:25" MAP.			
5. HBM (SDD):1985:LIST OF SCHEDULED MONUMENTS			
6. SOC.ANT.SCOT:1979:ARCH.SITES & MONS.OF EASTER ROSS:RCAHMS:p16,No.115			

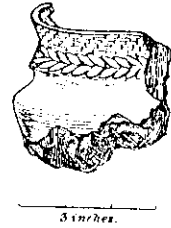
30 GROUND PLAN NO.		31 GROUND PHOTO NO.	
32 SLIDES NO.		33 HR. AR. NO.	
30082			
34 NMR. AP. NO.		35 OTHER AR. NO.: SOURCE	
36 ARCHIVE AND LOCATION			
37 GEOPHYSICAL SURVEY		38 SAMPLES	
39 PALYNOLOGY		40 NUMERICAL DATES: RANGE: LAB NO.	
41 SMALL FINDS			42 MUSEUM/LOCATION
43 OTHER			

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: 27.5.1985	AM: 5.6.1985

52 TEXT "See over card for text."

"NH 708 851. Carr Blair, stone circle and cist." (5)



(2)

Fig. 3.—Portion of Ornamented
Clay Urn.

Near the monolith with symbols at fig. 31, "Sculptured Stones of Scotland," vol. i., occurs a megalithic circle, originally consisting of ten stones, of which five remain. Its diameter is 36 feet, the whole interior at six inches below the present surface is closely paved with round stones, and immediately under these, in the centre, was found a short kist with double cover, containing fragments of a highly ornamented urn (see woodcut, Fig. 3), pieces of burnt bone, tooth cusps much worn, and bits of charcoal.

(NH 7090 8511) Stone Circle (NR) (Remains of) (1)
Stone Cist found AD 1866 (NAT)

This stone circle consisted originally of ten stones of which five remain. Its diameter is 36 ft, the whole interior at 6 ins below the present surface is closely paved with round stones, and immediately under these, in the centre, was found a short cist with double cover containing fragments of a highly ornamental urn^o food vessel (3), pieces of burnt bone and bits of charcoal.

The remains of the stone circle lie in an area of cleared woodland. The circle has a probable diameter of some 13 m. Five stones, all on the NW half, remain, no stones being visible in the SE half of the circle. The largest stone, on the NE perimeter, is 1.3 m high and 2.8 m in circumference. The other roundish boulders have an average height of 0.6 m except for one, only 0.2 m high. In the centre of the circle is a rectangular cavity in the bottom of which are two thin slab stones set on edge but only 0.4 m apart. These stones, and possible remains of a cist, are possibly all that is left of a robbed cairn.

Resurveyed at 1:2500.

(NH 7090 8511) Cairn Circle (NR) (4)

The remains of this cairn circle are in moderate to poor condition and as described by the previous field investigator. The interior has been disturbed by tree stumps and the SE side has been somewhat obscured by vegetation. The slab on the N side of the cist has possibly been displaced inwards.

Published survey (1:2500) correct. (OSFI JB 27-2-1981)

(3) Fragment of Food-vessel of dark brown clay (fig. 2). It has had an almost vertical upper part, with the shoulder rather wider than the mouth, which has been 6¼ inches in diameter. Under the rim, which is decorated with oblique impressions, is a narrow hollow moulding bearing loop impressions. The space between this and the shoulder bears a transverse zigzag line with four straight lines above and two similar lines and a row of short vertical lines below. On the remaining part of lower tapering wall of the vessel is another transverse zigzag and three straight lines, a short vertical line occurring on each of the upper angles of the zigzag line. All the impressions have been made by a twisted cord. Found beside a short cist in a stone circle on the edge of Cartomie Wood, Edderton, Ross, the place being known as King's Cairns.

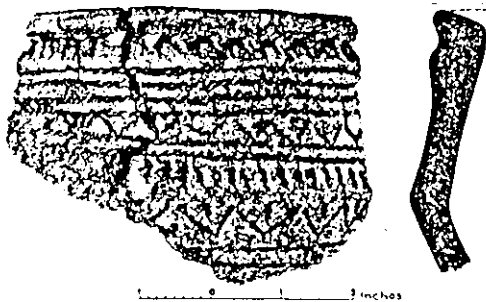


Fig. 2. Fragment of Food-vessel from Edderton.