

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL



FIELD MONUMENTS

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES AND MONUMENTS RECORD

1 SITE CODE											
H	N	H	7	8	S	E	0	0	3		
2 NGR											
N	H	7	8	0	4	8	2	1	7		
3 QUAL											
CE											
6 SITE NAME											
P	A	R	I	S	H	C	H	U	R	C	H
10 GENERIC TYPE											
CHURCH											
14 PERIOD/DATE					15 DATING METHOD						
Pre 1429					DOC						
18 SHAPE											
19 THREAT AND DATE											

4 DISTRICT		5 PARISH	
ROSS & CROMARTY		TAIN	
7 AREA STATUS		8 SITE STATUS	
9 REGIONAL STATUS			
11 CONCORDANCE		12 FORM	
OS NH 78 SE 3		STANDING STRUCTURE	
NMR			
13 DIMENSIONS			
9.88m LONG x 4.07m WIDE		INT.	
16 RELATIONSHIP OF ELEMENTS		17 CONDITION	
		RESTORED	

20 LAND USE		21 GEOLOGY	
LAND BUILT UPON			
22 SOILS		23 VEGETATION	
24 HYDROLOGY/DRAINAGE		25 RELIEF	
		GENTLE HILLSLOPE	
26 ASPECT		27 ALTITUDE	
ENE		20m OD	

28 EXCAVATION (EXCAVATOR: DATE: EXTENT: QUALITY)

29 BIBLIOGRAPHY (AUTHOR: DATE: TITLE: JOURNAL OR PUBLISHER: VOLUME: DETAIL)

1. ORDNANCE SURVEY: 1907: 6" MAP
2. MACGIBBON & ROSS: 1896: ECCLESIASTICAL ARCHITECTURE OF SCOTLAND: EDINBURGH: 2: pp538-542
3. NEALE, J.M.: 1848: ECCLESIASTICAL NOTES: LONDON: : .
4. TAYLOR, Rev.W.: 1882: RESEARCHES INTO THE HISTORY OF TAIN: A. ROSS, TAIN: : .
5. ORDNANCE SURVEY: 1906: 25" MAP
6. SOC. ANT. SCOT.: 1979: ARCH. SITES & MONS. OF EASTER ROSS: RCAHMS: p28, Nos. 239-40

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	
		AM: 30.5.1985		DY 6.6.1985	

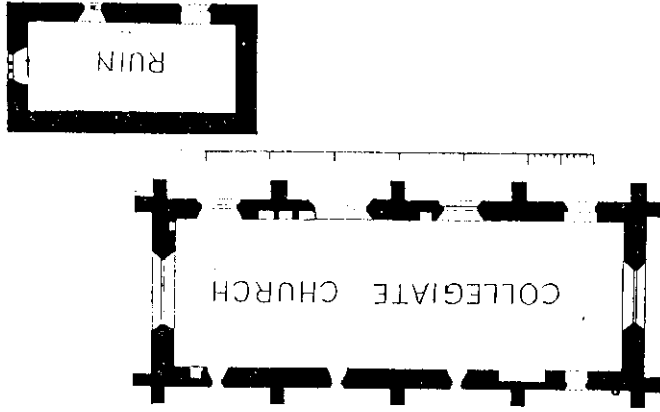
52 TEXT

"(NH 7804 8217): This small church to the SE of the Collegiate Church may have been the original parish church. Dedicated to St. Duthus, it was apparently built, judging by the style of architecture, earlier than 1429 (the date on which St. Duthus's Church (HNH 78 SE 001) on the links was destroyed by fire) although it is not possible to fix a definite date. It is 32' (9.88m) long by 13' (4.07m) wide within the walls, which are reduced to 6 or 7 feet (1.83 or 2.13m) all round. The north wall appears to have been rebuilt." (1), (2)

"The ruins of the church are as described above and show signs of restoration." (OSFI: WDJ: 18.5.1963)

"The church has been restored." (OSFI: RBG: 30.5.1985)

"See plan HNH 78 SE 005". (5)



(2) The second church in point of antiquity is a small quadrangular structure (Fig. 933) which stands near the principal church, and to the south-east of it, on the higher ground adjacent to the modern town. It is 32 feet long by 13 feet wide within the walls, which are now reduced to about 6 to 7 feet in height all round. The north wall appears to have been rebuilt, for Mr. Neale describes it in his *Ecclesiastical Notes* as being ruinous, but having one lancet. The east end contains a triplet enclosed in one arch, and the south side has a door and a two-light window under one arch. These features point to the date of this chapel as being early, but it is scarcely possible to fix a definite time. It is, however, apparently earlier than 1429, the date of the burning of St. Dunin's Church on the links, and it is thought that this may have been the original parish church. The adjoining larger church is recorded as having been a rebuilding of a previous church, and it seems most probable that the building now under consideration was the earlier church.

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