

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

FIELD MONUMENTS



ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES AND MONUMENTS RECORD

4 DISTRICT ROSS & CROMARTY		5 PARISH EDDERTON		1 SITE CODE H N H 7 8 S W 0 0 2	
7 AREA STATUS		8 SITE STATUS		2 NGR N H 7 1 3 3 8 4 5 0 C E	
11 CONCORDANCE os NH 78 SW 2		12 FORM SITE OF		3 QUAL	
13 DIMENSIONS c 7.5m DIAM.		9 REGIONAL STATUS		6 SITE NAME E D D E R T O N	
16 RELATIONSHIP OF ELEMENTS 6 CISTS IN A BURIAL MOUND WITH BOTH INHUMATION AND CREMATIONS.		17 CONDITION DESTROYED		10 GENERIC TYPE BURIAL MOUND + BURIAL CISTS + BURIALS + GRAVEGOODS.	
20 LAND USE ENCLOSED PASTURE		21 GEOLOGY		14 PERIOD/DATE BA	
22 SOILS		23 VEGETATION		15 DATING METHOD TYP	
24 HYDROLOGY/DRAINAGE		25 RELIEF GENTLE HILLSLOPE		18 SHAPE CIRCULAR	
28 EXCAVATION (EXCAVATOR: DATE: EXTENT: QUALITY)		26 ASPECT NE		19 THREAT AND DATE	
29 BIBLIOGRAPHY (AUTHOR: DATE: TITLE: JOURNAL OR PUBLISHER: VOLUME: DETAIL)		27 ALTITUDE 15=23m OD			
<p>1. ORDNANCE SURVEY:1907:6" MAP</p> <p>2. ORDNANCE SURVEY:1959:6" MAP (PROV.)</p> <p>3. ORDNANCE SURVEY:1904:25" MAP.</p> <p>4. JOASS REV.J.M.:1870:PROC SOC ANT SCOT:VOL 7:p 268-9.</p> <p>5. MITCHELL M.E.C.:1934:PROC SOC ANT SCOT:VOL 68:p187 No 257.</p> <p>6. CLARK D.L.:1970:BEAKER POTTERY OF GB.& I:CUP:VOL2:p 520 No 1748.</p> <p>7. ANDERSON J.:1886:SCOTLAND IN PAGAN TIMES:EUP:1:p90.</p>					
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	
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48 ACCESS & RESTRICTIONS					
49 NAME & ADDRESS OF FINDER/RECORDER: DATE				50 RECORDER: DATE DY: 30.5.1985	
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52 TEXT

"Tumulus (Site of) Six Stone Cists found AD 1866." (1).

"(NH 71328451) Chambered Cairn (Site of)." (2).

"Tumulus (GT) (Site of) Six Stone Cists found AD 1866, one had been previously opened; a second contained fragments of an Urn & Burnt Bones; a third Flint Arrowheads Charcoal & Blackened Grain; a fourth Burnt Bones, Human Teeth, Thumb Flint or Scraper & Blackened Grain; a fifth Fine Sand, Burnt Bones & Charcoal; and a sixth an Urn & a Human Skeleton. (TI)." (3).

"The tumulus, measuring 24' in diameter and 5' high, is shown by the plan not to be a chambered cairn. The first cist, No. 1, was found about 1853 when the land was brought under cultivation. The others were found in clearing away the tumulus about 1866. All the cists were found on the natural surface level. No 2, which was probably the original burial, was surrounded by a double circle of boulders on the natural surface." (4) (5).

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NOTE OF FIVE KISTS FOUND UNDER A TUMULUS ON THE GLEBE OF THE PARISH OF EDDERTOUN, ROSS, AND OF A KIST WITHIN A CIRCLE OF STANDING STONES IN THE SAME NEIGHBOURHOOD.
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In the corner of a field in the glebe of Eddertoun occurred a tumulus about 24 feet in diameter, and 5 feet high. The discovery of a kist there, when the land was first brought under cultivation fourteen years ago, was

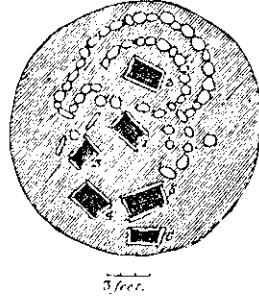


Fig. 1.—Plan of Tumulus, on the Glebe at Eddertoun.

supposed to have exhausted the contents of the tumulus, which prevented further research until recently, when it was resolved to inspect said kist.

It was found to have been built into the old surface level—was roofless, and filled with gravel, which yielded but one flint flake (see the annexed woodcut, Fig. 1, No. 1). Further excavation to the north exposed, on the same level, another kist (Fig. 1, No. 2), 3 feet long by 2 feet wide and deep. It was heavily roofed, and contained fragments of burnt bone and small pieces of baked clay. This kist was almost surrounded by a double circle of boulders on the natural surface. It was then resolved to clear away the whole tumulus, when four more kists were discovered, on the same level.

Fig. 1, No. 3, contained an entire clay urn (see woodcut, Fig. 2), with skeleton of aged person of small stature, skull unusually broad and flat.

Fig. 1, No. 4, yielded a rude flint arrow-head, charcoal, and blackened grain.

In No. 5, Fig. 1, were found numerous fragments of baked clay, portions probably of an urn; also burnt bones, tooth cases, molars small but much worn; a nearly semicircular disc of bluish flint sharpened on convex edge, and husks of black oats; carried perhaps by field mice, and blackened by damp.

No. 6, Fig. 1, was filled with sand containing minute fragments of charcoal and burnt bone.

The materials of the tumulus are now ranged in a low ridge around the kists, which are left *in situ*, with their covering slabs replaced.

It is probable that the mound was originally erected over kist No. 2, Fig. 1, and increased in size as subsequent occasion required.

One can but guess as to whether this gathering of kists is to be accounted for by relationship, or by the hallowing of the spot from the first burial. In any case, it is interesting to note the evidences of burial by cremation and otherwise, under the same tumulus, and on the same level.

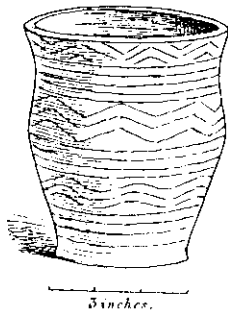


Fig. 2.—Clay Urn or "Drinking-Cup."

52. Contents;- One flint flake; small pieces of baked clay, burnt bone; an entire 'Drinking Cup' urn, with skeleton; flint arrow-head, blackened grain; fragments of baked clay, probably urn; burnt bones, nearly semi-circular disc of bluish flint, black oats." (OSFI:ES:7.3.1963).

"There is now only a very slight swelling in the ground at this site which lies in a cultivated field." (OSFI:RDL:16.5.1963).

"Early Bronze Age Beaker Pottery of Scotland, p 187, No 257, Type CB, location and condition unknown, from cist No 3, one of 6 beneath tumulus with Skeleton of aged Brachycephalic individual."(5).

"Group N3, location unknown." (6).

29. J.C. A. SCOTT:1979:ARCH STILES & TILES OF EASTER ROADS:RCANPS:p11.no.49

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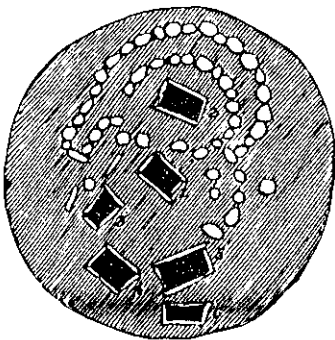


Fig. 110.—Ground-plan of Cairn on the Glebe at Eldertoun.

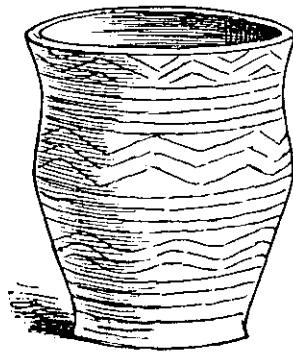


Fig. 111.—Urn found in one of the Cists.

The cairn was a small one, about 24 feet in diameter, and 5 feet high, and the cists were disposed as shown in the accompanying ground-plan (Fig. 110). The cists marked with the numbers 2, 5, and 6 on the ground-plan contained burnt bones, while that marked with the number 3 contained an unburnt skeleton and the urn here shown in Fig. 111, about 6 inches high, and 5 inches diameter at the

mouth. It is of the tall variety, with thin everted lip and bulging sides, usually associated with unburnt interments.