

# HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL



# FIELD MONUMENTS

## ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES AND MONUMENTS RECORD

1 SITE CODE										
H	N	M	7	6	N	E	0	0	1	A
2 NGR		3 QUAL								
N	M	7	5	2	1	6	8	3	0	C E
6 SITE NAME										
S T F I N N A N ' S C H A P E L *										

4 DISTRICT LOCHABER			5 PARISH ARISAIG & MOIDART		
7 AREA STATUS SSSI		8 SITE STATUS 'A' LISTED		9 REGIONAL STATUS	
11 CONCORDANCE OS NM 76 NE 1		12 FORM STANDING STRUCTURE		13 DIMENSIONS CHAPEL: 21.0m x 5.6m	
16 RELATIONSHIP OF ELEMENTS		17 CONDITION CHAPEL - RUINED GRAVEYARD-FUNCTIONAL (1970)		18 SHAPE	
14 PERIOD/DATE EM = LM = MO		15 DATING METHOD TYP = DOC.			
10 GENERIC TYPE CHAPEL + GRAVEYARD		19 THREAT AND DATE			

20 LAND USE CEMETERY			21 GEOLOGY		
22 SOILS			23 VEGETATION		
24 HYDROLOGY/DRAINAGE		25 RELIEF ISLAND		26 ASPECT 360°	
				27 ALTITUDE 10 = 20m O.D.	

28 EXCAVATION (EXCAVATOR: DATE: EXTENT: QUALITY)					
29 BIBLIOGRAPHY (AUTHOR: DATE: TITLE: JOURNAL OR PUBLISHER: VOLUME: DETAIL)					
1. ORDNANCE SURVEY: 1901: 6" MAP					
2. GORDON, S: 1935: HIGHWAYS & BYWAYS IN THE W. HIGHLANDS: pp168-170					
3. DONALDSON, M.E.M: 1923: WANDERINGS IN THE W. HIGHLANDS & ISLANDS: p30					
4. (DONATIONS): 1896: PROC. SOC. ANT. SCOT: 30: p39					
5. WATSON, W.J: 1926: CELTIC PLACE-NAMES OF SCOTLAND: pp285-6					
6. ORDNANCE SURVEY: 1973: 1/10,000 MAP					
7. HBM(SDD): 1985: BSAHI LIST, LOCHABER					
30 GROUND PLAN NO. 1. CONTOUR SURVEY JUDP 1993, CFA.			31 GROUND PHOTO NO. 91/08/1-25, 91/8/2/14, 16, 17		
32 SLIDES NO.			33 HR. AP. NO.		
34 NMR. AP. NO. B52422-6CS, B69256-61			35 OTHER AP. NO.: SOURCE		
36 ARCHIVE AND LOCATION			37 GEOPHYSICAL SURVEY		
38 PALYNOLOGY			39 NUMERICAL DATES: RANGE: LAB NO.		
41 SMALL FINDS				42 MUSEUM/LOCATION	
43 OTHER ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS					

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 ALM: 3.9.1986		51 CHECK: DATE ALM: 4.9.1986	
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52 TEXT							
"NM 7521 6830. St. Finnan's Church (NR) (Remains of)" (1)							
"Burying Ground (NAT)"							
"Little is known of the early history of the chapel of Eilean Fhionain. It is perhaps built on the site of a cell which St. Finan had upon the island in the 7th. cent. and the builder is believed to have been Alan MacRuaridh, one of the early Clan Ranald chiefs. The island was the burying place of the Clan Ranalds until the end of the 16th. cent." (2) (3)							
"The chapel became a ruin by the mid-17th. cent. The altar, however, remains, and on it stands a 6" (152.4mm) high D.A. bell." (4)							
"A circular brass brooch found in the burial ground was donated to the NMAS in 1896." (4)							
"Eilean Fhiannain, St.Finnan's Chapel & Burial Ground." (7)							

(OVER)

6 " \* Also known as Cilean Fhianain - 'Finan's Isle' and 'Eilean Fhiannain'."

52. "St. Finan's Chapel (locally accepted name) is oriented E-W and measures 21.0m by 5.6m within a wall which is 0.9m thick and c. 2.8m maximum height. (See G.P.) In the N wall are the lower halves of four windows, and near the E end is a square-headed aumbry. In the W wall is the lower part of a window and in the S wall the lower part of three windows, and towards its W end a doorway. The altar and bell remain intact at the E end. (see G.P.) The interior has been used for burials." (OSFI:RL:3.6.19,0)  
"A pecked circle shown on O.S. 6" 1901, presumably marking the extent of the burial ground, can no longer be traced, and the whole island now appears to be in use for burial with some graves marked by small cairns rather than headstones. About 60.0m N of the church, on a knoll, are five rude crosses and one cross-incised slab. (see G.P.)"

"About 50.0m SE of the church is a heavily overgrown, sub-rectangular enclosure measuring 45.0m N-S by 40.0m transversely, formed by a tumbled stone wall spread to c. 2.0m. Perambulation revealed only a modern grave monument approximately in the centre."

"NM 7521 6830 - Burial Ground - St. Finan's Chapel (rems. of)" (6)

(OSFI:RL:3.6.1970)

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# ARTEFACTS

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4 DISTRICT LOCHABER			5 PARISH ARISAIG & MOIDART			7 GENERIC TYPE BROOCH, BRASS, CIRCULAR			
8 CONCORDANCE OS NM 76 NE 1 NMR	9 MUSEUM/LOCATION OF FIND(S) RMS (QUEEN ST.)		10 ACCESSION NO.			11 PERIOD/DATE EM = LM		12 DATING METHOD TYP	
13 FIND CIRCUMSTANCES FOUND IN BURIAL GROUND OF ST. FINNAN'S CHURCH			14 CONDITION 2 3/8" DIAM. WITH LINEAR ORNAMENTS.			15 EXCAVATOR AND DATE		16 EXCAVATION RECORD NO.	
17 LAND USE CEMETERY			18 GEOLOGY			23 ASPECT 360		24 ALTITUDE 10 = 20m OD	
19 SOILS			20 VEGETATION			22 RELIEF ISLAND		21 HYDROLOGY/DRAINAGE	

25 DETAILED DESCRIPTION/DIMENSIONS	
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