

SMR Extract:

SMR/NMRS No: NC91SW0007

NGR: NC 9293 1270 to 9304 1269.

Description: (A - NC 9292 1269 : B - NC 9304 1268) Enclosures (NR)
OS 6"map, (1963)

Two circular enclosures were found during fieldwork.

Visited by OS (E G C) 1 June 1961.

Two stone-walled hut circles (A and B) at corrected grid references NC 9293 1270 and NC 9304 1269 respectively, situated in open heathland to the north of an old river terrace.

'A', on the edge of a slope, is about 10.0m diameter within an ill-defined wall surviving as a sparse band of overgrown rubble spread to 2.0m; the wall has been further obscured by a rough track crossing the north arc. A depression in the east arc may indicate an entrance.

'B', levelled into a low rise and peat overgrown, is well preserved. It is 11.0m NNW-SSE by 10.5m inside a wall spread to 3.0m. The east side of an entrance in the SSE still retains a lining of stone slabs, indicating a wall thickness of about 2.0m at this point. A break in the wall in the ESE is a modern mutilation. About 120.0m to the ESE are ruins of a dwelling and enclosures of 18th/ 19th century abandoned settlement. Contemporary cultivation is restricted to a well-defined lynchet about 55.0m south of hut 'A' crossing the slope, and containing between it and the hut an elongated area, of smooth, heather-covered ground free of stone.

Revised at 1/10,000.

Visited by OS (J M) 15 January 1976.

Description of Site by Finder

In all, there were 18 pieces of pottery, including different styles and colours (but mainly one dark, with a rough exterior type), two rims (one with a lip) and one fragment 5cm across. The flint tool is about 3 cm long with two serrated edges, but snapped at the lower end. Also, a flint fragment and other possible finds.

The track is cut through the northern margin of the hut circle, perhaps to a depth of up to a metre below the existing ground surface level of the grassy bank, which forms the said hut circle.

There is no exposed evidence of the wall. Presumably covered by the spoil created by the excavation.

The finds were in a jumble of turned over spoil. These were all at the surface and I didn't go digging at all.

They are concentrated along the length of the spoil only where it cuts through the hut circle.

The highest concentration was in the middle, but there was another cluster at the eastern end too.

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Recorded Archaeological Sites, Near Glen Loth.

SMR NO	NGRE	NGRN	SITE NAME	SITE TYPE	STATUS	PARISH
NC90NE0001	295250	909930	Loth Burn	Cross slab;		Loth;
NC90NE0002	295230	909930	Earl's Cut	Artificial Watercourse		Loth;
NC90NE0003A	295140	909880	Loth Burn	Cist;		Loth;
NC90NE0003B	295140	909880	Loth Burn	Food Vessel;		Loth;
NC90NE0004	295000	909000	Loth	Landing Place;		Loth;
NC90NW0001	290800	907600	Clynemilton	Field System; Hut Circles;		Clyne;
NC90NW0002	291200	907700	Kintradwell	Field System; Hut Circle;		Loth;
NC90NW0003	291860	907650	Cos Ceumach	Souterrain;		Loth;
NC90NW0003A	291860	907650	Cos Ceumach	Bead, glass;		Loth;
NC90NW0004	291940	907570	Kintradwell	Settlement;		Loth;
NC90NW0005	292930	908070	Cinn Trola	Broch;	SAM	Loth;
NC90NW0005A	292930	908070	Cinn Trola	Finds		Loth;
NC90NW0006	293700	909700	Lothbeg	Deserted Township;		Loth;
NC90NW0007	292210	907420	St. Trola's Chapel	Chapel?;		Loth;
NC90NW0008	291990	907700	Kintradwell	House;		Loth;
NC90NW0009	294320	909500	Allt Na Cuile	Coins, copper;		Loth;
NC90NW0010	293900	909160	Sput Dubh	Cist?;		Loth;
NC90NW0010A	293900	909160	Sput Dubh	Cross slab;		Loth;
NC90NW0011	293040	908090	Kintradwell Links	Bone artefact;		Loth;
NC90NW0012A	293000	907950	Kintradwell Links	Cists;		Loth;
NC90NW0012B	293000	907950	Kintradwell Links	Needle, bone; Scraper		Loth;
NC90NW0013	293000	908100	Kintradwell	Placename; Farmstead?		Loth;
NC90NW0014	292800	908500	Ballinreach	Placename;		Loth;
NC90NW0015	292000	907700	Kintradwell	Placename;		Loth;
NC90NW0016	291600	907400	Wester Kintradwell	Clearance Cairns;		Loth;
NC90NW0017	292100	907760	Kintradwell	Dovecot;		Loth;
NC90NW0018	292700	908700	Creagan Mor	Farmstead; Field System;		Loth;
NC90NW0019	292000	907000	Kintradwell	Cup-Markings;		Loth;
NC90NW0020	292000	907000	Kintradwell	Bronze Objects;		Loth;
NC90NW0021	293400	909800	Lonmore	Field System;		Loth;
NC90NW0022	293530	909860	Lonmore	Cairn;		Loth;
NC90NW0023	293390	909220	Allt Choll	Hut Circle;		Loth;
NC90NW0024	293100	908400	Kintradwell	Brooches;		Loth;
NC90NW0025	292980	907940	Kintradwell Links	Symbol Stone;		Loth;
NC90NW0026	292830	908060	Kintradwell	Symbol Stone;		Loth;
NC90NW0027	291400	906900	Clynemilton	Symbol Stone;		Clyne;
NC90NW0028	291400	906900	Clynemilton	Symbol Stone;		Clyne;
NC90NW0029	293160	908380	Kintradwell	Symbol Stone;		Loth;
NC90NW0030	293160	908380	Kintradwell	Symbol Stone;		Loth;
NC90NW0031	293160	908380	Kintradwell	Symbol Stone;		Loth;
NC90NW0032	291300	907300	An T-Salainn	Depopulation;		Loth;
NC90NW0033	291500	907900	Kintradwell	Depopulation;		Loth;
NC90NW0034	292000	908300	Braeval	Farmstead; Enclosures;		Loth;
NC90NW0035	291100	909600	Badenahaulish 1	Depopulation;		Loth;
NC90NW0036	290400	909800	Badenahaulish 2	Depopulation;		Loth;
NC90NW0037	293000	908000	Kintradwell	Strap-End, bronze;		Loth;
NC90NW0038	291600	908800	Creagan Mor	Buildings; Kiln, corn		Loth;
NC90NW0041	291300	906850	Clynemilton West	Farm;		Clyne;
NC90NW0042	291403	906907	Clynemilton East	Farm; House;	LB	Clyne;
NC90NW0043	293160	908380	Kintradwell Links	Symbol Stones;		Loth;
NC90NW0044	293800	909300	Lothbeg	Farmstead;		Loth;
NC90NW0046	293300	909100	Allt Choll, Lothbeg	Farmstead;		Loth;
NC90NW0047	291400	907400	Wester Kintradwell	Township;		Loth;
NC90NW0048	291100	909700	Badenahaulish	Farmstead; Enclosure;		Loth;
NC90NW0049	292900	908100	Cinn Trola Broch	Broch;		Loth;
NC90NW0050	292000	907000	Kintradwell	Miscellaneous Finds;		Loth;
NC91NE0086C	295000	916000	Strath of Kildonan	General View;		Kildonan;
NC91NW0011	294040	915080	Clach Mhic Mhios	Standing Stone;	SAM	Loth;

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NC91NW0028	294200	915200	Glen Loth	Depopulation;		Loth;
NC91NW0042	294570	915320	Gable Burn	Clearance; Hut Circles;		Loth;
NC91SE0001	298100	911400	Strone Rungie	Battle Site; Cists, long;		Loth;
NC91SE0002	297083	911384	Loth Parish Church	Church;	LB	Loth;
NC91SE0002A	297200	911400	Lothmore	Burial Ground;		Loth;
NC91SE0002B	297200	911400	Lothmore	Watch House;		Loth;
NC91SE0003	297640	911170	Loth	Broch;		Loth;
NC91SE0004	295100	910300	Loth Burn	Placename;		Loth;
NC91SE0005	295600	912100	Riasgin	Depopulation;		Loth;
NC91SE0006	298650	912250	Westgarty Lodge	Smithy;		Loth;
NC91SE0007	295738	910665	Crackaig	House;	LB	Loth;
NC91SE0008	296860	911280	Crackaig	Cists;		Loth;
NC91SE0008A	296860	911280	Crackaig	Food Vessel;		Loth;
NC91SE0009	297900	911300	Culgower	Brooch, bronze;		Loth;
NC91SE0010	297900	911300	Kilmote	Cist;		Loth;
NC91SE0011	295800	911400	Crackaig	Field System;		Loth;
NC91SE0012	295040	910560	Crackaig	Field System;		Loth;
NC91SE0013	295700	910700	Crackaig	Axe, stone;		Loth;
NC91SE0014	295000	910000	Crackaig Moss	Axe, stone;		Loth;
NC91SE0015	297000	911000	Kilmote	Urn;		Loth;
NC91SE0016	297000	911000	Carter Town	Township;		Kildonan;
NC91SE0017	297900	912200	Culgower Hill	Halberd, bronze;		Loth;
NC91SE0018	295200	910100	Loth Station	Cropmarks;		Loth;
NC91SE0019	297300	911340	Kilmote Farm	Farmsteading;		Loth;
NC91SE0020	297040	911240	Loth Old Manse	Cottage; Farmsteading;	LB	Loth;
NC91SE0021	298892	912441	Westgarty Lodge	Lodge; Walled Garden;	LB	Loth;
NC91SE0023	297254	911304	Kilmote	House;	LB	Loth;
NC91SE0024	295760	910080	Loth, Station	Railway Station;		Loth;
NC91SE0025	299480	912500	West Garty	Farmsteading;		Loth;
NC91SE0026	298000	912000	Loth & West Helmsdale	Estate;		Loth;
NC91SE0027	297570	911770	Culgower	Farm;		Loth;
NC91SE0028	299470	912500	West Garty House	House;		Loth;
NC91SE0029	298300	911700	Culgower	Structure;		Loth;
NC91SE0030	297700	911500	Culgower	Structure;		Loth;
NC91SE0031	298300	913500	Westgarty Burn	Buildings;		Loth;
NC91SE0032	296200	911200	Crackaig Crofts	Township,crofting;		Loth;
NC91SE0033	295702	910715	Crackaig Farm	Farmsteading;	LB	Loth;
NC91SE0033A	295760	910730	Crackaig Farm	Workshop;		Loth;
NC91SE0033B	295830	910670	Crackaig Farm	Military, generator house;		Loth;
NC91SE0033C	295720	910800	Crackaig Farm	Cottage;		Loth;
NC91SE0033D	295590	910860	Crackaig Farm	Cottages;		Loth;
NC91SW0001	293470	914040	Carn Nan Uaigh	Homesteads; House;		Clyne;
NC91SW0002	294200	912200	Carn Bran	Broch;	SAM	Loth;
NC91SW0003	293540	913050	Tobar Mheasain	Well;		Loth;
NC91SW0004	293730	912730	Carradh Nan Clach	Standing Stones;	SAM	Loth;
NC91SW0005	294700	910700	Lothbeg	Field System; Hut Circles;		Loth;
NC91SW0006A	294630	910480	Lothbeg Bridge	Chambered Cairn;	SAM	Loth;
NC91SW0006B	294630	910480	Lothbeg	Axe, polished, stone;		Loth;
NC91SW0007	292930	912700	Sletdale Burn	Hut Circles; Lynchet;		Loth;
NC91SW0008	294770	910030	Lothbeg	Urns;		Loth;
NC91SW0009	293400	912700	Sletdale Burn	Hut Circles;		Loth;
NC91SW0010	293200	914200	Druim Dearg	Enclosures;		Loth;
NC91SW0011	293600	914230	Uaigh Bheag	Homesteads; Structure;		Loth;
NC91SW0012	293700	910100	Lonmore	Field System; Hut Circles;		Loth;
NC91SW0013	294000	910000	Lothbeg	Subterranean Structure/;		Loth;
NC91SW0014	294400	910200	Lothbeg	Cairns; Cists;		Loth;
NC91SW0015	292000	914000	Druim Dearg	Battle Site;		Loth;
NC91SW0016	294410	910930	Lothbeg	Clearance Cairns; Hut Circle;		Loth;
NC91SW0017	294100	914900	Uaigh Bheag	Hut Circles;		Loth;

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NC91SW0018	292550	912520	Sletdale Burn	Hut Circle;		Loth;
NC91SW0019	292800	912700	Sletdale Burn	Field System;		Loth;
NC91SW0020	293800	913300	Coille Bad Mheasain	Clearance; Hut Circles;		Loth;
NC91SW0021	293680	913380	Coille Bad Mheasain	Hut Circle;		Loth;
NC91SW0022	293540	910390	Lonmore	Chambered Cairn; Hut Circle?		Loth;
NC91SW0023	294650	910460	Lothbeg	Cairn, kerb;		Loth;
NC91SW0024	293850	912560	Carradh Nan Clach	Field System; Hut Circles;		Loth;
NC91SW0025	293980	912480	Carradh Nan Clach	Cairn;		Loth;
NC91SW0026	294490	911170	Creag Riabhach	Hut Circle; Enclosure;		Loth;
NC91SW0027	294220	911100	Creag Riabhach	Field System;		Loth;
NC91SW0028	293960	912480	Carradh Nan Clach	Hut Circle;		Loth;
NC91SW0029	294140	914370	Uaigh Bheag	Hut Circle;		Loth;
NC91SW0030	293480	913770	Druim Dearg	Homestead;		Loth;
NC91SW0031	293960	912560	Carradh Nan Clach	Homestead;		Loth;
NC91SW0032	294580	911430	Creag Riabhach	Clearance Cairns; Hut Circle;		Loth;
NC91SW0033	293530	913930	Tobar Nan Deantaig	Mound;		Loth;
NC91SW0034	294130	910010	Lothbeg	Memorial;		Loth;
NC91SW0035	293200	910300	Lonmore	Depopulation;		Loth;
NC91SW0036	294100	910500	Lothbeg	Depopulation;		Loth;
NC91SW0037	293900	912900	Coille Bad Mheasain	Depopulation;		Loth;
NC91SW0038	293200	913200	Coille Bad Mheasain	Depopulation;		Loth;
NC91SW0039	293600	914400	Uaigh Bheag	Depopulation;		Loth;
NC91SW0040	294420	910530	Lothbeg Bridge	Bridge;		Loth;
NC91SW0041	293780	912710	Carradh Nan Clach	Bridge;		Loth;
NC91SW0042	294440	910280	Lothbeg Farm	Farm;		Loth;
NC91SW0044	293800	912900	Loth Burn	Township;		Loth;
NC91SW0045	293100	912600	Loth Burn	Farmstead;		Loth;
NC91SW0046	294300	910900	Lothbeg	Township;		Loth;
NC91SW0047	293100	910400	Lonmore	Township;		Loth;
NC91SW0048	294100	914300	Uaigh Bheag	Farmstead;		Loth;
NC91SW0049	294000	914100	Uaigh Bheag	Building;		Loth;
NC91SW0050	294100	914100	Uaigh Bheag	Building?; Sheepfold;		Loth;
NC91SW0051	293600	912900	Loth Burn	Township;		Loth;
NC91SW0052	293700	914400	Uaigh Bheag	Township;		Loth;
ND01NW0035	302000	915000	Helmsdale	Vessels, bronze;		Kildonan;
ND01NW0036	302000	915000	Strath of Kildonan	Midden;		Kildonan;
ND01NW0037	302000	915000	Helmsdale	Stone, Worked;		Kildonan;
ND01NW0038	302000	915000	Helmsdale	Kiln;		Kildonan;
ND01NW0039	302000	915000	Helmsdale	Battle Site;		Kildonan;
ND01NW0047	302000	915000	Helmsdale	Axe, stone;		Kildonan;
ND01NW0062	302000	915000	Helmsdale	Town;		Kildonan;
ND01NW0066	301000	915000	Helmsdale	Field System;		Kildonan;
ND01NW0086	301800	915300	West Helmsdale	Township,crofting;		Kildonan;
ND01NW0095	302000	915000	Helmsdale & Navidale	Estate;		Kildonan;
ND01SW0001	301250	914270	Gartymore	Chapel;		Kildonan;
ND01SW0002	301480	913870	Dun Phail	Broch;		Kildonan;
ND01SW0002A	301480	913870	Dun Phail	Antler, Charcoal; Cup, stone;		Kildonan;
ND01SW0002B	301480	913870	Dun Phail	Finds		Kildonan;
ND01SW0003	300070	912840	Portgower	Burial;		Loth;
ND01SW0003A	300090	912870	Portgower	Disc, stone;		Loth;
ND01SW0004	300400	914400	Gartymore	Battle Site?; Clearance		Loth;
ND01SW0005	300080	912790	Portgower	Broch?;		Loth;
ND01SW0006	301400	913800	Dun Phail	Miscellaneous Finds;		Kildonan;
ND01SW0007	300300	914600	Carter Town	Deserted Township;		Kildonan;
ND01SW0008	300200	913000	Midgarty	Placename; Depop		Loth;
ND01SW0009	300650	913400	Portgower	Village;		Loth;
ND01SW0010	301400	913700	Garty	Landing Place;		Loth;
ND01SW0011	301000	914000	Gartymore	Field System;		Kildonan;
ND01SW0012	301320	914860	6, Gartymore	Cottage;		Kildonan;

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ND01SW0013	300756	913460	Port Gower Inn	Inn;	LB	Loth;
ND01SW0014	301325	914863	3 Gartymore	House;	LB	Kildonan;
ND01SW0015	300100	914500	Gartymore	Farmstead;		Kildonan;
ND01SW0016	301200	913600	Portgower	Building;		Loth;
ND01SW0017	301200	914600	Gartymore	Township, crofting;		Kildonan;
ND01SW0018	301320	914860	30, Gartymore	House;		Kildonan;
ND01SW0019	300900	913300	Portgower	Harbour;		Loth;
ND01SW0020	300900	913900	Portgower	Farmstead;		Loth;

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Catalogue

1. Buff coloured, fine fabric and temper. ~~Concentric grooved banding on exterior.~~ 48 mm at widest point, 59 mm at longest point, 9mm at thickest point. horizontal ridges, probably fingertipped, drawn around exterior
2. Grey corticated flint, 40mm long by 21 mm wide. Knife/scrapper.
3. Charcoal fragments
4. Small corticated waste flake 21mm long by 9mm wide
5. Two ?quartzite flakes A I 7mm long by 9mm wide. B = 12mm long by 9mm wide
6. Rim sherd, quartz inclusions, fine temper, ~~grey possible finger grooves on interior of pot.~~ 49mm long x 39 mm at widest point x 11 mm thick. slight change in angle on interior of rim probably result of shaping of upright rim
7. Thin bodied (~~?double-layered?~~) grey sherd. 63mm at longest point x 41mm at widest point x 7mm at thickest point. 'double layer' effect is simply due to lamination, probably following a building joint
8. Dark brown rim sherd, fine fabric, 22mm long x 27mm wide x 9mm thick. Externally expanded rim, probably from a vessel of slightly closed form; slight fingertipping on exterior probably the result of manipulation of the clay
9. Buff coloured sherd, 66mm long x 55mm wide x 10mm thick. Possible carbonised deposits on interior. Wall sherd from lower body
10. Thin walled black sherd, white ?limestone inclusions, smooth internally, rough externally.
11. Grey/black fabric, no obvious inclusions, 22mm long x 21 mm wide x 9mm thick.
12. Grey/brown fabric, no inclusions, 32mm long x 16mm wide x 7mm thick.

13. Brown/black fabric, 38mm long x 31mm wide x 5mm thick. Laminated along building joint
14. Grey/black fabric, fine ?quartz inclusions, 32mm at longest point, 30mm at widest point, 5mm at thickest point.
15. Grey / brown fabric, low fired, no obvious inclusions, 30mm long x 22 mm wide x 6mm thick.
16. Orange brown fabric, ?limestone inclusions, 25mm long x 12mm wide x 9mm thick.
17. Struck quartz, 48mm long x 20mm wide.
18. ?struck limestone, 77mm long x 40mm wide
19. Sherd in fragments
20. 2 sherds
21. Sherd (2 joining pieces)

The pottery bears general comparison with material recovered from upland settlement sites (principally hut circles) in northern Scotland. Bearing in mind that upstanding hut circles can simply be the surface manifestation of remarkably long-lived occupation sites, it would be rash to attempt to date the pottery too closely, particularly when most of it is featureless. However the two rim sherds (6 & 8) and the ribbed or ridged wall sherd (1) have elements in common with pottery recovered from sites in Achany Glen, Lairg (McCullagh & Tipping 1998, 139-144). In the light of these similarities, a broad date range from the mid-second to the early first millennium BC date would not be out of keeping for some if not all of the Glen Loth assemblage.

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