

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL



FIELD MONUMENTS

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES AND MONUMENTS RECORD

1 SITE CODE											
H N B 9 0 S W 0 0 4											
2 NGR											
N B 9 1 5 0 2 3											
3 QUAL											
4											
6 SITE NAME											
P R I E S T I S L A N D											
10 GENERIC TYPE											
CAVE, (HUMAN OCCUPATION)											
14 PERIOD/DATE						15 DATING METHOD					
18 SHAPE											
19 THREAT AND DATE											
26 ASPECT											
NW											
27 ALTITUDE											
0=25m OD											

4 DISTRICT				5 PARISH			
ROSS & CROMARTY				LOCHBROOM			
7 AREA STATUS		8 SITE STATUS		9 REGIONAL STATUS			
SSSI							
11 CONCORDANCE		12 FORM		13 DIMENSIONS			
os NB 90 NW/SW4		STANDING STRUCTURE					
NMR							
16 RELATIONSHIP OF ELEMENTS				17 CONDITION			
				INCOMPLETE			
20 LAND USE				21 GEOLOGY			
FORESHORE							
22 SOILS				23 VEGETATION			
24 HYDROLOGY/DRAINAGE				25 RELIEF			
				CAVE			
				26 ASPECT			
				NW			
				27 ALTITUDE			
				0=25m OD			
28 EXCAVATION (EXCAVATOR: DATE: EXTENT: QUALITY)							
29 BIBLIOGRAPHY (AUTHOR: DATE: TITLE: JOURNAL OR PUBLISHER: VOLUME: DETAIL)							
1. :1794:OLD STATISTICAL ACCOUNT: 10 :p473							
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	
		HAR:14.12.1984	
		51 CHECK: DATE	
		SM:17.12.1984	
52 TEXT			

'On Priest Island "may be seen two large coves, one on the N. side of the Island, the other (NB 90 NW & SW 3) on the S. That on the N. would be sufficiently large for 50 men either to sit or lie down in.

'It is said to have been occupied by a Popish Priest who used to shift his headquarters from one cove to another as the weather directed.

'This entry occurs under the sub-heading 'Antiquities'.' (1)

'According to Mr. Fraser, the term 'coves' in the context used, probably applied to

(over)

52 one of the many 'caves' on Priest Island.

'If authority 1 is referring to 'caves' as it appears probable, there are several fissures visible which may answer the description. Most are accessible only from the sea. There appears to be no local traditions regarding them.

'According to Mr. Macleod a cave near the NW tip of the Island is possibly that referred to by authority 1. It is situated in the face of the cliff and is approached only with difficulty from a narrow ledge.

'This cave was not visited but according to Mr. Macleod is situated approximately
NB917 020.'

(OSFI: E.GEARY:25.5.62)

((a) Mr. Donald Fraser, historian, Achiltibuie)

((b) Mr. Angus Macleod, Achmacarinan, Achiltibuie)