

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL



FIELD MONUMENTS

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES AND MONUMENTS RECORD

1 SITE CODE H N C 0 0 S W 0 0 2		2 NGR N C 0 4 5 6 0 4 8 0		3 QUAL C E		4 DISTRICT ROSS & CROMARTY		5 PARISH LOCHBROOM		6 SITE NAME C L A C H A N A ' B I D A C H	
7 AREA STATUS		8 SITE STATUS		9 REGIONAL STATUS		10 GENERIC TYPE HUT CIRCLE + STANDING STONE					
11 CONCORDANCE osNC 00 SW 2		12 FORM STANDING STRUCTURE		13 DIMENSIONS 11.5m DIAM BETWEEN WALL CENTRES		14 PERIOD/DATE BA=IA		15 DATING METHOD TYP			
16 RELATIONSHIP OF ELEMENTS ENTRANCE IN SE				17 CONDITION		18 SHAPE CIRCULAR		19 THREAT AND DATE			
20 LAND USE ENCLOSED PASTURE				21 GEOLOGY		22 SOILS		23 VEGETATION			
24 HYDROLOGY/DRAINAGE				25 RELIEF MODERATE SLOPE TO SHORE		26 ASPECT SE		27 ALTITUDE 8-16m OD			
28 EXCAVATION (EXCAVATOR: DATE: EXTENT: QUALITY)											
29 BIBLIOGRAPHY (AUTHOR: DATE: TITLE: JOURNAL OR PUBLISHER: VOLUME: DETAIL) 1. CRAWFORD, I.:Sept. 1961:Rec. 6'											
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 NM:18.12.1984		51 CHECK: DATE HAR:18.12.1984			
52 TEXT											

'(NC 0456 0480) "Clachan a' Bidach: circular enclosure considered to be sacred and old."
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(OSRI:FRH:12.12.61)

'This circular structure, average diameter 11.0m, is now reduced to a bank, 4.5m wide and c. 0.6m high, of overgrown rubble. An apparent entrance in the SE, partly obscured by tumbled stone, is marked by a standing stone known locally as the "Dirk Stone". The remains indicate a building of considerable strength and age, yet the position on a

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6. * "STANDING STONE KNOWN AS 'DIRK STONE' OR 'CLACHAN A' BIDACH'"

52 slight natural terrace is in no way defensive.
'Probably a large hut circle.' (OSFI:FRH:30.5.62)

'A hut circle levelled into a slight slope and measuring about 11.5m in diameter between the centres of a strong wall of overgrown stones spread to 3.0m for most of the periphery and increasing to 4.5m on the NE side of the entrance which is in the SE. The wall has been robbed here and there but only one facing stone is evident. This, of the outer face, is just to the NE of an upright block (locally known as Clachan a' Bidach) at the outer end and on the NE side of the mutilated entrance gap. Some ruinous modern constructions occupy the interior which, according to local information, was partially excavated many years ago when nothing was found. The hut, covered with bracken, occurs in a cultivated field and there is no trace of contemporary cultivation.

'(Detail shown but not named on O.S. 6" 1969).' (OSFI:JM:11.7.74)