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No. A.M. 18/33910.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ANCIENT MONUMENTS ACTS, 1913 and 1931.

To Alan Douglas Pilkington, Esq., Achvarasdal, Reay, Caithness

the owner of the Monument known as Chambered cairn measuring 90 feet in diameter situated north of and adjoining the north-west corner of the wall surrounding Shurrery Kirk and intersected by a dyke leading in a westerly direction to Shurrery School, 700 yards east of the road leading nearly due north to Shurrery School at its nearest point and 740 yards east-south-east of said school being the subjects indicated in red colour on the annexed plan and being part of the property known as

Shurrery Commons

situated in the Parish of Reay and County of Caithness.

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Dated this 9<sup>th</sup> day of February 1934

By Order of the Commissioners.

*Patrick Duff*  
Secretary.

I *Ernest Herbert Phillips*.....(Officer in Secretariat) in the Office of the Commissioners of H.M. Works and Public Buildings duly authorised by them in that behalf hereby certify that the notice of which the foregoing is a duplicate together with a copy of the plan annexed and signed as relative hereto was served on the before named Alan Douglas Pilkington, Esq.,

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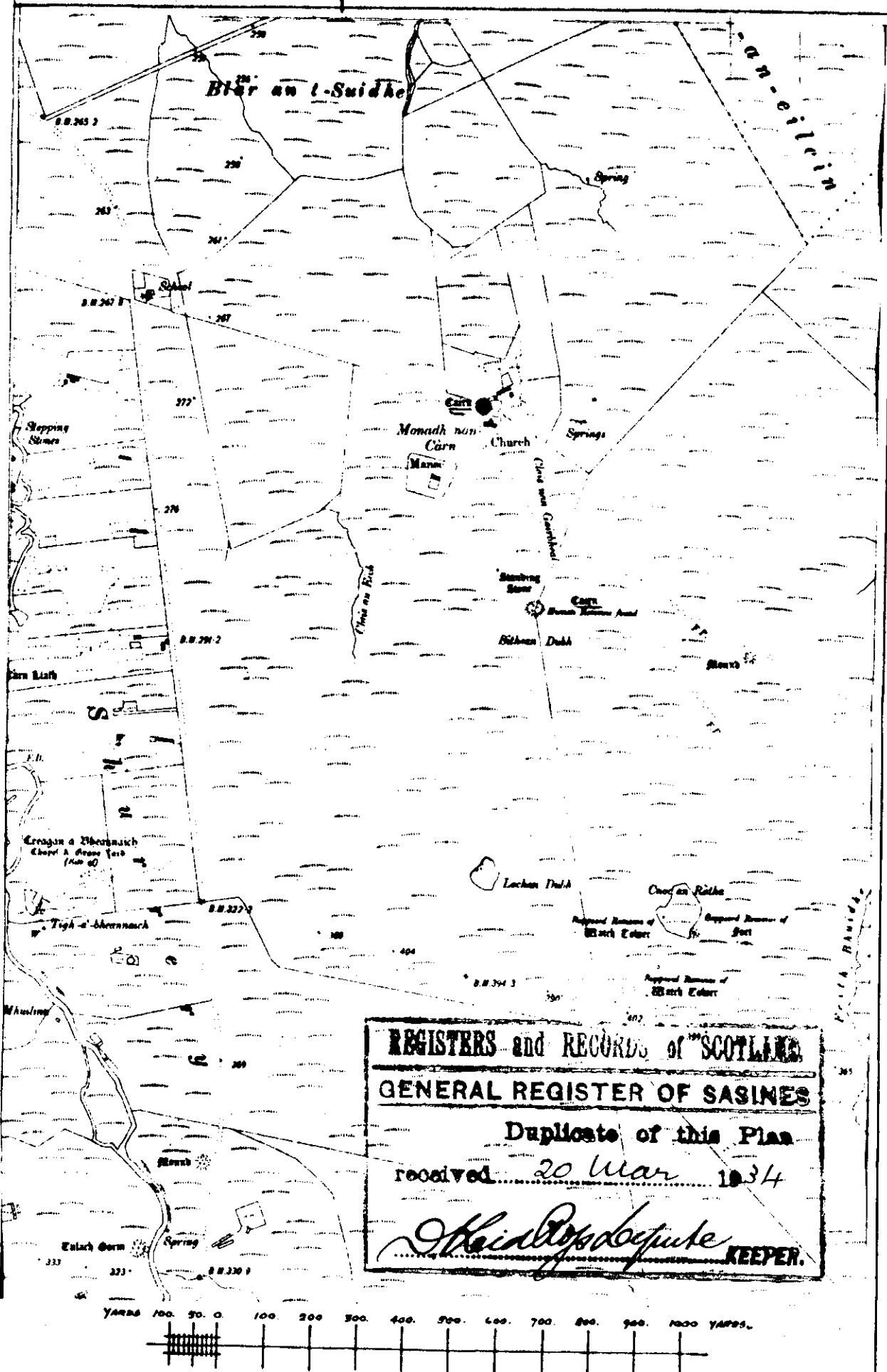
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CHAMBERED CAIRN.

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# SCHEDULED ANCIENT MONUMENT MANAGEMENT PLAN

Shurrery Kirk, Chambered Cairn 360m SSE of



Forest Enterprise  
Dornoch Forest District  
Hilton of Embo  
Dornoch IV25 3PW  
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## Description of Monument

The monument comprises a chambered cairn of prehistoric date.

The monument consists of a chambered cairn measuring approximately 30m N-S by 26m transversely. The outline of the cairn is indistinct, and a deer fence crosses the monument. To the E. of the fence the cairn is covered in thick vegetation. To the W of the fence, parts of the cairn are visible, including the tops of three upright stones, the largest of which measures about 2m wide by 0.1m thick, with about 0.4m showing above ground. It is not possible to determine the size or alignment of the chamber from the visible upright slabs.

Chambered cairns of this type date to the Neolithic, and were used as tombs. They usually contained several burials, and many show long sequences of construction and reuse.

The nearest trees to the cairn are 30m away.

## Forest Enterprise's Objectives

- i. To ensure that the monument and its surrounding area are kept free of trees and scrub, thereby preserving both the archaeological remains and their setting.
- ii. To maintain and improve access to the monument, and to enhance its setting in the wider landscape.

## Management

### Issues requiring attention:

An old roll of fencing wire needs to be removed from the scheduled area. Some trees are within 20m of the edge of the scheduled area, but as the whole area is due for clearfell within the life of this plan these will be removed at this time. At this time the fence will also be realigned so as not to be on the scheduled area. Historic Scotland will be consulted to the most appropriate methods of removing the fence from the scheduled area prior to any work commencing.

## Work proposals

### a Harvesting operations

Harvesting operations are planned for the surrounding plantation during the term of this management plan although none that will affect the scheduled area. If any woody regeneration/colonisation is found within the scheduled area during routine inspections then the following conditions will be applied:-

## SCHEDULED ANCIENT MONUMENT MANAGEMENT PLAN

Name of Monument: **Shurrery Kirk, Chambered Cairn 360mSSE Of**

Scheduled Ancient Monument Number: **0479**

Local Authority Area: **Highland**

Local Authority Sites and Monuments Record Number: **ND 05 NW 6**

OS Grid Reference: **ND04975834**

Forest Enterprise District: **Dornoch**

Forest Enterprise Compartment: **3143**

Plan Period: **1/11/99-31/10/2004**

Plan prepared by : M D Canham, Chief Ranger,  
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All trees and shrubs shall be cut off at ground level, the stumps or roots being left in the ground and not grubbed out. Trees should be cut by hand or by the use of a hand held power saw. These measures will enable the trees to be felled in such a way as to cause no damage to the remains of the monument or the ground surface within the scheduled area.

Where necessary stumps should be treated with the appropriate chemical according to the statutory "Code of practice for safe use of pesticides on farms and holdings" (HMSO 1990) prepared by MAFF, HSC and DoE.

Any brash resulting from these operations shall be removed well away from the area of the scheduled ancient monument. Cut timber shall be removed from the site by cutting into easily transportable pieces, rather than by dragging, in case this causes damage to underlying archaeology. If brash is to be burned, this operation shall be carried out well away from the scheduled area.

If appropriate a harvester may be used to fell and lift trees from the scheduled area that are within its reach as the machine itself must be placed in a position out with the scheduled area. Care must be taken not to disturb the ground surface within the scheduled area during these operations.

No vehicles shall enter the scheduled area.

b Site clearance

The scheduled area and an area 20m beyond the edge of the scheduled area will be kept tree free. Any natural regeneration of trees, scrub, or bracken will be assessed at yearly intervals and controlled using hand held scrub cutters and herbicides where appropriate. No vehicles will be allowed in the scheduled area.

c Public access

Public access will be improved by provision of Waymarking and maintenance of a clear track to the site. (Appendix 3)

This route and way marking will be inspected on a yearly basis in September each year.

d On site access

Good site access will be maintained by the removal of any scrub from the site on a regular basis. The condition of on site access routes will be checked on a yearly basis in September each year.

e Interpretation

It is not intended to provide Interpretation panels at this site, but a small map and information leaflet is to be produced which details the SAMs on Forest Enterprise land. Details of sites in the local area will be available from the Forest Enterprise Dornoch District office on request.



Interpretation panels, information boards and way markers, when provided will be erected out with the scheduled area.

f Tree planting

No tree planting will take place within the scheduled area or within 20m beyond the edge of the scheduled area.

g Site maintenance

The site is to be checked on a yearly basis to identify any site maintenance required. No work other than those specified in the management agreement conditions of this plan, shall be carried out in the scheduled area without the prior approval of Historic Scotland.

h Access/signs maintenance

Access paths and way markers will be inspected on a yearly basis and any maintenance required recorded and carried out.

### **Management Agreement Conditions**

The Occupier undertakes:

1. To monitor and control all scrub, tree and bracken regeneration in the Scheduled Area to prevent colonisation.
2. Not to plant trees within 20 metres of the Scheduled Area.
3. Not to cut any drains, ditches or dykes across, or within 20 metres of, the Scheduled Area.
4. Not to use the Scheduled Area as a dump for any material.
5. Not to use wheeled or tracked vehicles within the Scheduled Area.
6. Not to park any farm or forestry machinery on the Scheduled Area, nor to use the area for storing any materials.
7. Not to construct any building works or access tracks within 10 metres of the Scheduled Area.
8. Not to afford any person access to the Scheduled Area for the purpose of using a metal detector unless that person can produce the written consent of Scottish Ministers.
9. To permit any authorised representative of Scottish Ministers access to the Scheduled Area without prior notice.

10. To allow public access at all reasonable times to the Scheduled Area. An access route will be way-marked as shown on the attached map extract (Appendix 3). This route will be checked annually to ensure it provides adequate guidance and access.

11. To report any objects such as pottery, flint or bone, or archaeological features, which are found within the Scheduled Area. Such objects should be left undisturbed and reported to the Council Archaeologist, Historic Scotland or your local museum.

### **Liaison**

Formal consultation every 5 years with Historic Scotland to review the management strategy of the monument prior to the preparation of the subsequent Management Plan. Meetings will be held with local Historic Scotland staff as required.

### **Monitoring**

Monitoring of the site will be carried out on a yearly basis in September each year as described in work proposals (g)

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9/2002			
9/2003			
9/2004			

This is an agreement under Section 17 of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979. Only works which are carried out in Fulfilment of the Occupier's obligations and which are specifically identified in this agreement are deemed to have been granted Scheduled Monument Consent under the Ancient Monuments Class Consents Order (Scotland) 1996. The Occupier must apply for Scottish Ministers consent prior to undertaking any further works affecting the Area.

Signed on behalf of Forest Enterprise by

*G. Macdonald* Forest District Manager

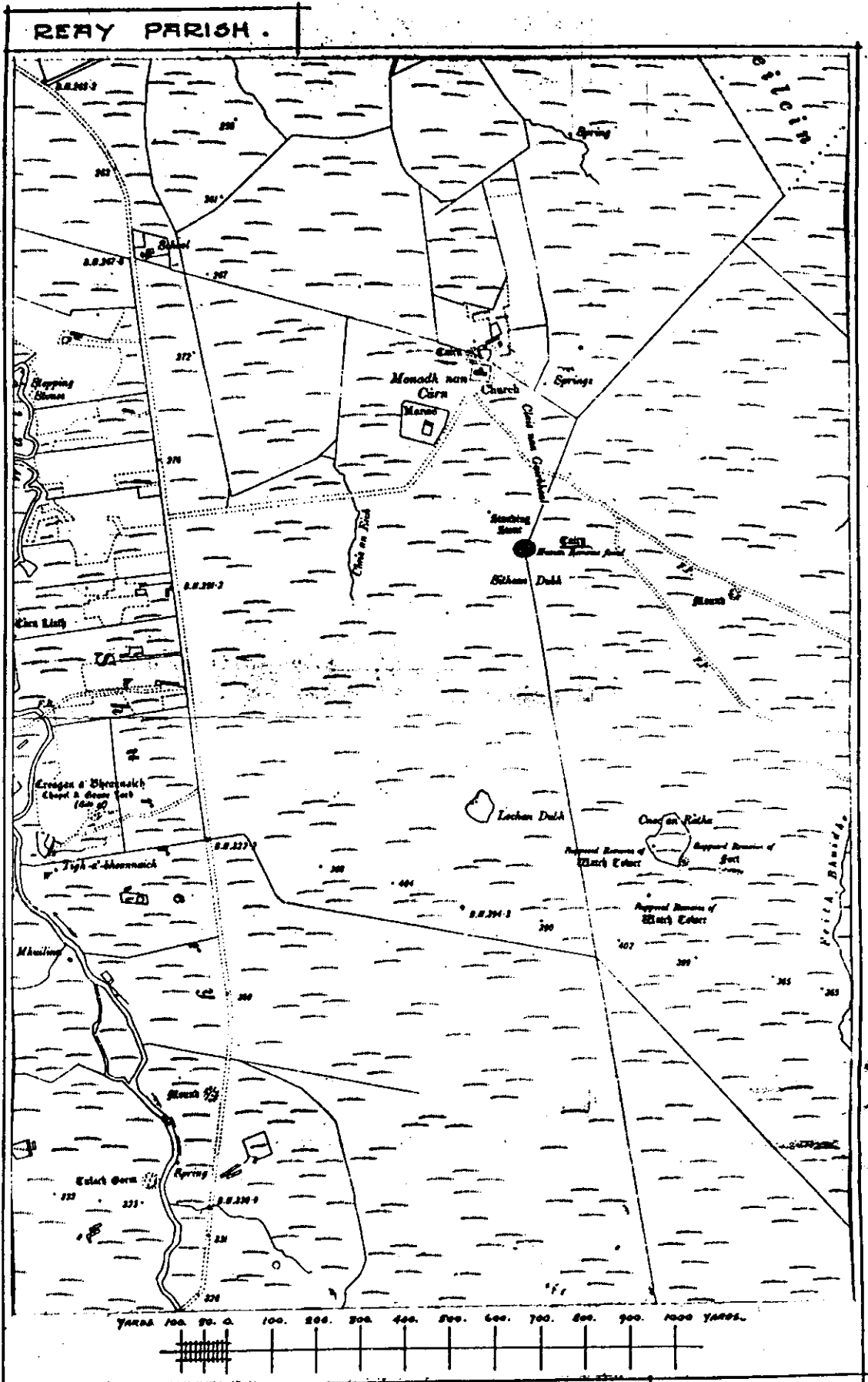
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Signed on behalf of Scottish Ministers for Scotland by

*D.M. Tulloch*

Dated *7<sup>th</sup> February 2000*

## Appendices



REMAINS OF CHAMBERED CAIRN.  
400 YARDS S.E. of SHURRERY KIRK.  
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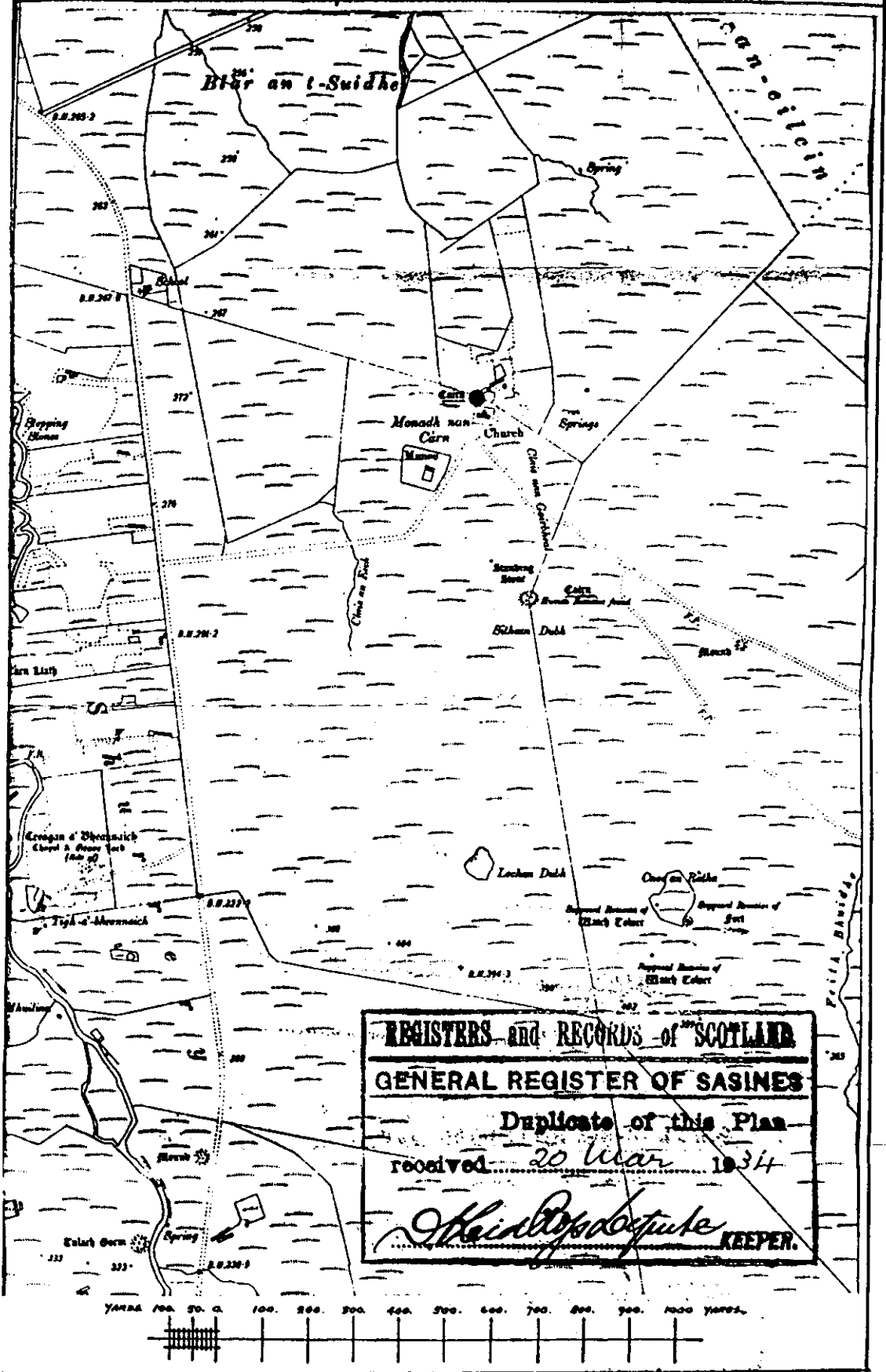
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Applying Barbara Bain of  
Sharnery Kirk in the Parish of Raay  
and County of Caithness.

Walter Finlay W.S.  
Solicitor to H.M. Lands & Survey



IN THE MATTER OF THE ANCIENT MONUMENTS ACTS, 1913 and 1931.

To Alan Douglas Pilkington, Esq., Achvarasdal, Reay, Caithness, the owner of part of the Monument known as Remains of chambered cairn measuring approximately 100 feet in diameter and situated on the moorland at an angle in the fence 400 yards south-south-east of Shurrery Kirk, 750 yards east of the road leading nearly due north to Shurrery School at its nearest point and 520 yards north-north-east of Lochan Dubh said monument being the subjects indicated in red colour on the annexed plan whereof the part belonging to the said Alan Douglas Pilkington is the portion to the west of said fence said portion being part of the property known as Shurrery Commons, situated in the Parish of Reay and County of Caithness.

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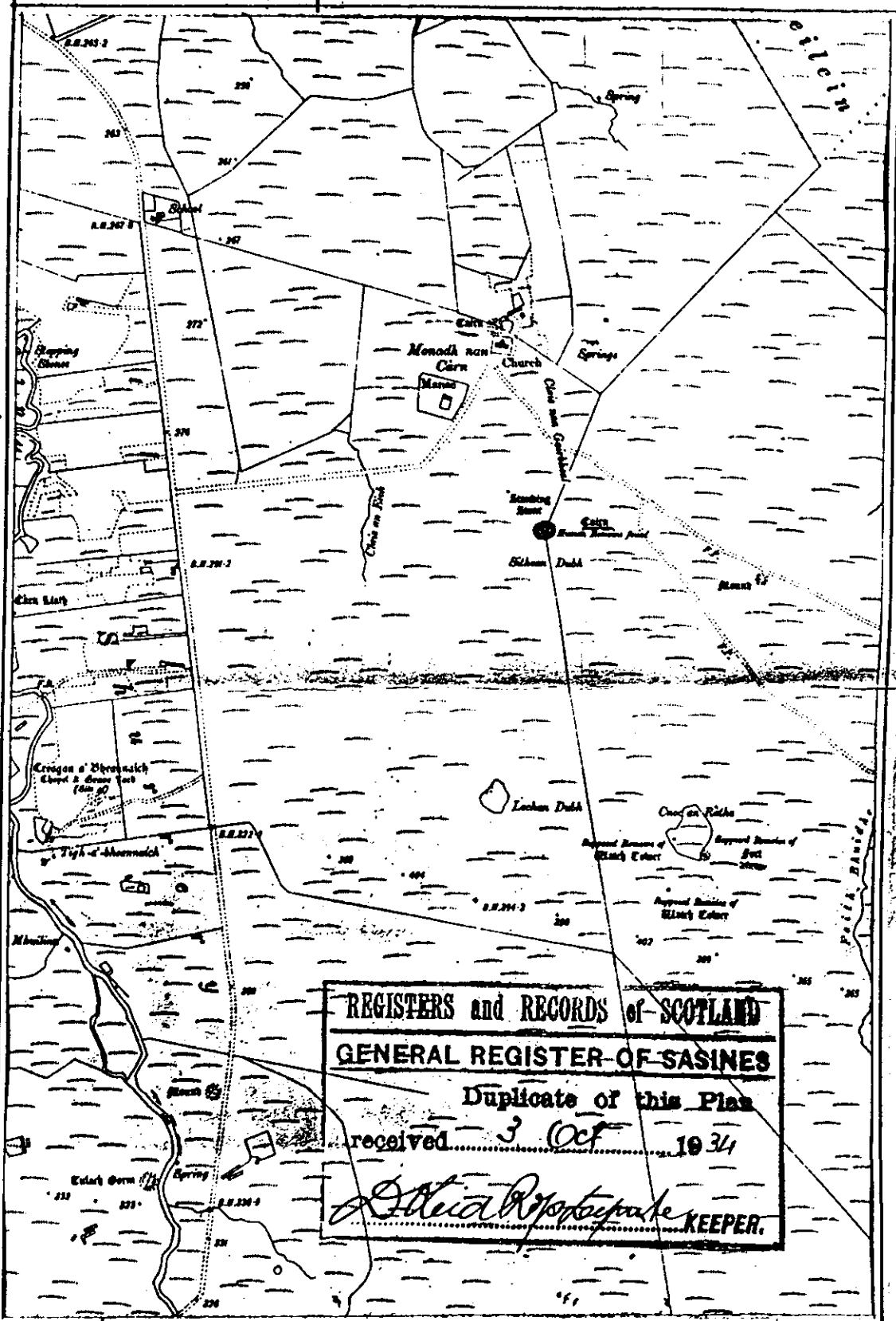
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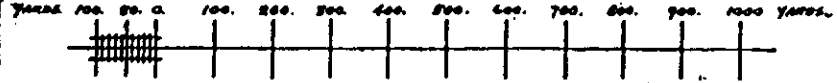
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Affecting Alan Douglas Piking-  
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Chambered Cairn, south-south-  
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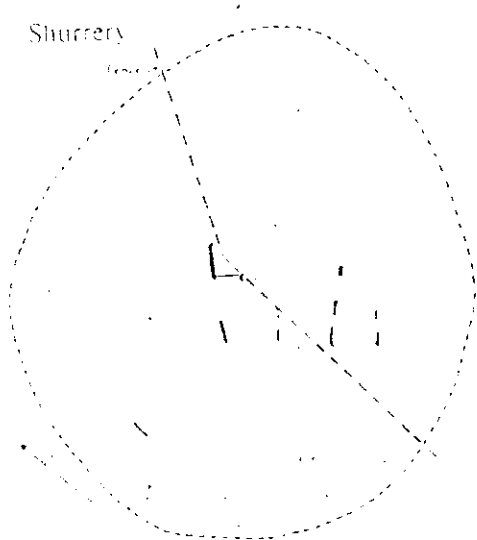
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 (fig. 48)  
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*Description.* The cairn is situated on a slight rise in the undulating moorland at 250ft. OD. It was severely robbed for road metal in or shortly before 1910. Before this it was about 10 ft. high, covered with loose stones (according to the Ordnance Survey's Name Book). The diameter is 90 to 100 ft. A short length of the face of an encircling wall of horizontally laid slabs is exposed on the W side 12 ft. within the present cairn edge.

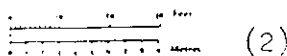
Through the debris there protrude the tops of a number of slabs, all about the same height. These seem to indicate the presence of two chambers, parallel to each other and only 4 to 7ft. apart, orientated SE-NW and both entered from the former end. The more complete lies to the S and appears to have an overall length of 29ft. There are visible a pair of transverse slabs 17ft. from the SE edge of the cairn, 1ft. 3in. high and 2ft. apart, with another pair of transverse slabs 8ft. further W, a transverse slab on the S side 10ft. behind (the N stone presumed to be opposite not being visible), and a back-slab a further 10ft. to the W. Of the N chamber there are visible only a transverse slab 1ft. 8in. high immediately N of the second pair of transverse slabs of the S chamber, the S wall and small transverse slab of the inner compartment, and the large end stone 7ft. long.

*Finds*

The 6 in. OS map marks 'human remains found here'. These were found in or about 1831, and were thought to be two primitive human skeletons (Ordnance Survey's Name Book).



250ft = 76m	4ft = 1.21m
10ft = 3.00m	7ft = 2.13m
90ft = 27.52m	29ft = 8.96m
100ft = 30.56m	1ft 3ins = 0.38m
12ft = 3.67m	2ft = 0.61m
	1ft 8ins = 0.50m
	12ft = 3.67m



(ND 0497 5834) Cairn (NR) Human Remains found (NAT) (1)

This round Orkney-Ornamarty type cairn is 90 to 100 ft in diameter and was about 10 ft high before it was severely robbed in or shortly before 1910. A short length of the face of an encircling wall of horizontally-laid slabs is exposed on the W side, 12 ft within the present cairn edge. Stones protruding through the debris seem to indicate the presence of two Camster-type chambers (2). (See plan.) In or about 1831 two gigantic human skeletons were removed from this cairn and sent to some Antiquarian Society in London by the late Capt MacDonald of Sandside, Reay (3). (2) (3) (1)

The much mutilated remains of a round cairn as described above measure 30.0 m in diameter by 1.7 m high. Several large, flat stones set on edge and protruding from the cairn in the SE indicate the presence of a chamber and stalls. (OSFI: RD: 17.11.1964.)

(ND 0497 5834) Chambered Cairn (NR) (5)

This chambered cairn is as described and planned by the previous authorities. (OSFI: J3: 21.7.1981.)

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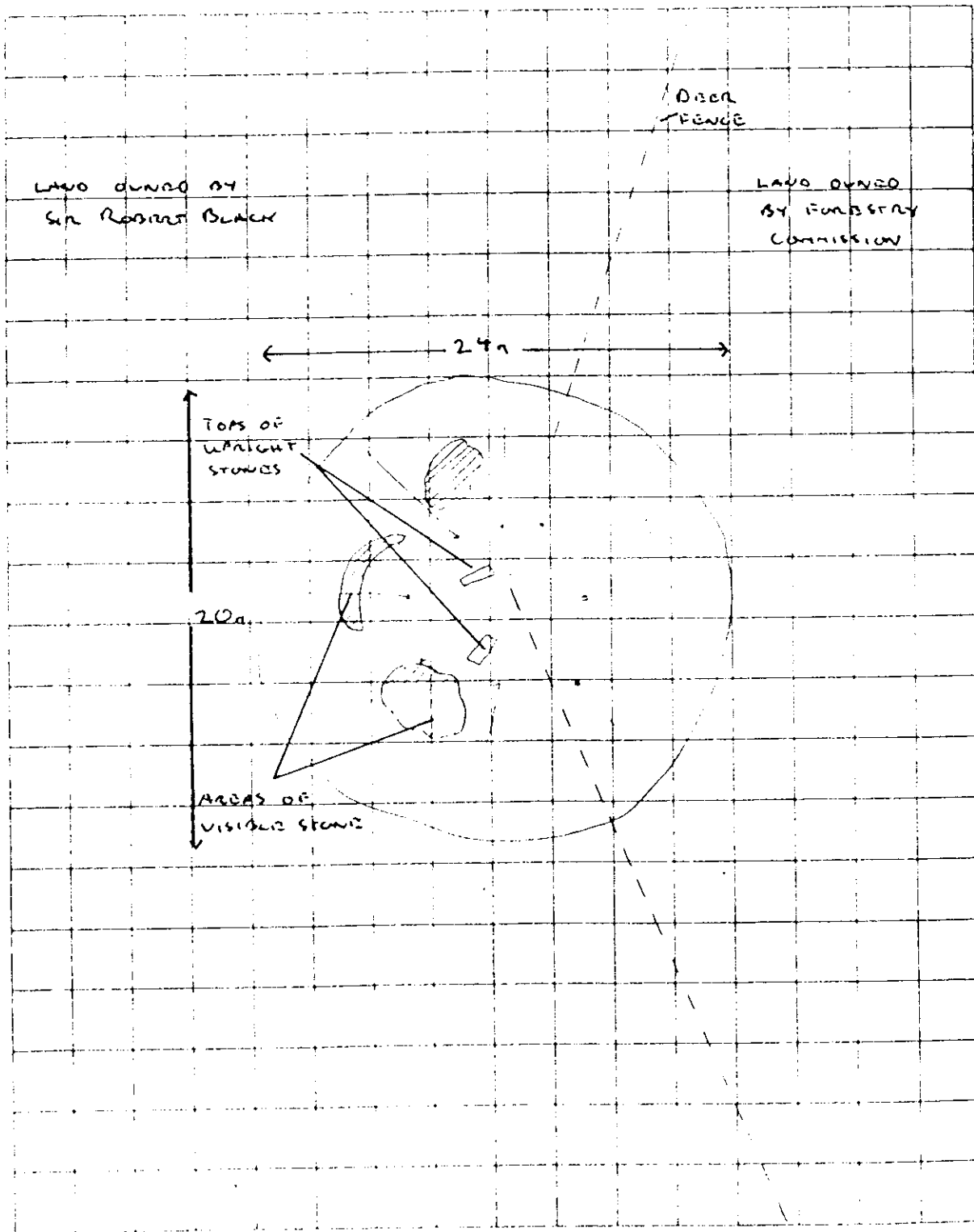
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Affecting George Gunn's  
interest in Remains of Cham-  
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*E. F. Fluv*

Register on behalf of the within named Commissioners of His Majesty's Works and Public Buildings in the Register of the County of Caithness.

*W. S. [Signature]*

9 REGISTERS and RECORDS of SCOTLAND  
GENERAL REGISTER OF SASINES  
County of Caithness.

W.S. EDINBURGH, Agent.

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*David Ross*  
Deputy-KEEPER

Appendix 6 Aerial & other photographs



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**Appendix 7 Other information**



ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES AND MONUMENTS RECORD

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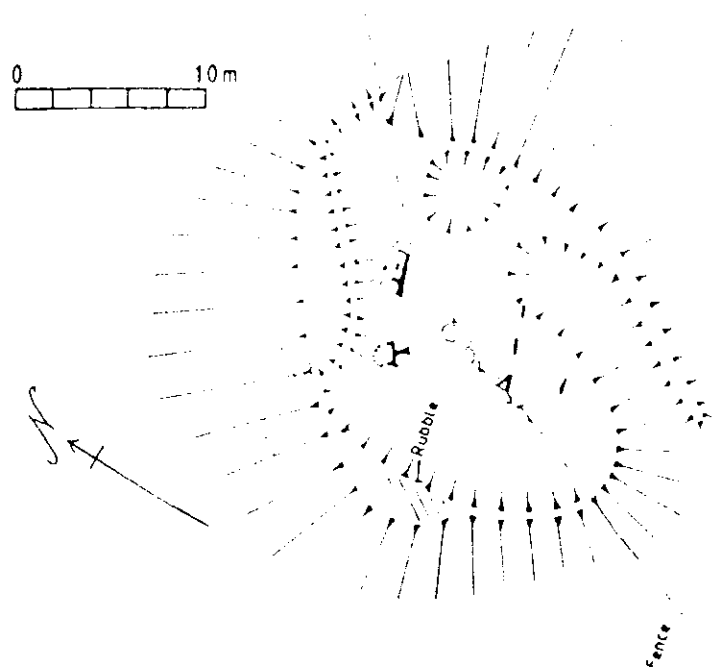
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Henshall CAT 48 Mon. No. FOR 294, Shurrery (Fig. 14). This cairn, like FOR 102, has been heavily robbed and much consequent damage done. Curle (RCAHMS 1911, 99) records that the robbing took place for road metal before 1910. Nearly all the chamber elements visible to Henshall during her visit in 1956 were still present in 1983 although one of the stall divisional slabs appears to have dislodged and another, which must have obtruded from the quarry pit on the SE side of the cairn, appears to have vanished. Judging by the upright slab lengths the known chamber on this site would appear to be about 3m in width and from back slab to passage entrance c.9.5m. Of the suspected northern chamber a probable back slab only survives with one stall slab surviving at the very edge of the SE quarry which must have destroyed the greater part of any structure that had survived.

Chambered cairn. 'Shurrery'. 'Sithean Dubh'. Dimensions: 32m x 30m. Height: 2m. Subcircular grass- and heather-covered mound with boulders. Large central hollow 20m x 7m. Six orthostats in rows are evidence of a chamber. Cairn is crossed by a fence. Elevation: 350' OD. ND 050583.

O.S. Card ND 05 NW 6.

Henshall, A.S. (1963) The Chambered Tombs of Scotland, vol. 1, 70-1, 73, 287, No. 48. RCAHMS (1911) Caithness, 99, No. 363. (Fig. 14)



Mon 294  
Shurrery  
Henshall CAT 48

## Visit summary report

Index number 479 NGR ND049583 Date originally scheduled 17-Mar-1934

Date last scheduled

Monument name Shurrery Kirk, chambered cairn 360m SSE of

Visit date 15-Jun-1999 Council HIGHLAND

Recorder Mrs A Coombs Inspector

Condition 2 Risk 1 HS Priority 2.24 Opportunity for positive management 5

New damage? IAM visit required? Interest in a HS grant? Sketch made? Y Slides taken? Y

Inadequate area? Review scheduling? Proportion scheduled 100%

Description and assessment of management requirements

**15-JUN-1999, AC**

The site lies on the NW facing slope of the moorland above Shurrery Kirk. The monument, a chambered cairn, was 'severely robbed for road metal in or shortly before 1910', according to the Highland Regional Council Archaeological Sites and Monuments Record. At that time or soon afterwards it was crossed by a fence which was later replaced by the present deer fence dividing the cairn in half. The E side is within the fence enclosing the Forest Enterprise conifer plantation, the W side is in sheep grazed moorland. The cairn is c.30m in diameter with 2 areas of visible stone on the W side. There are 2 large stones visible on the W side, the nearest to the fence is c.1.5m long and appears to be quite narrow, the other is more clearly embedded in the cairn stone and c.0.75m across. To the E of the fence there are few visible stones although they were felt beneath the grass.

The site was in a reasonable condition, covered with grass and heather, but there are signs of some regeneration. The area to the E of the fence will be subject to a Forest Enterprise Management Plan. The trees on the edge of the plantation are at present within 20m of the edge of the cairn and will be cleared back 20m beyond the scheduled area when the management plan is implemented and any regeneration will be removed. It may be appropriate to approach the owner of the W side of the cairn to see if he would be interested in a Management Agreement. Maintenance of the fence will need to be undertaken with care. There are some old drains on the W side of the cairn c.30m away.

**30-JAN-94**

Though difficult to be certain, the diameter of the monument is probably larger than previously stated and is approximately 30m N-S x 26m transversely. Bearing this in mind, the scheduled area should ideally be enlarged to cover a 10m band of land around the monument.

The half of the monument that is within the Brawlbinplantation is now covered by thick growing vegetation and all the stone is covered. Outwith the plantation there is more stone visible including the tops of three orthostats, the largest of which measures 2m wide x 0.1m thick x 0.4m aboveground. It is not possible to gauge the size or alignment of the chamber from the visible upright slabs.

Otherwise, there is no change in description. Site OK.

**11-DEC-90**

The cairn, which has in the past been disturbed, is now in the main grass and heather covered. Measuring

## Visit summary report

Description and assessment of management requirements

deer fence crosses the monument. To the east of the fence is a conifer plantation, to the west, moorland upon which sheep graze. The nearest trees to the cairn are 30m away. The tops of two large upright stones are visible in the centre of the monument.

Comments on scheduling

15-Jun-1999, AC

The scheduled area is c.40m in diameter and probably covers the monument adequately.

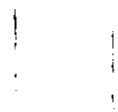
Comments by IAM

Who was contacted and nature of contact

15-Jun-1999, AC

The site is part owned by Forest Enterprise and was visited with their representative. The other owner, Sir Robert Black was spoken with prior to the visit.

**Appendix 5 Historic Scotland's last Monument Warden site sketch**



HBM WARDEN SKETCH SHEET

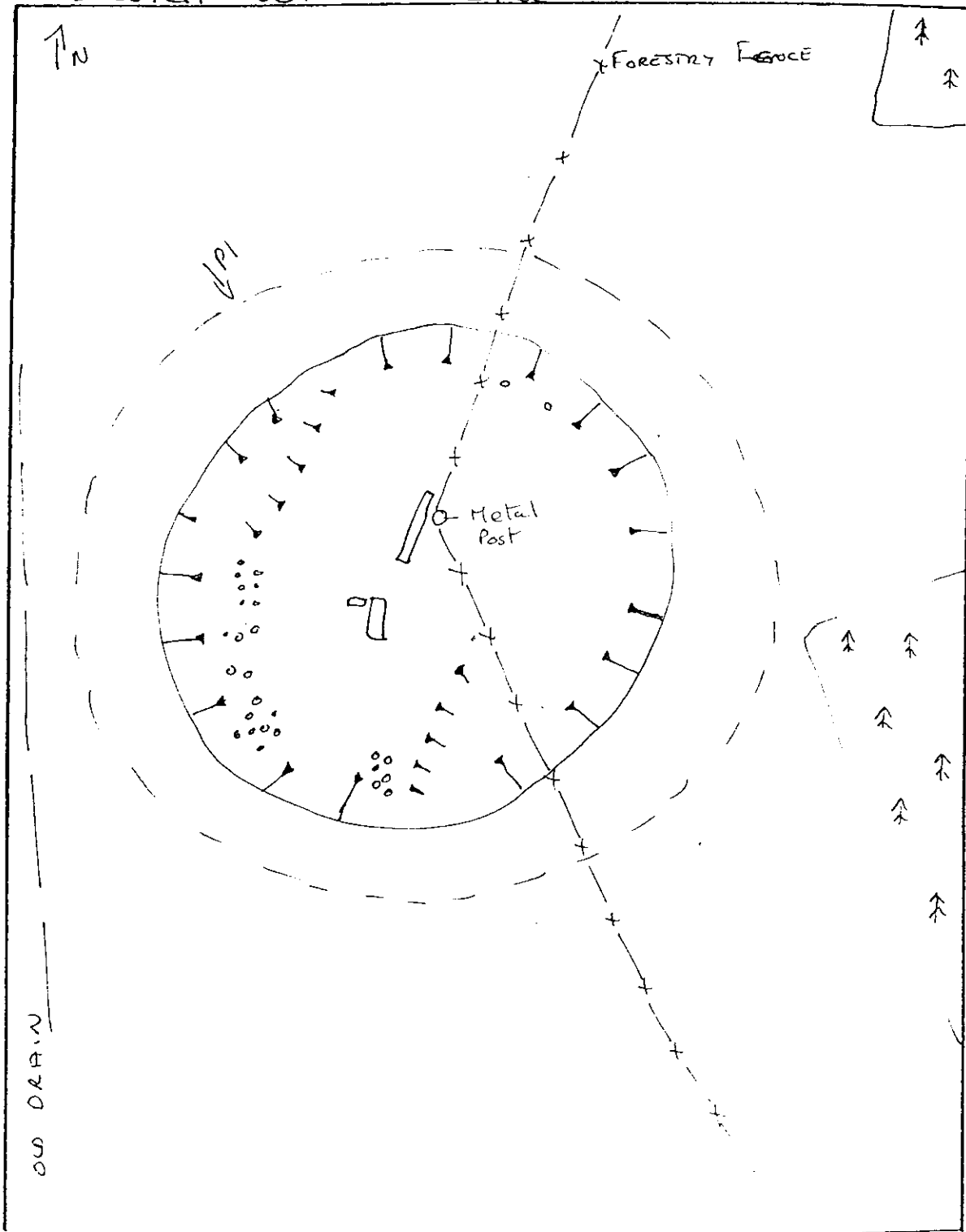
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Monument SITHREERY KIRK chambered cairn 360m SSE of

Region HIGHLAND District CALTHNESS

Initials of Recorder A.C Date of Visit 15-6-99 Visit No 03

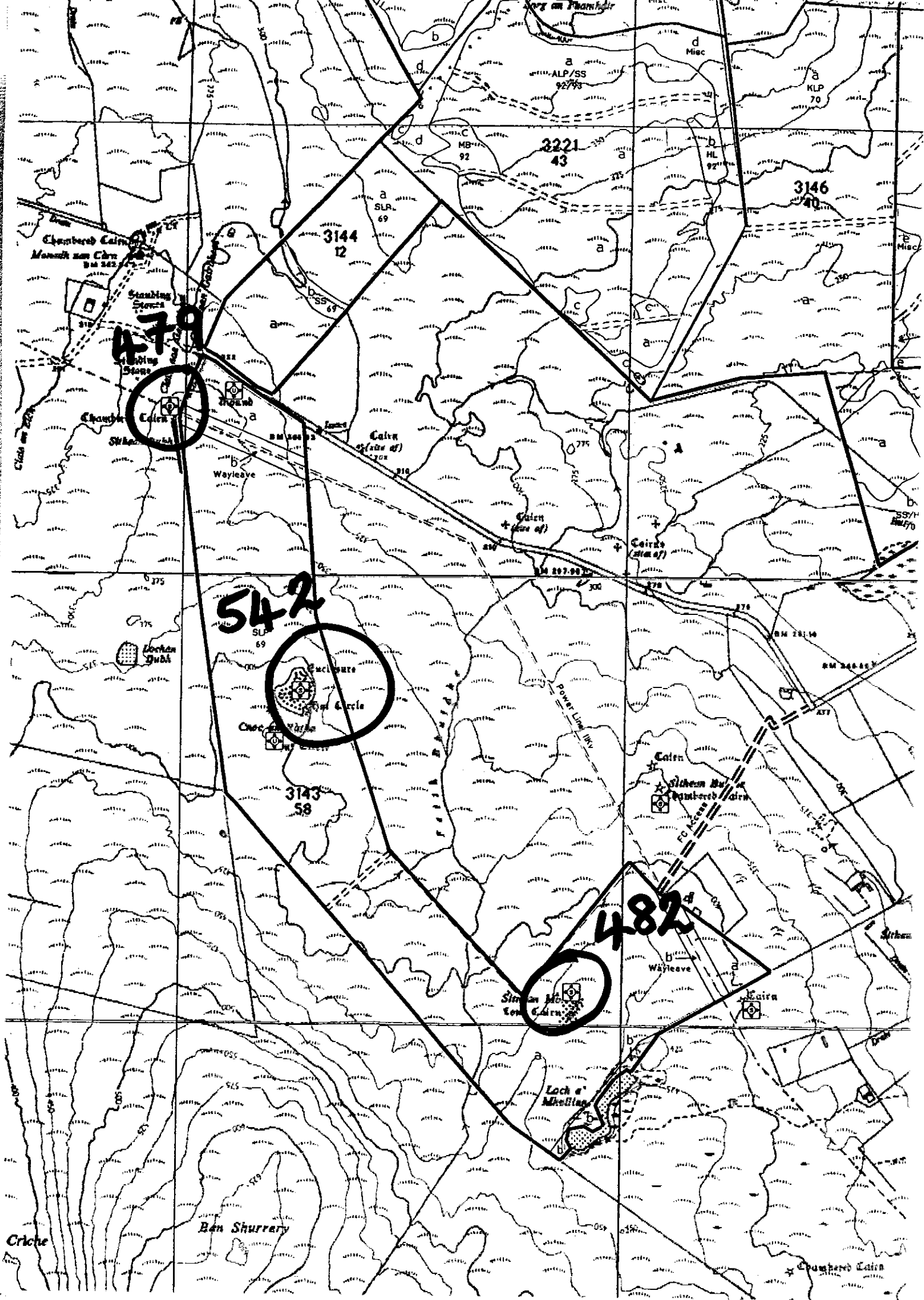
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- Scheduled Area c. 40m diameter



Appendix 3 Site access map



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Chambered Cairn  
Monolith and Cairn  
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Standing Stone  
Lackan Gubh

Exclosure  
Cairn

Cairn  
Sithian Bu  
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Loch a' Mhullain

Ben Shurrery

Criche

Chambered Cairn

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Monolith and Cairn  
BM 242

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Chambered Cairn

Appendix 4 Historic Scotland's last Monument Warden report

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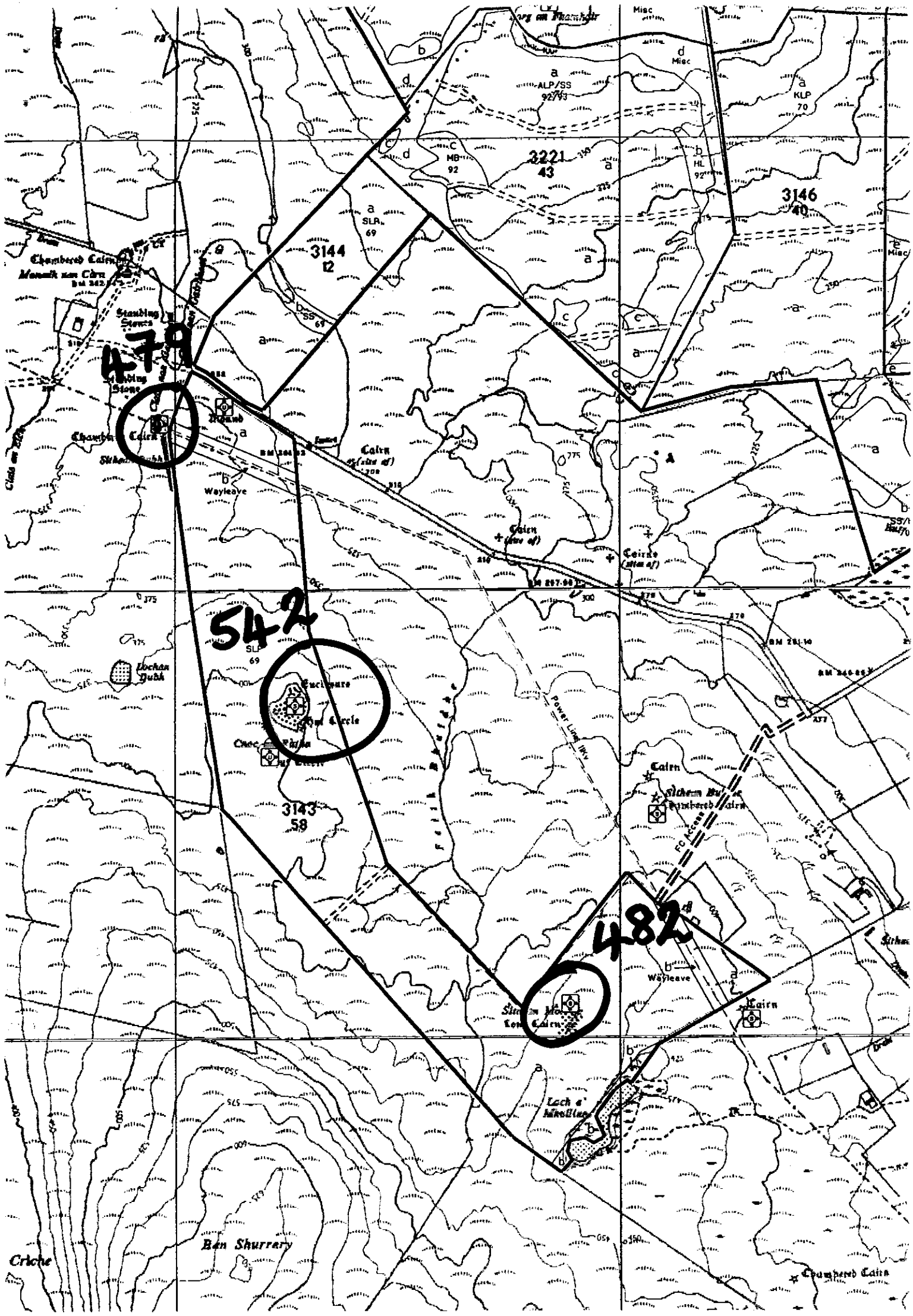
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Affecting Alan Douglas Pliking-  
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Chambered Cairn, south-south-  
east of Shurrery Kirk in the  
Parish of Reay and County of  
Caithness.

WALTER FINLAY, W.S.,  
Solicitor for H.M. Works etc.

Appendix 2 Forest Enterprise stock map



Appendix 1 Scheduling Certificate

IN THE MATTER OF THE ANCIENT MONUMENTS ACTS 1913 and 1931.

To George Gunn, Esq., Ormlie Lodge, Thurso, Caithness, the owner of part of the Monument known as Remains of chambered cairn measuring approximately 100 feet in diameter and situated on the moorland at an angle in the fence 400 yards south-south-east of Shurrery Kirk, 750 yards east of the road leading nearly due north to Shurrery School at its nearest point and 520 yards north-north-east of Lochan Dubh said monument being the subjects indicated in red colour on the annexed plan whereof the part belonging to the said George Gunn is the portion to the east of said fence said portion being part of the property known as Brawlbin Farm situated in the Parish of Reay and County of Caithness

In accordance with the provisions of Section 6 of the Ancient Monuments Act 1931, the Commissioners of His Majesty's Works and Public Buildings hereby give you notice that it is their intention to include the Monument above specified in a list of monuments to be published by them under Section 12 of the Ancient Monuments Consolidation and Amendment Act 1913.

Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March 1934

By Order of the Commissioners.

*Patrick Duff*  
Secretary.

I, Edward Francis Murray (Officer in Secretariat) in the office of the Commissioners of His Majesty's Works and Public Buildings duly authorised by them in that behalf hereby certify that the notice of which the foregoing is a duplicate together with a copy of the plan annexed and signed as relative to a certificate affecting the interest of Alan Douglas Pilkington, Achvarasdal, Reay, Caithness, in said Remains of chambered cairn, dated and recorded in the Division of the General Register of Sasines for the County of Caithness, of even date herewith was served on the before named George Gunn, by posting on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of March 1934 between the hours of 1 o'clock and 2 o'clock afternoon at the Parliament St. Post Office, London, a copy of the same to him, in a registered letter addressed as follows :- George Gunn, Esq., Ormlie Lodge, Thurso, Caithness.

*E. F. Murray*

Register on behalf of the within named Commissioners of His Majesty's Works and Public Buildings in the Register of the County of Caithness.

*W. S. [Signature]*

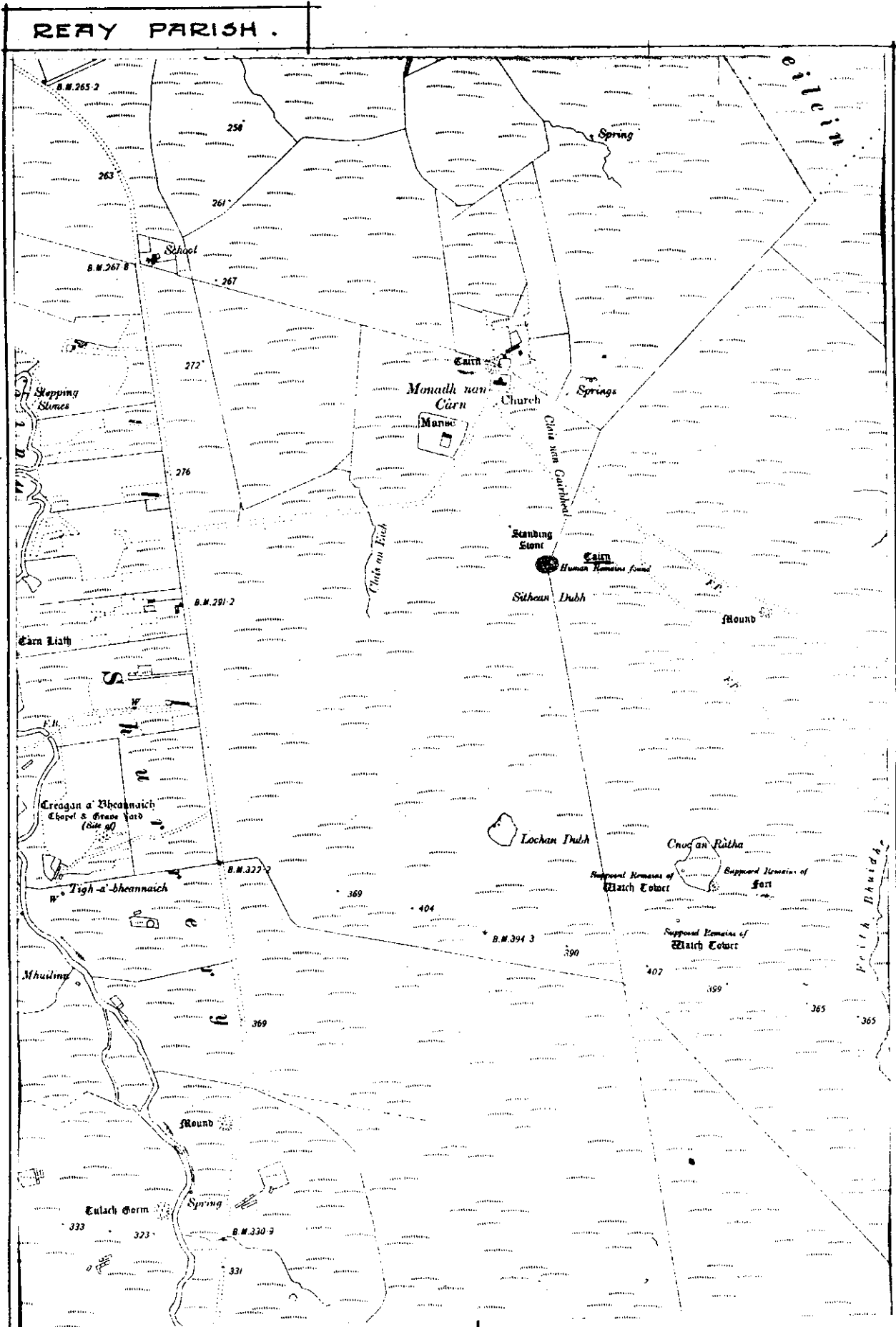
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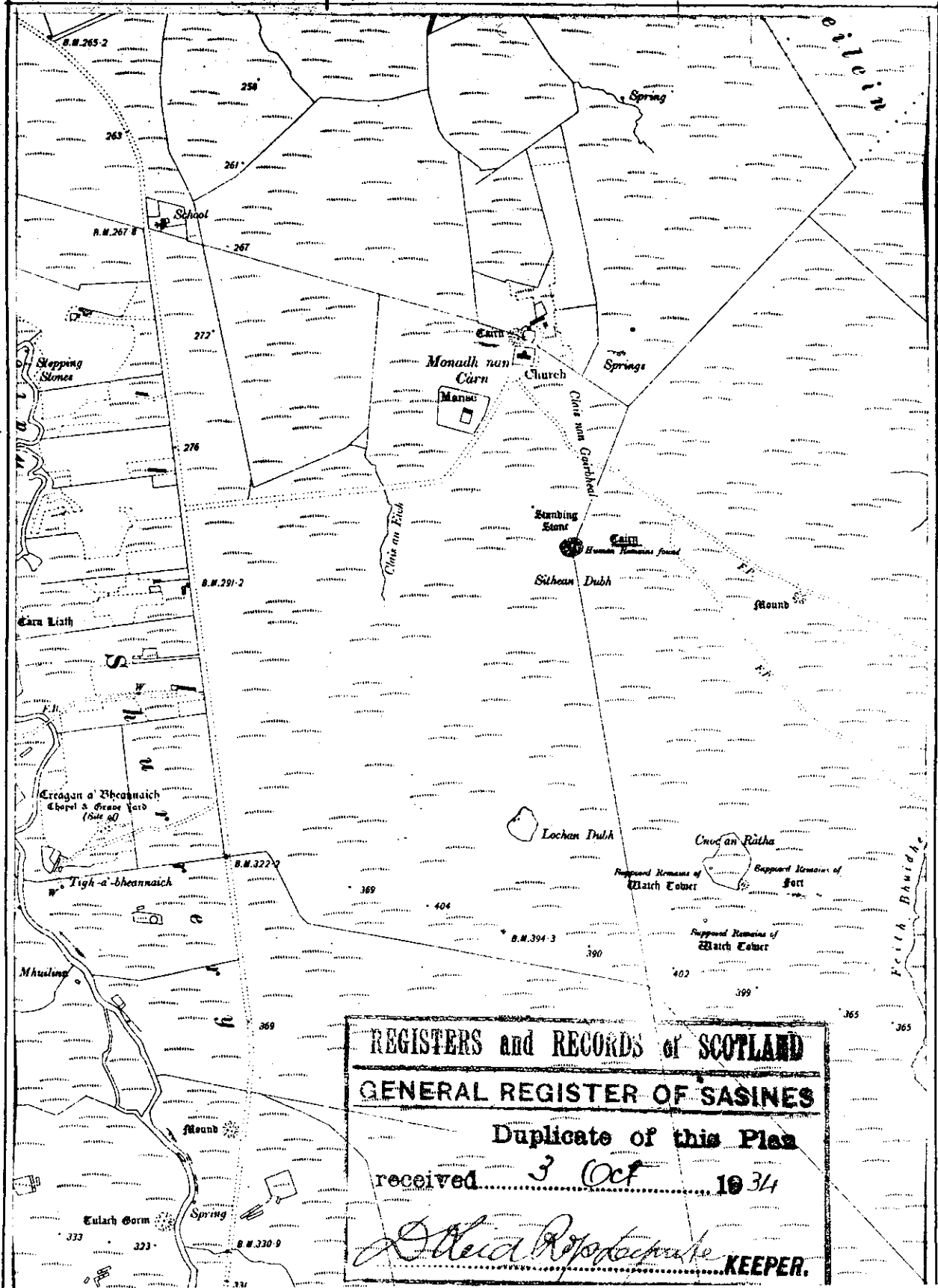
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*Lea Hetherington*.....

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