



ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES AND MONUMENTS RECORD

4 DISTRICT CAITHNESS		6 PARISH HALKIRK		1 SITE CODE HND05SE005	
7 AREA STATUS		8 SITE STATUS		2 NGR ND07745469CE	
11 CONCORDANCE OSND 05 SE 5		12 FORM STANDING STRUCTURES		3 QUAL	
16 RELATIONSHIP OF ELEMENTS CHAPEL WITHIN LATER-WALLED GRAVEYARD		17 CONDITION (OVERGROWN)		6 SITE NAME GAVIN'S KIRK	
20 LAND USE CEMETERY		21 GEOLOGY		10 GENERIC TYPE CHAPEL + GRAVEYARD.	
22 SOILS		23 VEGETATION		14 PERIOD/DATE LM-MO	
24 HYDROLOGY/DRAINAGE		25 RELIEF HILL TERRACE		15 DATING METHOD TYP	
28 EXCAVATION (EXCAVATOR: DATE: EXTENT: QUALITY)		26 ASPECT E		18 SHAPE	
29 BIBLIOGRAPHY (AUTHOR: DATE: TITLE: JOURNAL OR PUBLISHER: VOLUME: DETAIL)		27 ALTITUDE 91=99mOD		19 THREAT AND DATE	

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1. ORDNANCE SURVEY:1907:6" MAP.
2. RCAHMS:1911:CAITHNESS INVENTORY:HMSO:p28 No 90.
3. PENNANT T.:1774:A TOUR IN SCOTLAND IN 1769:VOL1:p331 APPX5.(ed POPE A.)
4. ORDNANCE SURVEY:1872:OBJECT NAME BOOK:4:130.
5. ORDNANCE SURVEY:1964:6" MAP.

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 GS: 5.8.1985	51 CHECK: DATE Am: 8.8.1985
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52 TEXT

"(ND 0774 5469) Chapel (in ruins)." (1).

" 'Gavin's Kirk', also known as 'Temple Gavin', was a chapel which has consisted of a nave and chancel, the former measuring 15 ft by 12 ft (4.7m x 3.7m) and the latter 8 by 7 ft.(2.4m x 2.1m) The total length of the interior has been 27 ft (8.4m) and the exterior walls were 3½ ft (c 1.0m) thick." (2) (3).

"It stands within an enclosed graveyard enlarged before 1872 (when the present wall was erected): at this date the earlier and perhaps coeval wall was still traceable." (4).

"The remains of this chapel are as described above. The collapsed walls now stand to a maximum height of 1.0m and are in an extremely poor condition. The graveyard, also in a poor state of preservation, is known as Dorrery Graveyard."
(OSFI:NKB:15.2.1965)

(over).

6. * Also known as 'Temple Gavin'." (2) (3).

52. (ND 0774 5469) Gavin's Kirk (remains of)." (5).
The chapel ruins are thickly overgrown and specific details are not recoverable, but it appears generally as described. The course of an old stony bank outside the W and N wall of the present graveyard is presumably remains of the pre-1872 graveyard. The last burial here was about 1954."
(OSFI:JM:10.7.1981).