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No. A.M./6/64598.

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

To Patrick Wyndham Murray Threipland of Dale and Toftingall, Dale House, Halkirk,

the owner of the Monument known as "Fairy Hillock" (Broch) occupying a circular area of ground measuring thirty yards in diameter, the northmost point of said area being situated two hundred and twenty yards south-west by west at its nearest point of the road between Thurso and Latheron, three hundred and ninety yards south-east of the east corner of the southmost building at Spital Mains and five hundred and ten yards north-west by west of the west corner of the northmost building at Spital Post Office, being the subjects indicated in red colour on the annexed plan and being part of

the property known as Farm and lands of Mains of Spittal, or Spittel,

situated in the Parish of Halkirk 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 Eighteenth day of November, 1938.

By Order of the Commissioners.

Patrick Duff

Secretary.

I, Henry Everett (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 Patrick Wyndham Murray Threipland

by posting on the Eighteenth day of November, 1938

between the hours of 4 o'clock and 5 o'clock after noon at the

Hope Street Post Office, ^{Edinburgh} ~~London~~, a copy of the same to him

in a registered letter addressed as follows:— Patrick Wyndham Murray Threipland, Esq., of Dale and Toftingall, Dale House, Halkirk, Caithness.

Everett

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

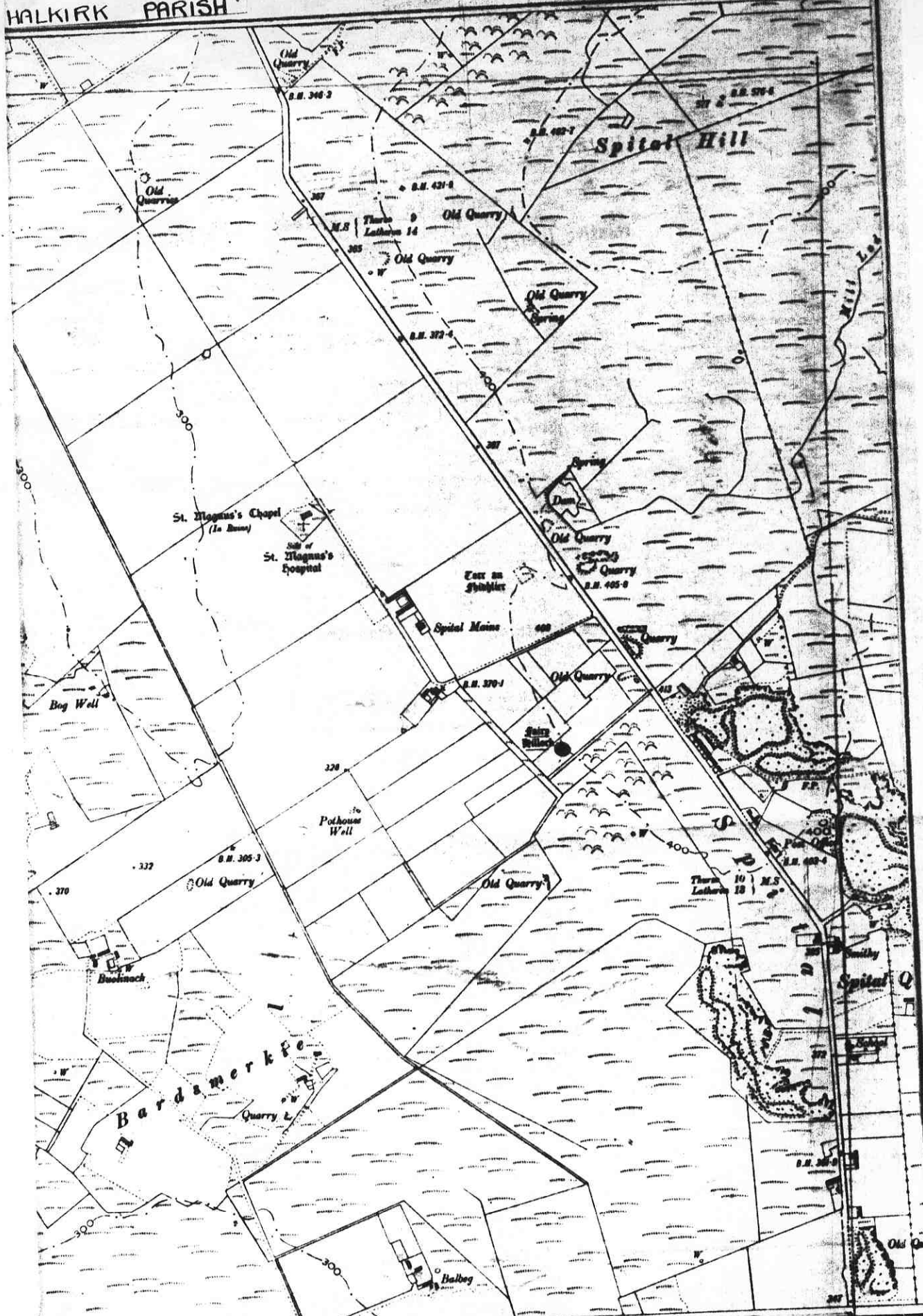


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Edinburgh, Agent.

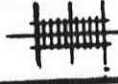
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HALKIRK PARISH

CAITHNESS XVIII



YARDS 50 100 200 300 400 500 600 700 800 900 1000 YARDS.



FAIRY HILLOCK, SPITAL MAINS

Paterson *Draft*

H.M. OFFICE OF WORKS.



ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES AND MONUMENTS RECORD

1 SITE CODE									
H	N	D	1	5	S	E	0	0	3
2 NGR		3 QUAL							
N	D	1	6	3	7	5	4	3	8
6 SITE NAME									
F	A	I	R	Y	H	I	L	L	O
C	K								

4 DISTR:CT CAITHNESS		5 PARISH HALKIRK	
7 AREA STATUS	8 SITE STATUS SCHEDULED	9 REGIONAL STATUS	
11 CONCORDANCE OS ND15SE 3	12 FORM STANDING STRUCTURE	13 DIMENSIONS 18.0m x 11.0m	
16 RELATIONSHIP OF ELEMENTS		17 CONDITION INCOMPLETE	
20 LAND USE ENCLOSED PASTURE		21 GEOLOGY	
22 SOILS		23 VEGETATION	
24 HYDROLOGY/DRAINAGE		25 RELIEF GENTLE HILLSLOPE	
		26 ASPECT WSW	
		27 ALTITUDE 122=130m OD	

10 GENERIC TYPE	
BURIAL CAIRN, CHAMBERED, (OCH)	
14 PERIOD/DATE NE	15 DATING METHOD TYP
18 SHAPE OVAL, HORNED	
19 THREAT AND DATE	

28 EXCAVATION (EXCAVATOR: DATE: EXTENT: QUALITY)

29 BIBLIOGRAPHY (AUTHOR: DATE: TITLE: JOURNAL OR PUBLISHER: VOLUME: DETAIL)

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2. HENSHALL A.S.: 1963 : CHAMBERED TOMBS OF SCOTLAND: E.U.P.: vol 1 : p271
3. RCAHMS: 1911 : CAITHNESS INVENTORY: H.M.S.O.: p32 no100
4. SDD(AM): 1983 : LIST OF SCHEDULED MONUMENTS
5. HBM (SDD): 1985: LIST OF SCHEDULED MONUMENTS

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 3.7.1985
		51 CHECK: DATE
		HAAR: 8-7-1985

52 TEXT

"See attached photocopies for text."

ND 163 543 FAIRY WILLOCK, CHAMBERED CAIRN SE OF SPITAL MAINS (5)

(ND 1637 5438) Fairy Hillock (NAT) Chambered Cairn (NR) (1)

Fairy Hillock is a short horned cairn, possibly of Orkney-Cromarty type. It is now an oval, turf-covered mound about 5 ft high, measuring 60 ft ENE-WSW by 39 ft transversely. The edges are clearly defined, but there has been some disturbance at the centre. A hollow runs across the ENE end of the mound, and in the centre of this lies a large flat slab 20 ft from the ENE edge. The hollow probably represents the original face of the forecourt, and the slab may be a lintel fallen forward from the outer end of a passage entered from the ENE. It could formerly be seen to rest on two jambs. About the middle of the SSE side sheep-rubbing has exposed a stretch of walling which probably faced the outside of the SSE horn. The exposed stretch lies 7 ft within the cairn edge and runs 5 ft from E to W diverging from the axes of the cairn. It is of neat, thin slabs, seven courses or 1 ft high.

About 5 ft within the walling the cairn material is exposed. It consists of masses of thin slabs set parallel and almost vertical, their upper edges tilted slightly outwards. They run ENE-WSW in straight lines for at least 11 ft. There are no indications of horns at the WSW end of the cairn.

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Fairy Hillock, a short horned cairn, is as described above. Resurveyed at 1:2500.

(OSFI:NKB:8.11.1965)

No change to the previous reports. Published survey (1:2500) correct.

(OSFI:JM:9.2.1982)

100. *Broch, Spital*.—About $\frac{1}{4}$ m. SE. of the farm of Spital Mains a grassy mound rising from an arable field conceals the ruins of a broch. Its extent has been much reduced, and it now measures some 60' in diameter from E. to W. by 40' from N. to S. and 6' to 8' in height. A trench has been dug through it towards the E. end, exposing two jambs covered by a lintel, probably a portion of the entrance passage. (O.S. "Fairy Hillock.")

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