

# HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL



# FIELD MONUMENTS

## ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES AND MONUMENTS RECORD

1 SITE CODE									
H	N	H	6	7	S	E	0	2	4
2 NGR		3 QUAL							
N	H	6	5	8	5	7	1	0	2
6 SITE NAME									
M I L L C R A I G									

4 DISTRICT ROSS & CROMARTY		5 PARISH ROSSKEEN		10 GENERIC TYPE BURIAL CAIRN, ROUND, CHAMBERED? (OCH)	
7 AREA STATUS	8 SITE STATUS SCHEDULED		9 REGIONAL STATUS		14 PERIOD/DATE NE
11 CONCORDANCE OS NH67SE24	12 FORM STANDING STRUCTURE		13 DIMENSIONS c53.0m DIAMETER		15 DATING METHOD TYP
16 RELATIONSHIP OF ELEMENTS		17 CONDITION INCOMPLETE		18 SHAPE CIRCULAR	
				19 THREAT AND DATE	

20 LAND USE ENCLOSED ARABLE LAND (1956)		21 GEOLOGY	
22 SOILS		23 VEGETATION	
24 HYDROLOGY/DRAINAGE		25 RELIEF MODERATE HILLSLOPE	
		26 ASPECT SSE	
		27 ALTITUDE 60=75m OD	

28 EXCAVATION (EXCAVATOR: DATE: EXTENT: QUALITY)	

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

1. ORDNANCE SURVEY: 1907: 6" MAP
2. HENSHALL, AS: 1963: CHAMBERED TOMBS OF SCOTLAND: EDIN. U.P.: VOL. 1: p352, No. 32
3. CHILDE: 1943-4: PROC. SOC. ANT. SCOT.: VOL. 78: p31
4. ORDNANCE SURVEY: 1979: 1/10,000 MAP
5. HMB(SDD): 1985: LIST OF SCHEDULED MONUMENTS
6. SOC ANT SCOT: 1979: ARCH SITES & MONS OF EASTER ROSS: RCANN'S: p8, no16

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 MWC: 17.10.1986	51 CHECK: DATE ES 5/11/1986
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52 TEXT  
 "NH 6585 7102. Cairn (remains of) Human Remains found AD 1854."(1) "NH 6585 7102, Chambered cairn."(4) "NH 658 710, Millcraig, chambered cairn."(5)  
 "See continuation card for further text and plan."

## 32 MILLCRAIG

(O.-C., round)

In the parish of

ROSSKEEN

Location above the N shore  
of the

CROMARTY FIRTH

1 m. N of

ALNESS

Map reference

NH/658710

Sheet LXV NE; NH 67 SE

Reference

P.S.A.S. LXXVIII (1943-44)

31<sup>1</sup>

Plan by A.S.H. and J.C.W.

(fig. 83)

Visited 15.7.56

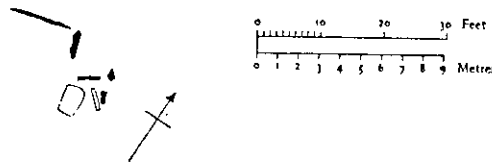
*Description.* The site is on gently sloping arable land at a little over 200ft. (61.0m) OD. The cairn was removed about 1854,<sup>1</sup> but its last remains are still visible though obscured by field-gathered stones and a drainage ditch dug across the N side. The cairn has been very large; Childe suggests a diameter of 110ft. which is certainly a minimum and there are indications that it was (33.6m) even larger, about 130ft. across. (39.8m)

A number of slabs remain amongst the debris to the NE of the centre. The most conspicuous is a huge stone aligned E-W which stands 6ft. high and is (1.8m) 10ft. long, and has recently had its S face blasted away. At right angles to it (3.0m) on the E is a smaller slab 2ft. high. These two stones appear to represent (0.6m) part of a very large chamber, but due to the severe robbing of the centre of the cairn it is unlikely any other substantial slabs remain. To the SE there is a greater depth of cairn material and four stones all the same height are visible, suggesting there was an entrance on this side. One slab leads towards the cairn edge, and beyond it is a pair of slabs, their ends 1ft. 4in. apart, which (406mm) have the appearance of portal stones. A lower slab leans against the inner face of the SE portal stone, and a displaced slab lies further w. The portal stones are 26ft. from the NE edge of the cairn. (8.0m)

*Finds*

The 6in. OS map records 'human remains found here 1854'.

## Millcraig



(2)

The remains of the cairn are generally as described by Henshall. It is now virtually impossible to trace the perimeter but it is possible that it had a diameter of c 53 m. In the northern half of the cairn area there is a large stony circular bank composed mainly of small stones. It is c 20.0 m in diameter and varies in width from 5.0 m on the north side to c 10.0 m in the south side with a max. height of 1.5 m in the south side. This circular bank is broken on its north east side and its west side by modern gaps and inside the north-east gap on its south side are the slabs described above. There are five upright stones and one fallen stone, a seventh stone is just visible protruding from the ground.

RESURVEYED AT 1/2500

(OSFI:WDJ:10.5.  
1963)