

Archaeological Watching Brief

Proposed new house,

West of Hillview, Campmuir, Perth and Kinross



Site of new house looking North West



4th November 2011

Introduction (Illus 1 and 6)

This archaeological watching brief on the ground stripping for a new house and garage was carried out for Mrs Ann Stewart to satisfy the archaeological condition on the planning consent for this development, as noted by Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust in the condition attached to Planning Application 11/00231/FLL dated 20th April 2011. It was undertaken by the author on Wednesday 2nd November 2011 (Site Code CAMP01), weather conditions were wet, bright and sunny.

Archaeological Background (Illus 2, 3)

The site for the proposed new house lies within the bounds of a Roman Temporary Camp known as both Lintrose and Campmuir parts of which were still standing in the early 1990's (RCAHMS 1994). This camp is thought to be of Severan date (3rd Century AD) and forms part of such a chain of Roman monuments running up Strathmore. The outline and layout of the camp are best represented on a plan in General Roy's Military Survey of Scotland dating between 1747 and 1755 (Illus 2) and are still marked on the First Edition Ordnance Survey map of 1860 (Illus 3).

Watching Brief (Illus 4, 5 and 6)

The area ground strip for the footprint of the new house and garage was monitored for the presence of archaeological deposits or structures. A shallow layer of brown black silty clay (20cm deep) was machined off onto a natural deposit of orange brown clay with occasional stones.

Three small cut features were located below the topsoil cut into the natural clay. These were all half sectioned and are described below.

F100 (Illus 7, 8 and 11)

This small sub rectangular cut feature was filled with a grey brown silty clay and occasional stones and charcoal (101) and was 0.12m deep. A fragment of red earthenware field drain of 19th / 20th century date was retrieved from its fill.

F102 (Illus 7 and 9)

This small subcircular cut feature was filled with grey brown silty clay and occasional stones and charcoal (103) and was 0.11m deep. No finds were present.

F104 (Illus 7, 10 and 11)

This subrectangular cut feature was filled with grey brown silty clay and stone (105) and was 0.16m deep. Two sherds of 19th / 20th century bone china were present in its fill.

Conclusions

Monitoring of the ground stripping of the new house plot and garage located no archaeological deposits or features relating to the Roman temporary camp, the three features investigated would appear to be of Victorian / Early Modern date.

References

RCAHMS 1994 The Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland. South-east Perth: an archaeological landscape, 3, 4, 86, 87 and 160

Cartographic Sources (<http://www.nls.uk/maps>)

Roy, William General 1747-55 Military Survey of Scotland

Ordnance Survey Maps - Six-inch 1st edition, Scotland, 1843-1882

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Illustration List

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Illus 3 Campmuir as shown on 1st Edition Ordnance Survey map of 1862 (© Trustees of National Library of Scotland)

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Illus 6 Stripped area for house and garage looking South East

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Illus 8 Cut feature 100 half sectioned

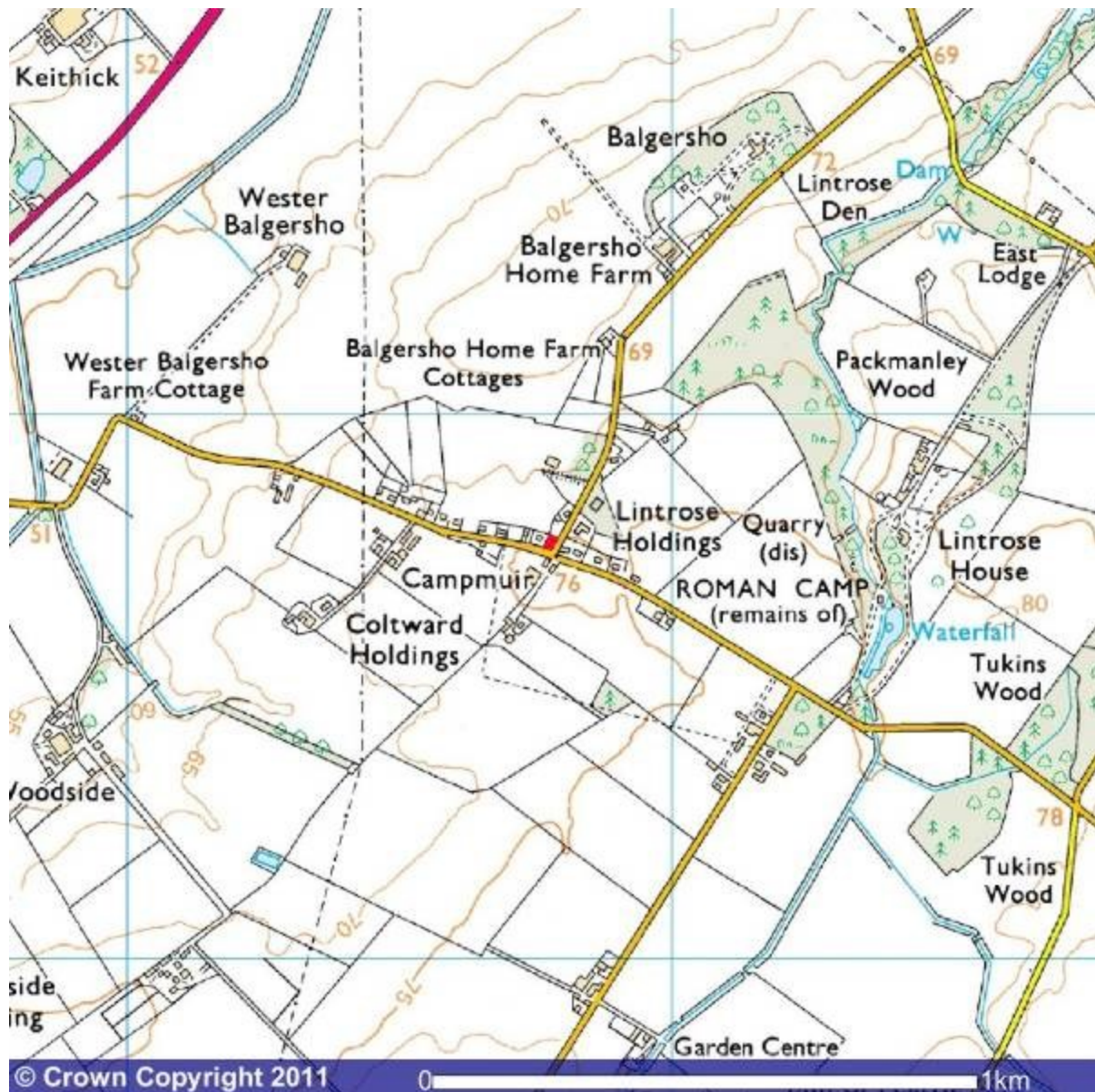
Illus 9 Cut feature 102 half sectioned

Illus 10 Cut feature 104 half sectioned

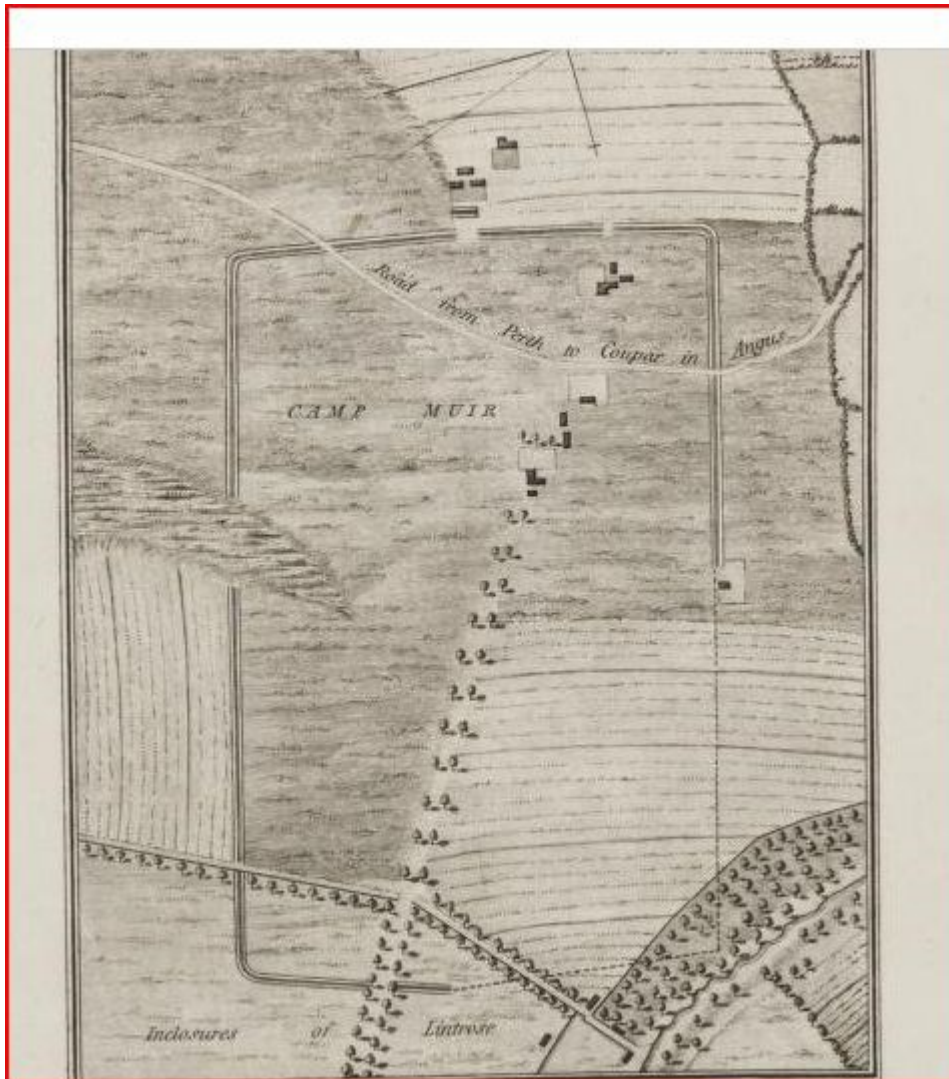
Illus 11 Sherds of 19th Century Bone China from context 105 and piece of ceramic field drain from context 102

Discovery & Excavation in Scotland Entry

LOCAL AUTHORITY:	Perth and Kinross
PROJECT TITLE/SITE NAME:	New house west of Hillview, Campmuir
PROJECT CODE:	CAMP01
PARISH:	Kettins
NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR(S):	Derek Hall
NAME OF ORGANISATION:	Derek Hall, archaeologist and ceramic specialist
TYPE(S) OF PROJECT:	Archaeological Evaluation
NMRS NO(S):	NO23NW 5
SITE/MONUMENT TYPE(S):	Within limits of Roman Temporary Camp
SIGNIFICANT FINDS:	None
NGR (2 letters, 6 figures)	NO 21639 37792
START DATE	2 nd November 2011
END DATE	2 nd November 2011
PREVIOUS WORK (incl. <i>DES</i> ref.)	None
MAIN (NARRATIVE) DESCRIPTION: (May include information from other fields)	A watching brief was carried out on the stripping of ploughsoil down to natural subsoil in the footprint of a new house and garage. Three small cut features of Victorian / Early Modern date were investigated, nothing relating to the Roman Temporary Camp of Lintrose was located.
PROPOSED FUTURE WORK:	None
SPONSOR OR FUNDING BODY:	Mrs Ann Stewart
CAPTIONS FOR ILLUSTRS	N/A
ADDRESS OF MAIN CONTRIBUTOR:	34 Glenfarg Terrace, Perth, PH2 0AP
ARCHIVE LOCATION (intended)	NMRS
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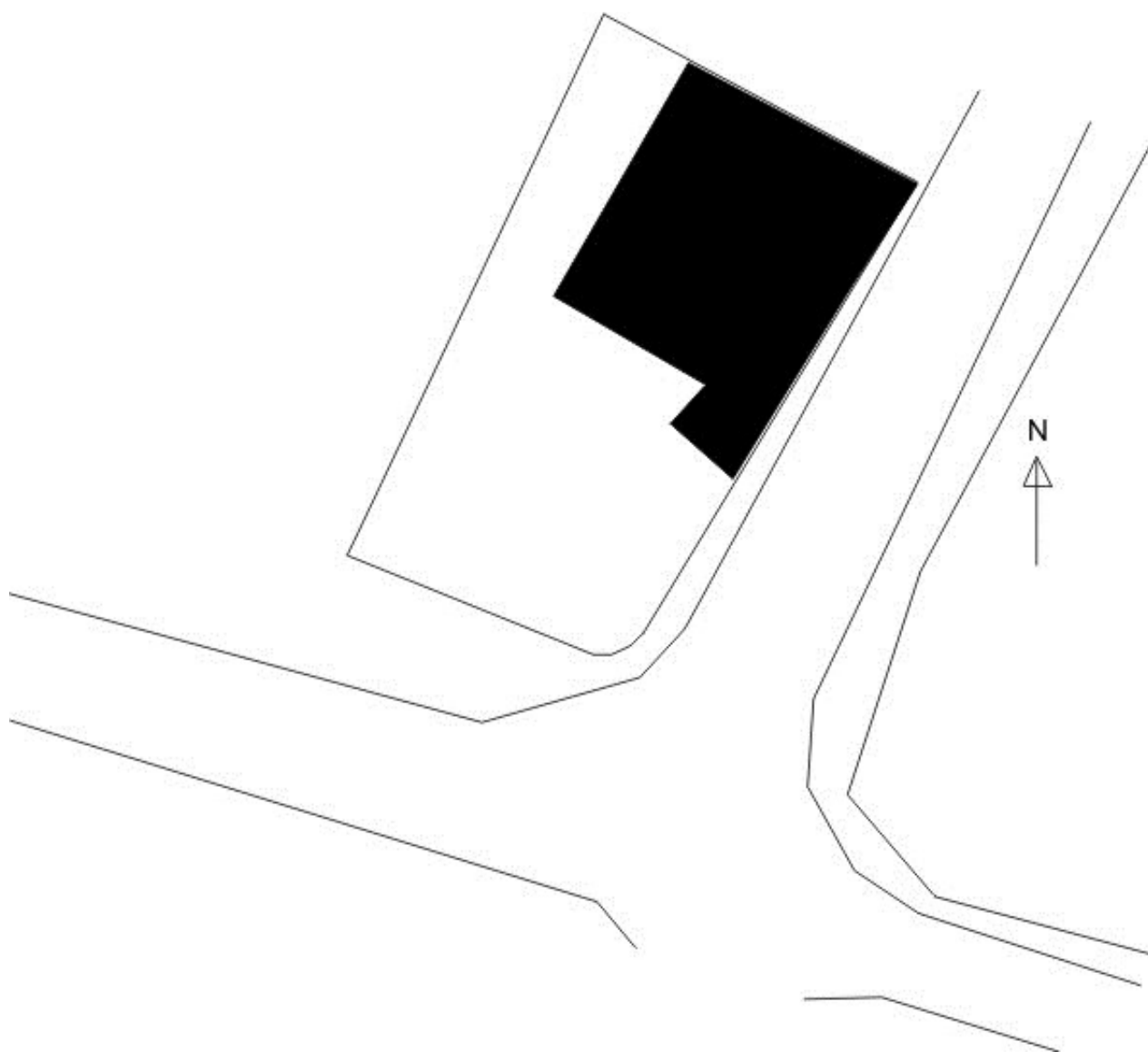
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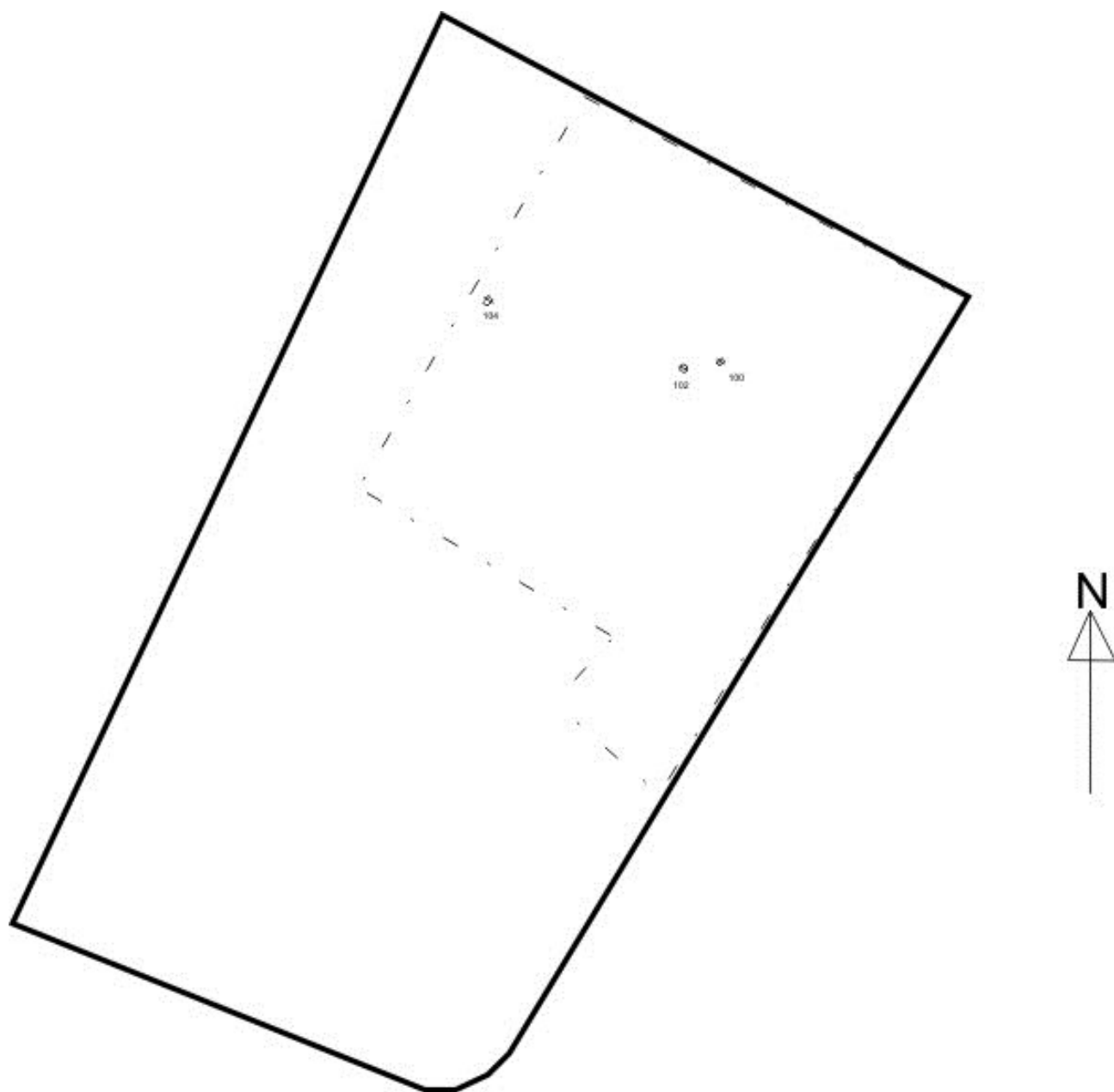
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