

# Standing Building Survey

## Craighead Farm, by Stanley



14<sup>th</sup> October 2009

## **Introduction**

Mr Jim Kerr proposes to demolish Craighead farmhouse (NO 036 310) and build a new house in the former footprint of the building. The planning consent for this development (Perth and Kinross Council Planning Application 09/01036/FUL) included an archaeological condition which specified the need for a full photographic record of the farmhouse prior to its demolition. The photographic survey was carried out by the author on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2009 (Site Code STA01), weather conditions were overcast with occasional rain showers.

## **Historical Background (Illus 1 and 2)**

The earliest cartographic record of a building or buildings at Craighead is on Stobie's map of 1783 (Illus 1), Craighead is then shown in greater detail on the First Edition Ordnance Survey map of 1862 (Illus 2). At this date the former farm buildings to the north of the farmhouse included a horse mill. From limited research in the Perth and Kinross Council Archives it has been possible to identify the tenant of Craighead Farm in 1858-9 as Mr John Law and the farm is listed as being under the proprietorship of his grace the Duke of Atholl (Perth and Kinross Valuation Roll 1858-9).

## **Description of building**

### *Location*

Craighead Farm stands at the head of a knoll which overlooks the Shochie Burn to the E and has excellent views to the SE of both the Braes of the Carse and the Sidlaw Hills. It is a single storey building with an L-shaped ground plan made of two wings running E-W and N-S respectively. It is externally harled in a pink wash, the same colour as the neighbouring farm of Blackhills. It has a slated roof which is made up of small slates and three chimneys.

### *Eastern Elevation (Illus 4)*

The building has a glass fronted porch attached to the N end of this elevation and has one large window and two smaller windows, the E end of the Southern arm of the L is blank with no window.

### *Northern Elevation (Illus 5)*

This elevation has a chimney stack rising to the top of the gable and one small window to the W of this.

### *Western Elevation (Illus 6, 8 and 9)*

Careful study of this elevation indicates that the Northern end of the structure has had a brick built extension attached to it (containing the kitchen area). Midway along the elevation a smaller room extends to the W with windows in its Northern and Southern gable ends. At the S end of this elevation the return of the L shape extends to the W and has a brick built chimney at its apex.

### *Southern Elevation (Illus 11)*

A glass fronted porch is attached midway on this elevation with an entrance on its Eastern side with a small flight of steps. This elevation has windows at its W and E ends.

### **Observations (Illus 7, 13 and 14)**

There are stepped foundation courses visible on the Northern and Western walls of the southern arm of the L – shape, these protrude from the standing building line by c 0.20m and may indicate an earlier structure. The part of the farmhouse currently occupied by the kitchen area is a brick built extension that has been added to the original stone built house, the inner of the two chimneys at the north end of the building indicates the original northern limit of the farmhouse prior to the addition of the extension.

### **Interior (Illus 17 and 18)**

The interior of the building has been fitted out as a modern holiday home and shows no trace of any original fittings. The small extension on the western elevation has a flagstone floor which lies c 0.40m lower than the other internal floors of the structure.

### **Construction (Illus 8, 19, 20 and 21)**

Where there are gaps in the harling it is possible to see that the vast percentage of the building is stone built, the northern extension is brick built as are the chimneys on the W gable and close to the N gable.

### **Recommendations**

The author feels that the photographic survey and written notes on the building are an adequate record of the farmhouse prior to its demolition, the presence of possible earlier foundation courses under its Southern wing may suggest that a watching brief on the demolition of the structure may be worthwhile to record the presence of any other earlier structural remains that may survive on the site. However the final decision on the need for any further work rests with Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust.

### **References**

#### *Cartographic Sources*

Stobie, James 1783 A large scale map of Perth and Clackmannan

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

#### *Printed*

CC1/8/1/1A-213 County of Perth valuation rolls 1855-1978, 1983-1988 (Perth and Kinross Council Archives, A K Bell Library, Perth)

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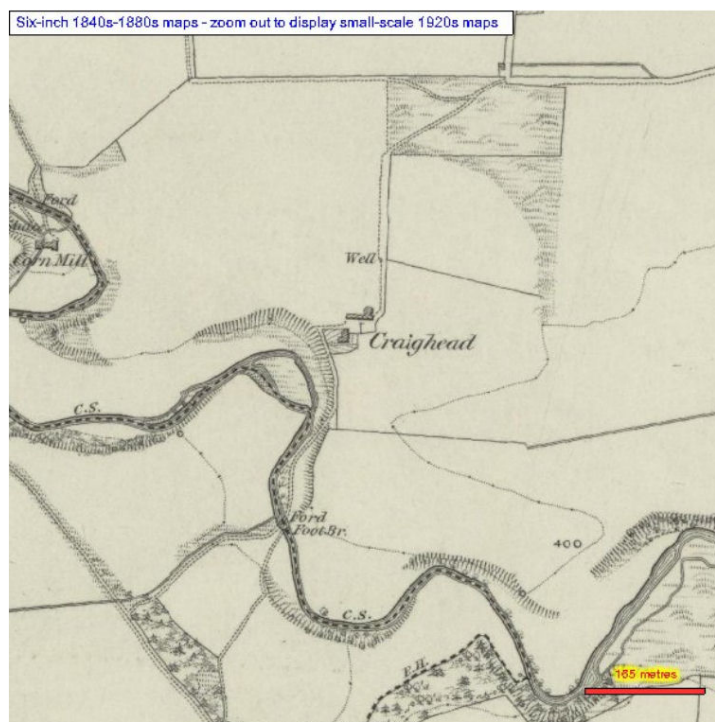
## Discovery & Excavation in Scotland Entry

LOCAL AUTHORITY:	Perth and Kinross
PROJECT TITLE/SITE NAME:	Craighead Farm, by Stanley
PROJECT CODE:	STA01
PARISH:	Moneydie
NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR(S):	Derek Hall
NAME OF ORGANISATION:	Derek Hall, archaeologist and ceramic specialist
TYPE(S) OF PROJECT:	Standing Building Survey
NMRS NO(S):	None
SITE/MONUMENT TYPE(S):	Farmhouse
SIGNIFICANT FINDS:	None
NGR (2 letters, 6 figures)	Site centred on NO 036 310
START DATE	9 <sup>th</sup> October 2009
END DATE	9 <sup>th</sup> October 2009
PREVIOUS WORK (incl. <i>DES</i> ref.)	None
MAIN (NARRATIVE) DESCRIPTION: (May include information from other fields)	A rapid photographic standing building survey was undertaken in advance of the demolition of this farmhouse for redevelopment. Evidenced was recorded for earlier stepped foundation lines on the southern wing of this structure. Limited documentary research indicated that a settlement is marked on this site on Stobies map of 1783.
PROPOSED FUTURE WORK:	Watching Brief
SPONSOR OR FUNDING BODY:	Mr Jim Kerr
CAPTIONS FOR ILLUSTRS	N/A
ADDRESS OF MAIN CONTRIBUTOR:	34 Glenfarg Terrace, Perth, PH2 0AP
ARCHIVE LOCATION (intended)	NMRS
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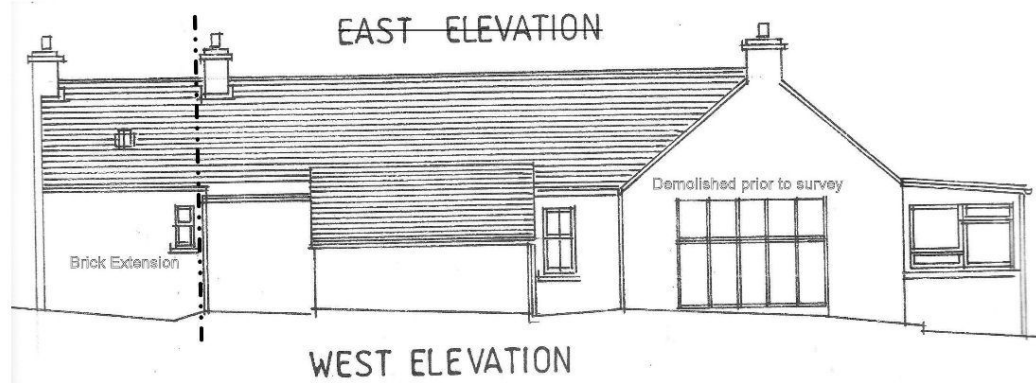
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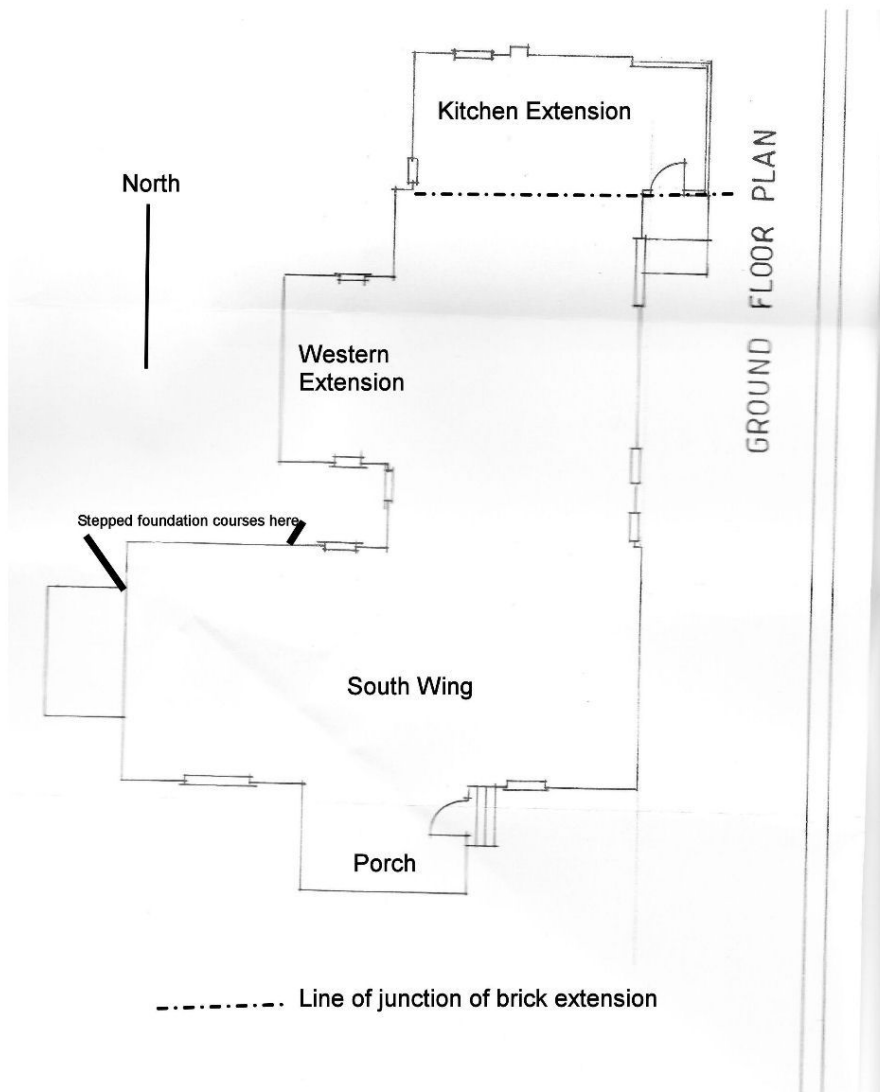
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