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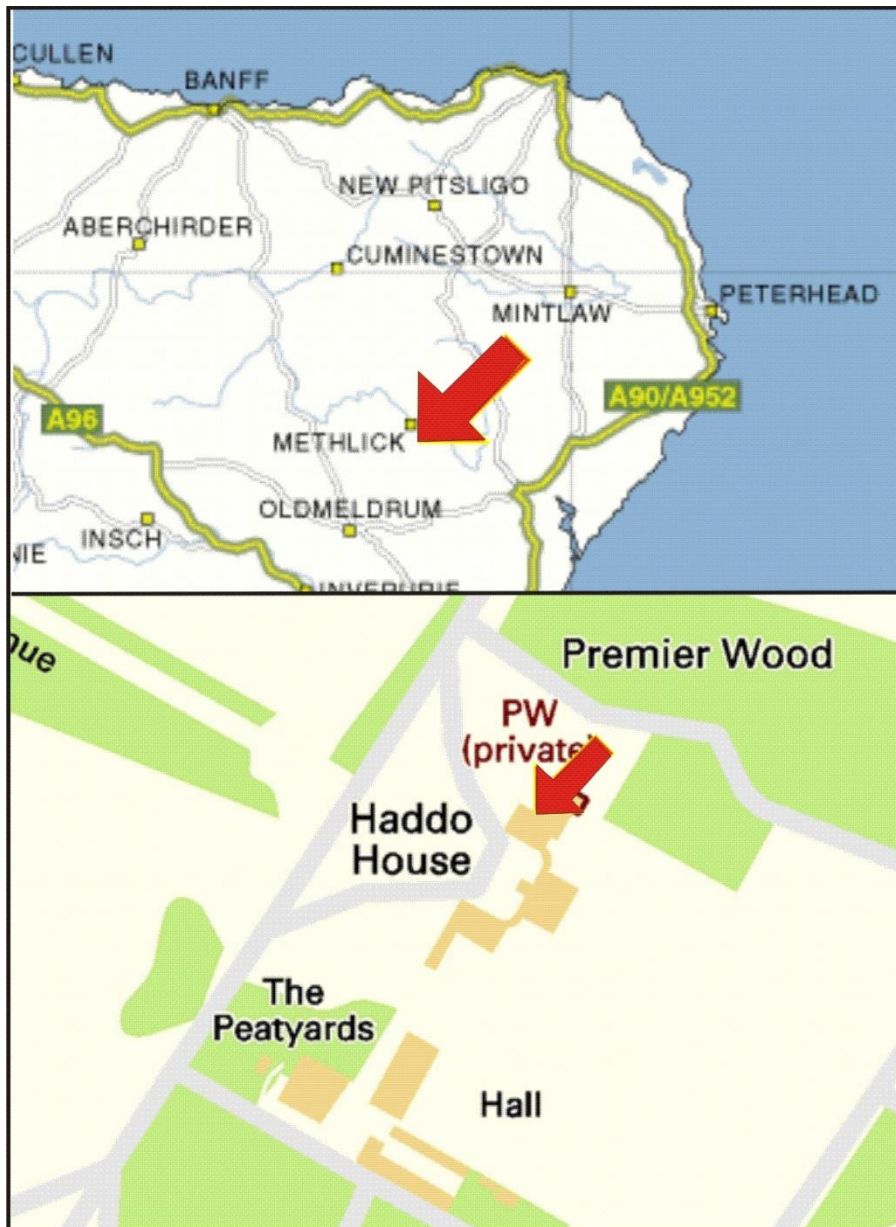
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SUMMARY

An archaeological watching brief was carried out during excavation of a trench dug to relocate cabling for a new oil tank on the west side of the North Wing of Haddo House. No archaeological features or finds were recorded.

1 INTRODUCTION

A watching brief was carried out on 24 October 2012 on a track for relocation of cabling for a new oil tank. The site is in Methlick parish, the NGR for the site is NJ 86849 34796 and it lies at 60-65m OD. The work was commissioned by Paul Selway, National Trust for Scotland.



Illus 1 Location plan (NTS OS licence 100023880)

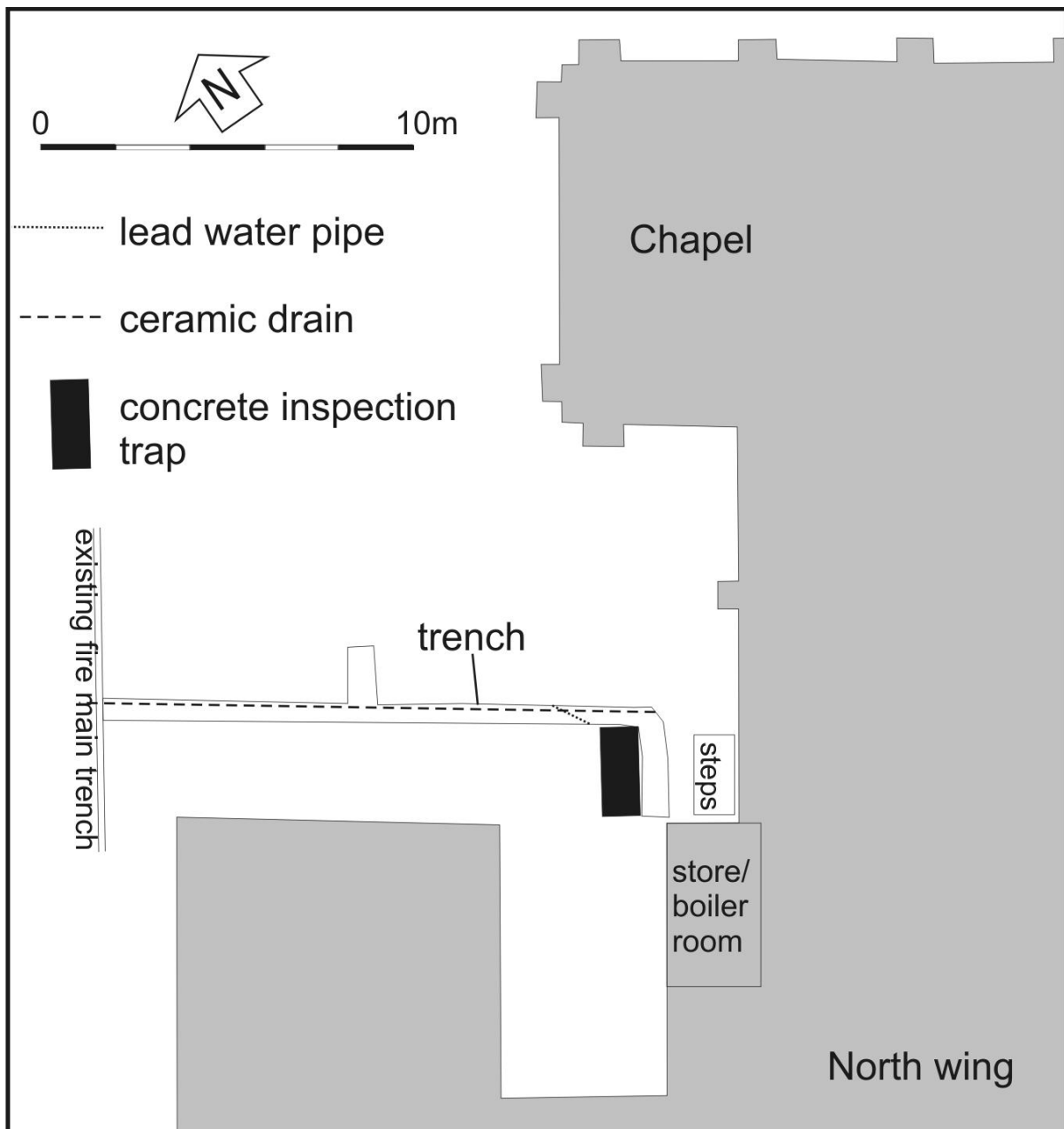
2 ARCHAEOLOGICAL BACKGROUND

A watching brief was carried out in July and August 2011 (HAH/11/1) by Murray Archaeological Services. Substantial and well-preserved remains found on the west lawn may be the remains of the 16th-century Place of Kelly (Murray and Murray 2011). Further details and references can be found in this report.

3 THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL WATCHING BRIEF

The trench for the cabling for the new oil tank was excavated on 24 October 2012. The trench (Illus 2) was 0.4m wide and 0.5m deep and ran from the store/boiler room immediately south of the steps into the chapel, built 1876-81 (Shepherd 2006, 190).

The trench was dug mainly within an existing service trench; the main NW-SE trench was a large bore ceramic pipe trench and the NE-SW short section of trench was adjacent and within the disturbance for a concrete inspection trap. The trench fill was loam, sand, redeposited natural subsoil and the finds included stone, brick, fragments of lead and slate. No finds were considered of significance to the history of the house and therefore none were retained.



Illus 2 Plan showing trench (National Trust for Scotland OS license no 100023880)

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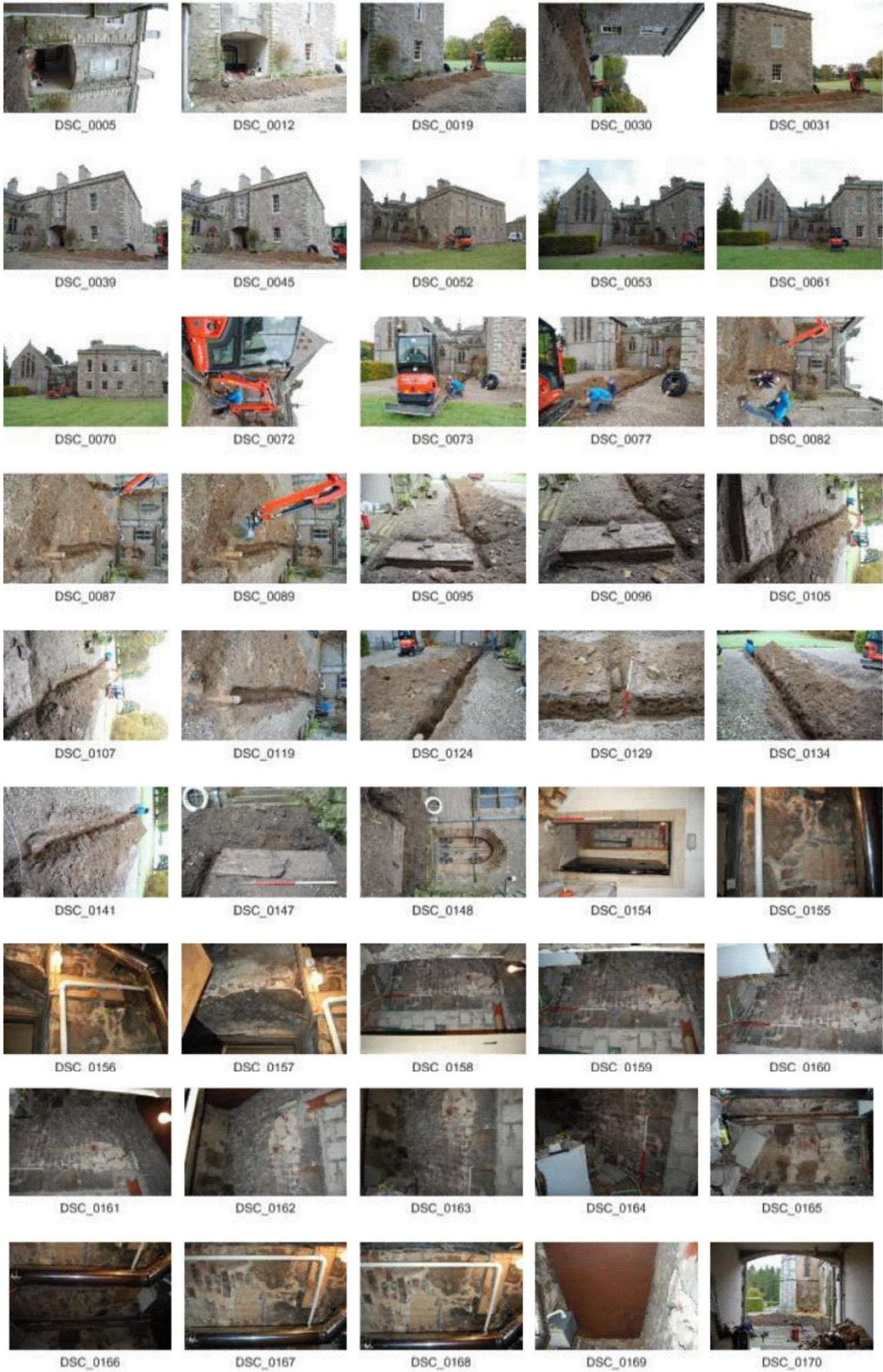


Photo number	Description	Facing
DSC0001-0008	NE-SW arm of trench with store/boiler house (centre left) and chapel steps (left)	SW
DSC0009-0015	NE-SW arm of trench with store/boiler house (centre left) and chapel steps (left)	WSW
DSC0016-0030	SE-NW arm of trench with N face of north wing	W
DSC0031-0038	SE-NW arm of trench with N face of north wing	SW
DSC0039-0045	SE-NW arm of trench with N face of north wing	S
DSC0046-0052	SE-NW arm of trench with N face of north wing	S
DSC0053-0064	Trench showing chapel (left) and north wing (right)	SW
DSC0065-0070	Trench showing chapel (left) and north wing (right)	S
DSC0071-0078	Mini digger finishing NW end trench	SE
DSC0079-0084	Mini digger finishing NW end trench	ESE
DSC0085-0090	Mini digger finishing NW end trench	ESE
DSC0091-0114	Concrete cap for inspection trap with trench dug around it	NW
DSC0115-0120	NW-SE arm of trench	SE
DSC0121-0125	NW-SE arm of trench	SSE
DSC0126-0130	NW-SE arm of trench junction with small exploratory NE-SW trench	NE
DSC0131-0135	NW-SE arm of trench	ESE
DSC0136-0141	NW-SE arm of trench	SE
DSC0142-0147	Concrete cap for inspection trap with trench dug around it	SE
DSC0148-0153	Concrete cap for inspection trap with trench dug around it with chapel steps and door in background	SE
DSC0154	Door into boiler house	SE
DSC0155	Sandstone block in NW wall NE of door - tooling marks and mortar suggest re-use from earlier building	NW
DSC0156	Sandstone block in NW wall NE of door - tooling marks and mortar suggest re-use from earlier building	NW
DSC0157	Plaster over door	NW
DSC0158	SE wall showing various blockages; stone infill, brick	E
DSC0159	SE wall showing various blockages; stone infill, brick	E
DSC0160-	SE wall showing various blockages; stone infill, brick	E
DSC0161	SE wall showing various blockages; stone infill, brick	E
DSC0162	SE wall showing various blockages; stone infill, brick	E
DSC0163	SE wall showing various blockages; stone infill, brick	E
DSC0164	SE wall showing various blockages; stone infill, brick	E
DSC0165	NE wall where boiler has been removed	N
DSC0166	NW wall NE end where boiler has been removed	N
DSC0167	NW wall NE end where boiler has been removed	N
DSC0168	NW wall NE end where boiler has been removed	N
DSC0169	Cast iron roof	NE
DSC0170-0176	Trench from under pend	NE