

**VIEWFIELD, CLINTERTY, ABERDEEN, AB21 0TL
REPORT ON WATCHING BRIEF AND
STANDING BUILDING SURVEY**



**Alison Cameron
Cameron Archaeology
1 October 2013**

CONTENTS

1	INTRODUCTION.....	3
2	THE WATCHING BRIEF	4
3	THE STANDING BUILDING SURVEY	4
4	CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS	7
5	REFERENCES.....	7
6	ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS	7
	APPENDIX 1 PHOTOGRAPHS	8

ILLUSTRATIONS

(top) north facing wall with blocked apertures for mill mechanism (bottom) soil strip showing modern dumped material and tree roots

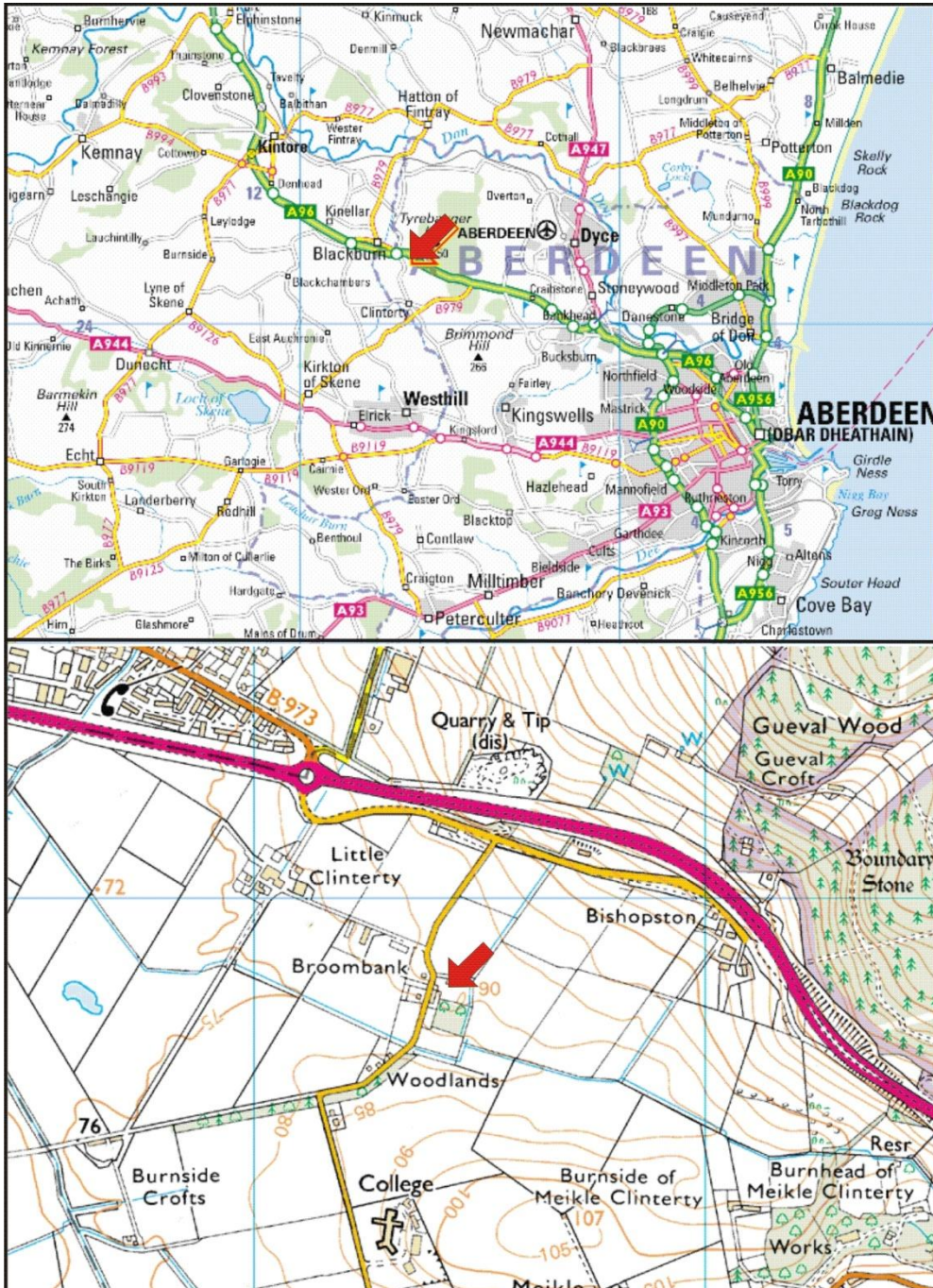
Illus 1	Location plan	3
Illus 2	Plan showing watching brief area and building surveyed	4
Illus 3	Plan of building showing apertures F1, F2 and F3	5
Illus 4	Elevations of buildings	5
Illus 5	South-facing facade	6
Illus 6	Blocked apertures F3 (left) and F2 (right)	6
Illus 7	Ordnance survey First Edition	11
Illus 8	Ordnance survey Third Edition.....	12

SUMMARY

A watching brief on the soil strip for the new garage and a Level 2 standing building survey were carried out on 30 September 2013. The building to be partly demolished is a former farm mill and details were recorded. The watching brief showed that the area had been previously disturbed, planted with trees and then used as an area for dumping and no archaeological contexts or finds were recorded. It is recommended that no further archaeological work is required during this current development.

1 INTRODUCTION

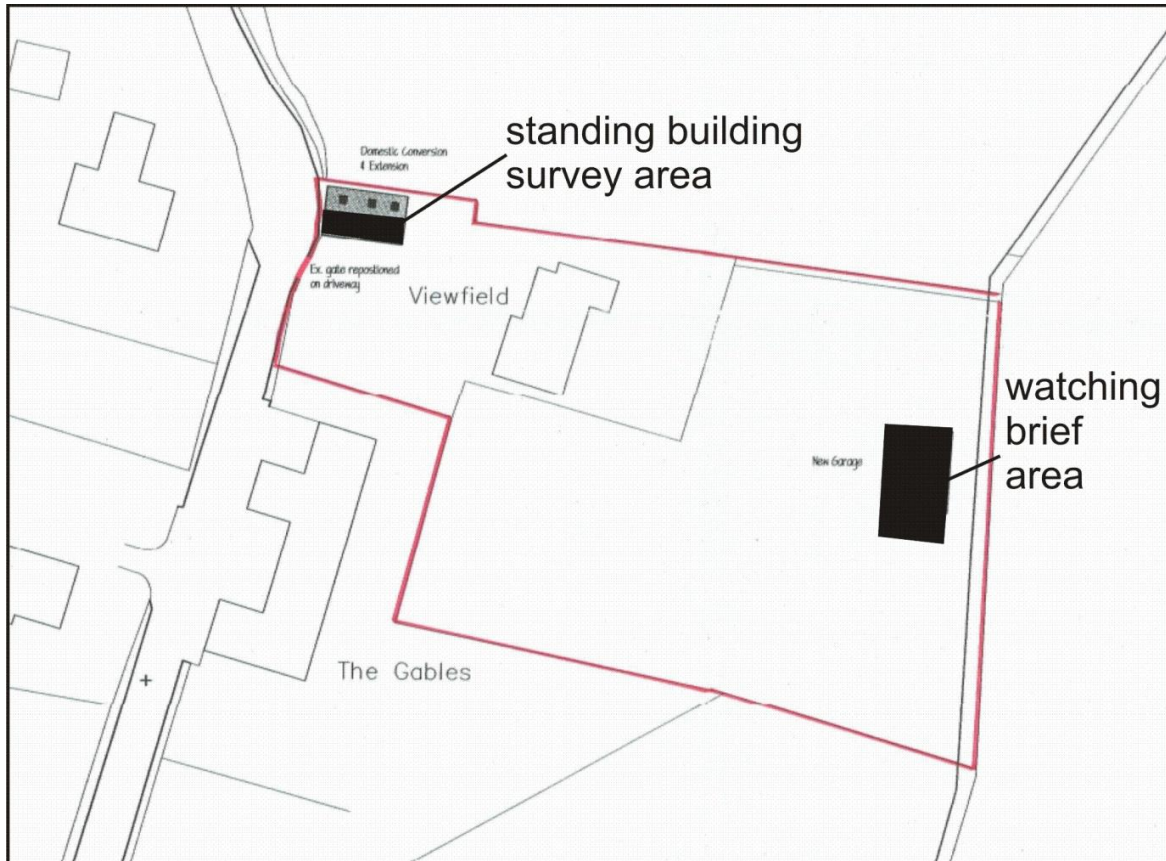
A planning application P130762 for conversion and extension and construction of a new garage at Viewfield, Clinterty, AB21 0TL was passed by Aberdeen City Council on 12.9.13 with a standard archaeology condition (condition 1). The work was commissioned by Keith Moir, Squire Associates on behalf of clients Mr and Mrs Tim McKay. The site is at NJ 83442 11795 in the parish of Newhills and at a height of 85-90m OD.



Illus 1 Location plan (Contains Ordnance Survey data © Crown copyright and database right 2013)

2 THE WATCHING BRIEF

A watching brief on the soil strip for the new garage (Illus 2) was carried out on 30 September 2013. In the late 19th century a cist and burial (Shepherd, I A G 1986) had been found immediately south of the proposed garage (Illus 7, 8). The watching brief showed that the area had been previously disturbed, planted with trees and then used as an area for dumping and no archaeological contexts or finds were recorded.



Illus 2 Plan showing watching brief area and building surveyed (based on copyright Squire Associates).

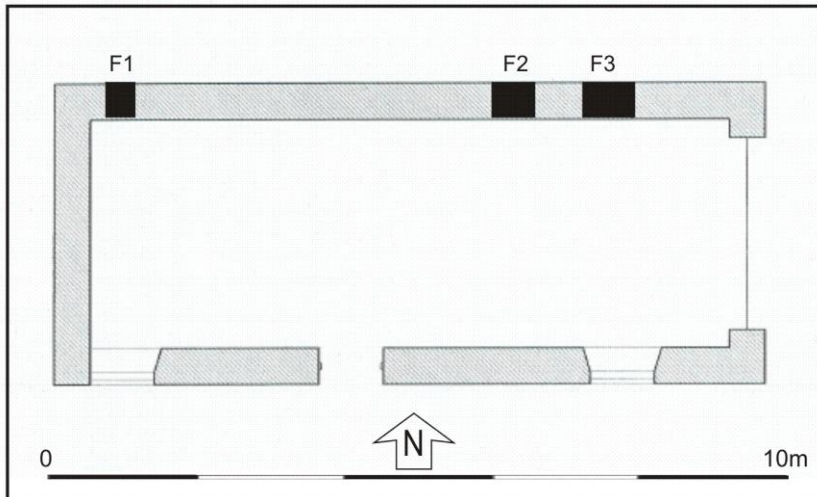
3 THE STANDING BUILDING SURVEY

A Level 2 Standing Building Survey was carried out on 30 September 2013 as the structure is to be partially demolished to allow for redevelopment. The building is constructed of large pink granite blocks with cherry cocking. It is 9.7m long and 4.1m wide and the walls are c 0.75m wide and is oriented on an ESE-WNW alignment. The building can be seen on the First, Second and Third Edition OS maps as part of Clinterty Cottage and associated farm buildings (Illus 7, 8).

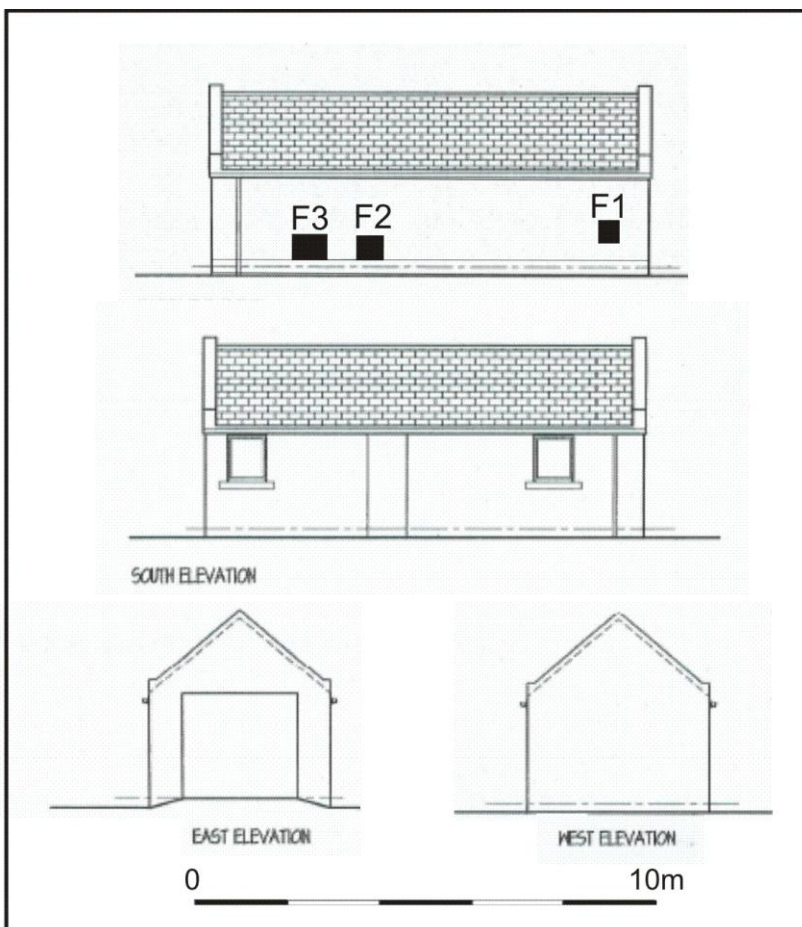
The north wall of the building originally had three apertures (F1, F2 and F3; Illus 3, 4) which had subsequently been blocked. The small size of the apertures (c 0.5 x 0.5m) and the fact that they are sited low on the walls suggests that they were probably for drive shafts and other mechanisms for a mill indicating that the building had been used as a mill, possibly a threshing mill for the farm. The First Edition OS map shows a mill pond to the east of the building (Illus 7) and issues bringing water from the NE to the farm; a lade presumably took

the water to the mill along the property boundary at the north side of this building but all traces have been lost on the ground and this is not indicated on the OS maps.

These apertures were then blocked and alterations carried out at the west end of the building including blocking a door at the west end of the south wall and also possibly shortening the building, possibly due to widening of the road. Subsequently the foundations have been revealed by reduction of the ground level at the west end causing large cracks in the north and south walls.



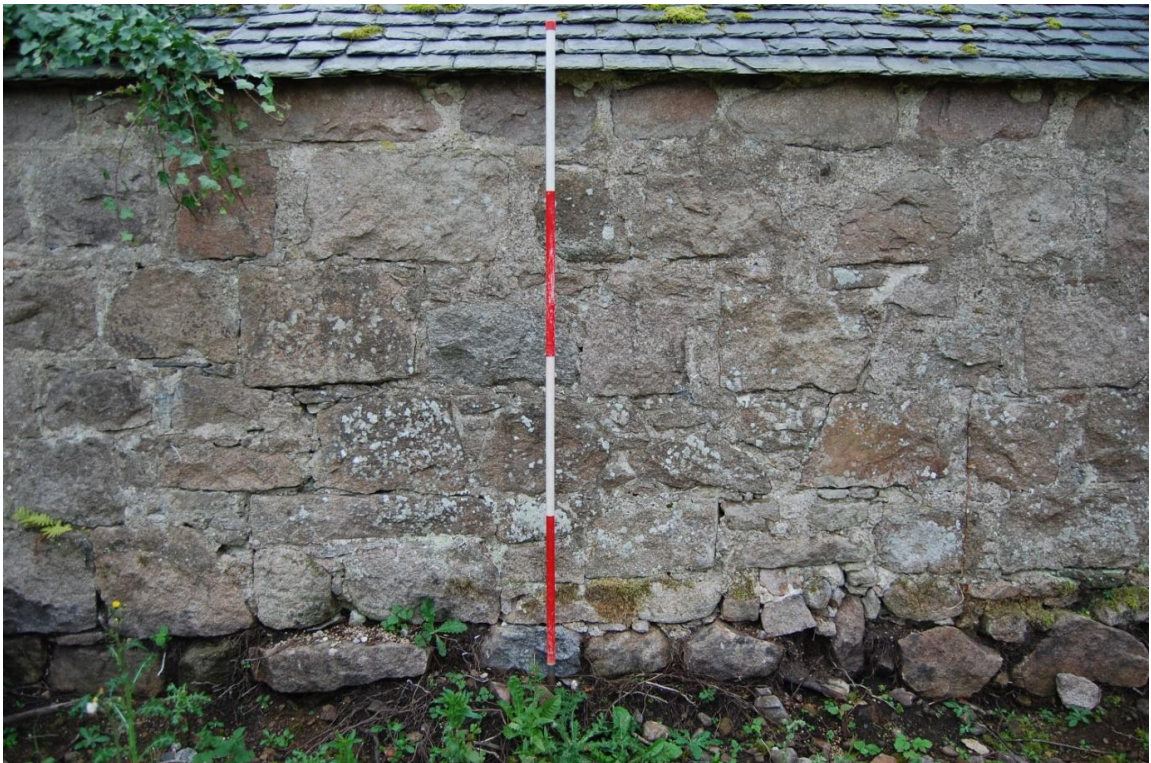
Illus 3 Plan of building showing apertures F1, F2 and F3 (based on copyright Squire Associates).



Illus 4 Elevations of buildings (based on copyright Squire Associates).



Illus 5 South-facing facade



Illus 6 Blocked apertures F3 (left) and F2 (right)

4 CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

A watching brief on the soil strip for the new garage and a Level 2 standing building survey were carried out on 30 September 2013. The watching brief showed that the area had been previously disturbed, planted with trees and then used as an area for dumping and no archaeological contexts or finds were recorded. It is therefore recommended that no further archaeological work is required during this current development.

5 REFERENCES

Shepherd, I A G 1986 Powerful pots: beakers in north east prehistory, Aberdeen
Page(s): 30, 36.

6 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Thanks to Mr and Mrs McKay, Viewfield, to Keith Moir at Squire Associates, to Ian Campbell, Campbell Excavations and to Judith Stones, Aberdeen City Council.

Cameron Archaeology
45 View Terrace
Aberdeen
AB25 2RS
01224 643020
07581 181057
cameronarch@btinternet.com
www.cameronarchaeology.com
Company registration no 372223 (Scotland)
VAT registration no 990 4373 00

APPENDIX 1 PHOTOGRAPHS

Photo no	Description	Facing
Standing building survey		
DSC_7470-73	South facade	N
DSC_7474-78	South facade west end showing crack - location of former door?	N
DSC_7479-81	South facade	N
DSC_7482-85	South facade	N
DSC_7486-7501	East gable wall showing alteration to allow insertion of garage door	W
DSC_7402-7505	East gable wall showing alteration to allow insertion of garage door	W
DSC_7406-7508	Interior of north wall - remainder is wood panelled	N
DSC_7409	Interior of garage	W
DSC_7410-12	East gable wall showing alteration to allow insertion of garage door	W
DSC_7413-19	south facade	NW
DSC_7420-25	west gable	E
DSC_7426-40	north facade	SSE
DSC_7441-52	north facade	S
DSC_7453-57	north facade west end	S
DSC_7458-61	north facade west end F1	S
DSC_7462-66	north facade F2	S
DSC_7467-70	north facade F2	S
DSC_7471-74	north facade	SW
DSC_7475-79	north facade F3 and F2	S
Watching brief		
DSCF6557-6569	watching brief	

STANDING BUILDING SURVEY



DSC_7470



DSC_7477



DSC_7478



DSC_7485



DSC_7502



DSC_7508



DSC_7509



DSC_7510



DSC_7516



DSC_7517



DSC_7522



DSC_7523



DSC_7529



DSC_7530



DSC_7540



DSC_7544



DSC_7545



DSC_7547



DSC_7548



DSC_7549



DSC_7550



DSC_7553



DSC_7566



DSC_7567



DSC_7574



DSC_7575

WATCHING BRIEF



DSCF6557



DSCF6558



DSCF6559



DSCF6560



DSCF6561



DSCF6562



DSCF6563



DSCF6564



DSCF6565



DSCF6566



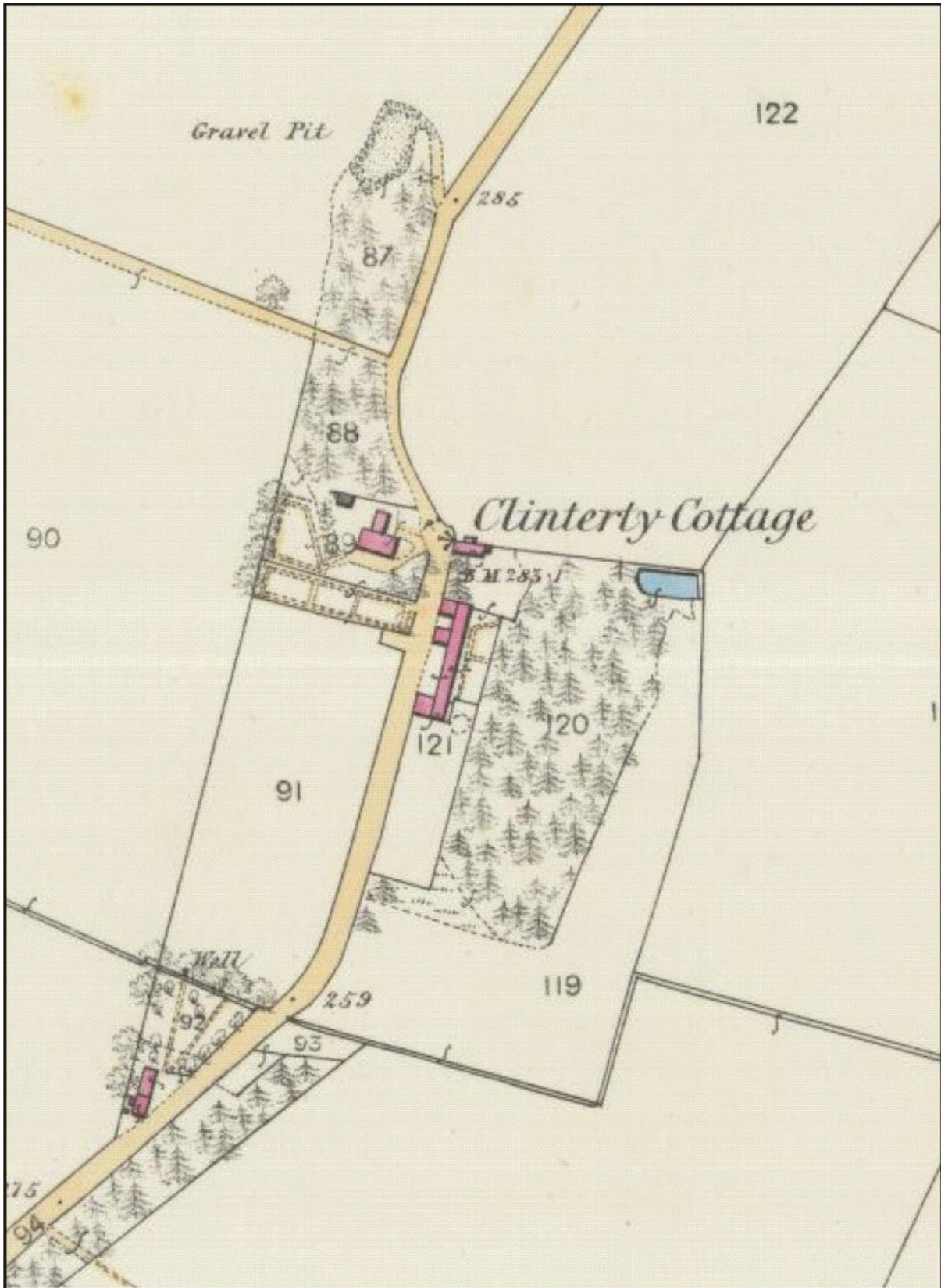
DSCF6567



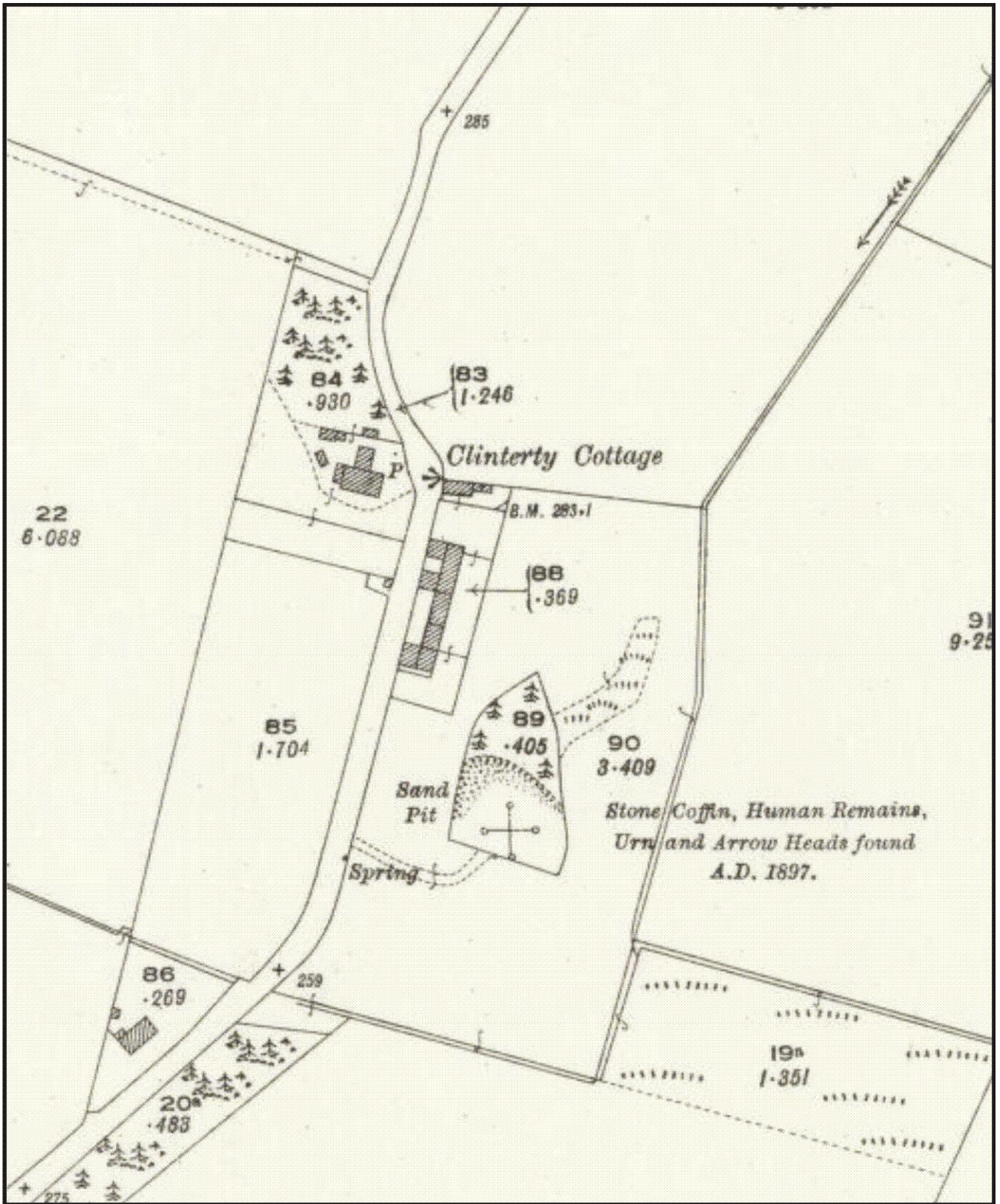
DSCF6568



DSCF6569



Illus 7 Ordnance survey First Edition (copyright National Library of Scotland)
Aberdeen Sheet LXV.15 (Newhills)
Survey date: 1865 Publication date: 1869



Illus 8 Ordnance survey Third Edition (copyright National Library of Scotland)
 Aberdeenshire, Sheet 065.15
 Publication date: 1925 Revised: ca. 1923 Levelled: 1899