

**Hillhead of Tarves, Tarves, AB41 7LB  
Report on Level 1 Standing Building Survey**



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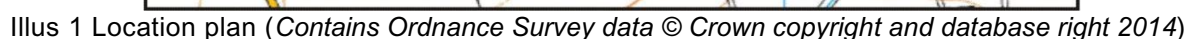
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## SUMMARY

A Level 1 standing building survey was carried out on 29 September 2014. Building 2, the cottage had been heavily modernised but Building 1 the steading showed evidence of conversion for use with a horse mill and then removal of the mill. It is recommended that no further archaeological work is required during this development.

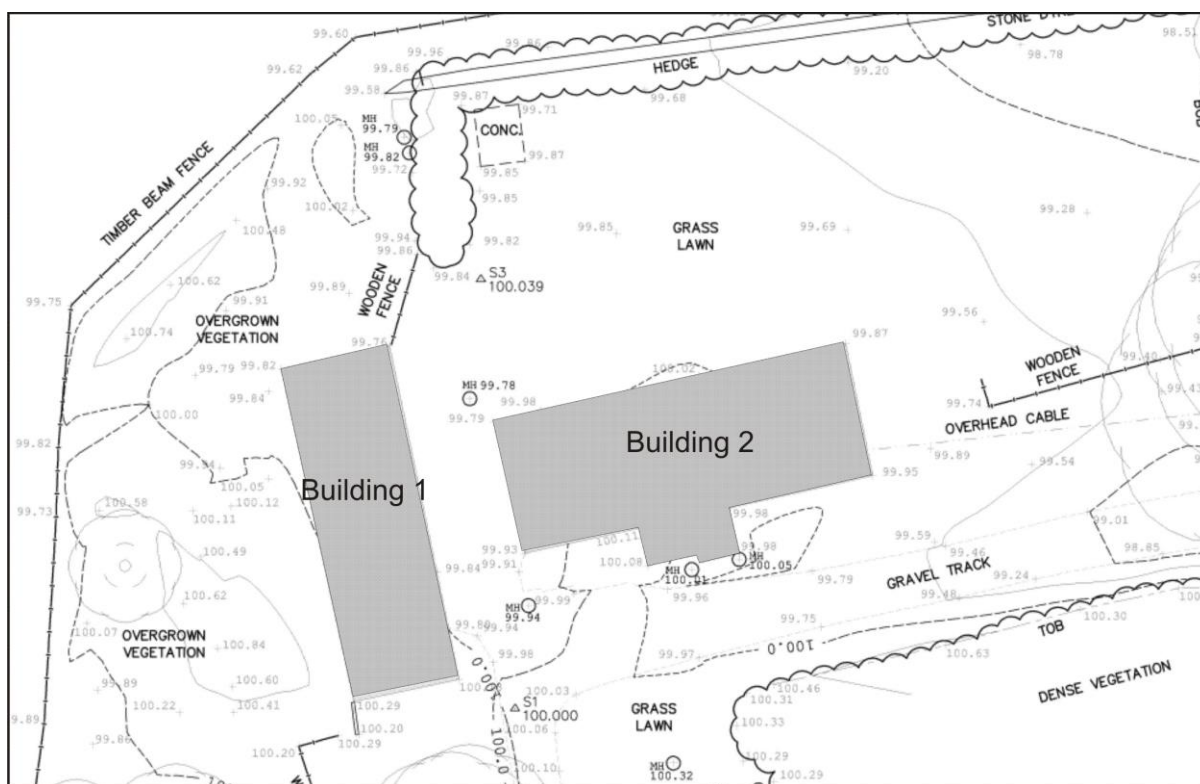
- 1.1 The site (Illus 1) is located on the north side of Tarves at the north end of Tree Road. It is centred on NGR NJ 86620 31493, at 90-95m OD.
- 1.2 The work was commissioned by Jennifer Carr. An application to Aberdeenshire Council APP/2012/4130 for Erection of Replacement Dwellinghouse and Garage & Garage/Workshop was approved on 25.4.13 with an archaeology condition (condition 1) for a Level 1 Standing Building Survey.
- 1.3 All the archaeological work will be carried out in the context of Scottish Planning Policy (SPP) Planning Advice Note (PAN 2/2011) and Scottish Historic Environment Policy (SHEP), which state that archaeological remains should be regarded as part of the environment to be protected and managed.



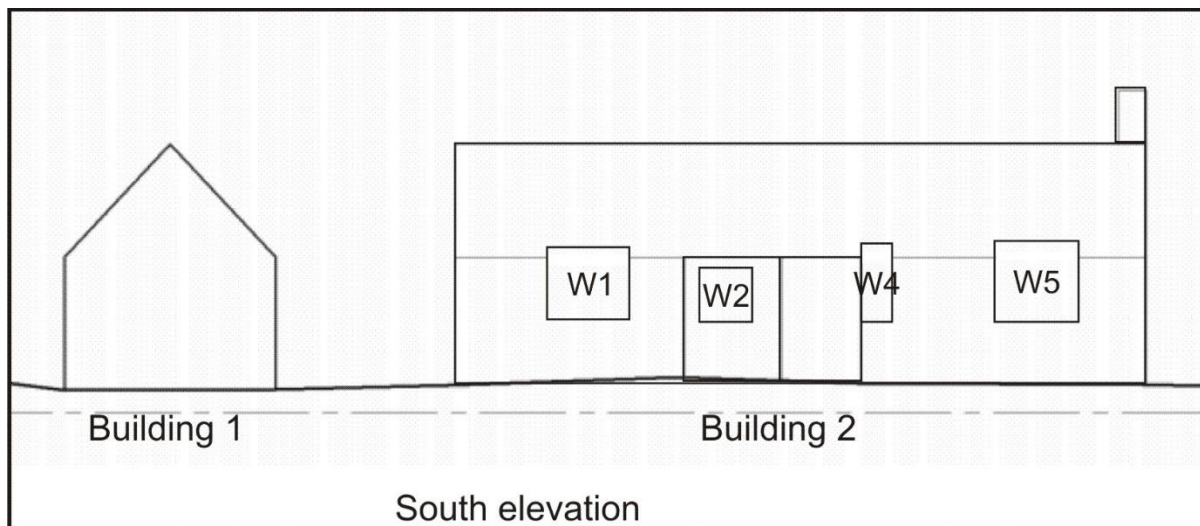


## 2 THE LEVEL 1 STANDING BUILDING SURVEY

A Level 1 standing building survey was carried out on 29 September 2014. The weather was warm and sunny. Two buildings are being demolished for the proposed development; Building 1 is the former steading and Building 2 the cottage.



Illus 2 Plan showing Buildings 1 and 2 (copyright David Murray Associates)



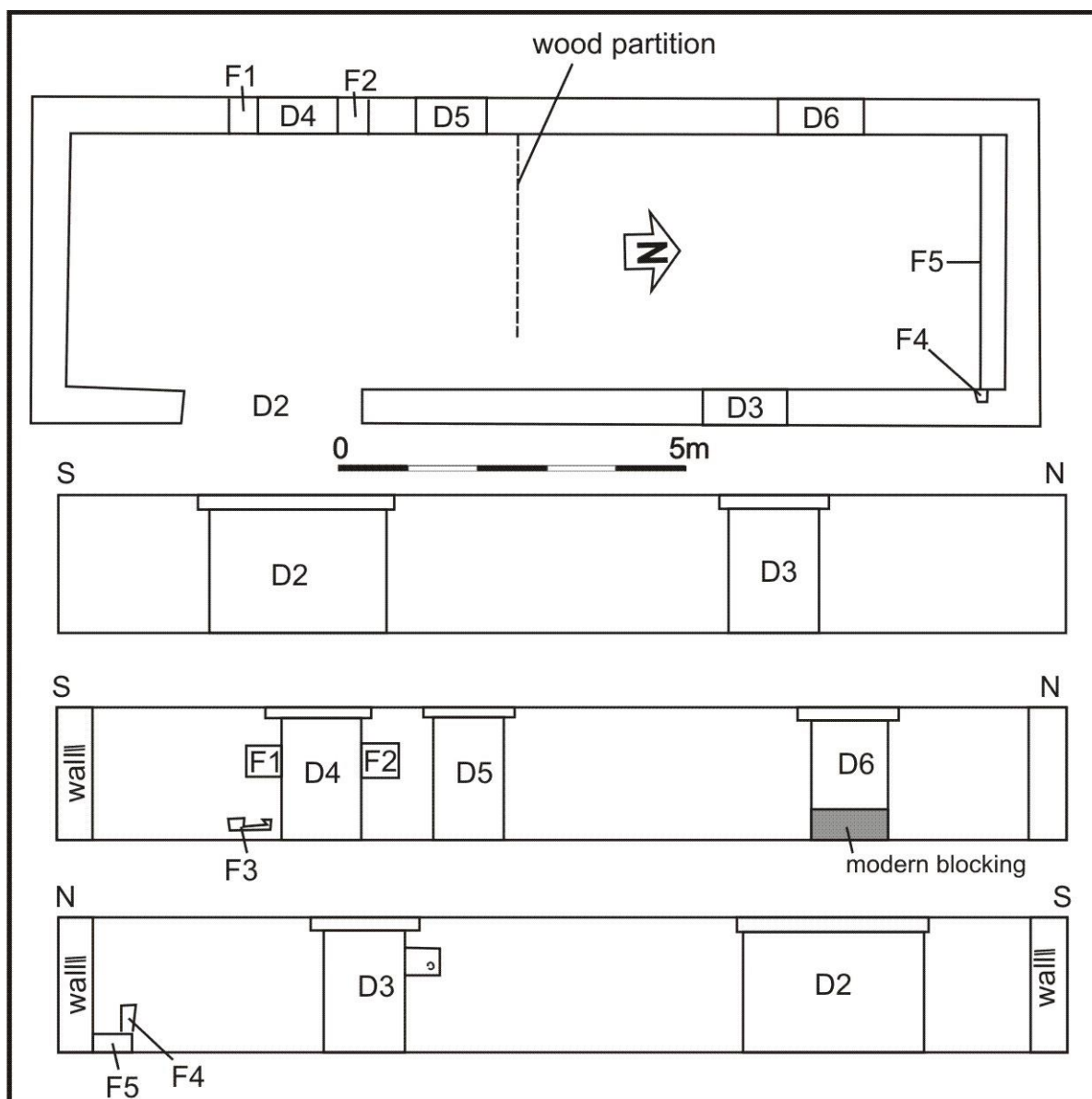
Illus 3 South elevation Buildings 1 and 2 (copyright David Murray Associates)

## BUILDING 1 STEADING

Building 1 is rectangular in plan and 14.5m long and 4.7m wide. It is constructed of granite rubble with granite quoins and jambs and wood and cast iron lintels with the exception of Door 3 which has a sandstone lintel with sockets and lead fitting (Illus 5). This is probably reused from another building.

Between the First and Second OS maps a horse mill was added to the south side of the west wall. Door 4 was blocked and apertures added adjacent to that door (F1 and F2; Illus 6) to allow the driveshaft through the wall. This mill then went out of use and these apertures were all blocked.

The northern room has a cobbled floor constructed from medium and small waterwashed pebbles with runnels. A stone plinth or foundation along the north wall (F5) is associated with the use of the steading for housing animals.



Illus 4 Building 1 plan (top) and elevations (bottom)





Illus 5 Building 1 sandstone lintel above Door 3



Illus 6 Building 1 interior west wall showing blocked door D4 (centre) and F1 (left) and F2 (right) apertures for driveshaft of horse mill

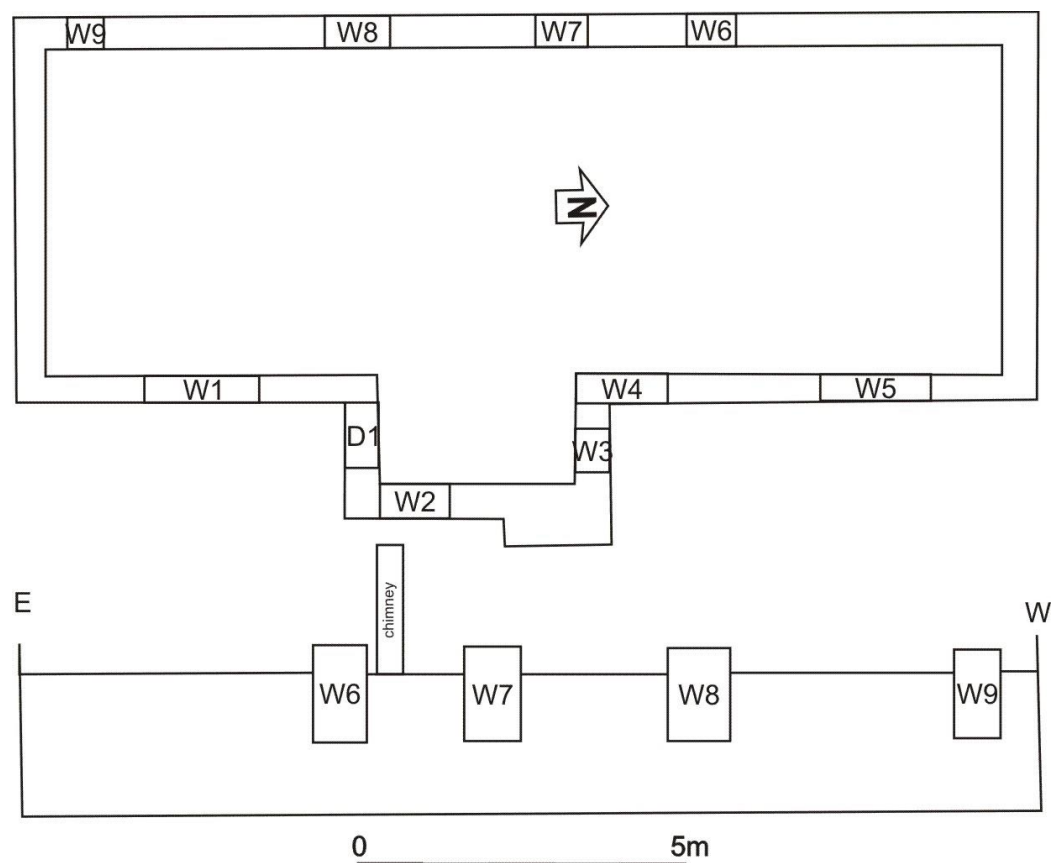




Illus 7 Building 1 cobbled floor in north room

## BUILDING 2 COTTAGE

The cottage is 15.5m long and 5.8m wide with a porch added to the south façade. The exterior is harled with concrete lintels and the interior is completely modernized. This may have been completely rebuilt in the 20<sup>th</sup> century or heavily modernized throughout.



Illus 8 Building 2 plan (top) and elevation of north wall (bottom)



Illus 9 Building 2 north façade



Illus 10 Building 2 south facade

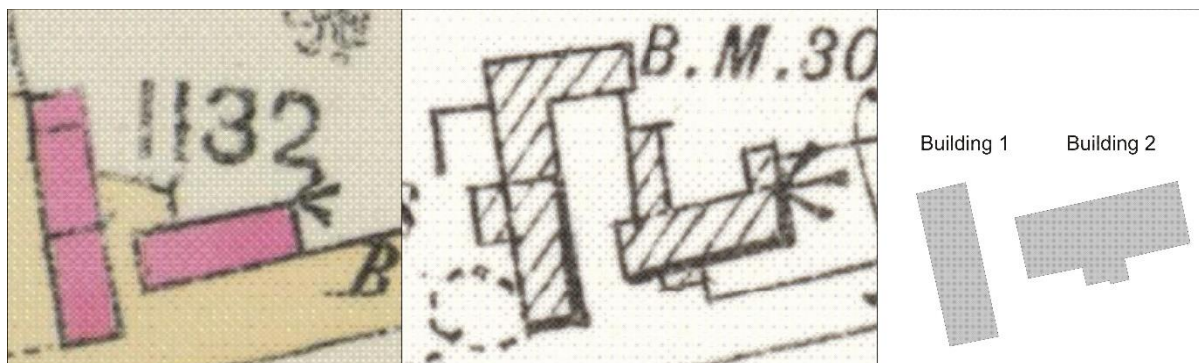


### 3 CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Building 1 the steading showed evidence of conversion for use with a horse mill and then removal of the mill. The north half of Building 1 has been demolished since the Second Edition OS map (Illus 11).

Building 2, the cottage was heavily modernised and may have been completely rebuilt in the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Previous additions seen on the Second Edition OS map (Illus 11) are no longer visible.

It is recommended that no further archaeological work is required during this development.



Illus 11 Phase plan showing First Edition OS (left) Second Edition (middle; copyright National Library of Scotland) and modern plan (copyright David Murray Associates) showing conversion to use with horse mill

### 4 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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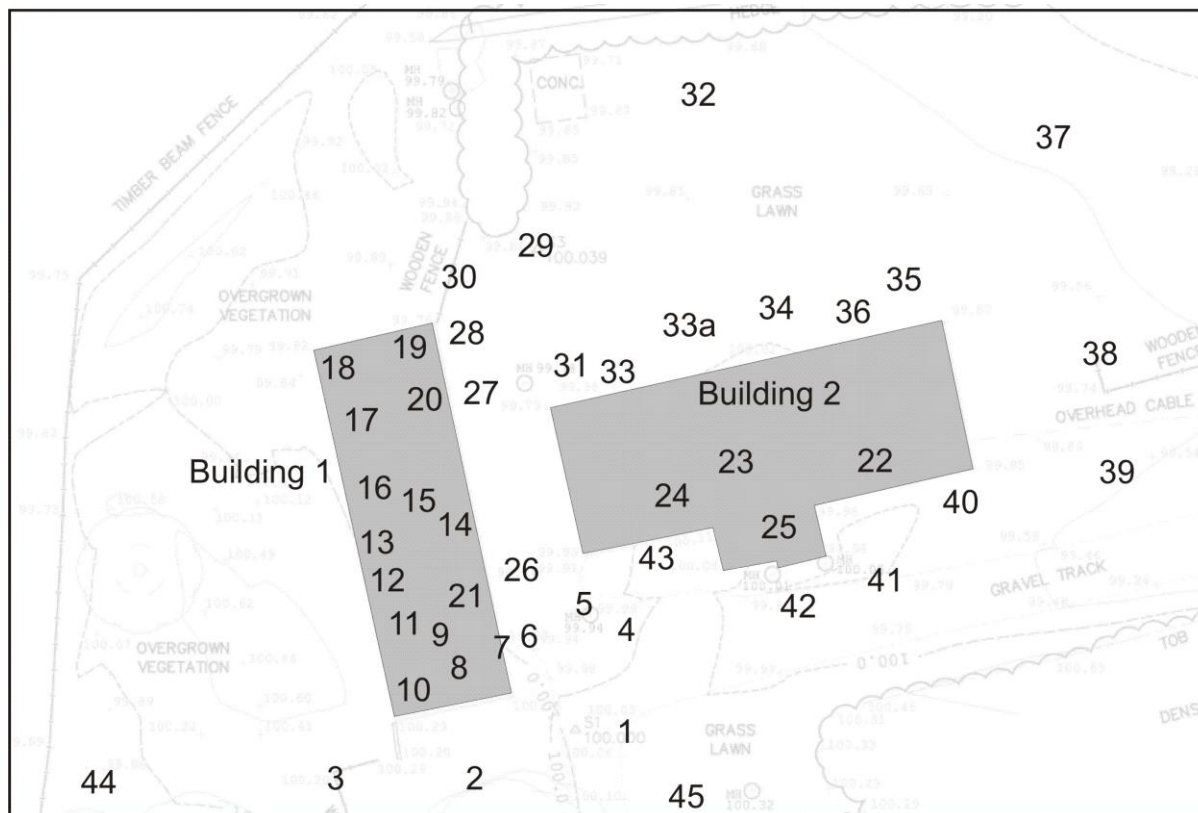
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## APPENDIX 1 FEATURES RECORDED IN THIS SURVEY

Feature	Description	Size
D1	Building 1: Door into Building 1	1m wide 2m high
D2	Building 2: Main door into Building 2, cast iron lintel	2.5m wide, 1.9m high
D3	Building 2: Door east wall; sandstone lintel with two sockets and lead fittings	1.1m wide 1.8m high
D4	Building 2: West wall; blocked when horse mill built; wooden lintel	1.1m wide, 1.9m high
D5	Building 2: West wall; wooden lintel	1m wide, 1.9m high
D6	Building 2: West wall; wooden lintel; converted to window with modern blocking below	1.2m wide, 1.9m high
W1	Building 1: south wall	1.7m wide, 1.4m high
W2	Building 1: south wall	1.25m wide, 1.2m high
W3	Building 1: south wall	0.75m wide, 1.2m high
W4	Building 1: south wall	0.85m wide, 1.4m high
W5	Building 1: south wall	1.65m wide, 1.4m high
W6	Building 1: north wall	0.75m wide; 1.5m high
W7	Building 1: north wall	0.75m wide; 1.5m high
W8	Building 1: north wall	0.9m wide; 1.5m high
W9	Building 1: north wall	0.6m wide; 1.5m high
F1	Building 2: aperture on south side blocked D4; aperture for horse mill apparatus (drive shaft)	0.45m wide 0.5m high
F2	Building 2: aperture on north side blocked D4; aperture for horse mill apparatus (drive shaft)	0.3m wide 0.45m high
F3	Building 2: stone with socket below F1	0.3 x 0.2m
F4	Building 2: socket for wooden beam associated with stone plinth F5;	0.18m high 0.45m wide
F5	Building 2: stone plinth along interior north wall	0.2 x 0.15m



## APPENDIX 2 PHOTOGRAPHS



Illus 12 Camera points used in this survey

Photo no	Description	Facing	Camera point
DSC0702-706	Building 1 steading	NW	1
DSC0707-713	Building 1 steading south gable	N	2
DSC0714-718	Building 1 steading with cottage Building 2 (right)	NNE	3
DSC0719-724	Building 1 steading east wall with D2	NW	4
DSC0725-735	Building 1 steading D2	W	5/6
DSC0736-740	Building 1 steading N end D2	N	7
DSC0741-742	Building 1 steading D2	E	8
DSC0743	Building 1 steading interior E wall	NNE	9
DSC0744	Building 1 steading D2	E	8
DSC0745	Building 1 steading interior S gable	S	9
DSC0746-50	Building 1 steading interior W wall with D4	W	10/11
DSC0751	Building 1 steading interior W wall D6	W	13
DSC0752-54	Building 1 steading interior W wall	SW	14
DSC0755	Building 1 steading north room	N	14
DSC0756	Building 1 steading cobbled floor	N	14
DSC0757	Building 1 steading cobbled floor	N	15
DSC0758	Building 1 steading cobbled floor	NW	15
DSC0759	Building 1 steading cobbled floor	W	16
DSC0760	Building 1 steading cobbled floor	W	16
DSC0761	Building 1 steading cobbled floor	N	16
DSC0762	Building 1 steading cobbled floor with D3	E	17

DSC0763	Building 1 steading cobbled floor with D3	E	17
DSC0764	Building 1 steading west wall with D6 (right)	W	16
DSC0765	Building 1 steading D6	W	17
DSC0766	Building 1 steading D6 (left)	W	18
DSC0767	Building 1 steading interior north gable	N	17
DSC0768	Building 1 steading interior north gable	N	15
DSC0769	Building 1 steading interior north gable with stone plinth F5 below	N	19
DSC0770	Building 1 steading stone plinth F5	N	19
DSC0771	Building 1 steading east wall north end with D3 (right)	E	19
DSC0772	Building 1 steading east wall north end with F4 detail	E	19
DSC0773	Building 1 steading east wall north end with F4 detail	E	19
DSC0774	Building 1 steading east wall north end with D3 (right)	E	19
DSC0775-777	Building 1 steading D3	E	20
DSC0778	Building 1 steading D3 north jamb	NE	20
DSC0779	Building 1 steading D3 south jamb	SE	20
DSC0780-82	Building 1 steading D3 south jamb with C incised on stone	E	20
DSC0783	Building 1 steading D3 (left)	E	15
DSC0784	Building 1 steading D2 (right)	E	21
DSC0785	Building 2 interiors		22
DSC0786	Building 2 interiors		22
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DSC0790	Building 2 interiors		23
DSC0791	Building 2 interiors		24
DSC0792	Building 2 interiors		24
DSC0793-94	Building 1 steading interior north room	N	14
DSC0796-800	Building 1 steading east wall with D2 (left)	NW	5
DSC0801-805	Building 1 steading east wall with D2 (left)	W	26
DSC0806-826	Building 1 steading D3 with sandstone lintel details	W	27
DSC0827-831	Building 1 steading D3 (left)	W	28
DSC0832-840	Building 1 steading	SW	29
DSC0841-846	Building 1 steading north gable	SW	30
DSC0849-854	Building 2	SE	28
DSC0855-857	Building 2 west gable	SE	31
DSC0858	Building 2 west gable	SE	31
DSC0859	Building 2 W9	S	33
DSC0860-866	Building 2 north wall	S	32
DSC0867	Building 2 W8 (right), W7, chimney	SSE	33a
DSC0868-69	Building 2 (Left) building 1 (right)	W	34
DSC0870-75	Building 2 W6 and chimney	S	34
DSC0876-877	Building 2 W6 (right)	S	35
DSC0878	Building 2 east gable	WSW	39
DSC0879-885	Building 2	SW	37
DSC0886-892	Building 2	NW	39
DSC0893-899	Building 2 south wall W5 (centre)	N	40



DSC0900-904	Building 2 south wall W5 (right)	N	41
DSC0905-909	Building 2 south wall W5 (right)	N	41
DSC0910-919	Building 2 south wall W1 (left)	NNW	41
DSC0920-924	Building 2 south wall W1	N	43
DSC0926-931	Building 1 west wall with overgrown area where horsemill had been located	NE	44
DSC0932-935	Building 1 south gable (left)	NW	1
DSC0936-939	Building 2 south façade	NNE	45
DSC0940	Building 1 (left) Building 2 (right)	N	45
DSC0941	Building 2 south façade	NNE	45



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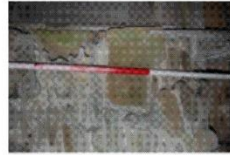
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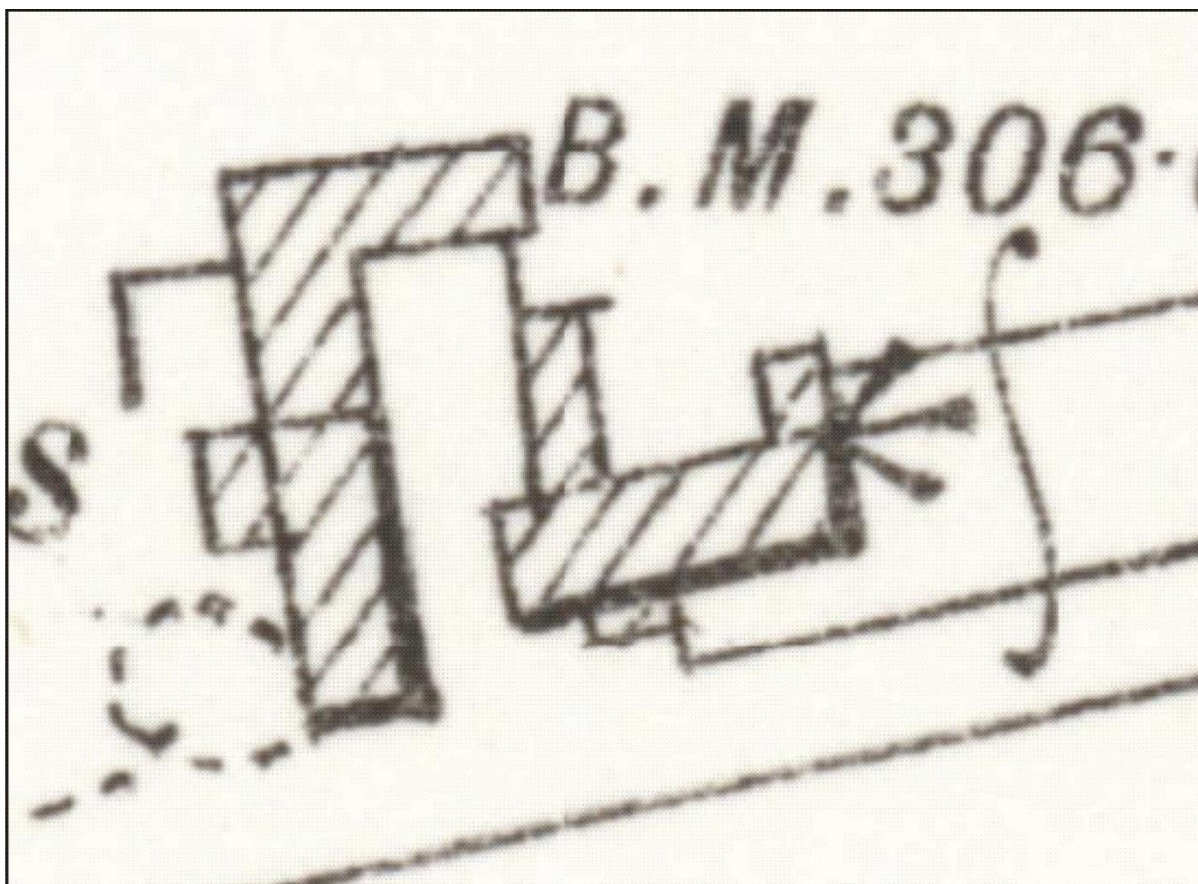


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## APPENDIX 3 MAPS



Illus 13 First Edition OS map Aberdeen Sheet XXXVII.12 (Tarves) Survey date: 1868 Publication date: 1871 (copyright national Library of Scotland)



Illus 14 Second Edition OS map Aberdeenshire, Sheet 037.12 Publication date: 1900 Revised: ca. 1899 (copyright national Library of Scotland)