

# **Land at East Finnercy, Echt, Westhill, AB32 6US**

## **Report on Level 1 Standing Building Survey**



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## SUMMARY

A Level 1 standing building survey was carried out on 17 September 2015. The granite buildings were constructed prior to the First Edition OS map (Illus 10) and adapted and extended slightly prior to the Second Edition OS map (Illus 5). It is recommended that no further archaeological work is required during this planning application.

# 1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The site (Illus 1) is located on the NW side of the B9125 Garlogie to Raemoir Road west of Cullerlie and E of Milton of Finnercy. It is centred on NGR NJ76763 04231, at 90-95m OD (Illus 1) and in the parish of Echt.
- 1.2 The work was commissioned by Ken Mathieson, Ken Mathieson Architectural Design for Veitchi Homes. A planning application APP/2015/0622 for demolition of agricultural buildings and erection of 3 dwellinghouses was approved on 10.8.15 and there is a requirement for a Level 1 standing building survey.
- 1.3 All the archaeological work was 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.



Illus 1 Location plan (Contains Ordnance Survey data © Crown copyright and database right 2015)

## **2 BACKGROUND**

East Finnercy is not listed and is not on CANMORE or in Aberdeenshire SMR. There is reference to a house at Finnercy (Fynnersie; NJ70SE 15) which is recorded on the early mapping (Illus 6-9) but its location is unknown. Finnercia is recorded on Blaeu's map (Illus 6) and Finersia on Moll (Illus 7) and the First Edition OS map (Illus 10) shows three buildings around an informal courtyard. By the Second OS map (Illus 11) the NNW and WSW ranges have been joined and an extra building constructed on the SE side of the courtyard.

## **3 THE LEVEL 1 STANDING BUILDING SURVEY**

A level 1 standing building survey was carried out on 17 September 2015. Veitchi Homes plan and elevations were annotated and further elevations drawn of the granite sections of the buildings which are to be demolished (Illus 2-4). The buildings are constructed of grey and pink granite fieldstones with granite lintels and sills.

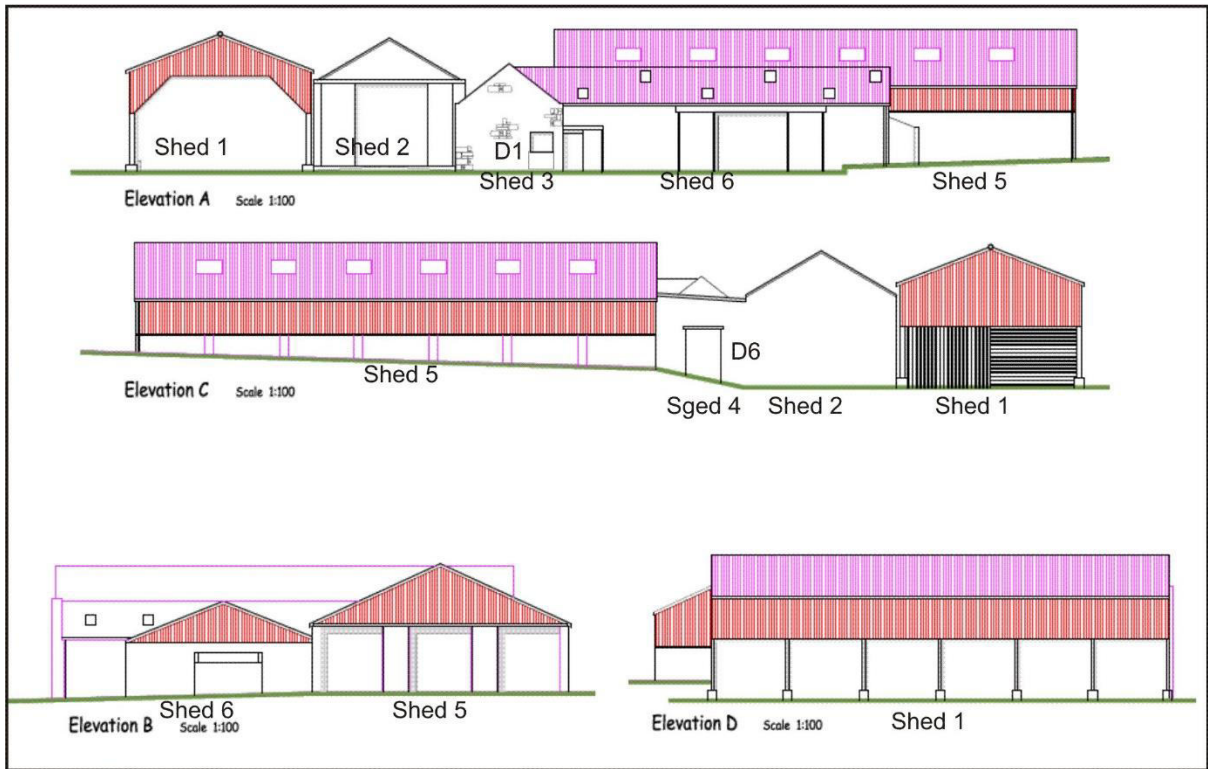
The farm consists of a NNW-SSE range (Shed 3/4) 23m long and 5.55m wide with doors in the gable ends (D1, 1.15m wide, 2.15m high, Illus 19, 20; D6, Illus 18), one door in the SW wall (D5, 1.05m wide, 1.8m high) and three in the NE wall (D2, D3, D4, all 1.15m wide, 1.9m high; Illus 21). D1 (Illus 19, 20) and D3 (Illus 21) were later blocked and converted into smaller windows with a granite lintel inserted into D1. A door survives in the SSE wall of Shed 5 (D7, 1.2m wide) but this has been altered and an original height cannot be determined. The WSW wall of Shed 3 has a blocked window (W2, 1.5m wide, 0.7m high) and the SSE wall of Shed 5 has the remains of a blocked window (W1, 1.05m wide, no lintel or sill surviving) at the ENE end (Illus 2). Where original sills or lintels are present they are all of granite.

A WSW-ENE range is separate on the First Edition OS map (Illus 10) but these ranges are joined by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition OS map (Illus 5). A small shed or bothy on the First Edition is now demolished but cobbled surface F1 (Illus 2) is in the footprint of this building. Another small building added by the Second Edition on the E of the farmstead has now been demolished and is partly under Shed 6.

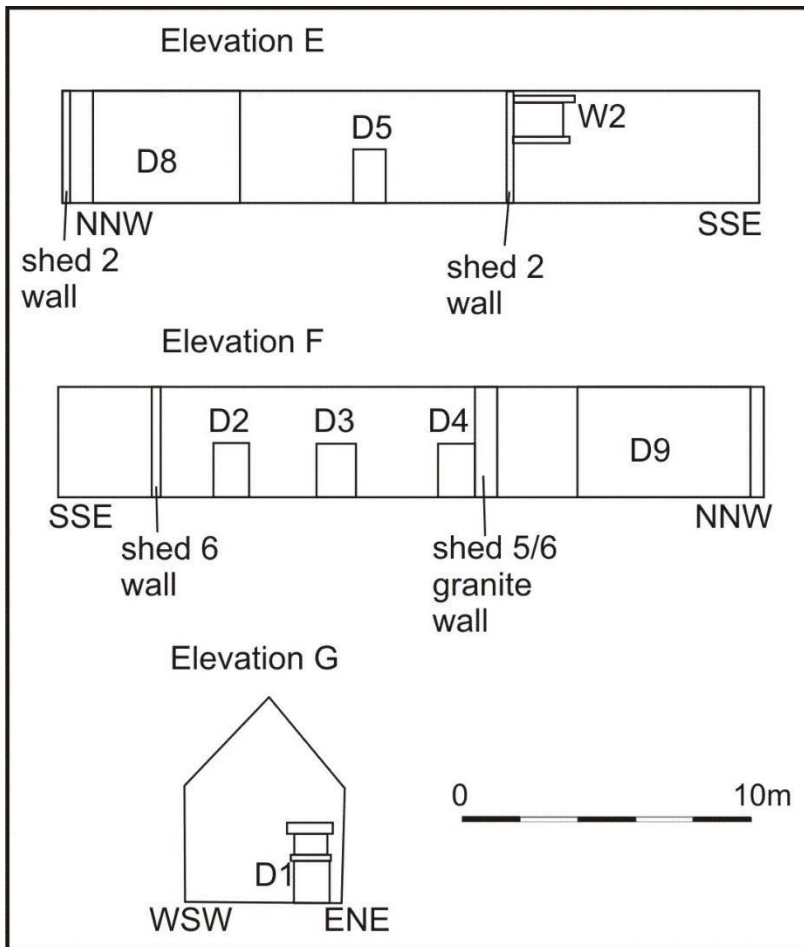
The SE wall of the WSW-ENE range is extant and this has been extended to form larger Shed 5 using breeze blocks, probably at the same time as adding Sheds 2 and 6. Shed 1 is a modern Dutch Barn. Doors D8 and D9 are modern apertures.







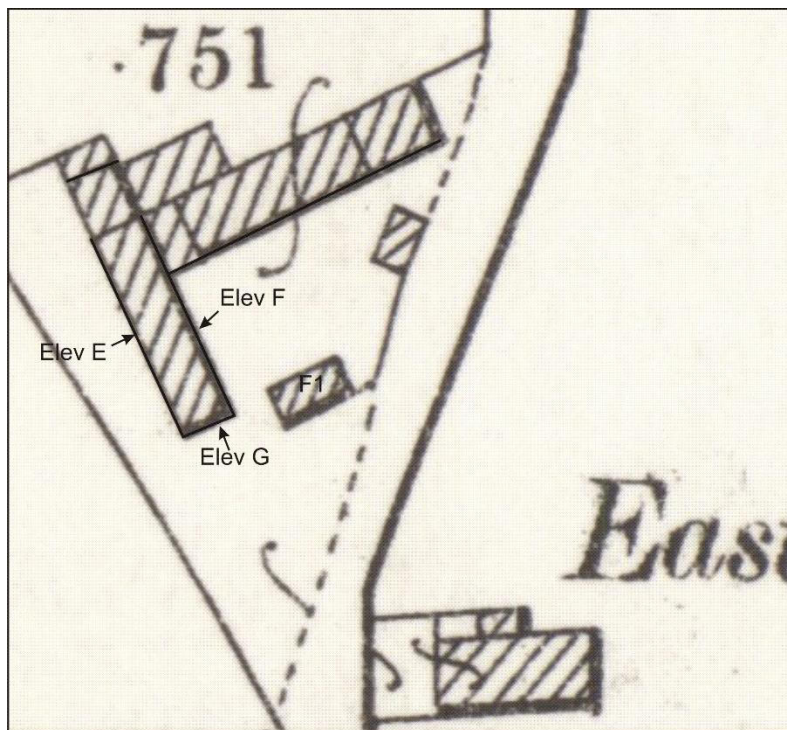
Illus 3 Elevations A-D (copyright Veitchi Homes)



Illus 4 Elevations E-G

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Illus 5 Second Edition OS map showing granite walls surviving and elevations drawn. Aberdeenshire 073.16 (includes: Echt) Publication date: 1900 Revised: 1899 (copyright National Library of Scotland)

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APPENDIX 1 MAPS

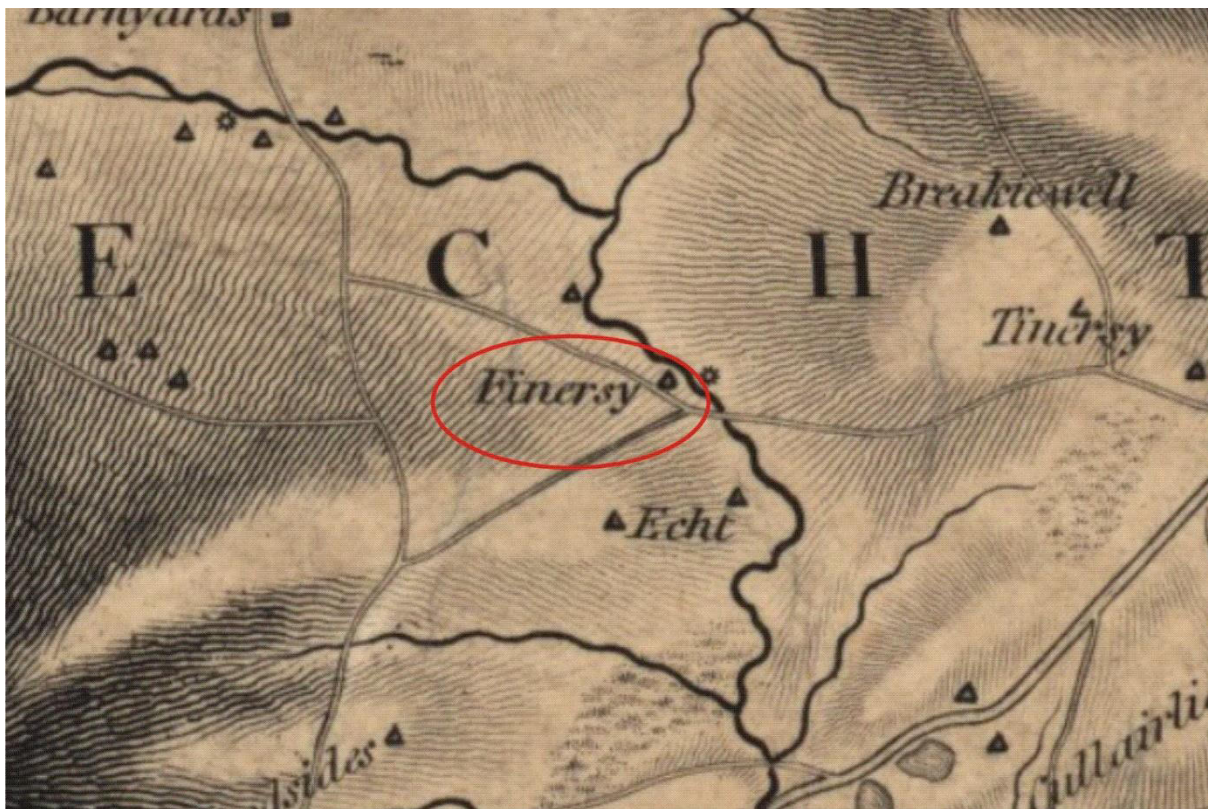


Illus 6 Blaeu 1654 showing 'Finnerisia' (copyright National Library of Scotland)

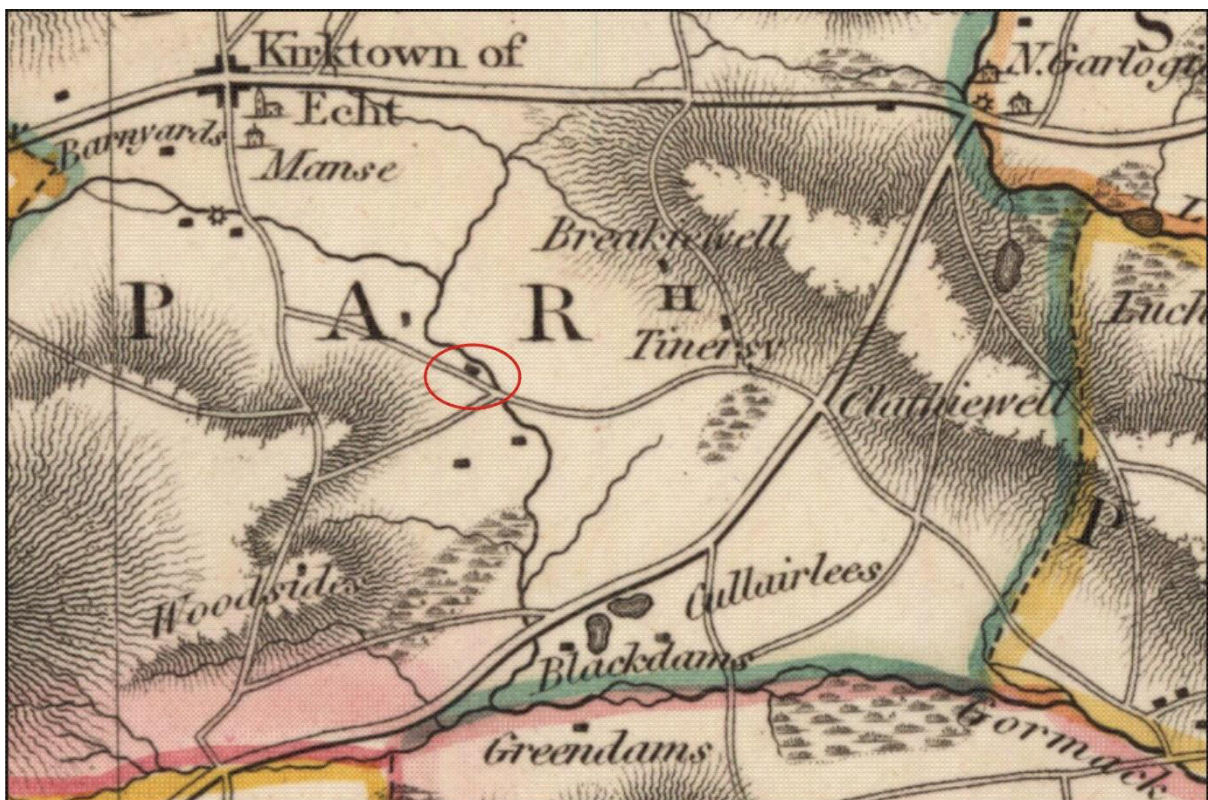


Illus 7 Moll 1745 showing 'Finersia' (copyright National Library of Scotland)



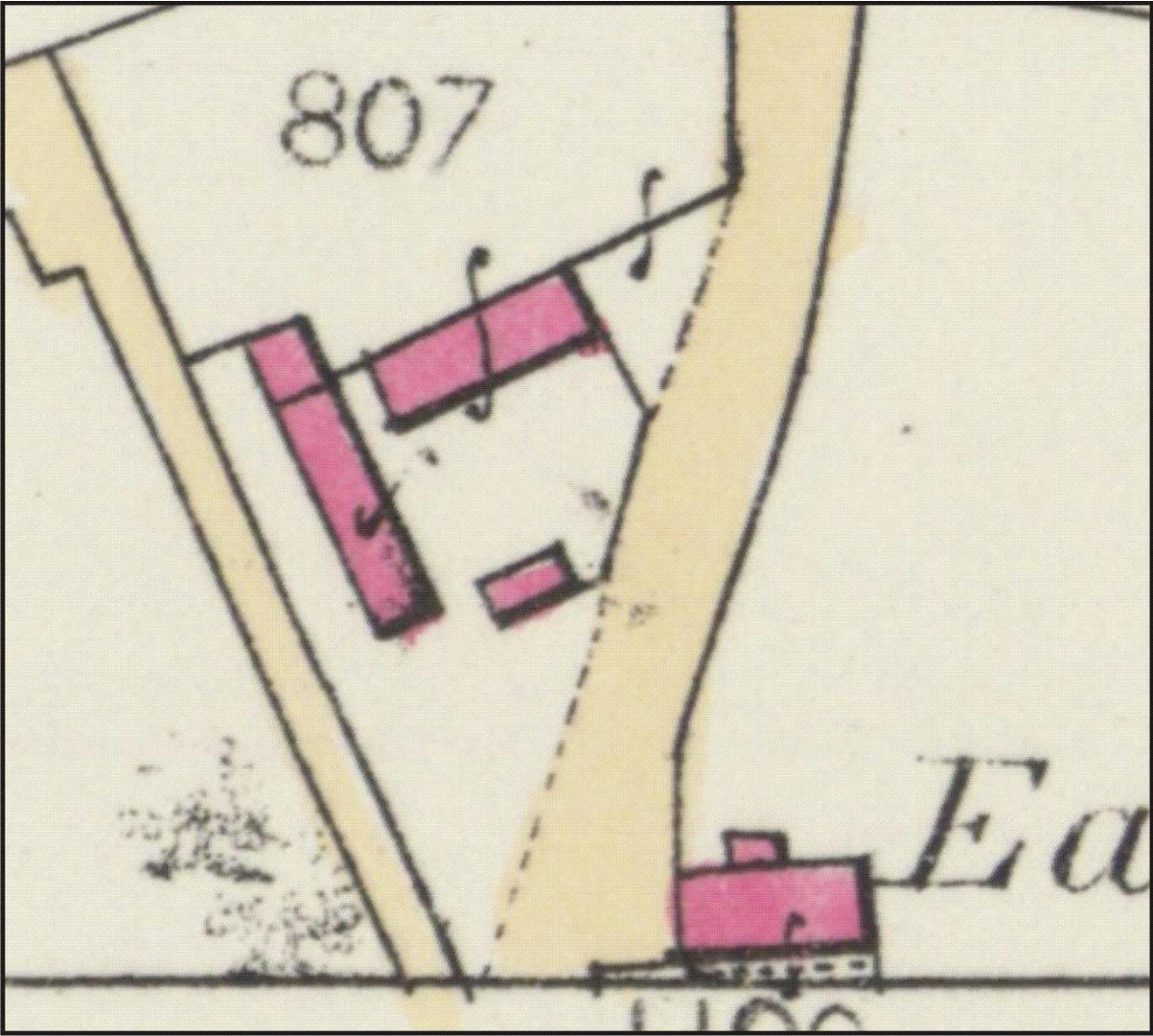


Illus 8 Robertson 1822 showing 'Finersy' (copyright National Library of Scotland)



Illus 9 Thomson 1832 showing Tinersy (with Finersy circled) (copyright National Library of Scotland)

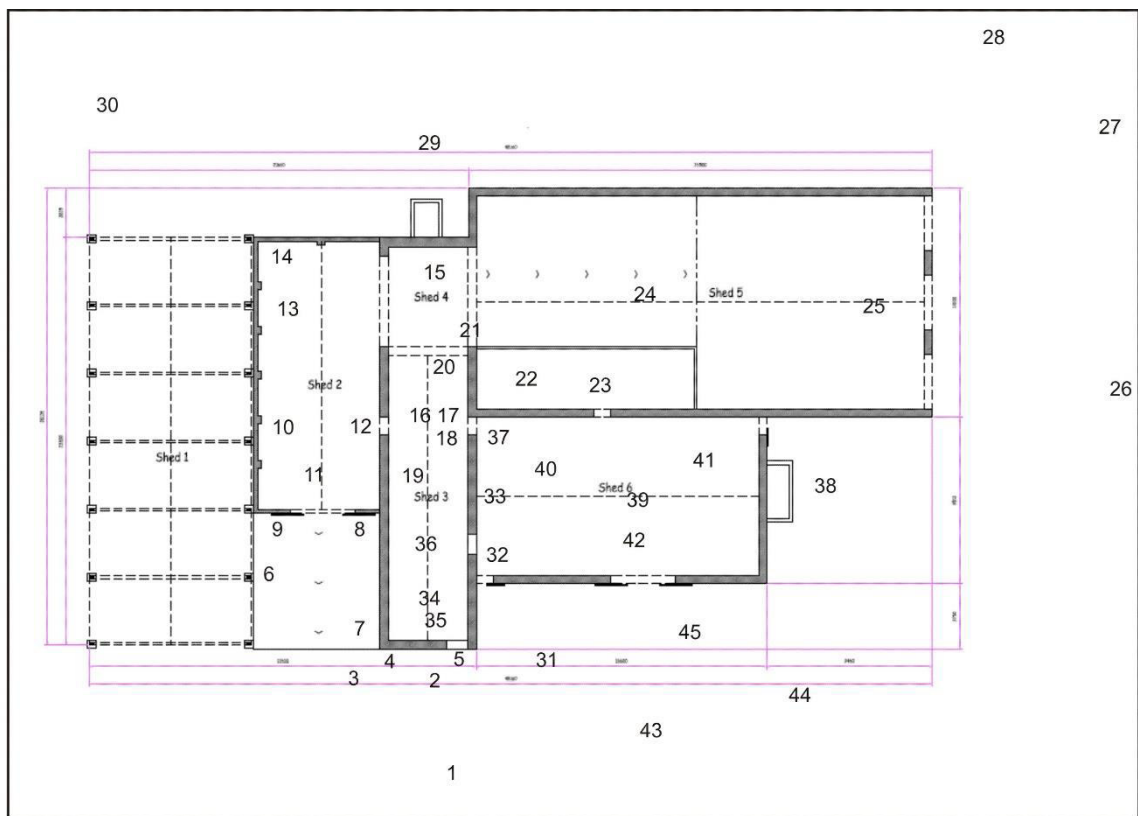




Illus 10 1<sup>st</sup> Edition Ordnance map. Aberdeen Sheet LXXIII.16 (Echt) Survey date: 1865 Publication date: 1869 (copyright National Library of Scotland)



## APPENDIX 2 PHOTOGRAPHS



Illus 11 Camera points used in this survey (copyright Veitchi Homes)



Illus 12 Shed 3 WSW elevation (SSE end) with W2 (left); facing ENE





Illus 13 Shed 3 WSW elevation (NNW end) with D5 (left); facing ENE



Illus 14 Shed 3 ENE wall with D3; facing ENE





Illus 15 Shed 3 NNW wall with D6; facing NNW



Illus 16 Shed 5 SSE wall with D7; facing SSE





Illus 17 Shed 4 NNW wall exterior with D6; facing SSE



Illus 18 Shed 3 SSE gable with D1 (later converted to window); facing NNW





Illus 19 Shed 3 SSE end with D1; facing SE



Illus 20 Shed 3 ENE wall exterior with D2 (left), D3 (centre, later converted to window) and D4 (right); facing WSW





Illus 21 Shed 5 SSE wall with remains of blocked window W1 (left of centre), this end of the wall has been heavily rebuilt; facing SSE

Photo no	Description	Facing	Camera point
DSC0691	SW façade shed 2 (left) Shed 3, Shed 6 (right)	NE	1
DSC0692	SW façade shed 1 (left) Shed 3, Shed 6 (right)	NNE	1
DSC0693	Shed 3 SE gable Elevation G with D1	NW	2
DSC0694	Shed 3 SE gable Elevation G with D1	NNE	3
DSC0695-6	Shed 3 SW quoins	NW	4
DSC0697-8	D1 converted to window	NW	4
DSC0699	Shed 3 SW wall Elev E	NE	6
DSC0700	Shed 3 SW wall Elev E	NE	7
DSC0701	W2	NE	8
DSC0702	W2	NE	9
DSC0703-4	Shed 3 SW wall Elev E D5	NE	10
DSC0705	Shed 3 SW wall Elev E D5	NE	11
DSC0706	D5	NE	12
DSC0707-8	Shed 3 SW wall Elev E D5	ENE	13
DSC0709	Shed 3 SW wall Elev E D5	E	14
DSC0710	D8	NE	14
DSC0711-2	Shed 3 SW wall with roof joist holes	SW	18
DSC0713	D5	SW	16
DSC0714	Shed 3	SE	16
DSC0715	Shed 3 SW wall with D5	SW	17
DSC0716-7	Shed 3 SW wall	SSW	17
DSC0718	Shed 3	SE	17

DSC0719	Shed 3 NE wall with D3	SE	17
DSC0720	D4	NE	18
DSC0721	D4 (left) D3 (right)	NE	19
DSC0722	D4 (right) D9 (left)	NNE	19
DSC0723	Shed 3	SE	19
DSC0724	SE wall Shed 5	ESE	20
DSC0725	Shed 4 NW gable rebuilt into modern building with D6 (centre)	NW	15
DSC0726	Wall 0.5m thick	SE	21
DSC0727	NE wall Shed 3	SW	22
DSC0728	NE wall Shed 3	E	22
DSC0729	NE wall Shed 3	ENE	22
DSC0730	D7	SE	23
DSC0731	Shed 5 SW end	SW	24
DSC0732	Shed 5 SE wall	S	24
DSC0733	Shed 5 SE wall with W1 blocked	ESE	24
DSC0734	Shed 5 SE wall	SE	24
DSC0735	Shed 5 SE wall	SE	25
DSC0736	Shed 5 SE wall	SSE	25
DSC0737	Shed 5	SW	25
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DSC0744	NW façade shed 1 (right), Shed 2, shed 4	SE	30
DSC0745-7	SE façade	NW/WNW	1
DSC0748-9	Shed 3 NE wall SE end	W	31
DSC0750	Shed 3 NE wall SE end	W	44
DSC0751	Shed 3 NE wall SE end	NW	31
DSC0752	Shed 3 NE wall SE end D2	NW	32
DSC0753	Shed 3 NE wall SE end D2	SE	33
DSC0754	Shed 3 SE end SE gable with D1	SE	34
DSC0755	Shed 3 SE end D1 with grain bruiser	ESE	34
DSC0756	Shed 3 SE end grain bruiser	NE	35
DSC0757	Shed 3 SE end	ENE	35
DSC0758	Shed 3 SE end	NW	35
DSC0759	Shed 3 SE end	SW	35
DSC0760	Shed 3 SE end	WNW	35
DSC0761	Shed 3 SE end	SW	36
DSC0762	Shed 3 SE end	NW	36
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DSC0765-6	D3	NW	33
DSC0767-8	D4	NW/NNW	37



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DSC0775	Shed 5 SE wall exterior	NW	39
DSC0776	Shed 5 SE wall exterior	NW	41
DSC0777	D3	SW	39
DSC0778-80	D2	SW	42
DSC0782	Cobbles F1	NW	43
DSC0773	Cobbles F1	SW	44
DSC0774-6	Cobbles F1	SE	45









