

**Steading At Mains of Duncanstone, Lazyfold Road,
Duncanstone, Inch, Aberdeenshire, AB52 6YX
Report on Level 1 Standing Building Survey**



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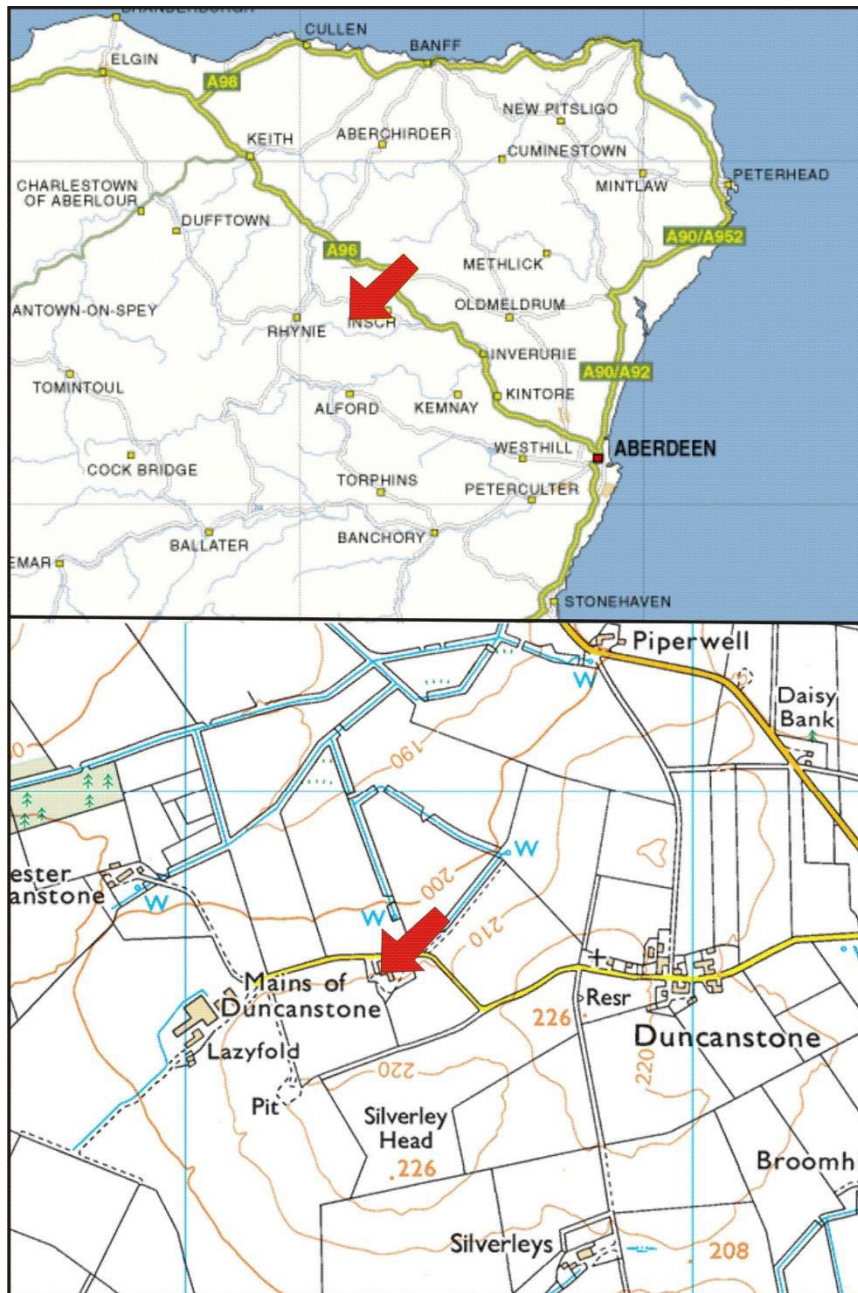
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SUMMARY

A Level 1 standing building survey was carried out on 12 November 2015. The original C-shaped steading and separate bothy to the SE pre-date the First Edition OS map and there have been extensions to the stone building prior to the Second Edition as well as further additions, some of which have subsequently been demolished, in the 20th century. It is recommended that no further archaeological work is required during the current planning application.

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The site (Illus 1) is located on the W side of the B road from Old Leslie to Kennethmont between Lazyfold and Duncanstone. It is centred on NGR NJ57382664, at 200-210m OD (Illus 1) and in the parish of Leslie (Gordon).
- 1.2 The work was commissioned by Alison Skinner, Lazyfold. A planning application APP/2015/1080 was passed by Aberdeenshire Council on 28.10.15 for erection of three houses 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

Mains of Duncanstone farmstead (Canmore NJ52NE 149) appears on the First Edition OS map (Illus 17) as a C-shaped steading on a WSW-ENE orientation with a small separate building partially closing the open side of the central courtyard and a small bothy to the SE. There are small extensions off the N and W exterior walls and a small outbuilding within the courtyard. By the Second Edition OS map (Illus 18) the steading has been extended to the E and Room 8 added to the n end of the bothy building. A horse mill has been added to the W end of the S wall of the main steading building.

3 THE LEVEL 1 STANDING BUILDING SURVEY

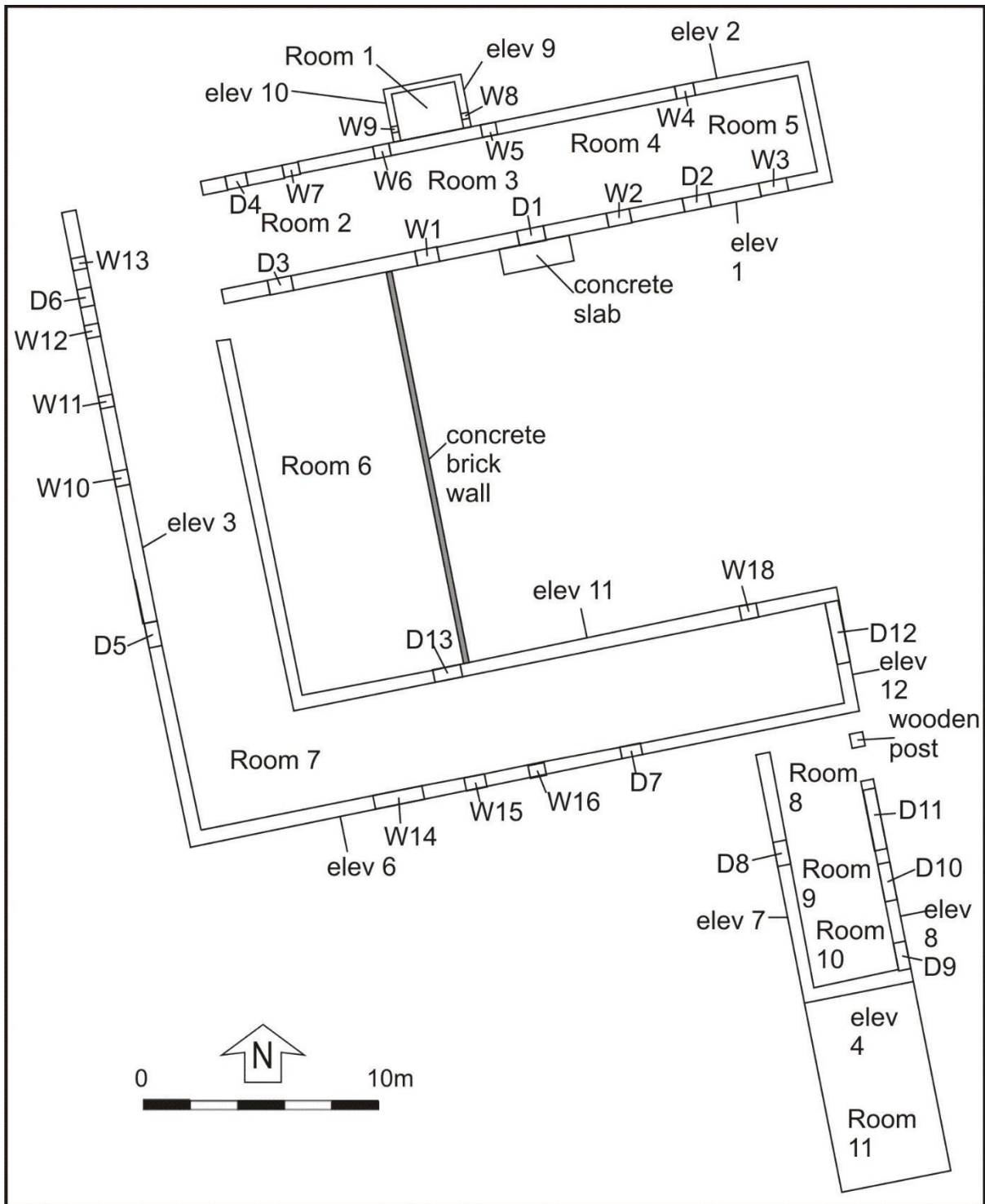
A Level 1 standing building survey was carried out on 12 November 2015. An architects plan was utilized and all elevations drawn.

Phase 1

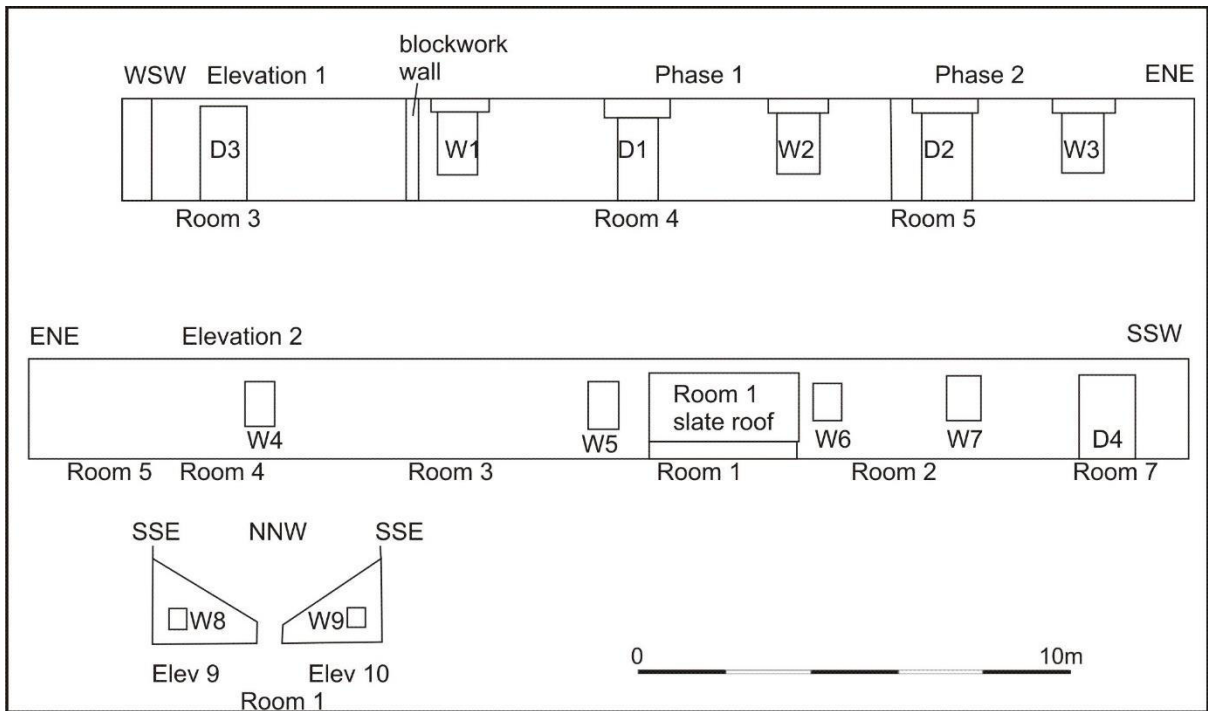
Phase 1 consisted of a C-shaped steading (Rooms 2, 3, 4 and 7) around a central courtyard and a bothy to the SE. The buildings are constructed of blocks of pink and grey granite blocks with cherry cocking. The roofs are slate and the lintels and sills are mainly granite with wood on the interiors. The N wing of the steading is 19m long and 5.1m wide. The E end consists of a cottage (Illus 5, Rooms 3 and 4) with a cold store/pantry on the exterior of the N wall (Illus 6, 7; Room 1). There was no access to the interior of this room but the room was accessed by steps into the partially underground structure and there is a stone shelf *in situ* (Illus 7). This building is 3.3m long and 2.3m wide.

The W arm of the steading is 28m long and 5.1m wide. It has a series of blocked doors and windows on the W wall (eg W13; Illus 8), presumably when the modern dutch barn was added to the W. The S arm of the steading was 23m long and 5.4m wide. A series of doors and windows on the S wall are still open (eg W16; Illus 9) but the level of the ground on the exterior has been increased and some of these are not clearly visible from the exterior.

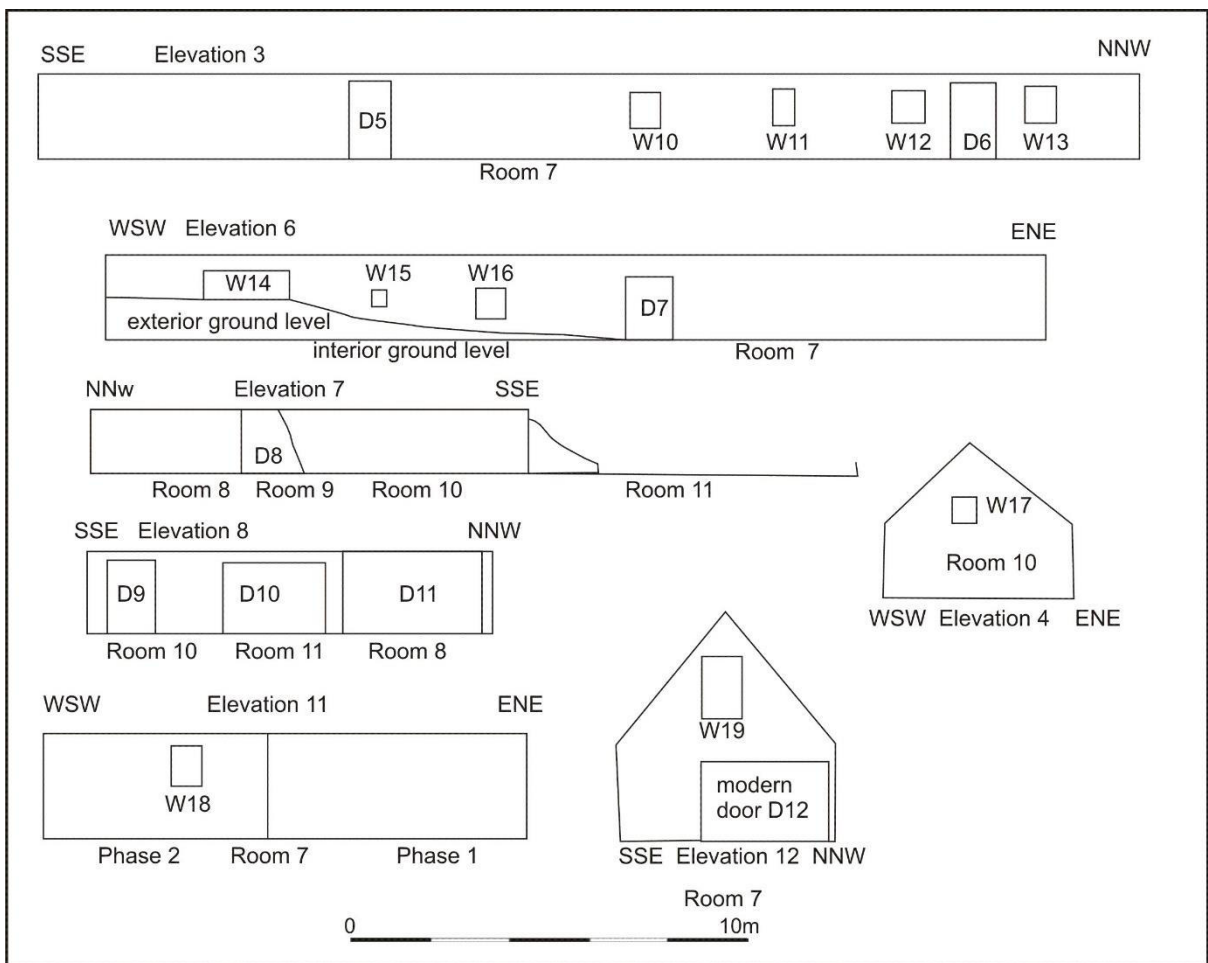
To the SE is a small separate building consisting of Rooms 8, 9, and 10 and partially demolished structure Room 11 which does not appear on the OS maps and may have been an unroofed enclosure.



Illus 2 Plan showing buildings with room, aperture and elevation numbers



Illus 3 Elevations 1, 2, 9 and 10



Illus 4 Elevations 3, 4, 6-8, 11-12



Illus 5 Phase 1 cottage S wall Rooms 3 and 4, W1, D1, W2; facing NNW



Illus 6 Room 1 cold store exterior; facing SSW



Illus 7 Room 1 interior through window W8; facing WSW



Illus 8 Room 7 W wall blocked window W13; facing WSW



Illus 9 Room 7 S wall window W16 showing concrete lining when buildings modernized for animal use; facing SSE



Illus 10 South arm of C shaped steading showing Phase 1 (right) and Phase 2 extension (left)



Illus 11 Rooms 8-10; facing WSW



Illus 12 S gable Room 10 with blocked window W17 (first floor) and Room 11 as earthwork (foreground); facing NNW



Illus 13 Rooms 8-10 with fragment of W wall Room 11 surviving (right); facing NE

Phase 2

In Phase 2 an extension was built on to the E end of the N wing of the steading (Room 5; Illus 14, 15) which was an extra domestic accommodation and an extension on the E end of the S wing of the steading appears to have been extra agricultural building.



Illus 14 Phase 2 cottage added on to E of Room 4 with D2 and W3; facing NNW



Illus 15 Phase 2 gable Room 5; facing SW

A horse mill was added to the S side of this wall on the 2nd Edition OS map and the apertures W14 and W15 may be associated with this structure. The ground level has been raised in the area of the horse mill and these apertures are partially obscured.

Later additions

The W side of the courtyard was enclosed in the mid 20th century and a Dutch barn added to the W side of the farm, attached to the exterior W wall of Room 7. A porch was added outside D1 and later removed. There is no access to Room 1, the cold store, as the room adjacent has been wood paneled and these cottages have been modernised. The steading buildings have been modified for animal use with some interior walls concreted.

4 CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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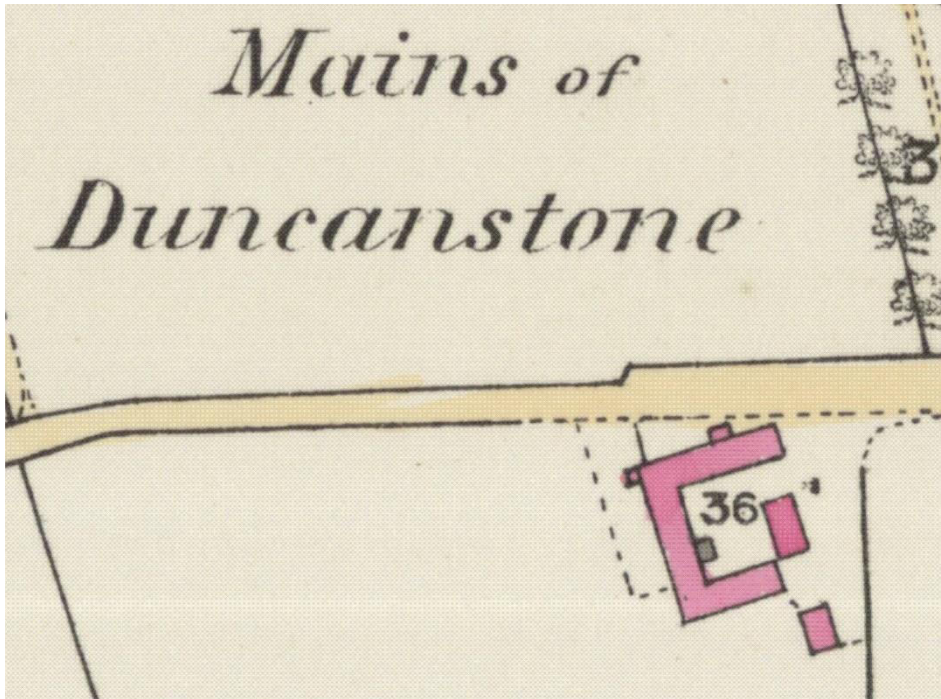
Illus 16 Phase plan showing main phases of development

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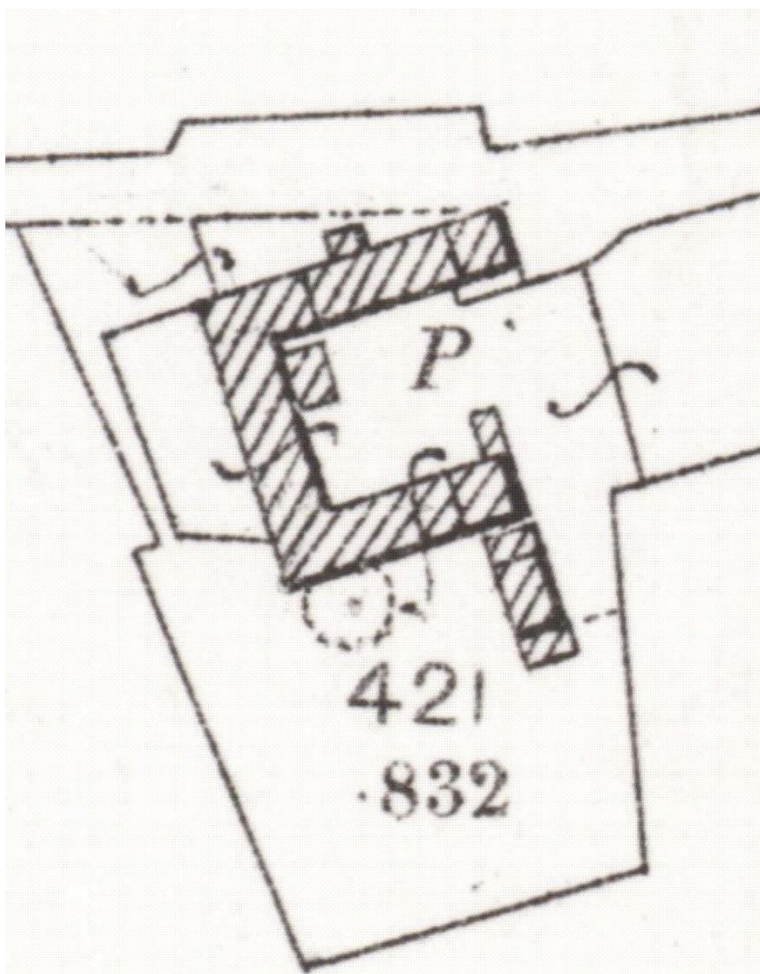
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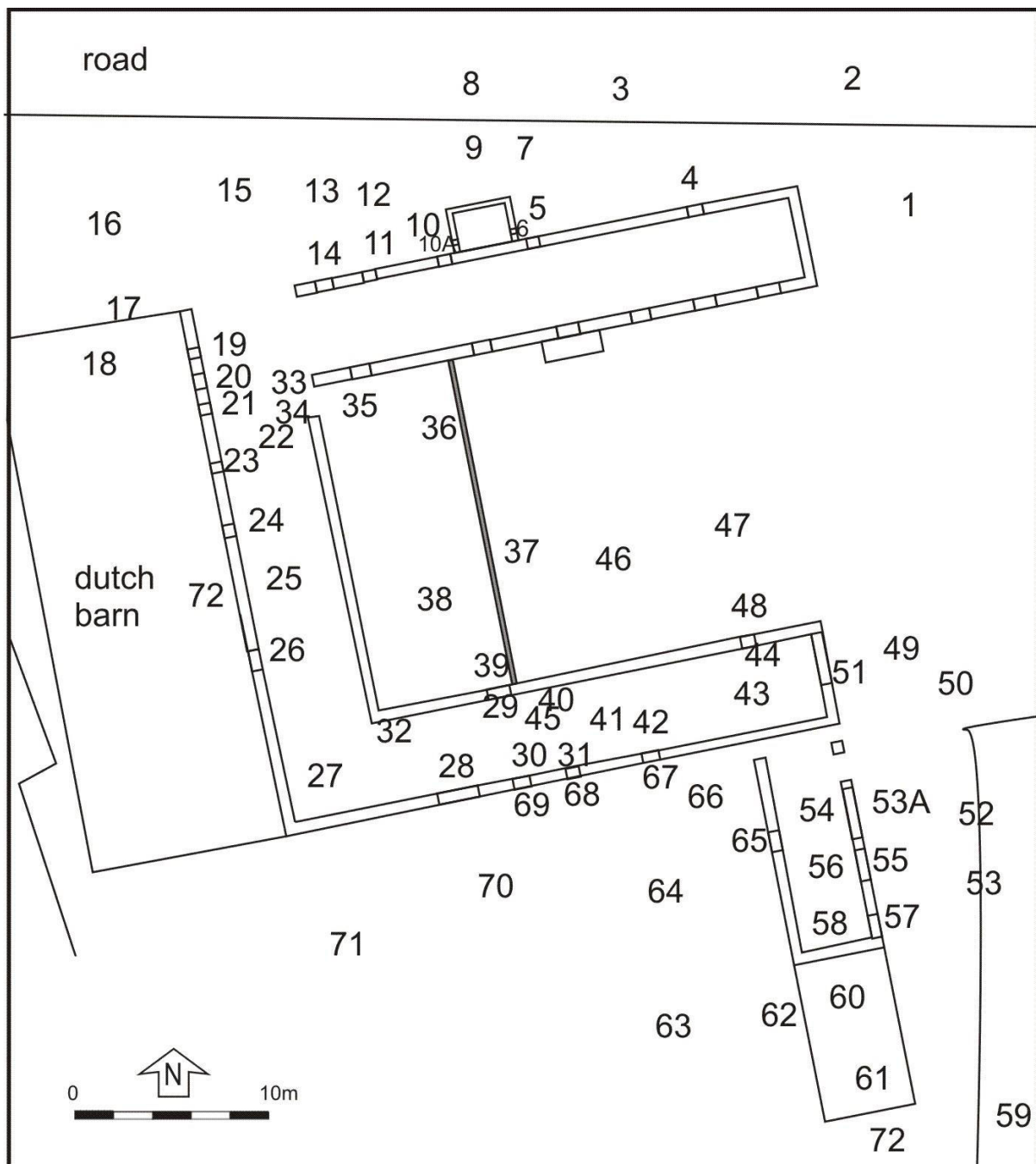


Illus 17 1st Edition Ordnance map. Aberdeen Sheet XLIII.12 (Leslie) Survey date: 1866 Publication date: 1870 (copyright National Library of Scotland)



Illus 18 Second Edition OS map. Aberdeenshire 043.12 (includes: Kennethmont; Leslie) Publication date: 1900 Revised: 1899 (copyright National Library of Scotland)

APPENDIX 2 PHOTOGRAPHS



Illus 19 Camera points used in this survey

Photo no	Description	Facing	Camera point
DSC_2326-7	Room 5 ENE gable	WSW	1
DSC_2328-9	Room 5 ENE gable	SW	2
DSC_2330	Room 5 N wall with W4	SSE	3
DSC_2331	Rooms 5, 4, 3 N wall	SW	3
DSC_2332	Room 5 N wall with W4	SSE	3
DSC_2333	W4	SSE	4
DSC_2334-6	W5	SSE	5

DSC_2337	wall below W5	S	5
DSC_2338	Room 1 E wall	SW	7
DSC_2339-40	W8	WSW	5
DSC_2341-2	Interior Room 1 through window W8	WSW	6
DSC_2343	Room 5 N wall with W4	SE	8
DSC_2344	Room 4 N wall	SSE	8
DSC_2345	Room 1 (left)	SW	8
DSC_2346	Room 1	SW	7
DSC_2347	Room 1 N wall	SSE	9
DSC_2348	Room 1 W wall with W9	ENE	10
DSC_2349-50	W9	ENE	10A
DSC_2351	Room 1 interior through W9	ENE	
DSC_2352	W6	SSE	10
DSC_2353-4	W7	SSE	11
DSC_2355-6	W7 and N wall Room 4	SE	12
DSC_2357-8	N wall Room 2 and D4	SSE	13/14
DSC_2359	N wall Rooms 2-5	ESE	15
DSC_2360	N wall Room 2 and door into Room 7	SSE	15
DSC_2361	Dutch bar on W side of farm	SSW	15
DSC_2362	N wall Rooms 2-5	ESE	15
DSC_2363	N wall Rooms 2 and 3	SSE	15
DSC_2364	N wall Room 2	SSW	15
DSC_2365-6	N door into Room 7	SSE	15
DSC_2367	W13	WSW	19
DSC_2368	D6	WSW	20
DSC_2369	W12	WSW	21
DSC_2370	Room 7 WSW wall	NNW	21
DSC_2371	W12	WSW	21
DSC_2372	Room 7 WSW wall	NNW	21
DSC_2373	W11	SW	22
DSC_2374	W10	WSW	24
DSC_2375-6	D5	WSW	26
DSC_2377	Room 7 WSW wall	NNW	26
DSC_2378	Room 7 WSW wall S end	SW	27
DSC_2379-80	Room 7 S wall W14	SSE	28
DSC_2381	Room 7 S wing showing equipment stored allowing limited access	ENE	28
DSC_2382	Room 7 S wing showing equipment stored allowing limited access	ENE	32
DSC_2383	W14	SE	32
DSC_2384	W15	SSE	30
DSC_2385	W15	SSW	31
DSC_2386	W16	SSE	31
DSC_2387	Room 7 S wall	ESE	31
DSC_2388-9	Room 7	ESE	29
DSC_2390-2	Room 7 corner	NNW	32

DSC_2393-5	Fragment of granite wall remaining between modern entrances	NNE	34
DSC_2396	Room 6 created with blockwork E wall in C-shaped courtyard	SSE	35
DSC_2397-8	blockwork wall E wall Room 6	ESE/ENE	35
DSC_2399	S wall Room 2	NE	35
DSC_2400	Fragment of granite wall remaining between modern entrances	NNE	34
DSC_2401	Fragment of granite wall remaining between modern entrances	ENE	33
DSC_2402	Room 2	ENE	37
DSC_2403	N wall Room 2 interior	NNE	37
DSC_2404-6	Dutch barn	SSE	17
DSC_2407	W wall Room 7	NNE	72
DSC_2408	W wall Room 7	ENE	72
DSC_2409	W wall Room 7	SSE	72
DSC_2410	exterior W10	ENE	72
DSC_2413	exterior W10	ENE	72
DSC_2414-5	Dutch barn	SE	73
DSC_2416	Room 5 S wall	NNW	74
DSC_2417	Room 5 S wall	NW	74
DSC_2418	blockwork wall E wall Room 6	WSW	74
DSC_2419	Room 7 E gable D12	SSW	74
DSC_2420-1	W3	NNW	75
DSC_2422	D2 (left) W3 (right)	NNW	76
DSC_2423	D2	NNW	77
DSC_2424	W2	NNW	78
DSC_2425	Room 5 S wall W2, D2, W3	NNW	79
DSC_2426	Room 3/4 W1, D1, W2	NNW	80
DSC_2427	N wall Room 7 W18	SSE	80
DSC_2429	D1	NNW	81
DSC_2430-1	D1 E jamb	NE	82
DSC_2432	D1 wood lintel	NNW	82
DSC_2433-4	Corridor S side Room 4	WSW/SE	83
DSC_2435-9	Room 4	N/S/E/W	84
DSC_2440-7	Rooms 2 and 3 showing modern fittings throughout		84A
DSC_2448-59	Room 5 and corridor inside D2		86
DSC_2460	Room 3 S wall W1 and D1 (right)	NNW	87
DSC_2461	W1	NNW	88
DSC_2462	Rooms 2-5 S wall	NE	89
DSC_2463	door into Room 6	WSW	89
DSC_2464	Room 6 S wall (N wall Room 7) with D13	SW	90
DSC_2465	Room 6 S wall (N wall Room 7) with D13	SSW	90
DSC_2466	D13	SSW	91
DSC_2467	Room 7 W16	SE	45
DSC_2468	W16	SSE	31
DSC_2469	W16 (right) D7 (left)	SE	40

DSC_2470	D7 (right)	ESE	41
DSC_2471	D7	SSE	42
DSC_2473	wall E of D7	SSE	43
DSC_2474	wall E of D7	ESE	43
DSC_2475	D12	ENE	43
DSC_2476	W18	NNE	43
DSC_2477	W18	NNW	44
DSC_2478-9	wall W of W18	WNW	43
DSC_2480	Room 7	WSW	43
DSC_2481	D13	NW	45
DSC_2482-3	D13	SSE/SSW	39
DSC_2484	Room 6 looking toward W wall Room 7	WSW	39
DSC_2486	Room 6 looking toward W wall Room 7	NW	39
DSC_2487	S wall Rooms 2-5	NE	37
DSC_2488	N wall Room 7	SSE	46
DSC_2489	N wall Room 7 with W18	SSE	47
DSC_2490-3	W18	SSE	48
DSC_2494-5	Room 2-5 S wall	NNW	48
DSC_2496-7	Room 7 E gable D12	SW	49
DSC_2498-9	D12 with W19 above	WSW	50/51
DSC_2500-1	Rooms 7-9	SW	52
DSC_2502	Rooms 7-9	WSW	53
DSC_2503-4	Room 8 (left) E gable Room 7 (centre)	NW	53
DSC_2505-6	Room 8 (left) E gable Room 7 (left)	NNW	53A
DSC_2507-8	Room 8 W wall	WSW	54
DSC_2509	Room 8 S wall	S	54
DSC_2510-11	Room 8 N wall with wall Room 7 (background)	N	54
DSC_2512	Room 8 E wall slumped wood post and roof	E	54
DSC_2513	Room 9	WSW	55
DSC_2514	Room 9 N wall	NW	56
DSC_2515	Room 9 W wall	WSW	56
DSC_2516	Room 8 E wall	NW	55
DSC_2517-8	D10 with D9 (left)	S	55
DSC_2519	D9	WSW	57
DSC_2520	Room 10 N wall	NW	58
DSC_2521	Room 10 W wall	WSW	58
DSC_2522-3	Room 10 S wall and roof above	SW	58
DSC_2524	Rooms 10, 9, 8	NW	59
DSC_2525-29	Room 10 S gable with blocked window W17	NNW	60
DSC_2530	W wall ruined Room 11	WNW	60
DSC_2531	W wall ruined Room 11	ENE	62
DSC_2532-4	field to S of farm	S/SSE/SE	62
DSC_2535	Rooms 10, 9, 8	NE	63
DSC_2536	Room 7 S wall showing rise in ground level to W; D7 centre	NNW	63
DSC_2537	Rooms 10, 9, 8 W wall	ENE	64
DSC_2538	blocked D8	ENE	65

DSC_2539	Room 8 W wall	ENE	66
DSC_2540	Room 8 (right) Room 7 S wall (left)	NE	66
DSC_2541	Room 7 S wall	N	66
DSC_2542	Room 7 S wall D7	NNW	66
DSC_2543	D7	NNW	67
DSC_2544	W16	NNW	68
DSC_2545	Rooms 10, 9, 8 W wall	ENE	68
DSC_2546-7	W15	ENE	69
DSC_2548	W14	ENE	70
DSC_2549	Room 7 S wall	NE	71
DSC_2550	Room 7 S wall (left) Rooms 8-10 (right)	E	71
DSC_2551-3	Room 11 earthwork showing walls of demolished Room 11	NNW	72
DSC_2554	Room 1	SW	7
DSC_2555-60	Room 1 interior through W8	WSW	8
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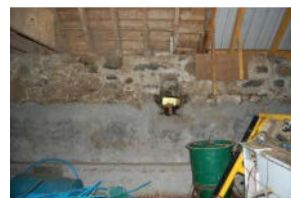
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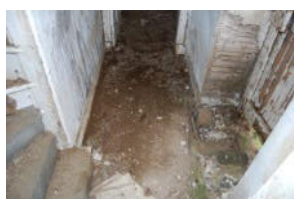
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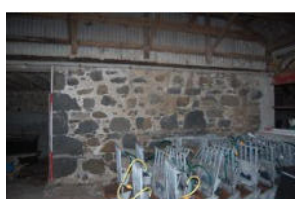
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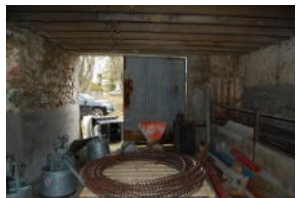
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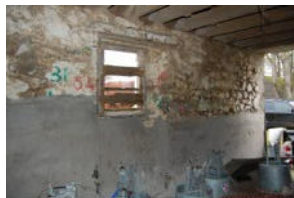
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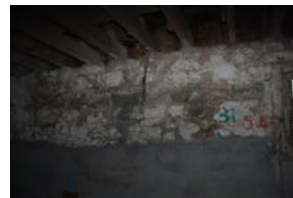
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