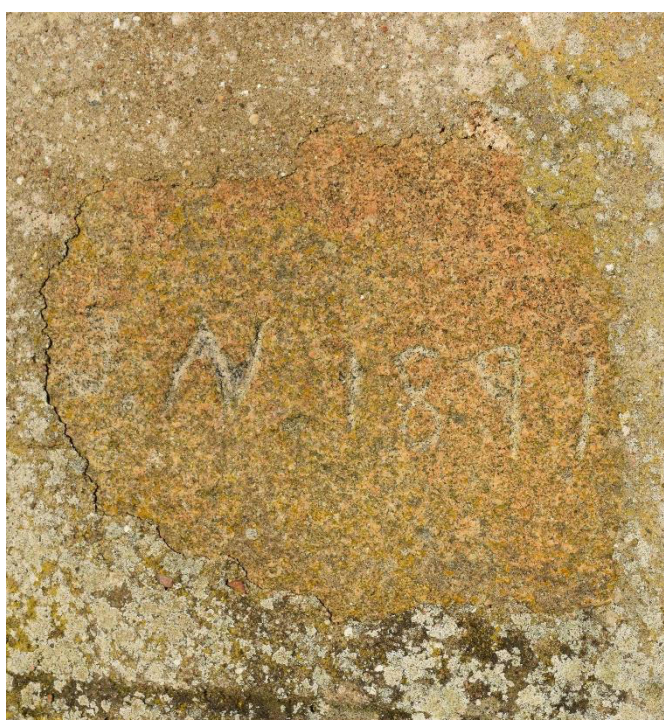


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Report on Level 1 Standing Building Survey Site B
(APP/2014/4282) and Photographic Survey Site A
(APP/2014/3572)**



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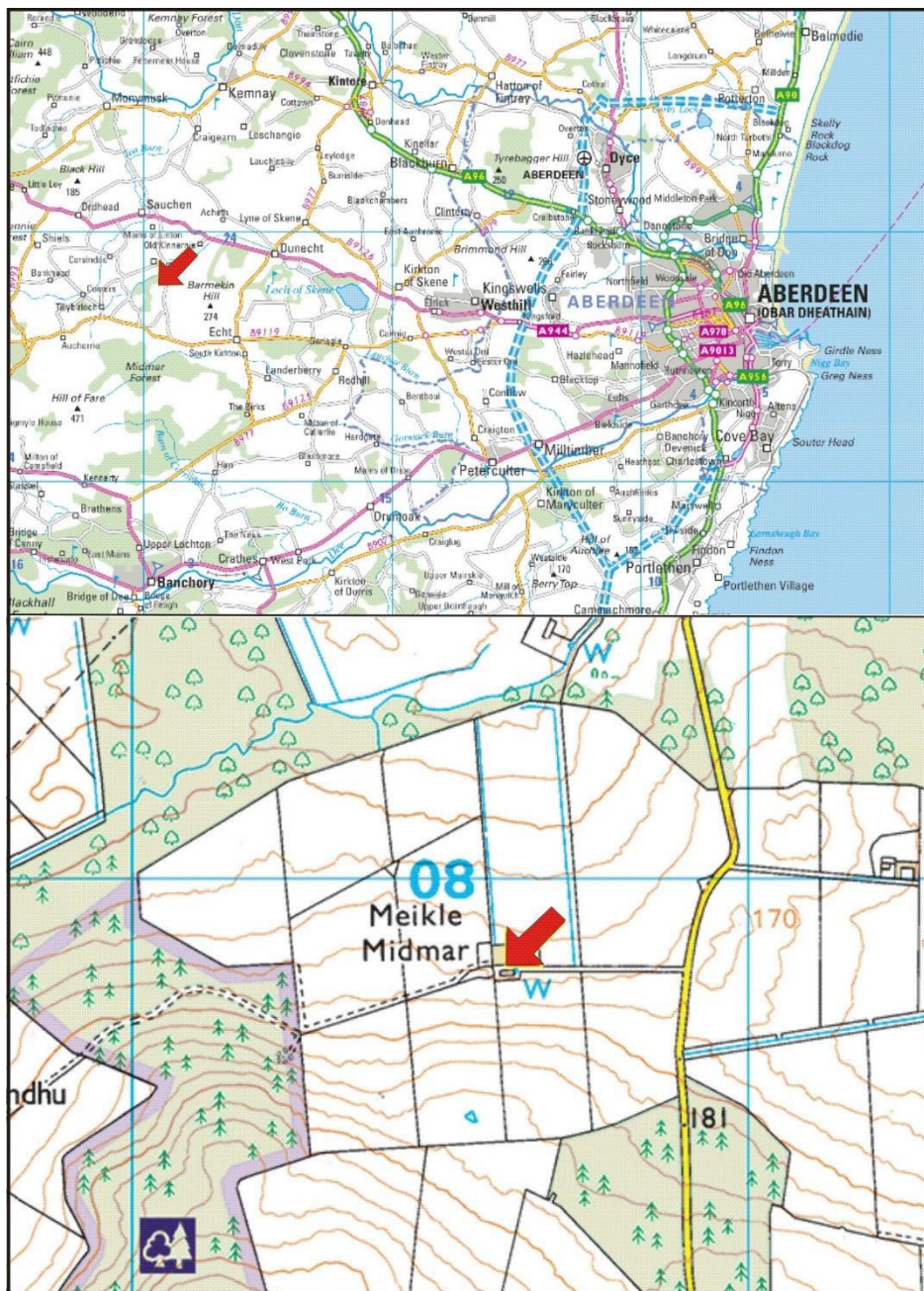
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SUMMARY

A Level 1 standing building survey was carried out of the south half of the farmstead and a photographic survey of the north half on 21 November 2016. The main buildings 1 and 2 appear to have been constructed in one phase and form a C-shaped steading with later cattle court in the courtyard. Building 2 is the remains of a two-room bothy and there is a demolished Dutch barn on the E side of Building 2. There are initials (JN) and a date (1891) scratched into one of the stones on the S exterior wall of Building 1. These buildings were probably constructed in the early 19th-century and were fully developed by the First Edition OS map. 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 N of the B9119. It is centred on NGR NJ 7060 0785, at 160-165m OD (Illus 1) and in the parish of Midmar.
- 1.2 The work was commissioned by Cameron Forbes, Forbes Homes. Two planning applications for the site include Site A – APP/2014/3572 – Demolition of steading and erection of 3no. dwelling houses and garages; there is a condition which requires a photographic survey before works commence onsite and Site B – APP/2014/4282 – Demolition of existing bothy/steading and Dutch barn and erection of dwelling house and garage at site B; there is a condition which requires a Level 1 archaeological standing survey of existing structures to be undertaken.
- 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 Scotland’s Policy Statement (HESPS), which state that archaeological remains should be regarded as part of the environment to be protected and managed.



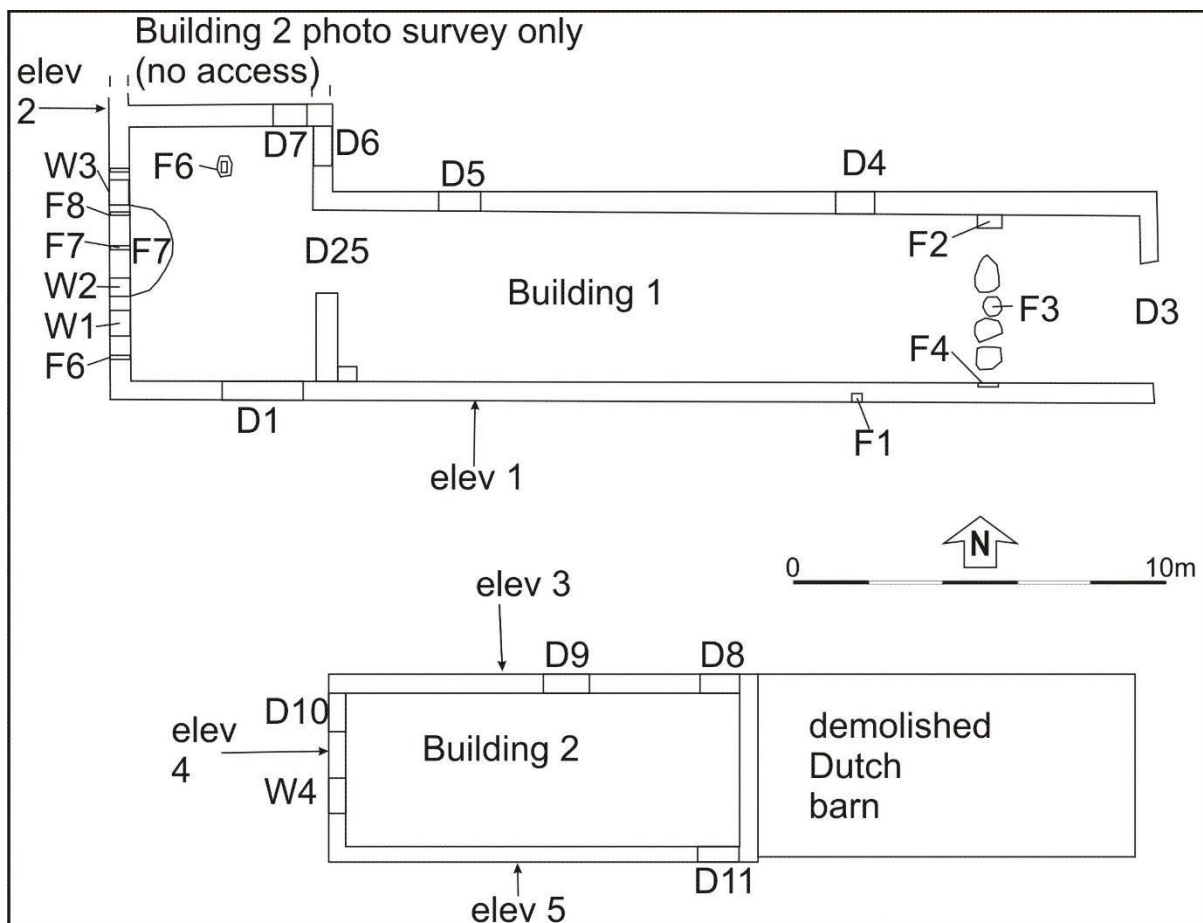
Illus 1 Location plan (Contains Ordnance Survey data © Crown copyright and database right 2016)

2 BACKGROUND

Farmstead still in use (Aberdeenshire HER NJ70NW0102). On the 1st edition OS map (Illus 15) of 1867 it is shown as a U-shaped building with the court facing east and two outbuildings and a mill pond to the west. A horse-gang is attached to the west side of the steading. By the 1888 2nd edition OS map (Illus 16) there is a mill dam marked. These buildings survive today. The horse-gang has been removed and the pond infilled. The lade survives as a boggy channel not accessible during this survey and the area of the mill pond is also boggy.

3 THE LEVEL 1 STANDING BUILDING SURVEY AND PHOTOGRAPHIC SURVEY

A level 1 standing building survey was carried out on 21 November 2016. A photographic survey was carried out of all the buildings. There was no access to the N side of the buildings due to the old lade and overgrown vegetation and little access to the courtyard because of overgrown vegetation. The roofs have collapsed in the bothy Building 2 and the N and some of the W wing of the courtyard buildings. The south wing of the courtyard building was overrun with pigeons and so a photographic survey was carried out and all measurements taken from the exterior only. A Level 1 survey was carried out on the S wing of the courtyard buildings and the bothy. Plans and elevations were drawn and this report details both surveys.



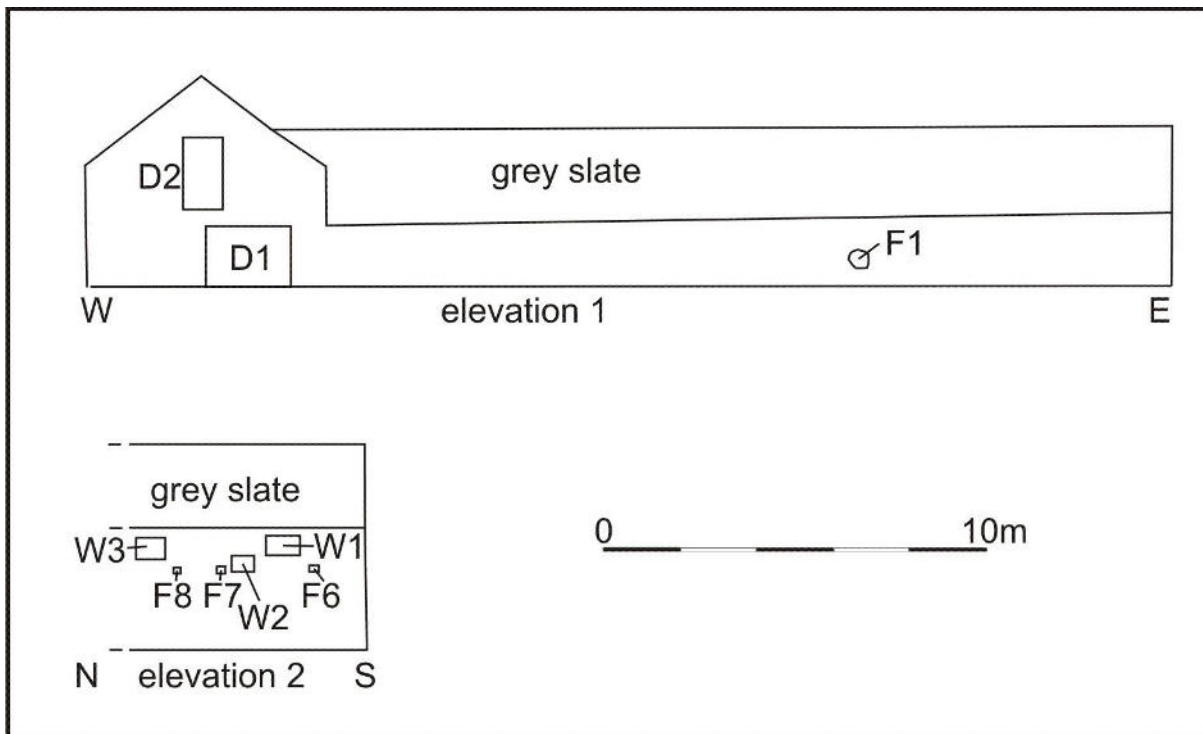
Illus 2 Buildings 1 and 2 plan annotated with numbers used in this survey

3.1 Building 1

Building 1 is 28m W-E and the wings are 5m wide. The S wing of the building was subjected to a Level 1 survey and the rest of the building was photographed. The building is constructed from grey and pink granite blocks with cherry cocking; the walls are 0.5m thick. The roofs are grey slate some of which have collapsed. There is a gable on the W end of the S wall with large door and smaller upper first floor door. The S wing consists of three rooms: the middle and E rooms have been joined into one room and the wall foundation (F3) and wall stub (F2) survive at the E end of the building (Illus 7). The W room is slightly larger with main door on S wall D1, a series of small upper windows and vents on the S end of the W wall (W1-3, F6-8; Illus 2-4). There is a door in the N wall (D7) which leads to the remainder of the steading which is not accessible and subjected to a photographic survey only; the door is blocked with wood. There is a door on the E wall of this room (D6; Illus 6) which led to the courtyard; this door is blocked with vegetation).

There is a socket stone at the N end of the building (F6; Illus 8) a stone platform against the W wall (F7; Illus 9) and the wall contains stones that have been quarried (Illus 10).

There are initials (JN) and a date (1891) scratched into one of the stones on the S exterior wall of Building 1 (F1; cover illus).



Illus 3 Building 1 elevations annotated with numbers used in this survey



Illus 4 Building 1 W wall W1 (right), W2, W3, W5 (left); facing ENE



Illus 5 Building 1 W wall W2 (left) W1 (right); facing E



Illus 6 Building 1 W room E wall with D6 with W15 above; facing E



Illus 7 Wall stub F2 (top), wall foundation F3 (bottom), facing N



Illus 8 Building 1 N wall showing drilled granite blocks; facing N



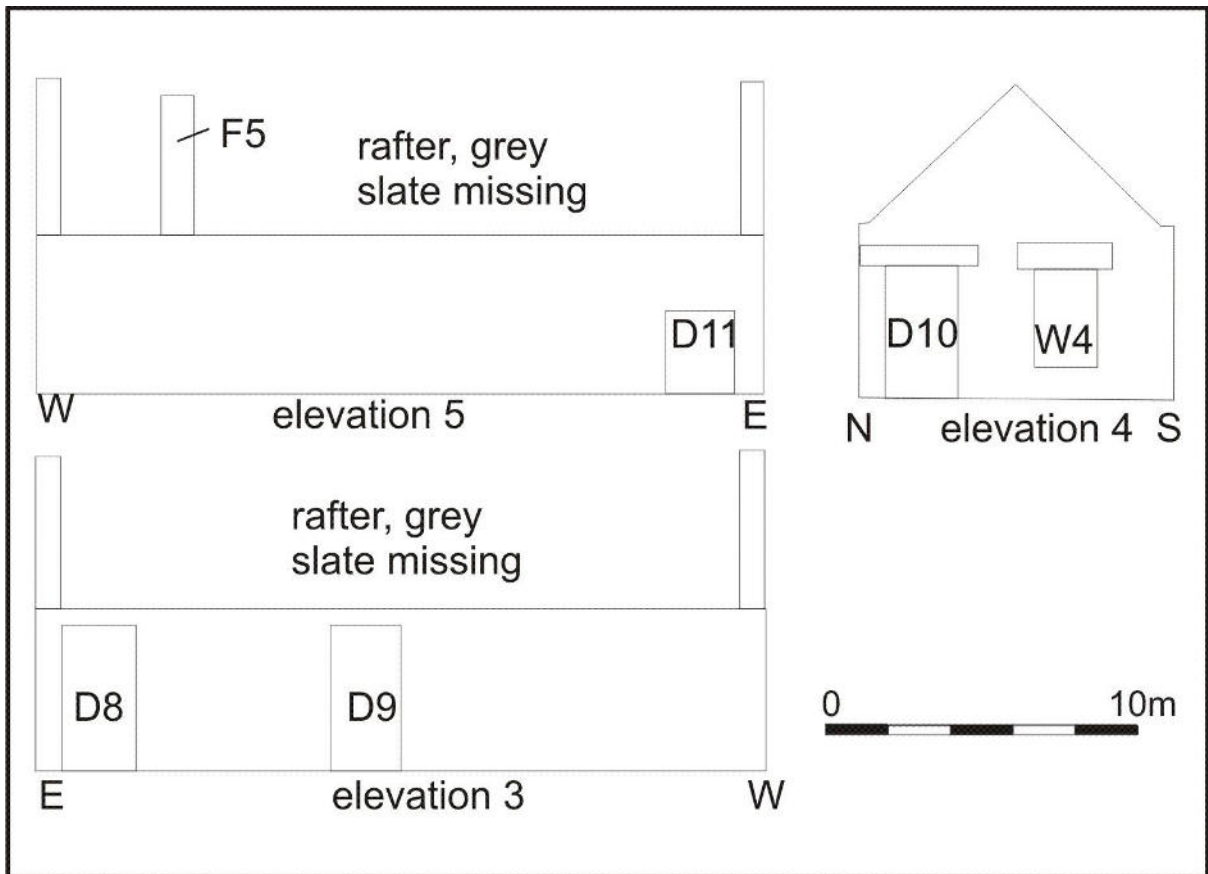
Illus 9 Building 1 W room socket stone F6, facing S



Illus 10 stone platform F7, facing W

3.2 Building 2

Building 2, the bothy, is 11.5m long and 5m wide. It is constructed of grey and pink granite blocks with cherry cocking and the walls are 0.45-0.5m thick. The building had 2 main rooms and the grey slate roof has collapsed and there was little access to the interior. There was a chimney on the S wall of the W room of this building (Illus 13). There are doors into each main room on the N wall (D8 and D9; Illus 11, 12), a door and window in the W gable (Illus 14) and a small door on the E end of the S wall which is overgrown with vegetation and therefore inaccessible during this survey.



Illus 11 Building 2 elevations annotated with numbers used in this survey



Illus 12 Building 2 from NE; facing SW



Illus 13 Building 2 S wall; facing N



Illus 14 Building 2 W gable with D10 and W4; facing E.

4 CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

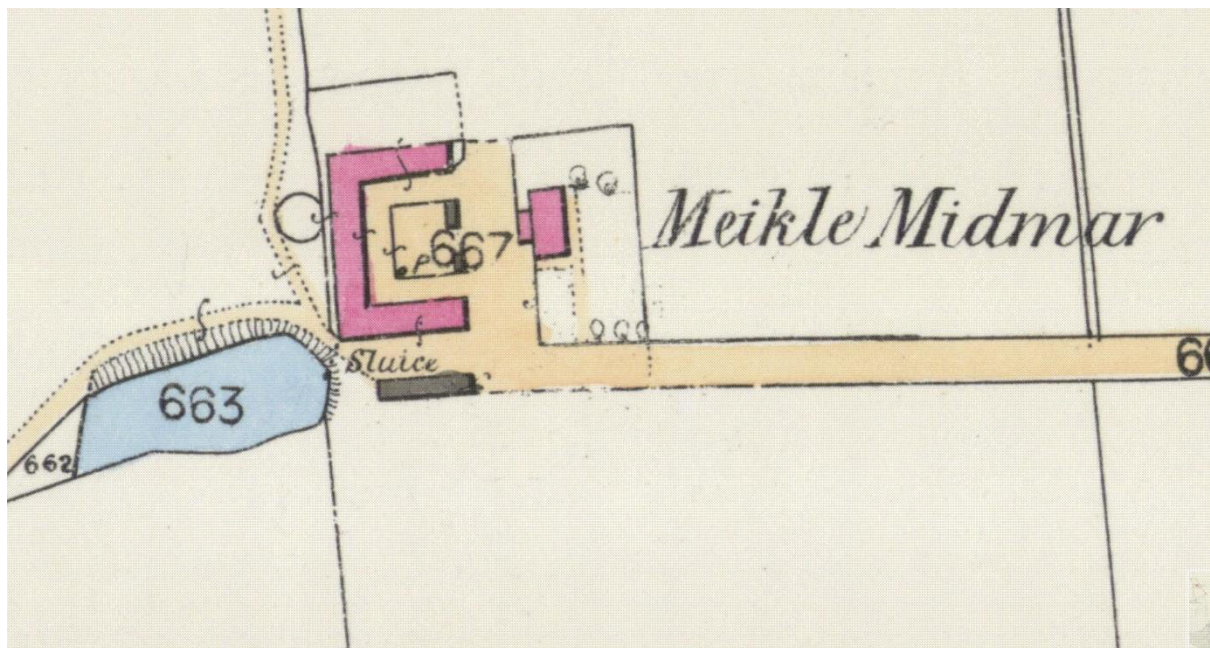
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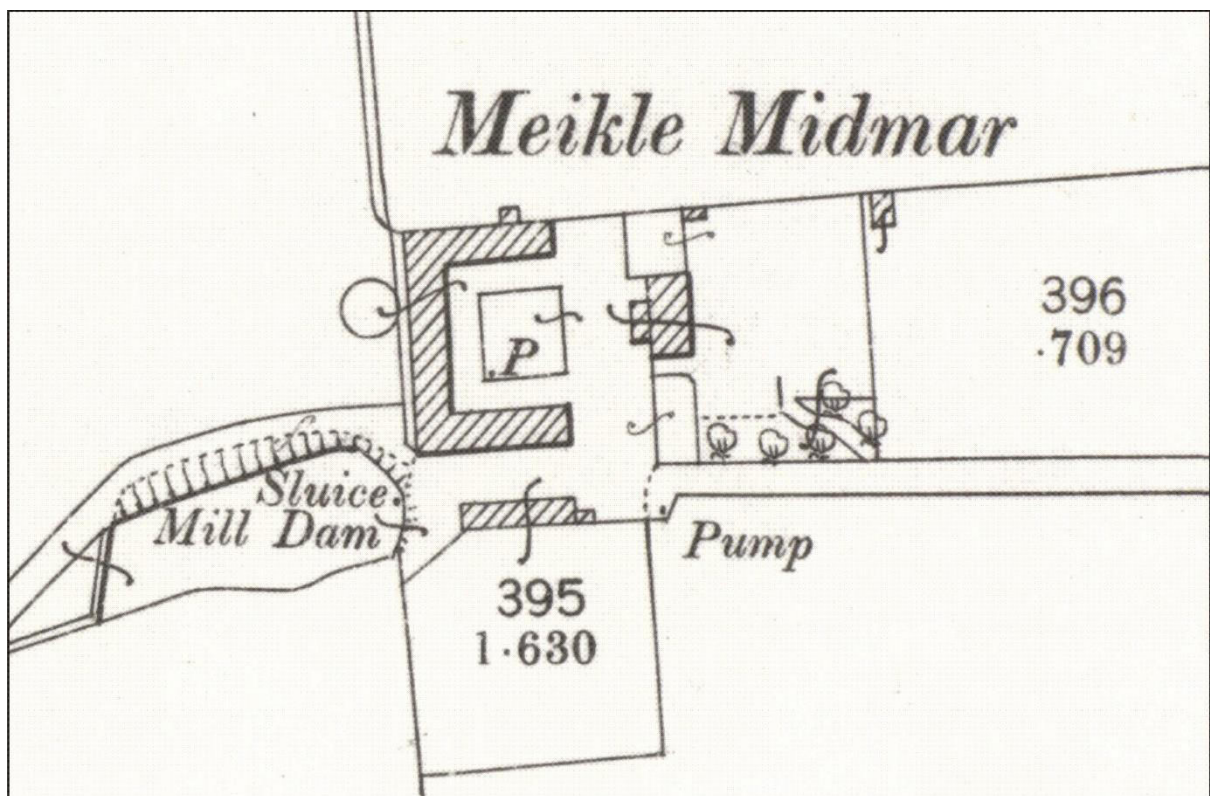
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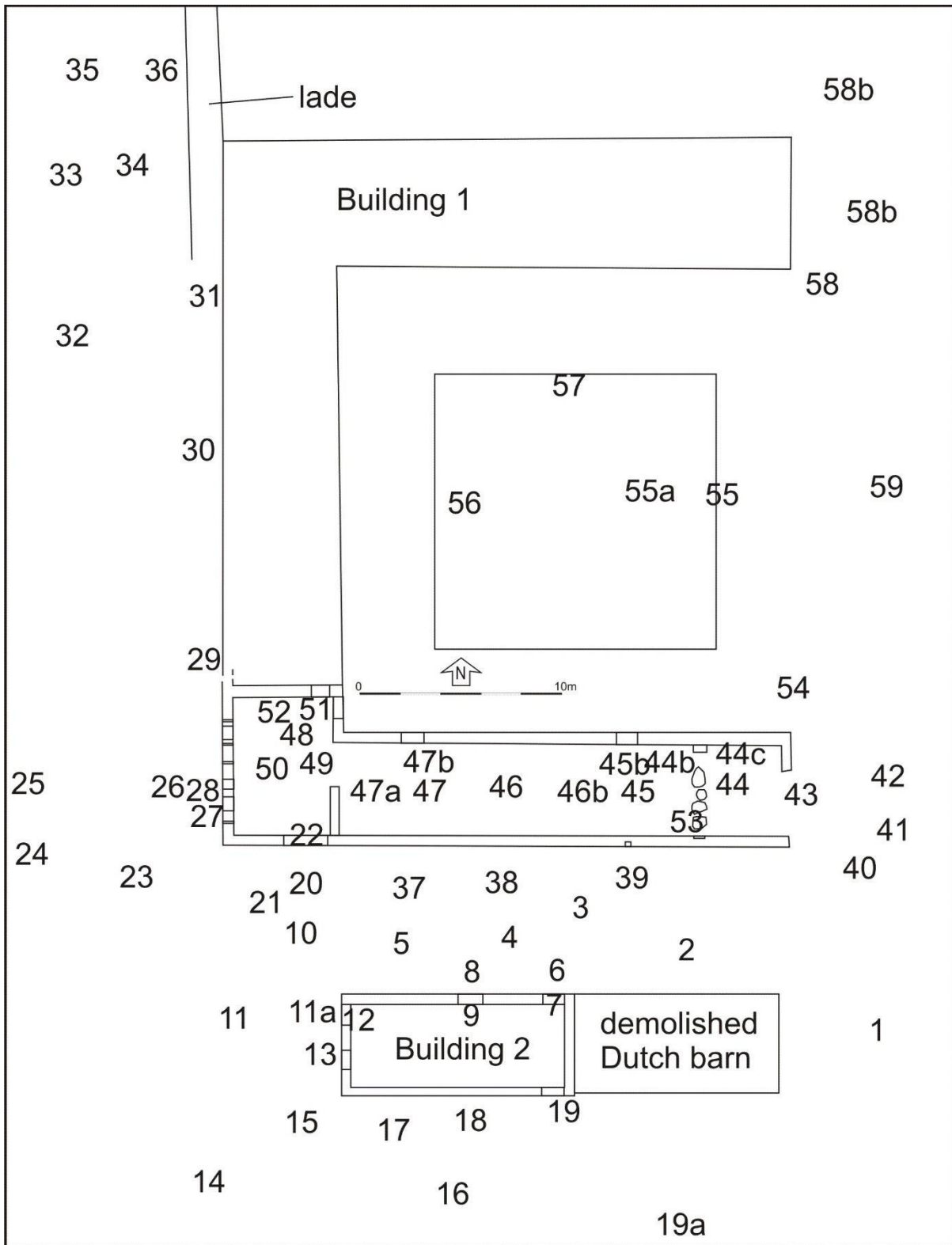


Illus 15 First Edition Ordnance Survey map. Aberdeen Sheet LXXIII.5 (Midmar)
Survey date: 1865 Publication date: 1869 (copyright National Library of Scotland)



Illus 16 Second Edition Ordnance Survey map. Aberdeenshire 073.05 (includes: Midmar)
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APPENDIX 2 PHOTOGRAPHS



Illus 17 Camera points used in this survey

Photo no	Description	Facing	Camera point
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DSC_4485	Building 1 (left) with farmhouse (right, not included in this application)	N	1
DSC_4486	Demolished Dutch barn	W	1
DSC_4487-8	Demolished Dutch barn	S	2
DSC_4489	Building 2	SW	3
DSC_4490	Building 2 N wall D8 (left) D9 (right)	S	4
DSC_4491	Building 2 D9 (left)	S	5
DSC_4492	Building 2 D8	S	6
DSC_4493	Building 2 interior E room showing collapsed roof	S	7
DSC_4494	Building 2 interior E room and partition wall	SW	7
DSC_4495	Building 2 interior E room roof	SE	7
DSC_4496	Building 2 D9	S	8
DSC_4497	Building 2 looking E	E	9
DSC_4498-9	Building 2 S wall interior and roof	S	9
DSC_4500	Building 2 W gable interior	W	9
DSC_4501-2	Building 2 roof collapsed	S	9
DSC_4503	Building 2 N wall	SSE	10
DSC_4504	Building 2 W gable D10 and W4	E	11
DSC_4505	Building 1 S wall	N	11
DSC_4506	Building 2 D10	E	11A
DSC_4507-8	Building 2 interior W room	E	12
DSC_4509	Building 2 W4	E	13
DSC_4510	Building 1 (left) Building 2 (right)	N	14
DSC_4511	Building 2 SW corner	NE	14
DSC_4512	Building 2 S wall	N	16
DSC_4513	Building 2 S wall W end chimney F5	N	17
DSC_4514	Building 2 S wall partition wall between W and E rooms	N	18
DSC_4515	Building 2 S wall E end D11 (not accessible)	N	19
DSC_4516	Building 2	NW	19A
DSC_4517	Building 2 chimney F5	NW	18
DSC_4518	Building 2 E gable	N	19
DSC_4519	Building 1 S wall D1 with D2 above	N	10
DSC_4520-1	Building 1 D1 with wood lintel	N	21
DSC_4522-3	Building 1 D2	N	21
DSC_4524-6	Building 1 wood piled inside D1	N	20
DSC_4527	Building 1 interior W wall through D1	NW	22
DSC_4528	Building 1 interior N wall through D1	N	22
DSC_4529-30	Building 1 interior through D1	NE	22
DSC_4531	Building 1 interior N wall through D1	N	22
DSC_4532	Building 1 wood piled inside D1	N	22

DSC_4533-4	Building 1 interior through D1	NE	22
DSC_4535-7	Building 1 D1 E jamb	E	22
DSC_4538	Building 1 new roof timbers	N	22
DSC_4539-40	Building 1 D1 E jamb	ENE	20
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DSC_4546&8	Building 1 W wall	ENE	24
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DSC_4549	Building 1 W wall W1 (right) W2, W3 (left)	E	26
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DSC_4552	Building 1 W wall	E	28
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DSC_4556	Building 1 W wall showing channel next to base of wall, remains of infilled mill lade	NE	29
DSC_4557	Building 1 W wall	NNE	30
DSC_4558	Building 1 W wall	NNE	31
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DSC_4571	Building 1 infilled lade, boggy, no access	E	36
DSC_4572	Building 1 infilled lade, boggy, no access	SE	36
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DSC_4574	Building 1 S wall	N	37
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DSC_4576	Building 1 S façade gable D1 and D2 above	NW	37
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DSC_4579	Building 1 S façade gable D1 and D2 above	NW	37
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DSC_4584	Building 1 S wall	NE	39
DSC_4585	Building 1 S wall	NW	40
DSC_4586	Building 1 E gable	WNW	41
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DSC_4589	Building 1 interior roof timbers	W	43
DSC_4590	Building 1 stone and concrete floor	W	43

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DSC_4596	Building 1 D3	E	45
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DSC_4598	Building 1 S wall	S	47
DSC_4599	Building 1 S wall	S	47A
DSC_4600	Building 1 S wall	SSW	47A
DSC_4601	Building 1	E	47A
DSC_4602	Building 1 D25	W	47A
DSC_4603	Building 1 floor	W	49
DSC_4604	Building 1 S wall D1 below D2 above	S	49
DSC_4605	Building 1 socket stone F6	S	52
DSC_4606	Building 1 W wall W1 (left) W2, W3 (right)	W	49
DSC_4607-8	Building 1 stone platform F7	W	50
DSC_4609	Building 1 N wall with D7 (right)	N	50
DSC_4610	Building 1 N wall upper section	N	50
DSC_4611	Building 1 D7 overgrown (no access)	N	51
DSC_4612	Building 1 E wall D6 below W15	E	52
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DSC_4615	Building 1 E wall D6 below W15	E	48
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DSC_4617	Building 1 D25	E	49
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DSC_4619	Building 1 D5	N	47B
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DSC_4626	Building 1 buttress F2 old wall stub	NE	44B
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DSC_4638	Building 1 W and N walls of courtyard (overgrown)	NW	54
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DSC_4646	Building 1 overgrown courtyard (not accessible)	W	54
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DSC_4655	Building 1 gate in cattle court wall	N	57
DSC_4656	Farmhouse not included in this application	E	57
DSC_4657	Building 1 cattle court wall	NE	55A
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DSC_4659	Building 1 courtyard	W	59
DSC_4660	Building 1 N wall of courtyard	NW	59
DSC_4661-2	Building 1 N wall of courtyard	NW	58
DSC_4663	Building 1 E gable N arm of C-shaped steading (not accessible)	WNW	58A
DSC_4664	Building 1 E gable N arm of C-shaped steading (not accessible)	WSW	58B
DSC_4665	Building 1 S wall date stone F1 (JN 1891)	N	60
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DSC_4667-9	Building 1 S wall date stone F1 (JN 1891)	N	61
DSC_4670	Building 2 W gable	E	11
DSC_4671	Building 1 S gable D1 and D2	N	11
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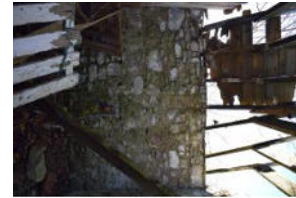
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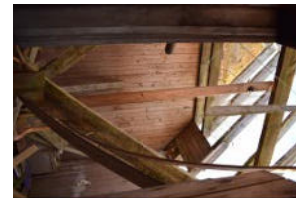
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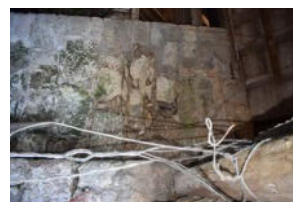
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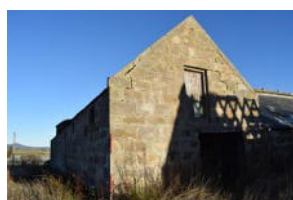
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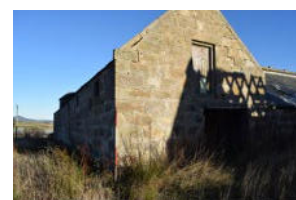
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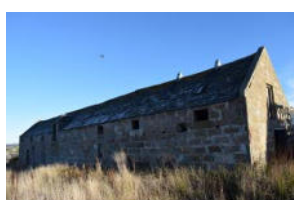
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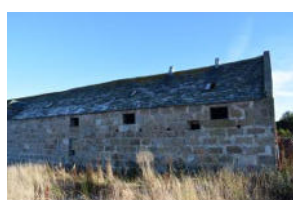
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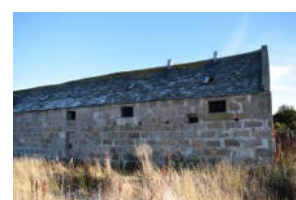
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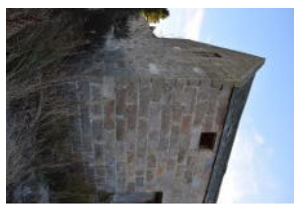
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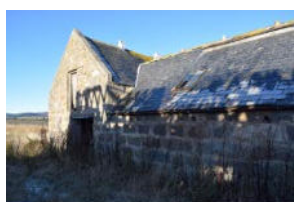
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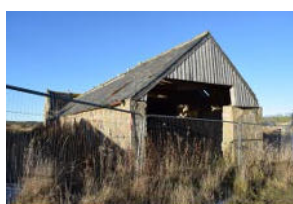
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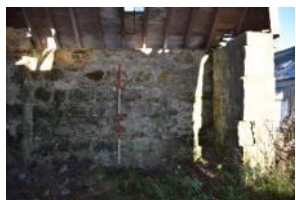
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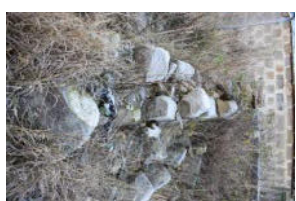
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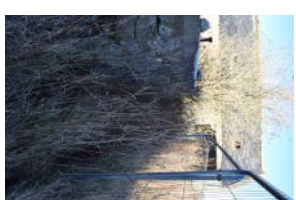
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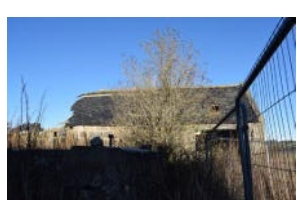
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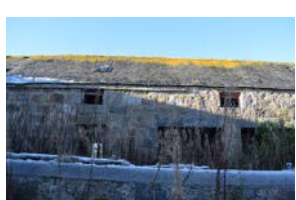
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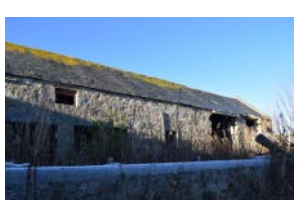
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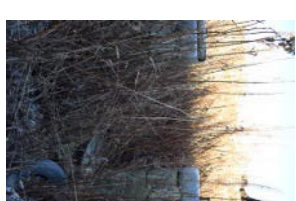
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