

**Land to North West of Seggieden Farm,
Kennethmont, Huntly, AB54 4NW
Report on Level 1 Standing Building Survey**



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SUMMARY

A Level 1 standing building survey was carried out on 30 January 2017. The cottage was probably constructed in the early 19th century and has been used as farm worker's accommodation until it was left unoccupied about 30 years ago. The main building is one phase and the stone building which was attached the NE gable has largely been demolished leaving wall stubs and foundations only. A tin shed which housed a bathroom was added to the NE gable at a later date. 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 east side of the Kennethmont to Clatt road. It is centred on NGR NJ54469 28010, at 190-200m OD (Illus 1) and in the parish of Kennethmont.
- 1.2 The work was commissioned by Kayley and Ryan Dawson. A planning application APP/2016/2472 for Erection of Replacement Dwellinghouse was granted on 28.11.16 and there is a requirement for a Level 1 standing building survey (condition 3).
- 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 2017)

2 BACKGROUND

The building is recorded as part of NMRS NJ52NW 137 farmstead (period unassigned); the area is labelled Muir of Seggieden on Roy's Military Survey of Scotland, 1747-55 (Illus 11). On the 1st Edition OS map (Illus 12) it is part of an L-shaped building; two sections of this building have since been demolished; there is also a small extension on the NW wall of the cottage which has since been demolished. The buildings are largely unchanged on the 2nd Edition OS map (Illus 13).

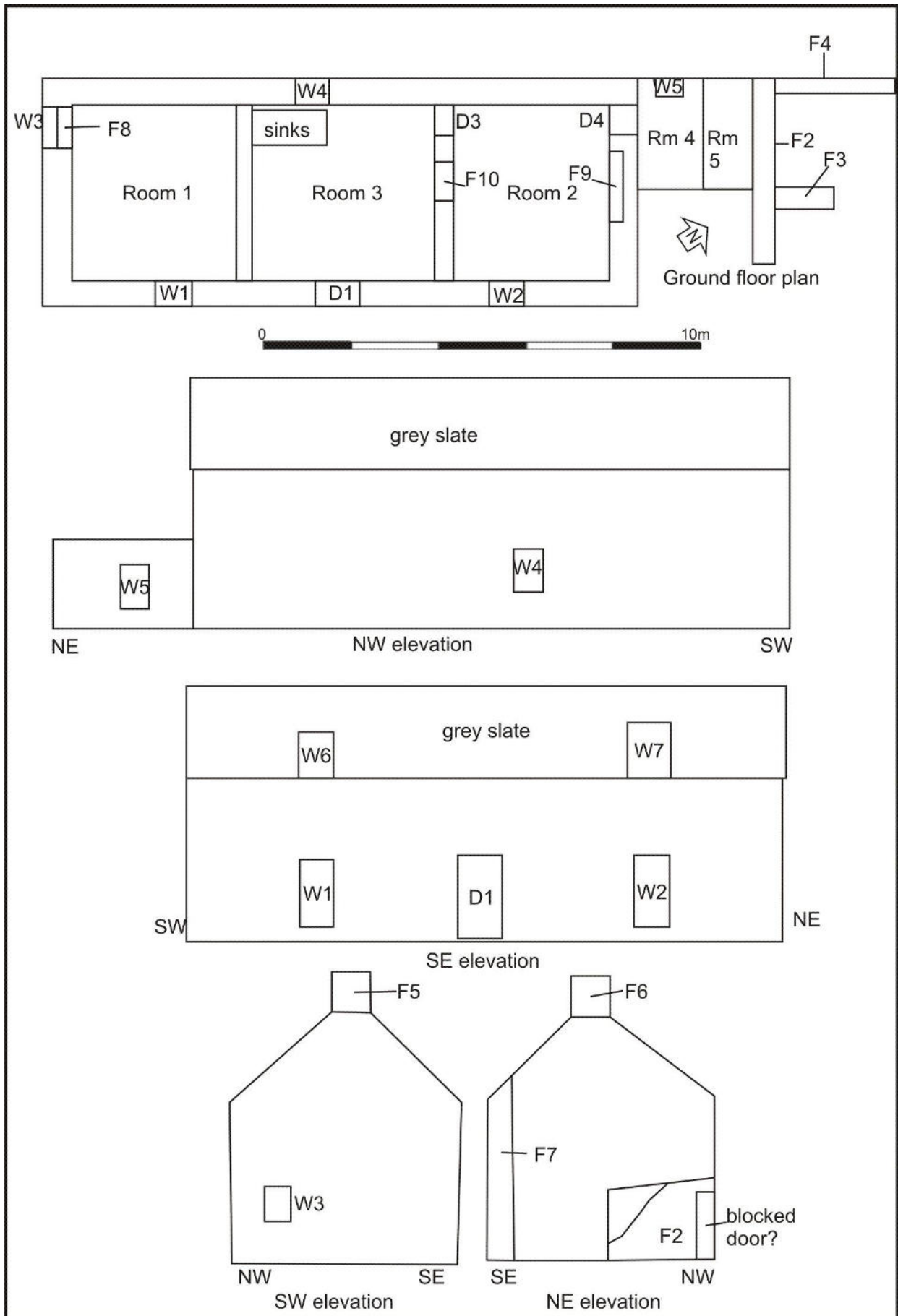
3 THE LEVEL 1 STANDING BUILDING SURVEY

A level 1 standing building survey was carried out on 30 January 2017. A photographic survey was carried out; there was no access to the first floor of the cottage because of the poor state of the roof and stairs. There was little access to the NW side of the cottage as there is a barbed wire fence 1m from the cottage wall. All other areas were accessible. A plan and elevations were drawn (Illus 2).

The two-storey cottage is 13.5m long and 5.15m wide (see cover). It is constructed of quarried grey (and a few pink) granite blocks with cherry cocking, the roof is of grey slate and the lintels and sills are granite. The lintels of W1 and W2 have several quarry drill marks (Illus 3). The main 'front' façade faces SE and there is a central door (D1) with flanking ground and first floor windows. There is a blocked window (W3) in the SW gable (Illus 4, 5) and after this was blocked the interior was converted into an alcove cupboard (F8) in Room 1 (Illus 6).

The building has two main reception rooms the full width of the house, Room 1 in the SW and Room 2 in the NE. Room 2 has a large fireplace on the NE wall (Illus 7) and a central alcove shelving in the centre of the SW wall flanked by doors to the hall (D6) and to Room 3 (D3). There is a room under the stairs (Room 3) with large sinks and a window to the NW.

Door 4 leads to the extension, now mainly corrugated iron construction with corrugated roof (Illus 8) but this would have been a stone extension and there are remains of this stone structure (F2, F3 and F4; Illus 9).



Illus 2 Plan and elevations of the cottage



Illus 3 W1 lintel with drilled granite block lintel; facing NW



Illus 4 SW gable with blocked window W3 (left); facing NE



Illus 5 W3 detail; facing NE



Illus 6 Room 1 interior SW wall showing alcove cupboard F8 (right) which was built in after blocking W3; facing SW.



Illus 7 Room 2 interior NE wall with fireplace F9; facing NE



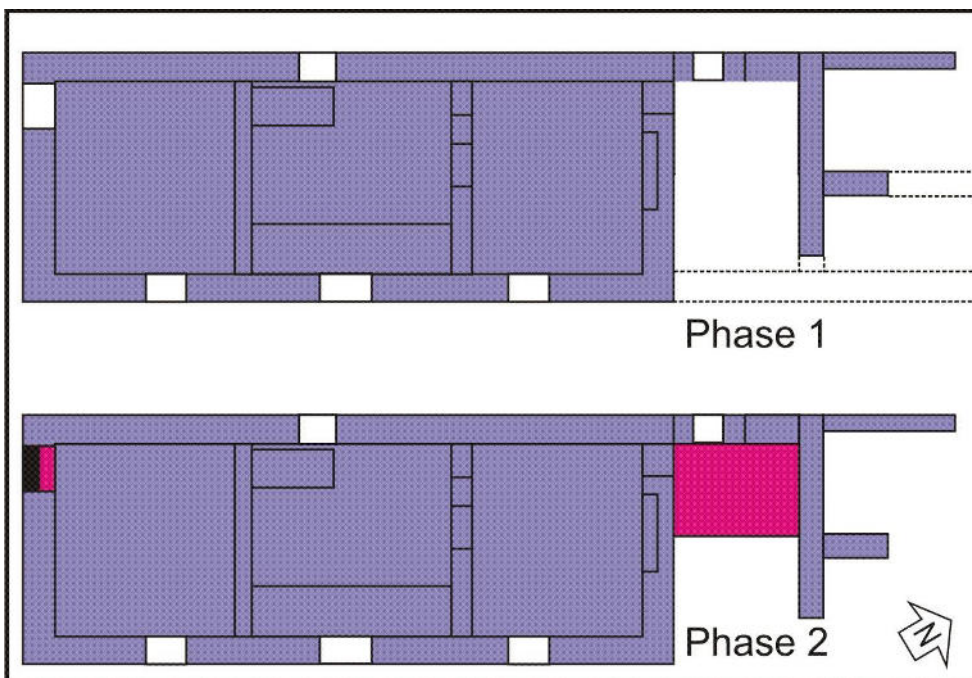
Illus 8 NE gable with tin shed (Rooms 4/5) added later; stone wall F2 (right) remains from demolished building and scar (F7) on the left side of the gable where a wall has been demolished; facing SW



Illus 9 Wall F2 part of the original stone range of buildings, now mainly demolished; facing SE

4 CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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Illus 10 Phase plan showing Phase 2 corrugated iron shed and blocked window and alcove opening.

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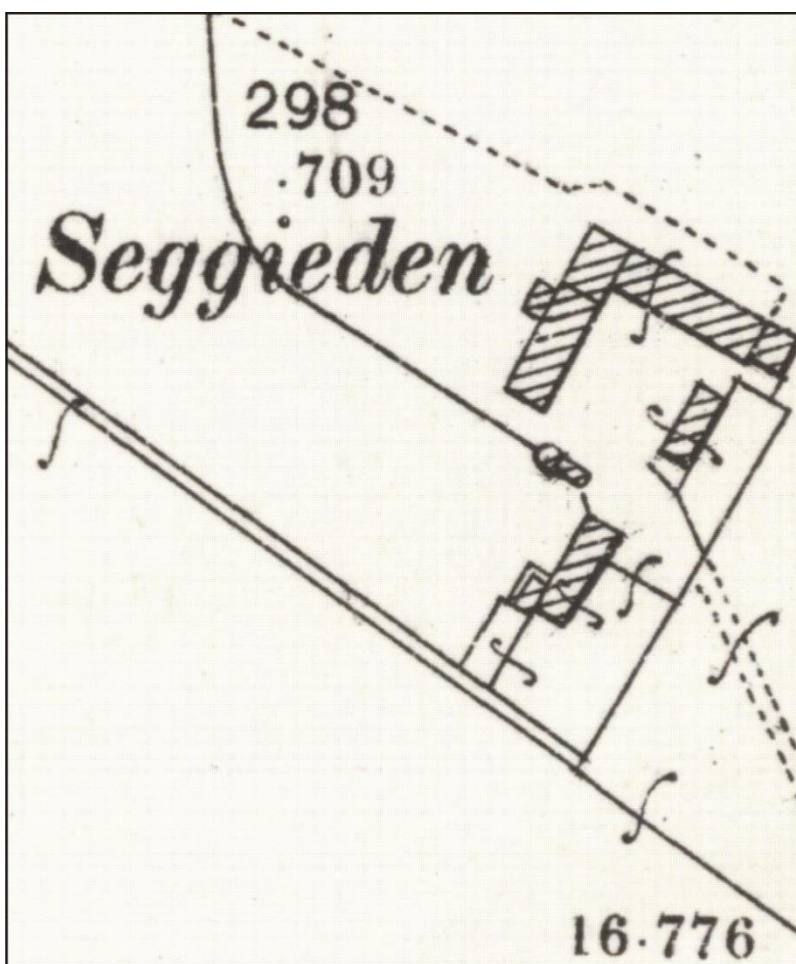
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Illus 11 Roy Military Survey of Scotland, 1747-55 showing 'Muir of Seggieden' (copyright National Library of Scotland)

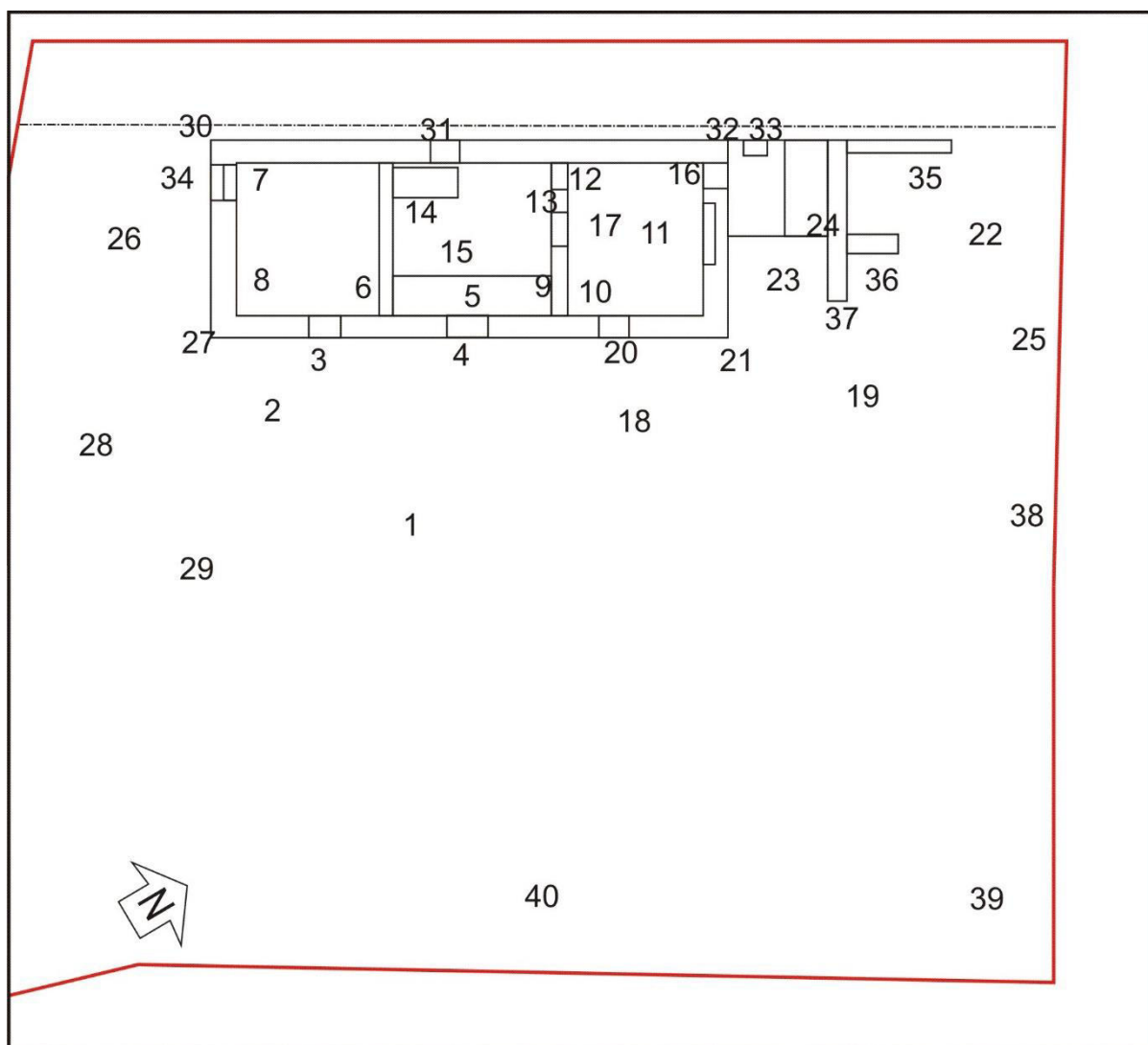


Illus 12 First Edition Ordnance Survey map. Aberdeen Sheet XLIII.7/11 (Kennethmont)
 Survey date: 1866 Publication date: 1870 (copyright National Library of Scotland)



Illus 13 Second Edition Ordnance Survey map. Aberdeenshire 043.06 (includes: Clatt;
 Kennethmont) Publication date: 1900 Revised: 1899 (copyright National Library of Scotland).

APPENDIX 2 PHOTOGRAPHS



Illus 14 Camera points used in this survey

Photo no	Description	Facing	Camera point
DSC_5748-9	SE front façade	NW	1
DSC_5750	SE front façade W1 (left) W6 (above) with D1 (right)	NW	2
DSC_5751	SE front façade W1	NW	3
DSC_5752	SE front façade W1 with W6 above	NW	3
DSC_5753	SE front façade W1 stone sill	NW	3
DSC_5754	SE front façade W1 stone lintel	NW	3
DSC_5755	SE front façade W6	NW	3
DSC_5756	SE front façade D1	NW	4
DSC_5757	SE front façade corridor inside D1	SW	5
DSC_5758	Interior Room 1 SW wall with alcove F8 (right)	W	6
DSC_5759	Interior Room 1 NW wall	NW	6
DSC_5760	Interior Room 1 F8	SW	7
DSC_5761	Interior Room 1 SE wall W1	SE	7

DSC_5762	Interior Room 1 W1 (right) D2 (left)	ESE	7
DSC_5763	Interior Room 1 D2	NE	8
DSC_5764	Interior Room 1 NE wall	NNE	8
DSC_5765	Interior Room 1 ceiling lath and plaster	NNE	8
DSC_5766	Interior corridor D1 (right)	ENE	6
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DSC_5768-72	Interior stair (no access to first floor for safety reasons)	NW/SW	9
DSC_5773	Interior Room 2 NE wall fireplace F9, D4 (left)	N	10
DSC_5774	Interior Room 2 NW wall	NW	10
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DSC_5776	Interior D3 to Room 3	SW	12
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DSC_5809-10	Boundary wall F4 (right) tin shed (left)	W	22
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DSC_5812-4	SW gable with blocked window W3	NE	26
DSC_5815	S corner foundation F1	N	27
DSC_5817-8	Cottage from S	N	28
DSC_5819	Roof	W	21
DSC_5820	Chimney stack F6	NW	21
DSC_5821	Chimney stack F6	W	19
DSC_5822	Cottage from SSE	NNW	29
DSC_5823-5	NW façade	NE	30
DSC_5826-8	W4	NE	31

DSC_5829-31	NW façade	NE	32
DSC_5832	W5	E	33
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DSC_5834	W3	NE	34
DSC_5835	Wall F2	SW	35
DSC_5836-7	Wall F2 foundation	SW	22
DSC_5838-9	F2 junction F3	W	36
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DSC_5848-51	Cottage SE façade	W	39
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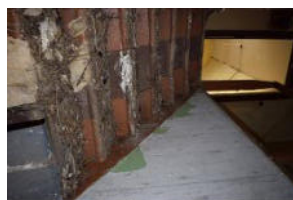
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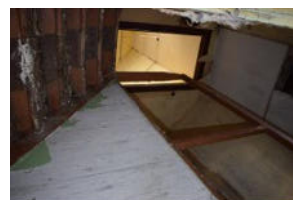
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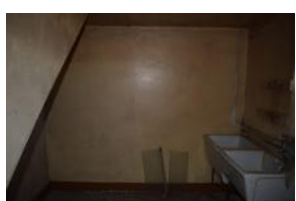
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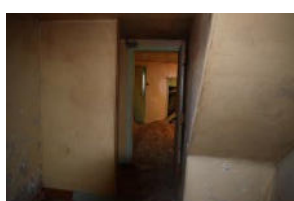
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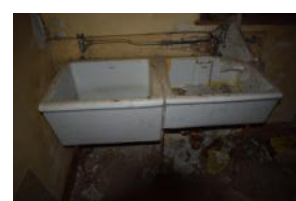
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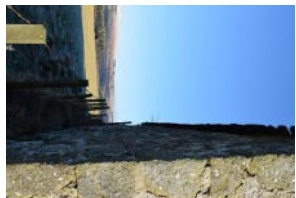
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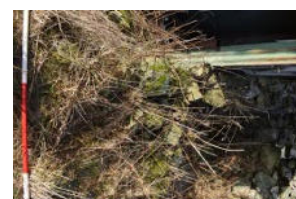
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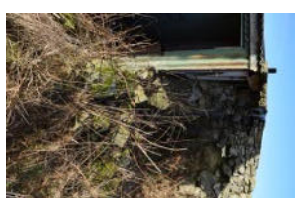
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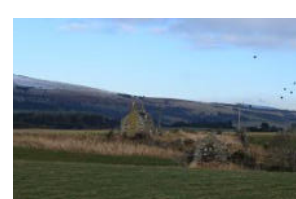
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