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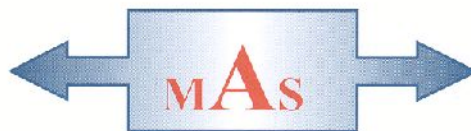


Standing Building Survey

Carried out 15th March 2018

by

Murray Archaeological Services Ltd



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1. Background

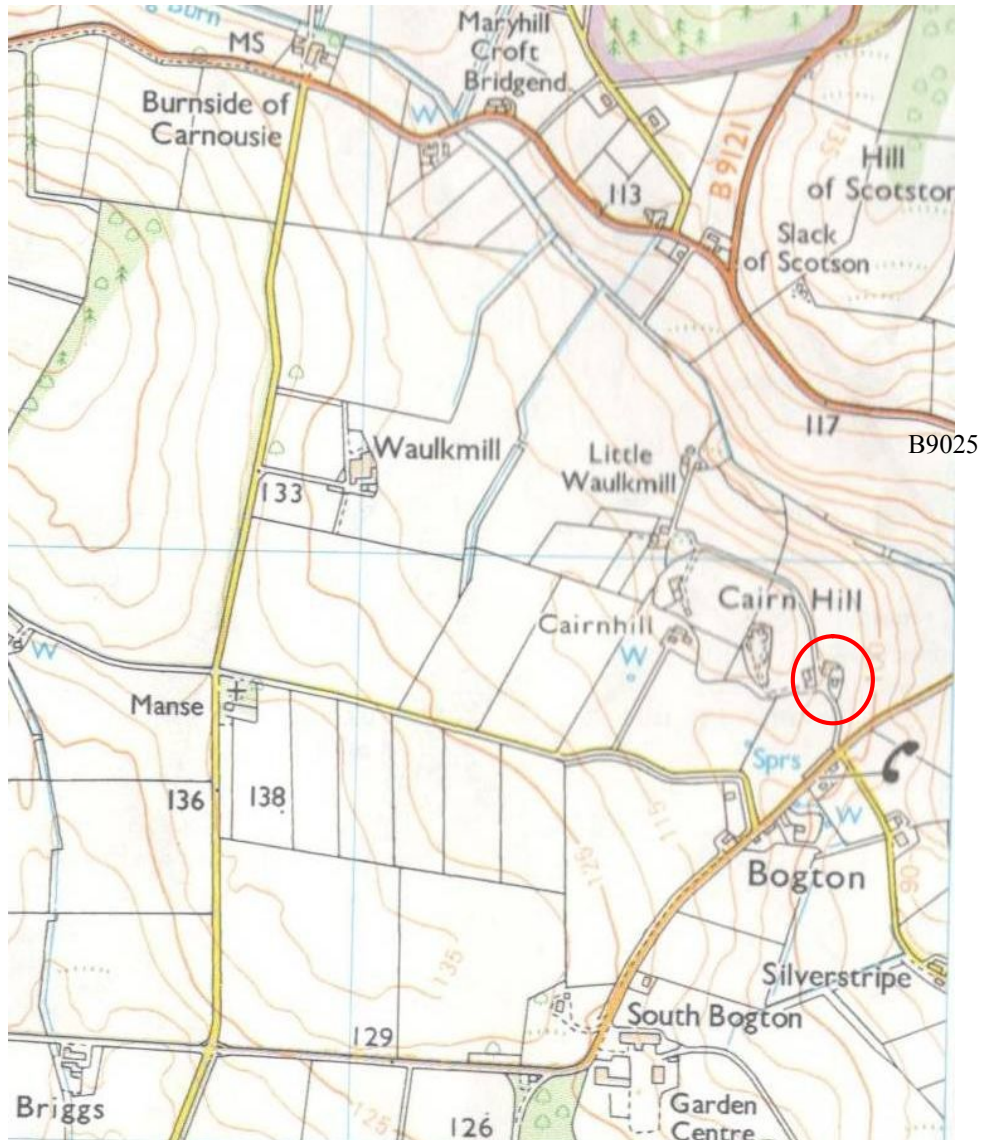
- 1.1 A standing building survey was required for a farm steading at North Bogton, Forglen, Turriff, Aberdeenshire, prior to its demolition and replacement by two houses.
- 1.2 The archaeological condition (Condition 8) was applied in the context of planning legislation (PAN 2/2011, SPP, HESPS), which states that it is necessary for developers to arrange for archaeological work to take place prior to development, in appropriate circumstances. Planning Application Numbers: APP/2016/2121
- 1.3 A Level 1 Standing Building Survey of the extant buildings and structures was required which includes measured plans and elevations, a written account of the building's plan, form, function, age and development sequence in addition to a photographic survey of the interior and exterior of the building.
- 1.4 Murray Archaeological Services Ltd was commissioned to undertake the work by Mantell Ritchie Chartered Architects for their clients Mr and Mrs Nigel Thomson. The site element of the survey was completed on the 15th March 2018.

2. Desk-top survey

- 2.1 A search was carried out in the Sites and Monuments Record, Archaeology Service, Aberdeenshire Council and in the Sites and Monuments Records of the Royal Commission for Ancient and Historic Monuments in Scotland (RCAHMS, now HES) through Canmore and Pastmap.

2.2 The 1st and 2nd edition Ordnance Survey maps were consulted.

2.3 The British Newspaper archive was searched. www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk



Illus 1 Detail of OS map. Ordnance Survey © Crown copyright (2007) All rights reserved. Licence number (100049810). Site indicated by red circle.

3 Methodology

3.1 The ground plan (Illus 5) and elevations (Illus 19, 20) have been supplied courtesy of Mantell Ritchie Chartered Architects and annotated to show details which may help in understanding the development and history of the building.

- 3.2 The Buildings recorded were photographed. The full set of photographs will be supplied for the archive and a table and an annotated plan in the present report (illus 18) indicates the position of each.

4. The Site

- 4.1 The steading lies c. 6km NW of Turriff, just S of the B9025 road to Aberchirder. It is approached off a minor road leading N from the settlement of Bogton (Illus 1).
- 4.3 The farmhouse is not part of the present survey. It appears to have been extensively modernised but is identifiable as the farmhouse shown on the 1902 OS map (Illus 3).

Parish:Forglen

NGR: NJ 6778 5181

Aberdeenshire SMR: NJ65SE0107

NRHE No: NJ65SE41

Canmore id: 156388

5 Documentary evidence

The documentary evidence indicates that North Bogton was originally a tenancy leased by the Carnousie Estate. In the 1850s and 1860s the tenants appear to have been the MacHardy family.

By 1901 John Wallace was farming at North Bogton and it would appear that the Wallace family bought the property when it was sold by the estate in 1927 as Andrew Wallace (to his death in 1956) and later John Wallace (junior, until at least 1968) are mentioned as living there.

1857 An advertisement in the *Aberdeen Press and Journal* (3rd June 1857) names North Bogton as one of the crofts to let on Carnousie Estate, ‘*North Bogton, presently possessed by the heirs of the late Phillip MacHardy, with an addition to it, containing, together, 23 arable acres*’.

1866 *Aberdeen Press and Journal* (11 July 1866). George McHardy of North Bogton was a winner in a hoeing competition.

1866 The 25”/mile OS map Banffshire XVI.12 (Forglen) 1866 (published 1867) shows four buildings to the E of the road in what appears to be the Building E of the existing steading. Two buildings are shown W of the road (outwith the present property).

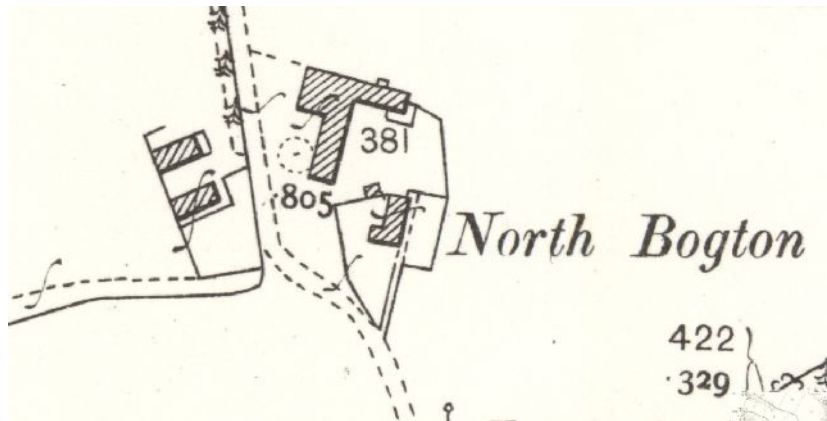


Illus 2 The 25”/mile OS map Banffshire XVI.12 (Forglen) 1866 (published 1867) www.nls.ac.uk

1866 The Ordnance Survey Name Book, Banffshire Volume 1 (OS1/4/13/27: www.scotlandsplaces.gov.uk) describes North Bogton as, ‘A small farmhouse, with outhouses, a garden, and a small farm of arable land’. The tenant is named as Mr G. McHardy.

1901-1908 *Aberdeen Press and Journal* (20 November 1901 and 15 July 1908). John Wallace, farmer at North Bogton selling cattle through the mart.

1902 The 25”/mile. OS map Banffshire XVI.12 (Forglen) (published 1904) shows the steading rebuilt, with a T-plan, having a horse mill on the W side of the S range. The farmhouse is shown on its present footprint. The two buildings W of the road are still shown.



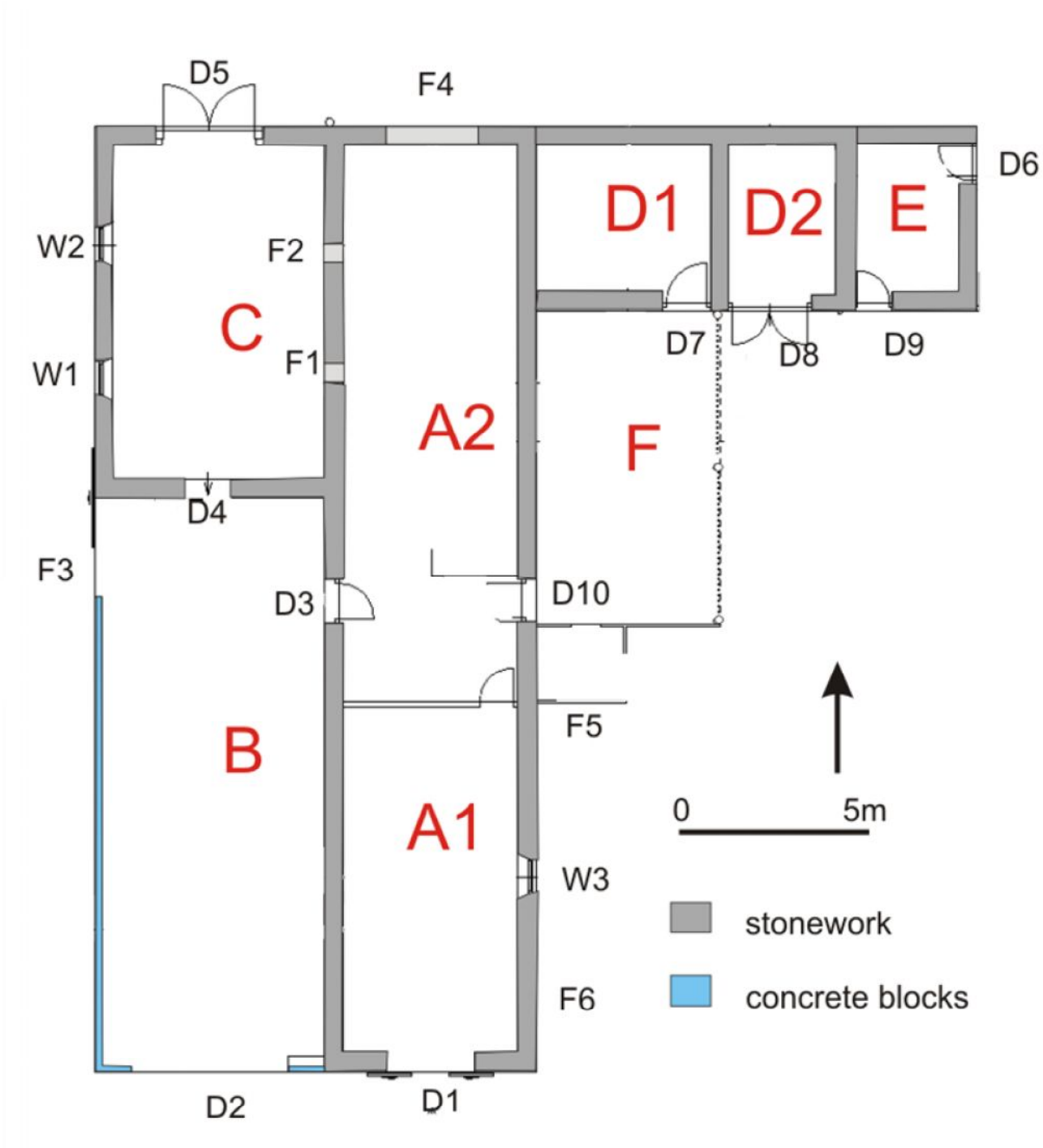
Illus 3 The 25"/mile. OS map The 25"/mile OS map Banffshire XVI.12 (Forglen) 1902 (published 1904) www.nls.ac.uk

- 1927** An advertisement in the *Aberdeen Press and Journal* (2 September 1927) advised that Carnousie Estate were offering a number of farms for sale including North Bogton.
- 1944** Notice that Alex Wallace, son of Mr and Mrs Andrew Wallace of North Bogton had been killed in the war. (*Aberdeen Press and Journal* 27th July 1944)
- 1956** Death of Andrew Wallace at North Bogton (*Aberdeen Press and Journal* 14 July 1956).
- 1968** John Wallace of North Bogton saved cattle from floods (*Aberdeen Press and Journal* 6 May 1968)



Illus 4 Site plan. Plan courtesy of Mantell Ritchie Chartered Architects, annotated by MAS Ltd

6 The Buildings



Illus 5 Plan courtesy of Mantell Ritchie Chartered Architects, annotated by MAS Ltd

The West Range

The West Range comprises of a narrow range (A), with a wider building (C) lying alongside and abutting the W side of the N end. The area between A and C had been filled by a later concrete and wooden building (Building B)



Illus 6 S elevation of W Range. Building B to LHS, Building A to RHS

Dimensions A: 5.5 x 25m externally.

C: 6 x 9.8m externally

B: 6 x 15.2m externally

Present/recent use Derelict and storage

Former use A1 appears to have been the mill, probably with loft above. The 1902 OS map shows a horse mill alongside the W wall of this building. This would have been destroyed by Building B and, at that point or earlier, a mechanical engine to run the mill was installed beside the E wall of A1; the sawn-off bolts for this remain (F5) with the raggle of a lean-to which would have sheltered it. The shaft of the drive belt still exists at F6 (Illus 5).

Building C appears to have been an open cattle court.

Walls Buildings A and C have rubble stone walls. The later infill Building, B, has plank walls set on a base of concrete blocks approximately 1m high.

Roof Corrugated iron.



Illus 7 W Range, looking N along W wall of Building B



Illus 8 W Range. W wall of Building C

Doors and windows

Structure A

S wall

D1 W: 2.30m. H: 2.43m Rubble rybats. Sliding wooden doors

N wall

F4 W: 2.45m H: 2.20m Wooden lintel, rubble rybats. Stone blocking = blocked door.

E wall

D10 W: 1.13m H: 2.33m Granite lintel. Rubble and sandstone rybats. Modern replacement door.

W3 W: 0.92m H: 1.41m. Granite lintel, rubble rybats. Sill is 0.92m above ground level. Plank door/shutter.

F5 Bolts for fixing engine for mill. Scar on wall shows there had been a lean-to shed over it.

F6 Shaft for belts to drive mill.

W wall

D3 W: 1.08m H: 2.00m On W side granite lintel, rubble rybats. This is external side from Building A.

F1 W: 0.48m. H: 0.46m. 0.70m up from (existing) floor. Slate sill, stone sides.
Temporary blocking of tin.

F2 W: 0.49m. H: 0.48m. 0.70m up from (existing) floor. Stone blocked.

Interior No access.

Structure B

S wall

D2 W: 4.16m.H: c.2.8m. No existing door although pivots remain.

W wall

F3 Opening c. 2.5m with remnant of sliding corrugated iron door.

Interior No details



Illus 9 Interior of Building B looking N from door D2

Structure C

N wall

D5 W: 2.46m. H: 2.40m. Rubble rybats. Lintels timber. Sliding corrugated iron doors.

S wall

D4 W:1.24m. H: 2.13m. Wooden lintels, rubble rybats. Step down from later building B into Building C.

W wall

W1, W2 W:1.13m H: 0.43m internally. Splay internally. Metal windows. Sills are concreted but rybats are a mix of rubble, with several pieces of re-used sandstone. They are high in the wall to give ventilation.

Interior

Building C: Appears to have been used as an open cattle court. Troughs remain.



Illus 10 Building B, looking N to door D5, window W2 in wall on LHS

The North Range

Building D

Walls Rubble stone. No clear break in N wall between D and A, so probably both had been built at the same time.

Roof Corrugated iron. The roof of Building D clearly abuts the roof of Building A.



Illus 11 N wall of D and junction with N wall of A.

Dimensions : 8.5 x 4.9m externally. Divided into two non-communicating units (D1, D2)

S wall

D7 W:1.24m H: 2.00m Slate sill, granite lintel, rybats a mixture of rubble and sandstone.
Plank door.

D8 W: 2.17 H:2.10m. Modern blocking with door.

Present/recent use Storage and workshop.

Former use D. Unknown

Interior No access.

Building E

Walls Rubble stone with rubble quoins

Roof Corrugated iron, lean-to abutting D.

Dimensions 3.5 x 4.9m externally



Illus 12 N wall of Building E (LHS) abutting Building D

E wall

D6 W: 0.90m H: 1.80m. Granite and sandstone rybats, wooden lintel.

S wall

D9 W:1.10m H: 1.90m. Rybats granite rubble and 1 sandstone. Modern blocking with window. Originally door.

Interior No access.



Illus 13 S wall of Building E with blocked door D6.

Infill Building F

Walls Open fronted to E, S wall corrugated iron with modern composite board blocking.

Uses walls of Building D and A to N and W.

Roof Corrugated iron lean-to, supported on front (E) side with three telegraph poles or similar.

Dimensions : 4.7 x 8.3m externally.

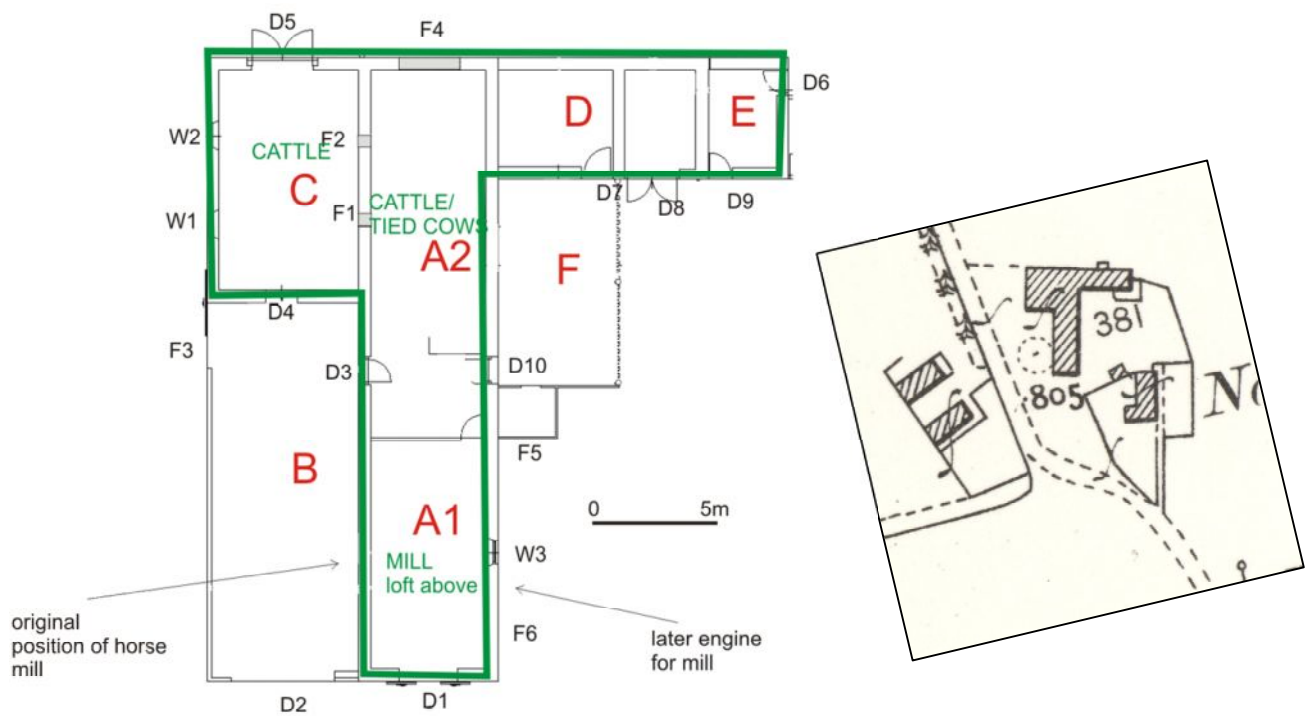
Present/recent use Wood shed.

Former use Unknown



Illus 14 E elevation showing infill building F.

7 Discussion



Illus 15 Interpretation of existing steading. Green highlights the structure as shown on 1902 OS map (inset)

With the exception of infill structures, Building B and F, most of the steading comprised the buildings which are shown on the 1902 OS map (Illus 3). Identification of the function of Building A1 as the mill is based on the map evidence which shows the former position of a horse mill on the W wall of Building A1 and the existence of the drive shaft and former position of an engine on the E wall of the same building. There was no access into the building but a photograph taken earlier by Mantell Ritchie Architects (Illus 16) also shows a loft in this Building.



Illus 16 Interior of Building A1, looking S to door D1 Photograph courtesy of Mantell Ritchie Chartered Architects

A photograph of the interior of Building A2, also taken earlier by Mantell Ritchie Architects (Illus 17) shows a concrete partition, probably one side of a tied cow stall, just to the N of door D10. This suggests that this end of the building had been for cattle, probably with ties cow stalls on either side of a central passage. This makes sense of the two blockings in the W wall (F1, F2) which may have been small windows for light and ventilation.

There is no evidence regarding the original function of Building C – it may always have been used for cattle. Certainly during the period 1901-1908 there are a number of references to cattle from North Bogton being sold at the mart, so this may have been an open shed for loose store cattle.

There is no evidence of the original function of the smaller buildings D and E.

The 1902 OS map shows two small buildings on the opposite (W) side of the public road. These are not part of the present site but still exist, albeit in a ruinous condition.



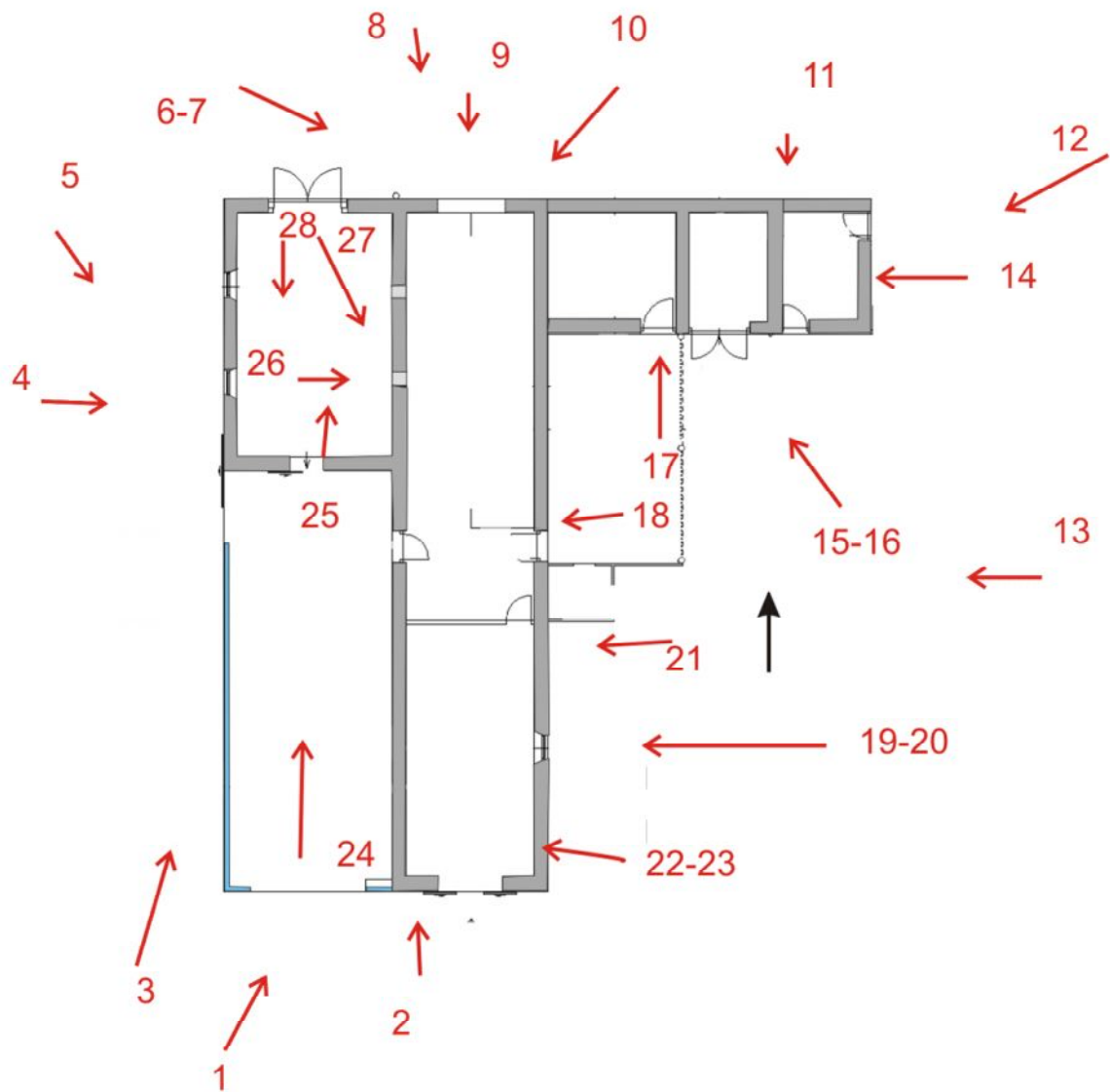
Illus 17 Interior of Building A2, looking E to door D10, with tied cow partition to the N (LHS) of it. Photograph courtesy of Mantell Ritchie Chartered Architects

8 Archive

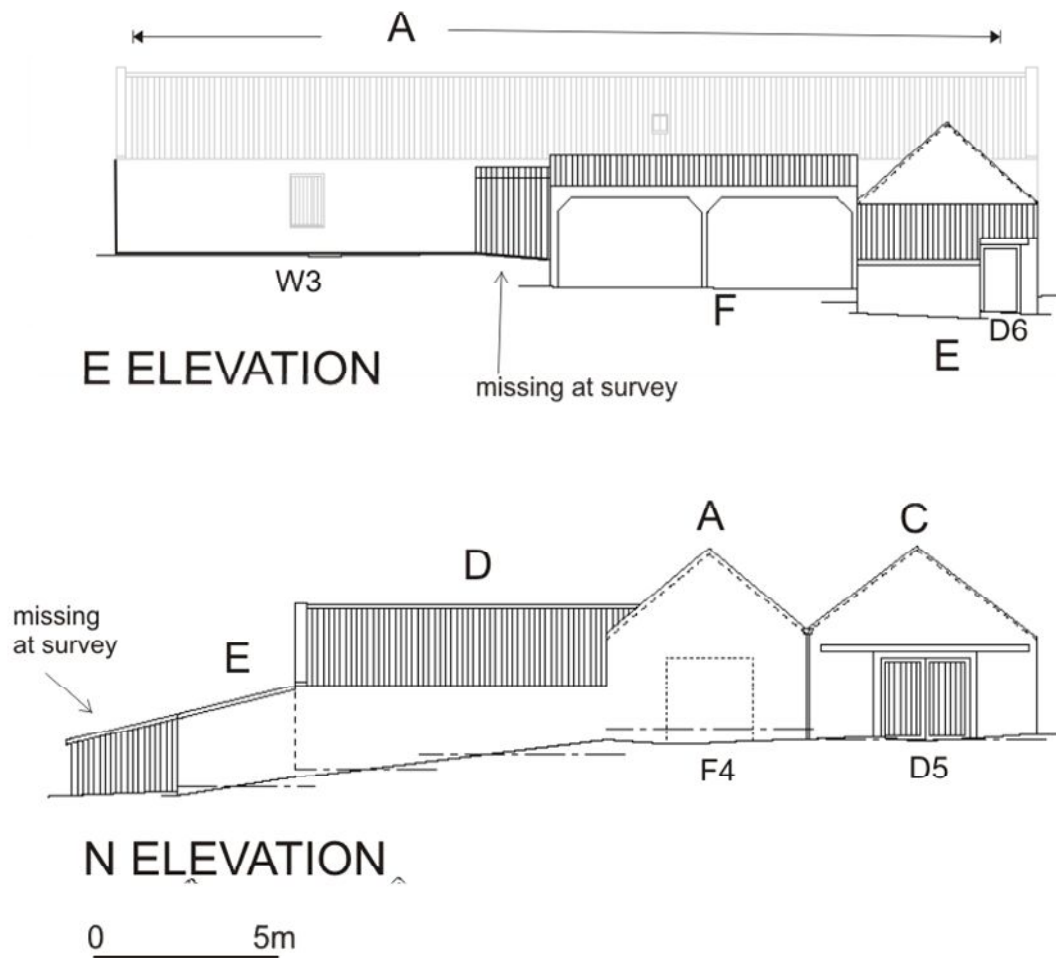
A full set of photographs with the photo location plans (Illus 18) will be supplied to the Aberdeenshire SMR and to the HES archive.

Photo number	Content
North Bogton, Forglen, Aberdeenshire	
1	S elevation
2	Detail of junction between two buildings in S elevation
3	Looking N along W elevation
4-5	N end of W elevation
6-7	N elevation looking E from NW corner
8	N elevation
9-10	Blocking F4 in N elevation
11	N elevation, junction of E building
12-13	E elevation
14	E elevation of E end of N range
15-16	S elevation of N range
17	S elevation of N range and door D7
18	E elevation, door D10 and pole barn
19	E elevation of S end of main range
20-21	E elevation F5
22-23	E elevation F6
24	Interior W range looking N from D2
25	Interior N end of W range looking N from D4
26	E wall of W range (N) blocking F1

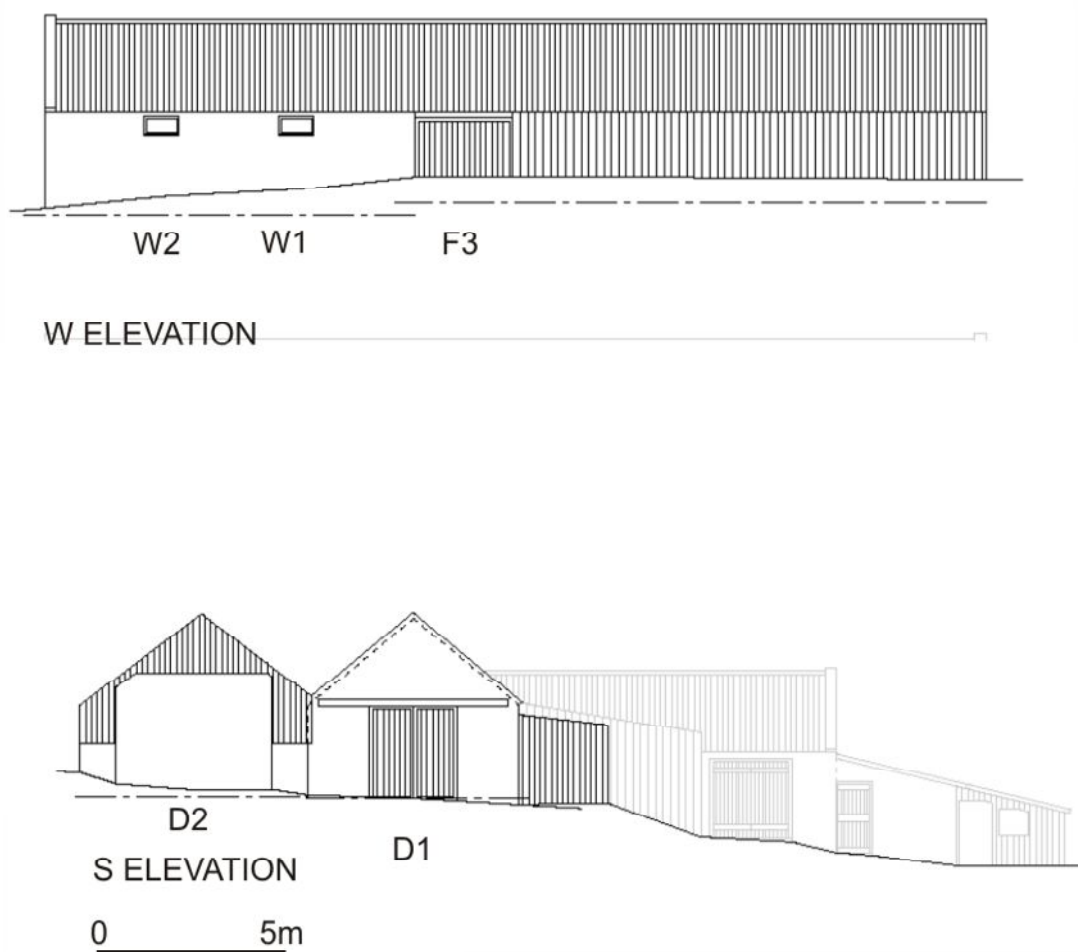
27	Looking S along inside of E wall of W range, blockings F1 & F2
28	Interior of N end of W range, looking S



Illus 18 Photo location plan. Plan courtesy of Mantell Ritchie Chartered Architects, annotated by MAS Ltd



Illus 19 N and E elevations. Plan courtesy of Mantell Ritchie Chartered Architects, annotated by MAS Ltd



Illus 20 S and W elevations. Plan courtesy of Mantell Ritchie Chartered Architects, annotated by MAS Ltd