THE ANCIENT MONUMENTS AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL AREAS ACT 1979 1269
ENTRY IN THE SCHEDULE OF MONUMENTS

The monument known as **Geord of Nears, cairn 90m SW of Cairn House, Rousay** comprises a burial cairn dating probably to the Bronze Age (between about 2000 and 800 BC), or possibly earlier. It survives as a low circular mound or platform, approximately 12m in diameter. In the centre an arrangement of upright stones represents the remains of a small chamber, aligned roughly N-S. The chamber measures 2.5m by 1m and the tallest stones stand up to 1m high. There seems to have been an entrance or opening on the S side. The cairn was partly excavated in 1932 by Walter Grant, who uncovered a short cist at the N end of the chamber. An arc of smaller edge-set stones to the S of the chamber is likely to be the remains of a kerb. The monument is situated on a natural terrace around 30m above sea level, overlooking agricultural land and Wyre Sound to the S. The scheduled area is a circle on plan, 25m in diameter, centred on the centre of the monument. The scheduling includes the remains described above and an area around them within which evidence relating to the monument's construction, use and abandonment is expected to survive. The scheduling specifically excludes the above-ground elements of a post-and-wire fence. The monument, which lies in the Parish of Rousay and Egilsay and the County of Orkney and Zetland as shown in red on the Plan annexed and executed as relative hereto and which [redacted] is hereby included in the Schedule of Monuments appearing to the Scottish Ministers to be of national importance compiled and maintained by them under section 1(1) of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979.

This entry supersedes the Entry in the Schedule of Monuments for the monument known then as **Remains of chambered cairn, Geord of Nears** as referred to in the Certificate of Service of Notice by The Commissioners of His Majesty's Works and Public Buildings in respect of the monument dated 12 December 1935 and recorded in the General Register of Sasines for the County of Orkney and Zetland on 30 January 1936.

Subscribed by Olwyn A Owen, Head of Scheduling, Marine and Battlefields with Historic Scotland, being an officer of the Scottish Ministers at Edinburgh on the 19th day of March Two thousand and fourteen, before this witness Christine Kelly, of Longmore House, Salisbury Place, Edinburgh.

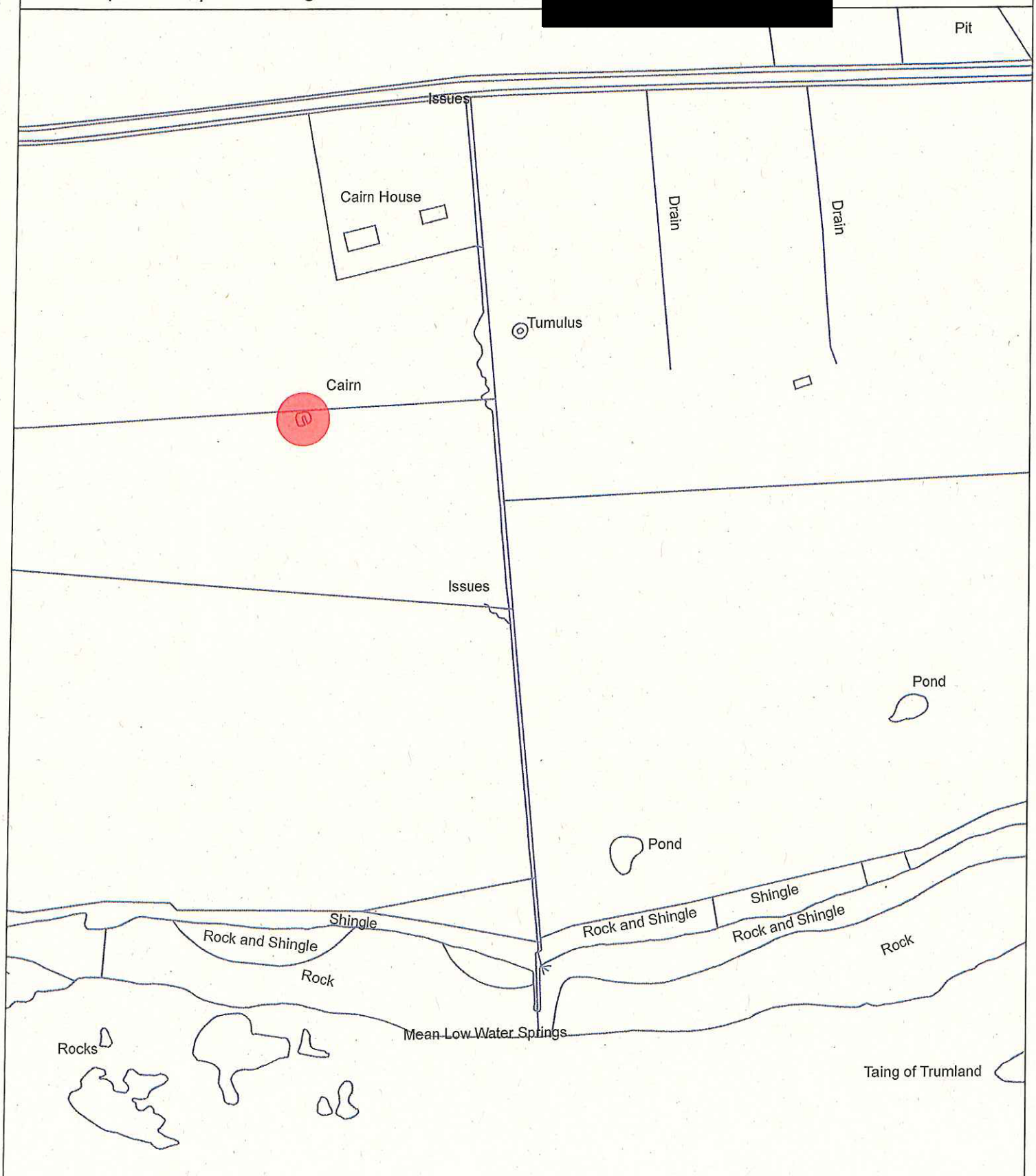
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[redacted] Witness

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This is the plan referred to in the entry in the Schedule affecting:
Geord of Nears, cairn 90m SW of Cairn House, Rousay

dated: 19 / 3 / 14 and is signed as relative thereto. [redacted]



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Geord of Nears, cairn 90m SW of Cairn House, Rousay

Rousay and Egilsay Parish

Scheduled Area

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Mapsheet(s): HY42NW

Scale:1:2,500

0 20 40 60 80 100 Metres

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2014

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