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No.	Name of Feature / building	Where? / grid ref	Condition	Description	HER /Canmore	Sources
1	Curling Pond, The Meadows	NH 7952 8960	Gone	Shallow curling pond which was flooded on purpose. On the 1 st edition map of 1874 this is listed as a Drying Green, and on the 2nd edition map an empty field without any label. HLA has photos which are dated in the 1960s, but others believe it may have not been in use much beyond then. It became run down after that. There were lights at the ends, and are remembered as being quite something in those days. When the pond was destroyed some of the lights were preserved. There was a little shed used to house the curling stones. HLA archive with a number of photos: HLA 10387 – 10390, 12839 – 12941, 12952. Muriel’s granddad lived in ‘The Meadows’ opposite the pond, and she has the curling medal he won. Peter has sent files relating to the pond as well as a sheet with information from the Curling Club minutes which are held in Historylinks; see HLA 15967). These show the rink was built 1914. It was re-tarred at intervals in subsequent years. In 1997 the site was gifted to Rev Simpson by the Sutherland estates. It was then sold in 2000 to Sally Wild, with a house built on the grounds in 2012. Further examination of curling club minutes would give a better idea of when it fell into disuse.	MHG61290	Sally, Peter, Hazel, Patricia, Muriel, Jimmy
2	Curling Pond, Loch-an-Treel	NH 7786 8996	Still there	Curling on Loch-an-Treel occurred from at least the early 1880s into at least the 1970s. A photo in HLA (no. 12838) shows a small shed, perhaps for curling stones. HLA with a number of photos: HLA 12838, 12842 -12851. Jim Ritchie has compiled a number of newspaper accounts, showing there was a Dornoch Curling Club since at least 1880s. The Ross-shire Journal of 18 Feb 1881 noted that the Dornoch Curling club practiced either on St Michael’s Pond or Lochantreel.	MHG61288	Patricia, Anne, Jim R
3	Dornoch Social Club	NH 7992 8969	Still in use	Formerly the school (known as the Parish School or Burgh School) until 1913 when Dornoch academy was built and all pupils transferred there. It was built probably sometime in the 1850s. Once the school transferred, it became the Dornoch Social Club, and is also known today by some as the Community Centre. There were billiard then snooker tables, and table tennis available for members for a modest fee. The slate from the tables now form a driveway into a garage on MacDonald Road. On the right (SE) side, where the café area is now, there was a self-contained scouts hut. Later the Scouts moved to the Cadet hut. There is also a flat on the upper floor, used	MHG30608	Jimmy, Peter, Lorna, Hazel, John HLA 13004, 11511

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				by a caretaker in the past. There is also a small basement. The building has been extended in the past where the kitchen and back rooms currently are. A film was made in 2012 about the schools in Dornoch parish (on HLA 11511). Lorna remembers that the Sea Scouts used what is currently the Struie Room in the building in the 1990s. Donald Grant from Embo and Neil Dalton started the Sea Scouts. The HER reports that there was a local tradition that earlier building remains were found under the school, perhaps part of an early priory, but there is no evidence for this. Lorna Currie recorded in <i>Memories of Childhood in Dornoch</i> that the W.V.S. ran a canteen here in WWII in the evenings for service men and women.		
4	Jail, then Drill Hall	NH 7977 8958	Still in use	According H.M. Mackay, <i>The Ancient Tolbooths of Dornoch</i> (1896), it was built 1842-5, and then on closure in 1879 it was sold to the local Volunteer Company to use a drill hall in 1896-7. The drill hall occupied much of the yard behind the jail. Within living memory the drill hall was the main venue for community events. Everything from concerts, indoor badminton, dances, films etc took place here. Animal heads were on the wall, with one local tradition that many shot by the local butcher's father Captain Booker Millburn who lived at 'Military Row' (so called because of the number of ex military personel who lived there; this is currently Grange Road). There are other stories about who shot them, including that they may possibly have been shot by Mrs Sykes, late of Dornoch Castle. The heads were stored in the loft of the Library, but their whereabouts are now unknown. The hall was sold in 1970s, taken over by Lochcarron weavers, and now part of the hall and the jail are a shop. There are stain glass windows on the north face of the main bit of the hall.	MHG16989	Hazel, Anne, Patricia, Peter, Jimmy, Christine, John, Jim R
4a	Indoor rifle range	NH 7976 8957	Survives	Behind the drill hall is a stone built rifle range. It is not depicted on the 2 nd edition OS map of 1905.	Not in HER	John
5	SSPCK Female school	NH 7979 8968	Still survives	The New Statistical Account records in 1845 that there were 3 schools in Dornoch: the parish school, the SSPCK Female School and another female school. The SSPCK female school in 1874 in the Old Name Book is described as 'A neat building situated in the centre of the town with teacher's accommodation attached.' It adds that the Duke of Sutherland built it. The building is depicted on the 2 nd edition OS map of 1905, but only labelled Hall. The school building is currently (2024) a charity shop. A film was made in 2012 about the schools in Dornoch parish (on HLA 11511).	MHG52789	HLA 1565 Jimmy, Hazel, Lynne
5a	Female School	Not located		The Inverness Courier of 5 June 1833 notes that Miss Cumming has opened the Dornoch Female School 'where all the branches of useful and ornamental Education for Young Ladies are taught, particularly Needle-work, English, Grammar, Geography, French, Italian, Music and Drawing.' It		Jim

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				accepted a few boarders. It is not known, but perhaps likely, that this is the other female school mentioned in the New Statistical Account. It is not known how long it was in operation.		
6	Old Dornoch Academy	NH 78879 89956	Still in use	The old Dornoch Academy, and current primary school, was opened in 1913, when there was a parade of pupils from the old Burgh school to the new one. The current Dornoch Academy situated to the west of the old school was built in the 1960s. Later a ‘tin’ building from Torboll was moved near the building when the school there closed (this is described in the film about the schools – HLA 11511); it no longer survives. John remembers another tin hut in the 1960s, and a class in the West Church. One of the tin buildings was known as the Hen House. HLA has a number of pictures of the construction of the current academy.	MHG50376	Christine, Jimmy, John, Hazel HLA 11511
7	Free Church School	NH 7989 8955	Still survives	School attached to the Free Church. According to the history of the schools (HLA 11511), the Parish school and Free school joined in 1857; however, the Free Church School is listed in the Old Name Book of 1874, which adds the detail that it was erected in 1863. The old school building is now the church hall.	MHG23553	
7a	School-master’s house	NH 7988 8954	Surviving	The building beside the Free Church School was built for the Free Church schoolmaster. It is now a private house called Allt Dearg.	Not in HER	Christine, George
7b	Garages near Free Church	NH 778 616	Gone	There used to be a group of 4 lockup garages located between the east gable of the Sutherland Arms bar and the west wall of the east cemetery and adjacent to the Free Church. The post office kept their vans there. A block of houses now on the site.	Not in HER	John
8	Littletown	NH 7979 8968	Still in use	The book <i>Old Dornoch, Its Traditions and Legends</i> by . Mackay, 1920 (copy in Historylinks – see HLA 4138) states that Littletown was founded with grants of land from the Town Council in 1821. This was probably Duke of Sutherland land; he was Provost of the Town Council. However, an estate map of 1843 does not show houses here (map on maps.nls.uk). HLA has leases for plots to be developed in 1869 and a list of leases for the 1890s. The Old Name Book describes the area in 1872 as ‘three lines of houses parallel to each other situated on the Dornoch links between Dornoch and the shore. The houses are all thatched and one storey high.’ A local tradition is that people were cleared from near the square so that they would not be seen by the Duchess of Sutherland when she played whist. Another tradition is that some people cleared from the Evelix valley were settled here. The signboard produced by Historylinks Museums simply states the inhabitants were from clearances, information probably from Mackay’s book. The area was known as Little Egypt by some people, reason unknown; Christine remembers a joke about the river there called the Nile. The houses had gardens across the street, as you find in some fishing villages elsewhere, and people remember cattle grazing there. One of the streets is called Carnaig	Not in HER, apart from one house (MHG52792)	Lynne, Hazel, Anne, Christine, Peter HLA 9074, 7951

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				Street, perhaps due to people cleared from Strath Carnaig coming there, or it could also be in reference to the large rock on the shore known as Craig Carnaig (NH 8062 8950). HLA no. 1870 shows the thatched cottages in the first decade of the 20th century.		
8a	Building, Littletown	NH 79989 89239	Survives	A masonry building between River Street and Carnaig Street is at a different alignment than the other houses in Littletown. It is currently used as a garage, but appears to have been a cottage before. It currently has a corrugated iron roof. On the wall outside a stone has been inscribed DMC 943 (at NH 79946 89241)	Not in HER	John, Hazel
9	Gas Works / Slaughter house	NH 7979 8942	Survives, but not in use.	<p>This area was first a gasworks and later a slaughterhouse, with the dates usefully provided on a plaque at the site: ‘Erected AD 1845 as a Gas House The Duke of Sutherland Provost. Rebuilt AD 1885 as a Slaughter House Wm Sutherland Esq Provost.’ HLA archives has a number of photos taken in 2017. Jimmy remembers going down there as a boy. The gas works must have been fuelled by coal, and it is likely that it was landed at Newton Point or Littleferry and transported from there to Dornoch. The Dornoch Council Minutes for 1 May 1917 noted that the Council would not now supply coals after that date. They also record that the charge for killing pigs was to be reduced to 6 pence per head. Jimmy heard that it was used by the Ministry of Agriculture in wartime.</p> <p>There was a later slaughterhouse built on an adjacent site which has now been demolished. Fiona McD worked in the office at this, and thinks that it was in use until 2010. This was then run by the Grants, and after them by Aberdeen and Northern Marts, who were also licensed for Islamic Ritual Slaughter. Some of the site is now (2024) a car park and student accommodation. There are plans for the remaining building from the original slaughterhouse to be redeveloped as a distillery.</p>	Not in HER	Fiona McD, Jimmy, Hazel, Peter, John, Alasdair Cameron HLA 13553 -13559
10	Carling Bank Cottage	NH 7987 8934	Survives	Hazel remembers a croft opposite the slaughter house facing Tain which was reputed to be haunted by the ghost of Mrs Fraser. The name of the croft house was said to be because one could see the bank in Tain. HLA 11430 with annotated image from c. 1950, which states this was built by Albert Lewis Snr, who had his joiner’s workshop nearby. The cottage is now known as Teal Lodge.	Not in HER	Hazel
10a	Seaforth MacGregor’s Garage	Roughly NH 79916 89375	Gone	Situated near Carling Bank – see HLA no. 11430, dated c. 1950. Seaforth's garage and pit for servicing his bus and taxis is now occupied by sheltered houses the Town Council built in early 1970s near Littletown. Seaforth lived in Craigroyston in Dornoch square. It was opposite what was the Highland bus office. People getting off a bus could easy get a taxi.		John

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11	Burnside Cottage	NH 79784 89517	Gone	Where Jimmy was born, though name is later. There is a footbridge over the Dornoch Burn to reach it.	Not in HER	Jimmy
12	Medieval houses around the cathedral	See text	No original Medieval houses survive	There would have been houses for the various officials in the cathedral as well as for vicars from parishes connected to the Cathedral. H. M. Mackay <i>Old Dornoch: Its Traditions and Legends</i> (1920) p. 9 onwards discusses local tradition on where some of these might be. These include: St Michaels (NH 79853 89716) which has an old archway; Trevose [on modern maps as Cathedral House} House at NH 79758 89655; and possibly also the house at NH 79642 89687 (no. 75b), though houses in all these locations are later. The placenames The Deanery, West Deanery and Dean's Court probably also relate to houses associated with the Cathedral administration.		Anne, Lynne
13	Dornoch Imp	NH 79642 89662		A masonry gargoyle-type head found, though unclear when. It presumably was originally on the cathedral, though if so decorative and not for spouting water. It is now on a wall of a house in Castle Street, and quite eroded. Other houses on St Gilberts Street also have masonry fragments thought to be from the Cathedral.		Jimmy, Anne, Peter
14	Dornoch Hotel / Station Hotel	NH 8014 8978	Survives	<p>Built as the Railway Hotel in 1902-4, and also known as the L.M.S hotel after 1923 when Highland Railway Company became London, Midland and Scottish Railway Company. The architect was Cameron and Burnett (Elizabeth Beaton 1995. <i>Sutherland, An Architectural History</i>). Burnett was also involved in designing the contemporary railway hotel in Strathpeffer (the Highland Hotel). This was the poshest hotel in Dornoch, only open for 6 months of the year (the golfing season). Wealthy visitors would come by train, but their chauffeurs would drive their cars up so they would be in Dornoch for their use. The visitors were fetched in horse and cart and taken to the hotel. Some have heard that a spur on the railway line was at one time proposed to bring visitors closer. The chauffeur's quarters were to the rear of the Hotel with garages below the sleeping rooms.</p> <p>A large number of Canadian foresters were quartered there in 1917/1918. They also rented out around two acres near the Station Hotel to put out the winter's manure, presumably from the horses used in forestry activity (see below on wartime activity). During WWII troops stayed in the hotel, including some of the Indian troops (mentioned in L. Currie <i>Memories of Childhood in Dornoch</i>). Military documents record a Norwegian training unit posted in 1942 (TNA WO 166/6778).</p> <p>After the war, dances were remembered, and particularly the County Ball which was very grand. All the locals used to look in from outside. There is a story that the local policeman one year assigned to the ball got drunk and had to be carried home. Local orchestras and bands</p>	MHG19611; Canmore 93449	Peter, Patricia, Lynne, Hazel, Jimmy, Lorna, Christine, Susan, John

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				<p>played at the hotel, including Henry Hall’s Orchestra in the 1920s and later George Moir Orchestra. Inside the hotel were spectacular murals painted by a female artist in the 1940s/1950s. These have been boarded up. Peter has pictures.</p> <p>According to Wikipedia, the hotel was operated by British Rail Transport Hotels Executive from 1948-1953, then it was run by British Transport Hotels and catering services. In 1965 it was sold on the open market but not sure who to. At some point the bus company Shearings owned it too, but dates need to be checked.</p>		
15	Railway station	See text	See text	<p>The Dornoch Light Railway, a branch line from the Mound to Dornoch, opened in 1902. In Dornoch the old ticket office (NH 7984 8992; currently a clinic), stationmaster’s house (Broombank; NH 7977 8993) and railway cottages (NH 7979 8979) currently (2024) survive. The station closed in 1960, one of the Beeching cuts. According to the HER record, the station originally had three timber engine and goods sheds and number of other wooden sheds. Jimmy has good photos of these. There were ‘Gradings’ to the west of the bus garages (a house is now on the site). HLA 9779 shows the Menzies kiosk at the station, where Mrs Voight worked. Jimmy worked at the station and also remembers the water tower and engine shed. Hazel remembers cattle yards at the station. Men, including Bill Swanson used to drive cattle from the cattle yard down through the streets to the slaughter house. The mess was remembered by a number of people. A DVD on the Dornoch Light Railway is available for purchase from Historylinks Museum. The museum also has a number of old photographs.</p>	MHG52570 MHG11831 (ticket office)	Jimmy, Hazel, John, Bill Swanson
16	St Michael’s Well	NH 79826 89888 (orig. well) NH 79884 90029 (burgh boundary) NH 7989 9001	Original location: gone? Current position: surviving	<p>St Michael’s well is marked on the 1st ed OS map of 1874 at a position at the northern point of the burgh boundary. According to Rev. Bentinck’s <i>Dornoch Cathedral and Parish</i> (1926), the burgh boundary was set out in the 1830s. The Act defining the boundary stated that owners of properties more than seven miles distant would have no say in affairs of the burgh. Positioning the northern border at the well meant that Mr George Gunn, factor of the Duke of Sutherland and burgh magistrate, was eligible to retain his vote. He gave orders for the well to be built with the inscription ‘St Michael’s Well’ on a site c. 200 yards NE of the original site of the old well. This original well is also marked on the OS map, though only labelled ‘Well’. It is unclear if the new boundary well was actually a well over water, but as it is situated on the Dornoch burn was perhaps usable as source of water.</p> <p>By the time of the 2nd edition OS map in 1905, the burgh boundary well was under railway buildings, and the stone marking the boundary well had probably been moved nearby. In 1991 during rebuilding of the wall on the east side of the Dornoch burn remains of masonry, probably the (moved) boundary well, were found. The site was excavated and has been repositioned at the</p>	MHG11706	Anne, Lynne

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		Current location		<p>edge of the road. Historylinks archive has lots of pictures of this last move and consolidation. The current well is a listed building, despite being modern and no longer in its original position.</p> <p>Although named St Michael's well, there is no local tradition that this is a holy or healing well. The Old Name book from 1872 states that 'This name applies to a very large spring of splendid water. Some 20 years ago it was partially covered in with stonework to protect it from Cattle etc' – though it is unclear if this refers to the actual well or the boundary-positioned well.</p>		
17	St Michael's House	NH 7985 8971	Still exists	<p>The current house is a 19th century listed building, dated on the Listed building record to 1802 or 1807 (the datestone is faint). It also notes that the large fireplace appears of earlier date and may have been incorporated from a previous house on the site. See also no. 12 above that this is the site of one of the early deaneries. The house is not near any of the proposed locations for St Michael's well.</p>	MHG17061; Canmore 111082	Peter, Lynne
17a	Friar's Well, opposite St Michaels House	NH 7983 8972		<p>There is a plaque on the bridge over the Dornoch Burn. It is not clear if this is thought to be the original location of the well which was moved to become the burgh boundary (see no. 16). No well is depicted at this location in the 1st or 2nd ed. OS maps. The HER record mentions a newspaper cutting. Further research needed to determine if this is indeed the site of a well, or more confusion with St Michael's well.</p>	MHG31282	
18	Well to W of Castle Cottage	NH 79661 89572	Still exists?	<p>A well is marked on the modern maps to the west of Castle Cottage on Meadows Road. It does not appear on the 1st edition OS map of 1874 or 2nd edition map of 1905.</p>	Not in HER	Anne
19	Old burn course, Castle Street	NH 79867 89629	buried	<p>There has clearly been water management within the burgh. The Dornoch Burn's straight course shows that it has been made into a canal at some point in the past. During excavations, a burn was revealed near the bottom of Castle Street.</p>		Anne
20	Cholera Graveyard	NH 80432 90280	Gone	<p>Marked on 1st and 2nd ed OS maps, with date AD 1832 though it only seems to be one grave. Rev. Bentinck's <i>Dornoch Cathedral and Parish</i> (1926) p. 370 questions whether in fact the man from Portgower had indeed died of cholera, based on the inscription on the stone which stated 'It was supposed he died of cholera, but afterwards contradicted by most eminent doctors.' Nevertheless the deceased was refused burial in the town cemetery.</p>	MHG14341	Anne
21	WWI Guns	See text	Destroyed	<p>After WWI Dornoch, like many places, was offered captured German guns. Many people were against having them, and the Northern Times (31 July 2020) reported that hundreds gathered to see 3 of the 4 German guns which had been inside the railing of the Territorial buildings, dumped into Quarry Pool; more work is needed to identify where this was. The fourth gun, located near the slaughter house, was too heavy to move. A gun was dumped in 1921 in the Witch's pool (NH</p>		Peter

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				8011 8932), presumably the fourth gun. This gun was raised in 1991 and was in fairly good condition. No one would take it at the time. Some stories say it was scrapped, others that it went to the museum at Fort George. HLA has a large number of photos and press cuttings concerning the guns (see Captured German Field Gun group). There is no further information on the guns dumped into the Quarry Pool.		
22	Garage, Dean's Lane	Roughly NH 7958 8963	Gone	San Macgregor was sent up from the firm in Dingwall to open and run the Robertsons & Porters garage on Dean's Lane. The Esso sign on Castle Street may have been signposting to it (the sign is pictured in HLA 12942 from 1930). In the late 1940s it charged radio batteries and Bill Swanson remembers taking old ones there and returning to Embo Farm on foot with the fully charged ones. There had been a letter circulating threatening to blow up the garage if they kept selling coronation ornaments. The garage did go on fire, and burnt down in 1952.		Jimmy, Fiona McD, John, Bill Swanson
23	Bone Dump, Back Road	NH 7955 8960	Gone	Across from the garage on Back Road there was an area where Grants used to dump bones from the slaughterhouse, which were uplifted. Susan speculated that this might have been to the boneworks in Invergordon. A telecom building now stands on the site.		Jimmy, John
24	Pump, Meadows Road	NH 79685 89578	Surviving	There is a pump near the fire station. It is possible it was at one point associated with the well to the west of Castle Cottage (see no. 18) or perhaps associated with the Fire Station. Pictures on HER. John notes that there was a handpump in the garden until the 1960s. There was also a pump at no. 6 Castle St; after the water was taken into the house, it was taken away.	MHG51479	Jimmy, John
25	Caddy's Well	NH 80153 89333	Surviving	Just to the east of Witch's Pool (NH 8011 8932) was a well where Embo Caddies used to meet and have their lunch. It was made with Brora bricks.		Jimmy
25a	Arthur's / Geordie's Well	Grid ref needed	Overgrow n	Hazel was told by an old greenkeeper that there was a well on the golf course known as Arthur's well. John was told it was known locally as Geordie's well after the crofter who lived nearby who used it for water as well as the golf caddies.		Hazel, John
26	Quarries, Golf Links	See text	Only the eastern one still visible	Two quarries are depicted on the 2 nd ed. OS map of 1905. The one near the Witch's Pool at NH 9019 8934 is listed as an old quarry in 1905, but is shown to have had water in 1872. The other at NH 8011 8932 is labelled as a quarry on both the 1 st and 2 nd ed maps, and listed as a disused quarry on modern maps. Neither is shown to have been filled with water in 1905, so are unlikely to be the 'Quarry Pool' that the WWI guns were thrown into in 1921 (see no. 21). The Dornoch Council Minutes for 6 April 1915 note that the Dean of Guild McLean was given permission to quarry in the Town Quarry – but it is not clear which quarry this refers to.		Fiona

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27	Quarry / Gravel Pit near Station	NH 7993 8997	Natural Feature	A Gravel Pit is labelled on the 1 st and 2 nd ed OS map. Patricia remembers it being full of sand and stones, with no fencing to stop people falling down it. No one remembers it as ever being full of water. Known locally as 'The Quarry'.		Patricia, Jimmy
28	Cannon Ball	NH 7996 8968	Survives	A cannon ball was found by Jimmy's father, Jimmy thinks when working in the gardens at Barrs-fair; he believes it is now in HistoryLinks Museum. The only cannon ball from Dornoch in Historylinks is from garden of 5 Castle Street (HLA record no. 15437).		Jimmy
29	Carved stone dated 1601	NH 7982 8973	Survives	Found in the Library, with its original findspot unclear. It has a crest with initials VB and date 1601, with an inscription around the edges and top. At the bottom it is cut into the stone, perhaps for a fitting. It looks like it might have been an old graveslab, perhaps cut and adapted for some reason. Photo in HLA 6010		Peter
30	Duncan Mackay's Garage	NH 7952 8963	Gone	Garage in HLA photo no. 13387, owned by Duncan Mackay. It is now no longer a garage, but survives as a shed.		Hazel, Jimmy
31	First Drill Hall / Sutherland House	NH 7988 8966	Drill Hall gone; House survives	The Volunteer's Drill Hall is depicted on the 1 st ed OS map of 1874 to the north of the Sutherland Arms Hotel. The Old Name Book describes it as: 'A large wooden erection built here a few years ago for a hall for the Dornoch Volunteers to drill in during the winter and in inclement weather.' By the time of the 2 nd ed. OS map the Drill hall had moved near the site of the jail (see no. 4), and the building on this site is not labelled, nor can we tell if it is masonry or timber. Later a masonry building on this site is remembered first as an annex for the Sutherland Arms Hotel (which burnt down in 1941), and the more recently for the Royal Golf Hotel. When Muriel was employed by the Royal Golf Hotel in the late 1960s she used to turn down beds and get morning teas. The house is currently (2024) known as Sutherland House.	Not in HER	Hazel, Muriel, Lynne
32	Dornoch Airfield	Centred NH 8006 8840		The airfield was constructed in 1941 as a Satellite Landing Ground. It housed Lancaster bombers as well as other types of aircraft. Its use was short, as it was not possible to camouflage. HLA no.881 shows Lancaster bombers at the airfield, and provides a summary of wartime activity there, based on Jim Hughes' <i>Steep Turn to the Stars. A history of Aviation in the Moray Firth</i> , p. 12-3. It closed in 1945. The East Sutherland gun club had a clay pigeon layout at the airstrip between WWII until the late 1950s. One of the nissen huts was used as a store and shelter while waiting to shoot. The airfield was re-established in 1967 for Loganair services to Inverness and Wick operating in 1972. It was not economic. After that it has been used by some light aircraft, and Highland Council currently (2024) has proposals to lease the airfield. By 1991 no wartime buildings were preserved, apart from a 'tin' shed near the caravan site. The Jim Bone archive	MHG19754 Canmore 93105 HLA 881	George, John

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				(reproduced by Canmore) has an aerial view of the airstrip from 1997. HLA 13023 is a picture of an aeroplane there c. 1930		
33	The Grange / Royal Golf Hotel	NH 8009 8958	Still in use	According to Elizabeth Beaton. <i>Sutherland An Illustrated Architectural Guide</i>) it was built c. 1896/7, and originally owned by the Holderness family. Christine however, believes it was built by Mr Hamilton-Bruce (see various documents in HLA), who died 1899. Perhaps Mr Holderness stayed there. HLA with 11 photographs of the interior of the Grange from c. 1890-1910 (eg no. 1525). In 1904 it was sold to the Taylor's; Mrs Taylor, a suffrage supporter, hosted Lady Balfour on her suffrage tour in 1913. Common Cause has a picture of her there in her motor car (19 Sept 1913). In 1938 Donald Cumming bought the property and it became a hotel (he had a hotel in Inverness). According to Hughes 1991 (see no. 32), in 1941 one officer and 12 other ranks of the RAF were billeted there (also recorded in Lorna Currie's <i>Memories of Childhood in Dornoch</i> , who remembered going to a children's Christmas party host by the RAF). According to the hotel's website, the hotel was requisitioned in WWII to house Norwegian troops, but no one else remembers this, and this is likely to be an error. After WWII Mr Cumming sold to the Gardiner family and Mr Patterson, although Mr Patterson was only involved with it for a short time. The house had long gardens with a tennis court across the road.	MHG19610 Canmore 93444	Christine, Jimmy, Susan
34	Links House	NH 8005 8954	Still in use	According to Elizabeth Beaton. <i>Sutherland An Illustrated Architectural Guide</i> it was built c. 1844 as a Free Church Manse. However, it was built by Mr Kennedy, the Free Church Minister after the Disruption, not the church, and it remained in his family for many years. He was succeeded as Free Church Minister by his son. This is why the nearby street is called Kennedy Avenue. The Listed Building report provides a full architectural description. Hazel remembers that this was requisitioned by the Army during WWII. HLA with pictures of development work in 2012 (eg HLA 11913) and HER with a number of photographs relating to its change to a hotel in 2010s. See HLA 11924 for a document detailing the history of the house.	MHG17057 Canmore 111080	Christine Hazel HLA 11924
35	Nissen huts, Clunie Crescent / Seaforth	Roughly NH 79916 89403	Gone	There were two nissen huts surviving at this location after the war, taken down in 1974 when Clunie Crescent was built. They were part of a camp used by the Indian troops in the war (see wartime summary). After the war there was a family staying there, perhaps when building their own house. Later they were used by Seaforth for servicing busses.	Not in HER	Jimmy, Hazel, George
35a	Nissen hut, Airfield Road	Roughly NH 79989 89239	Gone	There was a nissen hut after the war. John and Jimmy's brother Alan kept an ex army bike within it. It is not known whether it was in its original position, nor when it was demolished. There is only scrub there now.	Not in HER	John

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36	Nissen Hut, Meadows Park	NH 7945 8955	Surviving, but renovated	HLA no. 13372 shows a nissen hut in Meadows sports park. There is a building still there, believed to be a heavily renovated hut, and used in the past to take money for games. Was it there originally or moved to this location?	Not in HER	Jimmy, Anne, Christine
37	The Café / Trudi's Cafe	c. NH 7987 8952	Gone	This was a post-war chalet-style café, possibly a converted nissen hut, built by Duncan and Lydia Mackenzie, then later run by Trudi Matheson. Waltraut (Trudi) was German, and met her husband when he was stationed in Germany. Many people remembered going to the cafe. It had a Wurlitzer and an early vending machine for bottles of cold Coke. Papers were sold on Sundays, and they did takeaway chips. Trudi was a real character: kind, likeable, an excellent cook, though sometimes teased by kids because of her accent. The café was knocked down in the 1960s/1970s when Dune House was built.	Not in HER	Jimmy, George, Hazel, Lorna, Muriel, Fiona McD, John
38	Wuppertal	NH 7988 8948	Surviving	House built by Trudi and her husband (see no. 37), reputedly named from the city in Germany where she was from.	Not in HER	As no. 37
39	Wooden stumps, west of Dornoch Point	Centred NH 7918 8783	Stumps visible at low tide	Over 50 upright wooden posts are embedded in the sand, with none now more than half a meter tall. Some appear to have been cut. They are spread over a large area to the west of Dornoch point. These are believed to be anti-glider posts, used as WWII coastal defences. Jimmy Melville's father was employed to erect the posts in the sand. They were surveyed by the Dornoch Firth Archaeological Society in 2007, with the report on the HER. In <i>Memories of Childhood in Dornoch</i> Lorna Currie states that these were to repel an invading force (HLA 7727).	MHG53781	Jimmy, Anne
40	Target, in Dornoch Firth	c. NH 7678 8741	Gone	A large target for weapons practice is remembered in the Dornoch Firth. Large shells could be seen sticking in the heavy timbers.	Not in HER	Jimmy, John
41	Dornoch War Memorial	NH 7931 8981	Surviving	The original war memorial was erected in 1922 just outside Torranroy House (see HLA 1234 for picture of dedication ceremony). In 1992 it was relocated across the road for a traffic management scheme. HLA have a number of pictures relating to the relocation. Canmore has a transcription of the names on the memorial.	MHG50467 Canmore 33981	Muriel, Hazel
42	Cadet Hut	NH 7977 8957	Surviving and in use	A wooden hut located behind the Drill Hall, probably built around the 1960s when the Jail was sold.	Not in HER	Jimmy, Fiona McD
43	YMCA	Not located	Gone	Documentary sources show that during WWI the large YMCA was very active. No photos known or at present where this was located. More research needed.		Anne
44	Common Good Land	See text	Survives	This belongs to the people of Dornoch (administered by Highland Council), and was originally part of Duke of Sutherlands's estate. A map dating to 1983 is in HLA 5316. According to HLA 3214		Jimmy, George

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				citing a letter in the Northern Times in 2011, there was a map of the common lands at Dornoch Library. At that point the tenants were Royal Dornoch Golf Club, Bowling Club, Caravan Site, Scottish Water and Inshore Lifeboat Association. It includes the airstrip. The extent of the Common Good Land has been reduced over the years.		
45	Site of Preaching Ark	Roughly NH 8009 8951	Not built on	HLA no 174 shows an outdoor Free Church communion service in 1915, with a preaching ark and communion table, in a hollow near the tennis courts, with Links Cottage behind it, and beyond that no buildings. No one remembers any traditions of the ark or where it might have ended up. The place where people are sitting is probably where the top Golf Club car park is now, or just below this.	Not in HER	George
46	Tennis courts and bowling green	NH 8004 8950	Bowling green survives	The site of the current bowling green. Recently the tennis court situated to the east has become a car park. HLA no. 174 shows two tennis courts and the bowling green originally in the location in 1915. Neither are depicted on the 1 st and 2 nd ed OS maps, suggesting they dated to after 1905. According to Michael Hook's <i>A History of the Royal Burgh of Dornoch</i> , a lawn tennis and bowls club was formed by June 1913 (p. 111). The Dornoch Council minutes for 4 August 1914 records that the Golf Club was to be asked to take over management of the Tennis and Bowling Courts on the links, and the Council approved. Fiona McD has a postcard showing the courts.	Not in HER	Christine, Fiona
47	Links Cottage	NH 8000 8945	Survives	Pictured in HLA no .174, so built by 1915. HLA no. 9899 has a copy of the ground plan from 1957. HLA no. 9203 has a letter relating to the property dating to 1928.	Not in HER	George
48	Beach Diving Board and Tidal Swimming Pool	See text	Almost gone	At the rocks there was a diving board and tidal swimming pool, probably with the board at NH 8068 8957 and pool at NH 80725 89616, with concrete walling on the rocks at NH 80753 89611. HLA 14177 shows Janette Bremner on the diving board in 1960, and has the information that Ian Bremner's Grandfather W.C. Bremner and his son Donnie Bremner helped to put up the diving board every summer season. However, others remember that Nelson Paterson built it, and don't remember that the Bremners put it up each year. The diving board was on 'the big rock', but it and 'the little rock' are no longer visible, now covered by sand. The swimming pool was built in the early 20 th century (Patricia's father, born in 1909, swam in it; Lorna Currie in <i>Memories of Childhood in Dornoch</i> thought it was perhaps built in the 1920s). Patricia was told it was destroyed during a storm in the 1930s, and Lorna Currie also remembered it only in operation a few years. Dornoch Council Minutes of 19 October 1916 recorded that there had been complaints of alleged nuisance at the Bathing pool. A motion was made to refer this to the Sanitary Inspector who if satisfied about the nuisance would proceed against the persons involved. However, an amendment asked only that complaints be remitted to the Sanitary	Not in HER	Fiona McD, Muriel, Anne, Jimmy, Christine, Lorna, Ann, Hazel, Patricia, John HLA 14177

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				<p>Inspector for report. Every summer local men would empty it of the accumulated sand. The ruins are still visible. It was made of concrete, to hold water coming in with the tide, with a valve used to retain water. Ruins can still be seen; Hazel remembers the wall as being much longer. The valve is occasionally visible (John has a picture). The site has deteriorated in recent years</p> <p>The changing rooms (a shed for changing) were in the car park, which was converted into the premises of the first boat station in the late 1970s. Dornoch Hotel (Station Hotel) had two blocks of huts for their patrons (L. Currie <i>Memories of Childhood in Dornoch</i>). Mary Jane Graham, the schoolmistress, had her own changing hut (situated near the swings).</p>		
48a	Ice Cream kiosk at the Beach	Roughly NH 8046 8948	Gone	There was a little hut, half of a caravan, at the beach where Bill Wright the Dairyman and his family sold ice cream made at the Dairy. It is remembered to have been sited where the swings are now, there in the 1960s.	Not in HER	Patricia, Jimmy
48b	Shelters at the beach	Grid refs needed	Gone	Two shelters are remembered at the beach. One was fairly large with glass windows, the other more open. Fiona McD with pictures. Were these old wartime buildings or purpose built? Lorna Currie's <i>Memories of Childhood in Dornoch</i> recalls that there was a large open fronted shelter for public use where the lifeboat shed was at her time of writing.	Not in HER	Fiona McD
49	Salmon Poles	NH 80795 90213	Survives	A tall pole still survives in the intertidal zone, and a further two poles are visible at very low tides, creating a V-shape. It is remembered as being used for salmon fishing, with nets tied to it, perhaps c. 40 years ago; Jimmy remembers that Ralph McLeod, a local fishmonger used it for fishing. In the 1950s or so people from Balintore are remembered coming there, staying in a hut for the summer but catching very few salmon. It was reported Ian Paterson's grandfather worked the fishing at Dornoch, and employed men from Hilton. There is a picture at Seaboard Hall, Balintore of a sunfish caught by Hilton fishermen on Dornoch beach, possibly in the 1930s. The nets, known as 'jumpers' or 'flys', were hung up on poles. The fish would swim in at high tide, and were retrieved when the tide went out.	Not in HER	Jimmy, Anne
50	Carnegie Library and Council Chambers	NH 7982 8972	In use	According to Elizabeth Beaton's <i>Sutherland an Architectural Guide</i> , the building was constructed in 1907 of Embo Stone. However, the plaque reads CARNEGIE FREE LIBRARY 1906 THEADH SOLUS ANN. It was one of many libraries in Scotland part funded by philanthropist Andrew Carnegie who lived at Skibo Castle. HLA no. 2309 shows it shortly after construction. HLA 10962 has plans for the library. There was a two bedroom house at the back for the Librarian, now incorporated into the library. The building is not listed in the Dictionary of Scottish Architects. There was a lovely garden to the rear of the library until around 1976. Lorna Currie's <i>Memories of Childhood in Dornoch</i> recalls film shows in the Council Chambers in the 1940s. There is a water pressure gauge	MHG31285 Canmore 315011	Jimmy, John

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				below the stairs. If the pressure dropped the town officer went around the town with a long rod and rubber cup listening for leaks.		
51	Smithy, then St. Gilbert Street Garage	NH 7953 8975	Building survives	This is remembered as a smiddy though it is not labelled as such on the 1 st or 2 nd edition maps. It was a garage belonging to Allan Mackenzie, originally from Caithness, and then his son Russell in the 1950s. Allan extended it at the back where there was an old wooden shed. It was a byre before it became a garage, and had two levels inside. It has been empty since Russell died in 2014, and the property is currently (2024) on the market. Pictures on HER record. HLA with a number of interior photos (see no. 6043 for links and further information).	MHG52785	Jimmy, Christine, Peter, Fiona McD
52	Bus Depot / Garage	NH 7974 8995	Survives	This was the bus depot and garage, operating long before the war by Highland Omnibuses. It was a large organisation with around 10 people working there. There were services Dornoch to Inverness (four hour journey) and Dornoch to Helmsdale. Near to the garage, or perhaps as part of its buildings, were weighing apparatus, to weigh sheep and cattle which were then escorted down to the slaughterhouse.	Not in HER	Jimmy, Christine
53	Sutherland Arms Hotel	NH 7987 8962	Gone	An old hotel in Dornoch which burnt down in 1941. Excavation trenches in the 2000s before new housing was built showed the first phase was a double-fronted house in the late 19 th century, and four phases of buildings were suggested. It is depicted on the 1874 1 st ed OS map, and then with additions on the 1905 2 nd ed. OS map. In the 1909 photo (on HER) the timber veranda featured; this appears to have been demolished when a conservatory and other additions were built in the 1930s. It had petrol pumps in a small building to the south side, pictured in HLA 2221 from 1930s. In the 1970s the garage was owned by John MacMillan and his wife. Redevelopment was halted when it was realised that the oil tanks were still there. HLA with a number of photos and documents. There were plans to rebuild the hotel in the 1940s, but were rejected due to post-war restrictions in the use of building materials.	MHG19638 Canmore 93479	Christine, Anne, Lorna
54	Eagle Hotel	NH 7952 8973	Still a hotel	Another old hotel in Dornoch, labelled Eagle Inn on the 1 st ed OS map in 1874 and 'Inn' on the 2 nd ed. OS map of 1905. HLA with several old photos, including HLA 2225. HLA with a document describing its history (HLA 4621). It states that it is the oldest established hotel in Dornoch, built by William Munro in the 1840s. During WWII the hotel was run by Gordon Tewsley, a noted local character, who also owned the land where Mackenzie's garage is (see no. 51). It was then bought by Jock McCulloch in the early 1960s; he had previously owned the Mill Inn in Spinningdale. After him there were several other owners. The addition to the west gable to form the lounge bar was done in 1964, and the bedroom extension to the rear of the hotel in 1977. Where the dining room is now used to be the public bar with a fireplace. There were outdoor toilets. John has a doorknocker from the hotel. On the west side of the extension at the rear is a lean-to building	MHG17112 MHG42107 (duplicate record) Canmore 111053	Christine, John, Hazel, Lorna, Peter HLA 4621

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				which Peter was told was originally the Golspie Signal Box. Historylinks has more information on the hotel.		
55	Smiddy, Meadows Park Road	NH 7948 8958	Gone	On the 1 st ed OS map of 1874 this area is part of the Drying Green. On the 2 nd ed. OS map of 1905 a small smithy is depicted. It is not known how long it was in business. It was used by a local slater Mr Rosie (who stayed in Murray Road) as a store until the 1970s.	Not in HER	John
56	Smiddy, Meadow Road	NH 7951 8965	Survives	On the 1 st ed OS map of 1874 this area is part of the Drying Green. On the 2 nd ed. OS map of 1905 a small smithy is depicted. It is not known how long it was in business. The building on the site was in a ruinous state before Peter renovated it, with well-preserved forges. There was a fireplace on the outside wall which is now blocked. HLA 5996 has a photo from 1982.	Not on HER	Peter
57	Smiddy, Gilchrist Square	NH 7973 8978	Gone	On the 1 st ed OS map an unlabelled building is at this location. On the 2 nd ed map it is labelled Smithy. It is not known how long it was in business.	Not on HER	
58	Fish & Chip shop off St Gilbert St.	NH 7951 8976	Surviving	A fish and chip shop and restaurant was first run by San MacGregor. For a short time then Dorothy Mackenzie, Allan Mackenzie's wife ran it. It was located on a lane off St Gilbert's Street. It was there in 1950s and 1960s, but it is not clear when it closed. John's grandfather rented it as a joiner's shop until the 1930s. The rear (north) of the building is constructed with white bricks. To the east of the chip shop is a derelict building also with some white bricks, wooden upper structure and corrugated iron roof (NH 7952 8976). It is thought it was a store for the Gilbert St Garage to the east (no. 51, but John was told by San Macgregor's son Sandy that Bill Wright kept a horse here, so it might have been a byre. HLA 6047 is a photo of the shop from 2007 and no 6046 of the shed from the same year.	Not on HER	Jimmy, Fiona McD, Christine, Muriel, John George
59	Stepping Stones	NH 79830 89667	Gone	Stepping stones crossed the burn near the old school / charity shop (no. 5), near the masonic hall. Hazel remembers using them when she was young. The steps leading down to where the stones were still survive on the west side, but not the east.		Anne, Hazel
60	Ault Brig	NH 7982 8969	Surviving	Masonry bridge over the Dornoch Burn. The HER notes that a bridge at the foot of the High Street is mentioned in a document dated 1562, and that the surviving bridge has the date 1800. This was probably the main road in earlier times.	MHG11832	Anne, Hazel
61	Old water pipes, High Street	NH 79717 89717	No longer visible	A hole on the High Street made during works in 2024 revealed old water pipes. Workmen working at the site told local residents that the pipes dated to 1910.	Not in HER	Anne
62	Bridges over	See text		There are a number of footbridges over the Dornoch Burn including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Near the Health Centre NH 7979 8946 . Has been there as long as people remember. 	Not in HER	

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	Dornoch Burn			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are two bridges on either side of Burnside, the house and surgery of Dr Aeneas MacLeod. The bridge to the surgery was known as the Doctor's Bridge. NH 79800 89509; NH 79797 89486 The burn was realigned at the golf course and a number of footbridges built, shown on modern maps 		
63	Artist's Studio at the Beach	Grid ref needed	Gone?	The artist Arthur Johnston Ryle (1857-1915) had a studio at the beach, and later moved it back to his house (Bishopcote). He was born in London and lived in Suffolk, Liverpool and London for many years. He was a keen golfer, and Club Captain 1905-1915. He painted scenes of Dornoch (in Victoria Art Gallery, Bath) and Dunrobin Castle. There are at least 3 paintings of Dornoch in private collection, and one in the Golf Club.	Not in HER	Anne
64	Temporary Houses, Beach Road	NH 80152 89258 (no. 1)	Gone, but foundations at no. 1	Ten temporary houses, green wooden chalets, were built in the 1970s by HIDB (later HIE). This was part of a scheme to build industrial units (see no. 92) and also housing for people who moved up to the area to work in the units. The houses had three bedrooms. Lorna lived in no. 1 in the 1980s. They were demolished possibly in the late 1980s. Anne has a photo. Muriel with photo showing the houses when the foundations had been infilled.	Not in HER	Anne, Lorna, Angela
65	Farm, south of the Meadows	roughly NH 7924 8949	Gone, new buildings on site	A farm was located here, mainly for dairy cattle, owned by the Grants of Dornoch. It employed quite a few people, including two rabbit trappers. Jimmy's mother milked the cows.	Not in HER	Jimmy, Hazel, John
66	Farm, Meadows	Grid ref needed	Gone	Another dairy farm was situated in this area, owned by Jackie Grant, cousin of the Grant & Sons branch of the family (no. 65). His father set up the butcher's shop on Castle St.	Not in HER	Jimmy, John
66a	Piggery, near football pitch	Grid ref needed	Some foundations survive	Along with being involved in the slaughterhouse and the butcher's shop on Castle Street, Jackie Grant had a piggery near the football pitch, and used to fatten up 6-10 pigs for the shop. The man who fed the pigs was a wee Irish fellow called Paddy and he used take a good dram on a Saturday. In the afternoon after the Eagle closed you would see a big crowd on Castle street and Paddy would be in the middle of it singing all sorts of songs.		Bill Swanson
67	Achinchanter Farm	NH 8011 9060	Only 2 cottages remain	This was another dairy farm, owned by Bill Wright who also owned the Dairy (see no. 73). They delivered milk by horse and cart. The farm is depicted on the 1 st and 2 nd ed. OS maps. Only two semi-detached farm workers' cottages survive of the old farm, but there are some new buildings on the site. The Sutherland Arms Hotel leased the farm from Sutherland Estates in 1937.	Not in HER	Hazel
67a	Balloan Farm	NH 7898 9020	Surviving	Balloan farmhouse and steading appears on the 1 st and 2 nd edition OS maps, though much enlarged in 1905. The farm also supplied milk to Bill Wright's dairy (see no. 73) HLA archives have	Not in HER	John

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				a number of documents relating to the farm, as well as images of medieval and later objects found there during metal detecting.		
68	Public Toilets built over burn	NH 7981 8957	Surviving and same function	Public toilets were built over the Dornoch burn on Shore Road, near Burnside, and may originally have flushed into the burn. Similar self-flushing public conveniences over burns are known from Golspie, Avoch and possibly Tain.	Not in HER	Fiona B, Susan, Flora
69	Pharmacy, High St	NH 7977 8973	Surviving	Originally R R Johnstone Pharmacy, and now Mitchell's pharmacy. HLA no. 54 has photo from 1920s. It had a penny weighing machine in the entrance. Hazel remembers that one of the first TVs in Dornoch was in the flat above which the coal merchant used as an office, and children were allowed to go up and view it. Muriel Johnstone was the daughter of R.R. Johnstone, married to Mr Wickham who was later the pharmacist there. The Wickhams had it into the 1980s, and then it was sold to the Fairgrievies. They sold it to the Mitchells who had a pharmacy in Golspie. The second known location of the post office was at the Pharmacy (shown on the 1 st ed OS map), and after several moves, is again currently (2024) at the pharmacy. There is a blocked-up postbox in the wall of the building (see HLA 849).		Hazel, Jimmy, Fiona McD
70	Postal receiving house	Roughly NH 79313 89808	Gone	There was reputedly a postal receiving house located near where the war memorial is now, where the incoming post was dropped off.		Anne
71	Post office, The Square	NH 7980 8965	Survives	The third post office (after the one at the Pharmacy, see no. 69) was in the Square. It appears on the 2 nd ed OS map, and was probably built in early 1900s, in an arts and crafts style. It was used as a post office into at least the 1970s when Muriel worked there for Hettie and Gregor Burns. It also became tourist information, and even later, a tea room. It is currently (2024) due to be a spa. There used to be a porch on the front (see HLA 1094). Railway sleepers were used to form a fence (there is now a wall). The telephone exchange was also located here, at the back of the building on the north side. The postmaster and his family lived above. Local posties delivered mail on bikes from here. It had a mine for collecting pennies, which is now in Historylinks Museum. There are two listed red phone boxes in front of the building (see MHG17072). Patricia recalls that it was run by Mr Mackintosh in the 1950s, and his family lived there. It had an enormous, high wooden counter, the length of the room, and behind you could see all the letter pigeon holes covering the back wall.	MHG16960	Muriel, George, Fiona McD, Hazel, Anne, Peter, Patricia
72	Store, then Post Office	NH 7166 8970	Gone	The fourth location of the post office was in G&S Supermarket in the 1970s. This was owned by Grant's the Butchers. The upstairs was a jewellery and dress shop. According to HLA 12931 the building had been the Ross Public Supply Store around 1900 before it became Grant's		Anne, George,

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	and Grant's Supermarket			Supermarket. In the 2000s the building was developed into the Coop (see no. 73). The Coop bought Grants in 2011. HLA 10105 has a photo from 2003.		Fiona McD, Lorna, John
73	Shops which became the Coop, High St & St Gilbert St	NH 7965 8971	Now (2024) the Coop	Several shops and houses were in the area which became the Coop in recent years. At the south side of High Street there were two houses, with access to the back with gates. Opposite the west end of the cathedral and to the south of these houses was a hairdresser. Then to the south of that, and curling around St Gilbert St was Grants Supermarket (see no. 72). The door to the coop at the corner of the High Street and St Gilbert St is the only remnant of Grants. Above Grants there was a hairdresser at times.	Not in HER	Jimmy, Hazel, Anne, George, Fiona McD, John, Christine
73a	Dairy Shop, St Gilbert St	NH 7964 8970	Surviving	The white building to the west of the Coop was, on the western side, the shop for the Wright's dairy. The eastern part of this building was used by Grant the Butchers. The dairy shop was in front and the dairy behind made of white bricks (see no. 73c). This was owned by Bill Wright and his son Peter, who also owned Achinchanter Farm (no. 67). There were tables and chairs for eating. The ice cream and milkshakes were fantastic. Later the dairy was owned by the Grants. HLA 12350 is a picture from 1930s. HLA 8240 is a picture of milk churn. HLA 8262 is a picture of Bill Wright from 1910 beside his horse delivery cart.	Not in HER	George, Muriel, Fiona McD, Jimmy, Christine, John
73b	House, corner St Gilberts and Elders Lane	NH 7964 8970	Surviving	This fine masonry house was the residence of the Wrights whose dairy shop was situated across Elders Lane, and whose dairy was situated behind to the north (see no 73b). It is now called Glenaldie.	Not in HER	George, Muriel, Fiona McD, Jimmy, Christine, John
73c	Dairy, off St Gilberts St	NH 7967 8973	Surviving	The Wright's dairy was mainly down the lane behind their residence (see no. 73b). The white brick building, probably made of Lairg bricks, still survives, although some are very weathered and eroded.	Not in HER	George, Muriel, Fiona McD, Jimmy, Christine, John
74	2 High Street Drapers Shop, now bakery	NH 7967 8972	Surviving	The shop which is currently (2024) Harry Gow's was in the past W.S Fraser, the drapers. A receipt from 1892 in HLA (no. 132) describes the business as General Draper, Clothier and Silk Merch. A photograph from the early 1900s is at HLA 1425. It is part of 19 th century terraced houses (see MHG17053 and MHG17051). After the drapers it was Mrs Cairns clothing shop, and later the Captains Table, then Cathedral Café (picture in HLA 1421 for 2000).	MHG17051 MHG23567	Jimmy, George, Hazel, Anne, John,

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						Christine, Jimmy
74a	Southlins (Swyn-Y-Coed), 3 High St	NH 7968 8972	Surviving	This is known as Southlins, but in the past as Swyn-Y-Coed when the buildings were listed. It was probably owned or leased at some point by the Education Authority, as headteachers stayed here (including Mr Houston, headteacher when the school moved in 1913 where the current primary school is located). It is currently (2024) a private house.	MHG23567	Christine, John, Hazel, Fiona McD, Jimmy
74b	1 High Steet	NH 7965 8972	Surviving	This is currently (2024) Sandstone Café. Before that it was briefly The Patisserie, and before that Reeves the Bakers. Before the bakers it was Purvis the electrician, and before that David MacLeod Grocers. The row of buildings was built in the earlier 19 th century according to the Listed Building report.	MHG17053	Christine, John, Hazel, Fiona McD, Jimmy
75	1 Dean's Lane	NH 7961 8968	Surviving	This building is now (2024) Highland Hospice charity shop. It has had a number of previous uses including the Post Office, Sutherlands the Drapers, J & S Grants Grocers, Murray the Bakers, and Slaters the Grocers. A date is carved on the south east wall: 1837. A picture in HLA (no. 2600) dates to the very early 1900s, showing N. Murray bakers. HLA 52 shows staff in front from around the same time, with the sign N. Murray's Steam Bakery, and has been annotated with their names. The post office (the fifth known location) was also situated there after it was at Grants. Slaters had a van for deliveries. The outbuilding on Dean's Lane was remembered as a garage for when it was Grants Grocers. John's father was a message boy for Slaters. The 'S' of J & S Grant was Seona Grant, daughter of William Macdonald (see no. 76a). Fiona was told by the descendent of Neil Murray, the baker, that it started in 1893/1894. Neil Murray died in 1908. The bakery was then run by one of his children. Later it was sold to pay off debts of another relation.	Not in HER	Hazel, Jimmy, Peter, John, Muriel Christine, Fiona McD, Caroline
75a	West Deanery, Castle St	NH 7962 8968	Surviving	Early 19 th century house and currently (2024) Becca Mac clothing shop. The three buildings (no. 75a, 75b and 101), and probably 1 Dean's Lane, were connected at upper levels at one time. A private taxi service by Geordie Davidson was run from here in living memory. It's also been a solicitor's office.	MHG17123	Hazel, Jimmy, Peter, John, Muriel Christine, Fiona McD
75b	Shop and house, Castle St	NH 7963 8968	Surviving	Early 19 th century house and currently (2024) a private home. It was a hairdressers and market garden in living memory. The three buildings (no. 75a, 75b and 101), and probably 1 Dean's Lane, were connected at upper levels at one time.	Not in HER	Hazel
76	Macrae's Bakery, 13 Castle St	NH 7959 8970	Renovated	There were several bakeries remembered in Dornoch. Macrae's was located where Dornoch Stores is now (2024) and was also a grocery. The pyrometer from the bakery was found during renovations in 2018/9 and is now in Historylinks Museum (HLA 14169).	Not in HER	Peter

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76a	Shop, 12 Castle St	NH 7959 8970	Surviving	Dornoch Stores now (2024) encompasses two buildings: the old Macrae's bakery (no. 76) and this building to the west which was an ironmonger's (run by Fiona's grandfather, William A Macdonald, in the early 1900s. When he opened there was no other ironmongers in Dornoch. He was killed in WWI in 1918. The shop was then run by his brother Jim and then by Sander Macdonald, Jim's son. The shop was sold to Duncan Maclean in the early 1990s and in recent years to John Duhigg, when it became known as The Dornoch Stores, along with the shop next door.	Not in HER	Fiona McD
77	Omands Bakery, High Street	NH 7974 8972	Survives	There were several bakeries remembered in Dornoch. Omand's bakery was situated on the High Street, to the west of the chemist's. It still has a lovely old kiln. It was a house and bakery. Mr Omand's housekeeper Nellie ran the shop. As a child Patricia used to go to the bakehouse (in the back, along Gilchrist Square, every morning to get rolls and butteries for breakfast. The building has also been a restaurant, guest house, and lingerie shop (Daisy Chain).	Not in HER	Jimmy, Patricia
77a	Macdonald's Tea Room, High Street	NH 7973 8972	Surviving	Masonry building with three doors and three dormer windows. Mrs Macdonald had tea rooms here and accommodation. It was there in early 1900s. After the war Leonard Will used it as an electrical, bicycle, camping and clothing shop. The house behind was a dentist for a while (Mr Howie).	Not in HER	Jimmy, John, Fiona McD Christine, Hazel,
77b	Shop to E of Bank of Scotland, High St	NH 7972 8973	Surviving	This is currently (2024) the Barn Owl Bothy, and labelled on modern maps as Cairnhill. It has had many uses over the years including: MacCallums fruit and veg shop, Leonard Will Electrical, bicycles, grocery (MacAllans) and bookshop	Not in HER	Hazel, Christine, John, Fiona McD, Lorna
78	Cobbler & Joiner, Bridge St	NH 7985 8967	Surviving	A cobbler's / Joiner's / Undertakers was long located between Bridge Street and Wallace Street, opposite the Masonic Lodge. Known locally as Body and Soles.	Not im HER	Jimmy,
79	Shops, High St, mainly butchers	NH 7981 8969	Surviving	The shop is currently (2024) Dornoch butchers owned by a local family from Birichen. Before that, probably from the 1950s, it was Milburns butcher (Ian Booker Milburn). It was empty for some years, and before that a children and dress shop run by Betty Grant (Hazel's aunt). In the 1940s it was a grocery run by Duncan Macgregor trading as Weir and Company.). HLA 11685 is a picture of Dornoch Farm Butchers shop from 2002.		Anne, Christine, Hazel
80	Shop, High St, S side, corner	NH 79819 89694	Surviving	This shop has seen many uses over time. It is currently (2024) Kinraig Woolens. In the past it has been Memories of Scotland, J.S.C. Maclean toy shop, G L Sawyers newsagents, John Gordon's newsagent, R.A. Murray grocers, Archie Sutherland's electric shop. Probably around the 1920s or		John, Anne, Patricia, Hazel,

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				even earlier it was J&C MacIennan's grocers. Mrs Sutherland lived in the flat above. HLA 1417 has a picture taken around 2000 when it was G L Sawyers newsagents.		Christine, Fiona McD
80a	Shop, N Side High St	NH 7980 8972	Surviving	This shop is currently (2024) Dornoch Bookshop. In the past it was known as Cheadle House. It has previously been grocers, first Duncan Macgregor, then Ashplant (Duncan was a brother of Ackie the barber whose shop was part of what is now the Coop). Earlier still it was a paper shop, bicycle shop (Hamish Will) and electrical shop (Barry Turner). It has a cellar which extends under the pavement. There is a blocked doorway on the west side of the building. The windows are much later. HLA 15188 is a newspaper cutting reporting on a fire at the house in 1942. At that time it was the dwelling house and premises of Mr Mackay and Sons, cycle agents. The article describes the house as one of the oldest in the burgh. The building is described as uninhabitable after the fire. HLA 14501 is a petition in 1947 by Weir & Co. Grocers (see no. 79) to reconstruct the property, described as a house and shop.	Not in HER	Hazel, Christine, John, Fiona McD, Peter, Lorna
80b	Shop, N Side High Street	NH 7978 8972	Surviving	This shop is currently the Milk and Honey café. Before that it was Butterfingers café, Grace café, John Gordon undertakers, Sandy Mcaughtrie undertaker, and at some point Maggie Hill's hairdressers (Rainbows).	Not in HER	Hazel, Christine, John, Fiona McD, Peter, Lorna
81	Dairy, Meadows Park Road	c. NH 7946 8956	Demolished 2007	HLA has a number of pictures of the old Dairy owned by Jackie Grant located at the entrance of Meadows Playing Field, Meadows Park Road (HLA 7875 - HLA 7881). Jackie Grant's cows grazed in fields in Bishopfield (NH 80340 89874) and were taken through the town every day for milking – what a mess.	Not in HER	John, Christine
82	Bremners Cabinet makers	NH 7985 8956	Surviving	The Bremners had a wooden shop opposite the Free Church. Mr Bremner was also a photographer, and some of his photographs are still with the family. The family was involved for 3 generations in the business. HLA 344 has a receipt from 1843. HLA 1423 has placed this at 3 Church Street. After the Bremners Alister Maclean the mason living next door displayed fireplaces in the window for sale.	Not in HER	George, Jimmy, Anne, Fiona McD, John
83a	M.G. Ross Electrical Shop	NH 7949 8971	Surviving	The building has a carved date stone on top with 1885. Most of the 2000s it was M.G. Ross Electrical, and has only recently (2024) closed. Before that it was Sampson newsagent, and before that Gillespies newsagents. Locally it was known as Gillespies. Despite different owners, Angi (Angus) helped run the shop for Mrs Sampson after her husband died. He had toys in the back room only at Christmas time.	MHG52770 (needs updating)	John, Jimmy, Fiona McD

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83b	Shop and Takeaway, Castle St	NH 7951 8971	Surviving	Built originally post war as Bremner's upholsters. It then became Margaret Sutherland's dressshop Finesse, and then a Chinese restaurant, then Dornoch Oriental. It is (2024) currently the Dornoch Oriental Takeaway.	Not in HER	John, Fiona McD, Christine
83c	Rosslyn Villa, Castle St	NH 7949 8970	Surviving	A small house is depicted here on the 1 st edition OS map, but it was substantially enlarged by the 2 nd edition map of 1905. This is remembered as owned by the Gillespie family and then the Sampson family.	MHG52771	Christine
83d	Hilton House, Castle St	NH 7954 8970	Surviving	A house is depicted here on the 1 st and 2 nd edition OS maps. A number of shops are remembered here including Purvis electricals, the Coop drapery and Archie Sutherland Electrical. It is currently called Hilton House. There was old postbox there at the corner, now in Hiistorylinks.	Not in HER	John, Fiona McD, Christine
83e	Bellevue, Castle St	NH 7956 8969	Surviving	No house is depicted here on the 1 st edition OS map, but it is there by the 1905 2 nd edition map. Munro and Grant butchers, Anita wool shop and a jewellers are remembered here. It is now a private house, though it is clear where the shop front used to be. During the 1950s and 1960s, parcels of washing would be left outside the shop by boys staying in Earls Cross Hostel, for delivery to their homes in the north and west of Sutherland by the Butcher's mobile van.	Not in HER	John, Fiona McD, Christine
83f	Tigh na Furan, Castle St	NH 7957 8968	Surviving	No house is depicted here on the 1 st edition OS map, but it is there by the 1905 2 nd edition map. It was The Cheeky Highlander antique shop, and before that Gail Saxton Fabrics. Before that it was the sweeties shop run by Annabel and Ruthie and tobacconist.	Not in HER	Fiona McD, Christine
83g	Elmbank, Castle St	NH 7959 8967	Surviving	No house is depicted here on the 1 st edition OS map, but it is there by the 1905 2 nd edition map, though the present building has clearly been expanded since that date. It has always been a private home.	Not in HER	Fiona McD
83h	Antique Shop, Tailor's Shop Castle St	NH 7969 8963	Surviving	This building does not appear on the 2 nd edition OS map. Currently (2024) an antique shop, but before that David MacLeods grocers. George Moir had a small tailor's shop here. It was a tailor's earlier than that, and reputedly had 20 tailors employed there at one time. Historylinks has photos of this time. The doors are still there. According to the current owner, there were originally three houses at an earlier time. The fireplaces were still there, but have been covered up.	Not in HER	John
84	Shops & office to W of 8 Castle St	NH 7954 8972	Surviving	Across the street from the Eagle Inn to the east were shops which extended north along the lane. It is currently (2024) a surveyors' office and before that was Jimmy Macdonald architects. Finlay MacRae had a cobbler's shop there before the war, probably open until the 1960s. Boots were resoled with tackets for 10 shillings in the 1950s (good for sliding on ice).	MHG17104	George, Jimmy, Fiona McD, John
85	Shops, 8 Castle St	NH 7950 8974	Surviving	This shop was Alexander Sutherland's electrical shop. John's father Tom Sutherland owned this shop as a wines & spirits shop from 1968 to approximately 1988. It has also been a pet shop and newsagents and a short-lived pizza place. It is currently (2024) the Surf and Turf. See HLA 15309.	Not in HER	Jimmy, Fiona McD, John

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85a	Shops, 9 Castle St	NH 7955 8971	Surviving	A number of shops have been at this location, including Willy Moore tobacconist, Davidson's shoeshop, a fishing tackle and outdoor sports shop. It is currently Rachael's hairdressers.	Not in HER	John, Christine, Fiona McD, Hazel
85b	House, 10 Castle St	NH 7956 8971	Surviving	This is remembered as a private house, with Miss Lyon whose family owned Ospisdale estate lived here. It is currently (2024) a guesthouse called 2 Quail. There is more information about Miss Lyon in Historylinks. She was an artist and photographer.	Not in HER	Christine, Hazel, John, Fiona McD
85c	Shops 11 Castle St	NH 7957 8871	Surviving	Currently (2024) the restaurant Luigi's is at this location, and before that it was Luigi's ice cream shop run by Italians from Genoa via Kingussie. Before that it was a Coop grocery (where Muriel worked).	Not in HER	Christine, Hazel, John, Fiona McD. Muriel
86	Market Stance	Centred NH 7995 8984	Now built upon	A market stance is depicted on the 1 st ed OS map of 1874, but not on the 2 nd ed OS map. The ONB for the 1 st ed states: 'The cattle market is held here twice in the year. All this enclosure including Bishop Field and that lying immediately north of it was formerly used as a cattle market and I am told that the fairs were so [large] that sufficient space was scarcely found within these [bounds].' The Episcopal church was built at the southern end of the Market stance.	MHG33274	Anne
87	Mercat Cross	NH 7975 8970	Surviving	According to the Old Name Book for 1874, the cross formerly stood in the middle of the road directly facing the county buildings. According to the HER record, the first Mercat cross at this location was said to date from 1515, with this one from at least the 17 th century. There is some debate on whether the top and arms were ever present, or now missing. Fairs were held at the Mercat cross, with supports for booths driven into the ground. Patrick Sellars is said to have enclosed the graveyard because it was being damaged by the markets. After that fairs were moved to the eastern end of the High Street (probably no. 86). H.M. Mackay Tolbooths of Dornoch (1896), transcribes the charter given to Dornoch by Charles I in 1628 which gives permission to build a mercat cross and tolbooth (pages 34-8).	MHG11836	Anne
88	Stocks at Mercat Cross	NH 7975 8970	Replicas survive	HLA 36 shows the Mercat cross with stocks near it. In the photo from the 1920s, there was a sign stating they dated to 1722. A reproduction of the stocks is displayed at Historylinks Museum. Also within the collection there is a heavy padlock and key (Acc. No. 2011_080_01). Local accounts suggest that this lock came from the town stocks, and Bill Swanson remembers that it was found abandoned at the slaughterhouse. HLA 10665. When Peter came in 1980s the original stocks were near the Police station. But they deteriorated. Peter made faithful copies	MHG61297	Bill Swanson

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89	Plaiden Ell	NH 79749 89690	Survives	The stone was used to measure cloth at the markets held in this location. The HER record implies that this is an adapted gravestone. There will be work in the future by Archaeology Scotland which should shed more light on the stone.	MHG16949	Anne
90	Old Tollbooths, High Street	Roughly NH 7978 8971	Gone	According to Rev. Bentinck's <i>Dornoch Cathedral and Parish</i> (1926), which drew heavily on H.M. Mackay's <i>The Ancient Tolbooths of Dornoch</i> (1896), a tolbooth was recorded in a document of 1603 (p. 164); its exact location is unclear but said to be to the NE of the Cathedral on High Street, probably on south side. The 13 January 1730 Council minutes refer to a plan to pull down the old tolbooth and council chamber and build new 6 feet to the east of the Mercat cross (which at that time was probably in the road – see no. 87); the charter is translated in Bentinck, pages 269-71. Funding was an issue, and the Duke of Sutherland agreed to build it in 1735, with construction of the ambitious structure begun in 1738, and it was eventually completed in 1750. However, the prison was still not fit for purpose in 1761, needing more repairs (Bentinck, pages 269-76). This new building was pulled down in 1813. See also H.M. Mackay, <i>The Ancient Tolbooths of Dornoch</i> (1896). A newspaper cutting in HLA (no. 5346) quotes Dornoch prison regulations from 1836.	MHG34128	Anne
91	Dog Street	NH 79747 89748	Survives but renamed	The street is depicted on the 1 st ed OS map, and named on the 2 nd ed OS map of 1905. This is reputedly the original road north. Jimmy was told this was because people coming to Dornoch to the market would tie their dogs there. It is not known when the name fell out of official use. Although on modern maps it is labelled North Street and Gilchrist Square, it is still known locally as Dog Street.		Jimmy, Anne
92	HIDB Industrial units near Station	Roughly NH 7987 9001	Original prefabs gone	In the early 70s HIDB, later HIE, wanted to attract new businesses to the Dornoch area. Funds were to be made available to individuals who could supply a comprehensive and acceptable business plan. Premises were built at the old railway station. There was a variety of business started - light engineering, sheepskin works, woodturning, bakery and creel works to name a few. This enterprise attracted a wide range of workers, many from the Central Belt, to the area. Although initially quite successful, over the years some failed. One unit made boomerangs. They disappeared gradually, and the original prefabs are gone, but replacement buildings are still in use. The units reputedly came from Dounreay.	Not on HER	Anne, John, Alasdair Cameron
93	Drain above golf course	NH 80795 90213	Visible	Drain from the path above the golf course appears occasionally exiting on the beach. Anne with photo.	Not on HER	Anne
94	County Buildings & Courthouse	NH 7975 8960	Surviving	According to HER this was built 1840-50 to a design by Thomas Brown II. The court closed in 2014. It is currently a restaurant and shop. According to the Inverness Advertiser & Ross-shire Chronicle 8 Oct 1850 the new County buildings were almost completed, and were built of fine	MHG16982	Jim

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				sandstone 'from our own quarry'. The righthand part of the building was the post office, the centre the elegant court room, with the rest of the building reserved for offices.		
95	Stone head found on beach	Grid ref needed	Still there under the sand	A carved stone head was found on the beach. Anne was asked if it might be Pictish, but didn't think so. She was told that Pete Higgins, who had an archaeology business in Tain, thought it might be one of the carvings done by a local mason. It is likely still buried in the sand.	Not on HER	Anne, Peter
96	Rifle Range	See text	Gone	The Volunteers Rifle Range is depicted on the 1 st and 2 nd ed OS maps, with the distances from the target and Marker's butts marked. The 1000 yard target was at NH 97343, the target at NH 80259 88900 and the Marker's Butt at NH 80251 88876. When a house was being rebuilt in Littleton it had a stone inscribed '800' in it. Was this a range marker?	MHG30869	Peter
97	Rubbish tips	See text	Gone	There was a rubbish heap remembered at the site of the Caravan park (roughly NH 8032 8918). This then moved to the west, c. NH 7929 8931.	Not in HER	Jimmy, John
98	Shop, School Brae	NH 7994 8974	Gone	There was a field in this location where rubbish was dumped. Later, there was a hut/kiosk there which sold sweets, groceries, newspapers, tobacco etc. Isobel, wife of Heinz Voight, an ex POW, ran the shop, called by some children the Kiosk. The building was later demolished and a new building erected on the site, but that later burnt down.	Not in HER	Lorna, Peter, John, Christine, Patricia
99	Stables, School Brae	NH 7989 8972	Surviving	A barn with stables housed horses and carriages used to transport people from the station to the Station Hotel. Jimmy remembers in latter years that it also was used for autos. Alistair Maclean, plasterer and builder, had his store/workshop in part of the stables in the 1950s and maybe into the 1960s. It is currently (2024) still used for ponies.		Lorna, Jimmy, John, Patricia
100	Abden	NH 8014 8965	Surviving	According to the HLA 5585, it was built by Robert Hamilton Bruce (who lived across the street in The Grange). During WWII, the RAF was remembered as stationed here. Lorna Currie records in <i>Memories of Childhood in Dornoch</i> that Norwegians were also here. In 1946 it became the girl's hostel and was known as Ross Hostel (the director of education was Mr Ross). It was later known as Ross House, and owned by the college	Not in HER	John, Christine
100a	Chauffeur's House, Abden	Grid ref needed	Surviving	The chauffeur's house for Abden was later used as the Civil Defence unit for Sutherland and later in 1970s as the Waterboard Office for the Council. Now a private house.		John
101	Caledonian Bank / The Deanery	NH 7967 8967	Surviving	Fine masonry building, reputedly on the site of the Deanery from the mediaeval cathedral. It appears to have been rebuilt in the early 1800s. There is a date 1804 carved on one end. It is labelled on the 1 st ed OS map of 1874 as the Caledonia Bank, but not the 2 nd ed. Map. According to the listed building report, it was built in the early 19 th century. It is now known as the Deanery. HLA no. 9189 is a disposition transferring ownership by the Caledonian Banking Co. Ltd in favour of R J Hamilton Bruce Esq of the Grange, dated 30 October 1896. According to Rev.	MHG17140	

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				Bentinck's <i>Dornoch Cathedral and Parish</i> (1926) pp. 173-4, an old stone with a coat of arms and initials M.W.P. and C.M. was removed for safekeeping to Dunrobin Castle. Rev Bentinck attributed this to William Pape, minister of Dornoch and his wife Cristine Monypenny mentioned in a charter of 1610, arguing they probably lived at The Deanery. This stone is said now to be back in The Deanery.		
102	Clydesdale Bank, Castle Street	NH 7946 8973	Surviving	No building is depicted here on the 1 st ed OS map, but a bank is depicted on the 2 nd ed OS map. According to the Listed building report, it was built 1893 by A. Maitland and Sons (Tain architect). The building there is now called the Old Bank House. According to HLA 4324 it closed in 2006. According to HLA 11422 (with image c. 1900) it was a private house first, then a bank and now again a private house. When it was a bank, there was a solicitor's offices there, and the bank manager's flat above. HLA 9618 with photo in 1961 has the sign Clydesdale & North Bank.	MHG16970	Hazel, Muriel, John, Fiona McD, Christine, Jimmy
102a	Inn, then Bank of Scotland, High St	NH 7970 8973	Surviving	On the 1 st ed OS map of 1874 there is a long building at the street front, but on the 2 nd edition map a much larger building set back, listed as a bank. H. M. Mackay <i>Old Dornoch: Its Traditions and Legends</i> (1920), p. 119 stated there was an inn on this site owned by the procurator fiscal Mr Leslie, prior to it becoming a bank; this is presumably the long building. This is presumably the inn mentioned in the Old and New Statistical Accounts. It closed as a bank in 2017, and it is now a private house currently called Caledonia, with another sign propped up labelled Creagan House. The author Rosamund Pilcher rented a flat upstairs.	Not in HER	John
103	Earls Cross House / Hostel	NH 8032 9024	Surviving	According to a Historylinks blog by Sue Higgins, this was a private house built in 1913 for J.B. Muir, a yacht builder from Clydesdale. During WWII it was requisitioned by the military, and had a German POW camp in the grounds, and Canmore 272676 states that aerial photos of 1946 show several huts. Lorna Currie's <i>Memories of Childhood in Dornoch</i> records that Indian troops were billeted in the house. In 1949 it was converted to a hostel, and continued as such until 1992. https://historylinksdornoch.wordpress.com/tag/ross-house-girls-hostel/ There was a caretaker's house on the grounds too. In 2004 it was on the Buildings at Risk Register and remains there still (2024). According to the HER record it is now known as Ambassador House. Canmore 111062 has c. 50 photos of the building in its derelict state. There have been plans to turn it into flats, but none have progressed, and the building is still in a derelict state.	MHG17013; Canmore 111062; POW camp: Canmore 272676	
104	WWII camp, Golf Road	NH 7997 8951	Gone	Aerial photos from 1946 show a camp with at least 22 huts. It has now been built over by several other houses including Wuppertal. Lorna Currie's <i>Memories of Childhood in Dornoch</i> records that Indian troops were billeted there in nissen huts and tents.	Canmore 652411	

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105	William Grant & Sons Carpenter's Workshop, Meadows Road	NH 79510 89624	Gone	There was a carpenter's workshop built by William Grant, located on Meadows Road opposite the smiddy (no. 56). The HER states that the developer said it was built in 1905. It was a two-storey wooden building with an outside staircase, roofed with corrugated iron sheets. William Grant's father and grandfather were also master carpenters. He was born in the late 1800s and employed c. 10 men at any one time. His son, also William Grant, took over the business in 1945. The workmen used handcarts for local work and a lorry for bigger jobs. He specialised in wooden buildings, and there are some surviving in Dornoch and Sutherland. After his death in 1971 the business continued for a few years. The HER has a number of pictures of it prior to its demolition in 2007. HLA 2556 with pictures and history of the business through the years. A large oak set square from the yard is in Historylinks Museum (HLA 3094).	MHG51119	Patricia, John
106	Pavilion, golf course	NH 8005 8924	Gone	A pavilion is listed on the 2 nd ed OS map surveyed in 1905, situated to the south of the Witch's Stone. This is remembered as the Ladies Club House. Another pavilion is depicted further to the north at NH 8013 8949 where there currently is a structure.	Not in HER	Christine
107	Witch's Stone	NH 8005 8927	Surviving	The Witch's stone commemorates the spot where the last witch was burned in Scotland. It is marked on the 1 st ed OS map. The Old Statistical account records that the woman was burned in 1722 for the imaginary crime of turning her daughter into a pony. This relates to Janet Horne. The date however is wrong (she died in 1727). The story has been much recounted, including in a new novel by Phillip Paris.	MHG11675	
108	Northfield / Burghfield House	NH 7965 8984	Surviving	The house was built by Maitland & Sons in 1896 for J. J. Barrow with a distinctive tower and separate coachhouse. After the Barrows, it was owned by Lord Rothermere from 1921-1940, a noted Nazi sympathiser, who renamed it Burghfield. His butler, Wilfred Chinnock, published an account of working for him at Rothermere's houses in London, Norfolk and Dornoch (Historylinks has a copy). After Lord Rothermere, it was sold to the Curries and became a hotel. Later an annexe was built, which has been demolished. In the 2000s the building was purchased by UHI. During the early 2020s, an extension was added. There are many local memories of activities at the hotel: weddings, dances, dinners etc and the lovely gardens. The first TV in Dornoch was at the Burghfield, installed by Sandy Addison with help from David Purvis, to be available for the coronation in 1953. The building features on a number of old postcards (Historylinks Archive with a number of them). The HER has a number of photos from 2008. Historylinks Archive has a blog on the building published by Hamish Mackenzie: https://historylinksdornoch.wordpress.com/tag/burghfield-house/ Lorna Currie <i>Memories of Childhood in Dornoch</i> records that there were Norwegians here during WWII.	MHG19617	John, Muriel, George

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109	Meadows Football Field and sports pavilion	Centred NH 7944 8948	Surviving	This was just a field until it was built as a football ground in the second half of the 20 th century. John Grant, who set up the Castle St. butcher's shop, may have owned the meadows football field at one time and after a fallout with the club, he ploughed the field one morning.	Not in HER	John
110	Dornoch Business Park	NH 7972 8953	Surviving	The area where the business park is located was mainly open fields until well into the 20 th century. The northern end of the business park was excavated in 1997 before the site was developed. It revealed metalworking activity in the 8 th /9 th century, which was probably Pictish. Later and larger activity occurred in the 10 th and possibly into the 11 th century, which may have been Scandinavian settlers. Metalworking was taking place. One 15 th century feature was also found, but also a number of medieval and post-medieval artefacts. See the HER record for reports. The site was also published as a Scottish Archaeological Internet Report vol. 28, 2009: Coleman, R and Photos-Jones E, 'Early medieval settlement and ironworking in Dornoch, Sutherland excavations at The Meadows Business Park.'	MHG28197	
111	Old houses, Wallace Street	NH 7987 8968	Gone	Fiona has a picture showing 'Robbie the Post' in the foreground, with a pair of old houses in the background. These were demolished in the late 1950s, replaced by a garage and shop. They are currently [2024] being changed into a house.	Not in HER	Fiona McD
112	Observation post, near 16 th Fairway	Grid ref needed	Gone	Lorna Currie records in her booklet <i>Memories of Childhood in Dornoch</i> (HLA 7727): 'A shelter was erected on the headland, 16 th fairway, for the Royal Observer Corps to observe planes and ships. It was manned 24 hours a day.'	Not in HER	
113	Golf Clubhouse / Professional Workshop	NH 80119 89494	Gone	Lorna Currie's <i>Memories of Childhood in Dornoch</i> records: 'The Golf Professional's shop was across the road from today's Clubhouse. It was a unique little building with a narrow veranda at the front and the posts were thick tree trunks.' It was first the golf clubhouse. Later, after the present clubhouse was built in 1909, it became the golf professional's shop. John has supplied a dated list of the golf professionals who were there over the years. The workbench from the workshop is now in Historylinks Museum.		John, Christine
114	Police Station Castle St	NH 7982 8958	Surviving	A Police Office is recorded here on the 1 st ed OS map of 1874. HLA has a specification for works to erect a station in 1861 (HLA 5379). HLA 14666 has an image of cell doors from the station. During WWII there was an air raid siren on the roof (L. Currie <i>Memories of Childhood in Dornoch</i>). The siren was used by the Fire Brigade to call out the fire crew until the 1960s and into the early 1970s. The building was sold in 2018, and is now a private home.	MHG17000	John

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115	Balvraid House / Inveran House	NH 7916 8999	Surviving	The house does not appear on the 1 st ed OS map, but is on the 2 nd ed OS map of 1905. Lorna Currie's parents bought it in 1929 and renamed it Inveran House. Her <i>Memories of Childhood in Dornoch</i> has several old photos. HLA 285 has a local military pass from 1917 for Harriet Munro, Balvraid House where her family had a sawmill. Alness Heritage published a booklet by Duncan Munro, <i>Wood in his Blood. The Duncan Munro Story</i> , where he mentioned that his grandfather set up a sawmill at Balvraid, and in 1892 bought the sawmill from Mr Paterson. His grandfather soon died, and his grandmother took over the business and did very well in World War I. One of the first things she did was build Balvraid house.	Not in HER	Alasdair Cameron
116	United Free Church, now West Church Hall	NH 7938 8976	Surviving	This was built as the United Free Church, but after they merged back into the Church of Scotland it became the Church of Scotland Hall. During WWII Polish soldiers were in the Hall and also nissen huts to the rear of the hall (Lorna Currie, <i>Memories of Childhood in Dornoch</i>). After the war the cinema was run by the Amenities Association. The projector room was built at the back (Fiona remembers a fire in the projector room in the 1960s). The seating was dreadful. It cost 9 pence for the stalls, 1 shilling and 6 pence for the back and 2 shillings and 6 pence for the balcony.	Not in HER	John, Christine, Hazel, George, Fiona McD
116a	United Free Church Manse	NH 7938 8984	Surviving	It is depicted on a postcard from the first two decades of the 1900s (HLA 2302). John thinks this is St Gilberts on Cnoc-an-lobht.		John
117	Dornoch Cathedral, now Church of Scotland parish church	NH 7971 8969	Surviving	Founded in 13 th century. Burnt by the MacKays in 1570, and ruinous for many years, even into 19 th century as shown on a Sutherland estate map of Dornoch of 1826 (National Library of Scotland Acc. 10225/51, available on maps.nls.uk). It was partially restored for use as parish church in 17 th century and had further renovations and rebuilding in the 1830s. A detailed history of the cathedral was published by local minister C. D. Bentinck in 1926 as <i>Dornoch: Cathedral and Parish</i> . The old chapter house was said to have been located to the north of the choir. In the 1730s this was used as a prison (H.M. Mackay <i>Tolbooths of Dornoch</i> (1896) and Bentinck pages 278-90).	MHG11837 Canmore 14637	John, Christine, Hazel, George
118	Church of Scotland manses	See text	See text	At least five manses are known. The Old and New Statistical accounts record that a manse was built around the 1770s. David Aitken's plan of 1784 (HLA 10181) and an old map of 1832 show the manse located on Meadows Road (see https://maps.nls.uk/towns/reform/browse/2579). According to HLA 10827, this manse had replaced one described as ruinous in 1753. The one built in the 1770s and depicted on the maps was probably around NH 7963 8958, and probably was replaced some time before 1840s and 1872 by one situated further south on Meadows Road at NH 7959 8950. It is depicted on the 1 st edition map in 1874. There are glebe lands	See text	John, Christine, Hazel, George, Fiona McD

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				recorded nearby on the 1 st and 2 nd edition OS maps it had a large garden. This manse became now part of the Council Offices, and is now a private house. HLA 7920 has a photo from 1921. The building is not recorded in the HER, although a prehistoric cup marked stone found at the locations is (MHG11835). In the 1950s/1960s the manse moved to near Burghfield House (MHG52786; NH 7954 8981). This had been built originally by a golfer and was known as Tigh na Mara (and then The Manse). Then within the last ten years it moved to a house on Allan Gardens (NH 7994 9034).		
119	Free Church and Manse	NH 7989 8956	Surviving	According to the Listed Building Report, the church was built in 1844 and renovated in 1895. It has had a number of renovations recently, with the pews removed, with plans to have the upstairs a place of worship and the downstairs for events. The Free Church Hall was formerly the Free Church School (see no. 7). When Rev Kennedy seceded and became the Free Church Minister, he used his own house (Links House) as a manse (see no. 34). The Free Church manse is now (2024) on Rowan Crescent (NH 7935 9009).	MHG17005	John, Christine, Hazel, George, Fiona McD
120	Episcopal Church	NH 7931 8968	Surviving	St Finnbar Episcopal Church is not on the 1 st or 2 nd edition OS maps, so dates after 1905. According to a report on HLA 12354, an Episcopal Church mission was established in 1903, and met in private houses. The church designed by Alexander Ross was used for the first time in 1912, and consecrated in 1913. HLA 3336 has a postcard from between 1925-1931, and nos. 12355 & 12356 are architectural drawings for the building from 1930.	Not in HER	John, Christine, Hazel, George, Fiona McD
121	Free Presbyterian Church, Evelix	NH 7688 9119	Surviving	Initially this was a corrugated iron ('tin') church, but it was rebuilt in living memory, perhaps in the 1960s. HLA nos. 11816, 897 and 10058 (reproducing newspaper accounts) report on a dispute Provost John Murray had with the church, because dancing took place at a Christmas party in the Provost's home, resulting in his subsequent expulsion.	MHG46472	John, Christine, Hazel, George, Fiona McD
122	Burnside, Shore Road	NH 7981 8951	Surviving	A house is depicted here on the 1 st ed OS map, with one footbridge to the south. On the 2 nd ed of 1905 the building had been expanded and both footbridges on either side over the burn are depicted, though documents in HLA (nos. 9247 and 9248) show that the property was in a poor condition a few years later. There is a blocked doorway along the north wall. Within memory this was the house and surgery of Dr Aeneas Macleod. He had a small waiting room (no appointments) with a small orange light/buzzer which came on to let the next in the queue know it was their turn. Patricia was his first NHS baby in 1948. His son John MacLeod followed in his footsteps.	MHG52790	Patricia, John, Hazel, Fiona McD

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123	Shop, Castle Street, opp. Deanery	NH 7965 8964	Surviving	Jock and Cathie Maclean's toy shop was built here, on the site of the Deanery Gardens, around 60 years ago. They moved their toyshop from the High Street (see no. 80) to these new premises. It is currently (2024) Cocoa Mountain.	Not in HER	Patricia, John, Jimmy, Christine
124	Masonic Lodge and footbridge	NH 7980 8966	Surviving	The Masonic Lodge does not appear on the 1 st edition OS map, but is shown on the 2 nd . Historylinks Archive has several old photos from the 1920s and 1930s. HLA 5275 has a document for alterations in 1932. The footbridge crossing the burn to the front of the building was made from Glasgow tramlines – see HLA 15045.	MHG52789	Peter
125	Dornoch Graveyard	NH 7995 8956	Surviving	Although this is sometimes labelled the Free Church Cemetery (as in the HER record), it was not just for Free Church members, and was used before the Free Church was built nearby. It is known locally as the East Churchyard.	MHG29768	Christine, Hazel, John
126	Archway near 7 Gilchrist Sq	NH 79786 89768	Surviving	Archway with cobbled way between no. 7 and 8 Gilchrist Square. It is on a back lane which connects the High Street with Gilchrist Square. The terraced houses on Gilchrist Square are mainly earlier 19 th century.	MHG17046; MHG17047	Jimmy
127	Oversteps	NH 7978 8971	Surviving	House built by Mr. Hacon and his wife in the early 1900s. He died in 1910, and she was very active in the local suffrage movement and helping fishing girls in Shetland. Mrs Hacon was a colourful character – see blog by Susan Kruse on Historylinks website https://historylinksdornoch.wordpress.com/tag/mrs-hacon/ Prime Minister Asquith stayed here before WWI, despite the fact he was vehemently anti-suffrage. HLA 2339 with early photo. Since 1958 it has been a residential care home (HLA 7743).	Not in HER	Susan
128	Fountain, Cathedral Square	NH 7971 8965	Surviving	Cast iron fountain, 1892. Inscribed: 'Presented by Miss Georgina Anderson 1892.' She lived at Trevoise House (labelled Cathedral} House on modern maps). The cherub was stolen around 20 years ago, with the present one a replacement. The old one was painted gold, while the new one has is gold and red. It no longer works as a fountain, but within living memory there was a tap that one could turn on and off to get water. The fitting for water pipes is still visible at the back.	MHG16953	John, Hazel
129	Stone on pavement, St Gilbert St	NH 79658 89683	Surviving	A large stone painted white is on the pavement at the corner of St Gilbert St and High Street, opposite the Coop entrance and behind the Deanery. Was this for when carriages were used, to stop them hitting the corner of buildings?	Not in HER	
130	Bishop's Palace	NH 7971 8959	Surviving	Large palace built in the medieval times for the bishops of Caithness. Originally it was said to have consisted of three towers. It has been modified over the years. According to H.H. Mackay, <i>The Ancient Tolbooths of Dornoch</i> (1896), the ruins were partially restored to make a tolbooth	MHG11838	

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				and courthouse from 1814-1850 (see nos. 94 and 4). It is currently (2024) a hotel, called the Dornoch Castle Hotel.		
131	Earl's Cross	NH 8044 9040	Surviving	Free standing stone, possibly originally a cross, though there is some debate on this. There are several traditions concerning its erection (see H.M. Mackay <i>Old Dornoch its Traditions and Legends</i> , p. 17-8). The one most often repeated is that it commemorated the 13 th century Battle of Embo (which is also subject to a number of traditions, and could use some modern assessment). Mackay also notes the tradition of the King's Cross, but by his time it had long gone, and there were no traditions on its location. On old maps the cross is in rough ground to the NE of the burgh, near the Municipal Boundary. It is currently (2024) in gorse. It shows evidence of repair in the past, and is currently in poor condition.	MHG11638	Susan
132	Westfield	NH 7915 8988	Surviving	The house does not appear on the 1 st edition map, but is on the 2 nd edition map. Robert Mackay (b. 1850, d. 1931) lived in this house. He was the senior Baillie of Dornoch Town Council for 32 years, a first class rifle shot at Bisley for over 60 years and winner of Queen's Medal. Historylinks have some of the medals. Further information on Historylinks website in the Notable Residents folder https://www.historylinks.org.uk/notable-residents . The house is currently (2024) for sale.	Not in HER	John
133	Woodlands	NH 8023 9015	Surviving	This house is not on the 2 nd edition OS map. It was residence to two Police Chief Constables first for Sutherland, then Ross & Sutherland. It was used as Council Offices in the 1960's until late 1970's. It is now a private house.		John
134	Craigroyston	NH 7978 8967	Surviving	According to a former resident, the house was built in 1811 by the Town Clerk on the site of an old cot, part of which was the present kitchen. The land extended south, including what became the Old Post Office (see no .71). When the churchyard was enclosed, this provided the northern boundary of the house.	Not in HER	
135	Possible droving stance	NH 78943 90309	Nothing visible now	Anne was told by a farmer that there was a stance for driving cattle at this location. No other memories could corroborate, and there is nothing to be seen on the ground now.		Anne
136	Cist burials, Achinchanter	NH 7882 9026	Moved	The cists were found in 1938 during ploughing on Achinchanter farm. When excavated, one contained a food vessel, arrowhead and fragment of bronze, possibly from a pin. The food vessel is currently (2024) in Dunrobin Museum (Acc No. 1938.1), but the other objects not located. The cists were left, and when the area was redeveloped 2015-2019 they were excavated again. The capstones will be landscaped into the site, and the large stones making up the cists have been moved to Historylinks museum. There have been several excavations in the last two decades in the area and extensive metal-detecting. The final report of the excavations is still awaited, but an interim report is attached to the HER record EHG5889, with the re-excavation discussed in EHG5500.	MHG11733 EHG5889 EHG5500	Anne

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137	Steps to burn near railway station	NH 79839 89866	Surviving	Old stone steps leading down to the Dornoch Burn.	Not in HER	John
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Other:

- **Golfing in Dornoch.** Local people made a good income caddying for golfers. People could earn 15 shillings - and more from Americans if you wore a kilt (Hazel).
- **Meikle Ferry ferryboat.** The last ferry boat was offered to the museum/society but they didn't have space at the time. It then went to Foulis Ferry and stayed there for a while, before going to the Portsoy Boat festival. Its whereabouts after that are not known (Peter).

Wartime Dornoch

- **Canadians in WWI.** There were Canadian Forestry Corp companies no. 117 and no. 129 based in Dornoch from Nov. 1917 into at least 1919 (Bird, C.W. and Davies, J.B. *The Canadian Forestry Corps: Its Inception, Development and Achievements*, 1919). Sutherland estate records show that 200 Canadians were billeted in Dornoch, with a sawmill erected at Achinchanter (the CFC brought their own equipment and built their own sawmills). They built a railway through Achinchanter and Pitgrudy farms to carry the logs to the sawmill. They were cutting trees on the Duke of Sutherland's Dornoch plantation, Poles Plantation and Duchess Countess Wood. By January 1918 the mill was almost ready and the tramway to the wood about three quarters completed. The timber was then taken to Little Ferry South Pier. In February 1918 they proposed to build a tramway from the woods to the pier which was largely completed by October 1918. There were a number of complaints about the damage done to the roads, presumably by lorries carrying timber to the pier. The Duke of Sutherland's factor noted a good revenue was obtained for the estate by this activity, including harbour dues. By December 1918 the factor reports reduced numbers of Canadian foresters (NLS Acc. 19853/175 and 19853/176. Thanks to Malcolm Bangor-Jones for supplying extracts).

Alasdair Cameron supplied to Susan Kruse extracts from Canadian war diaries for company no. 117. These report that by Dec 1917 85% of the men were quartered in the upper story of the Highland Railway Station Hotel, with the rest billeted in other hired buildings. For transport they had 49 H.D. horses, 3 lumber wagons, 4 G.S. Wagons and 2 three-ton lorries. A steam logging railway locomotive also arrived in this month for use on the logging railway when built. Food for the men was purchased from Mackenzie & Co in Inverness and unnamed local merchants. Forage for the horses was also purchased. The diary of July 1918 detailed progress and numbers of horses and mechanical equipment, including 2490 ft laid for the logging railway which was said to have been operating smoothly. The CFC were constructing a camp which was to be used by 'Finns' (men from a variety of countries who were helping cut wood); in the end they did not come. The location of this camp is not known, but it might have been in Poles Wood, as the July Progress report notes that around 50 men from no. 117 company had been quartered there. They also had a farm to provide food, but it's not stated where this was. Men were billeted in 'Croft Madoch' (Croft Maidoch), Gordon & Co. Store, Albion House Garage, Castle Garage, and Sutherland Arms Garage (no mention of Station hotel). These premises were due to be vacated in July and August, perhaps because troops would be moved to 'Finns camp'. There are also reports of repairs to Ross House on High Street A YMCA hut also opened in July; again its location is not known. The diary for Sept 1918 notes that they were working on an electric light plant which went live in October. The company's strength in Oct was 4 officers, 168 other ranks, 47 H.D. and 1 cob (the horses!). The diaries also mention four drivers from the Women's Legion arrived to drive light cars.

The diary of December 1918 notes at the beginning of the month there were 4 officers, 137 other ranks. Horses at the beginning of the month were 52 H.D. and 1 cob. Five H.D. horses were sold on the 28th Dec, netting £108/1/3. A cinema machine and good piano were installed in the YMCA. Two dances were

held. The progress report for January 1919 shows still a sizeable presence in the area. The railways were being repaired, and there was trestling in Skelbo wood, with new track laid in Fourpenny Wood. Lynne reported that rails had been found in Skelbo wood and wonders if they related to this activity. Anne was told in Evelix that a track built for forestry use went through Georgie McIntosh's field; this may also have been part of the track or perhaps just other access. The farm was given back to the owner, and pigs were sold. All liabilities against the farm account were paid, so presumably the farm had compensation. Further social activities were held in the YMCA.

Dornoch Council Minutes 2 April 1918 also note the damage done by Forestry haulage to the roads. The Council minutes also record that the CFC asked to use part of the links as a baseball field. Permission was granted for the part of the links which formed the football pitch to the south of the 14th hole.

During the war there were a number of marriages, including by CFC personnel to members of the Dornoch Suffrage Society (Susan). *Memories of Childhood in Dornoch* by Lorna Currie (2006) is recommended, with information and pictures about her family, as well as details of life in the war years. It can be downloaded from HLA (no. 7727).

- **Canadian Foresters in WWII.** The Canadian camps were near Loch Migdale, Achue and Clashmore, known as Skibo A, B and C (memories from Ledmore and Migdale project available on the ARCH website in the Library, within the ARCH Project Reports folder). HLA also has some photos. There was frequent interaction with the CFC men, particularly from the Clashmore camp and some marriages occurred (Hazel). There were also Newfoundlander foresters in the area, certainly at Golspie and it is less clear if they were in Dornoch. Golspie Heritage Society has information including memories of the Newfies there. Lorna Currie's *Memories of Childhood in Dornoch* recalls that the Canadians sold wood to local people.
- **Indian troops in WWII.** There were Indian troops stationed in Dornoch. There are some Indian graves in the cemetery (George). [Susan has troop movement lists which can be researched later to show when they were there]. Lorna Currie's *Memories of Childhood in Dornoch* mentions: 'Indian soldiers arrived with their mules and beautiful horses. Their mounted soldiers were very striking. They were billeted in the Station Hotel and in Earls Cross House.' She also noted that three were buried in the local graveyard, oriented to face Mecca.
- **Norwegians in WWII.** There are some memories of Norwegians in WWII. Lorna Currie's *Memories of Childhood in Dornoch* records that they were stationed up at Burghfield House and Abden House She also remembered entertaining two Norwegians in their home, and they kept touch after the war. She heard about King Haakan's visit, but did not witness it. Military wartime diaries record that there was a Norwegian Training unit at L.M.S. Hotel (Dornoch Hotel) in 1942 (TNA WO 166/6778). The Royal Golf Club Hotel's website notes that Norwegians were billeted there, but needs corroboration, and is probably an error. The Norwegians are remembered as undergoing commando training. King Haakon visited Norwegian troops here when he was staying at Carbisdale. (Lynne, Jimmy). The Norwegian government sponsored a memorial in Dornoch Cathedral, thanking Dornoch for their help in WWII: 'In gratitude from the Norwegian Brigade which had schools and a training unit in Dornoch during the summer and autumn 1942 when excluded from our own country. We Norwegians found a home among the Scots and happy Christian fellowship in the House of God. (Carolyn) It is not known when this was erected.
- **WWII POW camp.** According to a Historylinks Blog the building which was to become Earls Cross Hostel was requisitioned by the military and a German POW camp was in the grounds. <https://historylinksdornoch.wordpress.com/tag/ross-house-girls-hostel/>
- **WWII military camp on Golf Road** NH 7997 8951 (see no. 104)
- There was a **Royal Observer Corps observation outpost** on the headland near the 16th fairway. See no. 112

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- **Polish troops** were in the West Church Hall and in nissen huts to the rear of the hall, on the adjoining car park and on the ground where the bungalows are today. This is recorded in Lorna Currie's *Memories of Childhood in Dornoch*. She also mentions that a truck load of Polish soldiers who had gone to a dance in Brora crashed in Dornoch when returning, killing several soldiers.
- **POWs in Dornoch.** German POWs are recorded as being at Earls Cross Hostel (see no. 103). However, Lorna Currie did not record this in her memories of childhood in the war years, instead noting German POWs at Culmally who were driven to work on farms, and one worked in a garage in Dornoch. She also thought there were Italian prisoners near Dornoch.
- Evelix Farm was the WWII Board of Agricultural Machinery Depot and they supplied all types of farm machinery with or without operators to increase home grown food production. It was supervised by the War Agricultural Executive Committee and it lasted until 1955 when everything was sold off by auction. (Alasdair Cameron)
- **Architects of some Dornoch Buildings.** The online Dictionary of Scottish Architects 1660-1980 has details on over 40 Dornoch buildings. <https://scottisharchitects.org.uk/>
- **Some Archaeological Finds/Sites showing earlier settlement:**
 - Neolithic Chambered cairn, Camore wood – HER MHG11749
 - Neolithic axeheads. There is also a polished Neolithic axehead found at Burghfield, part of the Inverness Museum collection, but currently on loan to Historylinks Museum. (MHG24756). Some were also found nearby eg at Clashmore; these are in Treasure Trove now (2024), and Historylinks hopes to bid for them.
 - A small prehistoric cupmarked stone was recorded at the Church of Scotland Manse near the Meadow in 1911, but has since been lost. It is not known if this was the original findspot (MHG11835).
 - Dornoch Nursery Bronze Age cist burial – HER MHG11738. Male burial with beaker and archery equipment. Finds in Inverness Museum.
 - Roman brooches from Achinchanter – HER MHG14573, MHG60609. Now in Inverness Museum
 - Anglo-Saxon mount fragment – HER MHG49767. Now in Inverness Museum.
 - Viking hacksilver fragment from Pitgrudy – HER MHG59704. Would have been part of armring similar to ones found at Portmahomack (MHG8470)
 - Medieval green glaze pottery from Dornoch Business Park excavations. HLA 6252. The site had metalworking evidence, 8th/9th century and then 10th into 11th century. See MHG28197
 - Medieval annular brooch, St Gilberts Street. MHG61262. HLA 9701. In Historylinks Museum. Other brooches also found in the area, eg Pitgrudy (MHG61264)
 - Medieval book clasp, Burghfield. HLA 11467. In Inverness Museum
 - Medieval key, Burghfield. HLA 11484. In Inverness Museum
 - Medieval Lead spindle whorl, Pitgrudy. HLA 11494. In Inverness Museum
 - Medieval Mortuary Cross. HLA 11486. In Inverness Museum
 - Medieval Zoomorphic buckle with animal heads from Ospisdale. HLA 12162. In Historylinks Museum
 - Medieval seal matrix for James, Chaplain of Dornoch. HLA 2599. In Historylinks Museum

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- **Circus.** When the circus came to town, the elephants arrived in railway wagons and were marched down from the station (pictures from 1950 in HLA: 12262 and 12263). This is remembered as the Bertram Mills circus. HLA 4385 has a programme for Robert Bros circus from 1950, but it is unclear if they came to Dornoch. Roberts Bros did come to Tain. Flora's husband's family provided hay for the animals – one year green hay with disastrous results (Flora). Buffalo Bill's troop came to Scotland 3 times – did they come to Dornoch? (Jim R).
- **Dornoch Bridge.** The Dornoch Bridge, opened in 1991, revolutionised travel, providing links to Inverness whereas before the bridge people were more likely to go to Dingwall (George). Before the bridge opened, Anne does not remember ever being in Tain.
- **Farm produce coming into Dornoch.** Jimmy remembers women from surrounding farms bringing in Crowdie and butter and selling to the little shops.
- Buses were at the bus stop in the Square. The parcel office was in the Drill Hall and served from the window out front. Helen Milne, Sue Campbell and Cathy Mackay worked in the office (Hazel).
- If you were a ratepayer before WWII you could graze a cow and follower (calf) on the links, where the airstrip is now (John)
- Simon (Simmy) Bain was a crofter and had a few cows down on the links. He was also a grave digger and the town crier. He stood at the Mercat Cross Bill thinks he wore a costume. He was a man of character and very newsy with plenty stories about the area. John remembers him going round the town on his bike in the 1950s shouting 'heary yea' Simon Bain died in 1973. Historylinks has photos of him with his bell (eg HLA 2495 (Bill Swanson and John)

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