

Skelbo.

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NH 8025 9017

GALLOW HILL
Gallows; Graveyard

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(NH 8025 9017) Gallow Hill (NAT) Cholera Burial Ground (A.D. 1832)
OS 6^a map, (1907)

Gallow Hill - A small eminence being a natural feature covered with wood so called from its being at one time a place of execution. A little to the north of this hill is a small enclosure which was used as a burying ground in the year 1832 for the burial of persons dying of cholera. Name Book 1873.

An upright stone pillar of rectangular section, 1.5m high, 0.5m wide and 0.2m thick at NH 8031 9019, is reputed locally to mark the site of the gallows. (Published as "post" on OS map.)

All that survives at the burial ground is one grave-stone dated 1833 at NH 8038 9021.

No enclosure wall is evident.

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Name Book (County), Book No. 9, 23

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NH 8012 9459

SKELBO, STATION PARK
Cist: Long; Cemetery

*(Plunging wheels Cist
7ula just above
old station skelbo)*

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(NH 802 946) In recent years in ploughing Station Park, Skelbo, Mr J MacLeod has found a number of burials, evidently part of a long cist cemetery. One burial, unfortunately previously disturbed, was examined by writers in the summer of 1960.

A S Henshall and J C Wallace 1960.

The long cist examined in 1960 may have been additional to those discovered in the 1940's, or the re-uncovering of one of the original discoveries. It contained only a few fragments of bone, since lost. Information from A S Henshall to OS, 1 March 1971.

Between 1940-60, 8 long cists were discovered whilst ploughing at NH 8012 9459 by Mr MacLeod (J M MacLeod, Fourpenny, Dornoch, Sutherland). They were orientated ENE-WSW and each contained an inhumation, head to the E. The cists measured c. 2.0m long, c. 0.6m wide and 0.4m deep, and were formed of small slabs set on edge, with similar slabs covering them. Four of the inhumations were in a good state of preservation, the others were partially destroyed. A piece of blackened cloth was found in one of the cists.

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Henshall and Wallace 1960, 39

*(Copy
from J. Bell
June '93.)*