

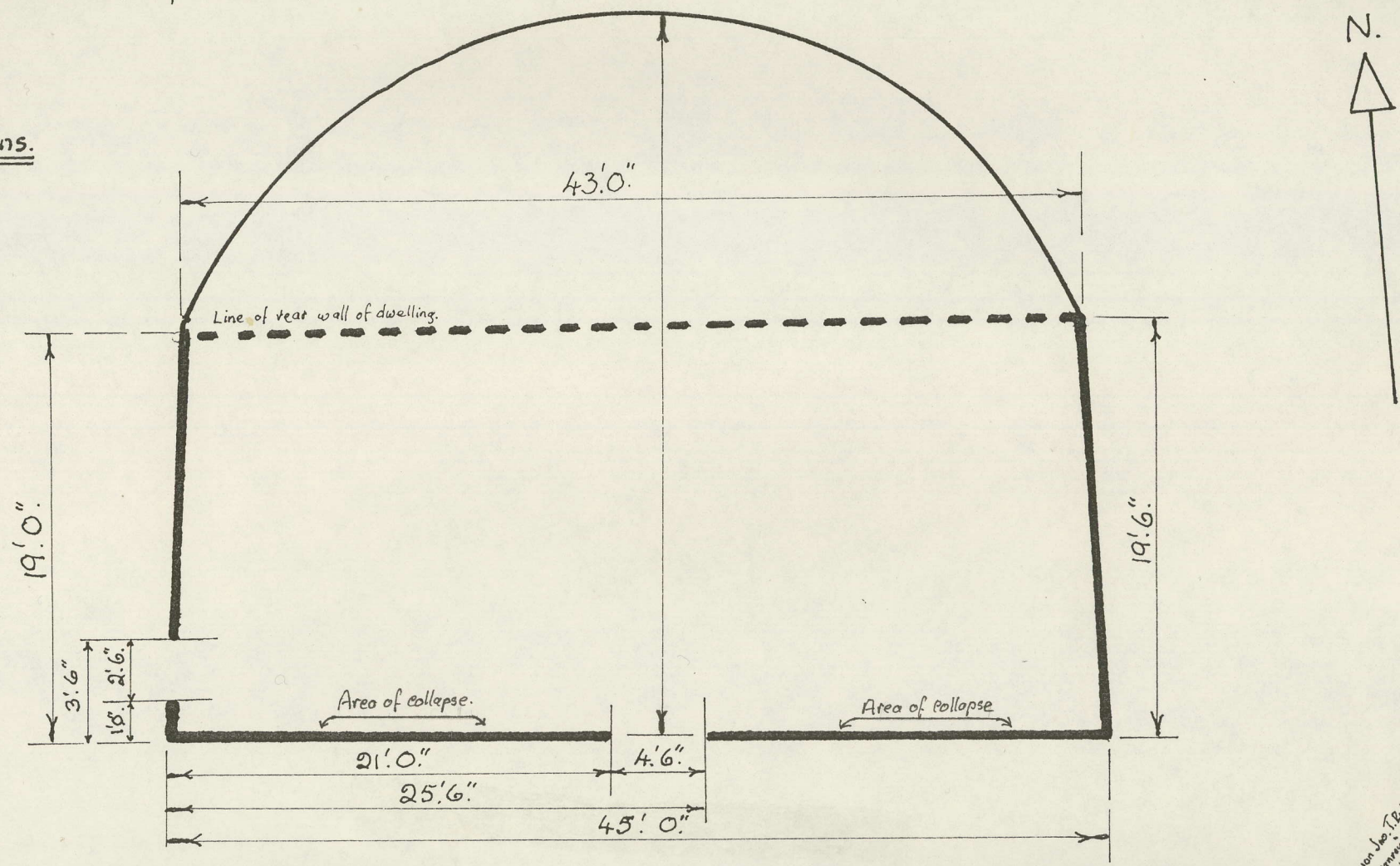
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Scale: 1mm = 3ins.



Skizzen von J. T. Robertson
 Torwarren, Dornoch
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CEANN LOCH LAGAIN – HUT CIRCLE AND ENCLOSURE LOCH-AN-LAGAIN.

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A small hut circle – Grid Reference NH69 : 665 958 – on top of a low mound on the right hand bank of the Allt na Sean- airigh burn, just beyond a sharp bend, high above Ceann-Loch-Lagain, is labelled Site No. 9 in the Scottish Development Department (Ancient Monuments) Report No. L25/2, of October 1983, on the Achormlarie Ancient Monument by Duncan Ross, Lily Linge and Partick Ashmore. This report gives the measurements as, internally, 9.5m N-S by 9.0m E-W, with a wall height of up to 0.6m. Mr J.K.Bell is seen standing on the further edge of the circle wall. In the bottom of the valley, below, a row of trees stands on the left hand side of the enclosure indicated on the sheet below.

FARMSTEAD: The above mentioned Report (No. L25/2) mentions under No. 8 site (O.S. Grid Ref.: 665 954 (centred), “at least three rectangular building’s foundations, enclosures and fields, a modern sheepfold and a rectangular bothy 100metres WHW.”. The modern sheepfold therein referred to may indeed equate with the crescent shaped enclosure reported on. Never the less, the latter is almost certainly derived from a pre-existing dwelling – witness the front façade with central door and suggestion of ruined windows, together with a small but very well defined side entrance doorway through the (?) gable. Granted the gables are now capped with cope stones, but this would take place at the time of conversion.

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View south-eastwards from the west end of the crescent shaped rear wall, showing Mr J.K.Bell at the front entrance. Beyond him, and to his right, is an area of collapse which could have been a window, and to his left, a similar area of collapse – another possible window? – balances the one seen. Beyond the visible area of collapsed front wall, the (?) gable is seen, capped with cope stones.

2001.002.003 (88/21/4A-5)

A view of the back wall of the enclosure. This, being beyond the line of the rear wall of the (?) dwelling – seen on site as a line of masonry cut down to ground level – could be reckoned as a back wall to a vegetable patch. It is beautifully constructed with evenly graded masonry courses, coped, and, naturally, with no throughbands. The enclosed area, or enclosure makes a useful sized sheep pen.