

2. AN UNPUBLISHED BEAKER FROM NAIRNSHIRE

THE purpose of this note is to record a hitherto unpublished Beaker found during an archaeological survey of the counties of Nairnshire, Moray and Banffshire.⁴

The Beaker (fig. 1), which is in Nairn Museum, was according to the label 'found in a tomb at Easter Delnies on Cuthbertown, near Nairn,' presumably a cist burial. Cuthbertown, which must have been a croft, was a few hundred yds. E. of Easter Delnies, two miles W. of the town of Nairn.

The urn was presented to the Museum by the widow of the third Clarke to own Achareidh House (between Easter Delnies and Nairn), who died in 1959. His grandfather, who bought the house in 1839, was apparently something of an antiquarian and was possibly associated with the discovery of the urn; he died in 1886.

The urn has been partly restored, and half the rim, as far down as the first block of decoration, is missing but it is otherwise in good condition. It is of a fine, smooth, fairly sandy ware with a black core. Its height is $6\frac{7}{10}$ in., and its rim and basal diameters are $6\frac{1}{2}$ in. and $3\frac{3}{8}$ in. respectively.

I am very grateful to Mr T. Campnell, late of Nairn Museum, for information on this urn.

During this survey, two Beakers in the Anatomy Museum, Marischal College, University of Aberdeen were noted labelled as coming from the Culbin Sands, Moray. They came to the Museum in 1940 with the Collection of J. Graham Callander. These Beakers are in

¹ *The Ancient Stone Implements, Weapons and Ornaments of Great Britain*, 2nd ed. (London, 1897), p. 353.

² *P.S.A.S.*, LXV (1930-1), 82. ³ Reg. No. '55-961q.

⁴ *Univ. Edin. Dept. Arch. 13th Ann. Rep.* (1960-1), 6-9.

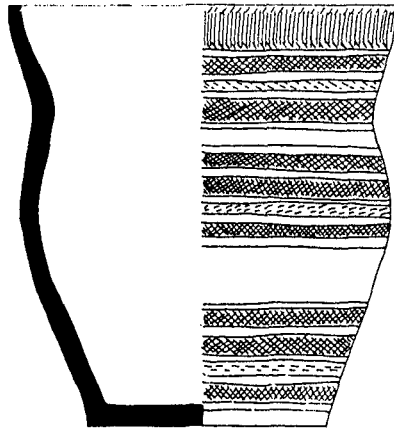


FIG. 1. Beaker from Easter Delnies, Nairnshire (½)

fact the two from Pittodrie, Oyne, Aberdeenshire (1-3) and I am grateful to Mr David Clarke, Peterhouse, Cambridge, and Miss A. S. Henshall, National Museum of Antiquities of Scotland, for clarification on this point.

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