

LIST OF BUILDINGS OF
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INTEREST IN THE PARISH OF
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NJ 86 SE	1. St. Drostan's Church (partial ruin) Aberdour	Early 16th century, T-plan rubble-built (has been harled) 70' x 21'3" with S. aisle rebuilt c.1760 (still roofed) 30' 4" x 17' 4" over the walls, 1839 Gordon of Aberdour tablet. Blocked chamfered semi-circular arch with impost moulding between nave and aisle. Simple arched W. window, skewputts at aisle, triangular headed recess exterior N. wall. Two arch recess monuments, at N. wall, eastern illegible with two shields, western to James Baird of Auchmedden dated 1559. Slab to George Baird (mathematician) d.1593. E. part of church partitioned off with inscription over S.E. door 'THIS SEPULCHRE/was enclosed by/CHAS. LESLIE, M.P./Fraserburgh/MDCCCXIX.'	O.S.A. v.12 p.580 Very old. About 30 years ago the aisle was rebuilt and some years after the steeple!. Ecc. Arch v.III p.534 Jervise, Epitaphs and Inscriptions, v.I p.55. Pratt's Buchan p.191 Wm. Cramond, The Church of Aberdour.	B	There is no base for a steeple. If the church did possess more than a bellcote it must have been a feature similar that at Kirkhill Inverness-shire. See note on item But the bellcote of the present church is said to be dated 1771, and to have come from the old church. See P.S.A.S. v.XI p.132. (The date there given 1717 - is wrong. See Jervise and O.S.A.)
NJ 86 SE I.7	2. St. Drostan's Churchyard Aberdour	Pentagonal rubble walled enclosure with good slabs from 1593 onwards; many stones modern.	3 S.A. p.348 Jervise	B	
	3. Beach House Hotel (former Manse) Aberdour	Alexander Laing 1822-3. 2-storey 3-window harled with margins, rectangular fanlight, later attic dormers, 3-storey bow staircase at back, eaves course and skewputts; asymmetrical 2-storey 2-window kitchen wing at N.E. Original woodwork, simple interior.	N.S.A. v.12 p.271 Geo. Gardiner, Abstract of the Law Proceedings in the case of the Manse of Aberdour. J. Booth Aberdeen 1823. Laing's design was probably no	B	Based on a scheme by William Robertson prepared for the Minister and presbytery in 1823 similar to Grange Mansc.

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NJ 86 SE	6.				weathered; probably no more than bellcote was meant.
	6. Parish Church, Elphin Street, New Aberdour	John Smith (?) 1818 re-using 1771 bell- cote from previous church. Plain harled rectangle with W. birdcage bell- cote, harled with granite dressings. 4 4-centre arch windows S. wall, 1 in W. gable, 1 (blind) centre N. wall. Porch and other alterations 1885. U- plan gallery. Recently re-ceiled. Reglazed. Abernethy bell 1859. 1750 pewter font bowl. Communion table ex Barony Church, Glasgow.	N.S.A. v.12 p.271 3 S.A. p.348. The Abstract of the Law Proceedings (supra) shows that John Smith was acting for the heritors from 1814. No ref in Hay Post Ref Chs. P.S.A.S. v.XC p.132.	C	Ecclesiastical building in use as such. Sundial and in- scription centre S: 'This CHURCH was erected by John Dingwall Esq of Brucklay, PATRON and princi- pal heritor of the Parish and CHARLE FORBES Esq. Pro- prietor of Auch- medden MDCCLXVIII
	7. Commercial Hotel, New Aberdour	Probably 1798. 2-storey 4-window double pile with valley roof, harled and white washed, painted margins, skewputt at S.W; artisan wooden pilaster doorpiece; perhaps originally thatched.	Aberdeen Journal Oct. 3 1797" "William Gordon Esq. of Aberdour intends to feu a certain extent of ground to establish a village upon his estate near the Kirk of Aberdour and in- vites industrious tradosmen and	C	See N.S.A. v.12 p.265 T-plan arrangement with church on main axis. Houses mainly later on c two old pantiled buildings remain, not of special note.

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NJ 86 SE	8. Dundarg Castle	Originally Iron Age Promontory fort, and probably later a small Celtic monastery (foundations of probable chapel in inner ward on promontory 20'3" x 11'6" internally with 3' walls). Became a castle under the Comyns, inner bailey on the promontory, outer bailey with keep on the mainland section. Evidently destroyed in the hership of 1308, fortified anew with keep rebuilt in wood by Henry de Beaumont in 1334, taken and destroyed in same year. Inner ward evidently re-occupied 16th century, gatehouse with rounded angles survives to a height of about 18'. Base of keep 29'9" x 33'9" internally with walls 6'6", haunches of transverse arch remain, otherwise not much more than foundations. Present house 1938 2 storey gothic with tower, built of materials ex-demolition Aberdour Free Church, Entrance archway with bellcote and bell.	labourers to the place." An Inn appears to have been built by Oct 28 1799. O.S.A. v.12 p.578 3 S.A. p.346 Giles Castles of Aberdeenshire XII P.S.A.S. XLVIII p.184-191 Aberdeen Free Press May 31 1913 W. Douglas Simpson. The Castle of Dundarg W. Douglas Simpson Dundarg Castle. Reconsidered in Buchan Field Club v.XVII part IV.	B	Scheduled Monument

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NJ 86 NE	9. Peman Farm, E. side of Farm Court	Ruin, early 18th century, apparently combined small mansionhouse and offices subsequently altered as threshing mill. 2-storey red rubble, low 1st, straight skews and skewputs, chimney with moulded cope S. gable, chamfered openings, 2 doorways W. wall with rectangular fanlights (stone transoms), doorway at 1st in N. gable also with fanlight. One contemporary chimney-piece within, shouldered lintel.		B	At the N. end of the farm are the remains of a large circular structure. It is not known how it was roofed, if at all, but the walls are said to have stood to a height of about 10. Circular rough mill stone nearby suggests it may have been a mill of some primitive form, perhaps a whin mill O.S. 19C shows internal (lean-to)? building interior S. segmen
NJ 86 SW	10. Mains of Auchmedden, farmhouse, including garden walls.	Early 19th century. 2-storey 3-window harled with margins, 2 later canted dormers. High flank garden walls with dwarf wall in front.		C	Of the Castle of the Bairds of Auchmedden nothing remains.
NJ 86 NW	11. Pennan Harbour	Original work red ashlar, largely rebuilt in concrete.	O.S.A. v.12 p.577 (110 inhabitants) N.S.A. v.12 p.269	B for group	Whole village B group. An outstandingly picturesque fishing village mainly of

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NJ 86 NW	12. 1 and 2 Pennan	2-storey 3-window stuccoed with lining out, painted margins, pantiled; 2-storey 1-window addition with red corrugated iron roof.		B for group	early 19th century date with later alterations nestling in base of cliffs. Still very complete and unspoilt, only 26 and 40 seriously altered as yet but a few asbestos roof and other unsuitable modern finishes have lately appeared.
	13. 3 Pennan	2-storey 3-window stuccoed with lining out, painted margins, slated.		B for group	
	14. 4 Pennan	2-storey 2-window symmetrical, stucco fronted, swept dormer heads at 1st; red tile roof.		B for group	
	15. 5, 6 and 7 Pennan	U-plan group of several dates dated JCW 1884 (presumably renovated and stuccoed in that year) at 6 and 7. 5 (Burnside Cottage) single-storey and dormerless attic, remainder 2-storey. Slated, small section pantiled.		B for group	
	16. 8, 9 Pennan	2-storey 4-window stuccoed with margins and lining out, slated, segmentally roofed wooden porch. Canted dormer at back.		B for group	
	17. 10 Pennan	Single-storey and attic, 2-window and broad centre porch, piended dormer heads, stuccoed with lining out; slated.		B for group	
	18. 11 Pennan	2-storey and attic painted stucco with painted margins, 2-window, 1-window with attic window gable to sea. Slated.		B	

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NJ 86 NW	19. 12 Pennan	2-storey 3-window, irregular fenestration, stuccoed with lining out, slated.		B for group	B group (Contd.)
	20. 13 Pennan	2-storey 2-window, stuccoed and slated with canted dormers.		B for group	
	21. 14 Pennan	Single-storey and attic stuccoed with lining out, painted margins, 2-window and centre door, 2 canted dormers.		B for group	
	22. 15 Pennan	Single-storey and attic rubble harl pointed, 2-window and centre door with 2 piended dormer heads; outhouse painted stucco with lining out, gable to sea. Slated.		B for group	
	23. Pennan Inn	2-storey L-plan, stuccoed and lined-out with painted margins; slated, wing has piend at junction. Modern porch.		B for group	
	24. 18, 19 Pennan	2-storey with basement at 19, stuccoed and lined out with painted margins, pantiled.		B for group	
	25. 20 Pennan	2-storey 3-window painted stucco, painted margins, slated.		B for group	
	26. 21 Pennan	2-storey 2-window painted stucco, painted margins, pantiled.	} originally one design	B for group	
27. 22 Pennan	2-storey 2-window, under renovation; asbestos roof.	B for group			

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NJ 86 NW	28. 23 Pennan	Single-storey and attic stuccoed with lining out, painted, panted dormer heads; Slated. Barometer of 1864 at gable to sea.		B for group	B group (Contd.) Group value only
	29. 24 Pennan	Single-storey and attic, 2-window and centre door, stuccoed with lining out; slated, 2 canted dormers.		B for group	
	30. 26 Pennan	Single-storey and attic painted stucco with lining out, gable to sea now chimneyless with bad window alteration. Asbestos roof.		B for group	
	31. 28 Pennan	2-storey 3-window stuccoed with lining out, pantiled.		B for group	
	32. 29 Pennan	Derelict shell. Early house, 2-window and centre door red rubble.		B for group	
	33. 30 Pennan	Single-storey and attic stuccoed with lining out, slated, 2 oriel dormers, lean-to outhouse.		B for group	
	34. 33 Pennan	2-storey stuccoed and lined out, 1-door 1-window, 1-window gable to sea. Pantiled.		B for group	
	35. 34 Pennan	Derelict shell, roofless. 2-storey 2-window red rubble, paired centre doors.		B for group	
	36. 35 Pennan	2-storey 3-window harled with margins, moulded skew end, slated.		B for group	

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NJ 86 NW	37. Walter West's Store, Pennan	Single-storey and loft, red rubble, pantiled.		B for group	B group (Contd.)
	38. 36 Pennan	Ruin, roofless. 2-storey 3-window stuccoed and lined out, moulded skew end.		B for group	
	39. 37 Pennan	2-storey 3-window stuccoed with lining out, curious fenestration, slated.		B for group	
	40. 38 Pennan	2-storey 2-window red rubble with margins, asbestos roof.		B for group	
	41. 39 Pennan	Single-storey 2-window and centre door red squared rubble, pantiled.		B for group	
	42. 40 Pennan, now Store of No. 43	Originally domestic, single-storey stuccoed, asbestos roof.		B for group	
	43. 41 and 42 Pennan	2-storey 3-window harled with margins, 41 pantiled, 42 new asbestos roof.		B for group	
	44. 43 Pennan	Single-storey and attic, 2-window and modern centre porch, stuccoed, slated 2 piended dormers.		B for group	
	45. 44 Pennan, shed	Originally domestic, single-storey red rubble pantiled.		B for group	
46. 45 and 46 Pennan	2-storey 2-window stuccoed and lined out, margins; pantiled.		B for group	Group value only for continuity of frontage.	

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NJ 86 NW	47. 47 Pennan	Single-storey stuccoed and whitewashed, pantiled; lower wing at right angles with red corrugated iron roof.		B for group	B group (Contd.)
	48. St. Magnus Haven, Pennan	Single-storey stuccoed with lining out, slated, 2-window and piend centre porch.		B for group	
	49. 50 Pennan	Single-storey and dormerless attic, painted stucco, 2-window and modern centre piend roofed porch; slated, outhouse pantiled.		B for group	
	50. 51 Pennan	Single-storey and attic stuccoed, painted and lined out; 2-window and centre door, 2 piend dormers.		B for group	
	51. 53 Pennan	Single-storey and attic stuccoed and lined out, 2-window and centre door, 2 canted dormers.		B for group	
	52. Seaview and Denview, Pennan.	1/2-storey in fall of ground, centre porch; harled with margins and slated, stuccoed at back.		B for group	
	53. Havenlea, Pennan	2 single-storey cottages, stepped to slope, one with part basement. Stuccoed and slated, wooden porches, 1 with piend roof.		B for group	
	54. Pennan Lodge	Early 19th century, perhaps partly older. Elongated T-plan, single-storey harled, 4-window and centre door, widely spaced, curious lower and narrower part parallel to back wing with quadrant feature in angle.	Pratt's Buchan p.199	B	Included in Pennan group as part of skyl

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NJ 86 NW	55. Nethermill Old Bridge.	Early 19th century. Single segmental arch, rubble, splayed masonry at haunches.		C	Disused. Part in Banffshire.
	56. Aberdour House	Dated S.F.M.C.1740 Main block 3-storey (low 2nd) tall and narrow single-pile, crowstepped; S. front 7-window, centre bay advanced, pedimented doorpiece (partly enclosed by early 19th century porch), 1st floor window with architrave sculptured keystone and cornice and gable-pediment with octagon panel and ball finial. N. front has centre chimney gable (straight skews) with date panel, otherwise blind except for 2 small windows. Quadrant links to 2-storey wings N.E. and N.W., small single-storey outhouses flanking N. approach to court, later single storey lean to corridor link to wings in court. Harled with margins throughout Interior: main staircase original with wooden balusters, doors mainly original with several later; interior partly replanned early 19th century and later, chimney pieces largely replaced.	N.S.A. v.12 p.266 Pratt's Buchan p.193	A	The most ambitious of the several houses of this date in Buchan [c. Memsie; Pittendru Kininmonth; Rattr Haddo (Crimond); Auchiries] and the best laid-out and most completely preserved. Built originally by Forbes of Skellate sold 1750 to Alexander Gordon Lord Aberdeen's factor; then to Dingwalls of Bruch early in the 19th century.
	57. Aberdour House walled garden	Pinned boulder rubble, coped except at S. probably of 174D. Rustic Victorian summerhouse lined with panelling from house.		B for group	B group

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NJ 86 NW	58. Aberdour House, Steading	Circa 1740 and later. Large quadrangular structure (court now roofed over) recently reconstructed at S. Low centre tower with pyramid roof, small dovecot feature and weathercock at N. Whitewashed rubble, slated recent parts concrete block and asbestos.		B for group	B group (Contd.)
	59. Aberdour House, Dovecot	Circa 1740 (? or later). Simple square structure, rubble with granite dressings, rat course; pyramid roof now largely collapsed.		B for group	Not examined internally due to crops
	60. Woodhead Cottage (Cooper's)	Early 19th century. Single-storey 2-window and centre door harl pointed to front, stuccoed gable with single attic window. Pantiled, slated eaves.		C	