

master mason of Midmar, and he is commemorated by a stone cairn erected by the Deeside Field Club.

Area : Garioch

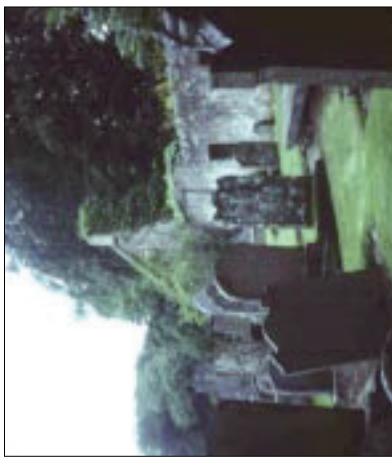
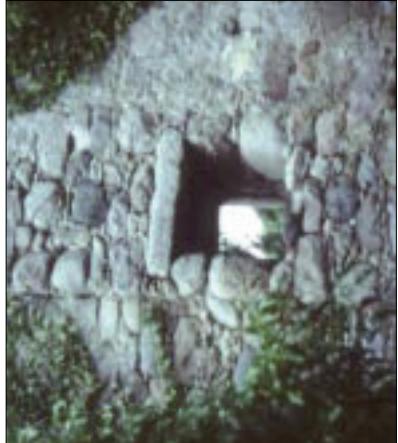
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Kirkyard : Midmar old Parish Kirk.

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Interpretative Potential : High.

Once the very urgent works are carried out to preserve the entire yard and the charming kirk, with many good architectural details, the site would be of tremendous interpretative potential.

It is regrettable that the kirk has been allowed to fall into such a neglected condition.

Access issues : The kirk is situated close to a main road though is screened by a thicket of trees. The kirk is reached by crossing a precarious track over a stream. There is no provision for parking cars.

Date of visit : 07/07/98.

Tombstones : There are 22 recumbent tombstones of which 5 are particularly well decorated, with over one hundred upright tombstones from the 16th - century onwards. There are a great number of well designed and interesting memorials though many are in a terrible state of disruption, vandalism and neglect. This yard is the resting place of George Bell,