

SM7 / Down 36:12

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Some additoional information.

While talking on 24th May to the owner [a man of c. 69] of 36:9, a rath 800m to the W. he told me that 36:12 was known as Cusack's Forth [after the owners or people who lived at it]. He said that his grandfather told him one of the Cusack's had entered a souterrain in 36:9 but couldn't get past a stone blocking the way. There is now no visible trace of this souterrain. I am not sure whether there was souterrain in Cusack's Forth which the one in 36:9 was believed to connect with.

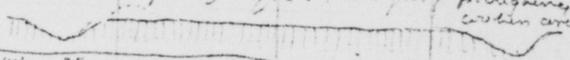
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DHW Notes on Co Down RATHS - to be identified for
 975 SH7
 15 May 4 galls from poles
 Saturday 3 galls " " " + 3 punts etc

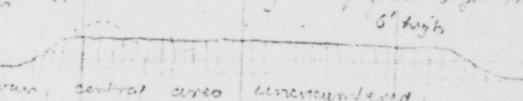
1 Black Woods Fort, Down 36 xxx

about 26 yards across inside bank. Outer wall preserved rampart, ditch and scarp bank, in places badly removed by rabbits. Ditch wet, but several dry places. Site quite unencumbered by vegetation. Damp places within bank, and rabbits have been at work in one place. No sign of ploughing within. Some stone can be seen both in rampart and in scarp bank. Possible entrance on E. - gap in bank, causeway over ditch - but may be a modern breach, uncertain. Total of underground passage in this fort on ford property.

2 Ditch only enclosing circular area, 36 yards from inner lip of ditch to inner lip of ditch. Ditches wet in places. Slight traces of bank. Perimeter of area overgrown by grass but centre in pretty fine. No signs of ploughing within area.



3 Oval area, 50 yds x 35 yds approx. flat topped, delimited by scarp, but slight traces of bank in places. 6' high. No signs of ploughing within area. Perimeter quite grassy, central area unencumbered.



4 32 yds diam round enclosure, bank perimeter only having ditch, and bank in places, preserved. Bank very slight. Area free of bushes, perimeter covered by thorn or grass not very dense. Undulating area, bearing rushes. No certain sign of ploughing. CD vent where bank preserved & 12 feet ditch is dry.



5 N. of Carrinagh Ho. xx round and 35 yds diam

d. having ditch. Bank ditch is fairly good on N + E, and to some extent in very well preserved - and partially wet on S. entrance? on E. Inside area quite clear, no signs of ploughing.

