

Burnbank farm buildings A0028

Site Type	farm buildings
Site Name	Burnbank
Other Name(s)	
Ownership	Burnbank, Tasset, Hexham, NE48 1LY
Related Sites	Burnbank A0027

LOCATION

National Grid Reference	NY 7933 8754	Km Square	NY 7987
TAG 2006 Atlas: Map	H3	Air Photo. No	Run D--OS/74062--025

Modern Parish	Tasset
Historic Parish & Township	Bellingham -- Tarretburn

LISTINGS

Scheduled Ancient Monument	x	Listed	x
National Monument Record	x	English Heritage Pastscape	x
Historic Environment Record	15019	HVA	28
Grundy	TAR 18	Tasset & Greystead Books	MM-84 LX-80

EVIDENCE

Extant

DESCRIPTION

Behind the house stand a group of planned farm buildings rather more extensive than those associated with most upland farms. They are built of roughly-coursed and roughly-squared stone, with tooled-and-margined quoins and dressings, although these are of a different and rather cruder character than those of the house; the roofs are of Welsh slate. The buildings enclose three sides of a rectangular yard opening to the south and are single-storeyed except for the central section of the rear range. Most of the doors and windows have chamfered alternating-block surrounds and there are three elliptical arches in the north range, a single one to the east of the three-storey part and a pair to the west. The side ranges have coped gables, the eastern (a wash house, although perhaps originally a smithy) capped by a small stack and the western with an elliptical arch (now in poor condition) with an external rebate. The central part of the north range has what looks like an inserted window on the ground floor, with a timber lintel, although internally its head is flanked by a pair of puzzling stone corbels, and there is another over the northern of the two doorways in the west wall; the floor of the meal loft above is clearly not original. The lower floor was a byre and retains its old stalls, which have metal numbers (16-20) fixed to the horizontal rear rail. The loft above is reached by a timber stair in the barn, set north-south and extending to the rear of this section; its plaster walls bear pencilled graffiti dating back at least to the early 20th century. Quite common in farm buildings these are of some local historic interest, and in this case include notes of contemporary weather and at least one riddle.

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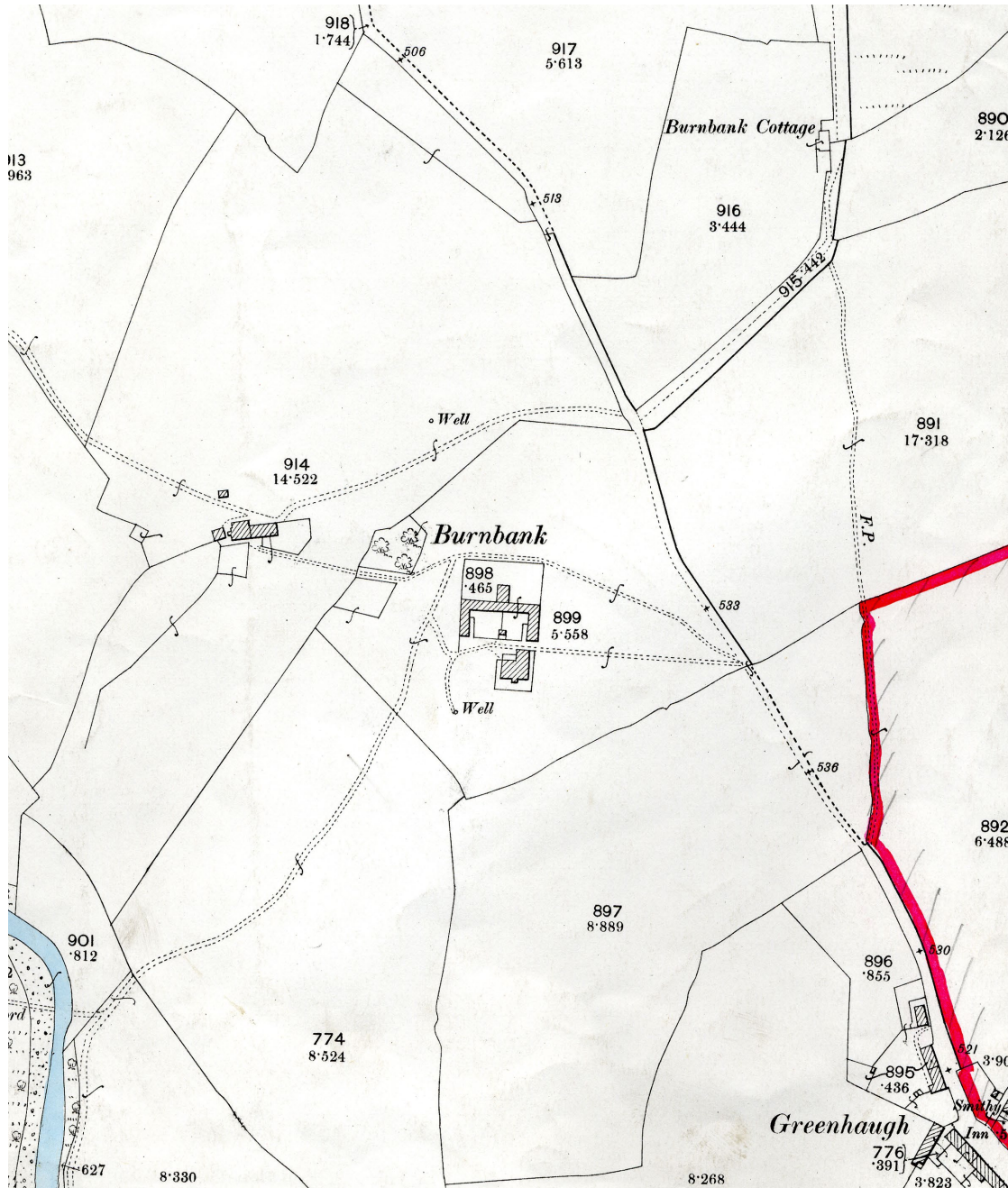
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The front wall of the yard has a gabled coping and a pair of openings each of which retains one monolithic gable-topped pier. Set just behind the central section is a small rectangular building, probably a pig-sty but latterly a coal store, with a mono-pitched roof.

IMAGES



Burnbank on the 2nd Edition OS map, 1:2500

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REFERENCES

1	Tarset Archive Group Farm Survey (2006) – Burnbank - produced by The Archaeological Practice, Newcastle upon Tyne.	
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