



[Place-names - Caitiosbhal]

Reference No. 194: Catisbhal area and Catisbhal Hill - The place name Catisbhal is obviously a Norse word. It is descriptive of the area of common grazing to the west of Calbost, fronting onto crofts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 14. There is also in that area the prominent hill known as Catisbhal Hill.

Reference No. 195: 'Loch Beag Catisbhal' - This is a fresh water loch near Catisbhal Hill.

Reference No. 196: 'Allt Loch Catisbhal' - A stream flowing out from Loch Catisbhal.

Reference No. 197: 'Gàrradh Catisbhal' - The Gaelic word gàrradh is usually applied locally to a cultivated area, but it is also applied to home pasture and sheiling locations. It is possible that there were sheilings in this area.

Reference No. 198: 'Loch na Ba Riabhaich' - The loch of the speckled or greyish cow. This is a fresh water loch situated at the west boundary of Catisbhal area. We suspect that there was once folklore, now lost, behind how this place got its name.

Reference No. 199: 'Druim Loch na Ba Riabhaich' - This is a ridge near Loch Na Ba Riabhaich.

Reference No. 200: 'An Àirigh Riabhaich' - The site of a sheiling at one time.

Reference No. 201: 'Loch Fheoir Àirigh Phadruig' - A fresh water loch near Peter's sheiling.

Reference No. 202: 'Àirigh Phadruig' - The site of Peter's summer sheiling.

Reference No. 203: 'Àirigh Speireag' - Indicating the sheiling near to the rock of the sparrow hawk.

Reference No. 204: 'Creag Speireag' - The rock of the sparrow hawk.

Reference No. 205: 'Loch an Sgeireach' - A small fresh water loch, shallow and rocky, in the Catisbhal area.

Reference No. 206: 'Creag Breac' - A Gaelic place name meaning a speckled rock, probably a rock of stratified formation.

Reference No. 207: 'Stionnol Bheag' - The smaller of two hills of the same name.

Reference No. 208: 'Stionnol Mhor' - The higher of the two Stionnol Hills.

Reference No. 209: 'Loch Dubh Stionnol' - A fresh water loch near the Stionnol Hills.

Reference No. 210: 'Loch Beag Stionnol' - The smaller of two fresh water lochs near the Stionnol Hills.

Reference No. 211: 'Loch na h-Aoidh Thioram' - A fresh water loch in the Catisbhal area.

Reference No. 212: 'Loch Aoidh na Cloich Bàn' - A fresh water loch with a Gaelic name.

Reference No. 213: 'Loch a Coirre' - A shallow fresh water loch, now drained.

Reference No 214: 'Gleann a Ghàrraidh Mhòir' - A long narrow glen. The glen of the big dyke. Unfortunately we are not aware of the significance of the reference to a dyke in this place.

Reference No. 215: 'Loch Caol a Ghàrraidh Mhòir' - A long narrow fresh water loch.

Reference no. 216: 'Loch Leathainn' - A small fresh water loch. It is quite deep and a small stream flows from it into Loch Caol a Ghàrraidh Mhoir.

Reference No. 217: 'Loch Uachdair a Loin' - A small fresh water loch out of which flows a small stream, partly underground, into Loch na h-àirigh.

Reference No. 218: 'Loch na Bacan' - A small fresh water loch out of which flows a small stream.

Reference No. 219: 'Druim na Bacan' - A Gaelic name. Druim means a ridge or small hill. Bacan usually means a tether stake. It is not known why this ridge or knoll was named this way. More research is needed.

Reference No. 220: 'Loch Caol' - This is a small fresh water loch out of which flows a small stream into Loch an Daim, situated adjacent to and north of Loch na Ba Riabhaich.

Reference No. 221: 'Druim a Loch Chaol' - This is a long narrow low rocky hill between the southern end of Loch Chatibhal and Loch Caol.

Reference No. 222: 'Loch Na h-Uighean (the loch of the eggs) - A Gaelic name. The reason for this name is now lost, but we may be sure that there is a story behind it.

Reference No. 223: 'Tom a Ghrugaich' - A Gaelic name. Tom means a hillock or knoll. Gruagaich means a kelpie or monster (the hill of the kelpie).

Reference No. 224: 'Duntatha Bheag' - This is the smaller of two prominent hills of the same name in the Catisbhal area between Calbost and Gravir.

Reference No. 225: 'Duntatha Mhor' - The higher of the two hills of this name. We feel that the name is probably Norse.

Reference No. 226: 'Loch Mor Dhuntatha' - The largest of two fresh water lochs near Duntatha Hill in the Catisbhal area near the Calbost to Gravir road.

Reference No. 227: 'Loch Beag Dhuntatha' - The smaller of the two lochs near Duntatha Hill.

Reference No. 228: 'Àirigh na h-Aon Oidhche' - This is the celebrated one night sheiling about which we heard so much in our youth. See reference 280.

Reference No. 229: 'Loch Àirigh na h-Aon Oidhche' - This fresh water loch at the back of Duntatha Hill is celebrated in the folklore tale of the same name. See reference 257 for the story.

Reference No. 230: 'Allt Loch Àirigh na h-Aon Oidhche' - This is the stream, which flows from Loch Àirigh Na h-Aon Oidhche.

Reference No. 231: 'Loch na Faileag' - This is the large fresh water loch beside the main Calbost to Gravir road, through which the Calbost village boundary runs in a straight line from Clach Uilleam on the shore of Loch Odhairn to Tom a Gruagaich.

Reference No. 232: 'Eomhainn Bheag' - This is the smaller of two prominent hills south west of Calbost village.

Reference No. 233: 'Eomhainn Mhor' - This is the higher of the two hills of the same name near Calbost. We wonder if the name is Norse.

Reference No. 234: 'Loch Beag na Eomhainn' - This is the smaller of the two Eomhainn fresh water lochs, south west of Calbost.

Reference No. 235: 'Loch Caol na Eomhainn' - A shallow narrow fresh water loch south west of Calbost.

Reference No. 236: '236: 'Sithean Loch Caol na Eomhainn' - A small hill west of Eomhainn Bheag. Sithean is a fairy hill in folklore.

Reference No. 237: 'Sithean Biorach' - A small fairy hill above Clach Uilleam on the north shore of Loch Odhairn.

Reference No. 238: 'Cnoc nan Iolair' - A small hill near Sithean Biorach above the shore on the north side of Loch Odhairn.

Reference No. 239: 'Loch Fheoir' - A small fresh water loch east of Loch Faileag.

Reference No. 240: 'Làrach a Mart' - A Gaelic name meaning the lair, or resting place of a cow.

Reference No. 241: 'Cnoc na Cloich' - A small hill in the Catisbhal area meaning the hill of the store.

Reference No. 242: 'Sithean an Airgid' - Literally means the fairy hill of the money. We may be sure that there is a story behind this name, but unfortunately there is no oral tradition in existence.

Reference No. 243: 'A Bheinn Mhor' - A prominent hill in the Catisbhal area.

Reference No. 244: 'Loch na Cearlan Sloman' - This is a fresh water loch located at the western side of Cnoc Na Airidh Duibh. A stream flows from it into Loch Beag Catisbhal. Cearlan is the Gaelic word for balls of wool yarn.

Reference No. 245: 'An Àirigh Dubh' - This summer sheiling is located near loch Na h-Àirigh Dhuibh about three quarters of a mile west of Calbost village.

Reference No. 246: 'Loch na h-Àirigh Dhuibh' - A fresh water loch beside the main Calbost to Gravir road, a little west of Calbost.

Reference No. 247: 'Allt Loch na h-Àirigh Dhuibh' - A small stream flowing from Loch Na h-Àirigh Dhuibh into Loch Mhircabhat.

Reference No. 248: 'Cnoc na h-Àirigh Dhuibh' - A small hill near Loch Na h-Àirigh Dhuibh, a little to the west of Calbost village.

Reference No. 249: 'Na Leachan Dubha' - A rocky ridge situated about half a mile west of Calbost village above the Calbost to Gravir road.

Reference No. 250: 'An Amhainn Mhor' - This is the river that flows out of Loch Catisbhal and into Loch Mhircabhat west of Calbost village.

Reference No. 251: 'Loch Mhircabhat' - A fresh water loch west of Calbost village bordering on crofts 13 and 14 towards the Catisbhal area.

Reference No. 252: 'Poll a Pluic' - A pond, or pool formed at the entrance of Amhainn Mhor Catisbhal into Loch Mhircabhat on the west side of the loch.

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