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FORESTRY COMMISSION – DORNOCH FOREST DISTRICT THE HARRIET PLANTATION SITES

These are thought to represent dwellings to which primary clearance families were directed. They in due course became secondary clearance victims. When, after drainage and enclosure in 1841, some 240 acres of hill top were planted with larch, scots fir and spruce in 1842 at a total cost of £285-15-1, to quote James Loch's report of 1845. They have therefore been derelict since 1841.

Five sites are known, of which four, only, remain extant, labelled A-D, site E being covered with rubble from the original forest road. The simple plans of these sites are exhibited, as at 1988, site B including a corn-drying kiln. These remains had all been planted over to hasten disruption by the tree root systems, but the Forestry Commission have undertaken the clearance of sites A, B and C for preservation, as replanting is under way.