

Carmount Roman Marching Camp - hidden in Plain Sight.

The British Library, in 2014, was good enough, in payment of the cost, to digitise, and send copies of the two "draft" versions of Kincardineshire for the Roy Great Map to the writer. These were displayed at Stonehaven Library but since stored away. Broadly, one covers the Cowie Water and the other, the Luther & Bervie Waters. The latter in particular still has the "workings" lightly sketched in along with feature "names". These "names" were inked in by the same "hand" as that used for the Cowie area. There are no "workings" on the Cowie map. Below Carmount, beside Farside, an enclosure is shown around the house, and **to the left not one but two rectangles** exactly where the outline exists on the final map version.



These pencil lines by the surveyor responsible for the draft extracts are the start point of the case for there having been a Carmount Roman Marching Camp. A visit to the site reveals its excellent outlook, proximity to a route north, but also a vulnerability from that direction too. Perhaps it was the camp, Tacitus describes as being the one where an under strength legion was almost overcome by the locals.