

FIELD NAME: TANK / TWELVE ACRE

FIELD NAME CLASSIFICATION: WATER / AREA

Fields are often named after a distinguishing feature on the farm and the field named Tank (left of drystone dyke) is has a brick-built water reservoir within its boundaries. It is a common name with 5 other farms in the area having a Tank Field. This field has a long stretch of level ground which is unusual in an area where the land is characterised by its undulating landscape. The field has been utilised as the home to “Borgue International Airport”.

The area, size, shape, and distance from the farm are all common ways of naming fields. Most fields named after their area do reflect their actual acreage, such as this field named Twelve Acre (right of drystone dyke), but there is often a discrepancy because the old Scots acre is larger than the English acre. Sometimes the difference between name and actual size is explained by a change in boundary. A field named Twenty-one Acre is in fact 33 acres and is an example where a dividing boundary has been removed but the old name of one of the fields has stuck for the now enlarged field.



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