

### Archaeology Notes from HES Canmore. Approx 1980

NT96SW 8.00 92794 60953 St Dionysius Church

NT96SW 8.01 92819 60933 Churchyard

(NT 9279 6095) St Dionysius's Church (NR) (remains of)

OS 6" map, (1970).

The roofless remains of the original Ayton Parish Church, which was dedicated to St Dionysius, stand within a burial ground E of the modern church. It was erected in the early 12th century, though there is evidence of extensive alteration and rebuilding. It now stands in two sections, the main body of the church to the N, and a now detached transept S of the E end of the nave. The walls are 2ft thick and of uneven height, 18ft maximum. The best preserved portion, the S transept, measures 20ft by 29ft and has a segmental-headed doorway in its E wall, and a round-headed window, divided by mullions into three lights, in the S wall. It is now closed and used for burials.

RCAHMS 1915, visited 1908; D MacGibbon and T Ross 1897; J Ferguson 1892; RCAHMS 1980, visited 1979; I B Cowan 1967.

The remains of this church are in poor condition. It is divided by a modern footpath into two sections. The S transept appears to be of different construction to the remainder of the church, which in general is an early structure with some 'modern' work (e.g. window jambs, quoins, etc) incorporated in its walls.

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Previous field report confirmed.

Visited by OS (WDJ) 25 January 1966.