

Extract from The
Gentleman's Magazine

1768

A Quarter of a mile east of Roxwell,
near the road from Winfrith Newburgh to
Weymouth, are fifteen stones, ranged in a
circular form; one or two seem to be wanting
on the north-east; or perhaps a vacant
space was left for an entrance, some of
them are quite level with, others but little
above the surface of the ground; two on the
south-west are 2 feet high and broad. some
scarcely 1. They are extremely rude, irregular,
and full of holes, worn by the weather, and
time. they stand on a steep, or rising
ground. round which are the remains of
a shallow ditch, The diameter of the circle
is $4\frac{1}{2}$ yards, eight or nine paces from this
are three or four erect stones, which might
perhaps have been the remains of another,
about 200 yards from these, on the north-east
are four larger, which perhaps formed another
larger circle, or might have been an avenue
to the former.

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Travellers

of

Poxwell Circle

by

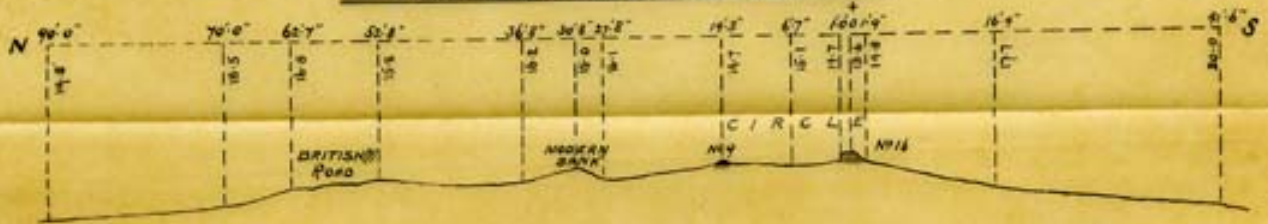
General Pitt-Rivers

Comm^o for the Act for the Preservation of Ancient Monuments

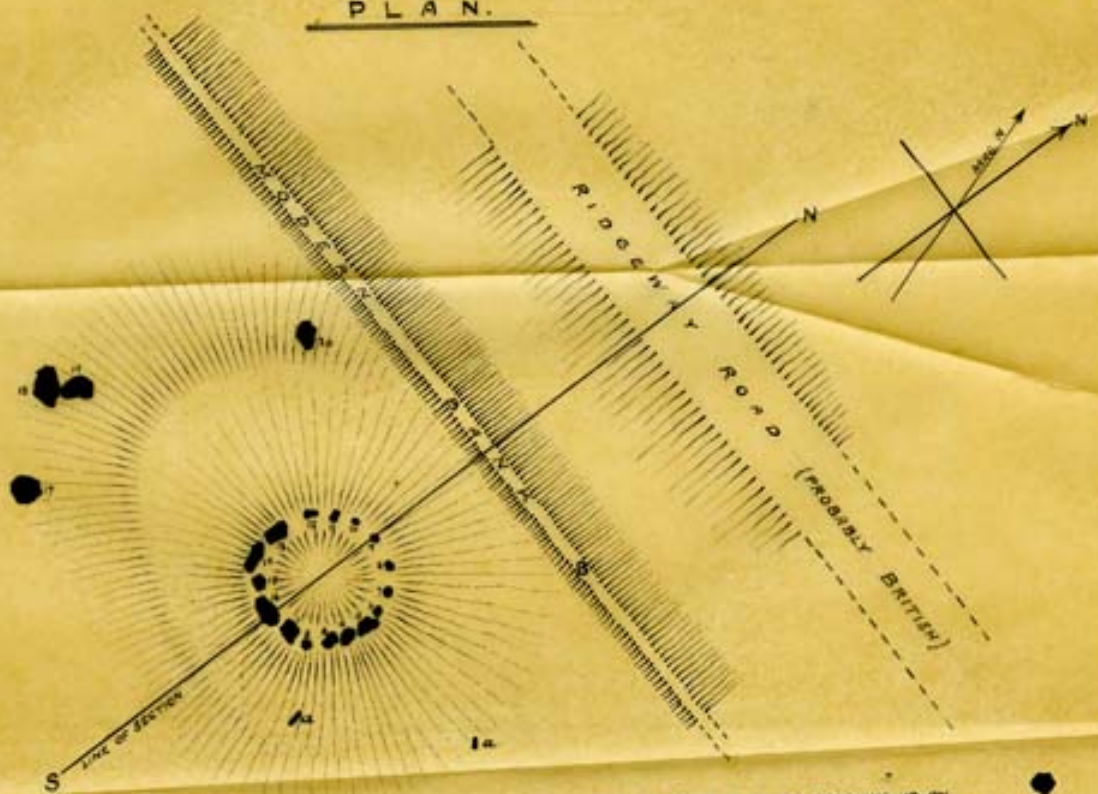
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PLAN AND SECTION OF STONE CIRCLE,
ON THE RIDGEWAY, NEAR POXWELL,
DORSETSHIRE.

SECTION ON N. AND S. LINE OF PLAN.



PLAN.

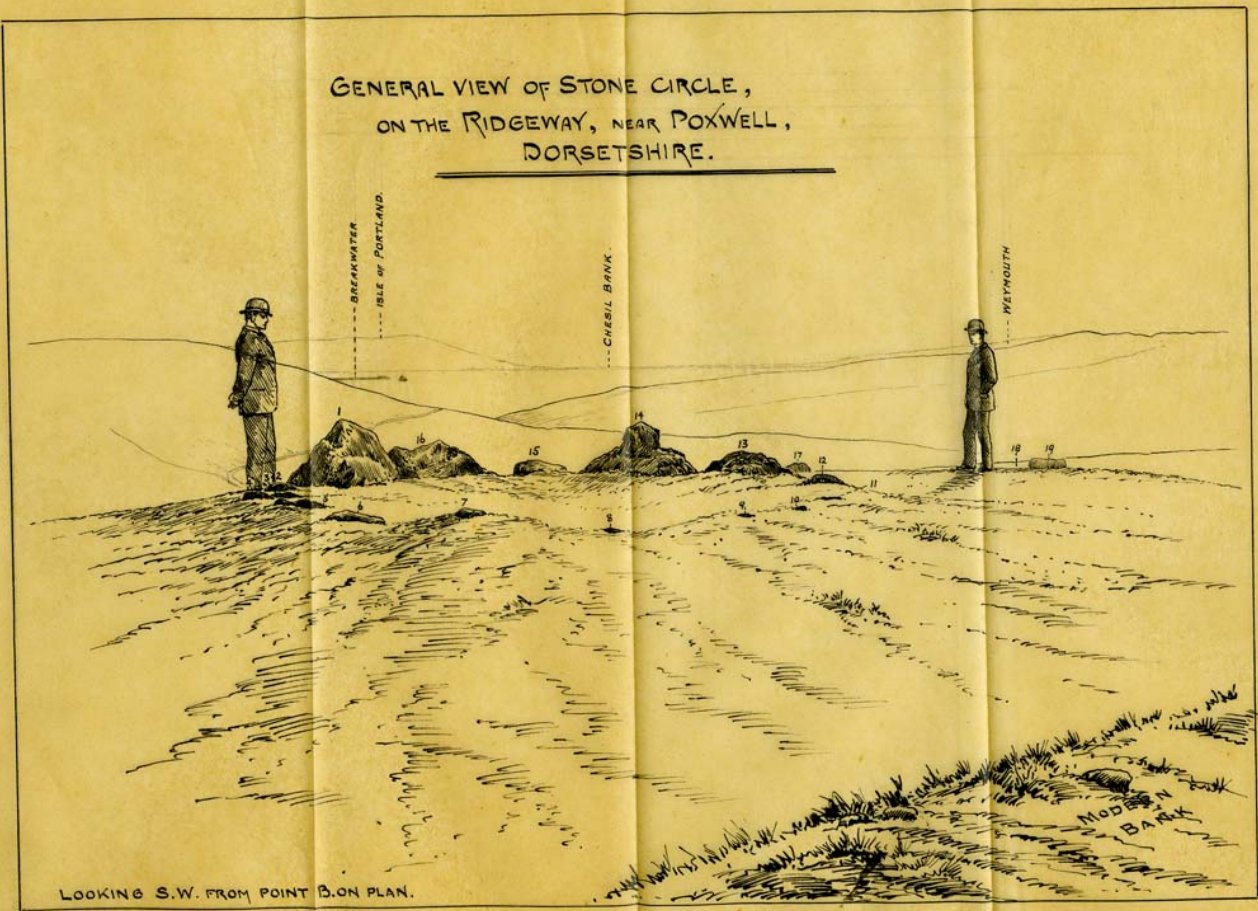


E. G. ENDS OF SLABS CROPPING UP ON
THE SURFACE, PROBABLY CISTS.

Scale of 10 20 30 40 50 feet.

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GENERAL VIEW OF STONE CIRCLE,
ON THE RIDGEWAY, NEAR POXWELL,
DORSETSHIRE.



LOOKING S.W. FROM POINT D. ON PLAN.

FROM DRAWING MADE WITH CAMERA LUCIDA.

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WHATCOMBE,
BLANDFORD.
—AND TELEGRAPH—

Jan 7. 1889

My dear General Pitt Rivers

I find the 'Circle'
of persons belongs to
Colonel Combridge. I will
write over to Mr. Combridge
next week & see him
about it. His brother who
is not on speaking terms &
leaves it to me which I
will do promptly. I am
extremely sorry to hear
of Mr de Worme's letter
which is disgraceful & means
nothing to attack you & a
public paper just as he is

STURGEON GENERAL
DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON

Leave the camp
with upper reservation
& Mrs Pitt-Rivers

I remain

Yours very truly

H. Marshall-Meredith

PR Box 113/23
Duo. M. Act

—
Dorset Monuments

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Pokeswell Stone Circle

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Stone Circle at Pokeswell. Dorset.

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Rushmore

Salisbury

Nov. 2. 1887

Dear Mr. Mansel Pleydell

Do you know Col. Cambridge. I am not acquainted with him. He is the owner of a stone circle at Pokeswell near Dorchester. which I should like to get put under the act. I will write to him but not knowing him personally it would probably have a better effect if you would not mind taking the trouble of writing to him also. His address is I believe Bloxworth, Wareham.

Yours very truly
A. Pitt Rivers.

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Stloyworth House
Wareham
Dorset
5/11/87

Sir

I am in receipt of your
letter regarding the
supposed suicidal
remains at Foxwell -
I have always had very
much doubt as to its
being any thing of the
kind - but merely
a few stones lying
about, the refuse of an

old quarry -

The picture of it in the
Dorset Antiquary book
is very much exaggerated
as there are no stones
lying about that any
one could imagine
a circle had existed -

I do not wish under
any circumstances
(whatever there may
be there) that it
should be brought

under the protection
of the act -

I am
yours truly

Josiah P. Sambidge
Colonel

Dorset Field Club
on the Monument
in county.

Letter to paper about,

by Genl. P. R.

P.R. Box 3/31
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Feb. 7 '84

Feb 7th 1887.

Sir

From the remarks that were made at the meeting of the Dorset Natural History Field Club the report of which appeared in your last number. It would appear as if I had advocated some lesser scheme for collecting scientific information than that which the Club are able and willing to undertake. This however requires explanation. There can be no doubt that the field club is well engaged in collecting and tabulating information upon all the various subjects that fall within its province and this is done to the well done under the able guidance of W. Maundell Pleydell the President. Any recommendations that I have made upon the subject have been based reference to the Ancient Monuments act only the carrying out of which in Great Britain has been placed in my hands by the Government. The act is purely permissive and at present relates to prehistoric monuments only nor does the Government propose to include in the act all the ^{prehistoric} monuments that can be obtained but only the most important ones. It would not be right to saddle the country with the expense of maintaining minor monuments and must be left to local societies to look after. It is possible the scope of the act may be extended hereafter meanwhile neither British nor Roman roads have as yet been included to protect a road would require the voluntary cooperation of all the owners over whose property the road passes, forsethless

Mr. Williams has offered the nine horses at
Woolbourne Abbas. Mr. Sherburne the Grey
mare & colts, and Kingstone Russet mare
could have been offered by the Duke of Bedford
that I ~~th~~ trust will be accepted & others
no doubt may be added to the list.

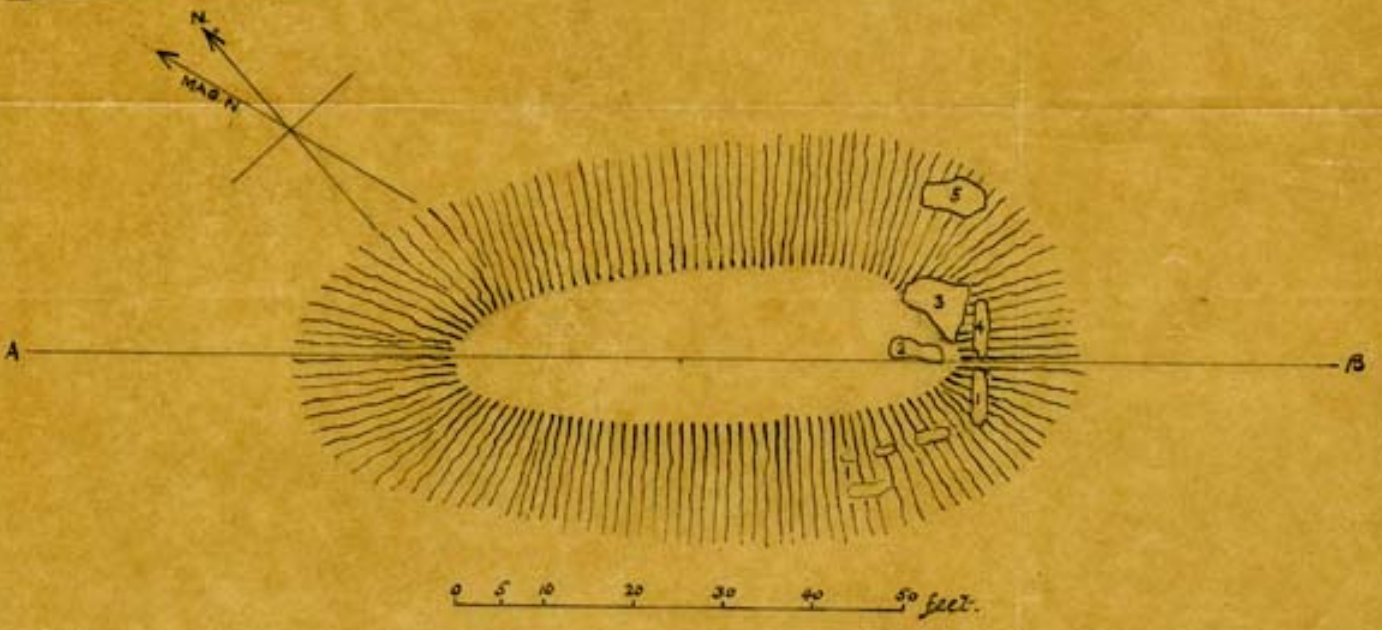
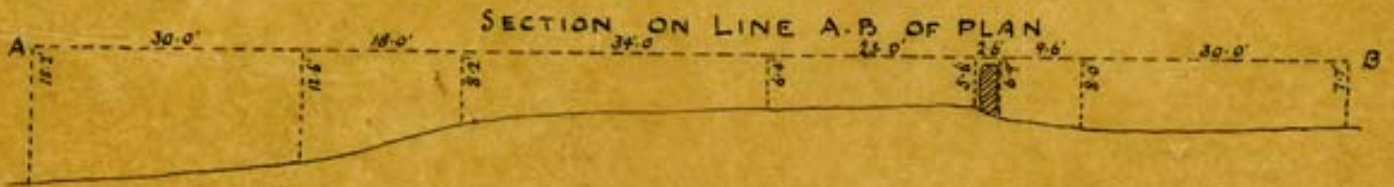
Great Field Club
on the Monument
in court.
Letter to paper about,

Mr. J. R.
by hand, P. R.

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CROMLECH NEAR TENANT HILL, NEAR GORWELL, DORSETSHIRE.



SKETCH VIEW FROM S. 14° W. MAG.