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 ST52066180

 UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL
 SPELAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY
 CATALOGUE OF BARROWS

 T41
 No.

Type	Mound		Ditch		Berm	Outer Bank		Enclosed Area	
	Diam.	Height	Width	Depth	Width	Width	Depth	Diam.	Depth
Long									

 Long Barrows only. Orientation (wider end first) *see below*
 Length Width Width

 Situation *Som. 11 S.E.*

 Soil and Sub-soil *Limestone*

 Local Name *Fairy Toot*

 County *SOMERSET*

 Parish *G Butcombe I*
~~NEMINETT TROBELL~~

This the well known Fairy Toot Long Barrow. It is now completely ruined. Many accounts and references are known. One of the earliest is The Gentleman's Magazine for 1789.

Marked on O.S. map 1941 ed.

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Kelly's P.O. Directory ? 1875. p. 467

Ref. from Marjorie Crook, recd. 12/2/1969

In this parish is a large tumulus or barrow, 60 yds in length and 20 in breadth and 15 ft. in height, covered to its top with ash trees, briars and thick shrubs. It is composed throughout of a mass of stones supported on each side lengthwise by a wall of thin flakes. The distance between the two walls is about 8 ft. and the intermediate space is filled up with two rows of cells or cavities, formed by very large stones set edgewise. These cells run from north to south and are divided by vast stones placed on their edges and covered with others still larger by way of ??? In one of these cells were found seven skulls, one quite perfect; in another a large heap of small human bones and horses teeth; no coins or such other relics have been discovered so as to mark the period at which the sepulchre was constructed but it is undoubtedly one of the noblest of its kind in Great Britain and probably contains the remains of some settlement. The stones of the cemetery during the last 30 years have been from time to time used in the burning of lime.