

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL



FIELD MONUMENTS

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES AND MONUMENTS RECORD

1 SITE CODE									
H	N	C	6	3	N	W	0	0	8
2 NGR									
N	C	6	3	4	7	3	8	3	7
3 QUAL									
6 SITE NAME									
G	R	U	M	B	E	G			
10 GENERIC TYPE									
GRAVEYARD + CROSS-SLAB + CUP-MARKS, BOULDER									
14 PERIOD/DATE					15 DATING METHOD				
EM = LM + BA					TYP				
18 SHAPE									
19 THREAT AND DATE									

4 DISTRICT SUTHERLAND		5 PARISH FARR	
7 AREA STATUS	8 SITE STATUS	9 REGIONAL STATUS	
11 CONCORDANCE OS NC 63 NW 8 + NMR 31		12 FORM STANDING STRUCTURES	
16 RELATIONSHIP OF ELEMENTS CUP-MARKED BOULDER AND CROSS SLAB ALLEGEDLY IN GRAVEYARD		17 CONDITION DISUSED	
20 LAND USE CEMETERY		21 GEOLOGY	
22 SOILS		23 VEGETATION	
24 HYDROLOGY/DRAINAGE		25 RELIEF ROCKY KNOLL ON STEEP HILLSLOPE	
		26 ASPECT SSE	
		27 ALTITUDE 99=107m OD	

28 EXCAVATION (EXCAVATOR: DATE: EXTENT: QUALITY)	
29 BIBLIOGRAPHY (AUTHOR: DATE: TITLE: JOURNAL OR PUBLISHER: VOLUME: DETAIL)	
1. ORDNANCE SURVEY: 1964: 6" MAP. 2. RCAHMS: 1911: SUTHERLAND INVENTORY: HMSO: p86 Nos 250-52. 3. MACDONALD A. & LAING L.: 1973: PROC SOC ANT SCOT: 102: p134. 4. MACKAY: REV. A.: 1906: PROC. SOC. ANT. SCOT. : VOL. 40: p 130.	
30 GROUND PLAN NO.	31 GROUND PHOTO NO.
32 SLIDES NO.	33 HR. AP. NO.
34 NMR. AP. NO.	35 OTHER AP. NO.: SOURCE
36 ARCHIVE AND LOCATION	
37 GEOPHYSICAL SURVEY	38 SAMPLES
39 PALYNOLOGY	40 NUMERICAL DATES: RANGE: LAB NO.
41 SMALL FINDS	42 MUSEUM/LOCATION
43 OTHER	

44 NAME & ADDRESS OF OWNER		45 ATTITUDE OF OWNER	
46 NAME & ADDRESS OF TENANT		47 ATTITUDE OF TENANT	

48 ACCESS & RESTRICTIONS	
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49 NAME & ADDRESS OF FINDER/RECORDER: DATE		50 RECORDER: DATE		51 CHECK: DATE	
		HAR: 12.3.1985		HAR: 9.4.1985	

52 TEXT

'An ancient burial ground of the Aberach Mackays, no longer in use. Situated on a rock knoll and divided into two sections; the rectangular part to the South (according to Mr. MacLennan, Shepherd, Grumbeg, Strathnaver) is a private burial ground of the Mackays although it strongly resembles a ruined chapel or meeting house. Both parts of the burial ground are littered with slab-covered graves. Two cross-incised slabs (HNC 63 NW 008 A) and a cup marked stone (HNC 63 NW 008 B) have been recorded, but nothing early christian was noted by Macdonald (3). or the Ordnance Survey. (OSFI:JB:12.4.1973).

"See continuation cards for rest of text."

250. *Sculptured Cross, Grumbeg, Loch Naver.*—On the top of the E. wall which surrounds the ancient burial-ground of the Aberneth Mackays at Grumbeg, on the N. side of Loch Naver, and some 6' from the SE. corner of the wall, is a stone with a cross incised on it. The stone measures 2' 4" in length, 6" in depth, and 7" in width; and the cross, which is at one end, occupies the breadth of the stone, and is 1' 1" long. The upper and lower arms slightly exceed in length the lateral arms. The upper and lateral arms terminate in semicircular expansions, while the other or lower end has a heart-shaped termination. The semicircular expansions enclose two small hollowed triangular compartments (on one side obliterated), while the remaining expansion bears a double incurving spiral (fig. 30).

251. *Do., do.*—A few feet to the N. of the above, also on the top of the wall, is a similar slab, some 3' in length, with a quadrangular figure 8" square incised on the face of it, and subdivided by four intersecting lines, cutting each other at right angles, thus forming four small connected crosses.

(2)

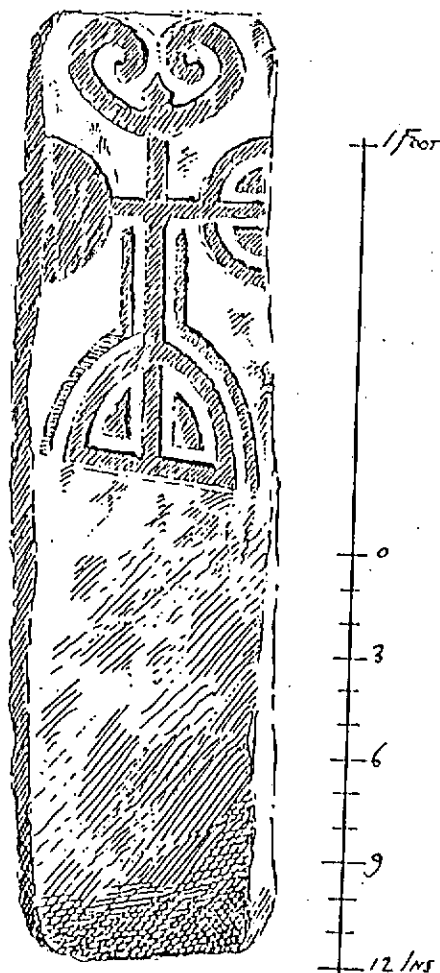


FIG. 30.—Sculptured Cross, Grumbeg (No. 250).

"Numerous unmarked slabs lie within both parts of the burial ground, but the cross slabs could not be located."

(OSFI:JB:12.4.1977).

(NC 6346 3837) Cup-marked Stone (NR).

(1)

A cup-marked stone was found in the burial place of Grumbeg in September 1905. It was standing upright at the head of a grave and protruded 6 ins above the ground. It is evidently a fragment of a larger slab and would appear to have been moved to its present position from elsewhere.

(4)

The stone of micaceous schist is triangular in shape, measuring 20 ins by 18 ins and 4 ins thick, and bears three well-defined cup-marks about 3 ins diameter and 1. ins deep, and another less well defined marking towards the base.

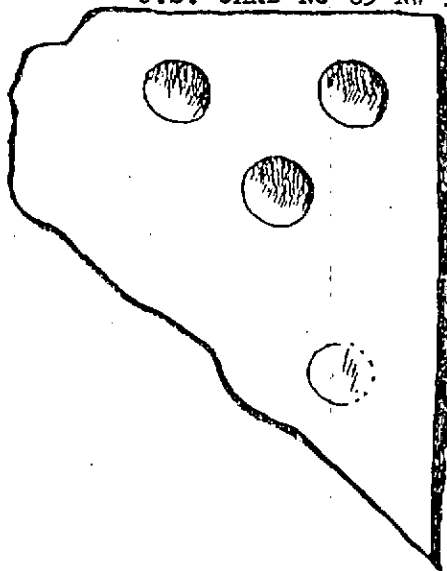
(3)

The stone was located in 1961 (see photograph (4)), and was laid face down in the graveyard in 1971. According to Mr MacLennan, this cup-marked stone was removed "some years ago" and placed in the museum at Bettyhill.

(OSFI:WDJ:13.5.1961)

(OSFI:NKB:27.4.1977)

O.S. CARD NC 63 NW 31.



Cup-marked Stone at Grumbeg.