

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL /

FIELD MONUMENTS

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES AND MONUMENTS RECORD



4 DISTRICT SKYE AND LOCHALSH		5 PARISH PORTREE		1 SITE CODE H N G 5 3 N W 0 0 1	
7 AREA STATUS SSSI		8 SITE STATUS SCHEDULED + 'B' LISTED		2 NGR N G 5 4 8 3 3 6 6 3	
11 CONCORDANCE OS NG 53 NW 1		12 FORM STANDING STRUCTURE		6 SITE NAME S T M A O L L U A G ' S	
16 RELATIONSHIP OF ELEMENTS		17 CONDITION INCOMPLETE		10 GENERIC TYPE CHAPEL + GRAVEYARD	
20 LAND USE OPEN WOODLAND		21 GEOLOGY		14 PERIOD/DATE LM/13TH CENT.	
22 SOILS		23 VEGETATION		15 DATING METHOD TYP	
24 HYDROLOGY/DRAINAGE		25 RELIEF MODERATE HILLSLOPE		18 SHAPE	
28 EXCAVATION (EXCAVATOR: DATE: EXTENT: QUALITY)		26 ASPECT S		19 THREAT AND DATE	
29 BIBLIOGRAPHY (AUTHOR: DATE: TITLE: JOURNAL OR PUBLISHER: VOLUME: DETAIL)		27 ALTITUDE 30.6 = 61m O.D.			
<p>1. ORDNANCE SURVEY:1904:6" MAP</p> <p>2. SCOTT,A.B:1918:THE PICTISH NATION,ITS PEOPLE AND ITS CHURCH:pp236-237</p> <p>3. :1855:ORIGINES PAROCHIALES SCOTIA: :VOL.2,pt.1:p347</p> <p>4. MARTIN,MARTIN:1934:A DESCRIPTION OF THE WESTERN ISLES:p215</p> <p>5. RCAHMS:1928:SKYE INVENTORY:HMSO:p.178,No.573</p> <p>6. HBM (SDD):1985:LIST OF SCHEDULED MONUMENTS</p> <p>7. DOUGLAS SIMPSON,W:1935:THE CELTIC CHURCH IN SCOTLAND:pp.78-80,Fig.10 OVER....</p>					
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					
49 NAME & ADDRESS OF FINDER/RECORDER: DATE				50 RECORDER: DATE	
				AFM: 8.7.1986	
				51 CHECK DATE	
				JLM:25.7.1986	

52 TEXT

"NG 54833663. St. Maol-luag's Chapel (GT) (In ruins)." (1)

"St. Maol-laugh's Chapel, Raasay, a church dependent on Lismore in Loan, the central community of St. Moluag, (2) is described by Johnson as a chapel unroofed and ruinous. Its precincts were of old a sanctuary, which was marked by 8 erect stones or crosses mentioned by Martin as pyramids for deceased ladies, (NG 53 NW 4) some of which were remaining in 1773. (3) (4)"

"There is a tomb recess in the S wall."

"There is a decorated cross-slab in the burial ground." (5)

"St. Maol-luag's Chapel as described above. (See illustration card). On the S side of the chapel is a small detached 19th c. family burial vault of the Macleods of Raasay." (OSFI:ASP:12.6.1961)

6. " * Full name is 'St. Maol-Luag's Chapel', also known as 'St. Moluag's Chapel'."

29. 8. H.M.B. (SDD):1985:BSAHI LIST,COUNTY OF SKYE AND LOCHALSH
9. MACGIBBON,D & ROSS,T:1896:THE ECCLESIASTICAL ARCHITECTURE OF SCOTLAND:D.DOUGLAS:
VOL.1:p98

52. "The burial ground is still used for the descendants of those interred there."
"The decorated cross-slab mentioned by RCAHM could not be found, otherwise no change."
(OSFI:RL:22.9.1971)
"NG 548 366, Raasay House, St Maol-Luag's Chapel, 110m NE of."(6)
"St Moluag's Chapel, Raasay."(8)

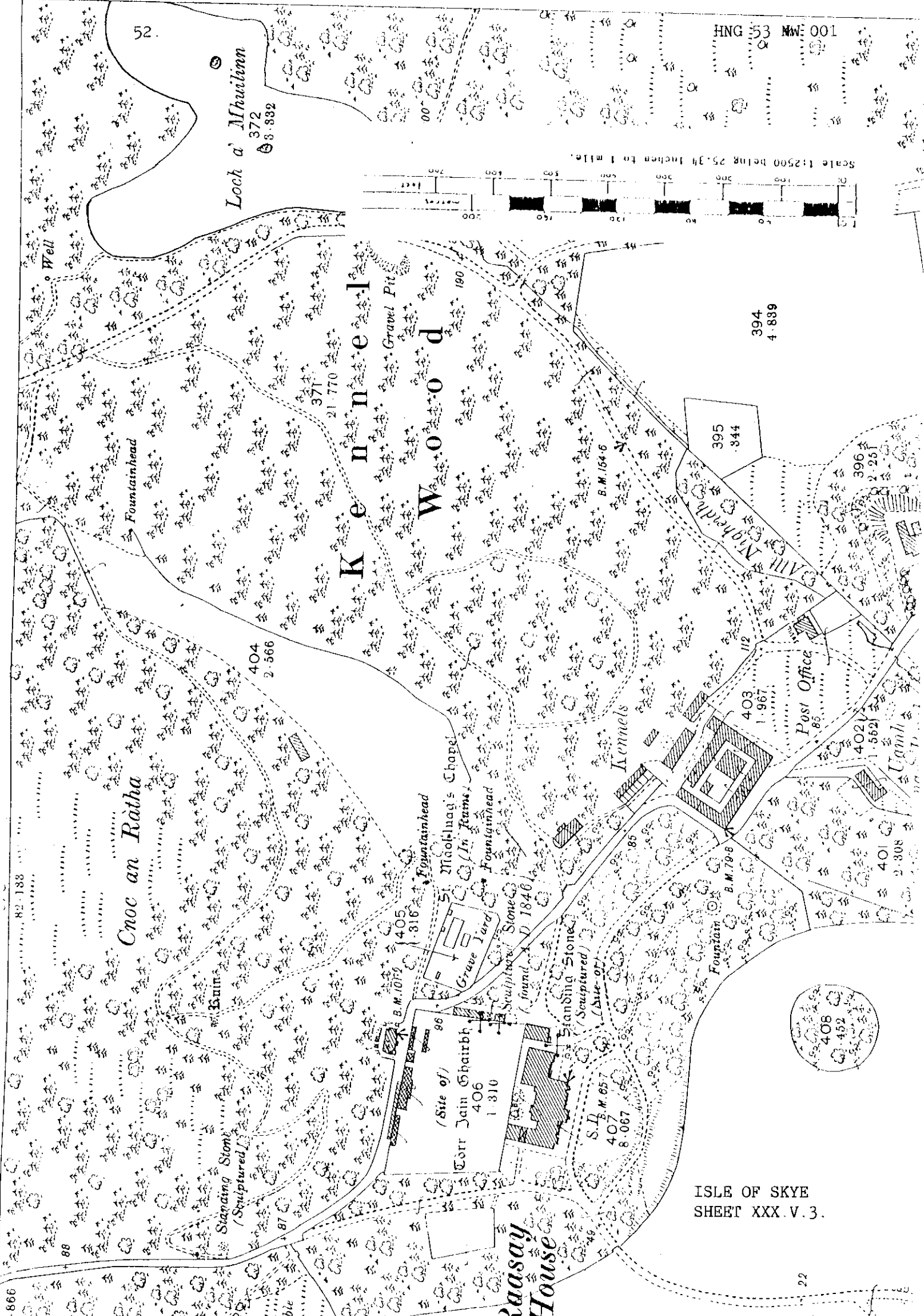
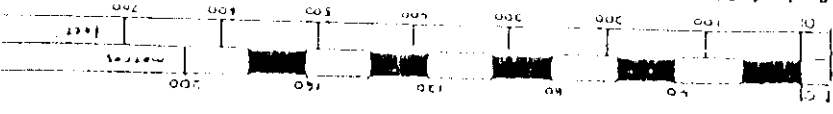
573. St. Maol-luag's Chapel, Raasay. The ruins of this chapel are situated at an elevation of 100 feet above sea-level in a small burial ground about 100 yards north-east of Raasay House. Both gables and the larger portion of the south wall remain to their original height, but the north wall is now considerably broken down. The ruin has a number of interesting features, details of which are to some extent obscured by obvious changes of ground level, both in the internal and external surroundings. The chapel is roofless and has been orientated north-west and south-east, and it measures externally 52 feet long, 24½ feet wide at the north-west gable and 21 feet wide at the south-east gable. The walls are 3 feet thick, and there is evidence, especially on the south wall, of structural alterations at different periods. The original door, 2 feet 8 inches wide, with chamfered jambs and lintel, was placed 16½ feet from the west end of the south wall, but owing to the configuration of the ground it now shows only to a height of 3 feet 4 inches, and it appears to have been built up and substituted by another doorway, traces of which can still be detected in the dilapidated wall on the north. Immediately above the original doorway an entrance to a gallery, probably reached by an outside wooden stair, has been inserted, but this entrance has also been subsequently built up and the interior of the chapel afterwards roughly plastered. On the same wall, but towards the east end, there are a round-headed window, splayed internally, and indications of a second window of like construction in a dilapidated portion adjoining the eastern gable. A similar window 3 feet 5 inches in height and 10½ inches wide occurs on the south-east gable, and this window is chamfered on the outside and splayed internally. There has apparently been another window in the east end of the north wall, but little remains to give any idea of its character. The western gable has been lit by three apertures, one of which is not now apparent externally. The two others are of lancet form, with the heads cut out of one stone. These lancet windows are chamfered on the outside and all three are splayed internally. The western gable is intaken 10 inches to 1 foot at 10½ feet above the present interior level, and remaining joist holes indicate that there was

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a gallery at this end. Similar joist holes in the north and south walls at 9 feet from the east gable possibly indicate provision for a screen. Midway in the interior between the two south wall windows the upper portion of a tomb recess shows to a height of 2 feet above the existing internal level.

CROSS-SLAB IN BURIAL GROUND.—Lying loose at the foot of a grave in the burial ground is a small cross-slab of red sandstone measuring 15½ by 6½ by 1½ inches. It bears on the rounded and somewhat mutilated upper portion the design, in low relief, of a cross-head with semi-circular hollow angles and arms of equal length connected at their extremities by a ring or glety.

Scale 1:2500 being 25.34 inches to 1 mile.



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Loch a' Mhuilinn
372
3832

Kenneil
Wood

Cnoc an Ratha

394
4889

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844

Post Office

403
1967

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1552

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2308

St. Maobhnaig's Chapel
(In Ruins)

Grave Yard

Torr Jain Ghairbh
(Site of)
406
1310

Standing Stone
(Sculptured)
(Site of)
407
8067

Fountain
B.M. 798

408
452

ISLE OF SKYE
SHEET XXX V.3.

Craasay
House