

# HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL



# FIELD MONUMENTS

## ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES AND MONUMENTS RECORD

1 SITE CODE										
H	N	H	7	5	N	W	0	0	7	A
2 NGR		3 QUAL								
N	H	7	3	72	5	7	6	3	C	E

4 DISTRICT ROSS & CROMARTY				5 PARISH ROSEMARKIE				6 SITE NAME ROSEMARKIE/CHURCH			
7 AREA STATUS		8 SITE STATUS		9 REGIONAL STATUS				10 GENERIC TYPE CHURCH,+ GRAVEYARD			
11 CONCORDANCE OS NH 75 NW 7 NMR		12 FORM STANDING STRUCTURE		13 DIMENSIONS				14 PERIOD/DATE 1821 A.D.		15 DATING METHOD D05	
16 RELATIONSHIP OF ELEMENTS PRESENT CHURCH BUILT ON SITE OF POSSIBLE MONASTERY (SEE HNH 75 NW 001A)				17 CONDITION FUNCTIONAL				18 SHAPE		19 THREAT AND DATE	
20 LAND USE CEMETERY				21 GEOLOGY				22 SOILS		23 VEGETATION	
24 HYDROLOGY/DRAINAGE				25 RELIEF MODERATE HILLSLOPE TO SHORE		26 ASPECT E = ESE = SE		27 ALTITUDE 10 = 15m O.D.			

28 EXCAVATION (EXCAVATOR: DATE: EXTENT: QUALITY)										

29 BIBLIOGRAPHY (AUTHOR: DATE: TITLE: JOURNAL OR PUBLISHER: VOLUME: DETAIL)

1. ORDNANCE SURVEY: 1959: 6" (PROV.) MAP
2. ORDNANCE SURVEY: 1906: 25" MAP
3. MACGIBBON & ROSS: 1896: ECCLESIASTICAL ARCHITECTURE OF SCOTLAND: :pp394-5
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5. : 1855: ORIGINES PAROCHIALES SCOTIAE: VOL. 2: Pt. 2
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7. MACRAE, M.: 1923: DINGWALL'S THOUSAND YEARS: :p281 OVER

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		51 CHECK: DATE	
				FJ: 11.2.1987		GS: 27.2.87.	

52 TEXT

"NH 73725763 Ch. (TU)" (1)

"Sculptured Stone (TI)" (2)

"The modern church of Rosemarkie stands on a site whose Christian history probably dates back to a foundation of St. Moluag, who died in 592, and is said to be buried here. Moluag's monastery was taken over, possibly in 716, by St. Boniface or Curitan, as a Culdie community. He dedicated the church to St. Peter, but it also became known as St. Boniface's." (3) (4) (6)

"The Culdie community is thought to have been converted to a Chapter, with the abbot or prior as Bishop, by David I (1124-53). The first mention of the Bishop of Rosemarkie is in 1126, and, according to Pullan, Rosemarkie church was still known as the 'Kyrk-

29. 8. PHILIP, REV. A. M.: 1903-4: SCOTTISH ECCLESIASTICAL SOCIETY TRANSACTIONS: VOL. 1: p92
9. FEACHEM, R. W.: 1963: GUIDE TO PREHISTORIC SCOTLAND: BATSFORD: p19
10. ALLEN, J. R.: 1903: EARLY CHRISTIAN MONUMENTS OF SCOTLAND: p85-8
11. HBM (SDD): 1985: BSAHI LIST, ROSS & CROMARTY
12. CLOSE-BROOKS, J.: 1986: EXPLORING SCOTLAND'S HERITAGE, THE HIGHLANDS: HMSO: p128
13. ORDNANCE SURVEY: 1977: 1/10,000 MAP
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52. Cathedral' in 1338, although the new cathedral at Fortrose (NH 75 NW 1) is thought to have been founded about 1235." (8)  
 "The present church was built in 1821. Its predecessor was repaired in 1735 when 'some stone coffins of rude workmanship' were found in a vault." (9) (10)  
 "A Class II cross slab, probably dating from about the 9th c., was found in the floor of the church. Scheduled, it stands 8' 6" (2.59m) high, and is preserved in the church-yard close to the church."  
 "NH 7372 5763 Church" (12)

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# ARTEFACTS

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1 SITE CODE H N H 7 5 N W 0 0 7 B		2 NGR N H 7 3 7 2 5 7 6 3		3 QUAL C E	
4 DISTRICT ROSS & CROMARTY			5 PARISH ROSEMARKIE		
6 SITE NAME R O S E M A R K I E *			7 GENERIC TYPE CROSS-SLAB (PICTISH CLASS II) CROSS: FREE STANDING		
8 CONCORDANCE os NH 75 NW 7		9 MUSEUM/LOCATION OF FIND(S) GROAM HOUSE MUSEUM + R.M.S. (QUEEN ST.)		10 ACCESSION NO.	
11 PERIOD/DATE EM (PIC.)			12 DATING METHOD TYP		
13 FIND CIRCUMSTANCES STRAY FINDS			14 CONDITION		
15 EXCAVATOR AND DATE			16 EXCAVATION RECORD NO.		
17 LAND USE CEMTERY			18 GEOLOGY		
19 SOILS			20 VEGETATION		
21 HYDROLOGY/DRAINAGE		22 RELIEF MODERATE HILLSLOPE TO SHORE		23 ASPECT E = ESE = SE	
				24 ALTITUDE 12 = 15m O.D.	
25 DETAILED DESCRIPTION/DIMENSIONS					
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"A Class II cross slab, probably dating from about the 9th c., was found in the floor of the church. Scheduled, it stands 8' 6" (2.59m) high, and is preserved in the churchyard close to the church."

"Four Class III fragments have also been found in churchyard. One of these (Fig.83) lies on the grave of Donald Bain. The others are in N.M.A.S."

"The church and Class II cross-slab, the latter supported in an iron framework close to the west porch, are as described by previous authorities. There is no trace of the class III fragment in the still-used graveyard: Mr. Fraser believes it was removed."

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6. " \* Full name is 'Rosemarkie Churchyard'."

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14. SUTHERLAND, E.: 1984: ROSEMARKIE SCULPTURED STONES: GROAM HOUSE PUBLICATION: No. 1  
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47. "The cross-slab was removed from near the door of the church several years ago, to be repaired. It is now in Groam House Museum, Rosemarkie."  
"See continuation card for illustration."



(11)

The discovery of numerous 'Pictish' carved stones in the vicinity of Rosemarkie church indicates that this site was one of considerable importance during Early Christian times. Of the nine items described below (1) is in Groam House, High Street, Rosemarkie; (2) and (6)-(8) are in the tool-shed at Rosemarkie church; (3)-(5) are in the National Museum of Antiquities of Scotland; and (9) is in Inverness Museum.

(1) \* This Class II 'Pictish' cross-slab bears a complex design which incorporates double disc, crescent, Z- and V-rod symbols, and zoomorphic interlaced decoration; it was discovered within the former parish church before 1821.

(2) At least four fragments remain of this Class III 'Pictish' symbol stone; it bears key-pattern decoration on one face.

(3) What may be a fragment of a Class III 'Pictish' cross-slab (NMAIS IB 127) bears a representation of a beast attacking a man; it was discovered in the churchyard.

(4) What may be a fragment of a Class III 'Pictish' cross-slab (NMAIS IB 119) bears a representation of two draped figures, probably ecclesiastics; it was discovered in the churchyard.

(5) This fragment of a Class III 'Pictish' symbol stone (NMAIS IB 120) bears borders of interlaced-work and plaited decoration; it was discovered in the churchyard.

(6) Two fragments remain of this sandstone slab which bears an outline Latin cross with rounded armpits and concave-ended sidearms.

(7) This sandstone slab bears an outline cross quadrate having a sunken cross-shaped pattern at the centre of the cross-head. Above the cross-head there are traces of the lower part of a four-legged creature whose head and body have been removed by the shortening of the slab.

(8) This sandstone slab measures 1.55m by 0.46m and 30mm in thickness; it bears key-pattern decoration on one face.

(9) In 1975 this fragment of a sandstone slab (INVMG 978-259) bearing the upper part of a ringed cross adorned with serpent coils was found in a rockery at Courthill, Rosemarkie (NH 735 576). *June 1979*  
Allen and Anderson 1903, iii, 63-8, 85-8; Macdonald and Laing 1970, 137; Henderson 1971, 50-2.

\*\*\*\*\* Record 8987 in SMR \*\*\*\*\*

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MAP NH75NW SITE 0007 C LINEAR \_\_\_\_\_  
EASTINGS 7372 NORTHINGS 5763 QUALIFIER \_\_\_\_\_

NAME ROSEMARKIE  
OTHERNAME ROSEMARKIE PARISH CHURCH  
CLASS SCULPTURED STONE

PARISH ROSEMARKIE  
DISTRICT ROSS AND CROMARTY  
COUNTY ROSS AND CROMARTY

DATE \_\_\_\_\_ METHOD \_\_\_\_\_  
FORM \_\_\_\_\_  
CONDITION \_\_\_\_\_

SPECIFIC \_\_\_\_\_

STATUS \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ NMR SITE 0007 05 \_\_\_\_\_

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MAP NH75NW SITE 0007 D LINEAR \_\_\_\_\_  
EASTINGS 7372 NORTHINGS 5763 QUALIFIER \_\_\_\_\_

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OTHERNAME ROSEMARKIE PARISH CHURCH  
CLASS SCULPTURED STONE

PARISH ROSEMARKIE  
DISTRICT ROSS AND CROMARTY  
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