

# HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL



# FIELD MONUMENTS

## ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES AND MONUMENTS RECORD

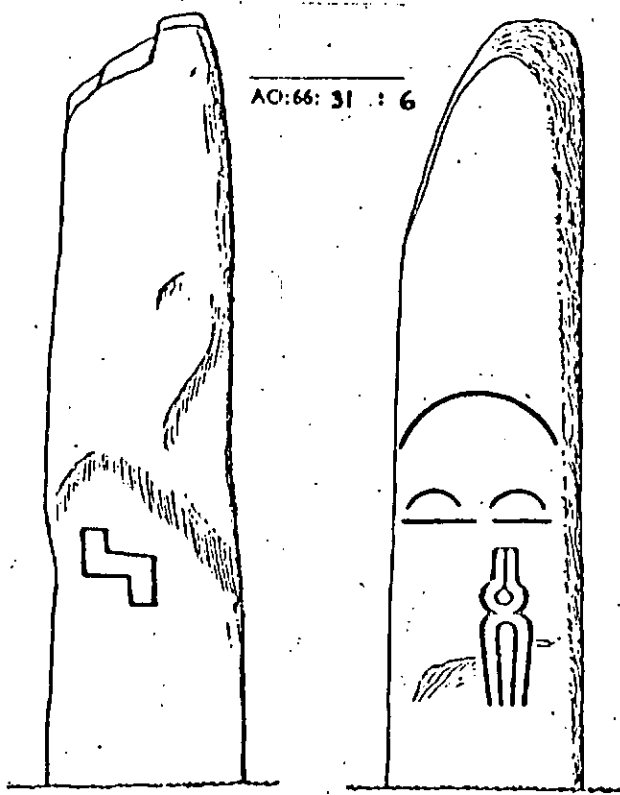
4 DISTRICT ROSS & CROMARTY		5 PARISH ROSSKEEN		1 SITE CODE H N H 6 6 N E 0 1 2		2 NGR N H 6 8 1 0 6 9 0 2		3 QUAL CE	
7 AREA STATUS		8 SITE STATUS SCHEDULED		9 REGIONAL STATUS		6 SITE NAME C L A C H / A / M H E A R L I C H			
11 CONCORDANCE OS NH66NE12		12 FORM STANDING STRUCTURE		13 DIMENSIONS		10 GENERIC TYPE SCULPTURED STONE (PICTISH, CLASS I)			
16 RELATIONSHIP OF ELEMENTS		17 CONDITION WEATHERED		14 PERIOD/DATE EM/c.7/9th C.		15 DATING METHOD TYP			
20 LAND USE ENCLOSED LAND		21 GEOLOGY		19 THREAT AND DATE		18 SHAPE			
22 SOILS		23 VEGETATION		28 ASPECT 360°		27 ALTITUDE 0=15m OD			
24 HYDROLOGY/DRAINAGE		25 RELIEF COASTAL PLAIN		28 EXCAVATION (EXCAVATOR: DATE: EXTENT: QUALITY)					
29 BIBLIOGRAPHY (AUTHOR: DATE: TITLE: JOURNAL OR PUBLISHER: VOLUME: DETAIL)									
1. ORDNANCE SURVEY: 1959: 6" MAP (PROV.) 2. ALLEN, JR: 1903: EARLY CHRISTIAN MONUMENTS OF SCOTLAND: : p61 3. ORDNANCE SURVEY: 1874: OBJECT NAME BOOK: 2: 91 4. HBM(SDD): 1985: LIST OF SCHEDULED MONUMENTS 5. JACKSON, A: 1984: THE SYMBOL STONES OF SCOTLAND: THE ORKNEY PRESS: p30 6. ORDNANCE SURVEY: 1959: 1/10,000 MAP 7. SOC. ANT. SCOT: 1979: ARCH. SITES & MONS. OF EASTER ROSS: RCAHMS: p25, No. 212 (OVER)									
30 GROUND PLAN NO.					31 GROUND PHOTO NO. AO(S) 66/31/6 & /30/4				
32 SLIDES NO.					33 HR. AP. NO.				
34 NMR. AP. NO.					35 OTHER AP. NO.: SOURCE				
38 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 FJ: 15.10.1986						50 RECORDER: DATE FJ: 15.10.1986			
49 NAME & ADDRESS OF FINDER/RECORDER: DATE						51 CHECK: DATE A.N.: 21.10.1986			

52 TEXT  
 "NH 6810 6902. Clach a' Mhearlich." (1)(6) Clach a' Mheirlich, or the 'Thief's Stone' is a Class I (ie probably 7th-9th century) symbol stone. It is a sandstone pillar, 6'(1.8m) x 1'6"(0.4m) square, bearing on the front a 'step' symbol and on the left side what appears to be traces of a crescent symbol with, below, what could be either a pair of pincers or a 'tuning fork' symbol.  
 (2)(3) "NH 681 690 Clach a Mhearlich, symbol stone 800m SSW of Rosskeen." (4) "Listed as Class I." (5) "Clach a' Mheirlich is as described and illustrated by Allen." (OSFI: NKB: 23.3.1966)  
 "See over for illustration (2)."

6. " \* Translated as the 'Thief's Stone'."

29. 8. RCAHMS:1985:PICTISH SYMBOL STONES,A HANDLIST:HMSO:pp10-14  
29. TRANS, GAELIC SOC. INVERNESS: p. 335

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(2)

GLACH-A-MHEIRLICH - ABOUT A MILE AND A HALF WEST OF INVERGORDON, IN A FIELD NORTH OF THE COUNTY ROAD, IS A STANDING STONE CALLED 'GLACH-A-MHEIRLICH,' THE THIEF'S STONE. THERE IS AN ACHAIC DEVICE UPON IT SAID TO RESEMBLE A PORTION OF BRAMAH'S FOOT. (9)