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of  
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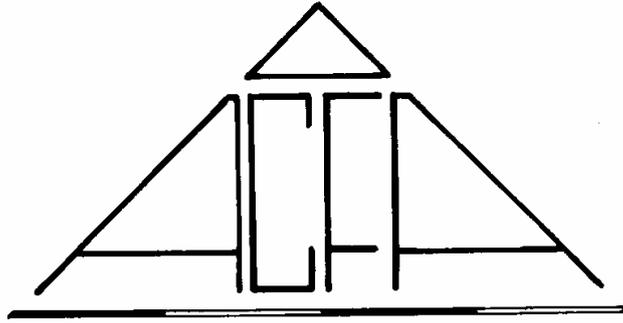
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Cover Picture. View towards the Raasay House The column with urn finial is stone 27. Black stone is 26.

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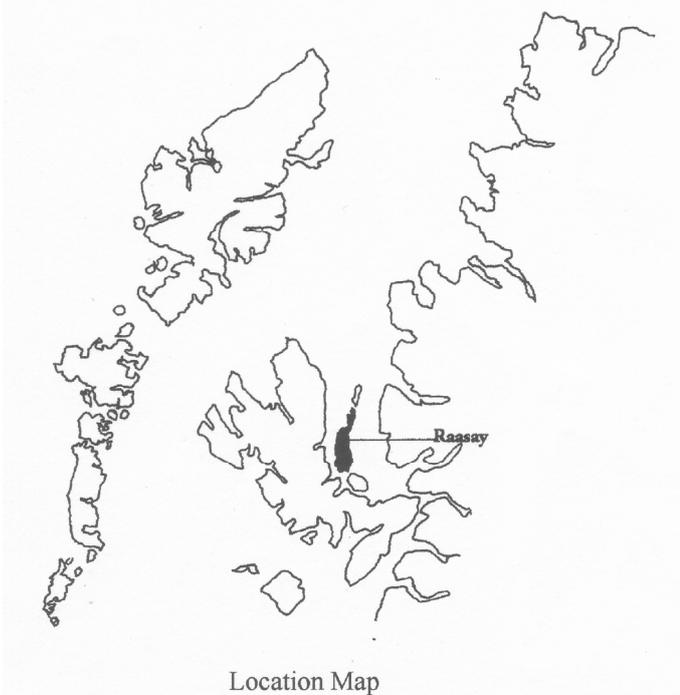
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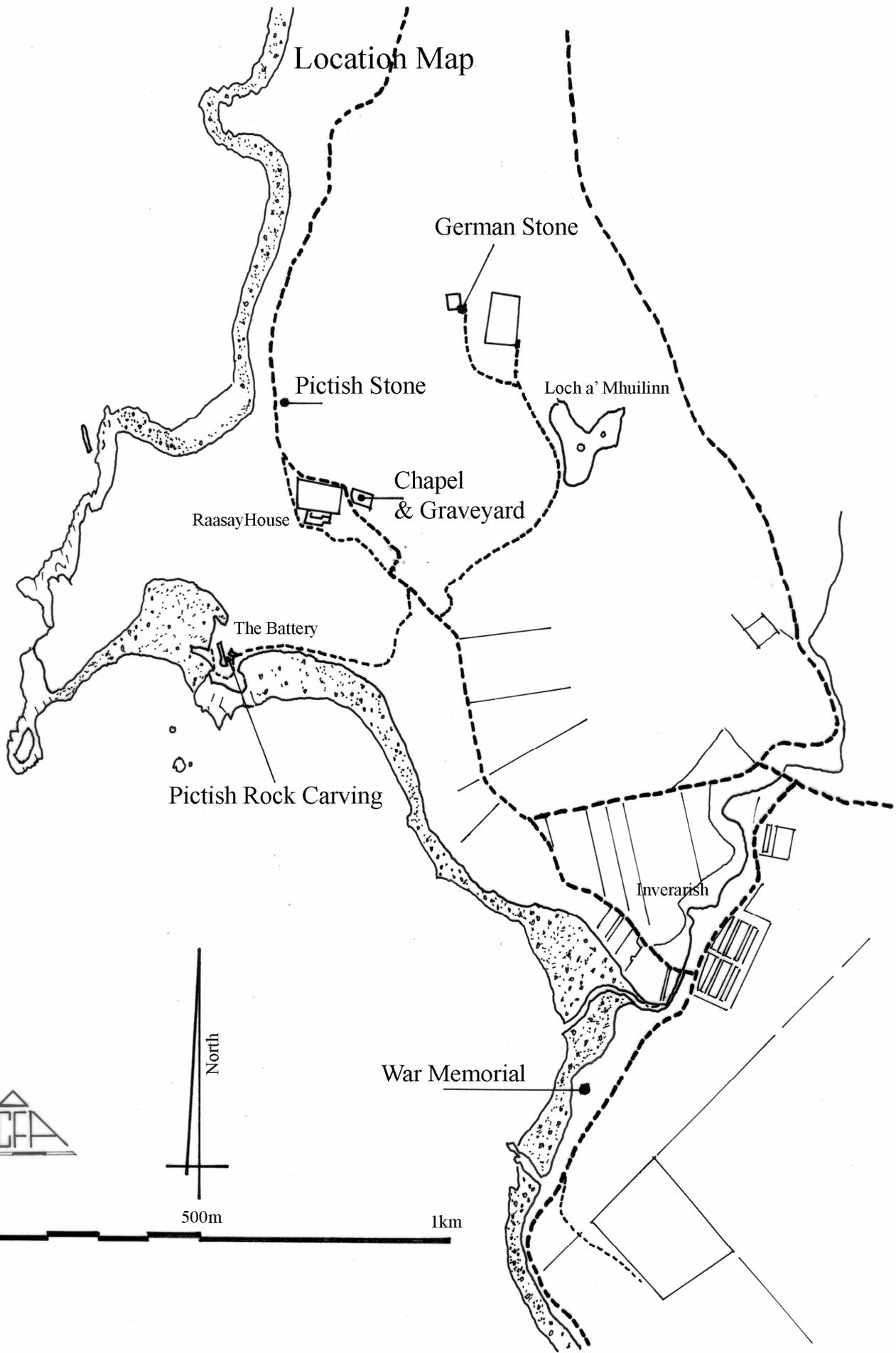


Location Map



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## **Raasay 2005.**

**Abstract:** The surveys of St Moluag's Chapel, Grave Yard, Carved Stones and of the War Memorial at Suisinish form part of ACFA's continuing interest in the physical remains of human activity on the Island of Raasay.

### **Introduction.**

The 2005 survey is a continuation of our 1995, 96, 97, 98, 99, 2000, 2002, 2003 and 2004 surveys of the physical remains of human activity on the Island of Raasay.

In 1995 the townships of Oskaig and Holoman were surveyed plus the surrounding area. In '96 the townships of Balachuirn, Balmeanach, Inver and Brae and their surrounding areas were surveyed. In '97 the survey covered the townships of Glame, Manish More, Brochel and Doire Domhain and the surrounding areas. In '98 the twin Townships of North and South Screapadal plus the surrounding areas, including the forest between Brochel and Screapadal, were surveyed. In 1999 we surveyed the township of Manish Beg and the surrounding area. In 2000 we surveyed the townships of Arnish and Torran and their surrounding areas. In 2002 we surveyed part of North Fearn plus an area to the north of Fladda to Umachan path. In 2003 the survey was of the remainder of North Fearn together with Umachan. In 2004 the survey was of Hallaig, An Leac and the surrounding areas.

This year we surveyed Suisinish, South Fearn and the areas surrounding them along with St Moluag's Chapel and graveyard. The Raasay War Memorial at Suisinish was also recorded along with various carved stones and other memorials on the island.

The report of the survey of Graveyard at Kilmoluag and the War Memorial now follows.

The Surveys of Suisinish, South Fearn and the carved stones of Raasay appear as separate ACFA Papers.

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**Stone 1 and brick enclosure.**

## **Background.**

Kilmoluag is named for Saint Moluag, one of the great missionary saints from Bangor in Ulster, whose most notable foundation was the monastery of Lismore an island in the Firth of Lorne. The church ruin on Raasay, first attested in 1501, is clearly of an earlier date and it is believed that the settlement was founded by monks from Lismore or direct from Bangor in AD 569.

Around the remains of the church a graveyard has developed. Although relatively small, local tradition believes it has been more extensive in the past. There is no record of funerary finds in adjoining gardens or land.

An ACFA Occasional Paper containing a detailed survey with drawings of the buildings within the Graveyard at Kilmoluag will be published soon.

## **Description.**

The graveyard is situated to the north of the road from Inverarish to Osgaig, 60m to the northeast of Raasay House. It is sub rectangular in shape with the road bounding it west side and part of its southern edge. The land rises steeply from south to north and beyond to the north becomes even steeper and thickly wooded. The graveyard is 46m long from east to west and 29m from north to south, the whole enclosure contained by a stonewall surmounted by an iron railing. The gated entrance is in the southwest corner where the road bends briefly northwards around the walled garden at the rear of Raasay House.

Within the area of the graveyard are three roofless and ruinous buildings all aligned on an east to west axis. The largest is the remains of Saint Moluag's Church 16m long by 7.50m wide. To the south of the church and close alongside is the early Victorian Macleod Chapel 6.50m long and 3.50m wide. The third building is a small mausoleum in the northwest corner of the graveyard. This building is 4m long by 3m wide and is referred to as the "Lady Chapel" by Malloy. Memorial stones are present within all the buildings.

In addition to the buildings there are five other enclosures containing memorial stones. Midway along the western boundary is a rectangular enclosure built with yellowish (probably refractory) bricks and measuring 5m from west to east by 3m wide. Adjacent to the north wall and screened by the church are two low stone walled enclosures topped by iron railings, both are less than 4m long by 3m wide. Attached to the western most of these is an even smaller enclosure only 1.80m long by 1.40m wide contained only by an iron railing. Near the south wall and below the MacLeod Chapel is a rectangular raised earth and stone edged enclosure 6m long by 4m wide. Re-used coping stones occur throughout the graveyard most having socket holes on the weathered face some with the cut stumps of iron railings still leaded in place. These stones have been used to line the raised earth enclosure, repair the wall at the "Lady Chapel" and sometimes placed on end as grave markers.

## **Kilmoluag Graveyard - Burial Ground Survey.**

### **Stone 1.**

The memorial stone is off set from the centre within a brick built enclosure 5.15m long by 2.20m wide overall with an entrance on the east side 1.50m wide. The west end is built onto the stone boundary wall of the graveyard. The south sidewall is 1.25m high while that on the north is 0.45m high and the brickwork is 0.30m thick. The bricks are yellow in colour with a reddish hue, probably refractory bricks originally from the mine at Suisnish. The stone is red granite with a polished surface set on a base with a plinth beneath. The stone is 0.95m high, 0.60m wide and is 0.14m thick.

**In loving memory of Lexy MacLennan who died at Clachan, Raasay, 7<sup>th</sup> Feb. 1943 aged 50 years.**

**Deeply mourned and sadly missed, Beloved wife of John M. MacLeod who died on 25<sup>th</sup> March 1975, aged 92 years. Their son Alexander, RAF killed in action 13 March 1942 aged 22 years.**

**Trath feasgair fos ced rosh ann bron, thic aoibhneas leis an la. Salm XXX-V**

### **Stone 2.**

This is a smooth finished stone slab with a pointed arched head having an incised trefoil motif. The stone is 1.25m high, 0.65m wide and is 0.13m thick.

**In memory of Christopher McRae aged 49. Drowned off Rona 13 Dec. 1880.**

### **Stone 3.**

A stone slab with a decorative triangular top with a trefoil finial. It is 1.25m high, 0.75m wide and 0.10m thick.

**Memory of Roderick McRae who died at Balchuirn 10 Feb 1872 aged 33 years.**

### **Stone 4.**

This memorial is situated within the roofless remains of a small stone built mausoleum 3.0m long and 2.05m wide internally. It is a rectangular stone with a lightly polished face. What may be an open book is incised above the dedication. The stone is 0.75m high, 0.50m wide and 0.10m thick.



**In loving memory of Malcolm MacLeod 13<sup>th</sup> Ap 1938.**

**Kate MacLennan died 30<sup>th</sup> Aug 1931.**

**Their family**

**Annie, died 14 Nov. 1924. Neil, died 29<sup>th</sup> June 1966**

**Also 4 children who died in infancy also wife of Neil, Peggy. Died 2<sup>nd</sup> May 1975**

**Too dearly loved to be forgotten**

**Stone 5.**

This stone is sculpted in the form of an open book with an incised inscription. It is loose on a low plinth and is 0.37m wide by 0.21m and is 30mm thick.

**In remembrance of Isabella MacLeod died 13<sup>th</sup> Oct 1922.**

**For he remembers we are dust and he our frame well knows.**

**Stone 6.**

This is a grey granite stone with a rounded top, standing on a plinth. The inscription is on a polished face with a decorative edging. The overall height is 1.25m with the stone being 0.95m high. It is 0.50m wide and is 0.10m thick. Behind this stone is a small sandstone slab 0.50m by 0.26m and 70mm thick which stands slightly tilted in the ground.

**In loving memory of our father Allan MacLeod died 21<sup>st</sup> June 1935 aged 74 years.**

**Our mother Janet MacLennan died 20<sup>th</sup> Aug 1939 aged 82 years and our sisters Johan MacLeod died 25<sup>th</sup> Oct 1976 aged 82 years and Catherine MacLeod died 15<sup>th</sup> Jan 1978 aged 82 years. Mary MacLeod died 24<sup>th</sup> Jan 1982 aged 74 years.**

**Stone 7.**

The monument is a sandstone slab with a half-round head and has an incised Celtic cross motif above the inscription. The stone is 1.20m high, 0.65m wide and is 0.16m thick.

**In mem. of Alexander McMillan Gaelic Teacher died Raasay 1<sup>st</sup> Dec 1871 aged 74 years. Heb. Chap,VI verses 17 to 20.**

**Also of Mary McPherson his wife died at Raasay 9 Feb 1880 aged 80 years.**

**For I know that my redeemer liveth. Job Chap. XIX verse 25.**

**Stone 8.**

This stone is a sandstone slab with a pedimented top. It is 1.0m high, 0.65m wide and is 0.16m thick.

**1892 Erected in memory of John McLeod Torran died 26 March 1881 and Mary McKenzie his spouse died 9 January 1891. They were both righteous.**

**Stone 9.**

This rectangular stone is grey granite with a triple arch decorated top and a polished face. The stone stands on a plinth giving an overall height of 1.30m. The stone is 0.96m high, 0.50m wide and is 0.15m thick.

**In loving memory of John Urquhart who died 5<sup>th</sup> Feb.1954 aged 71 years. An elder in the Greenock F.P. Church for 38 years. He by his piety endeared himself to all who knew him.**

**Also buried here are his father and mother James and Mary Urquhart.**

**Erected by the congregation he laboured among and by Raasay friends.**

### **Stone 10.**

A sandstone slab lies embedded in the turf and broken across the middle. The stone is a wall coping stone re-used as a grave marker. It is 1.20m long by 0.50m wide.

### **Stone 11.**

This stone is of grey granite with a low peaked top and has a polished face. It is set on a plinth and has an overall height of 1.05m. The stone is 0.80m high, 0.45m wide and is 0.10m thick.

**In loving memory of Donald Gillies died 23 Dec.1952 aged 71 years.**

**His wife Betsy Mary Macleod died 24 Dec.1955 aged 69 years.**

### **Stone 12.**

A rectangular grey granite stone standing on a plinth and having an inscription on a polished face. An escutcheon is engraved at the top containing an ornately carved G. The overall height is 1.80m. The stone is 1.33m high, 0.65m wide and 0.14m thick.

**Erected by the family in loving memory of our dear father and mother.**

**Alexander Gillies died 15<sup>th</sup> Apl 1938 aged 85 years. Annie MacLeod died 14<sup>th</sup> Jan. 1931 aged 78years. Also their daughters Kate Ann who died in infancy. Catherine who died at "Glen Frugart" Viewfield Rd. Portree 29<sup>th</sup> Aug.1971 aged 80 years.**

**I am the resurrection and the life. John 11:25**

### **Stone 13.**

This grey granite stone has a polished face and stands on a plinth. The overall height is 0.90m high with the stone 0.75m high, 0.50m wide and is 0.10m thick.

**In loving memory of Rolina MacLeod died 13<sup>th</sup> May 1975 aged 74 years.**

**A devoted mother dearly beloved wife of John Gillies died 6<sup>th</sup> Dec.1977 aged 81 years. Too dearly loved to be forgotten.**

### **Stone 14.**

This is a grey granite stone with a flat pointed top and a polished face. It stands on a plinth to a height of 0.96m. The stone is 0.75m high, 0.50m wide and it is 0.10m thick.

**In loving memory of Sandy Gillies died 17<sup>th</sup> October 1934.**

**Mary Nicolson died 3<sup>rd</sup> May 1943 and their son Murdo died 8 Sept.1914.**

**Also their daughters Janet died 18<sup>th</sup> July 1975. Bella died 22 June 1984.**

**Too dearly loved to be forgotten.**

### **Stone 15.**

This stone is a vertical rough sandstone slab with a rounded top and is leaning slightly towards the south. The inscription is simply carved. The stone is 1.10m high, 0.50m wide and is 0.15m thick.

**Sandy gillies.**



**Stone 16.**

This is a rough sandstone slab with a rounded top. It is tilted somewhat to the south and sadly the inscription is too faint to read. The stone is 0.73m high, 0.50m wide and is 0.15m thick.

**Stone 17.**

This is a roughly triangular sandstone slab sunk into the ground. It is 0.35m high, 0.50m wide and is 0.15m thick and has no visible inscription.

**Stone 18.**

This marker is a rough grey sandstone slab, broken across one corner. It is leaning slightly and has no visible inscription.

**Stone 19.**

This is a rough thick fragment with a slightly pointed top. It is 0.30m high, 0.40 wide and is 0.13m thick

**Stone 20.**

This stone is a red sandstone slab, roughly rectangular but rising to a point on the north side and has no apparent inscription. The stone has a height of 0.55m, is 0.35m wide and is 0.13m thick.

**Stone 21.**

This marker is a triangular sandstone slab and leans to the west with no observable epitaph. The stone is 0.50m high at the peak, is 0.60m wide at the ground and is 0.15m thick.

**Stone 22.**

This is a small triangular sandstone marker with no inscriptions. It is 0.23m at the peak, 0.40m wide at the base and is 0.10m thick.

**Stone 23.**

This is a stone slab lying prone and set deeply into the turf close against the boundary wall. It appears to have an inscription which is no longer legible. The slab is 1.50 m long, 0.55m wide and is 0.10m thick.

**Stone 24.**

This is a moss-covered rectangular sandstone slab lying flat in the grass. The inscription is no longer legible due to the thick moss cover. The stone measures 0.26m by 0.40m and is 0.10m thick.

**Stone 25.**

This memorial is a grey granite stone with a shoulder and curved top. It stands on a plinth with the inscription on a polished face. The overall height is 1.0m while the stone is 0.72m high, 0.46m wide and is 0.10m thick.

**In loving memory of our dear mother Mary MacLennan who died on 11<sup>th</sup> Jan.1952 aged 65 years and our dear father Norman Nicolson died on 14<sup>th</sup> Jan.1980 aged 79 years.**

**Stone 26.**

This is a rectangular black granite stone with a polished face and arched top with a Celtic knot motif. The stone stands on a plinth and is 1.40m high overall. The stone measures 1.15m, is 0.54m wide and is 0.10m thick.

**In memory of our dearly loved father Donald Nicolson died 20<sup>th</sup> March 1964 aged 93 years and our dearly beloved mother Bella Gillies died 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec.1964 age 80 years.**

**Also their son Malcolm Nicolson died 27 dec.1975 aged 64 years and his dear wife Julia Graham died 20<sup>th</sup> Aug 1995 aged 84 years.**

**Oir an so cha'n'eil a gainn baile a mhareas. Heb13:V.14.**

**Stone 27.**

This is a monumental pillar of grey granite topped by a carved urn. The top of the pillar is ornamented and engraved with a possible compass and ship's wheel. The pillar stands on a deep plinth and the faces are polished. The overall height is 2.30m but the pillar is 1.15m high and is 0.37m square

**Here rest a woodman of the world John Nicolson who died 30<sup>th</sup> June 1910 aged 22years. Deeply regretted.**

**Stone 28.**

This is a triangular stone with moss cover and no visible inscription. It is 0.45m to the peak, 0.50m wide at the bottom and is 0.16m thick.

**Stone 29.**

A low stone with a curved top lies in the turf almost covered by moss. It measures 0.20m high, 0.50m wide and is 0.10m thick.

**Stone 30.**

This prone slab is almost buried in the grass. It appears to be several re-used coping stones with a fragment of cast iron railing still embedded in the stone at the west end. The slab measures 2.10m long and is 0.40m wide

**Stone 31.**

This irregular stone lies flat in the grass. Its dimensions are 0.36m by 0.56m and is 0.10m thick

**Stone 32.**

This is a low stone with a curved top which measures 0.30m at the peak, is 0.60m wide and is 80mm thick.

**Stone 33**

A rectangular stone with a peaked top, standing on a double plinth. The inscription is faint but still legible. The overall height is 1.0m with the stone being 0.76m, a width of 0.45m and a thickness of 60mm.

**In loving memory of our dear father Donald MacLeod died 12<sup>th</sup> March 1933 aged 76. Our dear brother Alexander aged 25 and our dear mother Peggie MacRay died Jan.1948 aged 88 years.**

**Stone 34.**

This is a stump of stone that measures 0.20m high, 0.40m wide and is 80mm thick.

**Stone 35.**

This is a pink granite stone with a heavy moss cover. It has no obvious inscription. The stone is 0.45m high to the peak, 0.60m wide at ground level and is 80mm thick.

**Stone 36.**

This is a stone slab, probably a re-used coping stone, lying flat on the ground. Broaching is visible on the face as on other coping stones. It is 0.57m long by 0.43m wide and 0.17m thick.

**Stone 37.**

This is a thick stump of stone almost buried in grass and ivy. It is 0.150m high by 0.40m wide and is 0.18m thick.

**Stone 38.**

An irregular stump of stone stands tilted with thick moss cover. It measures 0.22m high, 0.17m wide and is 0.12m thick.

**Stone 39.**

This is another coping stone used as a grave marker. It measures 0.76m high, is 0.44m wide and is 0.15m thick.

**Stone 40.**

As above, this is another coping stone used as a marker. It measures 0.55m high, is 0.43m wide and is 0.16m thick.

**Stone 41.**

A rectangular stone with a pointed arch shaped top containing a trefoil design. The design is the same as that on Stone 2 and both inscriptions are to men drowned off Rona on the same day. The stone is 1.35m high to the peak, 0.68m wide and is 0.12m thick. On either side of this stone are flat stones deep in the turf. It is not clear if these are grave markers.

**In memory of Murdoch MacLeod aged 26 years and his brother Roderick aged 24 drowned off Rona 13<sup>th</sup> Dec.1880**

**Stone 42.**

This stone is another re-used coping stone set into the ground on end. It stands 0.47m high, is 0.44m wide and is 0.14m thick.

**Stone 43.**

As with the previous this is also a re-used coping stone set on end. It measures 0.48m high by 0.44m wide and is 0.14m thick.

**Stone 44.**

This is a rough hewn sub-rectangular grey granite stone with a polished face standing on a low plinth. The inscription on the polished face has a Celtic Knot motif in the

upper left hand corner. The overall height is 1.10m while the stone is 1.0m high, 0.60m wide and is 0.15m thick.

**In loving memory of our dear father and mother James MacKenzie MacLean died 26<sup>th</sup> Oct.1957 aged 76 years.**

**Margaret MacInnes died 24<sup>th</sup> May 1962 aged 87 years.**

**Also loved ones gone before.**

**Stone 45.**

A roughly hewn grey granite stone with a polished face. The whole is 0.95m high with the stone being 0.80m high, 0.62m wide and is 0.10m thick.

**In loving memory of Charles Macleod died 23<sup>rd</sup> March 1976 aged 75 years beloved husband of Ann MacLennan died 12<sup>th</sup> Jan.1979 aged 77 years.**

**Stone 46.**

This stone is in the form of a vertically hanging scroll. It is 0.60m high, 0.52m wide and is 0.10m thick.

**In loving memory of John MacLeod who died 2<sup>nd</sup> May 1932 aged 72 years.**

**Erected by his wife and family.**

**Stone 47.**

This stone is set at the western end of a rough slightly raised enclosure of turfs stones and coping stones some 6.50m long from east to west and 4.0m from north to south.

A grey granite stone with an arched top and a polished face stands on a plinth. The decorative work and the inscription on the polished face are leaded. The overall height is 1.0m while the stone is 0.68m high, 0.58m wide and it is 0.10m thick.

**In loving memory of Mary MacKenzie Malloy Jan 12 1883 – Jan 3 1965.**

**Malcolm MacLeod Malloy her son. Mar 16 1922 – Oct 8 1923.**

**Her son Robert Malloy July 18 1918 – Aug 5 1973.**



**Raised earth enclosure with stone 47.**

**Stone 48.**

This is a rectangular block of stone with a rebate in the north side – possibly a re-used window or door jamb. It measures 0.77m high, is 0.28m wide and is 0.16m thick.

**Stone 49.**

This is a roughly rectangular red sandstone block which is 0.46m high by 0.38m wide and is 90mm thick.

**Stone 50.**

This stone is a rectangular block of black granite with an arched top standing on a plinth. The inscription is in gold lettering on a polished face. The overall height is 1.0m and the stone is 0.87m high, 0.46m wide and is 0.10m thick.

**M. In loving memory, Alexander MacLennan who died 18<sup>th</sup> Nov.1973 aged 85 years. A beloved father and husband of Rachel MacLeod died 31<sup>st</sup> March 1976. Dear sons and brothers, John Alick died aged 20 years, Donald John died aged 1 year 10 months. Cha t'eid sibh air di-chuimhn.**

**Stone 51.**

2.20m to the south of the southeast corner of the Lady Chapel and 0.30m to the east of it is a stump of stone barely visible in the turf.

**Stone 52.**

A rough rectangular block of stone is upright but canted slightly towards the south. It is 0.80m high, 0.40m wide and is 0.15m thick with no visible markings.

**Stone 53.**

This is a rectangular block of worked sandstone with a slight tilt towards the south. It is heavily moss covered and has no apparent markings. It is 0.66m high by 0.33m wide and is 80mm thick

**Stone 54.**

This is a short stump of rough sandstone with a mossy covering. It stands 0.26m high, is 0.32m wide and is 80mm thick.

**Stone 55.**

This marker is a re-used coping stone, broken in the middle and lying prone and nearly buried in the grass. It is 1.0m long and 0.20m wide.

**Stone 56.**

This stone is a short stump lying almost buried in moss and undergrowth close to the southeast corner of the church. It stands 0.30m high, is 0.30m wide and is 0.10m thick.

**Stone 57.**

This stone is a rectangular block of sandstone with a broken corner. It is 0.68m high, 0.34m wide and is 50mm thick.

**Stone 58.**

This is an irregular fragment of grey stone with a thick lichen covering. It stands to a height of 0.64m, is 0.60m wide and is 0.10m thick.

**Stone 59.**

This is an irregularly shaped block of red sandstone standing erect. The stone is wider and thicker at the base and is quite loose in the ground. A faint inscription could be seen and **it is thought the stone might be a fragment from an old cross.** The stone is 0.60m high, is 0.20m wide by 50mm thick at the top but is 0.25m wide and 0.10m thick at the ground

**JMcK****age 53****SCOR****1890****DMcK****AF****Stone 60.**

Another re-used coping stone stands on end and is moss covered. The stone is 0.58m high, 0.45m wide and is 0.17m thick.

**Stone 61.**

An irregular stone, possibly re-used, has an inscription, now too faint to be legible. The stone is 0.50m high, is 0.30m wide and is 0.14m thick.

**Stone 62.**

This is an irregular block of un-worked sandstone that measures 0.65m high by 0.40m wide and is 0.15m thick.

**Stone 63.**

This is a small stump of stone barely visible in the turf. It stands 0.35m high at the down slope side but is flush with the surface at the up slope end, is 0.35m wide and is 0.20m thick.

**Stone 64.**

This is a stump of un-worked sandstone 0.30m high, 0.50m wide and 0.10m thick.

**Stone 65.**

This is a grey granite stone with a half-circular head and is mounted on a plinth. It has an inscription on a polished and decorated face. It stands 1.76m overall with the stone being 1.40m high, is 0.74m wide and is 0.16m thick.

**In memory of Donald Matheson Aricharnach who died 1<sup>st</sup> October 1884 aged 64 years. His family Alexander who died 15<sup>th</sup> June 1878 aged 21 years. Christina who died 17<sup>th</sup> June 1893 aged 30 years. Also Christina and Maggie who died in infancy and of Flora Macleod beloved wife of the above Donald Matheson who died 15<sup>th</sup> Feby 1922 aged 90 years.**

**Stone 66.**

A small knob of stone 0.20m high by 0.25m wide and 0.10m thick.

**Stone 67.**

This is a rectangular polished black stone standing on a roughly hewn granite plinth. The stone is decorated with a three storey church window motif. The overall height is 1.12m and the stone is 0.82m high by 0.60m wide and 0.10m thick.

**Catherine Marion Munro who died 9<sup>th</sup> December 1970 aged 90 years. Beloved wife of Roderick Finlayson who died 3<sup>rd</sup> March 1962 aged 93 years interred in Applecross. Their son John Finlayson who died 28<sup>th</sup> April 1989 aged 76 years. Fir Dhoras**

**Stone 68.**

A coping stone stands on its end against the south boundary wall of the graveyard and beside it is a pile of coping stones now covered with moss and brambles.

**Stones 69.**

To the north of the west gable of the church and adjacent to the north boundary wall of the graveyard are three stone slabs partly piled on each other. They are 1.80m long, 0.55m wide and are 0.15m thick. They are much covered by vegetation and moss such that any carvings or inscriptions are now illegible.

**Stone 70.**

This stone is another stone slab lying flat in the grass. It measures 1.30m in length, is 0.55m wide and about 0.10m thick. Any carving or inscriptions are not obvious.

**Stone 71.**

This stone stands inside the church against the interior of the west wall. It is a grey granite stone with an arched top, has a polished face decorated with floral motifs and stands on a plinth block. The overall height is 0.78m while the stone measures 0.62m high, is 0.48m wide and is 80mm thick.

**In loving memory of Malcolm Mackay died 23.4.1947 aged 81, Christy Mackay died 24.12.1960 aged 84. Mary Mackay died 19.10.16 aged 3, Bella Mackay died 20.1.1927 aged 6**

**Stone 72.**

This is a rough hewn red sandstone slab placed against the interior of the west wall of the church. It stands on a rectangular base and has a stainless steel plaque screwed to it. The overall height is 0.95m, the stone being 0.80m high by 0.75m wide and is 0.22m at its thickest. The steel plaque is 458mm (18ins) wide by 306mm (12 ins) high

**Mar chuimhneachan air Iain MacAoidh 1767-1848 a Eilean Ratharsaidh. An sàr phiòbaire mu dheireadh a fhuair oideachas bho Chlann MhicCruimein 'na latha. Cha robh piòbaire fear sgrìobhaidh ciùil no neach-teagaisg dhe leithid tre ealantachd a cheathrar mhac agus oileanaich tha an ceòl sònraichte seo air a thabhairt thairis gu cùramach do phrìomh phiòbairean 'n latha an diugh.**

**This plaque commemorates John MacKay of Raasay 1767 – 1848 the last great piper to have had lessons from the MacCrimmons. He was the best player composer and teacher of his day and through his expert pupils: John Bàn MacKenzie, Angus MacPherson, Donald Cameron and his own four sons the playing of the great music was carried forward faithfully to all the top pipers of the present time.**

#### **Stone 73.**

This memorial is placed centrally against the interior of the west wall of the church. It is a granite slab with a curved top and is seated on a plinth and base slab. The face is polished with a carved top decorated with a raised laurel wreath having an ornate letter M in the centre. The overall height is 1.10m while the stone is 0.85m high, 0.75m wide and it is 0.12m thick.

**In loving memory of our father and mother. John MacKay died 26<sup>th</sup> March 1956 aged 84 years and Catherine Nicolson died 6<sup>th</sup> Jan.1965 aged 89. Also their children Jessie died 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov.1916 aged 18 months. Maggie died 15<sup>th</sup> Nov.1916 aged 6 years. TS.**

#### **Stone 74.**

This is a small knob of stone barely visible in the turf within the area of the church.

#### **Stone 75.**

This also is a small fragment of stone barely visible in the turf.

#### **Stone 76**

This is a small stone within the church area and is 0.20m by 0.27m and is 0.10m thick



From the left Stone 83, Stone 73, Stone 72 and Stone 71.

#### **Stone 77**

This is a short stump of sandstone within the area of the church. It is 0.17m high, 0.43 long and is 0.13m thick.

#### **Stone 78.**

This is a long stone slab lying sunk into the grass, broken 0.65m from the west end. There is some carving on the stone but it is faint and difficult to discern. The stone is 1.70m long and is 0.55m wide.

**Stone 79.**

This is a plain rectangular slab standing on a plinth and base close to the interior of the north wall of the church. It is 0.80m high overall with the stone being 0.57m high, 0.45m wide and it is 80mm thick

**In loving memory of Murdoch MacKenzie died 18<sup>th</sup> Dec. 1921.**

**Also his wife Ann Nicolson died 12<sup>th</sup> May 1988.**

**Erected by their son Angus**

**Stone 80.**

This is a slab lying in the grass within the church near the northeast corner. There has been an inscription which is now illegible. The stone is 1.40m long by 0.55m wide at the west end and is 0.36m wide at the east end.

**Stone 81.**

A section of coping stone set in the turf near the interior of the east wall of the church. It is 0.10m high by 0.45m wide and is 0.15m thick.

**Stone 82.**

This is a rectangular slab, possibly concrete, in a scrolled shape with a plinth effect at the bottom. An inscription is borne on an inset marble panel.

**In loving memory of our dear parents Flora Nicolson died 17<sup>th</sup> Apl.1965.**

**Donald Nicolson died 28<sup>th</sup> Apl 1965.**

**Erected by the family.**

**Stone 83.**

This is a rectangular grey granite stone with a low triangular top set on a slightly wider base stone. The stone is roughly cut stone on all sides but with a highly polished black face let in on the east side into which the inscription has been cut.

**M. In loving memory of Norman MacLeod died 8.2.37 aged 65.**

**His wife Christina Nicolson died 11.2.61 aged 80.**

**Their son Malcolm Donald died 18.5.90 aged 67.**

**Stone 84.**

Between the church and the north boundary wall of the graveyard is an iron railed enclosure. Against the east side of this enclosure is a vertical stone in deep undergrowth. The stone is inscribed :-

**In loving memory of Thomas Mathieson who died at Raasay 6<sup>th</sup> Sept 1891 and his wife Christina Macrae who died at Raasay 30<sup>th</sup> January 1882 aged 49 years.**

**There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. Heb 4.v 9.**

**Erected by their sorrowing family.**

**Stone 85.**

This stone is within an enclosure against the north boundary wall of the graveyard. The enclosure is 3.30m from east to west and 2.40m from north to south. The enclosing stone wall is 0.50m high and is surmounted by a cast iron railing 1.30m high. An irregular slab of granite, having come off its foundation, is propped against the west side of the enclosure, deep in bramble undergrowth. The stone is rectangular with a low but wider triangular top. It is 1.20m high by 0.71m wide and is 0.20m thick and is incised with the following inscription :-

**Erected by George Rainey Esquire of Raasay in memory of John Rennie born in Wigtonshire 17<sup>th</sup> May 1825. Died at Portree 22<sup>nd</sup> May 1861.**

There follows a biblical quotation which could not be read.

**Stone 86.**

This stone is contained in a small cast iron railing surrounded enclosure immediately to the west of the enclosure at 85. The enclosure is 1.40m from north to south and 1.50m from east to west. The whole is much overgrown and impenetrable. Despite this the prone stone was determined to have a small coffin lid shape. The stone is 0.80m long, 0.21m wide at the head or east end, 0.34m wide at the shoulders (0.20m from the head) and 0.18m wide at the feet. The stone bears an inscription which in the circumstances defied interpretation.

**Stone 87.**

Between the east end of the church and the northern boundary of the graveyard is a further enclosure. It is 2.95m from north to south and is 3.80m long from east to west. It is formed by a low stone wall 0.40m high with a 0.45m width topped with a cast iron railing 0.90m high. The stone is a rhombus of reddish sandstone with a scrolled top. The stone is 1.30m high by 0.62m wide at the scroll, 0.50m wide at the neck and 0.70m wide at the base. The stone is 0.13m thick

**In memory of Sarah Arnold wife of Thomas Bunning born at Tor?more King's Walden in Yorkshire on the 28<sup>th</sup> September 1856 –** from here the inscription has flaked off –

**I am the Resurrection and the Life. He who believeth in Me though he were dead yet shall he live.**

**Stone 88.**

This small memorial is within the enclosure above at the east end facing Stone 87. The monument appears to be a roof tile set upright against the east wall. It is 0.40m high, is 0.42m wide and is 15mm thick. It is speculated that this marks the grave of a pet.

**Stone 89.**

Close to the south of 88, within the enclosure and also facing 87 is a small replica of that stone with the name McGlashan incised at the lower right hand corner. The stone is 0.47m high, is 0.22m wide at the top and is 90mm thick.

**Stone 90.**

A sandstone slab laid flat on the floor of the MacLeod Chapel under the east window. It measures some 1.80m long by 0.90m wide

**Sacred to the memory of Mary Julia Hastings MacLeod daughter of Macleod of Raasay and Mary his wife.**

**Born 6<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1836 died 12 Apl 1839 aged 2 years and 7 months.**

**Suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not, for of such is the Kingdom of God for I say unto you that in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my father which is in heaven.**

**Stone 91.**

A rounded boulder place centrally against the south wall to which a small memorial plaque has been fixed.

**In memory of Torquil Roderick MacLeod of the Lewes  
17<sup>th</sup> Chief of Raasay 25.6.1919 to 6.3.2001**

**Tree 92.**

Memorial Tree with a small plaque.

**In loving memory of Pol MacLeod  
Planted by the ACMS.**



**Raasay War Memorial.**

**Suisinish**

**NG 5532 3543.**

The war memorial is sited on a prominent knoll 65m south of Suisinish pier and 25m north east of the road from Inverarish to Eyre. The mound is grass covered and enclosed by a stock proof stob and wire fence with access to the monument at the top of the mound by a stone chip path from the road edge. From the monument, 15m above sea level, there is a magnificent panorama from the Cuillin of Skye in the southwest, then sweeping north and east over Churchton Bay to the Battery and Raasay House, to Clachan and Inverarish.

From the Royal Commission for Ancient and Historical Monuments Inventory and Ordnance Survey maps, the site is recorded as the location of a tumulus where human remains were found in 1814 and subsequently lost. No sign of a cairn or of the remains of a chamber can now be identified but the continuing use of this ancient ritual site for the remembrance of the dead from the conflicts of the twentieth century is appropriate.

**Description.**

The monument is a simple unadorned pillar pointing skywards. At ground level is a rectangular base 1.40m square by 0.67m high and finished with a fine limestone pebble dash. The top surface is splayed inwards on all four sides to a second block of polished grey granite 0.45m high and 0.86m square. This carries the body of the



memorial, a polished grey granite block 1.0m high that has a slight taper from the base at 0.68m square to 0.62m square at the top where there is a 0.22m high collar, rough hewn that diminished the size to 0.33m square. It is on the southeast and northeast faces of this block that the names are inscribed in lead cut letters. The finial to the monument is a single slender block of the same grey granite, rough cut, 2.00m long and tapering from 0.33m at the bottom to 0.22m pyramidal point.

The monument is contained within an enclosure 3.02m square comprising four white concrete posts 0.76m high and 0.20m square with pyramidal tops. Between these posts is a pair of 35mm diameter metal rails with a vertical tie bar at mid span, on all four sides.

**The Rolls of Honour.**

On the southeast front of the monument facing the road the following inscription:-

1914 – 1918  
IN MEMORIAM

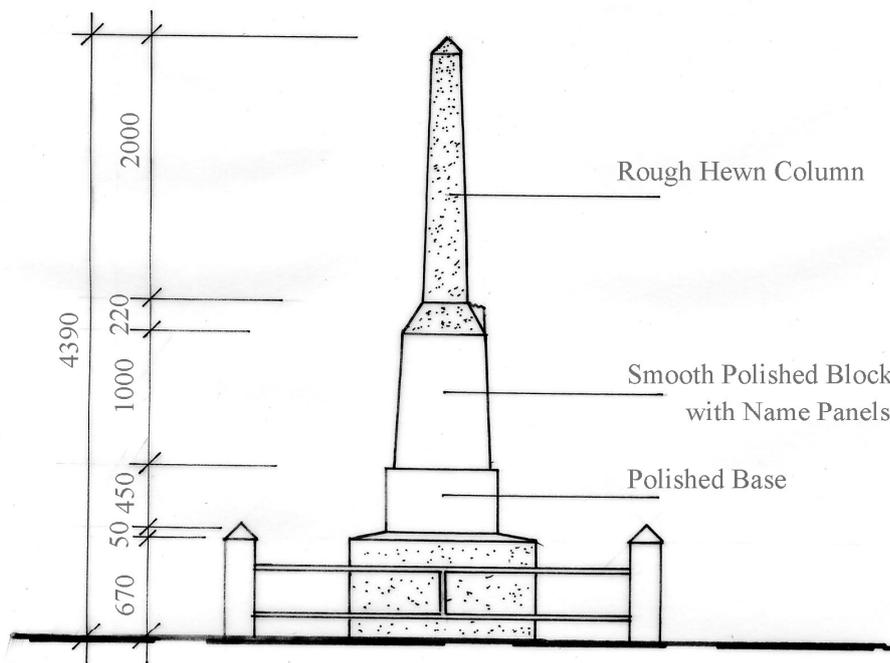
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**Pte. JOHN MACLEOD – ” ” 7<sup>th</sup> CAMn HLdrs.**  
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**SEAmn. ALEXANDER MACLEOD – ARNISH – RNR.**  
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**Pte. JOHN MACRAE – ” ” - ” ” ”**  
**Pte. PETER NICOLSON – ORCHARD - ” ” ”**  
**Lt. COL. R BEAUMONT WOOD – RAASAY – 12<sup>th</sup> RI LANCERS.**  
**CAPT. J.L. WOOD, DSO. - RAASAY \_ 18<sup>th</sup> HUSSARS>**

On the northeast face of the monument the following:-

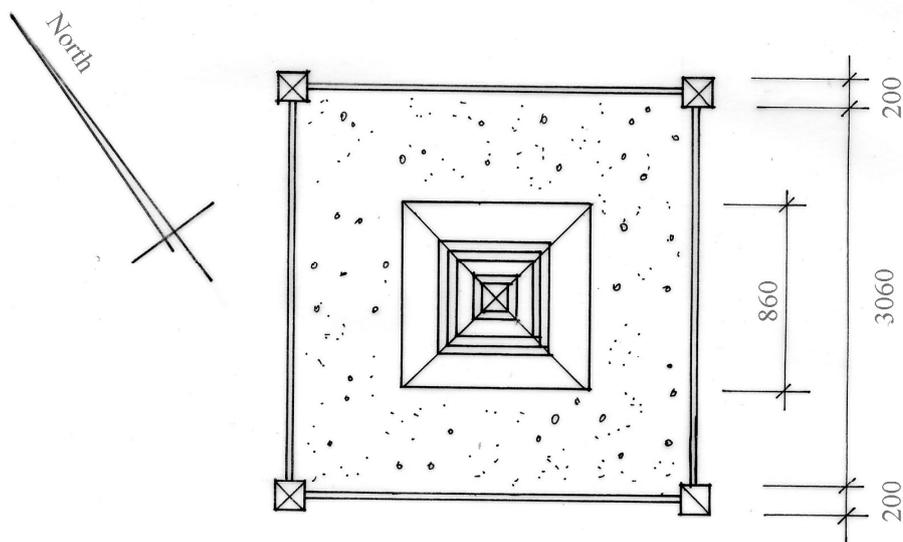
ALSO  
IN MEMORY OF THE MEN  
WHO FELL IN THE 1939 – 1945 WAR.

**Sgt. NEIL GILLIES – BALACHURN – RAF.**  
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Southwest Elevation



Plan





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