

TANERA MORE BURIAL GROUND
A Survey of Its Memorials.
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Abstract

This survey was conducted, further to the survey work carried out by the authors as part of the wider study of graveyards in the Ullapool area. This report gives details of inscriptions and an index of surnames.

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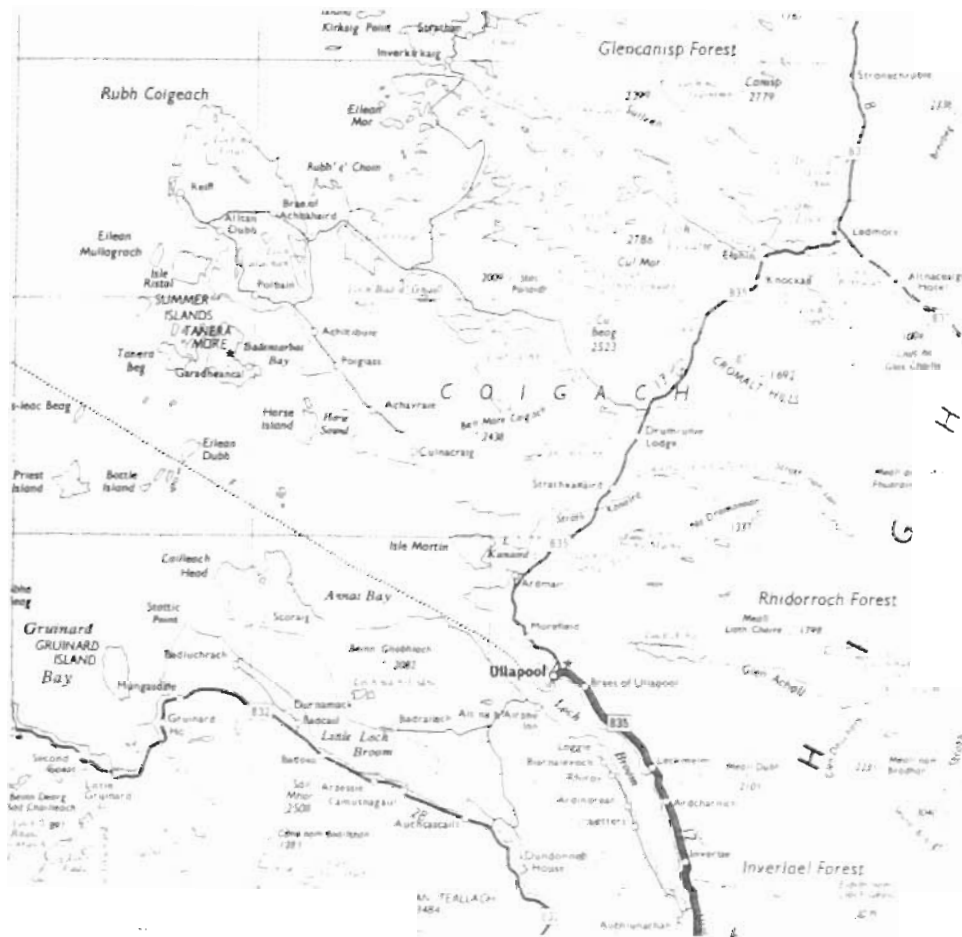
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Location



Cover : General view of burial ground from East.

Introduction

The burial ground at Tanera More is situated to the north west of the former fishing station forming a triangular piece of ground. It served as a burial ground for over 150 years.

Site History

The origins of the burial ground on Tanera are unknown. There is no record of any church or chapel being on the island. The find of a possible medieval stone in 1988 (Baldwin, 1994, 221) may give an indication of reuse of a stone rather than the sites actual history.

Date and condition of Monuments

The vast majority of memorials in the burial ground consist of flat irregular shaped slabs with no inscriptions or carvings, with small head and foot markers. A number of inscribed slabs date from the middle to the late 19th century. A cast-iron railed enclosure of the late 19th century contains 3 slabs, 2 of which are inscribed. There is no sign of any structures on the site. A possible burial cairn was also surveyed.

During the site visit a slab, lying disturbed, which may have been the medieval stone found in 1988 (see over), was inspected and upon study was possibly thought not to be the stone found in 1988. If it was the same stone its carving is now lost, being highly worn as to be indecipherable.

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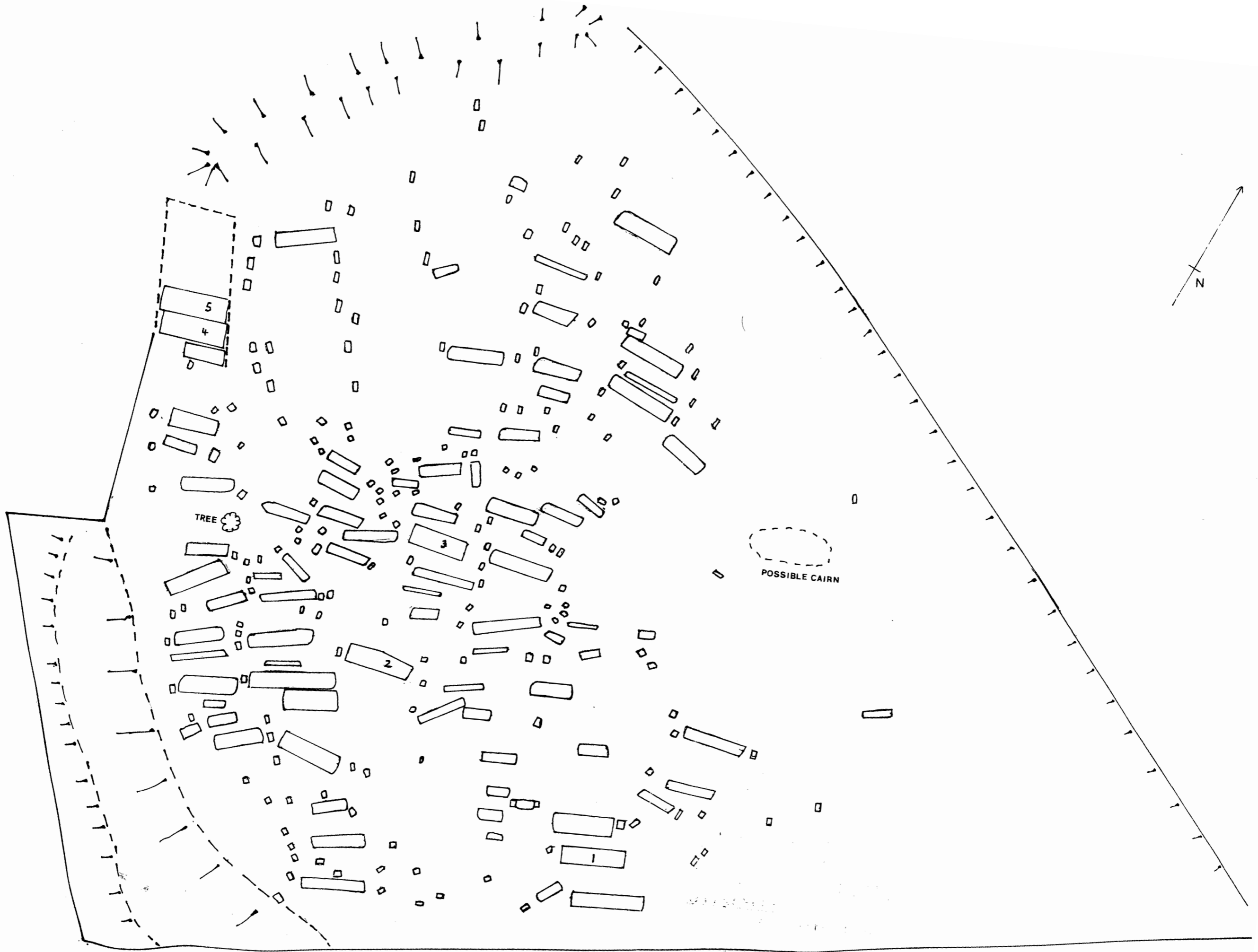
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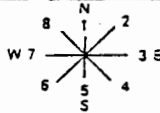
Recording Form

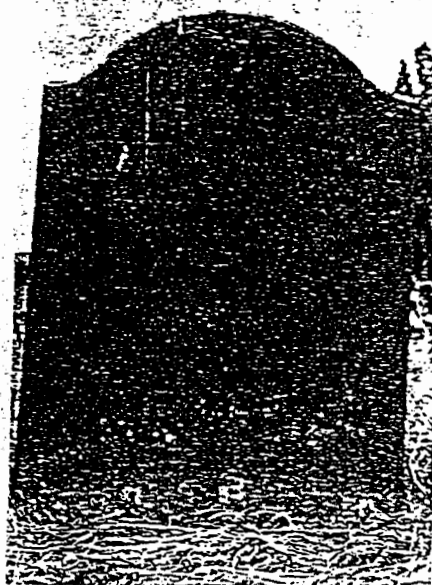
For the purposes of this survey a recording form was devised based on that recommended by the Council for British Archaeology (Jones 1984). This form being quite detailed (see over), and possibly difficult to use, a simplified form detailing the most important points of recording was drawn up. (see over) This was to include the following :-

1. Full inscription, including all genealogical information.
 2. Type and style of monument.
 3. Orientation and size.
 4. Material used.
 5. Photograph : a colour print (4x5) for attachment to each recording form.
- Also that details of carvings or other comments could be recorded.

Key to Recording Form

- 1st line - Date of Record - day upon record made;
- Recorder - initials of person making record;
- Memorial No. - number of stone relating to plan;
- 2nd line - Monument type - what kind of monument is it? Headstone/slab/etc;
- 3rd line - Material - What it is made of pink/yellow sandstone, granite, slate, etc;
- 4th line - Faces Inscribed (Compass Points) - What direction does the inscription face?;
- 5th line - Condition of stone & inscription - overall is the stone and inscription together very good, good, very poor, or poor. Take into consideration the eligibility of the inscription and the stone itself;
- 6th line - Dimensions - use a handtape or extending ruler to measure size;
- 7th line - Remarks - describe anything of interest - carvings, condition in general. A sketch of any particular feature of the stone.
- 8th line - Inscription - record the complete inscription. Write each line as it is on the stone.

GRAVE MEMORIAL RECORDING FORM	
CEMETERY or GRAVEYARD	
KIRK DEIGHTON	
DEDICATION or DENOMINATION	
ALL SAINTS	
1	NAT. GRID REF. SE 3 9 9 5 0 5
2	DATE of RECORD 0 4 0 5 7 9
3	NAME of RECORDER or GROUP M. JENKINSON
4	MEMORIAL No. and LETTER 0 0 0 5 4
5	No. of COMPONENTS 0 1
6	ASSOCIATED FORM LETTERS
7	Memorial type: 1. flat 2. head 3. tomb 4. foot 5. other 2
8	MATERIAL and GEOLOGY SANDSTONE
9	STONE MASON or UNDERTAKER
10	Which faces are inscribed? - compass points 0 0 0 7
11	No. of people commemorated 0 0 2
12	TECHNIQUE of INSCRIPTION INCISED
13	Condition of monument: 1. sound, in situ 2. sound displaced 3. leaning or falling apart 4. collapsed 5. overgrown 1
14	Condition of inscription: 1. mint 2. clear but worn 3. mainly decipherable 4. traces 5. illegible or destroyed 2
15	DIMENSIONS
16	(in mms.)
17	Height 1 3 9 7
18	Width 0 9 1 4
19	Thickness 0 0 9 2
20	PHOTOGRAPH NEGATIVE No. 0 0 3 3
21	ORIENTATION
	
which way stone faces 7	

PHOTOGRAPH	INSCRIPTION
	<p>SACRED to the memory of, ABRAHAM RHODES of Kirk Deighton, who Died January 22nd 1829, Aged 52 Years.</p> <p>Also of Martha relict of the above who died Nov^r 24th 1842; Aged 63 Years.</p> <p>Keep the Souls whom now we leave, Bid them to each other cleave, Bid them walk on life's rough sea, Bid them come by faith to thee.</p>
REMARKS	
<p>Faces path to South porch; apparently in situ but just possibly repositioned. Second half of inscription [i.e. from 'Also of Martha' onwards] cut by a different hand. Some spalling on eastern face.</p>	

GRAVE MEMORIAL RECORDING FORM			
DATE OF RECORD		RECORDER	MEMORIAL NO.
MONUMENT TYPE			
MATERIAL			
FACES INSCRIBED (COMPASS POINTS)			
CONDITION OF STONE & INSCRIPTION			
DIMENSIONS (IN MM) H		W	T
REMARKS			
INSCRIPTION			

GRAVE MEMORIAL RECORDING FORM

GENEAOLOGICAL SUMMARY

SURNAME	FORENAME	DOB	DOD	RELATIONSHIP

PHOTOGRAPH

Inscription Details

The number relates to that of the plan.

_ Notes space.

... notes letters illegible.

1 – Annabella McLean Riff died 22nd May 1872 aged 75 years.

2 – A Mc L died June 1861 aged 73 years.

3 – R M L aged 27 years.

4 – S M.

5 – D Mathewson who died Decr 1st 1866 aged 69 years. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord".

Index of Surnames

McLean – 1

Mathewson - 5

Initials Only

2 – A Mc L

3 – R M L

4 – S M

GRAVE MEMORIAL RECORDING FORM			
DATE OF RECORD	25-5-00	RECORDER	STF MEMORIAL NO. 1
MONUMENT TYPE SLAB			
MATERIAL SCHIST			
FACES INSCRIBED (COMPASS POINTS) -			
CONDITION OF STONE & INSCRIPTION POOR			
DIMENSIONS (IN MM) H 1840 W 680 T -			
REMARKS			
<p>INSCRIPTION</p> <p>ANNABELLA McLEAN</p> <p>RIFE</p> <p>DIED 22ND MAY 1872</p> <p>AGED 75 YRS.</p>			

GRAVE MEMORIAL RECORDING FORM

1

GENEAOLOGICAL SUMMARY

SURNAME	FORENAME	DOB	DOD	RELATIONSHIP
M'LEAN	ANNABELLA		22-5-1872	

PHOTOGRAPH



GRAVE MEMORIAL RECORDING FORM

DATE OF RECORD 25-5-00 RECORDER STF MEMORIAL NO. 2

MONUMENT TYPE SLAB

MATERIAL YELLOW SANDSTONE

FACES INSCRIBED (COMPASS POINTS) -

CONDITION OF STONE & INSCRIPTION POOR

DIMENSIONS (IN MM) H 1850 W 760 T -

REMARKS

BROKEN IN 2 . SOME LICHEN

INSCRIPTION

A M^c L

DIED JUNE 1861

AGED 73 YS.

GRAVE MEMORIAL RECORDING FORM

2

GENEAOLOGICAL SUMMARY

SURNAME	FORENAME	DOB	DOD	RELATIONSHIP

PHOTOGRAPH



GRAVE MEMORIAL RECORDING FORM			
DATE OF RECORD	25-5-00	RECORDER	STF MEMORIAL NO. 3
MONUMENT TYPE SLAB			
MATERIAL YELLOW SANDSTONE			
FACES INSCRIBED (COMPASS POINTS) -			
CONDITION OF STONE & INSCRIPTION FOR			
DIMENSIONS (IN MM) H 1600 W 600 T			
REMARKS SOME LICHEN			
INSCRIPTION R M L AGED 27 YRS			

GRAVE MEMORIAL RECORDING FORM

3

GENEALOGICAL SUMMARY

SURNAME	FORENAME	DOB	DOD	RELATIONSHIP

PHOTOGRAPH



GRAVE MEMORIAL RECORDING FORM			
DATE OF RECORD	23-5-00	RECORDER	STF MEMORIAL NO. 4
MONUMENT TYPE	SLAB		
MATERIAL	SCHIST ?		
FACES INSCRIBED (COMPASS POINTS)	-		
CONDITION OF STONE & INSCRIPTION	POOR		
DIMENSIONS (IN MM)	H 1760	W 780	T -
REMARKS			
IN ENCLOSURE. MAY BE ASSOCIATED WITH S.			
INSCRIPTION			
S M			

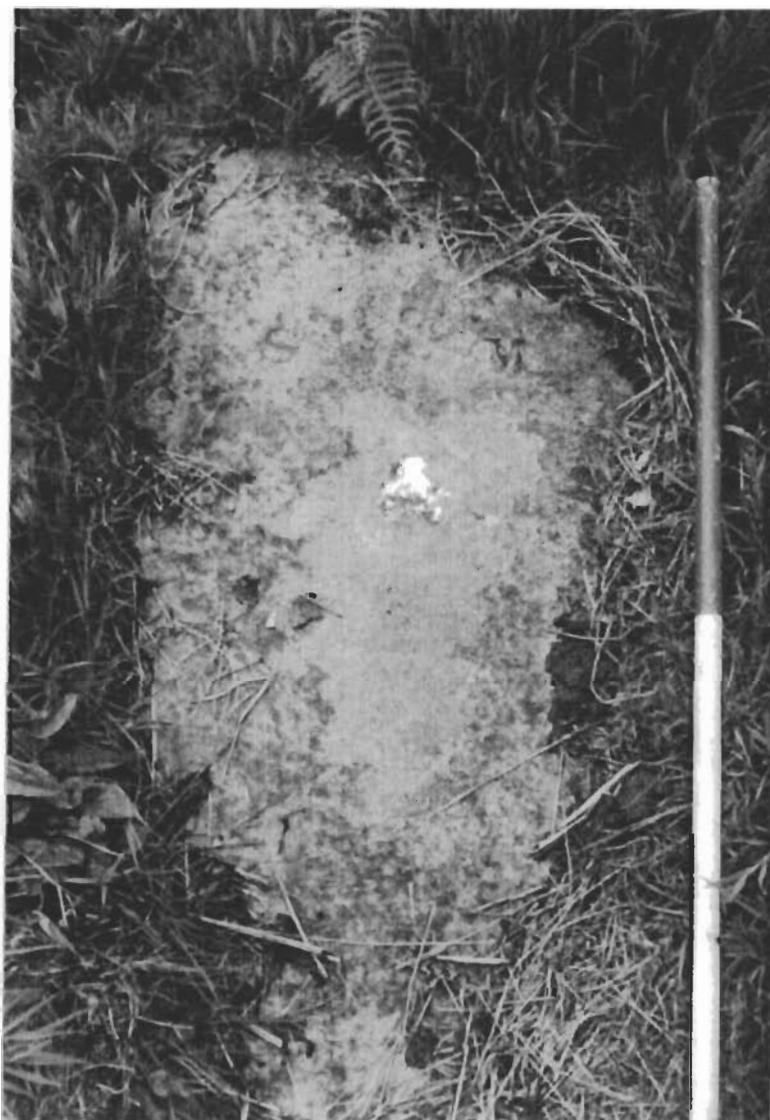
GRAVE MEMORIAL RECORDING FORM

4

GENEAOLOGICAL SUMMARY

SURNAME	FORENAME	DOB	DOD	RELATIONSHIP

PHOTOGRAPH



GRAVE MEMORIAL RECORDING FORM.

DATE OF RECORD 25-5-20 RECORDER STF MEMORIAL NO. 5

MONUMENT TYPE SLAB

MATERIAL YELLOW SANDSTONE

FACES INSCRIBED (COMPASS POINTS) -

CONDITION OF STONE & INSCRIPTION GOOD

DIMENSIONS (IN MM) H C.1900 W 760 T -

REMARKS

WITHIN RAILED ENCLOSURE. MAY BE ASSOCIATED WITH STONE 4.
COVERED PARTLY WITH TURF.

INSCRIPTION

O MATHEWSON

WHO DIED DECEMBER 1ST 1866

AGED 69 YEARS.

"BLESSED ARE THE DEAD WHICH DIE IN THE LORD"

GRAVE MEMORIAL RECORDING FORM

54

GENEAOLOGICAL SUMMARY

SURNAME	FORENAME	DOB	DOD	RELATIONSHIP
MATHEWSON	D		1-12-1866	

PHOTOGRAPH

