

## HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL



## FIELD MONUMENTS

## ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES AND MONUMENTS RECORD

1 SITE CODE		H N G 9 9 S W 0 0 1									
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3 QUAL		CE									
4 DISTRICT		ROSS & CROMARTY									
5 PARISH		GAIRLOCH									
6 SITE NAME		S A N D O F U D R I G I L L									
7 AREA STATUS		8 SITE STATUS									
9 REGIONAL STATUS		10 GENERIC TYPE									
11 CONCORDANCE		12 FORM									
13 DIMENSIONS		14 PERIOD/DATE									
15 DATING METHOD		16 RELATIONSHIP OF ELEMENTS									
17 CONDITION		18 SHAPE									
19 THREAT AND DATE		20 LAND USE									
21 GEOLOGY		22 SOILS									
23 VEGETATION		24 HYDROLOGY/DRAINAGE									
25 RELIEF		26 ASPECT									
27 ALTITUDE		28 EXCAVATION (EXCAVATOR: DATE: EXTENT: QUALITY)									
29 BIBLIOGRAPHY (AUTHOR: DATE: TITLE: JOURNAL OR PUBLISHER: VOLUME: DETAIL)		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									
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NG 9020 9201. Chapel (in ruins). (1)

(NG 9020 9201) The chapel of Sand of Udrigil, situated in a churchyard crowded with graves, close to the village of Laide is stated by Mr. Scott (a) to have been built (about 17.3) by George Mackenzie of Gruinard, but the universal tradition in Gairloch is that it was erected by St. Columba or one of his followers in the 7th. century and that the chapel was only thatched by Mackenzie, "if indeed his place of worship were not an altogether different edifice." (2), (3), (4).

The chapel is placed nearly east and west and at one time its single window showed possible remains of mullion and tracery, which suggest a date earlier than the 18th. century, although the walls are cemented with a form of lime used in several local 18th. century houses. The chapel was in use at least until the end of the 18th. C. (OSFI: DT: 1.12.1960.)

In a graveyard still in use, are the unroofed remains of the chapel, measuring 8.8m. E-W by 5.8m. N-S. The walls, 0.7m. thick, are bonded with shell mortar. The E and W gables are virtually intact, the former being pierced by a partially destroyed mullioned window.

The N and S walls survive to a height of 1.5m.

There are several late gravestones within the ruins of the chapel, the earliest dated 1834, although one appearing older cannot be deciphered.

The tradition that the chapel was erected at the time of St. Columba is still known locally, but the present architectural features are much later.

(OSFI: NKB: 16.3.1965.)