

Discovery and Excavation in Scotland – OASIS-type Form (2006)

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MAIN (NARRATIVE) DESCRIPTION: (May include information from other fields)	An archaeological record was made of seven slumped grave markers within the churchyard of St Peter's Church, Duffus. The markers were moved to pallets before being recorded. Nothing of archaeological significance was noted in the original cuts for the grave markers except a few fragments of dressed sandstone of unknown origin, presumably used for levelling the markers when installed.
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HS PIC Index Number: 90106

SITE: St Peter's Church and Churchyard, Duffus

N.G.R.: NJ 175 686

DESCRIPTION: Recording of slumped grave markers

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INTRODUCTION

Under the terms of its PIC call-off contract with Historic Scotland, Kirkdale Archaeology was asked to record seven slumped grave markers within the churchyard of St Peter's Church, Duffus (Fig.1).

The work took place on 14th and 15th February 2013.

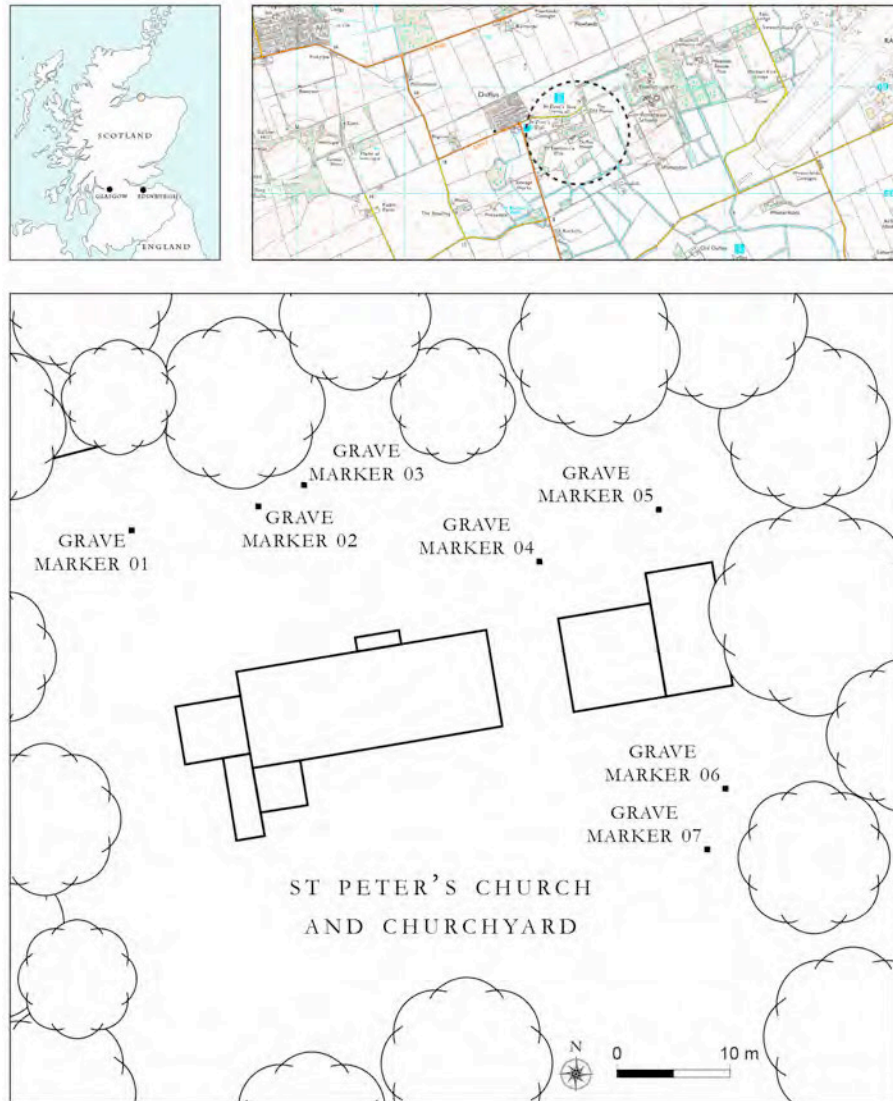


Figure 1: Plan showing the location of St Peter's Church and Churchyard.
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DESCRIPTION

Prior to arrival on site, each of the grave markers (all made of sandstone) had been removed (by machine) and laid out on a pallet, next to its respective grave in order that they could be examined and recorded.

Four of the seven grave markers (004 – 007) had been laid face down, so it was not possible to record any inscriptions or decorations. One of the grave markers (006) had broken into two pieces following its placement on a pallet.

The archaeological horizon within which the grave markers sat was a uniform, slightly stony dark-brown topsoil (008). There was nothing of archaeological interest within this horizon other than that for grave marker 001, cut 009, which contained a fragment of dressed blonde sandstone (010) measuring approximately 30cm x 21cm x 5cm (L x W x D) with a 2cm deep rebate approximately 10cm from the top edge (Plate 2). Also recovered from within 009 was a flat, rectangular piece of sandstone, measuring 49cm x 26cm x 4cm (L x W x D) - presumably used for levelling the grave marker when it was originally erected.

Grave Marker	Height	Width (min/max)	Base (h x w)	Cut (w x l x d)
1	182	72 – 80	33 x 80	85 x 39 x 34
2	173	66 – 78	30 x 78	81 x 39 x 32
3	215	78 – 88	33 x 88	91 x 38 x 34
4	133	68 – 85	19 x 85	87 x 36 x 22
5	173	70 – 77	33 x 77	81 x 42 x 34
6	172	66 – 72	21 x 66	95 x 44 x 33
7	207	83 – 92	44 x 92	92 x 46 x 47

Table 1: Dimensions (in cm) for grave markers including overall height, width (min/max), base (below ground) and original cut size



Plate 1: Grave Marker 01



Plate 2: The dressed sandstone (010)



Plate 3: Grave Marker 02



Plate 4: Grave Marker 03

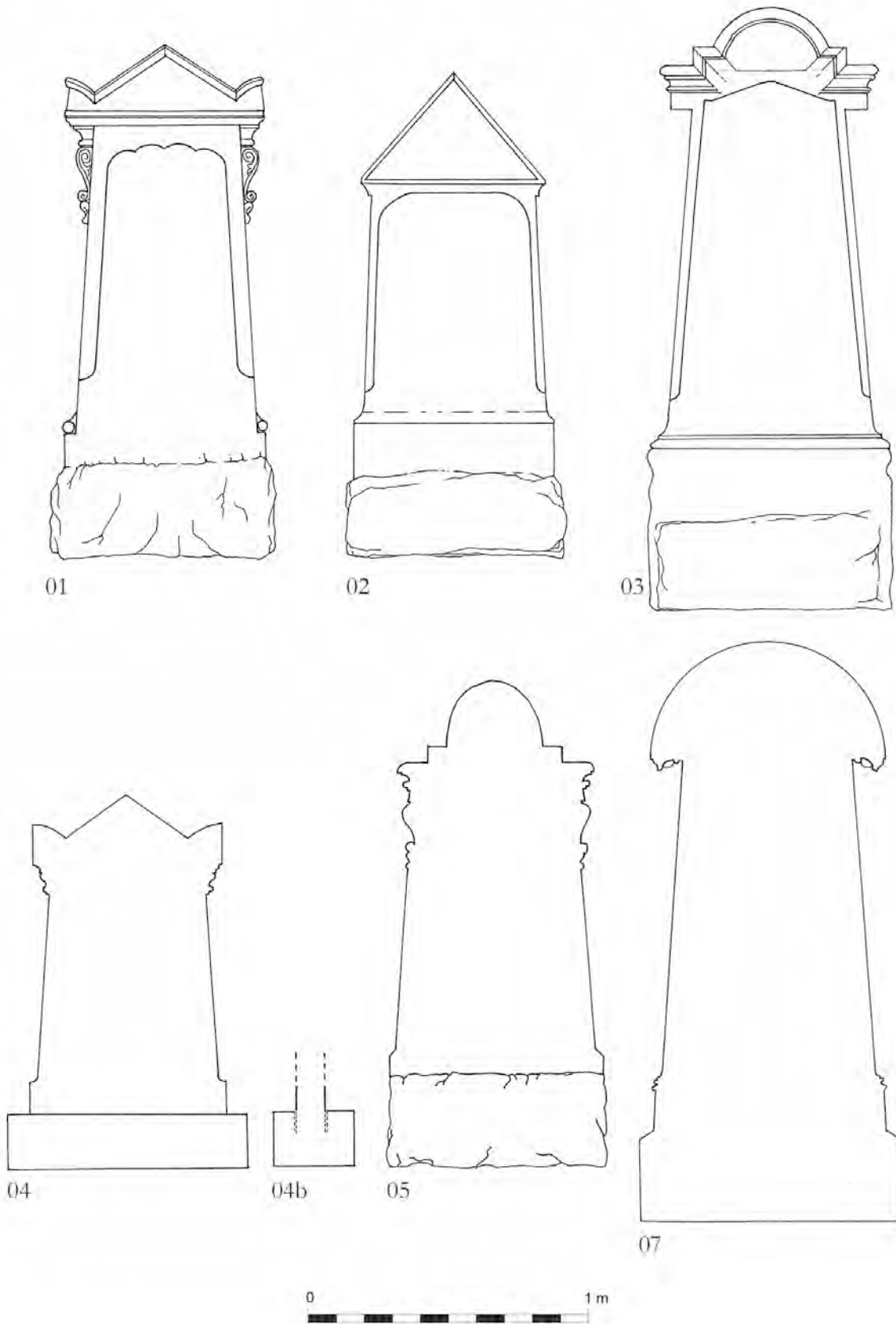


Figure 2: Grave Markers 1 – 5 and 7. Drawing 4b shows a profile of Grave Marker 04.

LIST OF CONTEXTS

Number	Description
001	Grave marker 01. Date 1876. Inscription reads, 'ERECTED BY WALTER ALLAN HOPEMAN IN MEMORY OF HIS BELOVED FATHER WALTER ALLAN WHO DIED DEC 31 1875 AGED 51 YEARS'
002	Grave marker 02. Date 1879. Inscription reads, 'ERECTED BY ALEX MCARTHUR IN MEMORY OF HIS WIFE JEAN FINDLAY WHO DIED 19 TH APRIL 1872 AGED 54 YEARS'
003	Grave marker 03. Inscription reads, 'ERECTED BY ALEXANDER MUNRO CARPENTER HOPEMAN IN MEMORY OF HIS BELOVED WIFE MARGARET GORDON WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE ON THE 4 TH DAY OF OCTOBER 1869 AGED 48 YEARS. ALSO OF THE ABOVE ALEXANDER MUNRO WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE ON THE 8 TH DAY OF DECEMBER 1886 AGED 70 YEARS AND THEIR SON JAMES, WHO DIED AT NEW YORK U.S.A. 16 TH APRIL 1887 AGED 40 YEARS'
004	Grave marker 04
005	Grave marker 05
006	Grave marker 06. Broken into two pieces, lying face down. Similar in size and outline to 007.
007	Grave marker 07
008	Uniform, slightly stony dark-brown topsoil
009	Original cut for grave marker 001
010	Dressed sandstone slab visible following the removal of 001
011	Original cut for grave marker 002
012	Original cut for grave marker 003
013	Original cut for grave marker 004
014	Original cut for grave marker 005
015	Original cut for grave marker 006
016	Original cut for grave marker 007
017	Flat, rectangular piece of sandstone within 009

LIST OF DRAWINGS

No.	Type	Description	Scale
1	Plan	Grave marker 01	1:10
2	Plan	Grave marker 02	1:10
3	Plan	Grave marker 03	1:10
4	Plan	Grave marker 04	1:10
4b	Profile	Shows base stone into which grave marker was set	1:10
5	Plan	Grave marker 05	1:10
7	Plan	Grave marker 07	1:10

LIST OF DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHS

No.	Description	From	Date
1	Dressed stone within cut for 001	N/A	14/02/2013
2	Rectangular slab <i>in situ</i> in cut for 001	N/A	14/02/2013
3	Rectangular slab following removal	N/A	14/02/2013
4	Cut for 001	W	14/02/2013
5	Cut for 002	W	14/02/2013
6	Cut for 003	W	14/02/2013
7	Cut for 004	W	14/02/2013
8	Cut for 006	W	14/02/2013

No.	Description	From	Date
9	Cut for 007	W	14/02/2013
10	Cut for 005	E	14/02/2013
11	Grave Marker 01	N/A	14/02/2013
12	Grave Marker 01	N/A	14/02/2013
13	Grave Marker 01	N/A	14/02/2013
14	Grave Marker 01	N/A	14/02/2013
15	Grave Marker 01	N/A	14/02/2013
16	Grave Marker 02	N/A	14/02/2013
17	Grave Marker 02	N/A	14/02/2013
18	Grave Marker 02	N/A	14/02/2013
19	Grave Marker 03	N/A	14/02/2013
20	Grave Marker 03	N/A	14/02/2013
21	Grave Marker 03	N/A	14/02/2013
22	Grave Marker 04	N/A	14/02/2013
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24	Grave Marker 04	N/A	14/02/2013
25	Grave Marker 05	N/A	14/02/2013
26	Grave Marker 05	N/A	14/02/2013
27	Grave Marker 05	N/A	14/02/2013
28	Grave Marker 05	N/A	14/02/2013
29	Grave Marker 07	N/A	14/02/2013
30	Grave Marker 07	N/A	14/02/2013
31	Grave Marker 07	N/A	14/02/2013
32	Grave Marker 07	N/A	14/02/2013
33	Grave Marker 06	N/A	14/02/2013
34	Grave Marker 06	N/A	14/02/2013