

AN ANGLO-SAXON CARVED STONE FROM SOUTH MUSKHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

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A piece of oolitic limestone carved with Anglo-Saxon interlace ornament was presented to Newark Museum and is illustrated (Plate 1) by courtesy of the curator, Mr. H. V. Radcliffe. (Accession number 10.80/40807). It came from a gravel pit immediately south-east of South Muskham Church (SK 795573) and probably derived from it. No other similar fragments can now be seen built into the masonry. The stone was part of an internal frieze and since two adjacent faces are decorated it must have come from an opening, for instance that between nave and chancel. It is enough to show that South Muskham had a stone church before the Conquest. The archbishop of York was lord of the manor at the time of Domesday and so was no doubt responsible for building it.

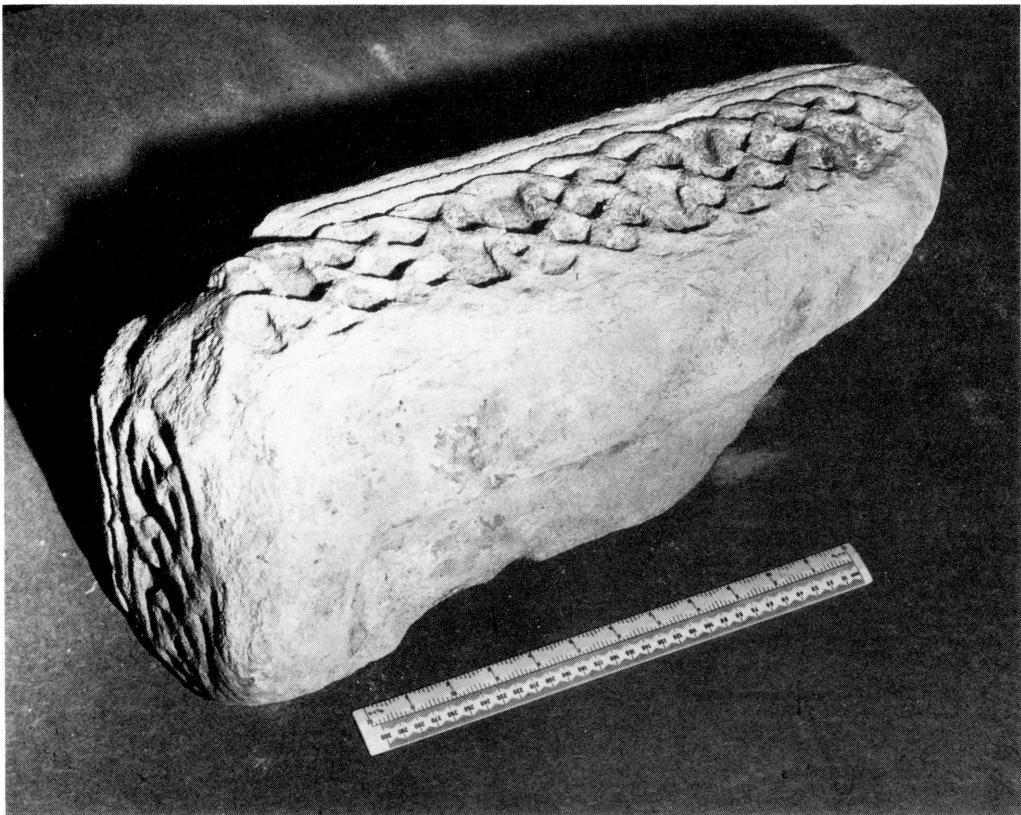


PLATE 1
Anglo Saxon Carved Stone.