**Mystery Object**

King Malcolm II’s Grave Stone

The image is a 19th Century engraving of what is claimed to be "King Malcolm's grave stone", it is at Glamis in Scotland. It is alleged that this is the spot where the assassination of King Malcolm II took place. It is a good example of a Pictish grave stone.



The stone is 2.76 metres high and 1.5 metres wide. The face has a Celtic cross, it has an incised ring, the shaft and roundel are decorated with knotwork interlace designs. The cross is surrounded by symbols and figures.

In the lower left-hand quadrant is depiction of two bearded, long-haired men apparently fighting with axes. Above them is what appears to be a cauldron with human legs dangling out of it. The lower right-hand quadrant holds what appears to be either a deer or a hound's head, above a triple disc symbol. The top right quadrant holds a centaur holding a pair of axes. The top left quadrant holds what has been interpreted as a lion.

The rear of the slab holds three incised symbols: a serpent above a fish, with a mirror at the bottom.