



# ANGUS OG'S SLAB 1318.

## THE FACTS

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AHMS Graveslab No. 150.  
'Formerly in St Oran's Chapel', Iona.

IAN ROSS MACDONNELL 2012.

# Áongus Og

mac Áongbusa Mbór mbic Dhombnaill

‘ic Raghnaill ‘ic Sombairle.

Áongus Mhór (1247-92 as High Chief)

has been called

*"the first MacDonald"* \* →

A patronymic → a headship "STYLE" → the Chief's family  
"de Isles" kindred name → a clan name → and a surname.

\* by W. David H. Sellar (current Lord Lyon),  
"Hebridean Sea-Kings", p. 20; 2000.

# DEATH OF **ANGUS OG** - ACCEPTED FACT NOW \* – 1318, DUNDALK, IRELAND

## **ANNALA ULADH 1318**

*Euchred a Briuis, fear millti Erenn co coitcenn, eter Ghallaibh & Ghaidhelaibh, do marbadh le Gallaibh Erenn tre nert cathaighthi ag Dun Dealgan. Ocus do marbadh 'n-a fhocair Mac Ruaidhri, ri Innsi Gall & **Mac Domnail, ri Aerther Ghaidhel**, mar aen re h-ár na n-Albanach uime.*

## **ANNALS OF ULSTER 1318**

Edward Bruce, the destroyer of Ireland in general, both Foreigners and Gaidheal, was killed by the Foreigners of Ireland by dint of fighting at Dun-Delgan.

**And there were killed in his company Mac Ruaidhri, king of Innsi-Gall Hebrides (akin to outer Hebrides) and **Mac Domnail, king of Airthir-Gaidhel [= “coast of the Gael”], together with slaughter of the Men of Scotland around him,.....****

## **ANNALS OF INISFALLEN 1318**

*....., among whom fell **Alexander M<ac Domnail>** .. (Folio 57b)*

(Son of Angus Og; Editor MacAirt, and \* as agreed JM Bannerman, RA McDonald, etc, etc.)

# ANGUS, SON OF : LORD ANGUS, (THE) "MAC DOMNAILL", OF ISLAY

*"The noble and renowned high chief of the Innsigall"*



**LEFT: ANGUS OG (2), CENTRE,** WITH EDWARD BRUCE (1), BROTHER OF KING ROBERT, AND SIR FERGUS OF ARDROSSAN (3).

THEY ARE ON THE ANTRIM COAST, IRELAND IN 1315 TO "EXPELL THE GALLS (NORMANS) FROM IRELAND" AND CREATE "NOSTRA NATIO" – OUR PAN-GAELIC NATION. THEY FORESAW "A **GRAND GAELIC ALLIANCE AGAINST ENGLAND**".

**1306 : ANGUS OG SAVED ROBERT.** They, including Alexander Og, k.1299, were firm west coast allies; the "*Turnberry band*" (1286).

**1314 : "SYR ANGUS OF ILE" IS A BANNOCKBURN champion.** He was at the head of 5000 isles men with KING ROBERT'S 4<sup>TH</sup> BRIGADE (by Barbour).

*"My hope is constant in thee".*

**1318 : KILLED IN IRELAND IN THE INDEPENDENCE CAUSE.**

EDWARD BRUCE, ALONG WITH ANGUS OG, *Mac Domnaill tigearna Airir Gaoidel*, HIS SON ALEXANDER AND *Mac Ruaidhri, Ri Innse Gall*, WERE KILLED IN DUNDALK.

(IRISH ANNALS 14 Oct 1318.)

# ANGUS OG'S EPITAPH - 1318

h̄IC · IACET · CORPVS ·  
ENGVSII · FILII · DOMINI  
· ENGVSII · **MAC** ·  
**DOMNILL** ·  
DE YLE ·

1.  
2.  
3.  
4.  
5.

( / by line / ) 1. Here lies the body of / 2. Angus son of Lord / 3. Angus Mac / 4. Domnill / 5. of Islay.

THE **MAC · DOMNILL** HERE, 1318,  
IS NOT A COMMON SURNAME.

IT IS A 'STYLE-KINDRED NAME' (followed by the "designation") :-

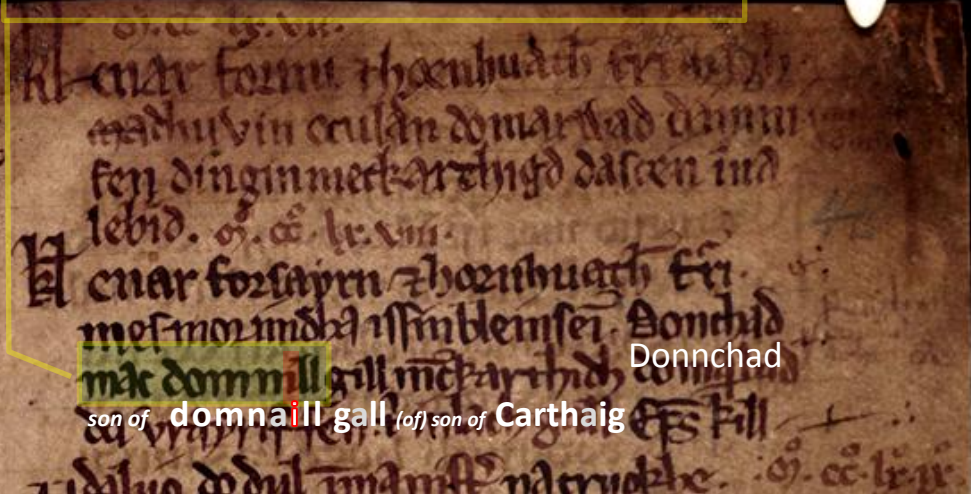
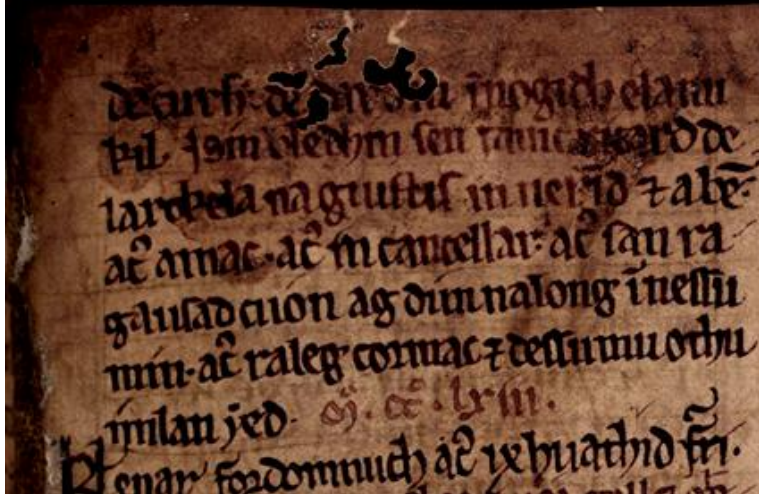
(the) **"Mac Domnaill, ri Aerther Ghaidhel"** (AU : 1318; of late 15<sup>th</sup> c. )

(the) **"Mac Domnill, de Yle"** (Slab : 1318)

THE OLDEST CONTEMPORARY

ANNALS - INISFALLEN : 1267.4

mac ðomnill



Donnchad

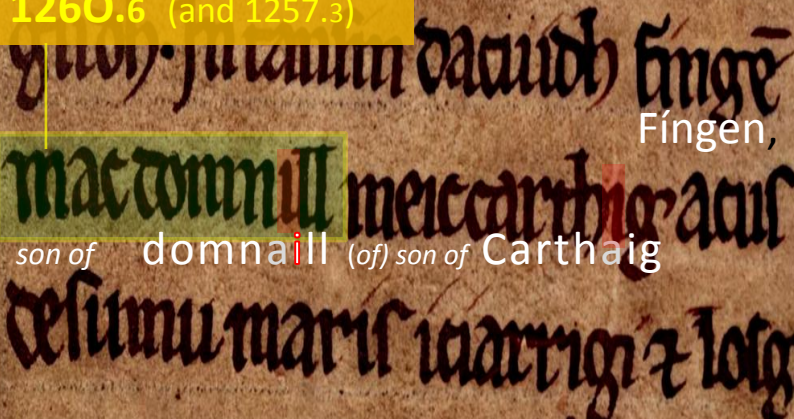
son of domnaill gall (of) son of Carthaig

*"An older fragment containing the years 1253-1275." By "Hand 31; Anglo-Norman literary". "Covering a period of twenty years and has all appearance of being contemporaneous." (Professors :- Best, MacNeil, MacAirt)*

IN IRISH ANNALS THERE ARE ONLY 3 **DELIBERATE** CASES OF THE GENITIVE (son of) as ðomnill - ie, excludes the "a" in normal "ai". ALL THE REST ARE (mac) ðomnaill. ALL 3 ARE LATE 13<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY. THESE INISFALLEN ANNALS "OFTEN CONSTITUTE THE SOLE AUTHORITY" :- THE MOST ACCURATE ORTHOGRAPHICALLY, AND FROM THE TRANSITION PERIOD FROM MIDDLE TO EARLY MODERN IRISH, IE, "LATE 11<sup>TH</sup> c. TO EARLY 14<sup>TH</sup> c."...TO THE EXACT PERIOD IN QUESTION (to 1318). THESE RARE ORIGINAL MS EXAMPLES MATCH THE ATYPICAL ORIGINAL "DOMNILL" ON INSCRIPTION No. 22; ∴ COEVAL.

NB : NO OTHER ANNALS OF 1200-1300 ARE CONTEMPORARY. THEIR ORTHOGRAPHY HAS BEEN CHANGED BY RECENSION/S. "DOMNILL", SLAB 150, CREATED BY LIKE CONDITIONS, IS HOWEVER 'CAST IN STONE'. THIS AN "ANGLO-NORMAN-LATIN-GAELIC" TRAIT IN KILLARNEY AND IN IONA ABBEY WHERE ECCLESIASTICAL LATIN DOMINATES. NO LATIN DIPHTHONG "AI" (THEIR ÆSOUNDS AS IN 'AI' IN AISLE). SOUNDED "I" (IPA : ea/"ai" as long 'i' in 'fine' : monophthongised). FOR MOST OF THE MIDDLE AGES, ESPECIALLY IN SCOTLAND, MOST DOCUMENTS WHERE INDIVIDUAL REAL PEOPLE ARE NAMED WERE WRITTEN IN LATIN. PHONETICS PLAYED BIG ROLE IN CHANGES TO GAELIC AND ALSO ITS TRANSITIONS. ON THE OTHER HAND, FOR SCOTS SPELLING c.1495 IT WOULD BE "DONVLL". [NB: OTHER CASES EARLY-MID 14<sup>TH</sup> C.; IONA SLAB – MAC FHINGUINNE rendered as MAC FINGONE (MACKINNON).]

1260.6 (and 1257.3)



Fingen,

mac ðomnill meiccarthig acus  
son of domnaill (of) son of Carthaig

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1408 : GAELIC CHARTER

DONALD OF HARLAW'S AUTOGRAPH (SIGNATURE)

m<sup>c</sup> domn@ill

(THE) M<sup>c</sup> DOMHNAILL – A 'STYLE'

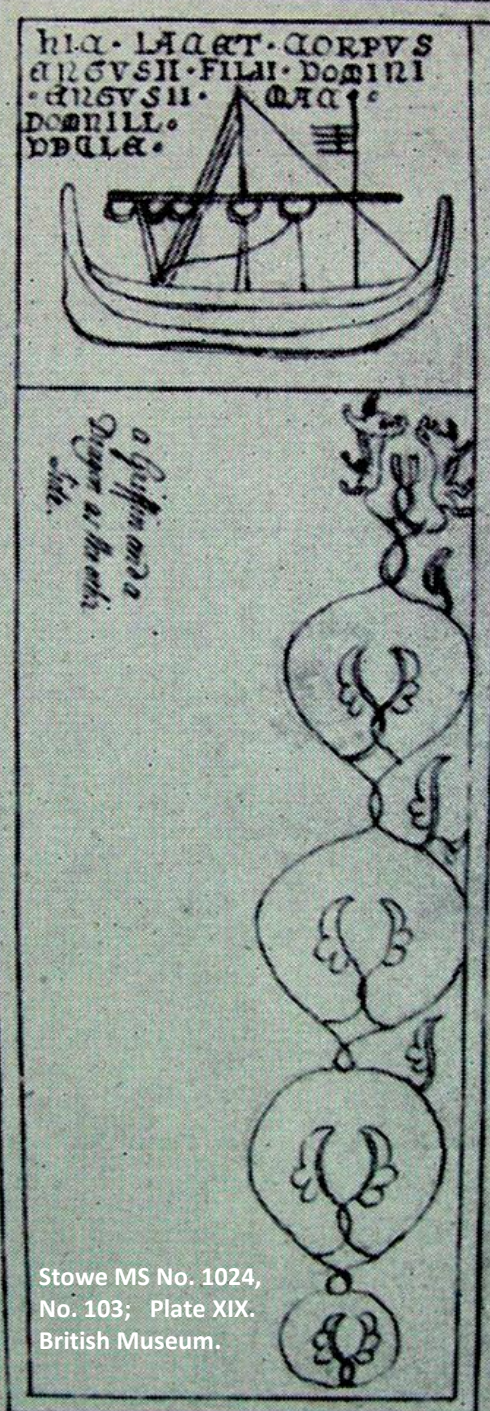
HEAD OF THE *HOUSE OF Yle* and *CLAINNI DOMNAILL*.



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# THE FIRST SKETCH OF SLAB 150 AND THE FIRST ACCURATE TRANSCRIPTION OF INSCRIPTION 22.

(Martin Martin, 1695 made many errors; “topographical confusion” – did records from memory.)



**EDWARD LHUYD** (1660 – 30 June 1709)

Welsh naturalist, botanist, **linguist**, geographer and antiquary.

**LHUYD VISITED IONA 1699-1700.**

*“Edward Lhuyd in The Scottish Highlands 1699-1700”;*  
Campbell/Thompson; Pub. 1963.



MAC • DOMNILL

THE

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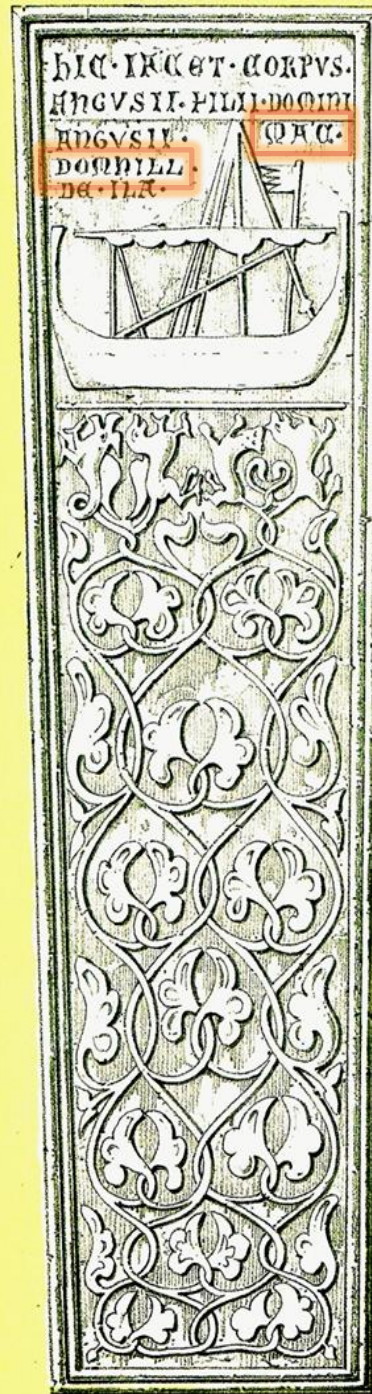
YEAR

OLD

EMBYRONIC

"CLAN NAME"

INCISED IN STONE



HD GRAHAM  
"Antiquities  
Of Iona"

TOMB OF MACDONALD OF ISLAY.

1850  
First  
Drawing.



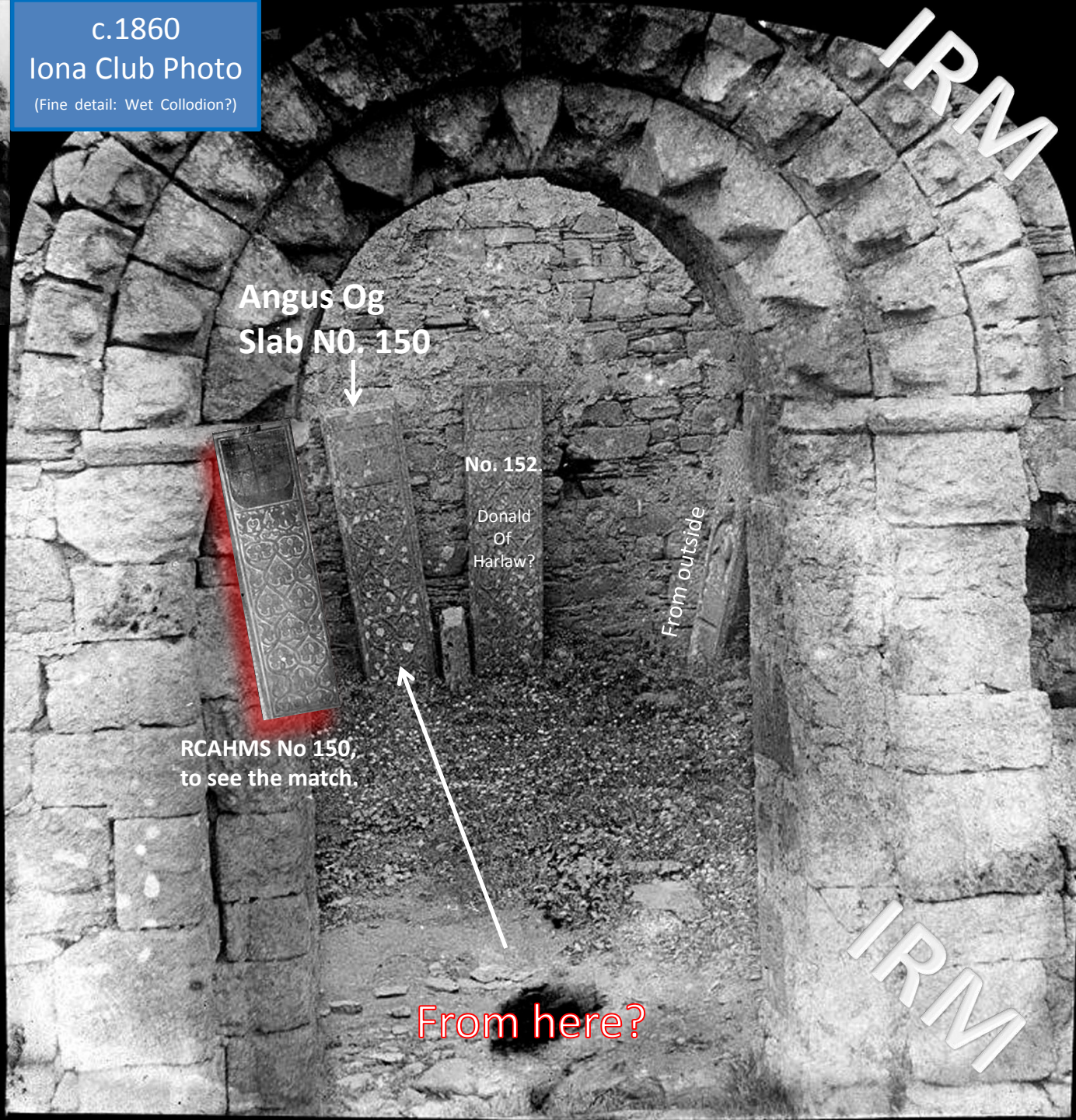
c.1860  
Iona Club Photo

(Fine detail: Wet Collodion?)

THE FIRST  
KNOWN  
PHOTOGRAPH  
OF  
ANGUS OG'S  
GRAVESLAB.

To record its  
uplifting?

Author's  
attribution 2012.



Angus Og  
Slab NO. 150



No. 152

Donald  
Of  
Harlaw?

*From outside*

RCAHMS No 150,  
to see the match.



From here?

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RCAHMS:  
Slab No.150

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1772 : Thomas Pennant gives the inscription of No. 150 as "Angus Oig's" slab in St Oran's Chapel - "Strong friend to Robert Bruce".



[HG Graham, 1850, Plate 6 indicates floor undisturbed.]

Angus Oig's  
Slab No.150

Donald of Harlaw?



152?

150  
?

1421  
Donald of Harlaw.  
The last buried in  
"tomb of ancestors",  
south side, St Oran's.

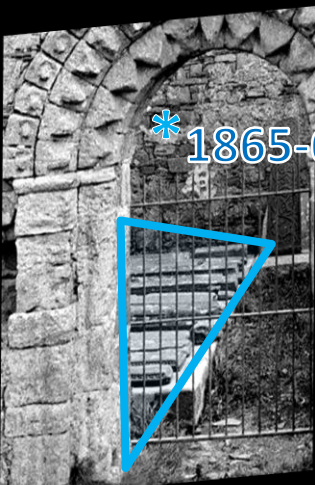
c.1860: Uplifted \*  
No plans.

1926: Relaid  
inside.

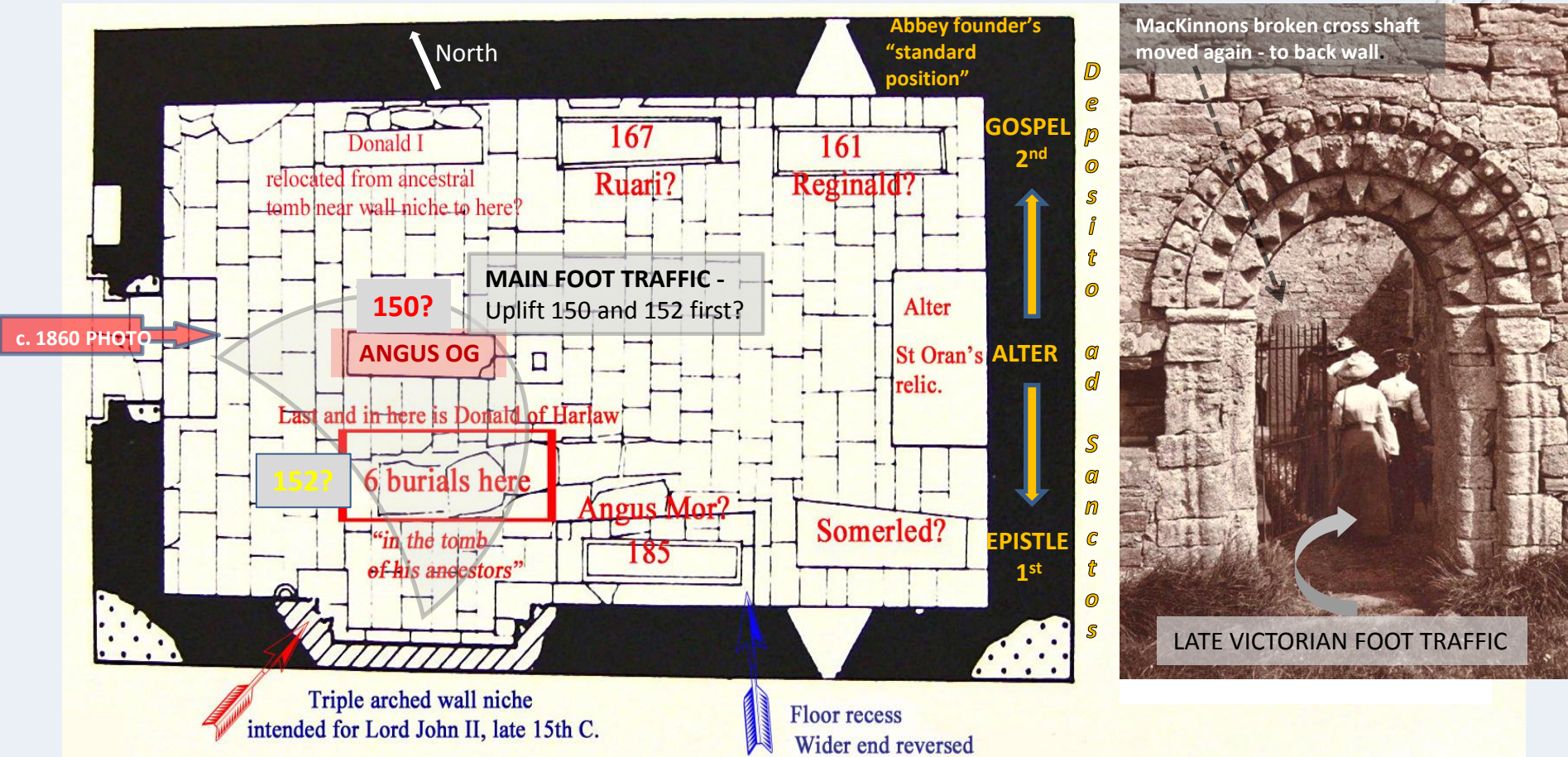
1975: Uplifted  
to Abbey.

2000:-  
NOT RETURNED  
WITH No. 152  
AND 3 OTHERS.

\* 1865-68



# AUTHOR'S ATTRIBUTION OF LORD'S SLABS AND POSITIONS OF BURIAL IN ST ORAN'S CHAPEL



## CLAN DONALD ANCESTRAL TOMB (6) - DONALD I, 1247, TO DONALD OF HARLAW, 1421

*“It was considered the duty of the heir of the latterly deceased person, after having cleared out the tomb by removing the bones, to raise the body of his relative, and, without any aid from others, to deposit it in its temporary resting-place” . “His full noble body was buried with befitting pomp and solemnity in the tomb of his ancestors on the south side of Teampull Odhrain; the sacred storehouse of his predecessors and guardian of their bones.” This is a secondary ritual to protect and perpetuate the kingship which represents the body politic as a continuous living institution.*

# WHY DOES THE RCAHMS SAY THIS SLAB IS NOT ANGUS OG'S, 1318, BUT IS c.1495.

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THE 1977 RCAHMS REPORT BY STEER AND BANNERMAN (S&B) ON THIS IONA SLAB No. 150 AND INSCRIPTION No. 22 STATES THAT \*:-

- “IT IS INCONCEIVABLE THAT ANGUS OG SHOULD BE SO DESCRIBED IN THE TERMS USED ON THE PRESENT GRAVE SLAB.”
- “THE FORMULA EMPLOYED CLEARLY INTENDS THE DESIGNATION *DE ÍLE* TO APPLY TO THE FATHER ONLY.”

THEY WANTED THE “*DE YLE*” (OR “*DOMINI*”) IN A DIFFERENT POSITION IN THE INSCRIPTION IF IT WAS TO REMAIN AS ANGUS OG'S SLAB (SEE GREAT SEAL OF ISLAY).

## THAT'S THEIR ONLY POINT.

AFTER A CONVOLUTED SEARCH SPANNING 200 YEARS, THEY ONLY “FOUND” ONE OTHER VAGUE “*Engusii filii Engusii*” POSSIBILITY - **A NEBULOUS NONENTITY**. WHILE HAVING TO ALLOW NUMEROUS, GENEROUS CAVEATS FOR ‘HIM’, AND OVERLOOKING MANY PRACTICAL PROBLEMS WHICH PROHIBITED THEIR CHOICE, THEY NEVER ONCE RECONSIDERED THE ORIGINAL, CENTURIES OLD ATTRIBUTION....TO ANGUS OG ... THAT WAS “*INCONCEIVABLE*”!

**AN INCONSISTENT APPLICATION OF REASONABLE LATITUDE. NONENTITY Ω FORMULA**

\* STEER & BANNERMAN (S&B)..... “*Late medieval monumental sculpture in the West Highlands*” (LMMSWH); pps 110-11; 1977.

TO PUT “*DE YLE*” AFTER THE SON’S NAME MAY ADD TO MAKE HIS LORDSHIP INCONTROVERTIBLE, BUT NOT TO HAVE IT THERE DOES NOT MAKE IT “INCONCEIVABLE”.

AT THAT PERIOD THERE WERE MULTIPLE “FORMULAE” AND IT WAS A PERIOD OF CHANGE IN REGIONAL STATUS, LANGUAGE AND HOW THEY TITLED, “STYLED” AND DESIGNATED THEMSELVES.....AND HOW OTHERS DID IT FOR THEM IN THEIR VARIOUS MANNERS AND WAYS.

VERY “FIRST *MAC DOMNILL*” (Gaelic - genitive; how spell?) : **ANGUS MOR SON OF DONALD**. A NEW, EXTRA STYLE - WHERE TO ADD ANOTHER? (Great seal of Islay has no “Domini”, “Mac Domnill”, gaelic.)

EXAMPLES OF WAYS OF SETTING OUT THE PEDIGREE AND THE **TITLE/STYLE/DESIGNATION WHICH APPLIED TO THEM ALL :- IT WAS USUALLY ONLY AT THE END...**

- c.1210 Charter - <sup>3</sup> *dovenaldus* *filius* <sup>2</sup> *reginaldi* *fili* <sup>1</sup> *somerled* ***dominus de inchegal***.
- 1318
- 1387 Annals F/M - <sup>2</sup> *eoin* *mac* <sup>1</sup> *aenghusa meic[-]domhnaill* ***tighearna insi gall***
- c.1500 Slab - <sup>2</sup> *lachlanus* *filius* <sup>1</sup> *donaldi* *Mac[-]illean* ***dominus de ardgouar***

**NOT ALWAYS.** Alexander Og’s Paisley Charter; before 1318.

- **1295** - *alexander de hyle filius et here domini engusii filii dovenaldi domini de hyle* .

Encompassing three different placements and associations of “domini” and “de Yle”.

(There was more space and easier to do all of them, everywhere on parchment!)

ANGUS OG'S BROTHER ALEXANDER OG, d.1299. SONS OF ANGUS MOR. ALL THESE "ORDERS" MEAN THE SON IS ALSO THE LORD.

**1295:** *alexander de hyle filius et here domini engusii filii dovenaldi domini de hyle.* (All Latin charter)

*alexander ~~de hyle~~ filius et here domini engusii filii ~~dovenaldi~~ domini de hyle.*

*alexander filius domini engusii mac domnill de hyle.*

**1318 :**

*engusii filii domini engusii mac domnill de yle*

ENGVSII · FILII · DOMINI · ENGVSII · MAC · DOMNILL · DE YLE



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## THE FACTS

THE ONLY PROVEN *ENGUSII FILII ENGUSII*, WHO IN HISTORIC FACT HAD THE RIGHT AND PRIVILEGE OF BEING BURIED AS A GENUINE *LORD OF THE ISLES* IN THEIR EXCLUSIVE ST ORAN'S CHAPEL IS :-

ANGUS OG, SON OF ANGUS MOR,  
SON OF DONALD (I), k.1318, Dundalk.





1.

BY A NUMBER OF ESCALATING SPECULATIONS, *STEERED* IN THE WRONG DIRECTION BY AN EARLIER ERROR STATING THE LOMBARDIC SCRIPT WAS RARE AND ONLY OF VERY LATE 15<sup>TH</sup> C., THE **RCAHMS** \* (1977) WAS MISDIRECTED TO MAKE A VERY TENTATIVE AND WRONG CHOICE OF THE SLAB'S OWNER – TO “FIT” THAT LATER PERIOD (eg, quote: “*it would be consistent with the* (Dr Steer's) *presumptive dating - if the stone were really late 15<sup>th</sup>.. “curious”.. “if the stone does in fact commemorate a son of this Angus (Master) making it late 15<sup>th</sup> :-* Dr Lamont, 1968; “*Medieval Stones of Islay*”. Then, RCAHMS says “*See Lamont*” in their choice “*of a likely candidate*”.

[One of many “ifs” morphed into a “curious” and another to “presumptive” and then they escalated to a “likely”, finally mutating into a 1977 “inconceivable”.]

THEY CHOSE A PERSON THEY KNEW NOTHING ABOUT : AN ANGUS *DE INSULIS* = *Of the Isles* (generic=family of MacDonald). FROM A BRIEF MENTION IN 1517 THEY ERRONOUSLY GAVE **ANGUS ILEACH** (from Islay) **OF SANDA** A FALSE IDENTITY. AN “IDENTITY” THAT CAN BE PROVED NEVER TO HAVE EXISTED. (ie, a son Angus of Angus *Master of the Isles*, son of John II).

THE LOMBARDIC SCRIPT (EVEN IF VARIANT) IN FACT MATCHES THE LATE 13<sup>TH</sup> C. **GREAT SEAL DE YLE** - OF ANGUS MOR (AND ANGUS OG), TWO CENTURIES EARLIER.

\* “ARGYLL : An Inventory of the Monuments VOL 4 IONA” (ARGYLL VOL 4) ; Royal Commission on the Ancient & Historical Monuments of Scotland (**RCAHMS**); 1982.

# LOMBARDIC SCRIPT – SLAB NO.150

A = 

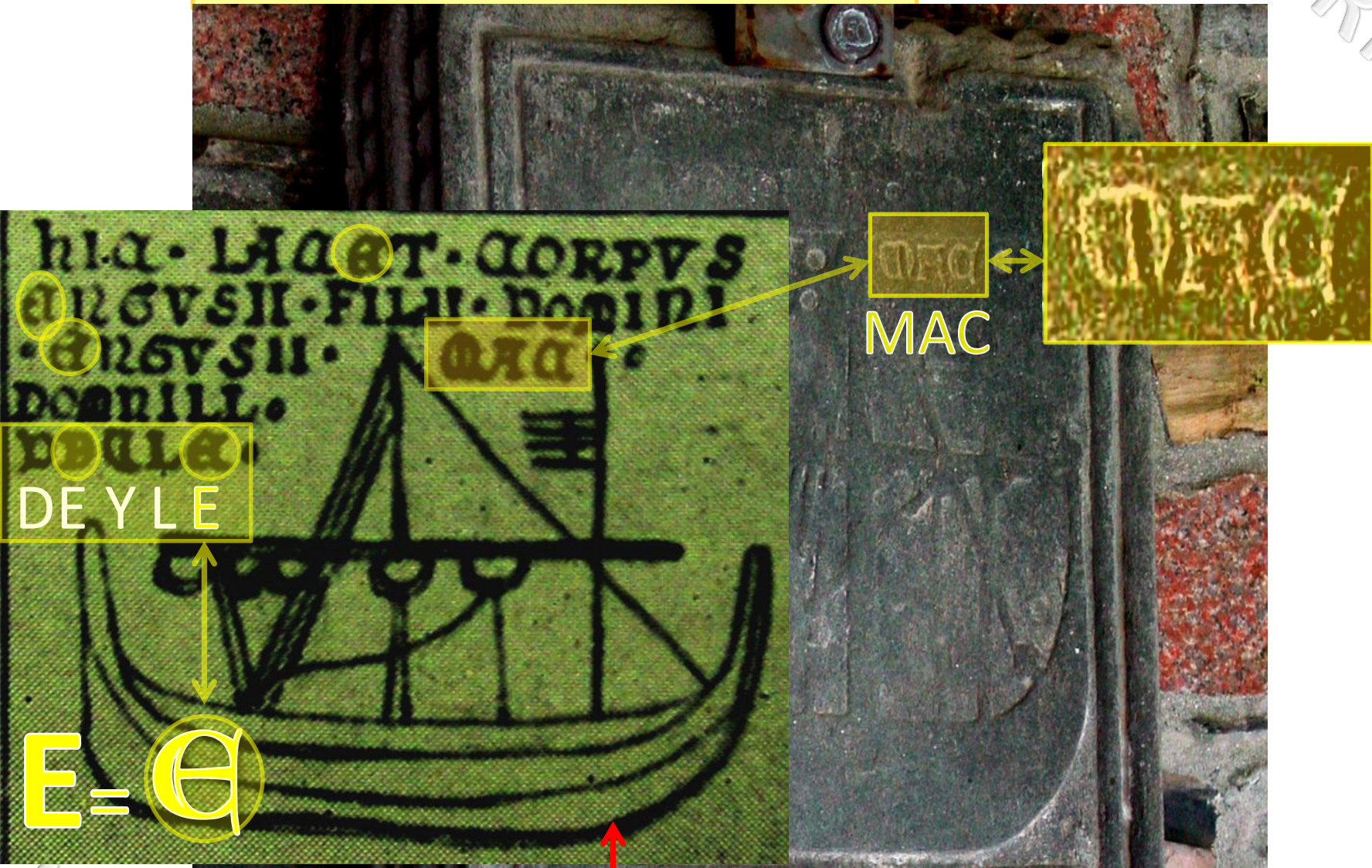
C = 

MAC



IRMA

# LOMBARDIC SCRIPT – SLAB NO.150



**FULL INSCRIPTION (No. 22) BY E. LHUYD; 1699.** (Stowe MS No. 1024, 103; Plate XIX. Copy of original.)

THE RECOGNISED LINGUIST EXPERT BY ALL. **PRECISE : EXACT.**

(PHILOLOGY; PALAEOGRAPHY; ORTHOGRAPHY; EPIGRAPHY; SCRIPT; ETC.)

THE GREAT SEAL OF ISLAY  
ANGUS MOR (AND ANGUS OG)  
1247-1318.  
COMMON FACSIMILE

# LOMBARDIC SCRIPT

"S' (SEAL OF) ENGVS DE YLE FILII DOANALDI"





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THE GREAT SEAL OF ISLAY

ANGUS MOR AND ANGUS OG

1247-1318.

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ACTUAL SEAL

(Made on mainland?)

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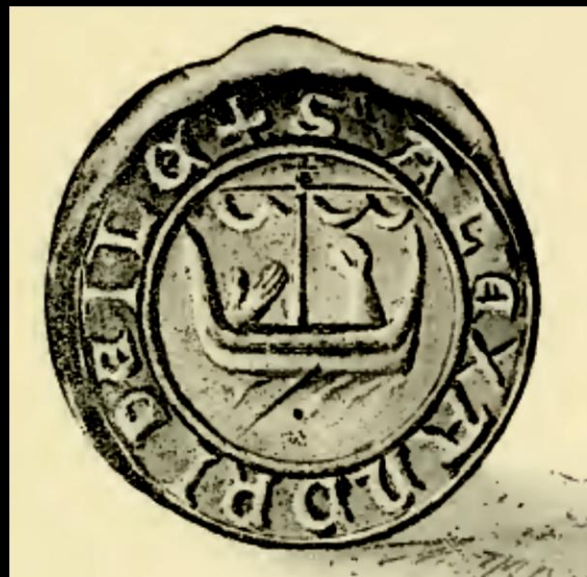
REGINALDVS  
REX INSULARVM  
DOMINVS  
DE ERGILE

Reginald  
Mac Somerled  
d. 1207



SEAL OF REGINALD, SON OF SOMERLED.  
REGINALDUS REX INSULARUM, DOMINUS DE ERGILE.  
1164-1207

# ALL INSCRIPTIONS IN LOMBARDIC SCRIPT



S. ALEXANDRI  
DVX ERGILE

Alexandair Og k. 1299

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# RCAHMS ONLY FOUND TWO 'CHOICES'

## 200 YEARS APART!

### 2. RCAHMS MADE NUMEROUS CAVEATS :

*“there is **no certain reference** to a son of Angus (Master of the Isles) called Angus.....”*

- **IN FACT, NONE WHATSOEVER.** HIS ONLY SON, “*THE HEIR*”, WAS THE IMPRISONED LORD DONALD DHU AS A “THREE YEAR OLD”, c.1482 BY 1<sup>ST</sup> ARGYLL EARL (AFTER *BATTLE OF BLOODY BAY*). ANGUS MASTER WAS ABSENT IN ALMOST CONSTANT BATTLE UNTIL HIS MURDER, 1490, ROSS.
- **IF ANGUS MASTER HAD A 2<sup>nd</sup> SON, ANGUS, ILLEGITIMATE OR OTHERWISE, WHO RCAHMS SAY WAS ALIVE IN 1517, HE WOULD HAVE LED THE CLAN AND THEREFORE BEEN MENTIONED AS THE LEGITIMATE LEADER OF THE CLAN DONALD UPRISINGS AFTER THE FALL OF THE LORDSHIP. HE NEVER WAS AND THERE WERE SEVEN OF THEM! AND DONALD DHU WAS ONLY OUT OF THE CAMPBELL’ S PRISON FOR ONE OF THEM.**
- TO MAKE AN “**IMPLICATION**”, I.E., ANOTHER LAME CAVEAT, THAT THE POSTULATED SON “**APPARENTLY**” TOOK A *CROWN PENSION* HAS NO FACTUAL, “CERTAIN” OR CREDIBLE BASIS - UNLESS ITS FOR **ANGUS ILEACH of SANDA!**



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### 3. **ROYAL CHARTER, 1476** PROVES **ANGUS MASTER HAD NO SON ANGUS** (RMS ii, No. 1246).

Royal charter of 1476 to Lord John II (regrant after 1<sup>st</sup> forfeiture) shows no son in the succession plan and lands to *"be held... by his* (Lord John II's) *natural son Angus Master whom failing"...* then to his (John II's) other natural son John ["III"]. \*

IF ANGUS MASTER HAD HAD A SON, LEGITIMATE OR 'NATURAL', HE WOULD HAVE BEEN INCLUDED . **HE WAS APPROX. 30 Y.O. AND HAD NOT PRODUCED AN HEIR!**

(Poor progenitor?.....girls only, still borns, infant mortality, sterile, sexual proclivity, "busy man"?)

**"SOON AFTER" FORFEITURE (1476) FOR CROWN RECONCILIATION, HE MARRIED A DAUGHTER OF THE 1<sup>ST</sup> EARL OF ARGYLL, C.1477 – THEY HAD ONE SON, DONALD DHU WHO WAS CAPTURED C.1480 (3 Y.O.). NO OTHER RELIABLE SOURCES, NO OTHER OF MANY EXPERT RESEARCHERS, EVEN WHERE IT SHOULD BE MOST EXPECTED, EVER MENTION ANY OTHER SON AT ALL OF ANGUS MASTER (OR DAUGHTER) LET ALONE A SON ANGUS – LEGITIMATE OR OTHERWISE.** (except those after 1977 referring to the RCAHMS "guess".)

\*Monro & Monro; *"Acts of The lords of The Isles"*; 1986 (Appendix "A"; p.214, A24. "D"; p.315, notes 3, 4).



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### 4. \* REGISTER OF GREAT SEAL OF SCOTLAND 1478:-

IDENTIFIABLE, PERMANENT ETYMOLOGICAL  
CHANGE FROM YLE TO YLA.

THE OLDER, VERIFIED SPELLING "OF ISLAY" ON THE  
SLAB AS DE YLE PROVES IT IS ANGUS OG.

(NB : THERE ARE ONLY 2 CHOICES; RCAHMS.)

ALL THE OFFICIAL SEALS OF THE LORDS OF THE  
ISLES CONFIRM THE CHANGE EMPHATICALLY AND  
BEYOND ALL REASONABLE DOUBT.

Monro & Monro; *"Acts of The lords of The Isles"*; 1986.

( \* No. 1277, p. 259. Ed. J Balfour. 1882.)



Inscription No. 49

*“HEC EST CRUX REGNALDI IOHANNES DE YSL<sup>E</sup>”.*

“This is the cross of Reginaldus, son of Iohannes, of Islay”.

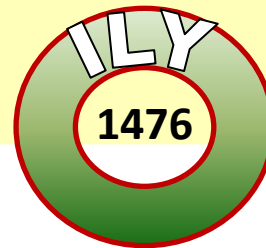


**Ranald, founder of Clanranald and Glengarry branches.**

**Died c.1386.** Son of Lord of the Isles, John I and Amy MacRuari. His cross shaft from Texa Island, off Port Ellen, Islay. Now in National Museum of Antiquities of Scotland.

Of the five extant seals of John II, Lord of the Isles, in use in 1449, 1454, 1472, 1476 and 1478 respectively, only the last has 'a' in this position.<sup>7</sup> This date corresponds remarkably with the dates of the first appearances of this spelling in such official series as the Acts of the Parliaments of Scotland,<sup>8</sup> the Register of the Great Seal,<sup>9</sup> and the Exchequer Rolls.<sup>10</sup>

DE I/YLE



FORFEITURE

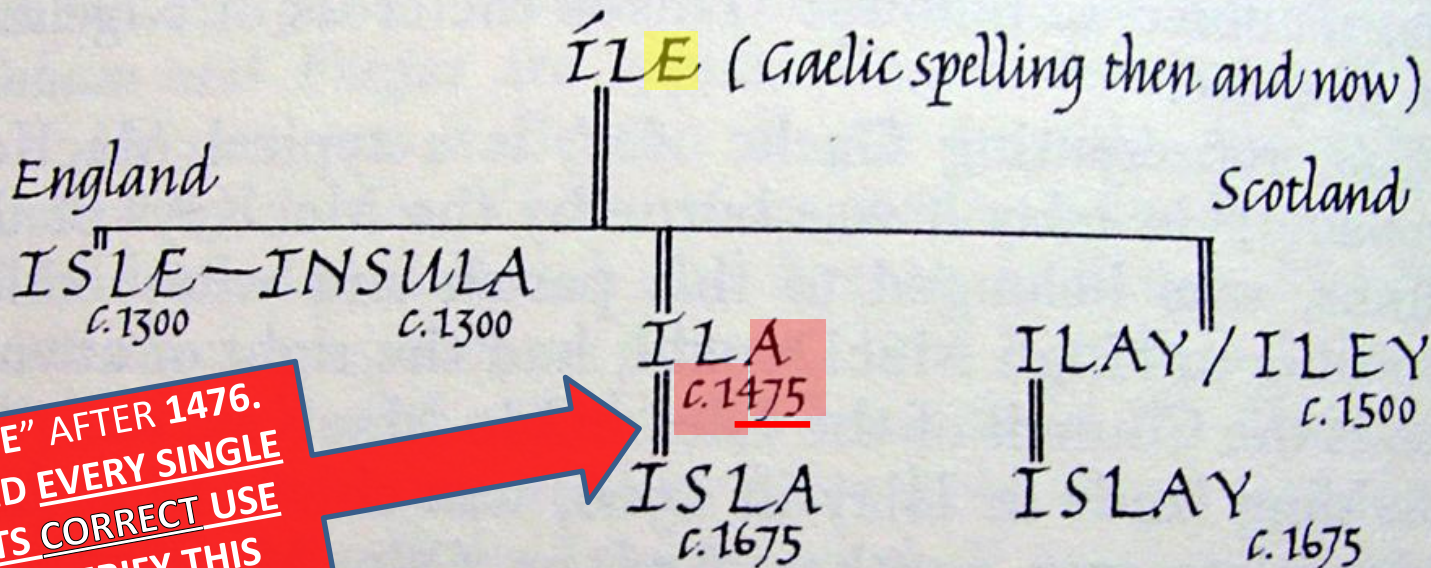
DE I/YLA



# FIVE EXTANT SEALS OF LORD JOHN II MACDONALD.

PS: YLE FROM 1095! Note examples of "Y" in Angus Mor's seal of late 1200's; 1295 Alexander Og's charter; 1386 YSLE Clanranald cross..

diagram form for easier understanding.



ILA. NEVER "E" AFTER 1476.  
I HAVE CHECKED EVERY SINGLE  
INSTANCE OF ITS CORRECT USE  
FOR JOHN (II) TO VERIFY THIS  
AND IT IS ABSOLUTE FACT.

**BUT SLAB No. 150, INSCRIPTION No. 22 HAS YLE**

- THEREFORE IT **CANNOT** BE A SLAB TWENTY YEARS OR MORE AFTER 1476, FOR A POORLEY POSTULATED, NEBULOUS NON-ENTITY, "SON" OF ANGUS MASTER.
- S&B DID **NOT** APPLY THE BASIS OF THEIR **OWN PRESCRIPTIVE CUT-OFF DATING METHOD** FOR INSCRIPTION No. 49, **TO THIS ONE, No. 22.**

“Categoric dating” ... say RCAHMS...

c.1493 (near 2<sup>nd</sup> Forfeiture) :- Black-letter script introduced.

“Since *Lombardic capitals* are used for the inscription, the grave-slab was presumably carved during his lifetime, shortly before 1500.” (RCAHMS; p.111; **last** sentence of long report on Inscription No.22. )

As an afterthought, Steer & Bannerman (S&B) have the making of the slab **c.1495** when their supposed “son” of *Angus Master of Isles* is only about 17y.o., **otherwise the Lombardic script is obsolete by up to 50 years!**

**IN FACT, THE SLAB WAS MADE PRE-1476 – WITH *DE YLE***

[S&B had no idea of a birth, marriage, death year for the postulated “son”. IF he had existed; note, his contemporaries died c.1550.]

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## THE FACTS

- 5.** ALL THE PERIOD DETAIL/DESIGN OF THE SLAB AND THE INSCRIPTION CORRECTLY MATCHES ANGUS OG'S 1318 DEATH (AS NUMEROUS EXAMINERS HAVE SAID FOR PAST 300 YEARS).

**NO INSCRIPTION "FORMULA" (PLACEMENT-ORDER OF "DE YLE" (OR "DOMINI")) AS USED BY S&B IS PERFECT OR 100% RELIABLE-CONSISTENT FOR ALL PERIODS. IT IS NOT AN EXACT SCIENCE – NOT UNIVERSAL, CONSTANT. IT SHOULD NOT BE USED AS THE SOLE TEST. ONE WHICH HAD TO BE PROPPED UP MOST SUBJECTIVELY WITH A RAFT OF LIBERAL CAVEATS – WHILE OVERLOOKING GLARING PRACTICAL PROBLEMS WHICH PATENTLY PROHIBITED THEIR CHOICE. A CHOICE FOR WHICH THEY USED EXHAUSTIVE EXPLORATION WITH EXTENSIVE JUSTIFICATIONS. BUT, NOT A SKERRICK OF LATITUDE WAS GIVEN TO THE ORIGINAL, CENTURIES OLD ATTRIBUTION – DEEMED 'INCONCEIVABLE'! (INCONSISTENT APPLICATION OF REASONABLE LATITUDE.)**

**NO DETAIL OR DESIGN MATCHES THE TWO CENTURIES LATER  
"probably shortly before 1500" GUESS ('Argyll; VOL 4'):-  
GENEROUSLY INTERPRETED; HEAVY QUALIFICATIONS.**

**IT WOULD HAVE HAD UP TO EIGHT KNOWN 'STYLISTIC' AND INSCRIPTION CHANGES. (as do the other slabs of that much later period have some.)**

**THEY DID NOT DO THE MATHS. TO MATCH THIS SLAB'S DETAIL, THE PERSON IS A *NO-BODY* BABY WHEN ITS MADE! \* (pre 1476 DE Yle)**

(\* This is a slab for a full grown man and Lords of the Isles' babies are buried, as are wives, on Finlaggan)



UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES, AT ANY TIME, WOULD A NEBULOUS, NONENTITY (POSTULATED) SON OF ANGUS MASTER, WHO HIMSELF WAS:-

- "NEVER RECOGNISED AS A LORD OF ISLES"; (RCAHMS; Inscription No. 22)
- NEVER ACCEPTED AS SUCH BY THE FULL COUNCIL OF THE ISLES;
- NEVER A GENUINE "De Yla" OR OWN A LORD'S SEAL, &
- NEVER SIGNING AS LORD, BUT "YOUNG", "HEIR", "MASTER", "OF ISLES" & "WITH CONSENT" RE HIS FATHER JOHN II,

... BE BURIED IN THE "ROYAL CHANTRY CHAPEL" OF ST ORAN WHICH WAS RESERVED AS THE MORTUARY HOUSE FOR THE EXCLUSIVE USE OF THE LORDS OF THE ISLES!"

HE WOULD NOT HAVE EVEN HAD ANY ACCESS AFTER 1493 – to c.1550.  
LAST LORD WAS BURIED INSIDE, 1421 – LAST CHIEF, CLANRANALD, OUTSIDE, 1481.

## ACTUAL LOMBARDIC INSCRIPTION IS :-

h̄IC · IACET · CORPVS · / ENGVSII · FILII · DOMINI /  
· ENGVSII · MAC · / DOMNILL · / DE YLE ·

**HOWEVER**, as per S&B's postulation, if inscription No. 22 followed the **1495-1500** trends of the period for key nobles and ecclesiastics (**to be**) buried on Iona, it would be leading edge style, along most of these specifications :-



1. Black-Letter script;
2. around the slab's perimeter;
3. [*corpus*] and [*son of*] both gone - 'taken as read';
4. gaelic given-names;
5. a surname now (with lenited "H" and genitive "Al");
6. YLE becomes **YSLA\*** ;
7. with a part year (century only 15--; see No. 23);
8. galley carved with either a rudder, oar-ports, stem/stern post head prongs or carvings or weather veins (all not worn off).

## RED SHOWS THE BROAD EXTENT OF CHANGES

**HIC IACET AONGUS AONGHUSA MACDOMHNAILL DOMINI DE  
YSLA ANNO DOMINI MILLESIMO QUIN GENTESIMO** ▫ ▫ (and 55?)

(\* see Clanranald slide : c.1386 Inscription No.49 : with "S" in YSLE.)



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· ENGVSII · M̄AC · / DOMNILL · / DE YLE ·

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If it was in advance for a (non-existent) son of Angus, Master of the Isles (it would be close to) :-

**HIC IACET AONGUS AONGHUSA MACDOMHNAILL MAGISTRUM DE**  
**INSULARUM ANNO DOMINI MILLESIMO QUIN GENTESIMO** ▪ ▪ (and 55?)

IF the slab-inscription was “presumably carved” c.1498, it would have at least some, and probably most of these eight changes.

BUT, IT HAS **ZERO (8 x XXXXXXXX). IMPOSSIBLE ODDS!**

(Large probability odds even if its zero out of 6 or 4 variables.)

**HOWEVER, the converse for being a 1318 slab?**

**It correctly has none; 8✓ = 100%.**

IRM

# THIS IS ANGUS OG'S SLAB, 1318

## THE FACTS

1. ROYAL COMMISSION (1977) WAS MISDIRECTED TO MADE A WRONG CHOICE OF SLAB'S OWNER, A PERSON THAT THEY KNEW NOTHING ABOUT. THEY GAVE ANGUS ILEACH OF SANDA A FALSE IDENTITY – AN IDENTITY PROVED NEVER TO EXIST.  
THERE WAS ONLY TWO 'CHOICES' OVER A 200 YEAR PERIOD. THEY ADMITTED :-  
"there is no certain reference to a son of Angus (Master of the Isles) called Angus"  
IN FACT, NONE WHATSOEVER.
2. ROYAL CHARTER OF 1476 PROVES ANGUS MASTER HAD NO HEIR, SON ANGUS (@ 30 yo; he "failed").
3. ORIGINAL MS (Annals Inisfallen) WITH 3 DELIBERATE GENETIVE "DOMNILL" ("I", NOT "AI"), ALL OF AND ONLY OF MID-LATE 13<sup>TH</sup> C., MATCH THE ATYPICAL "DOMNILL" ON INSCRIPTION No. 22.  
∴ COEVAL . THERE IS NO LATIN DIPHTHONG "AI". MONOPHTHONGISED TO "I".  
AND, ON THE OTHER HAND, FOR SCOTS SPELLING c.1495 IT WOULD BE "DON~~Y~~LL".
4. ALSO, OLDER SPELLING "OF ISLAY" ON SLAB ~~DE~~ ~~Y~~LE~~E~~ PROVES IT IS ANGUS OG.  
FROM 1476 - IDENTIFIABLE, PERMANENT CHANGE FROM YLE TO YLA.
5. INSCRIPTION "FORMULAE" ARE NOT PERFECT, RELIABLE – NOT SCIENCE. IT IS "INCONCEIVABLE" TO APPLY ONE TO THIS PERIOD OF CHANGE AS THE SOLE TEST AND THEN WITH MANY GENEROUS ALLOWANCES, BUT GIVE NONE AT ALL TO THE ONLY OTHER POSSIBILITY. AND IGNORE ALL THE RATIONAL REASONS PROHIBITING THEIR CHOICE. ALL THE PERIOD CARVED DETAIL OF THE SLAB AND THE INSCRIPTION CORRECTLY MATCHES ANGUS OG'S 1318 DEATH. NONE OF IT MATCHES THE 200 YEAR LATER, POST 1496 POSTULATION WHICH WOULD HAVE HAD UP TO EIGHT 'STYLISTIC' CHANGES.

**THE ONLY PROVEN *ENGUSII FILLI ENGUSII*, WHO IN HISTORIC FACT HAD THE RIGHT AND PRIVILEGE OF BEING BURIED AS A GENUINE LORD OF THE ISLES IN THEIR EXCLUSIVE ST ORAN'S CHAPEL IS :-**

**ANGUS OG, SON OF ANGUS MOR,  
SON OF DONALD (I), k.1318, Dundalk.**

**❖ TO CONTINUE TO ASSIGN SLAB No. 150 TO A  
POORLY POSTULATED, NEBULOUS NONENTITY  
WOULD BE A GREAT HISTORIC LOSS  
FOR SCOTLAND.**

**❖ ANGUS OG MACDONALD, A CLOSE WEST  
COAST ALLY OF ROBERT AND EDWARD BRUCE,  
WAS A NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE HERO OF  
SCOTLAND. DENIAL OF HIS BURIAL MONUMENT  
ON IONA FOR ETERNITY IS A GREAT SHAME.**

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