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Inventory of Precognition
death of Boy
washed ashore at Sanndaig
Tyree
1870
Argyll Tobermory

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Tobermory 10 May 1870

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Precognition of Witnesses
as to Dead Body
of Boy cast ashore at
Sanndaig Tyree
1870
Argyll Tobermory

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Donald M^cKinnon

Sanndaig Tyree
28th April 1870

Donald MacKinnon
Says

17 years I am son of and I reside with Hugh MacKinnon Sanndaig in the parish and island of Tyree Argyllshire. ~

24 April 1870 About 1 P.M. of Sunday last I was down to Sanndaig shore for a walk in company with my brother George MacKinnon - When we arrived at some rugged rocks on the shore we observed the form of a man floating in a pool of salt water near the rocks and about 10 yards from where we were standing. The pool of water would be about 50 yards below high water mark. When

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Donald M°Kinnon

When we saw it we called upon Donald MacLean Gortendonald Tyree and Hugh MacLean Farmer Caoles Tyree who were on the shore and about 200 yards from where we were standing. They came over where we were and we told them that the body of a man was floating in the pool. We all went down to the pool George MacKinnon my brother then went on for John MacLean Farmer Balemeanach and Malcolm Campbell Sanndaig who were standing close by and told them about it and they came over along with him to where we were. Two of these took hold ~

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Donald M°Kinnon

hold of the body by the hands and lifted it out of the water. when the body was taken out of the water Donald M°Lean Gortendonald and Hugh M°Lean Caoles assisted us to carry it above high water mark where they laid it down and made an examination of it. It was the body of a boy about 9 years of age. The head was off. The body was carried to Sanndaig and was there put into an outhouse, used as a drying kiln – and stretched on a board where it was dressed that same night. - The body was clothed as follows. A grey witney top coat ~

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Donald M°Kinnon

topcoat double breasted with three brown bone buttons on each breast. Under the top coat was a black single breasted cloth jacket with buttons of the same kind as those on the topcoat. Under that was a small grey tweed jacket single breasted with similar buttons. under that a scarlet flannel suspender buttoning close to the neck and lined with white cotton to which was buttoned a pair of grey tweed knickerbocker trowsers closing under the knee with an elastic cord. Under the scarlet flannel suspender was stitched stays or slip body of twilled white cotton, under that ~

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Donald M°Kinnon

that a red crimean shirt with black striped, and next to the body a light checked crimean shirt. Under the trowsers were two pairs of home made flannel drawers. On the wrists were a pair of scarlet knitted cuffs. a pair of brown leather boots laced in front and having black patent leather toepieces; the boots were bound at the tops also with patent leather. A pair of light colored striped woollen stockings fastened under the knee with a dark garter. The Knickerbocker trowsers was the only part of the clothing on which there was a pocket. there was only one and there was ~

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Donald M°Kinnon

there was nothing in it. ~

There was no name or mark on any part of the clothing that would lead to the identification of the body. The clothing was all of fine and superior quality. the part of the legs between the knee and the top of the stockings about one inch in breadth was bare and the bone exposed. The flesh and the skin at the neck were rough and part of the neck bone was bare and exposed. - the body after being washed and dressed was watched during the whole night and was seen and examined on Monday following by D°. Buchanan ~~

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Donald M°Kinnon

Buchanan. The body clothes were taken possession of by Malcolm Campbell Sanndaig and are still in his possession. The body was interred on Monday 25 April 1870 in Soroba churchyard in the parish of Tyree. I attended the funeral. –

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George MacKinnon

Sanndaig Tyree

28 April 1870

George MacKinnon

Says

I am 15 years of age and I reside with Hugh MacKinnon my father at Sanndaig Tyree aforesaid. –

I concur with Donald MacKinnon a preceding witness in all his statements.

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Malcolm Campbell

Sanndaig Tyree

28 April 1870

Malcolm Campbell labourer and residing at Sanndaig aforesaid

says

On Sunday last 24 April 1870 I went down to Sanndaig shore in company with others for the purpose of having a walk. We saw Donald MacKinnon Sanndaig and his brother George MacKinnon there shortly after our arrival. They were a short distance from us. we noticed Donald MacKinnon waiving his hand to us to go over where he was. We went. Donald MacLean Gortendonald and Hugh M^cLean Caoles were there before us. MacKinnon ~

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Malcolm Campbell

MacKinnon told us that the body of a man was floating in a pool of salt water close to where we were standing. We all went forward to the pool and saw the body floating on its back with its hands extended outwards. John M^cLean and I lifted the body out of the water and carried it above high water mark where we laid it down and examined it. We carried it to Sanndaig and laid it in an outhouse to be dressed. I concur with Donald MacKinnon a preceding witness as to the dress and state of the ~

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Malcolm Campbell

the body. –

The body was seen and examined by D^r. Buchanan on Monday the 25th April 1870 and afterwards buried in Soroba churchyard. I attended the funeral. I washed and dressed the body and I took charge of and have possession of the clothes. –

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John M^cLean

Balemeanach Tyree
28 April 1870

John MacLean Farmer and residing at Balemeanach in the parish and island of Tyree aforesaid. –
Corroborates the statements of Malcolm Campbell a preceding witness as to the finding and carrying of the body to Sanndaig

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17 Donald MacLean

Gortendonald Tyree
28 April 1870

Donald MacLean Crofter and residing at Gortendonald in the parish and island of Tyree aforesaid. –
Concurs with statements made by Malcolm Campbell a preceding witness as to finding of body and carrying of it to Sanndaig

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Baugh Tyree
28 April 1870

Alexander Buchanan
says

I am a surgeon and I reside at Baugh in the island and parish of Tyree aforesaid.-

I produce report under my hand of an examination made by me upon the 25 day of April 1870 on the body of a boy of between 8 & 9 years of age which was washed ashore at Sanndaig Tyree. Although not mentioned in that report I am of opinion that death was caused by drowning

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Medical Report
as to Dead Body
of Boy washed ashore at
Sanndaig Tyree
2 May 1870

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On the 25th April 1870 I was requested to make an Inspection of a Body at Santaig Tyree which was found on the shore the previous day.

I found the remains laid out for Interment, on removing the linen, found the Body to be that of a Male, wanting the Head, and measuring from heel to second cervical vertebrae 3 feet 2 inches the upper part of the spinal column was bare and several of the vertebrae were to be seen. The upper extremities particularly about the shoulders and axilla were denuded of skin. The cuticle on forearm was shrivelled and capable of being readily detached. Hands Fingers & nails were intact. The Lateral parts of the chest were denuded of skin. Abdomen flaccid and of a greenish decoloration. Both lower extremities on the front part of the thigh were denuded of skin to the knee and presented an excavated surface evidently from friction of the clothes. The cuticle on both legs were denuded

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The feet, Toes and nails were intact and presented no marks for observation

I am of opinion that the Body was that of a male apparently aged 8 or 9 Years and that from the appearance the remains presented that death must have taken place 5 or 6 weeks ago.

Given on soul and conscience at Baugh this second day of May 1870

Alexander Buchanan
Surgeon