Mans Stane, Loch of Swannay

There are several traditions relating to a resting place near the north end of the loch of Swannay. They variously tell of a stone known as the Mans Stone, a stone called Mansie’s Grip, and a resting place on a stone dyke, now removed called Mans-kin-dyke. Although all differing slightly, these three traditions all associate this place as one of the resting places of the funeral procession carrying St Magnus’s body from Evie to Birsay.

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