

Analysis of Artifacts

Item # 135

Dagger-shaped groove in "Headstone" of the "Christian Cross"

WHO FOUND	Fred Nolan
WHEN FOUND	1981 (June)
WHERE FOUND	On the "Cheek of the Headstone"
FIRSTHAND/ SECONDHAND	
REFERENCES	Crooker's, "Oak Island Gold", Pg. 172
LOCATION TODAY	
ODDITY FACTOR	
ASSESSMENT OF AUTHENTICITY	
COMMENTS	Nolan claims this groove was hand carved in the exact shape of the dagger he had acquired from the heirs of Sophia Sellers, daughter of Anthony Graves.

was to discover or figure out the pattern they represented.”

Now, after years of investigation, Nolan claims to have discovered a pattern for all of the markers he surveyed. He says they form a mathematical equation. It is an equation that involves trigonometry but very strangely it also involves symbolism. And, that is where the Head Stone fits in!

Nolan said that the Head Stone was laying on its side when he discovered it. The side or face of the stone was slightly slanted with the top portion or head exposed. He dug it up with a backhoe and photographed it. At that point in time it meant nothing more to him than just another rock to be examined. But it was a rock that shouldn't have been there. It was composed of sandstone and bore glacial striation lines which indicated that it had once been part of a bedrock formation. Of course this could have been a fluke of nature but as Nolan later discovered, it wasn't.

Nolan asked if I noticed anything else peculiar about the Head Stone other than its human skull shape and the glacial striations. There were scratches on the rock which had obviously been clawed by the teeth of the backhoe bucket and there was what appeared to be a well-weathered slot or groove on the face. Nolan said the groove was hand-carved in the shape of the very same dagger that he had acquired from the heirs of Sophia Sellers, daughter of Anthony Graves. (The Graves who had once occupied Nolan's property.) He said it was a “perfect fit,” and concluded that the Head Stone symbolically represented “the brain” and the dagger pointed to the “heart”—the brain and heart of the equation.

On that bizarre twist to his story, Nolan turned to the physical nature of the survey markers or monuments. He explained that there was a vast scale differential. Some were average size survey monuments such as the “Spanish Galleon” shaped stone, while others were very large. “You could be leaning against one and never recognize it as a survey monument,” Nolan said. “The Head Stone is, in fact, a survey monument, regardless of its size.”

With that, Nolan concluded all that he was prepared to discuss that evening, He changed the subject and proposed that I transport my survey equipment over to the Island to conduct a survey of a few of the markers. He explained that he wanted an engineer to check some of his measurements and verify his findings, now that he was prepared to go public with an astounding discovery. He said he would have the press