

THIRTY-FIRST REPORT OF THE BARROW COMMITTEE.

THIRTY-FIRST REPORT of the Committee—consisting of the Rev. S. Baring-Gould, Mr. R. Burnard, the Rev. J. F. Chanter and Mr. R. Hansford Worth (Secretary)—appointed to collect and record facts relating to Barrows in Devonshire, and to take steps, where possible, for their investigation.

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RINGMOOR, PLYM VALLEY.

THE kistvaen at *Legis Lake*, reported and described in the Twenty-ninth Report, has been re-excavated by the Rev. Hugh Breton and the Secretary. The work yielded no result of any sort except the information that the original depth of the kist was 25 inches.

SIX-INCH ORDNANCE SURVEY—DEVONSHIRE SHEET CVII, N.W.

Within the area covered by this sheet there are the known remains of eleven kistvaens. Of these seven lie within the south-western quarter of the sheet, one south of the *Blackabrook*, and the remaining six in the space between the *Blackabrook* and *West Dart*, on or under the slopes of *Roundhill*; all these seven have been reported by Dr. Prowse (Vol. XXXIII, p. 495, with map).

The Secretary's survey differs somewhat in the exact location of the kistvaens from that made by Dr. Prowse, but not to any serious extent. In May, 1905, the Secretary made detailed plans of the kistvaens in question, and these are now published.

Starting at the south, we have first a kist which lies almost due south of a rock exposure crowning an unnamed

Tor to the south of the Blackabrook, long. $3^{\circ} 57' 29\frac{1}{2}''$ W., lat. $50^{\circ} 32' 41''$ N.

A rifled kistvaen. Internal dimensions, length 2 feet $10\frac{1}{2}$ inches, width at south end 2 feet 3 inches, width at north end 1 foot 9 inches, present depth 1 foot 3 inches; the coverstone has been thrown to one side and measures 5 feet 2 inches by 4 feet 2 inches. Direction of length of the kist, N. $23^{\circ} 30'$ W. (Plate I.)

Next comes a group of three kistvaens, the southernmost of which is marked on the unrevised Ordnance survey, and lies on the north bank very near the Blackabrook stream, in long. $3^{\circ} 58' 8''$ W., and lat. $50^{\circ} 32' 50''$ N.

On Plate III will be found a plan showing the relative positions of these three kistvaens. From the southernmost the westernmost lies 20 feet 2 inches away (centre to centre) on a bearing N. 15° W. From the southernmost the easternmost lies 42 feet 6 inches away on a bearing N. 24° E. The distance between the westernmost and the easternmost is 30 feet, and bearing is N. 51° E.

The southernmost of this group is a fine kist, with very substantial side stones. The southern end stone has fallen out, and the coverstone partially overhangs the kist. The internal length of the kist was probably 3 feet 4 inches, its internal width is 1 foot 9 inches, and the present depth is 3 feet 3 inches, which was probably the original depth also. The coverstone measures 4 feet 7 inches by 5 feet, and is 8 inches thick.

The direction of the length of the kist is N. $29^{\circ} 45'$ W. (Plate II). The westernmost member of the group is smaller and is somewhat more ruined, the eastern side has fallen out, the south end is disturbed, and the coverstone cannot be found. The internal dimensions were probably: length 2 feet 5 inches, width 2 feet. The present depth at the sides is 10 inches, and to the bottom of a pit sunk in the floor it is 2 feet.

The direction of length is, approximately, N. $39^{\circ} 30'$ W. (Plate III). The easternmost of the group is well preserved, but the coverstone is missing. Its internal dimensions are, length 2 feet $10\frac{1}{2}$ inches, width at northern end 2 feet 7 inches, width at southern end 2 feet 3 inches, present depth 1 foot 10 inches. The direction of its length is N. $27^{\circ} 15'$ W. (Plate IV.)

The next kistvaen lies in long. $3^{\circ} 57' 51\frac{1}{2}''$ W., and lat. $50^{\circ} 33' 0''$ N. It is a comparatively small but well-pre-

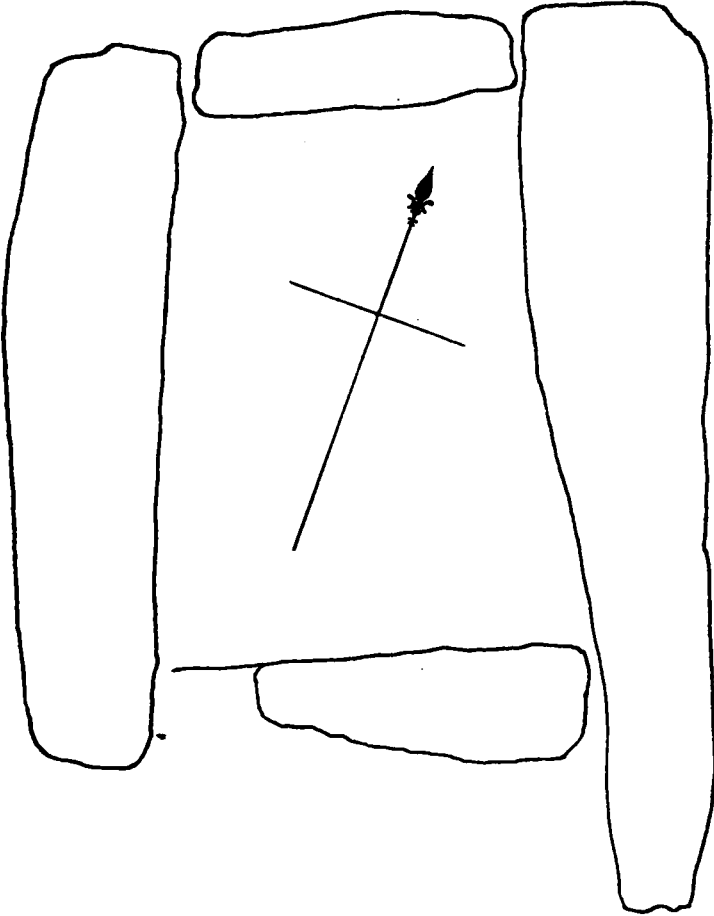
TOR SOUTH OF BLACKABROOK

CVII . N.W.

lon. $3^{\circ} 57' - 29\frac{1}{2}''$ W

lat. $50^{\circ} 32' - 41''$ N

Plate I

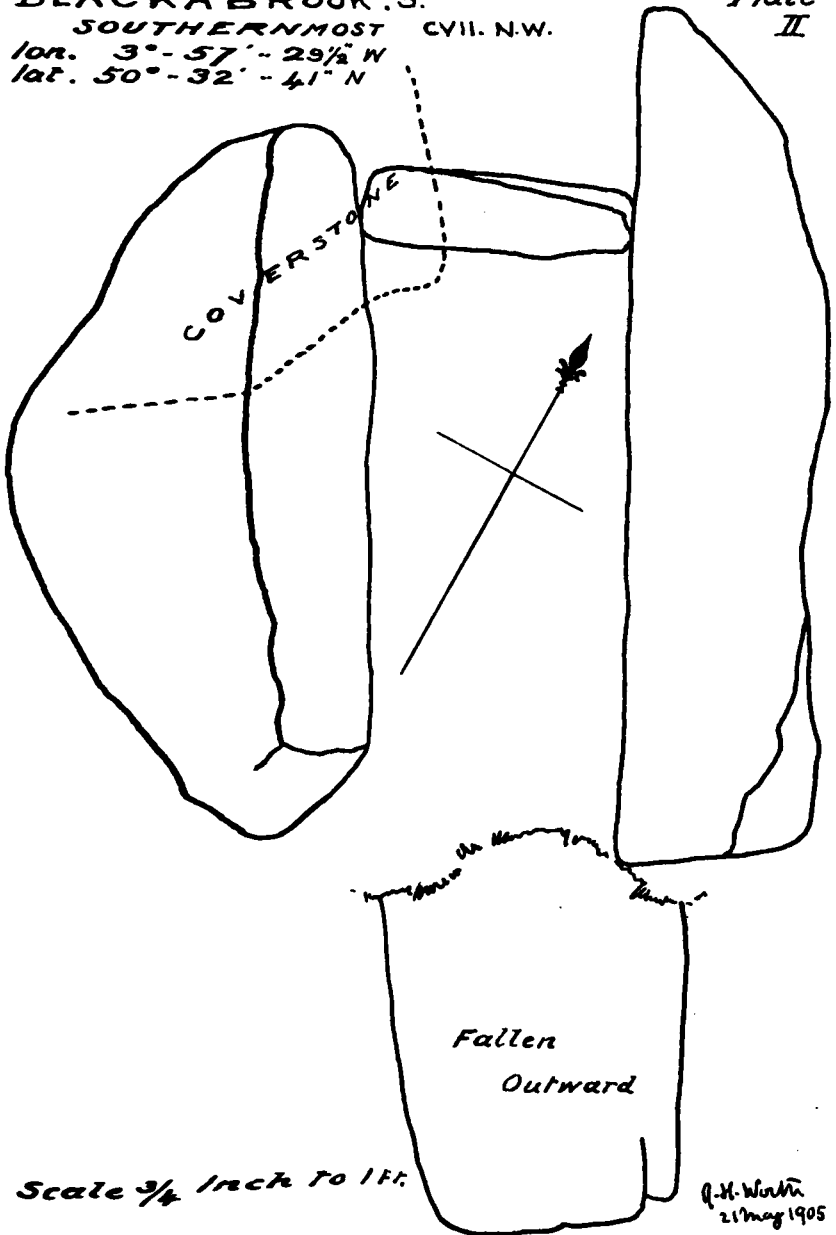


Scale 1 inch to 1 foot

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BLACKABROOK, S.
SOUTHERNMOST CVII. N.W.
lon. $3^{\circ} - 57' - 29\frac{1}{2}''$ W
lat. $50^{\circ} - 32' - 41''$ N

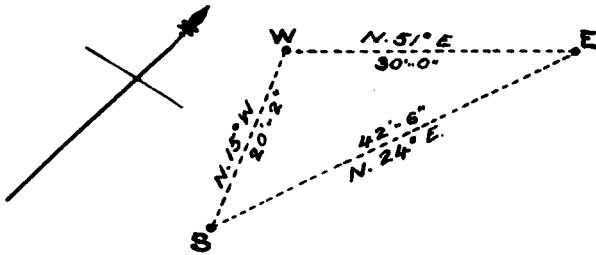
Plate
II



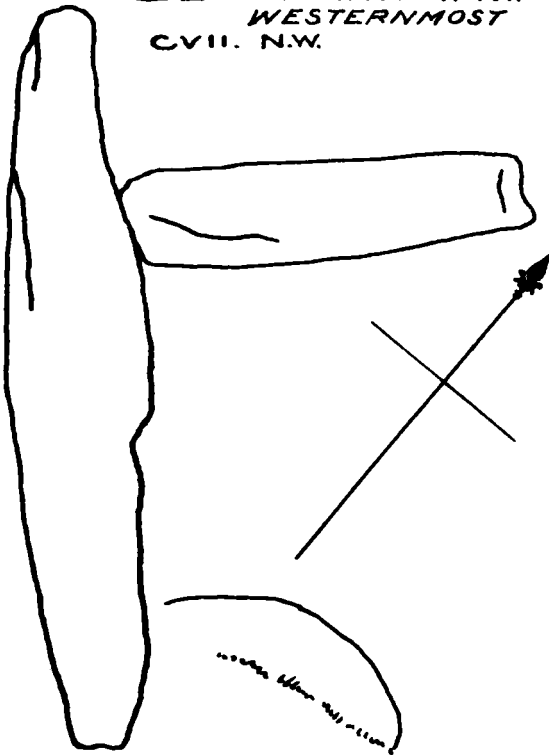
BLACKABROOK GROUP
GENERAL PLAN
 CVII. N.W.

Plate III

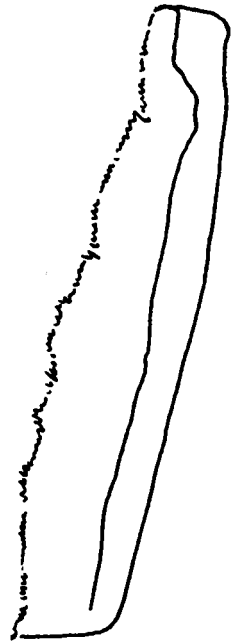
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BLACKABROOK .W.
WESTERNMOST
 CVII. N.W.



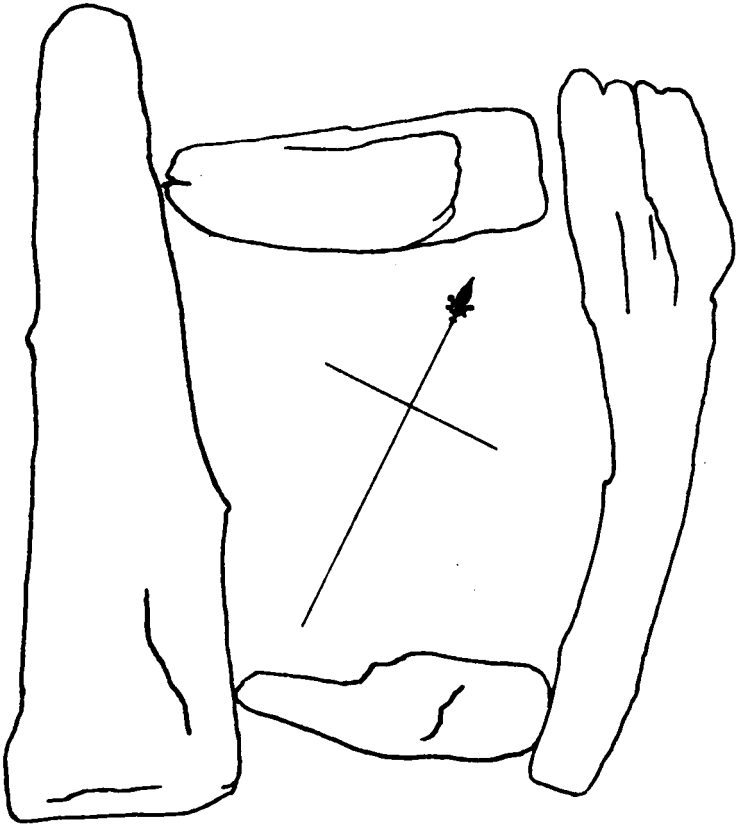
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BLACKABROOK E.
CVII. N.W.
EASTERNMOST

Plate IV



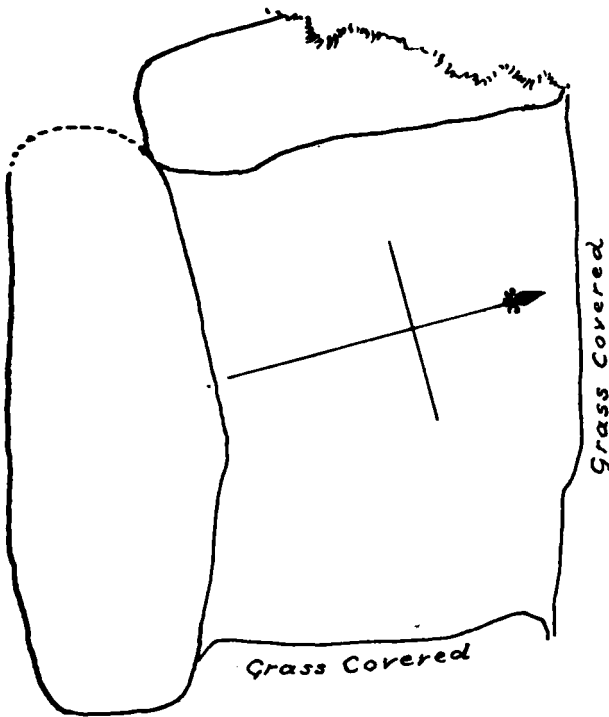
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ROUNDHILL
CVII. N.W.

lon. $3^{\circ} 57' 51\frac{1}{2}''$ W.
lat. $50^{\circ} 33' 0''$ N.

Plate V

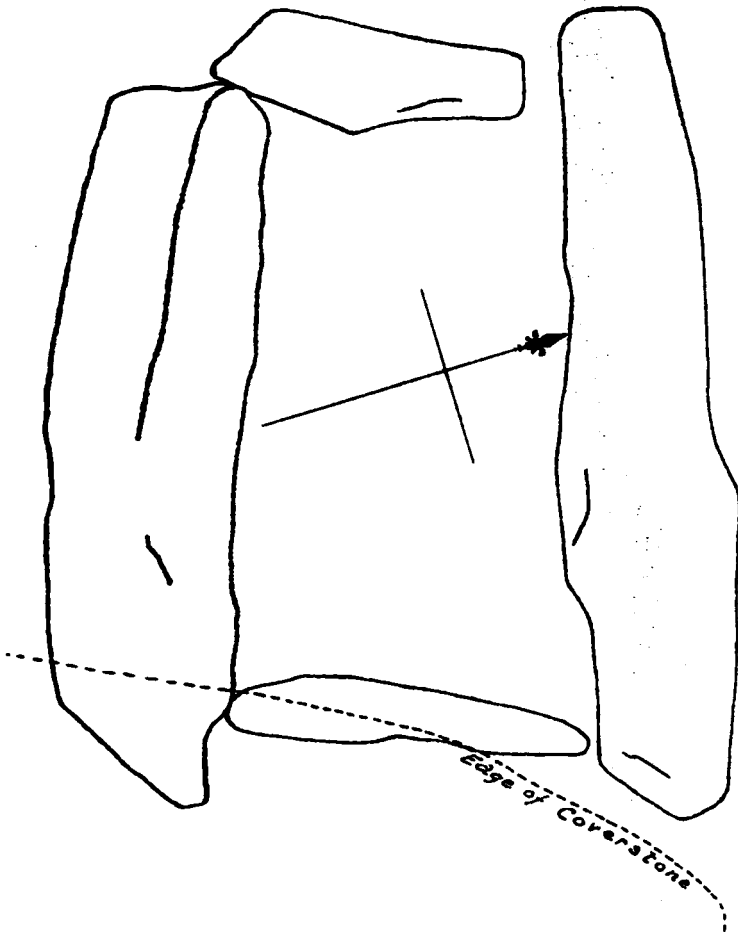


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ROUNDHILL
EAST OF SUMMIT
CVII. N.W.
lon. $3^{\circ}57'37''$ W.
lat. $50^{\circ}33'8\frac{1}{2}''$ N.

Plate VI

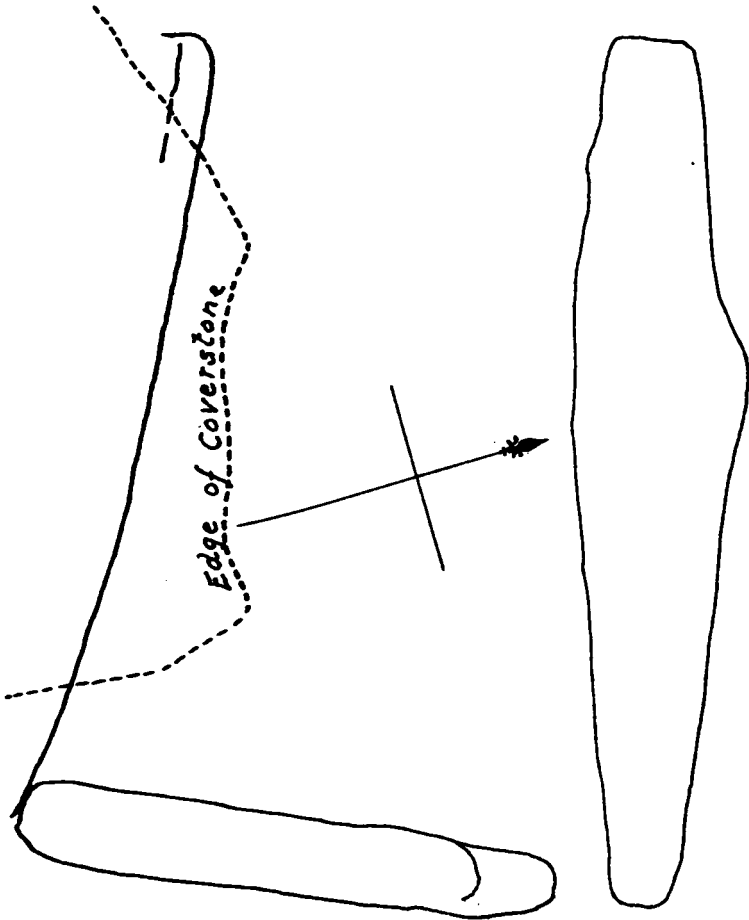


Scale 1 inch to 1 foot

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ROUNDHILL
NEAR SUMMIT
CVII. N.W.
lon. $3^{\circ}57'42''$ W.
lat. $50^{\circ}33'9''$ N

Plate VII



Scale 1 inch to 1 foot

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21 May 1905.

served specimen ; the coverstone is missing. The internal dimensions are : length 2 feet 8 inches, width at north end 2 feet 1 inch, width at south end 1 foot 10 inches, present depth 6 inches. The direction of length is N. $74^{\circ} 0' W.$ (Plate V.)

Bearing N. $26^{\circ} 30' W.$ from this kistvaen, and distant 35 feet 6 inches, is a barrow.

We have passed over and should here insert a cairn which lies approximately in a line from the group of three kistvaens to this barrow in long. $3^{\circ} 58' 2'' W.$, and lat. $50^{\circ} 32' 54'' N.$

Proceeding northward, another kist to the east of the summit of Roundhill lies in long. $3^{\circ} 57' 37'' W.$, and lat. $50^{\circ} 33' 8\frac{1}{2}'' N.$ It is well preserved, and the coverstone just overlaps the chamber, having been turned to one side.

The internal dimensions are : length 3 feet, width in centre 1 foot 7 inches, depth 1 foot 2 inches. The coverstone measures 4 feet 10 inches by 2 feet 10 inches, and is 8 inches thick. The direction of length is N. $71^{\circ} 30' W.$ (Plate VI.)

The last kistvaen to be dealt with in the present Report lies near the summit of Roundhill in long. $3^{\circ} 57' 42\frac{1}{4}'' W.$, and lat. $50^{\circ} 33' 9\frac{1}{2}'' N.$ The west-end stone has disappeared, the coverstone overhangs the south side. The internal dimensions were probably : length 3 feet 8 inches, width at east end 2 feet 6 inches, width at west end 1 foot 10 inches, depth at present 1 foot 8 inches ; coverstone 4 feet 9 inches by 4 feet 2 inches by 9 inches in thickness. Direction of length N. $67^{\circ} 45' W.$ (Plate VII.)

To the north of this kistvaen are certain rather indeterminate remains, which have the appearance of two stone rows, intersecting at right angles at a point 18 feet distant from the kist and bearing N. $41^{\circ} 30' W.$ from it. The one row points eastward N. $91^{\circ} E.$, the other points northward N. $7^{\circ} W.$ These require further investigation.