

## 2. CARVED HANDS ON A BOULDER AT BARNAKILL, ARGYLL

NOTICE of the finding of these carved hands in the Barnakill, Dunardry, Cairnbaan area of Argyll, and their description were sent to the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland by Miss Marion Campbell of Kilberry, and were published in the Proceedings.<sup>3</sup> The accompanying photograph (Pl. XXV) shows what appear to be two left hands, as they were in 1963. The carving on the left side of the boulder seems to show the back of a hand which has a covering of some kind with an interesting ornamental design, carved in relief. The carving to the right of the boulder might well show the palm of a hand, and there is a very faint set of markings on it. It is possible that with further investigation more carvings may be found on the boulder.

The measurements of the boulder are 4 ft. 4 in. long, and 1 ft. 6 in. above ground. The hand to the left is 7 in. across the palm and ball of the thumb, by 8 in. from the wrist to the tip of the middle finger. The right hand is the same width and slightly longer.<sup>4</sup>

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The Barnakill 'hands'