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Updated January 2006:

- **Call for papers: Seventh Colloquium On Cemeteries, University of York, York, 19 May 2006**

This event takes place in York every year and comprises a day meeting between scholars with an interest in cemeteries and burial. Disciplines that are routinely represented include historians, art historians, sociologists, anthropologists, historical archaeologists, conservators and policy analysts. The Colloquium often draws international speakers. A key aspect of the Colloquium is its informality, and the large amount of time that is given to question and debate, making it a highly valuable forum in which to present new and emerging research. Abstracts of no more than 250 words should be sent to: Dr Julie Rugg, [Cemetery Research Group](http://www.cemeteryresearchgroup.org.uk), University of York, Heslington, York, YO10 5DD. Abstracts are also accepted by email: [jr10@york.ac.uk](mailto:jr10@york.ac.uk). Please ensure that the abstract is in Word format. Deadline for abstracts is the end of March. Queries about the event should in the first instance be directed by email to the address given.

- \* **"Cherishing Churchyards" Conference, The Assembly Rooms, Ludlow, 23-24 May 2006**

This conference is organised by [Caring for God's Acre](http://www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk), a charity involved with promoting churchyard conservation and learning. The conference will offer a series of interactive lectures covering churchyard interest such as flora and fauna, archaeology, family history, tourism, lifelong learning and churchyard management. There will also be site visits to conservation churchyards in South Shropshire and Herefordshire, a series of discussion workshops on issues around churchyard management and a chance for people to network and share experience. The keynote speaker will be TV naturalist and environmental campaigner Dr David Bellamy. The cost of the conference is £125 with a £50 discount for charitable and voluntary organisations. To register for a conference pack and booking form contact: [Caring for God's Acre](http://www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk), 6 West Street, Leominster, Herefordshire, HR6 8ES. Tel: 01568 611154.

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Updated October 2004:

### **Scottish Graveyards: Past Lives, Radio Scotland, 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th October and 2nd November 2004**

The theme of Scottish Graveyards runs through the new series of Radio Scotland's popular history programme Past Lives as presenter Mark Stephen explores a whole range of social history, including the ways in which Scots have buried their dead:

**Programme 1:** Monday 4/10/04 11.30-12.00 repeated Tuesday 05/10/04 evening 19.30- 20.00

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Myths and superstitions about the burial island of St Munda: why and how did the island come to be used for burials?

**Programme 2:** Monday 11/10/04 11.30-12.00 repeated Tuesday 12/10/04 evening 19.30- 20.00  
This report from Udney, Aberdeenshire looks at the use of mort-houses: why they had to be built in the first place and who used them.

**Programme 3:** Monday 18/10/04 11.30-12.00 repeated Tuesday 19/10/04 evening 19.30- 20.00  
What graveyards can tell us about the past and why people study them is explored in this report from Edinburgh's Greyfriars Kirkyard.

**Programme 4:** Monday 25/10/04 11.30-12.00 repeated Tuesday 26/10/04 evening 19.30- 20.00  
The story behind Glasgow's Necropolis: when was the Necropolis built, why and by whom?

**Programme 5:** Monday 01/11/04 11.30-12.00 repeated Tuesday 02/11/04 evening 19.30- 20.00  
The Croick Clearances will tell the story of how during the Clearance of Glencalvie local people were forced to seek refuge in Croick churchyard.

### ***Necropolis Narrative Production, Southern Necropolis, Glasgow, 7th, 8th and 9th October 2004***

This drama production based on lives of characters buried within the cemetery offers a unique way to experience the history of this window of time. The evening begins at the Southern Necropolis and concludes at the nearby St Francis Centre. For details of how to book your ticket email [TRAM Direct](mailto:TRAM Direct).

### **Graveyard events taking place during Highland Archaeology Week - 9th to 17th October 2004**

The eleventh annual Highland Archaeology Week, coordinated by [Highland Council Archaeology Unit](#), has a diverse programme of events celebrating the rich cultural heritage of the Highlands. For more information visit the Highland Council Archaeology Unit's website [www.higharch.demon.co.uk](http://www.higharch.demon.co.uk) or phone the Highland Archaeology Week hotline 01463 718505. Look out for the following events featuring graveyards:

#### MULTI-DAY EVENTS

10.00am-6.00pm "**History from the Grave**" - an exhibition to show the wealth of historical information to be found in graveyards, based on the results of a survey

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of the graveyard surrounding the St. Duthus Memorial Church in Tain. Meet at Tain and District Museum, Castle Brae. **Tain and District Museum** Tel: 01862 894089

### SATURDAY 9TH OCTOBER

2.00pm-3.00pm. Join **Dr Jim Mackay**, Resolis community historian, for an informative **tour of Kirkmichael and the graveyard** which dates from the 14th Century. Meet at the Kirk, Udale Bay, Balblair, Black Isle (NH706 658). Please book in advance. Donations towards Kirkmichael Trust welcome. **Kirkmichael Trust** Tel: 01349 877418

12noon-6.00pm. "A Religious Time Capsule" - **tour the recently-restored Edderton Old Church** and bailie enclosure, the old Free Church preaching ark (one of three known to exist) and the re-mounted Edderton Pictish stone. Tours at 12.00noon, 2.00pm and 4.00pm. Meet at Edderton Burial Ground car park (NH7190 8430). **Edderton Old Church Preservation Trust** Tel: 01863 766868

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### MONDAY 11TH OCTOBER

1.00pm-4.00pm approx. A guided history walk with **Bonar Bridge Local History Society**, including a **visit to the ancient chapel and burial ground of Gray of Creich**. A strenuous walk with hill climb. Not suitable for wheelchair users or children. Meet at Creich Cemetery NH635 893. **Marion Fraser** Tel: 01863 766235

10.00am-1.00pm. Join the Great Glen Way Ranger Service and Fort Augustus and Area Heritage Group for a **guided walk to Kilchumein Cemetery**. Discover the history of the burial ground and see the old convent, railway and mill. Meet at Lovat Arms Hotel, Fort Augustus, for tea/ coffee and introduction. Please bring lunch for picnic. **Highland Council Rangers and Fort Augustus and Area Heritage Group** Tel: 01320 366633

### TUESDAY 12TH OCTOBER

11.00am-1.00pm. **Tomnahurich Hill and Cemetery**. Join Kirsty Cameron and Katy Stirling for a guided tour of the grand cemetery and woodlands of this prominent Inverness landmark. Meet at Tomnahurich Lodge Gate, Bruce Gardens, Dalneigh. **Kirsty Cameron** Tel: 01463 702250

7.30pm-9.00pm. **"A Cross-Slab Revealed"** - this illustrated **talk by Ian Fisher** (formerly RCAHMS) discusses the importance of the Edderton Churchyard Slab

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and the new discoveries made during its conservation in Summer 2004. The slab will be visited during the Wednesday excursion (see event no.82). Edderton Village Hall - charge of £1.50 in aid of Old Parish Church Restoration Fund.  
**Edderton Old Church Preservation Trust** Tel: 01463 718505

### WEDNESDAY 13TH OCTOBER

2.00pm-5.00pm. Join Paul Swan for a guided walk of the archaeology of Kishorn, including **Kishorn Old Graveyard and the foundations of St Donan's Chapel**, remains of crofting settlements, Bronze Age cist, mines and Kishorn Dun. Meet at Lochcarron Library. **Paul Swan** Tel: 01520 722696

2.00pm-4.00pm **"History from the Grave"**. Join Tain and District Museum for a look at some of the interesting gravestones in the graveyard surrounding the St. Duthus Memorial Church in Tain and other cemeteries in Tain. Meet at Pilgrimage Building, Tain. **Tain and District Museum** Tel: 01862 894089

10.00am-12.30pm. **"The Picts that were in Edderton"** - visit the places in Edderton where the Picts left their mark , including the standing stone, stone circle and **Pictish stones in the graveyard**. If the sun is shining, visitors may like to stay to watch it light up both faces of the cross-slab. Meet at the graveyard car park at Edderton East Church (NH719842). Voluntary donations requested for maintenance of the church. **Ian Fisher** (formerly RCAHMS) and Reay Clarke. **Reay D G Clarke** Tel: 01862 821206

### THURSDAY 14TH OCTOBER

11.00am-3.00pm. "Fragments of Stone" - **play your part in helping to display stones from Skye's "Cathedral of the Isles"** in one of the burial enclosures on Eilean Chaluum Chille at Skeabost. Meet at Skeabost Memorial Hall car park (NG4182 4850). **Dualchas** Tel: 01478 613857/613856

### SATURDAY 16TH OCTOBER

2.00pm-3.00pm. Join **Dr Jim Mackay**, Resolis community historian, for an informative **tour of Kirkmichael and the graveyard** which dates from the 14th Century. Meet at the Kirk, Udale Bay, Balblair, Black Isle (NH706 658). Please book in advance. Donations towards Kirkmichael Trust welcome. **Kirkmichael Trust** Tel: 01349 877418

### **"Grave Matters" - Dundee's Howff, October 9th to November 6th 2004**

The upper Foyer of Dundee's Central Library, The Wellgate, provides the venue for this photographic exhibition of grave markers in the Dundee's Howff burial ground. Images have been gathered from the collections in the archives of the Local Studies Department and highlight the significance of these gravestones from historical, social and architectural perspectives. Why not call in and see Grave Matters? There is no admission

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charge and you are welcome to browse! If you are unable to browse - and even if you are - have a look at the Virtual Exhibition Gallery on [www.dundeecity.gov.uk/howff](http://www.dundeecity.gov.uk/howff). For further information please telephone 01382 431550

### **Fife Grave Stones Conference, Saturday 13th November 2004**

On Saturday 13th November, 10:00am to 4:00pm, Kirkcaldy Civic Society and Fife Mining Heritage Society are holding a conference on Fife Grave Stones. The conference will take place in the School of Nursing, Forth Avenue, Kirkcaldy (close to the train station). Speakers include Dr Susan Buckham, Carved Stones Adviser, Edwina Proudfoot, Shelia Pitcairn, Bill Wolsey and E. Klak. For tickets, at a cost of £10.00, including lunch, apply to Ann Watters 01592 266361 or Mary Hall 01592 265992 or Email: [annwatters@hotmail.com](mailto:annwatters@hotmail.com)

### **Friends of Loudoun Kirk Autumn Ceilidh, 27th November 2004**

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### **Updated August 2004:**

**Hot off the press!**A programme is now available for the **free Graveyard Seminar** to take place on Saturday 6th September in Stirling (get download) jointly organised by the Central Scotland Family History Society (click here to find out how to book your place). Speakers include:

- \* Stephen Dickson - *Greyfriars Kirkyard, Edinburgh, and Its Place in Scottish Burial History*
- Christopher Dingwall - *A Pleasure Ground of Graves: The Garden Cemetery Movement in Scotland*
- \* Ronnie Scott - *Violating the Sepulchres of the Dead: How Fear of Grave-Robbing Influenced Cemetery Design in Nineteenth Century Scotland*
- \* John Douglass - *The Scottish Churchyard Lichens Group*
- \* Bill Wolsey - *The Tulliallan Graveyard Project*
- \* Colin Mackie - *Resurrecting History at Glasgow's Southern Necropolis*

### **Friends of Loudoun Kirk Mediaeval Fayre, 29th August and Autumn Ceilidh, 27th November 2004**

Following the success of the last year's event, the Friends of Loudoun Kirk will again be organising a Mediaeval Fayre at the Kirk on Sunday 29th August and the fun will start from 1:00pm. For further information email Agnes Wilson or telephone 01560 321813. The Friends of Loudoun Kirk autumn Ceilidh will be held on Saturday 27th November 2004, in the Galston Community Centre, Galston. For further information or tickets contact details as above.

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- **Look forward to graveyard events throughout September 2004 as part of Scottish Archaeology Month and Doors Open Day**

Scottish Archaeology Month (SAM) is a national initiative co-ordinated by the Council for Scottish Archaeology that takes place every year throughout September. It celebrates Scotland's rich and diverse heritage and aims to make archaeology more accessible to the wider public. Graveyard tours have proved to be a popular element of SAM and among those scheduled for this year include:

- **A FINE AND PRIVATE PLACE: EXPLORING LOCAL GRAVEYARDS- A ONE DAY SEMINAR ON HISTORIC GRAVEYARDS**  
Saturday 4th September 10.30am - 16.30pm

This day seminar explores the enduring importance of graveyards throughout history and into the present day. Talks describe the changing history of Scottish burial grounds, the ecological importance of graveyards and showcase local projects. The day will highlight ways for you to become involved with your local graveyard. The day is jointly hosted by Central Scotland Family History Society and the Carved Stones Advisor Project and seats must be booked in advance. For more details or to book a place email the Council for Scottish Archaeology or telephone 0131 247 4119.

- **ST FITTICK'S CHURCH AND GRAVEYARD SURVEY**

Saturday 28th August - Friday 3rd September (including weekend) 10.00am - 16.00pm St Fittick's Church was built between 1189 and 1199, dedicated to St Fiacre, whose name has been corrupted to St Fittick. The current church mainly dates from the 17th century and the belfry was rebuilt in 1703. This survey will include a standing building survey of the remains of the church and the graveyard as well as recording the inscriptions and styles of all the gravestones. Please bring suitable outdoor clothing, boots, lunch and a hot drink. To find out more email Alison Cameron, Aberdeen City Council or telephone 01224 523 654.

- **ST FITTICK'S MANSE EXCAVATION AND OPEN DAYS**

Wednesday 15th September 13.00pm, 14.00pm, 15.00pm, 17.00pm and 18.00pm;  
Saturday 18th September 10.00am, 11.00am, 12.00pm, 14.00pm, 15.00pm and 16.00pm St Fittick's Church was built between 1189 and 1199. The manse, demolished in the 20th century, dates from 1789 but may have been on the site of an earlier manse. Come along and try your hand at archaeological excavation from 6th-18th September (weekdays only). No booking required. Volunteers (experienced and inexperienced welcome. Please bring suitable outdoor clothing, boots, lunch and a hot drink. The open days will include a guided tour of the church, graveyard and excavation but booking is essential. Please phone 01224 523 644. To find out more or to book your place email Alison Cameron, Aberdeen City Council or telephone 01224 523 654.

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- **STRACHUR HISTORIC VILLAGE WALKING TOUR**

Saturday 11th September 14.00pm - 16.00pm Guided walk around Strachur Village to celebrate Scottish Archaeology Month. The Route will include the Parish Church with its wonderful medieval gravestones and end at the Strachur Smiddy - a restored smiddy and museum. To book your place contact Marion McCahon, Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park Authority, telephone 07734 173 947.

- **TULLIALLAN GRAVEYARD: KINCARDINE, FIFE**

Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th September 13.00pm - 16.00pm Find out about the wonderful post-Reformation stones in this intriguing graveyard. Come on a guided tour of the site, where we will look at the excellent artisan-type carvings and the stories that they reveal. To find out more email Bill Wolsey, Kincardine Local History Group or telephone 01259 730 430.

- **EAST LOTHIAN ARCHAEOLOGY WEEK: GUIDED TOUR OF DIRLETON GRAVEYARD**

Monday 20th September 19.30pm - 20.20pm An evening tour of Dirleton's parish church graveyard by members of the Dirleton Survey Group. This graveyard contains many fine examples of 17th - 19th century burial monuments and the Dirleton Survey Group has recently completed a comprehensive survey of the churchyard. Come along and find out more about the interesting designs and elaborate styles of gravestones in the graveyard and how the Survey Group went about recording them. To find out more email Biddy Simpson, East Lothian Council or telephone 01620 827 158.

Graveyards are also a popular venue for Doors Open Day events - such as the open day at the **Southern Necropolis, Glasgow**, which will take place on **Sunday 19th September** and include living history drama by the Gorbals Youth Theatre and TRAM Direct Theatre Company, and the tours of **Stonehouse Old Kirk Yard** which will be held on **12th September**. For more information about Doors Open Day events visit [www.doorsopenday.org.uk](http://www.doorsopenday.org.uk) or telephone 0141 248 1188.

- **The Archaeology of the Early Medieval Celtic Churches c. 400-1100 - Conference** arranged by Society for Church Archaeology and the Society for Medieval Archaeology, 9th-12th September 2004, hosted by the University of Wales, Bangor

This conference will focus on new research on the archaeology of the early medieval Celtic churches c 400-1100. Papers will concentrate on aspects of the archaeology of monasteries, local churches, chapels, cemeteries and ecclesiastical landscapes. The conference will not only showcase aspects of the research currently being carried out by the four Welsh Archaeological Trusts for Cadw, but also highlight new work on early medieval church archaeology in Ireland, Scotland, the Isle of Man, SW Britain and Brittany. The objectives are to build up a picture of new research and how it relates to

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the current state of knowledge, highlight ongoing debates about its interpretation and to compare and contrast the nature of the archaeological evidence for the development of the church in the different Celtic countries. Booking Forms and further information are available online from the Society for Church Archaeology website.

- **Evening Guided Tours of Glasgow Necropolis, 20th and 23rd September 2004**

Ronnie Scott from the Department of Scottish History at Glasgow University will lead two walking tours of Glasgow Necropolis as part of BLOCK: Architectural Festival. The walks, which start at 6.00pm, are free but must be booked through The Lighthouse, telephone 0141 221 6362.

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**Updated June 2004:**

- **Find out more about Lichens -*What in the world is more beautiful?***

Dialogues and collaboration between gardeners, naturalists, artists and beekeepers - Crawford Arts Centre, St Andrews Botanic Gardens and the St Andrews Preservation Trust Museum and Garden, July 2nd to 22nd August 2004

Find out more about lichens, one element of *What in the world is more beautiful?* -an exhibition devoted to the pleasures, contemplations and logic of the garden. The artwork involves dialogue and collaboration between gardeners, naturalists, artists, floral art practitioners, and beekeepers. For more information contact Crawford Arts Centre, St Andrews Botanic Gardens and the St Andrews Preservation Trust, Museum and Garden, North Street, St Andrews, telephone 01334 477629.

- **Guided Tour of Kirkmichael Graveyard, Resolis, Black Isle, 30th July 2004**

The annual guided tour for visitors and the community will take place on Friday 30th July between 7.00 - 8.00pm. The tour is free of charge and all are welcome. For more details contact Dr Jim Mackay of the Kirkmichael Trust.

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**Updated March 2004:**

- **Scottish Local History Week: Sunday 18 April to Saturday 24 April 2004**

Since 1988 Scottish Local History Week has been held in public libraries throughout Scotland to provide an opportunity for local people to learn more about the history of their own areas. The theme for 2004 is graveyards and to find out more about events taking place in your area contact your local librarian. Download a programme of events



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for Stirlingshire or across Scotland as a whole.

- **"In Loving Memory" A celebration of Graveyards - Annual Conference**  
of the Scottish Association of Family History Societies, 24th April 2004,  
Stirling.

Graveyards will also be celebrated at the 15th Annual Conference of the Scottish Association of Family History Societies (SAFHS) to be held in Stirling on 24th April 2004. Programme details can be found on the SAFHS website. Booking Forms and further information are available by e-mail from: [csfhsconf2004@aol.com](mailto:csfhsconf2004@aol.com) - or by sending an A5 SAE to: The Conference Coordinator, Central Library, Corn Exchange Road, Stirling, FK8 2HX. Tel : 01786 432017

- **Fifth Colloquium on Cemeteries** organised by the Cemetery Research Group,  
University of York, 14th May 2004, York.

The Fifth Colloquium on Cemeteries will take place at the University of York on Friday, 14th May. This day event comprises an informal meeting of researchers in all disciplines with an interest in cemeteries; a particular focus is placed on new and emerging research. Postgraduates are especially welcome. A full programme (get download) and booking form (get download) are available on-line . For further information contact Dr Julie Rugg, Cemetery Research Group, University of York, Heslington, York, YO10 5DD. E-mail: [jr10@york.ac.uk](mailto:jr10@york.ac.uk) Tel: 01904 321 484

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- **Early Medieval Mortuary Practices: New Perspectives - A Weekend Conference**  
hosted by the Department of Archaeology & the Department of Lifelong Learning, University of Exeter, 7th - 8th February 2004

A programme and booking form is available on-line (get download) or from the University of Exeter Archaeology Department website. For further information contact Dr. Howard Williams, Department of Archaeology, School of Geography and Archaeology, University of Exeter, Laver Building, North Park Road, Exeter, EX4 4QE Tel: 01392 262491, Email: [h.m.r.williams@exeter.ac.uk](mailto:h.m.r.williams@exeter.ac.uk)

- **Communities and Graveyards Past and Present - A Day Seminar**  
organised by the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland and TCRE Group,  
Historic Scotland, 13th March 2004, Edinburgh.

The theme of the conference is communities and graveyards past and present and its

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purpose is to explore how specialists and non-professionals can share the benefits of their efforts. The day is split into parts - the morning explores what historic graveyards can tell us about past communities, whilst the afternoon looks at the work of local societies in exploring the importance of historic graveyards to communities today. A full programme and booking form is available on-line (get download). For further information contact Society of Antiquaries of Scotland, c/o National Museums of Scotland, Chambers Street, Edinburgh, EH1 1JF. E-mail: [administration@socantscot.org](mailto:administration@socantscot.org) tel: : 0131 247 4115 / 4133

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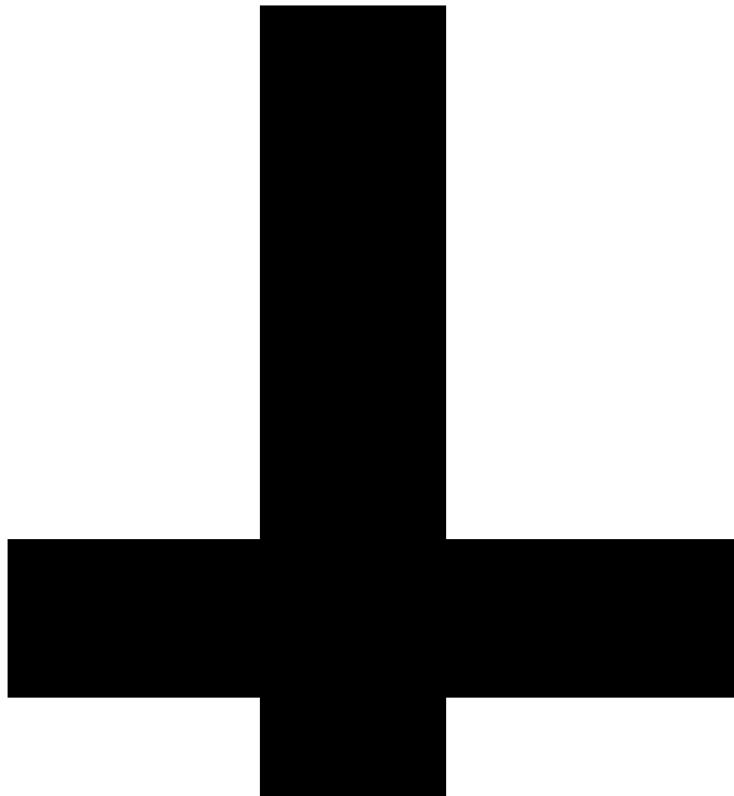
- **The Church and Its Setting:** and 27 September 2003.

A two-day course on church conservation, organised by the Department of Archaeology, University of York. A full programme and booking form is available on-line (get download). For further information contact Dr Peter Gouldsbrough, Dept of Archaeology, University of York, The King's Manor, York YO1 7EP. e-mail: [pfg3@York.ac.uk](mailto:pfg3@York.ac.uk) tel: 01904 433 983 or fax: 01904 433 902.

- **Searching for that Elusive Irish Ancestor: History from Headstones Family History Conference,**

[www.scottishgraveyards.org.uk](http://www.scottishgraveyards.org.uk)

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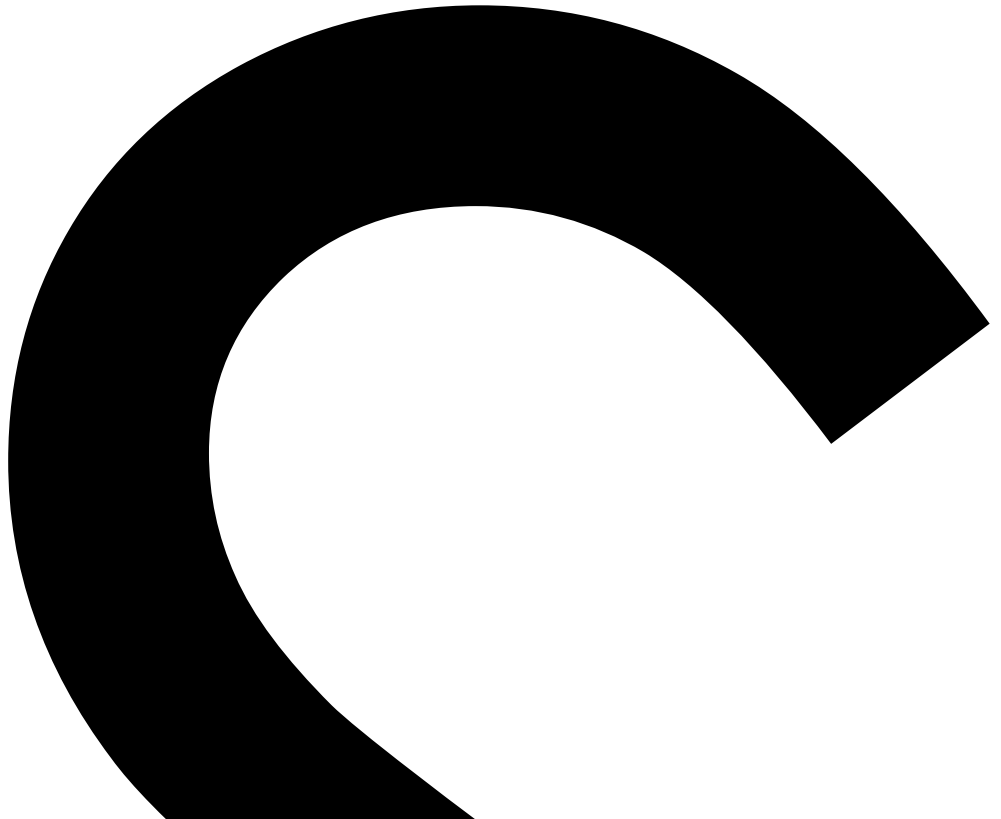


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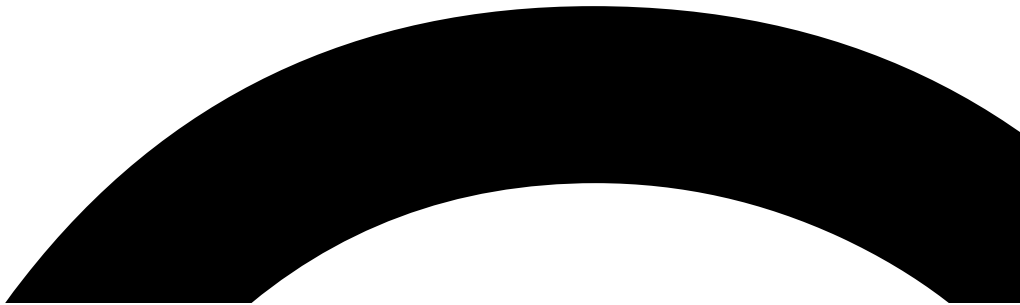
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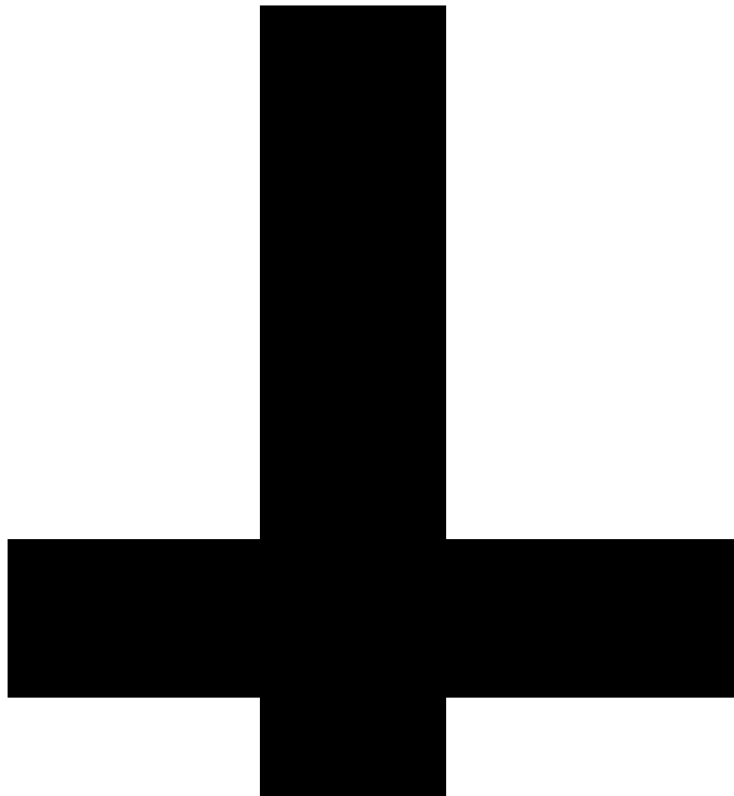
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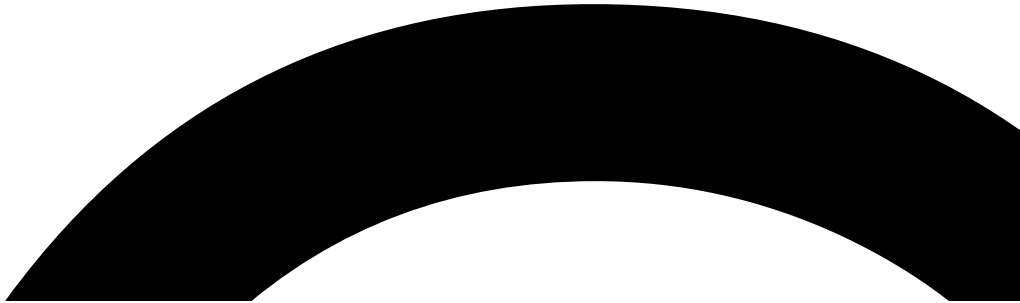
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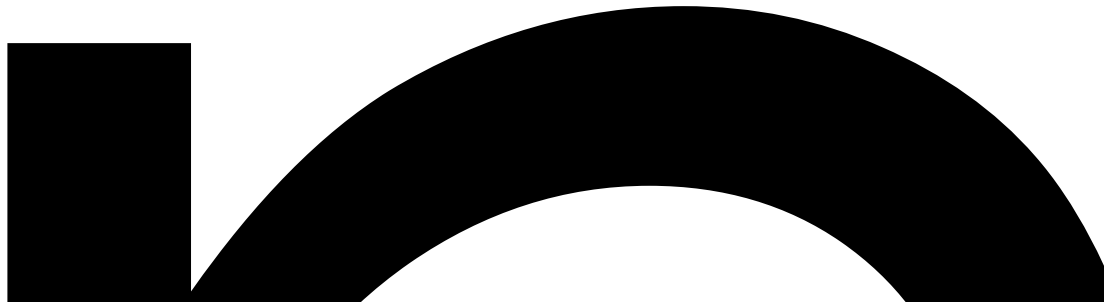
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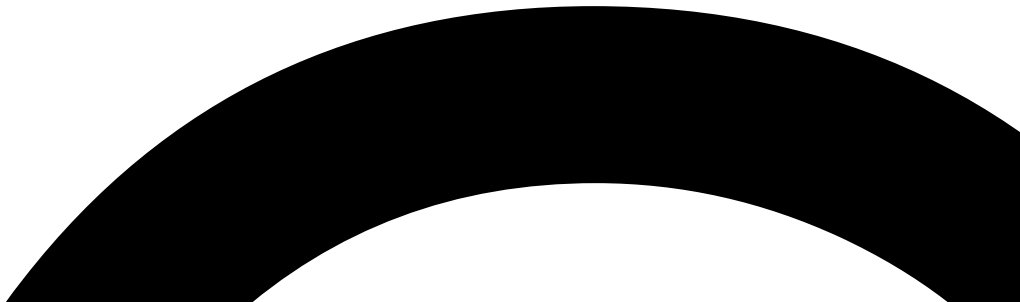
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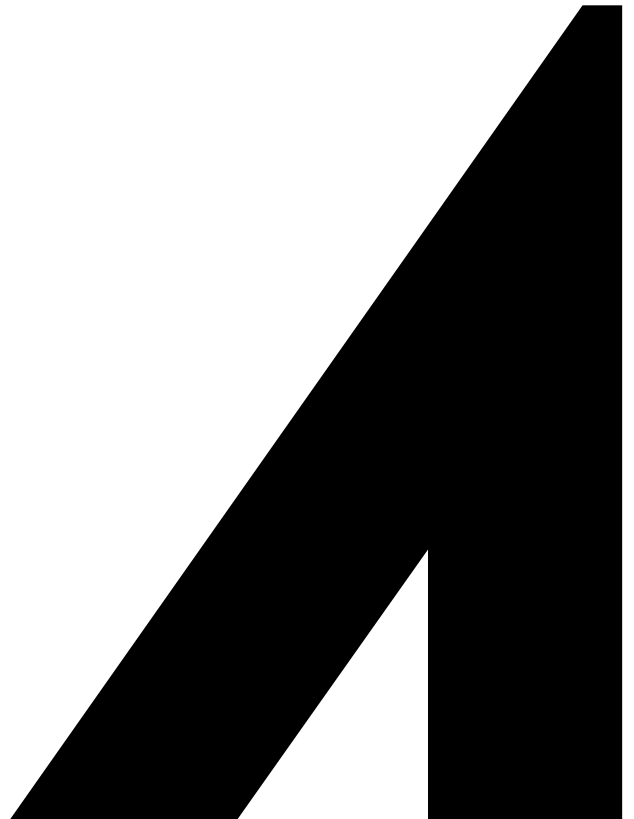


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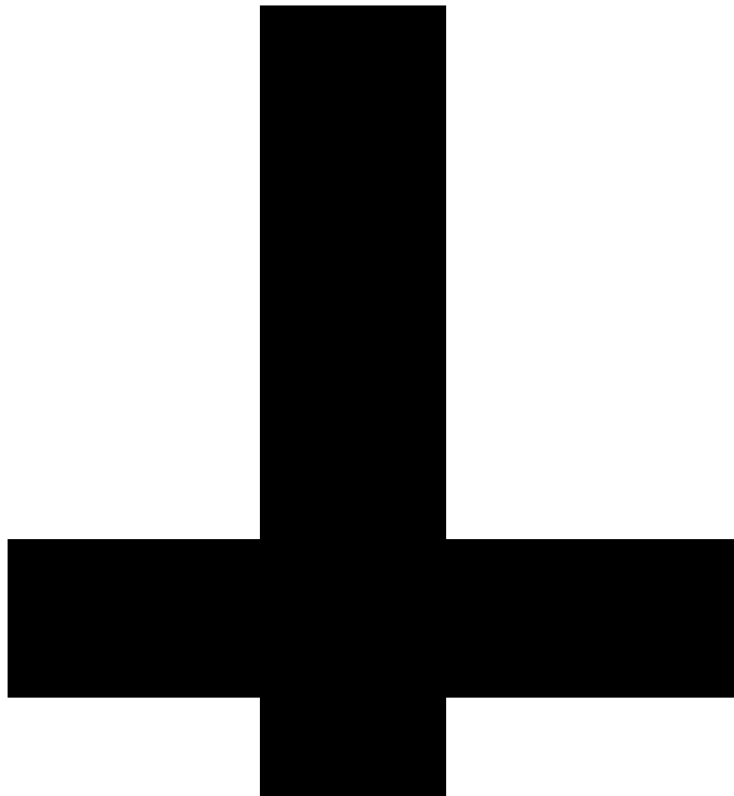
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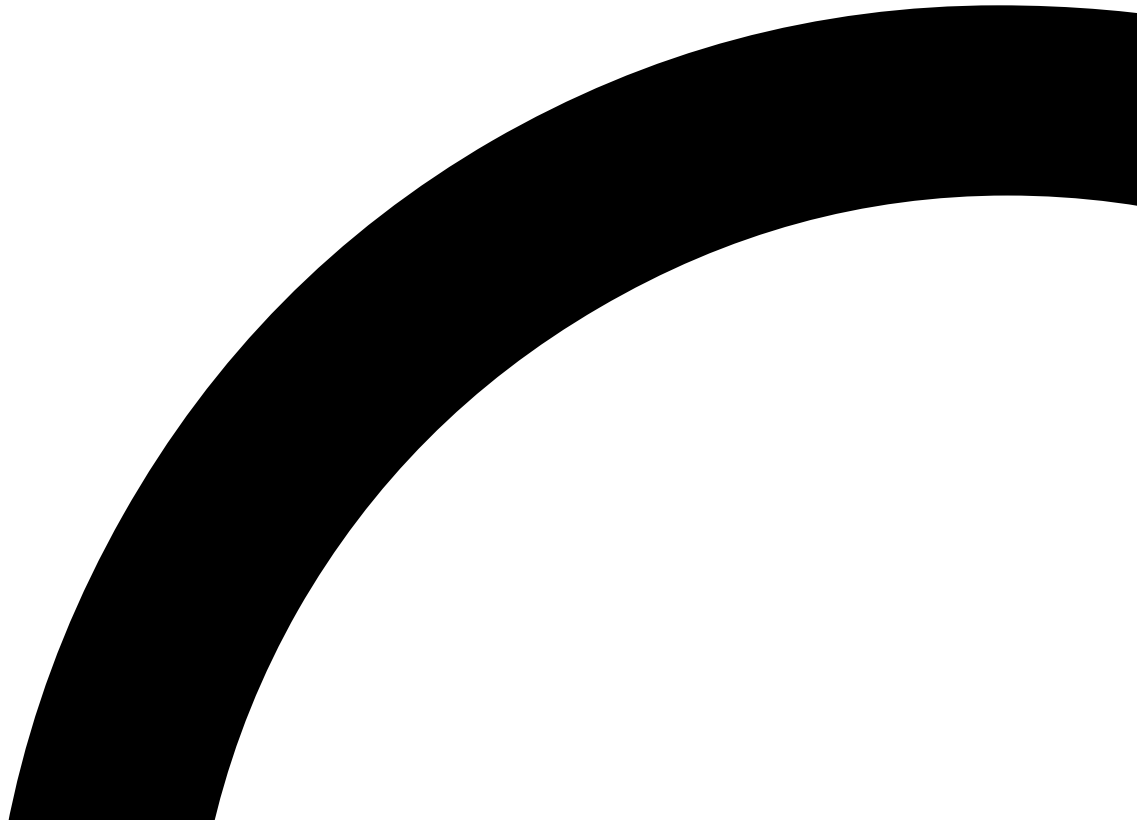


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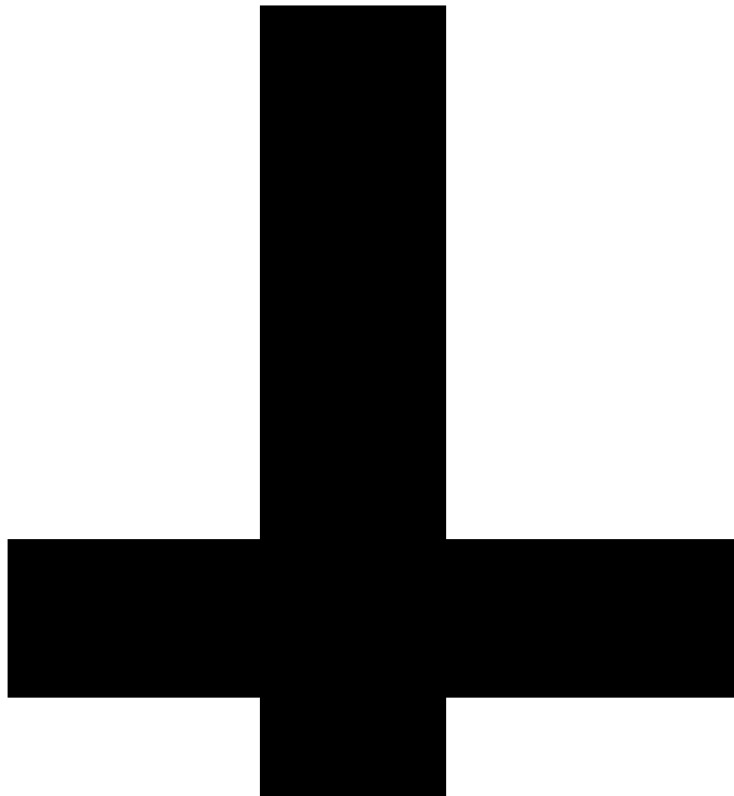
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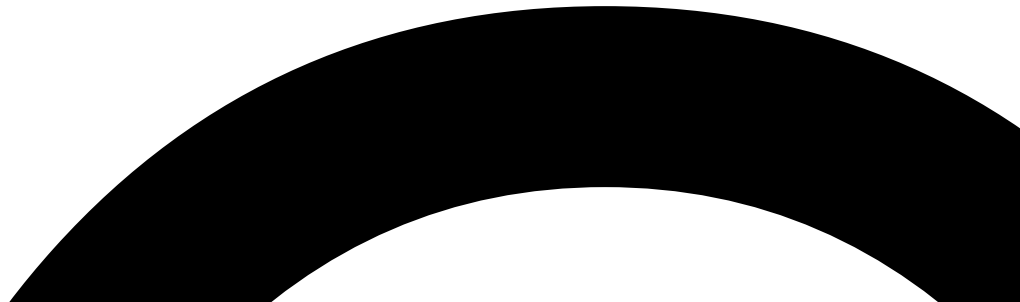
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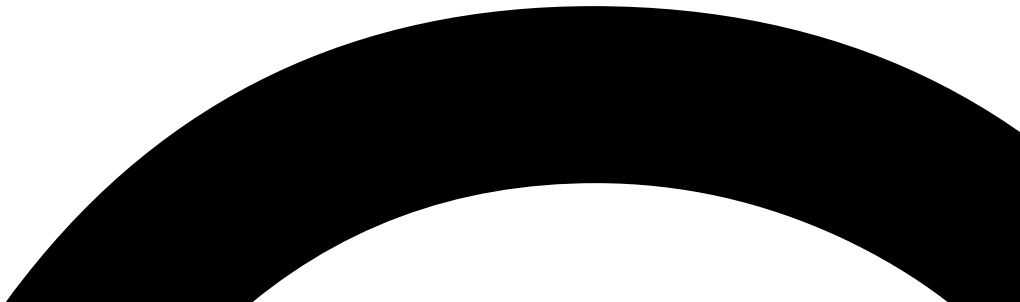
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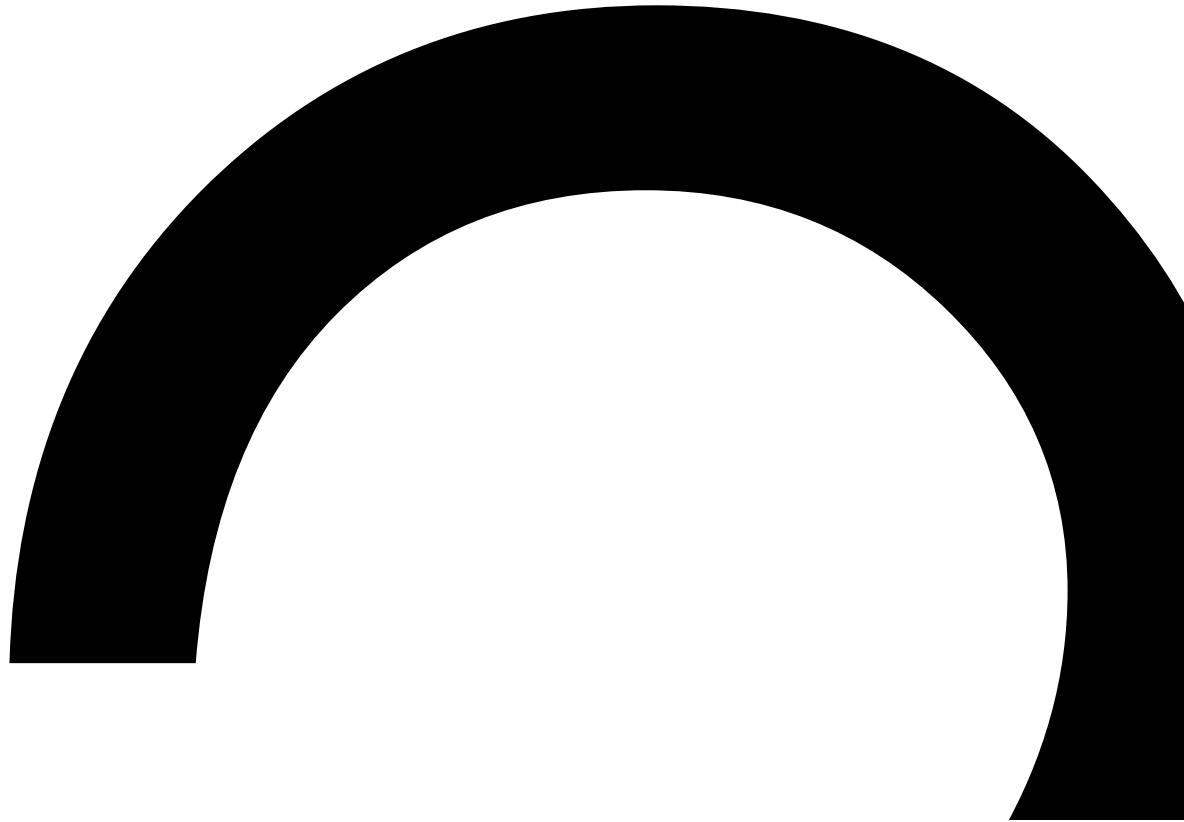
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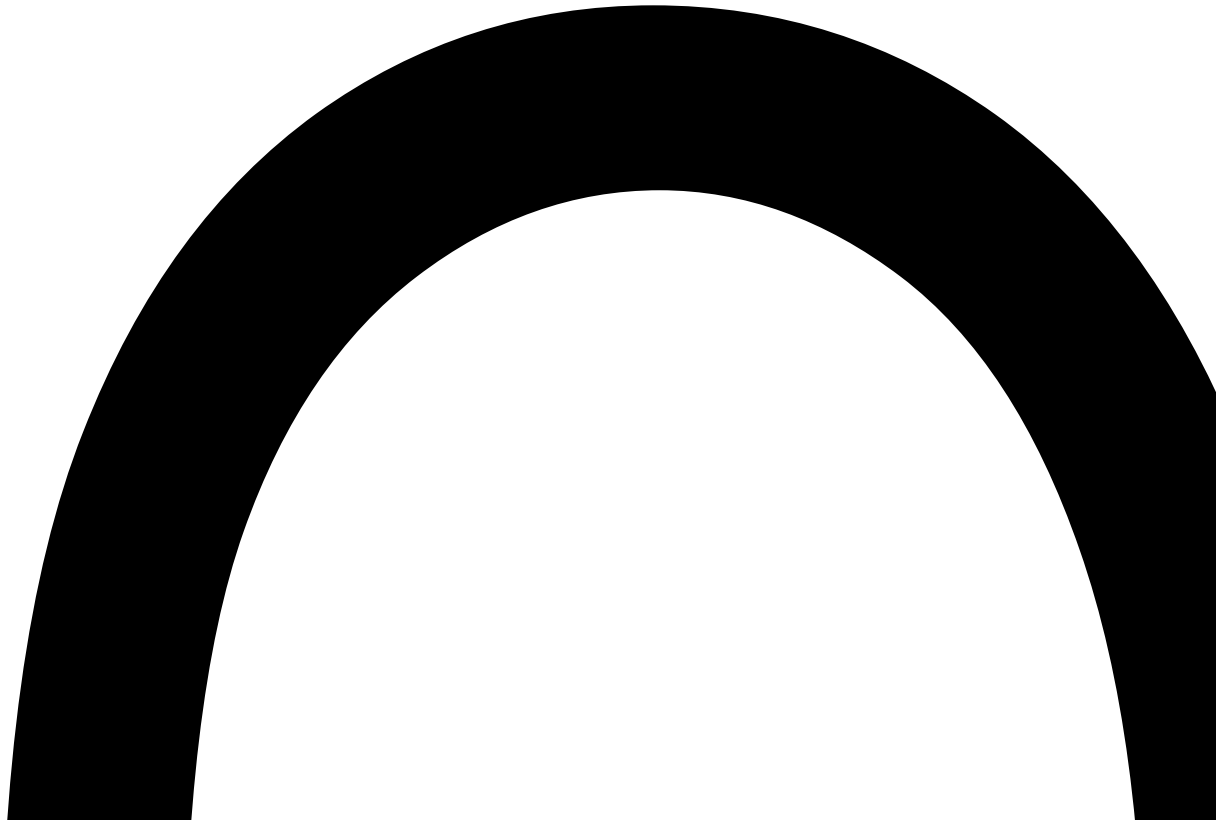
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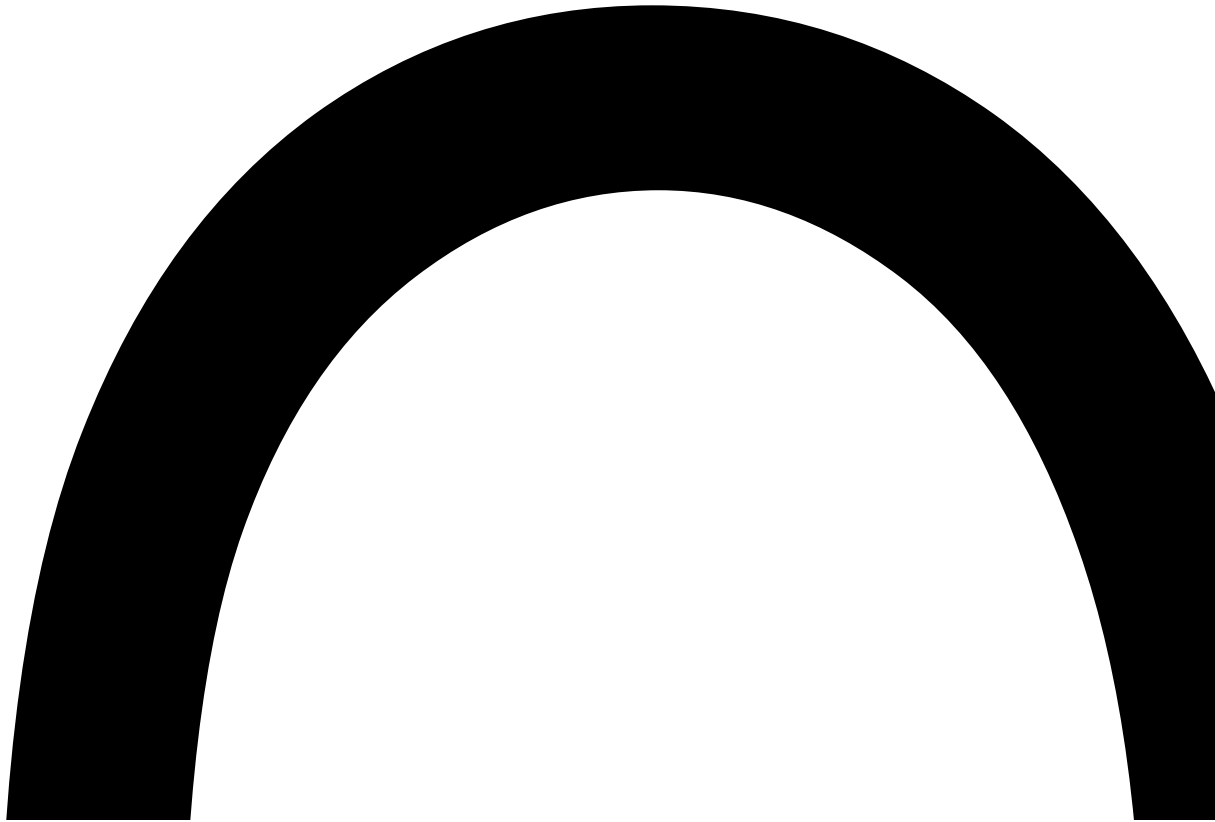
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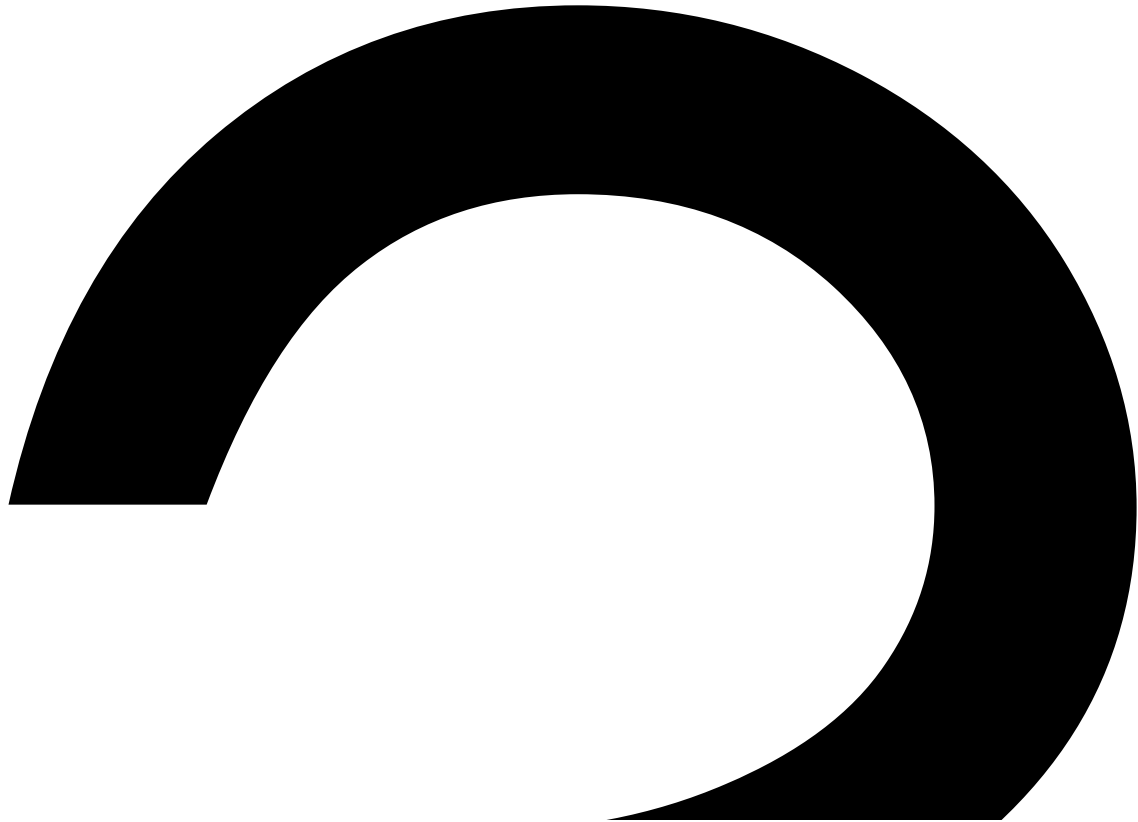
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