



TRADITION SAYS THAT NEAR THIS PLACE IN TIMES REMOTE PICTISH AND SCOTTISH WARRIORS ABOUT TO DEFEAT AN ARMY OF NORTHUMBRIANS, SAW AGAINST A BLUE SKY A GREAT WHITE CROSS LIKE ST ANDREW'S, AND IN ITS IMAGE MADE A BANNER WHICH BECAME THE FLAG OF SCOTLAND.



The illustration above is the original drawing for the Saltire Memorial, designed by Eric Stevenson. The panel and accompanying inscription depict the traditional origins of Scotland's flag, associated with the battle fought to the north of Athelstaneford in the year 832AD. The two armed hosts are shown facing each other, the one about to claim victory, the other already accepting defeat, under the Cross of St Andrew in the sky above.

The Memorial, erected in 1965, incorporated copper panels to this design. These weathered badly, and were replaced in 1992 by similar but slightly simplified panels, etched in granite.