

HISTORIC SITES

Royal Seats, scenes of historic events—battles, mass meetings, historic festivals, &c. Location.
Landowner. Historical or traditional notes.

St. Patrick's Well in Ballinacorney. Land of Thomas Kelleghy.
O'Sullivan's letter (memo) quoting from the four ladies — "When he came to 'naige foygan' (plain about Kiltinagh) and found in the place two brothers, sons of a man named Culwo &c. Culwo, son of Culwo and Desden, who sent this slave to kill St. Patrick; to whom St. Patrick said — "bishops and priests shall be of your race but your brother's race shall be increased" — and he left the priest Cunan in that place" &c. St. Patrick's well in Ballinacorney."

The well is a hole about the width of a dinner plate in a rock which is grass covered in part but which is almost at ground level. a few stones are **HISTORIC HOUSES; BURIAL PLACES** near it - grass covered. O'Sullivan says a cairn existed at the well.

(a) Birth places or one-time residences of distinguished Irishmen or other personalities.
Location and description. Present owner or occupant. (b) Burial places of distinguished personalities.

(a) Birth place of **ANAS O'KEEFE** (Anthony O'Keefe).

This is in Killeaden townland in the land of Michael Lyden. Nothing visible remains but two old trees marking the site of his house.

Keefe was born in Killeaden about the year 1784. The owner of Killeaden House was Ken Francis Keefe Esq. who was the local landlord.

At the age of nine years, Keefe lost his sight as a result of small pox. Then he began to learn the violin but it is said that he never became anything but a mediocre fiddler. He later left Mayo for Galway, in which county he spent the rest of his life, chiefly around Longueva and Athlone. He wrote many songs, love songs, poems of praise in honour of those who were kind to him, poems of the Irish race etc. etc. He died in Co. Galway in 1835 and is buried in All Saints' graveyard. His best known poem are, All Saints (Killeaden), in which there is the phrase "saoil keeo as Frank Keefe ann"; "me Keefe ann"; and "meann."

SPAS OR MINERAL SPRINGS

Spas formerly in use. Location and present condition. Access. Right of way to public?
Mineral content and curative properties so far as known locally.

none.

Miss Leticia McManus, novelist, resided ⁽¹⁹⁴⁴⁾ at Killeaden House in Killeaden townland north of Kiltinagh. Of her books the best-known are, *Silk of the King*; *Messa*; *In Sansfield's Days* and *White Light and Flame*. She has also contributed many short stories and articles to various journals. Writes under her own name, C. McManus.
Died 1944

Mrs. Walsh of Gortgauff, and Mrs. P. Gallagher, Walskew, Kiltinagh, are aunts of Gene Tunney, the ex-time world heavy-weight champion.

Gene Tunney's mother was Mary Lydon, born in Gortgauff. His father was John Tunney, also of the parish, born in Killeaden townland. Towards the close of the last century they both - at different times - went to America where they afterwards met and married.

Tunney's mother is now living with her daughter (married to a doctor) in Delington Avenue, New York. Tunney is supervisor of army physical training.

James Kelly, born in Kiltinagh where his sister Mrs. B. Conlon now resides. Interested in handball and played many tournaments at Foxford. Worked for the Rly. Company, migrated to U.S.A., continued playing handball. Returned in 1909 to meet Bowler, the Irish champion, whom he defeated at Limerick in 3 out of 5 games. Acquired as world champion then. Returned to America and died there 1943.

Doc. Sean Levan, Temple St. Hospital, Dublin. of Kiltinagh. represented Ireland in Paris (1920) and at Amsterdam. Still holds the world 300 metres record. His main achievements were in 200, 300 and 400 metres.