

ANTIQUITIES

Abbeys, Castles, Fortresses, Round Towers, Early Churches, Sculptured Crosses, Stone Circles, Ogham Stones, Cairns, Souterrams, Pillar Stones, Cromlechs, Forts, Rathes, Moats, Tumuli or ancient monuments of any kind. Exact location of each with short description, noting condition, etc. Relate local legend or tradition associated with building or object. State if in charge of Office of Public Works. Right of way to public? Admission charge (if any). Name and address of caretaker, or where key is kept.

Robeen Castle ruins. Robeen Kowland. Patrick Fahey.
no right-of-way. not in charge of O.P.W.

of this castle, concerning whose history nothing is known beyond that it was one of the many Burke fortresses erected on the shores, and east, of Lough Lassa --- only a badly broken, very ruined portion of one curtain some 15' long and perhaps 20' high --- with attached to it a piece of the gate, remains.

Castle ruins in Coshon (Kilconnor district). J. Hughes. no right-of-way. Remains consist of a 20' high portion of wall, 6' thick and 15' long at its top and 10' at bottom. of its history local account gives it as formerly a Burke castle which later belonged to the Blake family.

A lake, now drained, was situated beside the castle. There is a local legend of a monster which inhabited the waters and terrified the neighbourhood.

Castle ruins in Castle Villa (Kilconnor area). Walter Haney. no right-of-way. These fragments of a rectangular fortification which was about 21' x 14' internally remain to a height of about 12'. Walls 1' thick. A bit of a 4' wide stairway with 3 steps yet exists in the south-east corner.

A Burke stronghold of whose history nothing seems to be known.

Hags Castle in Lough Lassa. Opposite Annie's Kowland (in the Robeen area). Some few hundred yards out in the lake. Ruined and would appear to be some 25' high. A Burke castle. (Impossible to survey. no boats).

Foundation tales of Burke Castle in Bellinaclosh. John
Hosley. No right of way. In 1571 the castle was taken
from Burke by Sir Edward Bellingham, first President of
Connaught. In 1585 it was restored to Burke. In 1678
Henry Bingham acquired it. (Historic sites: please see)

Waller's ruins in Annies. Stephen Monaghan. to R. of W.
A gable only remains to a height of some 25'. There is a
broken apex.

Said to have originally been a Benedictine convent estab-
lished by the Mac Williams - De Burgo chief. Subject to
Ballyvaughan (near Ballinacree). Was Franciscan in the 16th
century and then given to the Augustinians of Ballinacree.
Was later suppressed and given to the Earl of Massacre.

Church remains. A 10' long by 9' high fragment of an
aisle wall in Rohen in the burial ground by road side.
No history or tradition.

"Leamheen" or "little church" in Bellinaclosh. Mrs. Hughes.
20' x 3'. Walls broken but to a height of 1'. No distinctive
features. No history or tradition. No right of way.

Church ruins in Kilcannon Parish. In graveyard. Right
of way. Of this there remains a gable and a 25' long portion
of either curtain. Gable at one end broken away from curtain.
Church is 20' wide. Gable, steep-pitched, is 25/30' high to
3 1/4" thick. Vaulted doorway of chancel limestone 5' 10" high
and 4' 1 1/2" wide. Over it a rectangular chancel arch about 2 1/2'
x 2' whose mullions are gone.
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The remaining portion of south wall is 6' thick. There are the remains of two broken, open plain, featured except that one is set in a rough, plain, pointed embossed, some 10' high. This wall is about 14' high.

The other side-wall portion is some 11' high and is 2 1/2' thick.

Probably a parish church. Kilmannon is St. Columba's Church of Conair - whether saint or not is uncertain.

Very slight remains of an old chapel in Creggaratta. John Casey's in whose house it is said the attending priest lodged.

Brownstown House ruins in Brownstown, David Walsh. No right-of-way. A three story T-shaped plain residence. Windows, doors and roof gone. Not a very big house. Was for a long time the residence of the Browns family. Landed proprietors and related to the Galway family of same name. Uneventful history. Uninhabited for about 60 years. The last owner was M.P. for Mayo.

Watchtower is a tower: octagonal outside, circular inside. 14' high and 10' in diameter. In Mrs. Mannion's. Said to have been erected by the Browns owner. Either a watch tower or a pigeon-house - probably the latter.

Remains of Yenchigone House in Yenchigone. Pat Vaneley. No right-of-way. Family residence of Blakes - later of a landowner named French, and finally of a man named Robert a banker of Dublin. In ruins for at least 70 years. (In Kilmannon area.)

Ruins of Bloomfield House (Robeen area). P. Gill. Once the residence of Rutledge family - sold to Land Commission about 25 years ago by Major Rutledge of Cloone, Bellinakeel, who acquired it on his father's death. The estate was divided. Major Rutledge is a well-known authority on bird life.

Castle in Newbrack. (Robeen area). Richard Jennings. Overgrown. Single circular wall. 7' thick. Average 5' high. Diameter of enclosure 20 yds. approx. No right-of-way.

A small fort in Gassas. (Kilconnor area). John Ryan's. A rectangular enclosure 12' x 8½' with walls averaging 3½' high. Said to be the burial place of an infant - perhaps 40 years ago.

Foundation bases of a church in Kiltagherawn. James McHenry. No history.

"Tobersloans" - a holy well - and children's burial ground in Ballywalkers. James Kelly.

"Tobersloans" - a holy well in Ross near Mount Jennings.

Lewis mentions a model agricultural college built in 1872 near Hollymount by the Mansion House Relief Committee. This is Mr. Heaney's of Kilmish.

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Parish: Robeen & Kilsconner, Leixnayo

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* The old convent in Annies: from a
note in Knox's "Notes on Dioceses of
Tuam & Achowry" (p. 272).

"A small convent founded
by Mac William Eighter, son
of Sir Thos. Burke who died in it
in 1440, as a cell of bong, on
condition of its maintaining
any woman of his descendants