

HISTORIC SITES

Royal Seats, scenes of historic events—battles, mass meetings, historic festivals, &c. Location.

Landowner. Historical or traditional notes.

Crosshays: "Cess bairien" = Behin's Cess. {or may be 'bairien'}
 who this St. Behin was is obscure. There is in Crosshays village
 the tradition that the saint founded a monastery on the site of
 the present Protestant church (formerly Catholic), and that there was
 made for him a precious Cess. Being forced to flee from
 the district, the saint and monks secreted the Cess in or
 around the monastery. It is said to be still hidden somewhere in
 Crosshays.

Yaghen. The derivation of this seems to be controversial. It is
 given as Teie loay = beautiful house and as Teie Laya = Laya's house

HISTORIC HOUSES ; BURIAL PLACES

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(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.

none apart from the personalities of the Bourne
 family (please see mansions & Estates etc.).

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.

Tradition says that St. Patrick visited Yagheen. There is his holy well in
Goolough Townland.

Book of Armagh says - "Bishop Colman gave to Bishop Patrick by a
votive offering for ever his church i. e. Uamh Cuan and in dewo - and
himself entrusted it to saints i. e. to priests Meeb and Seob.

Knox says that Uamh Cuan is Yagheen but offers no proofs. Mr. Butt
in "Mayo of the Sevens" also gives Yagheen as the church of Meeb and
Seob.

Text says: The date given for his derivation is that the name is taken
from the Cays or Cays's territory which included Yagheen. ~~As~~ the Cays
adjoined the Yeirraun. When St. Patrick came to Connaught the king
was Brian who had 23 sons. On seeing the saint approach, 23 of
his sons ran away but Cays remained to greet the apostle who
prophesied that Cays should rule over territory which normally
would go to his brothers.

Tradition says that an order of nuns founded a nunnery at
Yagheen (where present ruins stand in graveyard). The order was always
called that of the "Blue Nuns".

The Colman mentioned above was the famous founder of
Mayo Abbey.

Sources: most of notes from Rev. Mr. McWilly C.C., Yagheen.