

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 Carronegan: Landowner John McHugh, (Scene of annual pilgrimage) called later Casary: nearby is church site called Killeenan: Here, in 444, St. Patrick founded his first church in Co. Mayo. The first priest of the church, appointed by the apostle, was Lavin, son of Lavanse.

HISTORIC HOUSES ; BURIAL PLACES

(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.

Since I came back from Sligo I have been searching the house for a book called "My Little Farm" by "Pat" "Pat" was P. D. Kenny, and I had just heard that only a few weeks ago he was laid to rest in the little cemetery of Aghamore, near Ballyhaunis. Kenny has been forgotten this twenty years, for he was on the warpath before this generation ever saw a feeding-bottle and bib.

But he raised great storms in his time, and his career has the makings of a longer story than this. He was a brave man who emigrated to England at the age of 18. He worked as an agricultural labourer there for 18 hours a day—wages 9d.—sleeping on straw in his employer's barn.

Those were Land League days and Pat first reached the public eye and ear at a meeting in Manchester. Here he met a commercial traveller and that was Michael Davitt. Davitt helped him, and Pat was ambitious. He went to night school, he educated himself; he even reached Manchester University. Then he got a job on a Glasgow newspaper. (He later worked on "The Morning Post" in London.) In London he made friends with the literary Irishmen of the time and slowly climbed the ladder of fame.

He varied his journalistic observations between society in the West-End of London, which took him up, and agriculture in the West-End of Ireland, which let him down. He could plough, write, address learned societies in waltz, address learned societies in waltz, address learned societies in waltz. He edited the "Irish Peasant" in An Uaimh and w-r-t. "Donkeys For Irishmen" and "The Sorrows of Ireland." He was a saucy contumacious man, quarrelled with the Church and usually had half a dozen rows and controversies in progress. In the end he came back to Sligo to his little farm. Severed from his kind he lived apart and beat a lonely drum.

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P. D. KENNY

lived relatively and after peace - died on the roadside - kept up, passively, his feud with the church to the end. Buried with scarcely a prayer except for a few uttered by Abbot's friend - regardless of feud said to have worked as a street sweeper with Winston Churchill.

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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

Historical notes:

The parishes of Aghamore, Arnagh, Belleek and Kinalea roughly comprised the ancient territory of the Caisneog. The lake is said to have been founded by Cais, a son of the famous Queen Meave. Cais, it is said, went to Kerry where the clan originated — later a portion of the lake was banded from that county and came to Mayo — the Caisneog leader petitioned the King of Connaught for territory and the area of it was fixed at "as much as the chieftain could traverse on foot in a single day." The King thought such ^{was} an unusually reasonable request.... The lake's chieftain, however, with magical aid, walked the whole of the above parishes. The King held to his promise.

In legend, Mannin Lake is one of the seven lakes associated with the seven daughters of Manann mac Lir — the daughters by magic spell having been converted into seven lakes... Mann being the girl's name from which Mannin Lake springs. The lake where it was called. Another is Lough Keel, also in this parish — a lakelet having its name from "Keel", "the red-haired".

The other lakes — in districts adjacent or convenient to Aghamore and whose names are ascribed to the remaining daughters, are:
 by: Lough Managh — Melane — Zump: Lough Glynn —
 Liscann: Lough Cahan — Unnes (Lough an Unnes) Corrit Lake.
