

CURIOSITIES

Curious objects, structures, monuments, landmarks, sights, etc. For example, Wishing stones or "chairs," freaks of nature (i.e. grotesque rock formations)—in fact, any scene or object which may be regarded as queer, quaint or mirth-provoking. Location and description. Any story or legend to be related.

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None.

CUSTOMS, PATTERNS, ETC.

Brief account of old customs, traditional cures, etc., still practised in the district. Pilgrimages to Holy Wells, Shrines, etc. Patterns.

Jan 1st - Some people will not pay out money.

St. Bridget's Eve: A few people make the straw crosses.

Shrove Tues: Pancake night

June 22nd: Bonfire's night - coals thrown into coops.

Nov 10 - St. Martin's Eve: Fowl killed and its blood sprinkled in four corners of house.

St. Hallow's Eve: Cabbage stamp night - stamps thrown at doors.

St. Stephen's Day: The "Wren boys" visit neighbours' houses.

Burials take longest route to the graveyard. Grave-diggers leave shovel and spade in form of a cross over open grave. Clocks are stopped when death occurs in a house. Chains on which coffin rests are tipped over when coffin is removed.

The bride must not return to her own home until a month after wedding.

Visitors must give a hand with the churning.

A quenched coal sometimes put under beam while churning.

May day: Mills will not be sold, lent or given away.

Pinch of salt usually put in mill given at night.

(Signed) Donald J. Laughman.

Surveyor.

DATE

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