

ANTIQUITIES

Abbeys, Castles, Fortresses, Round Towers, Early Churches, Sculptured Crosses, Stone Circles, Ogham Stones, Cairns, Souterrains, Pillar Stones, Cromlechs, Forts, Rath, 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.

Diseat Bekan (or Becanus). In church ground s.e. end of New 4th.
Moane P.P., Bekan. no right-of-way.

consists of a stone heap traditionally said to be the stones from the cell of St. Becanus, founder of the parish and concerning whom little is known except that the (~~founder~~ ~~Becanus~~) saint lived in an early century perhaps 5th or 6th.

In the old graveyard in Bekan are the slight remains (portion of gable) of a church said to date from the 12th century.

Megalithic Structures in James Henelly's in Parking. Generally known as the "cromlechs on Greenwood Hill." no right-of-way but actually portion of the burial place extends through the fence bordering the public road.

The megalith has evidently lost some stones at some time or other. a dozen flags are visible. The flags form outline of chamber walls giving a grave length of about 18 feet but there is a single stone distant about 6 feet from the end stone of one wall so that the grave may have been this much longer. The chamber is 5 ft. wide at widest point and narrows at its north-eastern end where there is a single earth-covered capstone protruding through the roadside fence. There is a small open (about 18" x 12") to the capstoned chamber. The open faces the roadway.

Series of Souterrains in Carganboy townland. Land of Mrs. H. Trade. Known as the "Carganboy Caves." no right-of-way.
Only a part of one souterrain, about 12' long, 3' high and 4' wide, with corbelled walls capped by lintels, is now visible.

There is a souterrain, usual single-passage type, debris-choked, in Mrs. V. Walden's in Hessing, and in Mrs. P. Lyons' in Reisk. A fort called "Lioshawn" in John L. Geath's in Triff is said to have a closed souterrain.

a castle is said to have existed in Tulshan. no trace remains. St. Rigid's well in Tulshan graveyard. no religious observance.

Parish of Bekan Barony of Costello.

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hegalt in Yeamore Kounland. Michael Heneghan's
no right of way. Not in charge of O.P.W.

This is situated almost on the boundary line between the parishes
of Bekan and Kilvine - some 6 miles from Bekan village
and 3 miles from Leish Town in the latter parish.

The structure has always been known as McMahon's monument.
It is a cistern from which almost all the cairn stones have
been removed - revealing a flag embedded chambered grave which
is approx. 30' long and varies in internal width from 57" to 45".
There are probably five or six compartments and there exist
as yet four capstones (misplaced), the largest of which is some
6' x 4' by 9" thick, which covered the cists.

The grave is enclosed within a roughly rectangular formation
of flags on edge - the enclosure being about 45' long by 15'
wide. The narrow ends of the enclosing walls are not fully
worked - stones missing - but the sides have about 20 stones.
(photo)

SURVEYOR'S NOTE. Not recorded for Bekan parish at time of work
because no information obtained on same. Not known to
Ballyvaughan Arch. Society as cistern - advanced marked as "monument"
and thought to have been in Kilvine parish.

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