

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.

None

CUSTOMS, PATTERNS, ETC.

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

Tobac Tobage (or Tobecceadoney).

Situated in the town of Kesh, Co. Londonderry. This well is open from 15th August to 15th September, the annual Pilgrimage day being the 15th August when large crowds attend from the surrounding districts. The well is stated to hold a cure for Phtalasia. The pilgrimage is performed by pilgrim going around the well always in the honour of the Lord saying any prayer wished for intention of pilgrimage.

(Signed)

Surgeon.

DATE

6.5.1904

Pilgrim then kneels down at well and says
 7 paterns, 7 aves, and the Creed. Pilgrim then
 rises and walks round well 7 times saying
 same prayers each time, then kneels down again
 at well and repeats prayers. Pilgrim then
 rises and proceeds to small flag case to well
 and here again kneels saying 5 Aves. Then
 proceeds to stone which is reputed to bear the tracks
 of St. Patricks knees say 3 Aves. Pilgrim then
 goes back into old church and kneeling any
 place says 7 paterns, 7 Aves and the Creed.
 When coming out of the church pilgrim comes
 up along the west wall, and if pilgrimage
 is being performed for the living pilgrim takes
 3 Aves and ~~then~~ walks barefooted in the
 hall, if for dead pilgrim walks beside
 stream; hence back to well where 3 Aves and
 3 paterns are said. Not under the care
 of the Office of Public Works. Free right of
 way to public. well very well kept.

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Tobeehakaltorea.

Distance on a course 300 yds to the west of
 N. fernings house on the Coaggan beam - Killeen
 Road. The well is visited by people from the
 area during the months of July and August.
 The well is not very well kept. Water is
 held cures for any kind of sickness. The
 pilgrimage is performed by kneeling at the well
 and saying any prayer wished, then walk around
 well twice, again saying any prayer wished. Then
 kneel down as well saying 7 Paters, 7 Aves
 and the Creed. Take seven small stones, and
 walk around well seven times, and last
 time the pilgrim returns to well & will drop
 one stone on top of flag. The prayers said
 on each of these rounds are any that the
 pilgrim wishes, then kneel down as well say
 7 Paters, 7 Aves & the Creed. Then go to
 road side of well and kneel at centre saying
 7 Paters, 7 Aves and the Creed, then proceed
 to east corner each day 5 Paters & 5 Aves and
 the Creed See page 118

Pilgrims then climb on flag over well & kneeling say 3 Paters, 3 Aves and Creed.

Pilgrim then stands up and turning 3 times in the honor of the Sun saying any prayers wished. All circuits of the well are made in the honor of the Sun.

Robecroide

Robecroide is the name of Mr. Pate. Duncan, is the townland of Eskellan. This well which is reputed to hold cures for any type of sickness is much neglected. It is visited on all times during the year by people in the area. The pilgrims in preference by going through gap into Old Grassy acre & thence to rude pile of stones which is called the altar where any prayers wished the said. Then go around altar 7 times in the honor of the Sun saying again any prayers wished at that time. After which pilgrim kneels at altar saying any prayers wished, pilgrim then proceeds to

well (about 20 yrs distant) trying a decade of
 the Rosary a journey. As well say 5 Paters,
 5 Aves and the Creed. Bring some of the beads
 home. be there objects on Altar. ~~As well.~~
