

## HISTORIC SITES

*Royal Seats, scenes of historic events—battles, mass meetings, historic festivals, &c. Location.  
Landowner. Historical or traditional notes.*

During the period of the Red Branch Cycle, Caffoley, a townland close to Lahardane, was the site of a great battle between the armies of the two queens, Maev and Nocta.

A woman of great strength and daring, Nocta beheaded several of Maev's bravest warriors before she herself was beheaded on the slopes of Nephin mountain.

## 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.*

### ARCHBISHOP JOHN MACHALE.

Tubbernavreen is the birthplace of John MacHale, who, born on Quinquagesima Sunday 1789, was destined to become Archbishop of Tuam and to be known to a host of admirers as "The Lion of the Fold". As a student at Maynooth Dr. MacHale displayed outstanding brilliance and all his life he was the tireless advocate of the oppressed poor and endeavoured by constant effort to counteract the bitter antagonism of the English government towards the Church in Ireland.

He was the author of many famous articles and letters, writing over the pseudonym "Hierophilos".

This illustrious prelate and patriotic Irishman died on November 7th 1881, having lived to become the Senior Prelate of the Catholic Church.

The house in which Archbishop MacHale was born has given place to a more modern structure which is occupied by Mr William Doyle, Blacksmith. Mrs Doyle (nee Mulhearn) is a great grandniece of Dr MacHale's whose maternal family name was Mulhearn.

The house is situated about a mile from Lahardane, on the Bofeenauin road and Mrs Doyle is the proud possessor of some of the Archbishop's personal belongings.

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### REV. FR. CONROY.

Father Conroy, parish priest of Addergoole, executed at Castlebar on charges of aiding the French after the landing at Killala in 1798, was buried inside the walls of the old ruined church at Addergoole graveyard. The exact grave is not known.

## 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.