

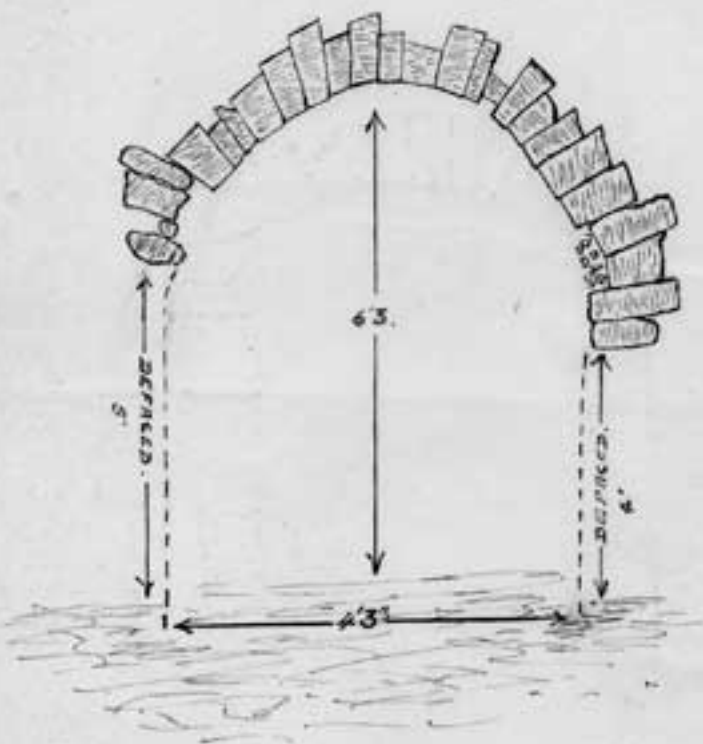
ANTIQUITIES

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

Kilmeena Old Church: Situated in the town lane of Kilmeena Hill about 3 miles north of Westport. Only the west gable and about 9 feet of the north side wall remain. The gable is of considerable height, and contains a doorway which is about 6 feet 3 inches high and 4 feet 3 inches wide at the base on the outside; and 6 feet 6 inches high and 5 feet 6 inches wide at the bottom on the inside. It forms a round arch on the top on the outside but on the inside it is practically flat. (See sketches). This church was about 16 feet in breadth but its length cannot be ascertained. It was very well built in its construction. It was under the care of the Office of Public Works. The right of way to public. The ruins remain in a fair condition.

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(Plain sheets of foolscap paper to be used, if necessary, for recording additional information).

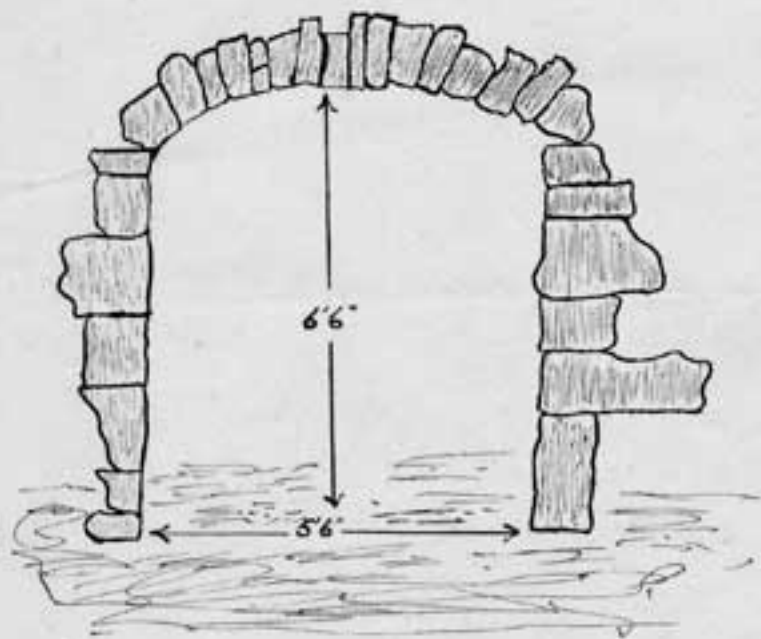


KILMEENA OLD CHURCH

Outside of Door.

IN

West Gable.



Inside of door.

of Grassij islands that almost shut out a view
of Coler Bay.

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Found in the townland of Kilmaclosse about
3 miles north of Westport. It is a well
preserved ~~stone~~; the north side wall of which
measures 54 feet with a breadth of about
12 feet; the south side wall measured 42 feet,
and the width at the west gable about
16 feet. All its features are well preserved.
A door in the north side which is supposed
to have been in the south side wall has
disappeared. The west gable is very much
ruined due to the fact that a wall,
and now neglected, there was erected
here some years ago. Not under the care
of the Office of Public Works. The light
of the day to public. The existing ruins are
in this condition. This church is supposed to have
been founded by a St. Colman. See page 1

Co. Mayo. Barony of Burren. Parish: Kilmeara.

Fortguites (Conto)

There is a tradition in connection with the
 junction of both Kilmeara and Kilmaclosse
 Old Churches. Mr. Meera (or Mayo) and Mr.
 Closser decided to divide the territory
 extending from Pigeon Point in the west to
 the border of Islandeady Parish between
 them, and they also decided as to how
 the territory would be divided. The mutual
 agreement was that Mr. Meera was to start
 from the end of the territory in the west
 and Mr. Closser was to start from the
 opposite end of the territory at Islandeady
 border, and they were to move in a
 straight line towards each other, walking
 at a moderate pace, or a fair pace
 as the tradition states, and starting at a
 fixed time. Wherever they met would
 be the point to fix their boundary
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between their territories. They were on the
opposite ends of the territory of Kinnena
and started the journey towards each
other; they met on the hill of Ruagh
(about 4 1/2 miles north of Westport), but A.
Glosser was displeased because he believed
A. Meera could not have travelled so far
if he walked, as the pace on the horses
agreed upon. Tradition says A. Meera ran
part of the way, and saw M. Glosser
became very angry and indignant. He threw
a stone on Ruagh Hill (situated on
the land of Mr. D. Murphy), and
prayed against M. Meera and uttered
maledictions against him. A. Glosser
stopped down to take up a stone but his
intention of casting it at A. Meera, but, it
is said, that A. Glosser later became
due to the stone and he could not
lose it, believing that this was the intention
of Providence he agreed that A. Meera
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Co. Mayo. Barony of Burren. Parish of Kilmeara

was right in playing the trick upon him,
 and consented to fix the boundary between
 these parishes. In the townland of Ruan
 just inside the fence on the left side of the
 road leading from Beloonan to Furteen -
 on the slope of the hill - a boggy and
 marshy ground, and on the property of
 Mr. S. Murphy, there is a stone with a
 flat top and 8 sided hollow in it. The
 tradition is that he had been in the stone
 and the marks of Mr. C. Cooney's trees.
 Not much care of the office of Public Works.
 The right of way to Public.

Castleaffy:- Situated on the town of this.
 B. Kelly in the townland of Castleaffy about
 4 miles from Westport. This was apparently
 a house of small dimensions. The
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Remains consist of the East wall with two
springs - one of which the bottom would appear
to have been a door, and the immediately
over it a window. The west wall measures
about 40 feet and rises to a height of
approximately 80 feet, about 12 feet of
both the north & south walls stand, there also
rise to the full height of the west wall.
The building consisted of two stories,
there is a ground floor, and one above it
which was covered with a vaulted roof
which was some feet below the level of
the walls, and a small portion of which
still exists. The remains of a stair & two
passages in the same wall still exist.
Owing to its present condition nothing more
can be said of it. The tower is
thought to have been built by Graine
in 1741 (Grave O'Halley) but I cannot
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to Mayo. Bureau of Public Works Parish of Kilmenna.

Not find any historical references.

Not under the case of the Office Public Works. The right of way to Public.

Standing Stones:

Quarries on the case of Mr. T. Nolan in the town land of Rosbeg about 5 mls.

north of Rosbeg are two standing stones leaning towards each other, called Leabaille

Shinnacca after Grain. There are marks

but no legendary story connected. Not under

the case of the Office of Public Works. The right

of way to public

~~Butter's Column for page~~