

CRECORA PARISH.

SITUATION. This Parish is situated in the Barony of Pubble Brien and Co. of the City of Limerick and is bounded on the - - - -

NAME. The name of this Parish is pronounced Craobh Comhrtha in Irish, which signifies the Bush of the Sign or Token, according to the people.

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About three hundred yards to the north east of Crecora old Church ruins is shown a spot where the people say a white thorn bush grew which was called by the above Irish name and from which the Parish took its denomination.

Crecora old Church ruins are situated in the Glebe of Crecora and consist of the west gable and twelve feet in length of the side walls joined thereto. Even the foundation of the remainder of the building is not traceable. The breadth inside at the gable that is standing is twenty four feet; the length of the whole structure in its original state is not ascertainable. The side walls are eleven feet high and four feet thick. The materials of the building are large field limestones (not quarry ones) and cement of lime and sand mortar. Here is a large grave yard much in use. Locality is the summit of a hill.

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The "Liber Regalis Visitationis" gives the following account of Crecorah as a Rectory and which it places in the Deanery of Limerick.

Crecorah - Rectoria plinet ad Collegud Vacarioru Vicarius

ibm ffranciscus. Manneringe puer Ideo deprivatus et fructus sequestrati.

An old Castle stands in ruins in the south of the Townland of Ballinveala in this Parish. It is placed on high ground and is of an oblong form, measuring twenty six and a half feet by fourteen feet outside. It is four stories high and the walls are fifty feet in height and four feet thick. Joined to this at the west side stood a building, which was commonly called a Court, the quoins stones of which are seen projecting out of the walls of the tower on both sides, being the only remnant belonging to it that is now visible.

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The antiquities in this Parish were examined by Mr. A. Curry; notes arranged in the present form by Mr. T. O'Conor.