

THE PARISH OF GRANGE.

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SITUATION. The north east point of this Parish is situated about five miles south southwest of Rathkeale Town and its south west point in the suburbs of Newcastle Town. It is bounded on the north by the Parish of Kilsannel; on the east by the Parishes of Rathkeale and Clounelty; on the south by Mahoonagh Parish and on the west by the Parishes of Monagay, Newcastle and Ardagh.

NAME. This Parish is called in Irish Gráinseach, which signifies a Granary, etc.

Of the old Church of this Parish situated in the Townland of Grange Lower and on high ground about three hundred yards east of the River Deel, the walls are perfect. It is sixty two and a half feet long by twenty one and a half feet. On the east gable there is a window which is now disfigured. On the south side-wall twenty one feet from the east gable there is a window which is also disfigured. On this wall, twelve feet four inches from the west gable, there is a round arched doorway which is disfigured on the inside; on the outside it is six feet four inches high by three feet three inches and formed of cut lime stone. There is another doorway on the north side wall at the distance of eighteen feet from the west gable; this doorway is injured (disfigured) by time, both inside and outside. There is a window on this wall, twelve feet nine inches from the north doorway and opposite the window on the south side wall, but its form is now destroyed. The walls of this Church are about twelve feet high and three feet two inches in thickness. It appears to be not long out of use; the plastering remains on its walls inside and outside. There is a large grave yard, not much in use, attached to this Church.

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The antiquities in this Parish were examined by Mr. Anty. Curry, whose notes were put into the above form by Mr. O'Keeffe.

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