

KILBREEDY MINOR PARISH.

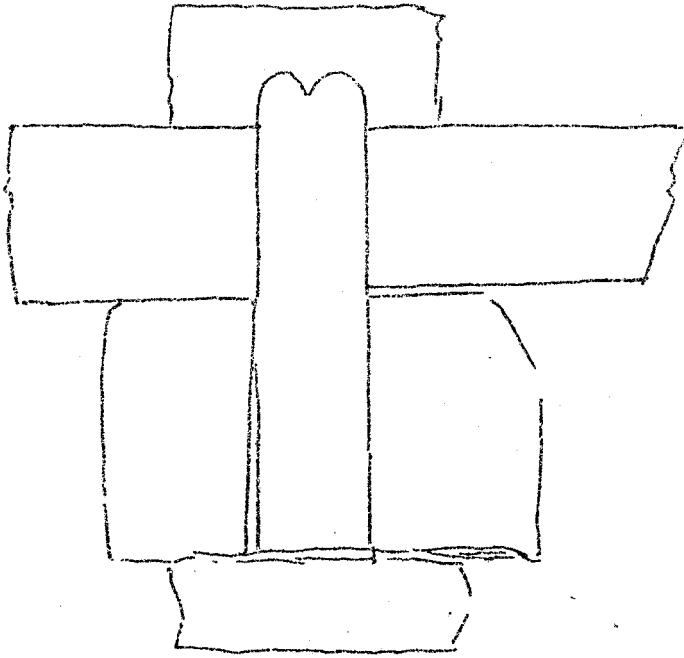
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SITUATION. This Parish is situated in the Barony of Coshma and is bounded on the north by the Parish of Tankardstown; on the west by the Parish of Hackmys; on the south by that of Effin; on the east by that of Saints Peter and Paul.

NAME. The name of this Parish is the same with Kilbreedy Major above described, Minor being used as a term of contra-distinction. See what has been said above at Kilbreedy Major.

About the central part of the Townland of Kilbreedy stands Kilbreedy old Church in ruins within a grave yard. It had a nave and choir. No part of the walls remain but the middle gable and the side walls of the choir. The choir was twenty three feet by twenty feet nine inches inside; the nave was thirty and a half feet by the same breadth with the choir. At the distance of three feet two inches from the east gable there is, on the south side wall, a window whose height and breadth cannot, by reason of its being covered with ivy, be

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Window in Kilbreedy old Church

taken on the inside. On the outside it is three feet four inches from the ground, three feet by nine inches and presents this form.

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See sketch opposite.

Twelve feet from this is another quadrangular one four and a half feet by two feet eleven inches on the inside and two feet ten inches by nine inches on the outside. These windows are built with chiselled lime stones. The side walls are about fourteen feet high and two and a half feet thick. The arch on the middle gable has been destroyed. Large lime stones (not quarry ones) irregularly laid and cement of lime and sand mortar are the materials of the building. The grave yard here is small and not much in use.

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The "Liber Regalis Visitationis" places Kilbreedy Minor in the Deanery of Killoccia alias Kilmallock and has these words:-

Kilbridy Minor integra - Rowlandus Hey, minister legatus
Valor 10 (1e) non comparuit Ideo fractus sequestrantur.

Traversed by Mr. A. Curry and his notes put into the present form by T. O'Connor.

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