

THE PARISH OF KILLINAGARRIFF.

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SITUATION. This Parish is situated partly in the Liberties of Limerick and partly in the Barony of Clanwilliam, and is from three to seven miles east of the City of Limerick.

NAME. The name of this Parish is in Irish Cillín na nGarbh, which means the Little Church of the Rough People - Cellula asperorum - but it is a puzzle to explain the reason why it originally received such an ugly appellation. Is it a corruption of Cillín Aith Gairb?

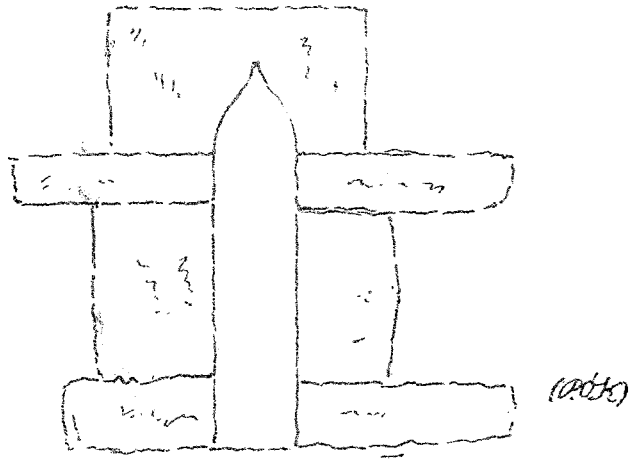
The old Church of this name is thirty six feet six inches in length and twenty three feet six inches in breadth and its walls are in tolerable preservation except the east gable, which is destroyed except a small portion (of five feet) attached to the north wall.

There is a doorway on the south wall touching the west gable; it is six feet eight inches high and four feet wide on the inside, where it is arched at top, and five feet nine inches high and two feet eleven inches wide on the outside, where it is pointed at top and constructed of cut lime stone, but its west side is a good deal injured.

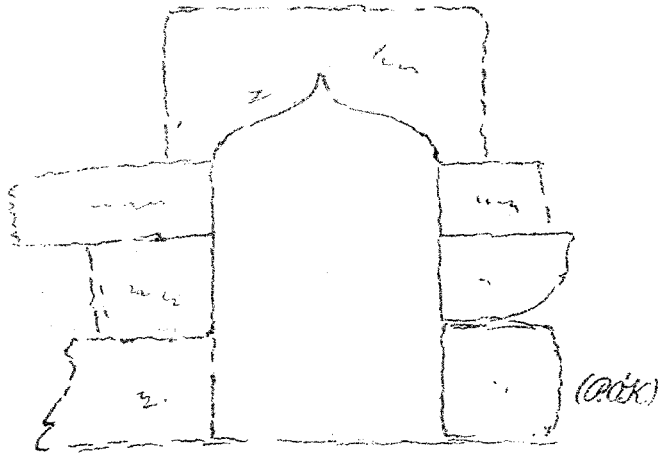
At the distance of six feet from the east gable, the south wall contains a window which is square on the inside and measures three feet six inches by three feet four inches. On this side it is constructed of chiselled red stone which presents an ancient aspect, but on the outside (where it is five feet six inches from the present level of the ground) it is pointed and constructed of cut lime stone. On this side it is only two feet eleven inches in height and six and a half inches in width. It is constructed thus:-

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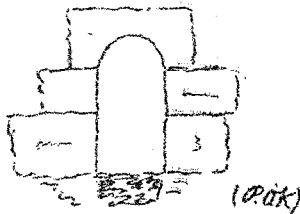
See sketch following.



Window on the South Wall  
old Church of Kullinagarrieff



Small Belfry  
old Church of Kullinagarrieff



Window on the West Gable  
old Church of Kullinagarrieff

The west gable has a small belfry of the annexed form constructed of cut lime stone:-

See sketch opposite.

It has also a small window placed at the height of fourteen feet from the ground and measuring on the inside about three feet six inches in height and two feet in width, and on the outside two feet in height and only seven inches in width. It is of the form annexed and constructed of chiselled lime stone:-

See sketch opposite.

The north wall contains a doorway placed directly opposite the one in the south wall, but now built up with mason work. This is constructed of chiselled lime stone, and quadrangular inside and outside. On the inside where the gable forms one side of it, the height is five feet eight inches and the breadth two feet eight inches, and on the outside the height is four feet eleven inches and the breadth only one foot ten inches. The lintel is a thin lime stone flag inside and outside. At the distance of eighteen feet nine inches from this doorway there is a quadrangular window measuring on the inside three feet six inches in height and two feet eight inches in width, and on the outside two feet in height and only four inches in width. On the inside it is constructed of brown stone and on the outside of chiselled lime stone. 27

The walls of this Church are about sixteen feet in height, of which four feet is a parapet, and three feet in thickness, and constructed of small and large stones cemented with lime and sand mortar.

This Church has a small graveyard attached. It is situated on the north bank of the River Annacotty, which is here called Killinagarriff River.

At the distance of eight yards from the south west corner of the Church there is a remarkable old ash tree measuring fourteen feet six inches in girth at the base (foot). It is fast decaying but still exhibits some symptoms of "a green old age." Its age must be very great.

Antiquities examined by Mr. A. Curry.

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