

KILLANNAHAN PARISH.

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SITUATION. This Parish is situated in the Baronies of Coshma and Pubble Brien and is bounded on the north by the Parish of Kilkeedy; on the south by Croom Parish; on the east by Killeenoghty and Crecora Parishes and on the west by Adare Parish.

NAME. The name of this Parish is pronounced Cill An-chain (i.e., Onchon) which signifies the Church of St. Onchu. The Life of St. Onchu is given in the AA. SS. at 8th February.

Killannahan old Church stood in ruins in the Glebe of Killannahan in the south part of the Parish in the Barony of Pubble Brien. The only part of it that now remains is a portion of the north side wall at the western end, measuring nine feet in length and the same in height and three feet in thickness. It is built with very large field lime stones and cement of lime and sand mortar. Here is an extensive graveyard, which looks old and is not much in use. Elder, white thorn and ash trees are growing in it. The locality of this Church is high ground. About half a furlong eastward of this place was St. Senan's Well, now dried up; it was frequented as a holy well about twenty years since.

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A Kyle or burial ground for children called Crann Cam (Crooked Tree) is situated in Garranroe T.L. in this Parish.

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Killasragh, Cill Lasrach, Church of St. Lassara, is the name of a burial ground for children lying in the Townland of Ballybrinnogue South.

Fitzgerald (Vol.I, p.346) speaking of the Parish of Killaleathan, says:-

"The only objects of interest in this Parish are Atty-flin *** Fort Etna, that (i.e., ? residence) of Mr. Peacock and the ruins of an old Church at Kilonihan." There is a Parish of Killagholeghane in the south extremity of the Co. and not in the above Barony.

The same writer, speaking (Ibid p.344) of the Parishes contained in the Barony of Pubble Brien, enumerates Killannahan as one of the three Parishes entirely lying the same.

The "Liber Regalis Visitationis" has the following account of Killannahan:-

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Reckoria spectat ad Prebendam Sancti Munchini Vicarius ejusdem Robertus Long minister legens residens valor 5m.

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