

EFFIN PARISH.

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SITUATION. This Parish is situated in the Barony of Coshlea and is bounded on the north by the Parish of Effin in the Barony of Coshma; on the west by the Parish of Charleville; on the east by the Parish of Dallingaddy and on the south by the Parish of Kilquaa and Ballyhea in Co. Cork.

NAME. The Irish name is Eifinn, which, as it is the name of a Saint, was, it is very likely, preceded by Teampall or Cill, or some such prefix formerly. Thus the name would be Teampall Eifinn or Cill Eifinn. But this prefix becoming disused, perhaps when the object it applied to was blotted out of sight, the latter part only was retained. (See Effin Parish in Coshma Barony below). We find no Church ruins in Effin Parish in Coshlea, which we describe here.

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The site of an old Church (it is remarked in the Name Book) lies in Brickfield Townland to the southward of the road leading through it. The name of Kilbigly is given for it. But there is no trace of a Church or grave yard observable here.

The ruins of an old Castle are seen in the south west of the above Townland. The west wall and portions of the north and south ones are all that now remain. The greatest height of this building is at present fifty feet. The thickness of the walls is five and a half feet.

In Ballymacshaneboy Townland there stood a Castle formerly, part of an arch belonging to which yet remains. See Kilquaa Parish above described.

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EFFIN 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 Kilbreedy Minor and Liberties of Kilmallock; on the west by the Parishes of Kilpeacon and Charleville; on the east by the Parish of Ballingaddy and on the south by the Parish of Effin in the Barony of Coshlea.

NAME. This name is the same with that of the Parish just now described. The old Church in ruins in the one we are now describing is called Teampall Eifinn, that is the Church of St. Eifinn. See what has been said above at the name Effin.

The ruins of the old Church are situated in Effin Townland. It consisted of two apartments (nave and choir); the east and west gables, the north wall of the nave and twenty two feet in length of the south wall of it at the west end are razed all to the foundation. About fifteen feet in height of the middle gable yet remain. The choir was thirty feet by twenty two feet eight inches. The nave measured fifty three feet and was equal with the choir in breadth. At the distance of three feet ten inches from the east gable, there is placed on the south side wall a quadrangular window which measures three and a half feet by two and a half feet on the inside. It measures on the outside two feet five and a half inches in height and seven inches at top and eight inches at bottom in breadth. The quadrangular is its form on both sides, namely inside and outside. It is built with chiselled brown stones. 341

There is a door placed on the middle gable, which is pointed and built with chiselled brown stones, measuring six and a half feet in height and four feet three inches in breadth on the choir side, the height being five feet nine inches and breadth three and a half feet on the nave side. The choir seems to have been in use at a later period than the nave. 342

Distant six feet ten inches from this gable there is, on the remaining part of the south side wall belonging to the nave, a quadrangular window which measures three and a half feet by two feet one inch inside and two feet four inches by seven inches on the outside. It is built with chiselled brown stone. The side walls are about ten feet high and three feet thick. The materials of the building are field stones (not lime ones) mostly of round form, and cement of gravelly sand and lime mortar. There is here a large grave yard much in use. The locality is level ground. About half a furlong to the north west of this place is Lady's Well, now but seldom frequented. Another holy well 343

called Tober a Cran, Tobar a Chrainn (Fons arboris) is situated west of Gortacrank Townland. It is now seldom frequented.

The "Liber Regalis Visitationis" contains the following reference at "Diocesis Limericensis":-

Prebenda de Effin - Valet 30le ad hanc spectat Rectoria de Effin hanc Prebendam nos etiam impetravimus Pro Predicatore et eum locavimus in Kilmallock oppido publico ut ibi resident et predicaret.

And the following one at "Decanatus de Killochia alias Kilmallock":-

Prebenda de Effin residens - Situata et Prope Killochiam, 344 et nos impetravimus Donationem hujus prebende ffrancisco ffret-hing-ham uni vicariorum Killochie et Residentiam illi unnoximus ad predicandum Valor Rectoria 30le paned - Vicarius ibm Henricus Quin Minister legens inserviens Cure Valor 10le.

Castles.

There was an old Castle in Leagaun Townland, of which nothing remains now but a heap of rubbish. It was called Leagaun (Liagán) Castle. Tobernea Castle, north of Leagaun Townland, is the name given for it in the Name Book of this Parish.

This Parish was traversed by Mr. A. Curry and his notes put into the present form by Mr. T. Conor.

Bruff (Brugh) na Deise.
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Thomas O'Conor.