

The appended is from Ryan's History of the County Carlow.

RATHVILLY.

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The Church and burial ground of Rathvilly are situate at the village of the same name, over the River Slaney, and at a distance of ten miles from Carlow. The Church was built in 1751 and has been lately ornamented with a spire. Among the inscriptions are the two following:-

I. H. S.

The prayers of all who view this monument are required for the soul of George Mulloy, who departed this life March the 17th 1765 (*Italics*).

To the memory of Mrs. Anne Whitty.

Here lie beneath this marble stone consign'd
Wife, mother, sister, Christian, all combined,
Each station gently fill'd by God approv'd,
She died lamented as she lived beloved.
The shaft by which the fatal blow was given
No sting inflicting sent her soul to Heaven.

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Died 22nd Feb., 1826 (*Italics*).

"The Bunbury family have a monument here. Further particulars relating to this Parish may be found in the Appendix (20). Near Rathvilly is one of the ancient moats, and on the adjacent Townland of Waterstown is a rude stone cross embedded in a socket of like material, and about seven feet in height. It is supposed that the Parish Church formerly stood at this place."

The spacious ruins of Mount Neil House are situated in the Townland of Mount Neil. Gough in his Addition to Camden writes:-

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"Near Rathvilly is Mount Niel, the handsome seat of John, Earl of Aldborough." The House was burned by accident about 40 years ago.

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The Parish of Haroldstown is situated in the Barony of Rathvilly and is bounded on the north and west by Rathvilly Parish; on the south by Liscoleman Parish, Co. Wicklow, and Clonmore Parish and on the east by Hacketstown Parish.

It is said by the inhabitants that the original name of Haroldstown was Ballinros and that Harold, from whom it received the present name, was a soldier who got this place as a reward for his services after the Battle of the Boyne.

In the Townland of Haroldstown is to be seen the foundation of an old Church in a graveyard; in one place about three feet in