

Muckruss Abbey (contd)

and Mc Carthys More in the centre of the cloyster is a yew tree which is 3 feet in diameter, and perfectly straight to the height of 15 feet where all its boughs spring out in every direction and hang over and shade the whole ruins of the cloyster. There is a lower dormitory which looks very gloomy, a Refectory, and upper dormitory. This abbey is very much shaded with Ash Birch and Elm trees, and was founded in the year 1440 by Donald son of Thady Mc Carthy and patronised by St Francis. In the ruins at the foot of the tower there is a tombstone with this inscription T: S: D: W: W: Rahily: OREN. These are the initials of the Irish words Touma Tomb Sleught; Donal; Mac Moraghe; Rahily; O Raheen which translated is as follows - This tomb belongs to the offspring of Daniel son of Morgan Rahily from Raheen, but the date can be Deciphered, and in the choir there stands perpendicularly on the wall there stands inscription.

Killeeggy Church (66)

-- Inhabitants

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Situated in the North end of the townland of Killeeggy lower and about 2000 links N.E. of Cloghereen Village.

This church is of great antiquity the date is uncertain however it was prior to the building of Muckruss Abbey. Its length is 27 feet and breadth 16½, on the West end is a tower with a belfry 30 feet in height, the roof is still perfect being inlaid of stone and arched overhead, in the centre is an uncovered vault and no human bones appear at the East end is a beautiful marble altar with this inscription or character only.

For ages past there has been no person buried in the burial place which is attached to this church except children untill 1834 where a few were buried there who died of the Cholera and now there are 5 tombs.

Derrycunnahy Iron Furnace

-- Inhabitants

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See T. L.

-- J.O.D.

Situated in the N.E. end of the townland of Derrycunnahy and about 4 chains N.W. of Hydes Cottage.

This furnace is an interesting piece of antiquity and of a curious form. It stands on a square base each side of which is 26 feet, on the S. and W. side there is an entrance going forward each of which tapers or is closing as you go in so that it is 12 feet outside, 6 inside and 9 feet high from this it may be conjectured they were for the purpose of communicating the fire. The base of the furnace is about 9 feet in breadth, and tapering upwards it ascends untill it ends in a chimney which is about 28 feet high. The roof which is made of stone begins to taper at the height of 12 feet where it loses its square form and assumes a conical form still tapering untill it becomes a base for the chimney. This roof is wooded with