

## ANTIQUITIES

Abbeys, Castles, Fortresses, Round Towers, Early Churches, Sculptured Crosses, Stone Circles, Ogham Stones, Cairns, Souterrains, Pillar Stones, Cromlechs, Forts, Rath, Moats, Tumuli or ancient monuments of any kind. Exact location of each with short description, noting condition, etc. Relate local legend or tradition associated with building or object. State if in charge of Office of Public Works. Right of way to public? Admission charge (if any). Name and address of caretaker, or where key is kept.

Doonmacreene Castle ruins: In Doonmacreene. Michael Heneghan. Not in charge of O. P. W. No right-of-way. The ruins lie beside Doonmacreene bridge - the Mayo/Galway boundary is here - main road, 1 1/4 miles east-south-east of Inish Town.

The ruins (photo) are those of a plain-featured, rectangular residence hardly warranting the term of castle. Internally the mansion measures 70' long by 18' wide. The gables are perhaps 40' high, the side-walls 30/35'. The walls are 3' thick. The chimneys (2) are plain-featured, as are all apses which are rectangularly shaped. Building was three-storied. The ground floor shows three apartments - a fourth probably existed and its partition wall is missing. The room next each gable is of full width of the house, a 4 ft. wide passage ran along the front or south face, connecting the end rooms and leaving a smaller apartment between. The building had many windows. The front face had some 16 plain rectangular ones. The north curtain had 8 and a few doorways (wall broken) - west gable had 4 and the east 2. There were many fireplaces.

History: The residence of the Blake family of whom the most illustrious was Dr. Anthony Blake, Bishop of Ardagh and later Primate of Ireland (Please see Historic Houses).

The Blake family was one of the many that were forced to leave Galway as a result of the Cromwellian regime.

The family had property at Doonmacreene and settled there somewhere about 1570/80. Their history at Doonmacreene, apart from that of Dr. Blake, was uneventful. As the Doctor is, by some, said to have died at Doonmacreene - 1757 it is probable that the decay of the family and its residence dates to about that time.

~~Church~~ Remnants in Kilvine. In graveyard. Right-of-way by gate  
from roadway.

Only an irregular portion of gable now stands of a former church.  
Of its ruin there is no history but it perhaps served the district  
round prior to the erection of the church at Inishkown.  
{of St. Patrick and St. Treidin at Kilvine please see "Historic Sites."}

Remnants of church in Clonsilla. Patrick Healy's. To right of  
way. Close to main road.

Only bits of the walls which were 3' thick, now remain, the ruin  
would appear to be of ancient age - the walls were constructed of  
large, undressed boulders. Internally the building was approx.  
25' x 16'.

The church is built on a stone foot which is not too well  
outlined in parts. In it some flags give an indication of what  
perhaps is a chamber - but such indication is only slight.

No history except that it was a Prebend of the olden Mayo diocese.  
Church remnants in Jannyduff. John Joyce. To right of way.  
A fragment only remains of the church. Judging by foundation traces  
its external dimensions would have been approx. 38' x 20'.

The ground adjacent is a children's burial ground.  
No history. Church is called "Kilcurran" (phonetically spelled).

Walled souterrain in Lisduff. Mrs. M. Yigue. To right of way.  
Apparently single passage type. Near it are the remnants of a  
demolished delerew or similar negolith.

"Tale an Doygin" = Ballindine. The fort lies beside the town.