

## HISTORIC SITES

Royal Seats, scenes of historic events—battles, mass meetings, historic festivals, &c. Location.  
Landowner. Historical or traditional notes.

Ballinacree Castle - chief residence of the Mac Williams or Bunkers overlords. Captured by Yetten in ~~1570~~ 1570 and the submission of the Bunkers obtained. - In 1586 Sir Richard Bingham came to Ballinacree to parley with the Bunkers chiefs. The negotiations broke down and Bingham changed the hostages he held from the Bunkers - three boys, aged 7, 9, and 14 years. 1592: Bunkers attempted to regain their castle at Uenagrad but were heavily defeated by Captain John Bingham and his men who are said to have slaughtered 12 women, each named Mary Bunker. Their grave is located near the castle ruin.

## HISTORIC HOUSES ; BURIAL PLACES

(a) Birth places or one-time residences of distinguished Irishmen or other personalities. Location and description. Present owner or occupant. (b) Burial places of distinguished personalities.

(b) Right Rev. Monsignor D'Alton, LL.D., M.R.I.A. Dean of the Chapter of Tuam, Domestic Prelate (1921), P.P. of Ballinacree 1911-1941, died Jan. 25th 1941, and is buried in the grounds of St. Mary's Church, Ballinacree. - Born in Kiltulla (parish) Co. Mayo, educated at St. Joseph's College, Tuam, and Maynooth College. Ordained 1887. Member of Gov. Body Univ. College, Galway. Senator of Nat. Univ. 1914. Fellow of Royal Soc. of Antiquaries. Author of "A History of Ireland from the Earliest Times to the Present Day" (1910/1924, 8 vols) "History of the Archdiocese of Tuam" (1928, 2 vols) and various articles in journals etc.

"History of Mayo" and "Notes on the Process of Tuam, Achonry, and Kiltulla" - both by Knox. Mr. Knox was born in Ballinacree parish. His father was Colonel Knox of Cragh - House later became the present St. Theresa's Sanatorium - much damaged by fire some years ago.

Lord Tyrone (James Cuff) buried in Protestant cemetery in Ballinacree. Died June 15th 1821. (Please see antiquities... <sup>in Ballinacree castle</sup>)

Spas formerly in use. Location and present condition. Access. Right of way to public? Mineral content and curative properties so far as known locally.

none.

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Ballinrobe, Co Mayo

"Card. Gibbons, born in Baltimore, U.S.A., whose parents came from Partry, was sent to Ireland as a boy, & received his early education in Ballinrobe. Died 19  
Famous as author of 'Faith of Our Fathers' (1876) "Our Christian Heritage" (1889) etc

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