

HISTORIC SITES

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

Some 500 yds. north of the village of Inishtown is the site of the first Land League meeting. The meeting was held in a haek of land known as "the liellu aces" - the assembled being overflown into fields adjacent. The "liellu aces" has since been divided - the place on which the platform was erected is now part of a small field owned by Mrs. T. Conannon.

In March 1879, Michael Davitt paid a visit to Clonsilla where he learned of the land evictions in the neighbourhood of Inishtown - the landlord being a man called Bauske.

HISTORIC HOUSES; BURIAL PLACES (contd.) (see page 7)

(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.

(*) Tradition has it that Neidhin, sister to St. Patrick is buried in the old cemetery in Kilmine.

Dr. Anthony Blake, born at Doonmacella (in the residence whose ruins yet exist) somewhere about the years 1702/14. Educated at St. Omers in Picardy and in Louvain University. On his return to Meath archdiocese he was appointed to a district near Athlone and later was elected by the Corporate Body of the Collegiate Church of St. Nicholas to the incumbency of Galway (1749). In 1755 was made Bishop of Ardagh and in 1761 became Primate. He held synods at Oundells in 1761 and 1764 - at which many rules were laid down for the archdiocese. One rule prohibited the giving of drink at wakes or funerals, another forbade priests more than a raggin of whiskey. Also that no mass was to be said after 1 p.m. Dr. Blake was retired in 1781 on pension (140 gns) as a result of complaints regarding his administration. He died Nov. 29th, 1787 - at Doonmacella

Buried in St. Nicholas' Church, Galway

SPAS OR MINERAL SPRINGS according to some - at Galway according to others.

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.