OLD PARK BRIDGE

Old Park Bridge (built about 1798). This old bridge was demolished and replaced by Bishop O'Dwyer bridge - officially opened in 1931. The old bridge was originally a private one to the Corbally and Park estate of Colonel Maunsell of Tervoe. There was a clause in the old Corbally leases that they should have an abatement of £2 per acre in their rental should Park Bridge at any time go into disrepair. It became public property when Athlunkard Bridge was built in 1850.

There is reason to believe that further up the Abbey river, an older bridge of plain structure with three arches, was the forerunner of the bridge in the illustration. This older bridge would have linked up with Pennywell Lane and Hymie's boreen, thus connecting St. Patrick's with St. Mary's parishes.