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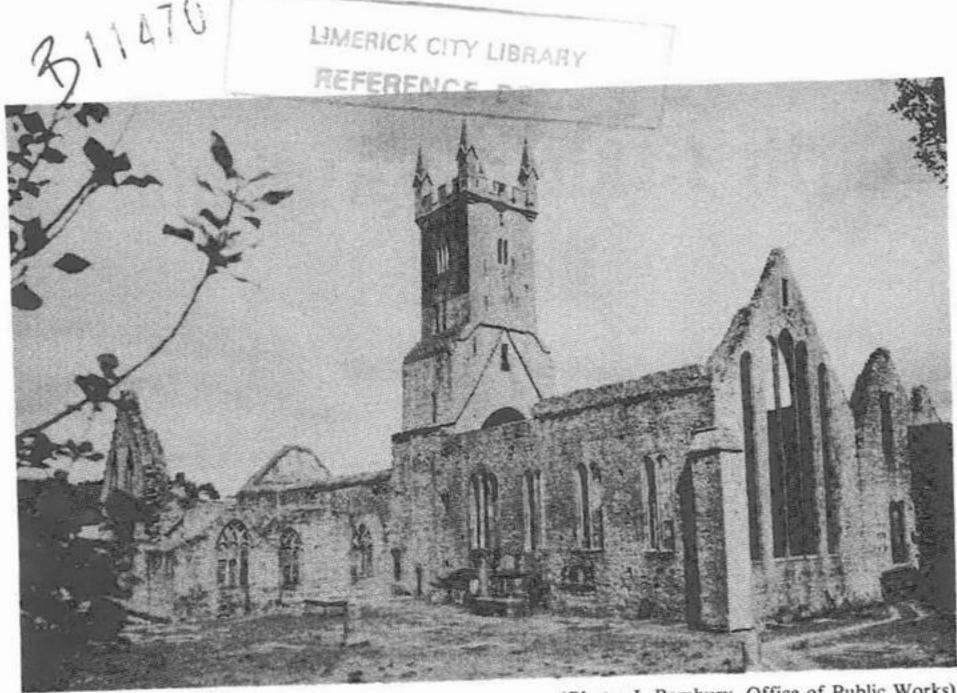
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## THE FRANCISCAN FRIARY, ENNIS 750 Years (1240-1990)

1240	Founded at the behest of Donncadh Cairbreach Ó Briain, King of Thomond.
c.1300	Enlarged and repaired by King Turlough O'Brien, the fine east window dating from this phase.
c.1400	Benefactions from the McNamaras or the O'Briens allowed the cloisters to be built and the south transept added.
c.1460	Central tower/belfry erected.
1507	Irish Provincial Chapter held in Ennis.
1543	Monastery suppressed, though monks linger on there.
1570s-84	Used as a courthouse.
1599	Served as a place of refuge when Red Hugh O'Donnell attacked the town.
1617	Last monk of the old community, Dermot Broudin, died.
1617-22	Converted into a chapel for Church of Ireland services.
1751	Tower struck by lightning, and again later in the century.
1792	Destaration undertaken including addition of pinnacles to the tower.
	Abandoned as not up to Victorian standards and Church of Ireland moves to Bindon Street.
1871	Boof collapses leaving friary open to the skies.
1887-82 1893	Taken over by Board of Works as National Monument no. 170. Major repairs and conservation
1060	undertaken.  Church of Ireland handed over their remaining rights to the Ennis Franciscans who, since 1830, ha

been in a new friary nearby.

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