

SOME INTERESTING RELICS

IN POSSESSION OF

MR. J. GRENE BARRY, D.L.

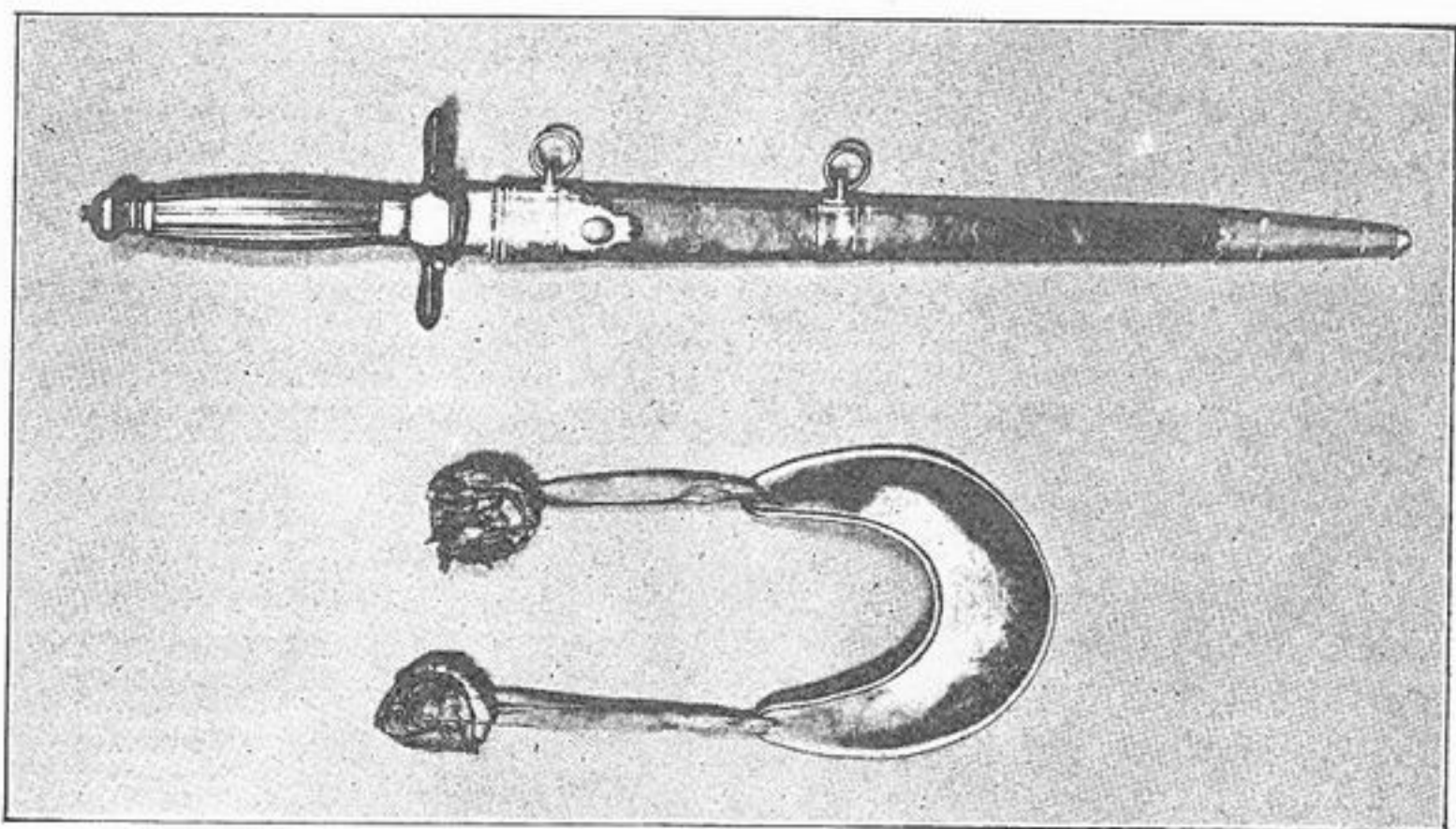
A Gorget as worn by officers of the British army when in full dress down to 1820. They were usually either of gold or copper gilt, and varied in size. They were suspended from the neck in front. The gorget was originally a piece of armour for protecting the throat.

The gorget (in photograph) belonged to the late Captain R. Kane, of Whitehall. He got his first commission in the Royal County Limerick Militia in 1797.

A Dagger presented to Thomas Steele, Esq., of Cullaun, County Clare, by Irish residents in some one of the South American Republics. "Honest Tom Steele" (as the people loved to call him) was O'Connell's first Lieutenant during the Repeal Agitation. The Liberator called him his "Head Pacificator."

The blade of the dagger is twelve inches long and double-edged. The hilt is of ebony with copper mountings, about four and a half inches long, and is more serviceable than ornamental. There are also copper bands on the scabbard with tags attached.

The dagger has no inscription on it of any kind. On the break up of Steele's home it must have passed in some way into strange hands. It was purchased by the late Dr. Kane, of Limerick, from the late Mr. Coleman, Auctioneer, in Limerick, about fifty years ago, who stated he redeemed it from a pawn office.



DAGGER AND GORGET IN POSSESSION OF MR. J. GRENE BARRY, D.L.

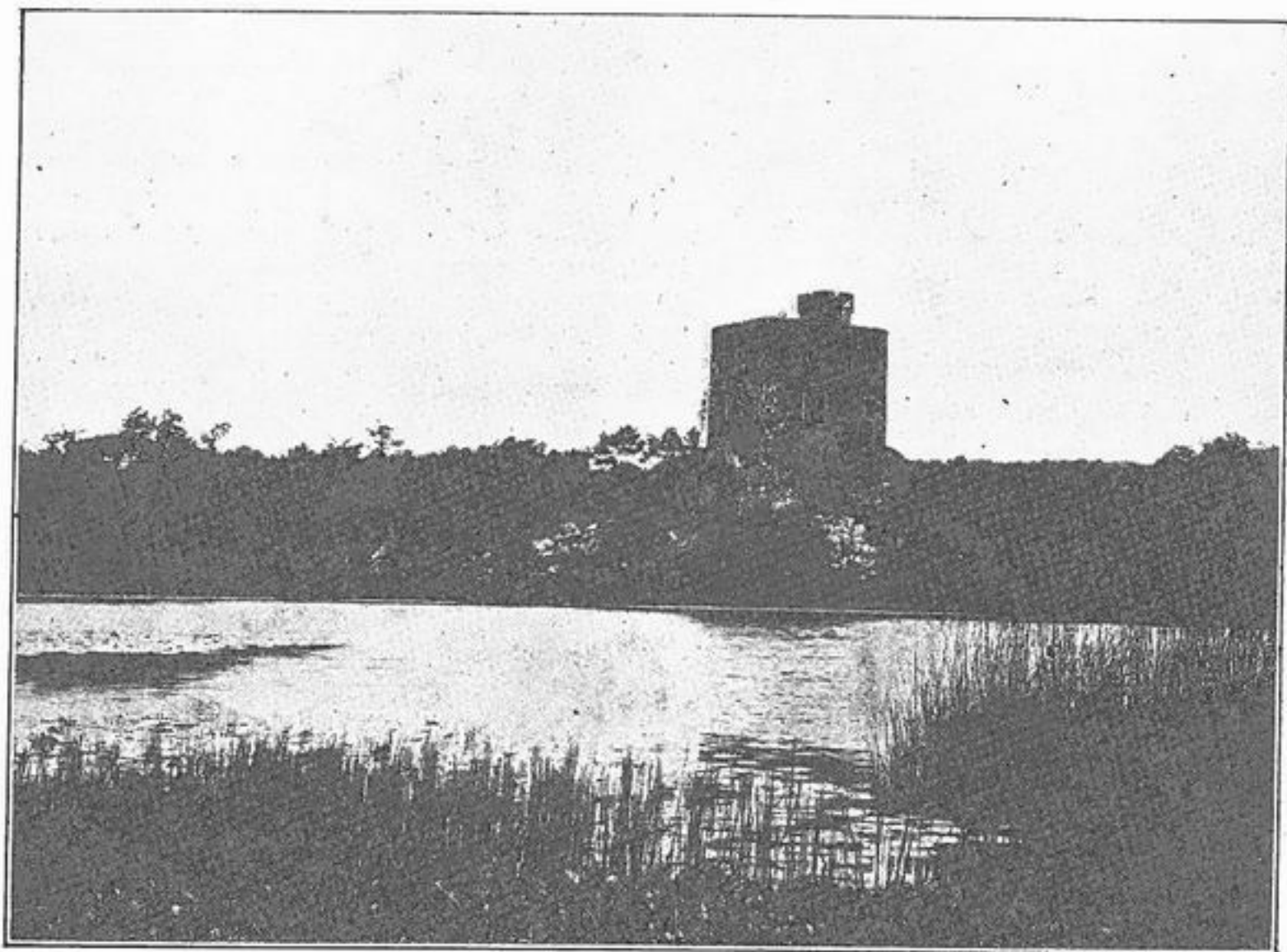


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CRAGGAN-OWEN—TOM STEELE'S FAVOURITE TOWER.

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