

BALLYCAHAAN PARISH.

SITUATION. This Parish is situated in the Baronies of Small County and Pubble Brien and is bounded on the north by the Parishes of Kilpeacon and Crecora; on the south by Manister; on the east by Feddamore and on the west by - - - -

NAME. The name of this Parish in Irish is Baile Ui Chatháin, which signifies the Bally or Town of O'Cahan and is not of ecclesiastical origin.

No old Church ruins exist here; the present Parish Church was built in 1830 and it is said the walls of an old Church that stood in the grave yard were pulled down to supply materials for its erection. The grave yard looks old, though perhaps not grave, is but small in extent and not much in use. Locality is level ground in Ballycahaan Upper Townland.

The old Castle of Ballycahaan stands in ruins about a furlong west of this place and measures twenty seven feet by eighteen feet. It was three stories high. The floor next over the ground one is arched beneath. A square tower on north west corner rises to a height of twelve feet above the side wall, which is forty feet high. The walls are four feet thick.

The "Liber Regalis Visitationis" says:-

Ballicane Rect. non residens cur. residens - "Rector Robertus Raymer, Philippus Jenkins Curatus." Ballicane is placed in the Deanery of Adaire.