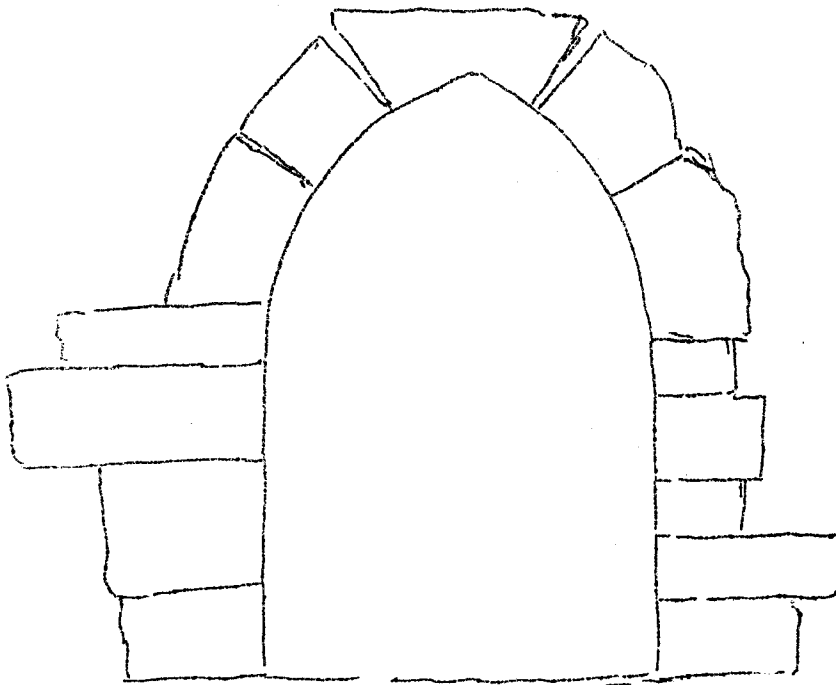


*Window on East Gable of old Church.
Ballylanders*



*Doorway on South wall,
old Church of Ballylanders*

THE PARISH OF BALLYLANDERS.

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SITUATION. This Parish is bounded on the north by the Parish of Galbally; on the west by the Parish of Glenbrohaun; on the east by the Parishes of Galbally and Kilbehanny and on the south by the Parishes of Darra and Marshalstown (Co. Cork).

NAME. This is called in Irish Baile Londara, which seems to signify the Town of Loundres, a family name.

Of the old Church of this Parish, situated on level ground in the Townland of Ballylanders, the gables are reduced to the level of the side walls and fifteen feet of the north wall at the eastern end is destroyed to the foundation. This Church is fifty feet long by twenty and a half feet in breadth. The window on the east gable is broken at the top inside, where its breadth is three feet eight inches; on the outside it is five and a half feet from the ground and measures four feet seven inches in height by eight and a half inches, being formed of brown cut stones almost entirely covered with white moss. The annexed sketch will give you an idea of its form on the outside.

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At the distance of five feet from this gable, on the south side wall there is a window, the top of which is broken both inside and outside; on the outside it is eight inches in width and formed of cut brown stone. On this south wall at the distance of twelve feet from the west gable, there is a doorway which on the outside is in the pointed style and measures five feet nine inches in height by three feet eight and a half inches in width, being formed of cut brown stone. On the inside it has a flat arch formed of thin flags and is six feet ten inches by five feet four inches. The annexed sketch gives the appearance outside. The stones of this doorway are much worn and covered with moss. There was another doorway on the north side wall at the distance of thirteen feet from the east gable, but it is now much disfigured; its breadth, however (three feet) can be taken in the middle of the thickness of the wall; no cut stones appear in this doorway. The walls of this Church, which wears the appearance of age, are about ten feet high, four feet in thickness and formed of very large stones irregularly laid and cemented with lime and sand mortar. There is a large ash tree growing out from under the south wall, at the window near the east gable.

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There is a large grave yard much used at present attached to this Church.

In this graveyard, sixty seven feet north of the old Church, is Lady's Well, which is still much frequented on Saturday evenings its waters being reputed to be efficacious in curing sore eyes, etc. A "Pattern" is still held here on the 15th of August. There are four whitethorn trees growing over this well; their branches are filled with old rags deposited by persons visiting the well.

There is a mountain in this Parisk called Slieve Cullaun (Sliabh Challáin) which should appear on the Ordnance Maps, but its name is not set down in the Name Book.

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