

THE PARISH OF CAHIRNARRY.

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SITUATION. This Parish, which lies partly in the County of the City of Limerick and partly in the Barony of Clanwilliam, is situated about five miles from Limerick. It is bounded on the east by the Parishes of Ludden and Carrigparson; on the north by the Parishes of Derrygalvin and Donoghmore; on the west by Cahirvally and Feddamore Parishes and on the south by the Parish of Rochestown.

NAME. The name of this Parish is not of ecclesiastical origin but derived from an ancient stone fort or caher near which the original Parish Church was built. It signifies the Caher or Stone Fort of Naraidhe, a man's name among the Pagan Irish.

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Of the old Church of this Parish nothing now remains except a portion of a square tower, which appears to have been joined to the ancient Church. The western wall and a part of the north and south walls of this little tower remain to the height of about sixteen feet and are all covered with ivy.

The breadth of this tower from north to south inside is six and a half feet, but as no part of the east wall remains its dimensions from east to west could not be ascertained.

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The walls are four feet in thickness and built of regular sized stones irregularly laid with coarse gravel and lime mortar.

There is a small Church in use in the little graveyard attached, which is situated on the top of a hill in the Townland of Cahernarry Cripps and which (i.e., the burial ground) is not much used at present.

About half a furlong east of this burial place in the Townland of Cahirnarry Kane there is a well called Tobar Seanáin (St. Senan's Well) which was formerly reputed a holy well but is not now visited as such.

The antiquities of this Parish were examined by Mr. A. Curry and his notes arranged in the present form by Mr. O'Keefe.

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