THE PARISH OF MORGANS.

SITUATION. This Parish is situated in the north of the Barony of Shanid and lies along the south bank of the Shannon. It is bounded on the north by the said River; on the east by the Parish of Toomdeely; on the south by the Parishes of Robertstown and Shannagolden and on the west by the Parish of Auginish.

NAME. The name of this Parish is called in Irish Muirgeadáin, which signifies Maritime Spots, seemingly synonimous with the Murvaghs of the north and west of Ireland.

The old Church of this place is evidently an erection of the 15th or beginning of the 16th century. It measures on the inside forty nine feet nine inches in length and twenty one feet seven inches in breadth; its side walls are two feet eleven and a half inches in thickness and eleven feet six inches in height (at the highest part).

The west gable is down to the height of the side walls; it contains a doorway placed at the distance of four feet three inches from the south west corner, not in the middle as 447
is usually the case; it is rectangular on the inside, being covered at the top with a lintel, and measures six feet three

inches in height and three feet four and a half inches in width, but on the outside it is semi-circular headed and measures five feet six inches in height from the present level of the ground and two feet four inches in width; its sides are destroyed up to where the little arch springs.

There is another doorway in the north wall placed at the distance of fifteen feet eight inches from the west gable and measuring on the inside (where it is flat-arched at top) seven feet three inches in height and four feet in width, and on the outside six feet seven inches in height and three feet four inches in width. The outer part of this doorway was pointed, but it is now very much disfigured.

The south wall has a small window placed at the distance of four feet four inches from the west gable and at the height of four feet four and a half inches from the present level of the ground on the outside. Its top is destroyed on the inside and outside so that its height on either side cannot be determined, but its width is two feet eight inches on the inside and four and a half inches on the outside.

There is another window on the same wall placed at the distance of four feet four inches from the east gable and five feet six inches from the level of the ground on the outside. Its top is destroyed on the inside so that its height on that side cannot be determined, but its width is three feet five 448
inches on the outside; it is rectangular and covered at top with a small lintel; it is two feet six inches in height and seven inches in width.

The east gable is also destroyed down to the height of the side walls. It contains a remarkably small window, the top of which is destroyed on the inside, but which is perfect on the outside; it is three feet eleven inches in width on the inside and on the outside three feet four inches in height and only seven inches in width. It is placed at the height of about four feet from the level of the ground.

The north wall contains a window placed at the distance of three feet two inches from the east gable and which is similar to the one placed opposite it in the south wall, but it is so enveloped in ivy that I could not ascertain its height without pulling off the ivy. It is placed at the height of five feet six inches from the level of the ground on the outside, where it is five and a half inches in width.

This Church is built of small lime stones cemented with lime and sand mortar. It is said to have been built by two sisters, but neither of their names nor surnames are remembered.

Antiquities examined by me assisted by Mr. O'Keeffe.

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