

TAUGHMACONNELL OLD CHURCH & GRAVEYARD

N^o. - NAME - TOWNLAND

- 41 BROOKS
- 6 BURKE
- 63 BURKE
- 22 CARTY
- 23 CARTY
- 16 CARNEY/FLYNN - [CLONBIGNEY]
- 42 CRUISE /KELLY/MOORE - COOLFREE
- 53 CONCANNON
- 54 CONCANNON
- 20 CRAVEN/FEINAGHTY
- 64 CRAVEN/GOLDEN
- 2 CUNNABOY/KELLY (CONWAY)
- 34 CURLY/KEOGH/FALLON/REGNEY - KEOGHVILLE
- 11 CURLEY/SPELLMAN/NAUGHTON
- 26 CUSICK/FALLON
- 68 DIGNAN/HENRY
- 69 DIGNAN/FALLON
- 70 DIGNAN - P.P. OF TAUGHMACONNELL/[SRADUFF & ARDNAGLUG]
- 33 DOLAN - CLONADREN
- 78 DOLAN/KILLIN
- 62 DONNE/KEOGH
- 3 DORAN - [CLONKEEN]
- 55 DOLAN - CAMLA/U.S.A.
- 67 HARNEY/DOLAN
- 8 DOWNEY - [CASTLESAMPSON]
- 14 DOWNEY/GATELY - ASYANTOWN, CHARLES COUNTY MARYLAND/CALIFORNIA [CASTLESAMPSON]
- 27 DOYLE/NAUGHTEN
- 76 FALLON
- 26 FALLON/CUSICK
- 69 DIGNAN/FALLON
- 34 FALLON/CURLEY/REGNEY/KEOGH - KEOGHVILLE
- 44 FALLON/GOONAN
- 20 FEINAGHTY/CRAVEN
- 10 FINAGHTY/LARAGH/GATLY
- 71 FINNERAN
- 72 FINNERAN/CREVEN
- 73 FINNERAN - BOSTON U.S.A./ [COOLFREE]
- 15 FLYNN - CLONBIGNEY
- 16 FLYNN/CARNEY - [CLONBIGNEY]
- 17 FLYN
- 18 FLYN
- 24 FLYN
- 38 FLYN/LINES (LYONS)
- 35 FLYNN/GLENNON - RACEPARK/ESKER
- 45 FLYNN McDONNELL - [KILLEGLAN]
- 1 GALVIN - [CLONKEEN]
- 44 GOONAN/FALLON
- 14 GATELY/DOWNEY - ASYANTOWN, CHARLES COUNTY MARYLAND/CALIFORNIA/[CASTLESAMPSON]
- 10 GATLY/LARAGH/FINAGHTY
- 56 GERREN/MILLIDY - [SRADUFF]
- 50 GIRAGHTY/SCOTT
- 35 GLENNON/FLYNN - RACEPARK/ESKER
- 36 GOODE
- 44 GOONAN/FALLON
- 64 GOLDEN/CRAVEN
- 32 GURIN [GREEN]
- 67 HARNEY/DOLAN
- 75 HARNEY
- 30 HARENTIN - [SRADUFF/TAUGHMACONNELL]

The modern parish of Taughmaconnell is situated in what was historically *Ui Maine* territory. The earliest references to this area are recorded as *Magh Finn* (the *White Plain*) or *Findmag*. *Findmag* occurs in *Trechán's 7th century Life of Patrick*, in a story concerning the confusion between the graves of a pagan and baptised Christian, which Patrick rectified. An early reference to 'Taughmaconnell' occurs in the ecclesiastical taxation of *Clonfert* in 1306, then under the patronage of *St. Ronan*. The first recorded use of Taughmaconnell as a government territorial division occurs in the *Statford Survey of 1636*.

Parts of *Magh Finn* were parcelled off to *Clonmacnoise* by the *Ui Maine* at an early date. There is a widely held local belief that *Magh Finn* was always 'church lands'. Taughmaconnell was transferred to *Clonfert* dioceses at a meeting of the local bishops in Tuam in 1210.

SITE

The oval enclosure or vallum, measuring c. 50m N-S by 33m E-W, around this church and graveyard, suggests the origins of the monastic site may be Early Medieval in date. Although the present enclosure is defined by a modern stone wall, it seems to be placed over a much larger precursor. A fine local example of an Early Medieval enclosure can be seen at *Clonmacnoise*.

CHURCH

Originally there would be a wooden church, replaced in time by one of stone, and that in turn by the present 18m long by 8.3m wide church. The style of the church window and the priest's residence to the west suggests a 15th or 16th century date. The residence, which has a mural staircase, may have been more than two stories in height. The top and bottom stones of a double-oped holy water stoup are located inside the south doorway of the church. Double-oped stoups can be found also at *Eglisish, Kilkonnell, Clontuskert and Meelick*, all in *Co. Galway*. They date to the 15th and 16th centuries. Another interesting feature is the *ambury* which is a location for storing sacred oils and vestments.

MEMORIALS





The grave memorials date mainly to the 18th and 19th centuries. Worth looking at are the tradesmen memorials to a carpenter, a tailor, a farmer, two blacksmiths, and a headstone with the Symbols of the Passion. The *Craven stone* masons probably carved the headstones decorated with urns dating to the 1830s and 1840s.

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N^o. - NAME - TOWNLAND

- 29 HARRINGTON
- 37 HARRINGTON/MULRY
- 68 HENRY/DIGNAN
- 7 HOGAN
- 13 HORAN/MYNTAN - [FEEVAGH, DYSART]
- 42 KELLY/CRUISE/MOORE - COOLFREE
- 60 KAIN/KEOGH
- 2 KELLY/CUNNABOY [CONWAY]
- 74 KELLY/McHUGO - TAUGHMACONNELL
- 28 KELLY/SHRUFFON - [TURLOUGHMORE]
- 49 KELLY/REGNEY - COOLAGARRY, [CURRAGHBOY]
- 78 KILLIN/DOLAN
- 52 KILLIAN/ROUAN
- 39 KILKENY/KIRLY
- 34 KEOGH/CURLEY/FALLON/REGNEY - KEOGHVILLE
- 60 KEOGH/KAIN
- 12 KEOGH/REGNEY
- 59 KEOGH - P.P. ST PETERS & DRUM PARISHES
- 40 KEOGH/WALSH - FIGHILL
- 62 KEOGH/DONNE
- 10 LARAGH/FINAGHTY/GATELY
- 4 [McDONNELL/McHUGH]
- 21 McGLAVY
- 66 McHUGH - CLONADRON
- 74 McHUGO/KELLY - TAUGHMACONNELL
- 46 McKay - KEOGHVILLE
- 38 LINES/FLYN (LYONS)
- 42 MOORE/KELLY/CRUISE - COOLFREE
- 56 MILIDY/GERREN - [SRADUFF]
- 9 MULLIN
- 37 MULRY/HARRINGTON
- 63 MULVAGH
- 9 MYNTAN
- 13 MYNTAN/HORAN - [FEEVAGH, DYSART]
- 5 NAUGHTEN
- 25 NAUGHTON
- 27 NAUGHTON/DOYLE
- 65 [NAUGHTEN]
- 77 NAUGHTEN
- 11 NAUGHTON/SPELLMAN/CURLEY
- 47 REGNEY
- 48 REGNEY
- 51 REGNEY
- 34 REGNEY/FALLON/CURLEY/KEOGH - KEOGHVILLE, TAUGHMACONNELL
- 49 REGNEY/KELLY - COOLAGARRY, CURRAGHBOY
- 12 REGNEY/KEOGH
- 43 ROCK
- 52 ROUAN/KILLIAN
- 47 SCOTT
- 50 SCOTT/GIRAGHTY
- 28 SHRUFFON/KELLY - [TURLOUGHMORE]
- 31 SPELLMAN - [SRADUFF]
- 11 SPELLMAN/CURLEY/NAUGHTON
- 40 WALSH/KEOGH







HAMMER & PINNERS	SCISSORS	CRUCIFIXION WITH THE TWO MARYS	PLOUGH
			
SPELMA, NO. 31	HORAN, NO. 13	HARRINGTON, NO. 37	ROUAN, NO. 52

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LEGEND

-  HEADSTONES
-  RECUMBENT SLAB
-  GRAVE MARKER (UNKNOWN)
-  EARLY MEDIEVAL CROSS SLAB