

# **A Genealogical Study of the Old Section of Cloonmorris Cemetery, Co. Leitrim**

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#### ***Introduction***

Cloonmorris Cemetery is a small rural graveyard serving the Catholic Parish of Bornacoola, itself located mainly in County Leitrim but partially also in County Longford. Somewhat surprisingly, despite it being in continuous use as a burial place since at least the 18<sup>th</sup> Century, no study appears to have been made of the cemetery's history or memorials.

In seeking to address that deficit, this essay will provide an outline of the geography and history of Cloonmorris and its environs, before presenting a more detailed history of the graveyard itself. Analysis of and comment on the memorials found in the cemetery will be followed by some genealogical studies. Finally, full transcriptions and listings of those memorials deemed of genealogical interest will be provided.

#### ***Cloonmorris in Context***

##### **General**

Cloonmorris Cemetery is located in the townland of the same name, in the Roman Catholic Parish of Bornacoola and the Civil Parish of Mohill, in County Leitrim. Cloonmorris itself forms something of a peninsula from County Leitrim into the adjacent County Longford, and both the Catholic and Civil Parishes contain a small number of townlands that are in Longford. An overview of the area is provided in Fig. 1 below.

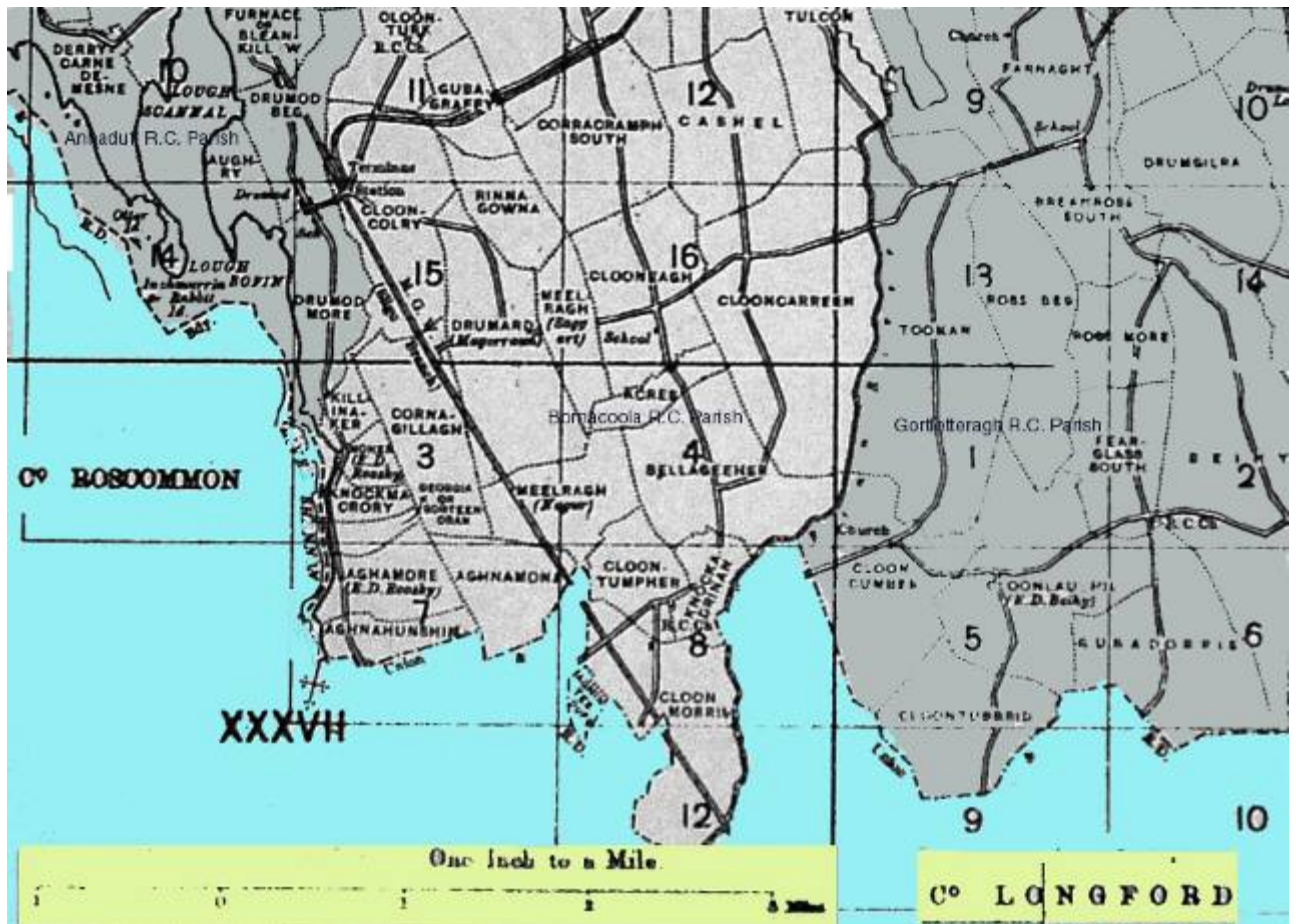


Fig. 1: Overview of Cloonmorris and its environs

## Bornacoola Parish

Bornacoola is the most southerly Roman Catholic Parish in County Leitrim. The origins of its name are unclear. It may derive from *Bár na Coille* (Top of the Wood), or from *Bár na Cúile* (Top of the Recess)<sup>1</sup> but it has also been suggested that the original Gaelic may have meant ‘Top of the Hallows’.<sup>2</sup> This last makes, perhaps, the most sense, as the parish church, in Knockadrinan townland, stands about a half a mile from Cloonmorris townland, within which lies both the cemetery and the remains of a 14<sup>th</sup> Century Abbey, and thus could be said to be at the top of the hallowed ground (see Fig. 3).

Bornacoola Parish was established around 1780 and its first recorded Parish Priest, Fr. Brady, appointed in 1788. A faded stone on the present church records that it was built, under Fr. Brady’s care, in either 1804 or 1809, replacing an existing ‘wretched structure’.<sup>3</sup>

In terms of civil administration, Bornacoola lies in Mohill Civil Parish, Mohill Barony, and Mohill Poor Law Union. In more ancient times, it lay in the heart of the territory of the

<sup>1</sup> James. J. McNamee, D.D., *History of the Diocese of Ardagh*, Dublin, 1954, Page 568.

<sup>2</sup> R.D. Wood, ‘Cloonemorris Abbey’, (Letter to Editor), *Leitrim Observer*, 03/03/2006.

<sup>3</sup> McNamee, *History of the Diocese of Ardagh*, Pages 571-572.

*MacRaghmall* sept, more specifically the *MacRaghmall*s of Mohill. Later, in the time of Landed Estates, most of the parish was held by the notorious Lord Leitrim though the townlands in the vicinity of the church and cemetery were mostly owned by the Earl of Granard.



Fig. 2: Catholic Parishes of south Leitrim



Fig. 3: Cloonmorris and Knockadrinan townlands

In general, this is an area of small farms, large expanses of bog, and a smattering of woodlands. Lewis wrote of it in 1837: “The climate is very cold and damp, and more variable, perhaps, than that of any other county in Ireland... The soil is also very various... The ordinary varieties of peat, forming the soils of the bogs, moors, and much of the mountain, occupy large tracts. This is by no means an agricultural county, although considerable tracts of land have been brought into cultivation within these few years.”<sup>4</sup>

McParland’s 1802 *Statistical Survey* stated of the farms: “Their size, in general, very small—and be they ever so small, almost always in common, among a number of tenantry...” More damning perhaps, is his account of the sizes of the typical farmhouse of the time. He quotes a verse:

"At one of th' ends he kept his cows,  
At th' other end he kept his spouse,  
On bed of straw, without least grumble,  
Nay, with delight, did often tumble,  
Without partition, or a skreen,  
Or spreading curtain, drawd between..."<sup>5</sup>

McParland goes on to say: “In fact, this account is too often, to this day, not indelictive of many of the poor cabins.” And while he acknowledges some discernible signs of

<sup>4</sup> Samuel Lewis, *A Topographical Dictionary of Ireland*, 2 Volumes, London, 1837. Online Edition: Libraryireland. URL: <http://www.libraryireland.com/topog/index.php>. Accessed January 2009. See entry for 'Leitrim, (County of)'.

<sup>5</sup> From *Western Isle, or Gillo's Feast*, quoted in James McParland, *Statistical Survey of the County Leitrim*, Dublin, 1802. Pages 43-44.

improvement, his description provides a good indication of the poverty prevailing in Leitrim at the beginning of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century.<sup>6</sup> It seems probable that there was some small overall improvement in living standards during the first half of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century but that poverty remained the norm can be gleaned from many sources, not least among them Kelly's publications on the nearby Kiltubrid Parish, which provide illustration and comment on the situation prevailing from the famine era (1846-49 in particular) onwards.<sup>7</sup>

Certainly, pre-famine, the vast bulk of the parish's population was formed by two groups: small tenant farmers and farm labourers. An examination of Griffith's *Valuation* for virtually any of the townlands of Bornacoola Parish will show that the farms were mostly small holdings of between 10 and 15 acres.<sup>8</sup> While the holders may not have been living at subsistence level, they were little above it. Significantly, too, the *Valuation* for Leitrim was published in 1857, after the 1846-49 famine, by which time a certain amount of consolidation of holdings had taken place, so it is likely that a decade previously there had been more tenants, with smaller average holding. Nonetheless, these holdings would have been much superior to those of the numerous agricultural labourers who generally dwelt in the most basic housing, and held little more than small gardens in which to grow their potatoes. While both of these groups would have been significantly affected by the potato blight that caused the Great Famine, the labourer class was decimated. The consequent deaths and emigration led to a dramatic drop in population numbers. It is beyond the scope of this paper to collate statistics for the entire area, but a look at the census summaries for just a selection of townlands from the general vicinity of Cloonmorris cemetery, from the 1841, 1851 and 1861 censuses readily shows the change in population numbers.

**Table 1: Changes in Population, before/after Famine<sup>9</sup>**

Population				Percentage Change		
Townland	1841	1851	1861	Between 1841 & 51	between 1851 & 61	Between 1841 & 61
Acres	33	18	14	-45.45%	-22.22%	-57.58%
Ballygeeher	295	206	169	-30.17%	-17.96%	-42.71%
Clooncarreen	488	284	297	-41.80%	4.58%	-39.14%
Clooneagh	208	150	135	-27.88%	-10.00%	-35.10%
Cloonmorris	226	176	193	-22.12%	9.66%	-14.60%
Cloontumper	169	119	120	-29.59%	0.84%	-28.99%
Drumard Magerraun	163	134	141	-17.79%	5.22%	-13.50%
Knockadrinan	29	34	42	17.24%	23.53%	44.83%
Ahanagh	113	101	90	-10.62%	-10.89%	-20.35%
Cloonageeher	230	158	132	-31.30%	-16.46%	-42.61%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1954</b>	<b>1380</b>	<b>1333</b>	<b>-29.38%</b>	<b>-3.41%</b>	<b>-31.78%</b>

<sup>6</sup> McParland, *Statistical Survey of County Leitrim*, Pages 43-45.

<sup>7</sup> Liam Kelly, *Kiltubrid, County Leitrim: Snapshots of a Rural Parish in the 1890s*, Dublin, 2005; *The Face of Time : Leland Lewis Duncan, 1862-1923 : photographs of County Leitrim*, Dublin, 1995

<sup>8</sup> See, for example, Richard Griffith, *Primary Valuation of the Tenements of Ireland*, Dublin, 1857. Townland of Clooneagh, Parish of Mohill. Irishorigins Website, URL: [www.irishorigins.com](http://www.irishorigins.com).

Accessed February 2009

<sup>9</sup> *The Census of Ireland for the year 1861, part 1. Area, Population, and Number of Houses, by Townland and Electoral Division*. Vol IV. No. 2. County of Leitrim. Dublin 1863. Leitrim County Library.

In effect, from these 10 townlands, chosen for their relative closeness to the cemetery, we can see that about a third of the population disappeared, whether through death or some form of migration. That this was mainly composed of the poorest class can be seen from Table 2.

**Table 2: Housing Standards, 1841 V 1851<sup>10</sup>**

Class of House	1 <sup>st</sup>		2 <sup>nd</sup>		3 <sup>rd</sup>		4 <sup>th</sup>	
	1841	1851	1841	1851	1841	1851	1841	1851
<b>Year</b>	1841	1851	1841	1851	1841	1851	1841	1851
<b>Population</b>	776	1,007	17,238	22,719	64,604	62,672	72,679	25,517
<b>Change</b>	---	+231	---	+5,481	---	-1,932	---	-47,162

The picture emerges therefore of an area that at best can be described as far from prosperous in the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Centuries, and this must be borne in mind when carrying out any analysis of the memorials of Cloonmorris cemetery.

## Cloonmorris Church

The ruined church at Cloonmorris long pre-dates the modern one in Knockadranan. It is thought to have been a subsidiary to the Augustinian monastic church at Mohill, five miles away, and was probably erected in the 13<sup>th</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup> Century. Built in an early pointed Gothic style, it measures about 40 feet by 20 feet.<sup>11</sup> It has simple lancet windows in the east and south walls while the undecorated door in the north wall is thought to have been a 15<sup>th</sup> Century addition.<sup>12</sup>

The monks who served Cloonmorris are said to have lived in a house beside the Rinn River, in Knockadranan,<sup>13</sup> the ruins of which are still visible in the yard of Reynolds' public house. Legend has it that an underground tunnel ran half-a-mile from this house to the church in Cloonmorris.<sup>14</sup> It is also said that the church was built in one night, and that the stone over the entrance will fall down on anyone entering the church through the doorway.<sup>15</sup>

There is no record of when the church fell into disuse.

<sup>10</sup> Gerard MacAtasney, *Leitrim and the Great Hunger: "... a temporary inconvenience..."*, Carrick-on-Shannon, 1997. Page 83.

<sup>11</sup> N. Blayney, Irish Tourist Association Topographical And General Survey, Bornacoola, 1944, Leitrim County Library File 19.

<sup>12</sup> Joyce Enright, *Monuments of Archaeological Interest in County Leitrim, Supplementary Report No. 1: Selected Sites of Interest*, 1978, Page 25.

<sup>13</sup> 'A Correspondent', 'Cloonmorris Old Church and Graveyard near Johnston's Bridge', *Leitrim Advertiser*, 03/11/1892.

<sup>14</sup> Recollections of Sean Bohan, local resident and historian, 22/09/2008.

<sup>15</sup> 'Local Monuments', Irish School Manuscripts, Book 219, Page 79. (It should be noted that one wall is now missing, allowing visitors to avoid this hazard).

## A History of Cloonmorris Graveyard

While the burial ground is clearly centred on the old church in Cloonmorris, it is likely that the church itself owes its presence to a much older tradition.

The grounds contain the only Ogham stone discovered in counties Leitrim or Longford. Though its presence was undoubtedly known locally, it seems to first have come to public attention in 1892, through a short article in the *Leitrim Advertiser*.<sup>16</sup> The stone was then situated a few yards from the church gable. It attracted wider notice after 1909, when a local man, Thomas Kennedy, drew the attention of the historian and scholar Eoin MacNeill to its presence. MacNeill found the stone still near the church, and learned it was used as a marker for the graves of the Kellagher family. He set about deciphering the stone's inscription and concluded it was a memorial to a Qenuvinagnas, and probably dated from the period 500-700 A.D (see Fig. 4).<sup>17</sup>

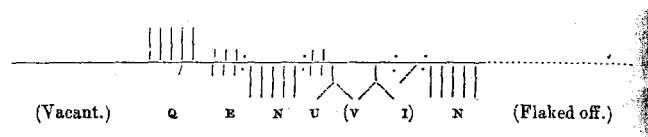


Fig. 4: Eoin MacNeill's sketch of marking on Cloonmorris Ogham Stone

A Bord Fáilte plaque within the cemetery provides a clearer illustration of the markings. The stone was subsequently moved from near the church to a site just inside the graveyard walls, though not it seems without causing some dispute among two Kellagher families who regarded it as marking the burial places of their ancestors.<sup>18</sup>

The presence of the Ogham stone implies that Cloonmorris was established as a burial place long before Christianity came to Leitrim. Indeed, as stated on the Bord Fáilte plaque, much of the damage to the inscription may have been caused by deliberate defacing of this pagan monument by early Christians.

This is clearly the oldest memorial in the graveyard, and surely one of the oldest in any graveyard in Ireland.

Cloonmorris is an example of an abandoned graveyard. There can be little doubt that burials would have taken place in the vicinity of the old church prior to the reformation and the subsequent destruction of the church. Although policy during the Penal era discouraged Catholics from burying their dead other than in the graveyards of the Established Church, the practice of burial in the grounds of the ruined monasteries and churches continued throughout Ireland<sup>19</sup> and there is little reason to believe Cloonmorris would have differed. Certainly, local tradition is that burials around the old church continued almost unabated, and that graves were scattered in quite a wide radius around the ruin.

The graveyard today is clearly divided into two sections – old and new – and the boundary between them is the path that runs parallel with the east wall of the ruined church. Local belief is, however, that the layout of the old cemetery was originally much different than it is today. As can be seen in Fig. 5 the cemetery is bounded to one side by a road. This road

<sup>16</sup> 'Cloonmorris Old Church and Graveyard near Johnston's Bridge', *Leitrim Advertiser*, 03/11/1892.

<sup>17</sup> John MacNeill, R.A., 'Ogham Inscription at Cloonmorris, Co. Leitrim', *The Journal of the Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland*, Volume 9, 1909, Pages 132-136.

<sup>18</sup> Sean Bohan, 22/09/2008.

<sup>19</sup> Rosemary ffolliott, 'Irish Social Customs of Genealogical Importance', *The Irish Ancestor*, 1978, Issue 1, Page 20. CD Rom Edition, 'The Irish Ancestor, 1969-1986', Eneclann, Dublin.



now crosses over the railway, which came through in 1862,<sup>20</sup> and it is said to have been built through the cemetery.<sup>21</sup>

There is circumstantial evidence to support this claim. The 1837 Ordnance Survey map of the area (Fig. 5) shows the graveyard with the road alongside it, and the clearly designated layout of the field on the other side, the outline of which seems to match quite closely with that of the graveyard.<sup>22</sup> That these are the only clearly designated sites on this portion of the map suggests further that they are linked. This map predates the arrival of the railway by some twenty five years and it is very likely that the road was widened and improved for the railway. Certainly, the 1911 Ordnance Survey map (Fig. 6) shows no trace of any defined field on the far side of the road.<sup>23</sup> This area is now planted in trees.



Fig. 5: Cloonmorris Cemetery, 1837 OS 6" Map

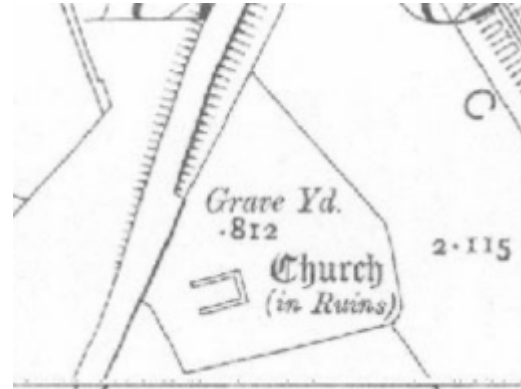


Fig. 6: Cloonmorris Cemetery, 1912 OS 25" Map

Whatever the truth of this, the graveyard is now enclosed and all that can be found today are the headstones and markers within the walls. It is unclear when these enclosing walls were erected, other than it was sometime after the 7<sup>th</sup> of January 1871, when the Chairman of Mohill Union commented on the “propriety of enclosing the Burying Ground at Bornacoola.”<sup>24</sup>

No written records regarding burials prior to the second half of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century are known to exist. Oral tradition has it that not only are there graves on the far side of the road, there are more under the paths in the cemetery and under the road itself. John G. Reynolds of Knockadrinan (himself interred in Cloonmorris), whose yard included the remnants of the old monks’ house, claimed to have seen slabs in the field that is now planted with trees. It should also be noted that there are large expanses of grass in the old section of the cemetery which are said to cover several graves belonging to families that have since died out in the parish.<sup>25</sup>

Griffith’s *Primary Valuation* for Cloonmorris (Fig. 7) shows the cemetery occupied 3

<sup>20</sup> S. Maxwell, Hajducki, *A Railway Atlas of Ireland*, Newtown Abbot, 1974, Page 13.

<sup>21</sup> Sean Bohan, 22/09/2008.

<sup>22</sup> Ordnance Survey of Ireland, 6" *Ordnance Survey of Ireland Map*, 1838, Cloonmorris townland, County Leitrim. OSI Maps Website, URL: <http://ims0.osiemaps.ie/publiclibrary/>, Accessed May 2009..

<sup>23</sup> Ordnance Survey of Ireland, 25" *Ordnance Survey of Ireland Map*, 1913, Cloonmorris townland, County Leitrim. OSI Maps Website. Accessed May 2009.

<sup>24</sup> ‘Burying Grounds’, *Leitrim Advertiser*, 12/01/1871.

<sup>25</sup> Sean Bohan, 22/09/2008.

Roods and 5 Perches around 1856.<sup>26</sup> On the accompanying valuation map, the plot does not seem to cross the road but as this valuation map also shows the railway line, which was not opened until 1862, it is not contemporary with the valuation itself and so cannot prove or disprove the contention that the burial ground originally crossed the road.

35		NAME,	Island,	1 0 3
36	James M'Garry, .	Rev. James O'Farrell, .	Grave-yard.	
37		Earl of Granard,	(See Exemptions.)	
			Severance, .	1 0 3
			Rinn River (part of),	6 3 39
			Total of Rateable	
			Property, .	429 3 3
			EXEMPTIONS:	
			Grave-yard, .	0 3 5

Fig. 7: Excerpt from Griffith's Valuation, Cloonmorris townland

There are other indications that the cemetery was once larger. At a meeting of Mohill Union on 7<sup>th</sup> January 1871, the chairman commented that Bornacoola Burying Ground required enlargement.<sup>27</sup> At another Mohill Union meeting, in January 1885, it was noted that an expansion, though necessary, could not be undertaken as the ownership of the land in question was in dispute between the Earl of Granard, the Midland Great Western Railway Company (owners of the railway line), and the tenants of the land.<sup>28</sup> Clearly the need for extension was driven by demand, implying perhaps that the then boundaries were inadequate and that the space available had once been larger.

Despite the recognised need for expansion, the cemetery remained the same size until 1935 when additional land between the old cemetery and the railway was bought from John Reynolds of Knockadrinan.<sup>29</sup> The new part of the cemetery was consecrated in 1935 and Owen Murphy of Clooneen townland was the first interred in it.<sup>30</sup>

While today Cloonmorris cemetery is very well maintained, this contrasts greatly with the situation of around a century ago. It is perhaps unsurprising that in such a generally poor area little money was available for the upkeep of the cemetery, which as we have seen was the subject of unfavourable comment at Mohill Union meetings.

A letter concerning Cloonmorris in the *Roscommon Herald* of 20<sup>th</sup> January 1900 (Fig. 8), says:

“At present it is a disgrace in any Christian country – it is covered over with bushes, weeds and loose stones, the gate is seldom closed, but indeed there is not much trespass now, for no beast with the exception of a goat could make their way through the brush... Suffice it to say when an interment takes place there a pass has to be cut through the bushes from the gate to the grave.”<sup>31</sup>

Little had changed by February 1905, when the *Leitrim Observer* noted:

<sup>26</sup> Griffith, *Primary Valuation of the Tenements of Ireland*, Dublin, 1857. Townland of Cloonmorris, Parish of Mohill.

<sup>27</sup> 'Burying Grounds', *Leitrim Advertiser*, 12/01/1871.

<sup>28</sup> 'Bornacoola Burying Ground', *Leitrim Advertiser*, 15/01/1885.

<sup>29</sup> 'Cloonmorris Cemetery', *Meandering Through Bornacoola*, Carrick-on-Shannon, 2000. Page 47; 'Cloonmorris Cemetery', *Leitrim Observer*, 30/05/1936, Page 2.

<sup>30</sup> Sean Bohan, 22/09/2008.

<sup>31</sup> 'Correspondence', *Roscommon Herald*, 20/01/1900.

“We often wonder how visitors to the graveside of deceased friends find out the slab which ‘marks the spot where earth to earth returns’, for the ground is covered with decaying leaves. The general aspect of the place also requires to be considerably improved.”<sup>32</sup>

That this phenomenon of neglect was not confined to Bornacoola parish is evident from the *Leitrim Observer* report of 15<sup>th</sup> July that same year which states that Mohill District Council condemned the conditions of Cloone Burial Ground (a few miles east of Bornacoola) as “not in a proper sanitary state.” But the same Council meeting acknowledged that some 200 people of Bornacoola parish had gathered and put Cloonmorris cemetery in “thorough order.”<sup>33</sup> Elsewhere (Fig. 9), the same paper quoted the Clerk of Mohill Union, Mr. E. Geelan as saying that, as a Bornacoola man he “was proud of the turn out made by the people on the occasion.” We will encounter Mr. Geelan again in the case studies section.

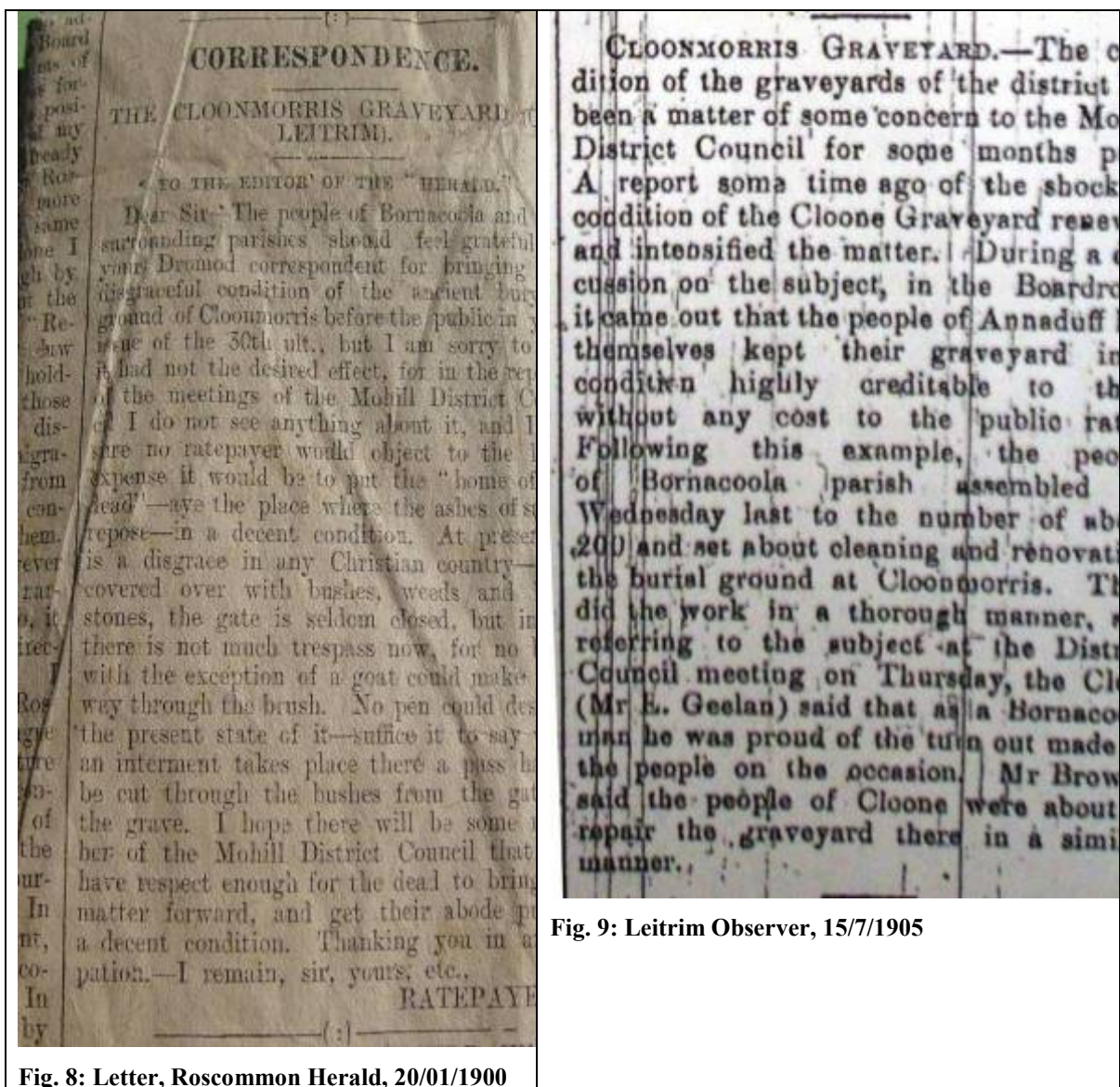


Fig. 8: Letter, Roscommon Herald, 20/01/1900

Fig. 9: Leitrim Observer, 15/7/1905

<sup>32</sup> 'Mohill and Dromod Notes', *Leitrim Observer*, 11/02/1905.

<sup>33</sup> 'The District Council'. *Leitrim Observer*, 15/07/1905.

## **Memorials of Cloonmorris – An Overview**

### **Listings of the Graves**

Documentary records of the burial plots in Cloonmorris cemetery are not known to have been produced until well into the second half of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. Previously, knowledge of the layout of the graves and the location of the various family plots was retained orally and locally.<sup>34</sup>

Therefore Appendix 1, which contains the transcriptions of memorials of genealogical interest, also contains a sketch map and listing of the principle names on each memorial as at February 2009.

Some 487 people are commemorated on the inscribed memorials, with an additional 71 people named as ‘erectors’.

### **Uninscribed ‘Markers’**

Mention must be made of the significant numbers of stones lying within the old section of the cemetery. These very probably served as markers to graves. It is likely most of them never bore any inscription though some may be remnants of once-inscribed memorials long since vanished. While some of these are dotted around the grounds, several of them have been gathered together and arranged within the walls of the ruined church. While these do not mark actual graves, there is said to be one in the South-East corner of the church.<sup>35</sup>

The presence of these stones can be argued to provide additional testament that there is a significant volume of burials in Cloonmorris for which no record exists.

### **18<sup>th</sup> and Early 19<sup>th</sup> Century Births and Deaths**

The earliest surviving burial records of Bornacoola Parish date from 1833, and the earliest baptisms from 1824.<sup>36</sup> Consequently there is a significant deficit of information on 18<sup>th</sup> and early 19<sup>th</sup> Century parishioners.

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<sup>34</sup> Sean Bohan, 22/09/2008.

<sup>35</sup> Sean Bohan, 22/09/2008. “Mike Joe Diffley, first-cousin of Mikey Diffley, was at the digging of a grave for a B Reynolds there.”

<sup>36</sup> John Grenham, *Tracing your Irish Ancestors*, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition, Dublin, 2006. Page 431. Note that these earliest records can be found on the Latter Day Saints microfilms rather than those held in the National Library of Ireland.

Appendix 5 provides a summary of early birth years, as calculated from the memorials. In all, the possible 18th Century birth years of some 21 people are listed. The earliest birth indicated is that of David Farrell in 1705.

### Some Considerations of Time

Although Cloonmorris cemetery has a new section, families who have long-established plots in the old part continue to bury their dead there. This study is therefore of necessity a point-in-time one.

There are, as at March 2009, 156 marked graves in the old part of Cloonmorris. No names can be assigned to seven of these, due to wear, toppling, or in one case, the absence of a memorial,<sup>37</sup> leaving therefore 149 memorials available for analysis.

While it seems probable that the cemetery has been in continuous use since the 13<sup>th</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup> Century, the oldest date on a memorial is 1765. In all, only 8 inscriptions survive from before 1800. Fifty three of the memorials have their oldest inscriptions dated 1940 or later.

A breakdown by decades makes interesting reading. We can put dates on some 145 of the graves in this part of the cemetery. Table 3 shows the breakdown of burials per double-decade, the percentage of overall burials and the cumulative growth to 100%. This is based on taking the oldest recorded burial in each grave.

It is important to note that these figures capture only burials recorded in surviving memorials. It is virtually certain that very significant numbers were buried over all of the periods covered, but either they were not commemorated with memorials, or those memorials have since disappeared.<sup>38</sup>

**Table 3: Burials per Double-Decade**

Years	1760-79	1780-99	1800-19	1820-39	1840-59	1860-79	1880-99	1900-19	1920-39	1940-59	1960-79	1980-99	2000 on
Numbers	5	3	4	4	8	6	10	22	36	15	17	13	2
% of total memorials	3%	2%	3%	3%	6%	4%	7%	15%	25%	10%	12%	9%	1%
Cumulative %	3%	6%	8%	11%	17%	21%	28%	43%	68%	78%	90%	99%	100%

This can be represented graphically as follows:

<sup>37</sup> "The single unmarked grave is that of Patrick (Packie) Diffley of Clooncarne." Sean Bohan, 22/09/2008.

<sup>38</sup> For example, a memorial to the author's great-grandparents, James and Kate Diffley, was said to exist in the 1970s, but is no longer to be found. Recollections of Bernard Doyle, Clooncarne, Local Resident. 2000-2008.

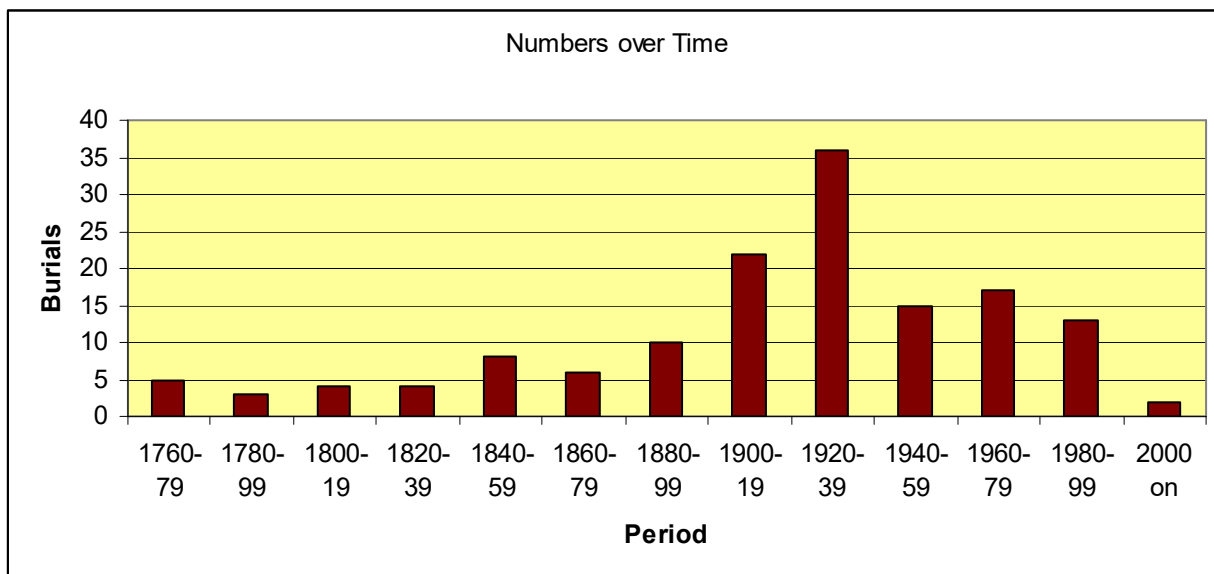


Fig. 10: Numbers Interred over Time, as recorded on Memorials

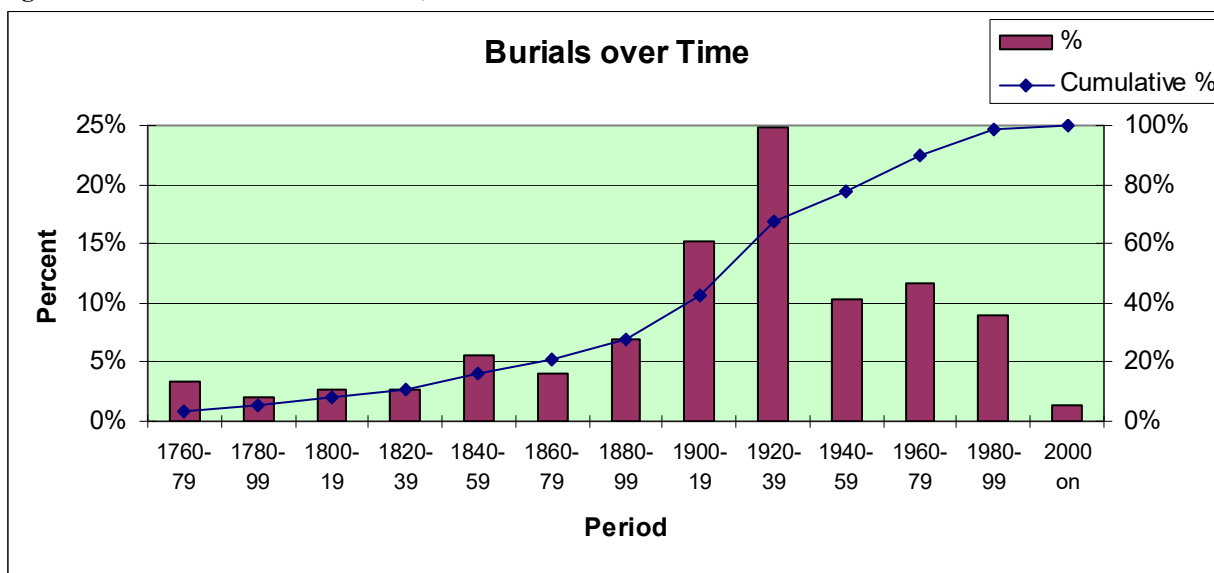


Fig. 11: Burials over Time, as recorded on memorials

From these illustrations it can be seen that while only 20% of the recorded burials can be dated from before 1880, a further 60% of them are from the period 1880 to 1960, and indeed 50% of all recorded burials in the old cemetery date between 1900 and 1960. While, as seen, the population of the area has decreased since the time of the Famine, it may be taken that the proportional rate of deaths has not. Furthermore, tradition and lore indicate it is probable that the graveyard has been in use for several centuries, and certainly continuously since the 18<sup>th</sup> Century. Clearly then the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Century numbers represent only a fraction of those buried. This is presumably due to a combination of laws, poverty and practice.

The point has been made that this is a parish of small farms and poor land, one from which few, at least until the 20<sup>th</sup> Century, would have had the means to pay for inscribed memorials. This undoubtedly was a limiting factor. It also perhaps explains the presence of so many ‘marker’ stones. The sheer paucity of numbers from before the early 20<sup>th</sup> Century

is surely indicative of both the poverty in the area and the lack of a tradition of creating inscribed memorials among the poor.

However, even allowing that these factors combined to ensure that the majority of those buried in Cloonmorris before, say 1880, did not have memorials erected to them, there is certainly anecdotal evidence to suggest that once there were more inscribed memorials there from these times, and these have been variously destroyed, decayed or simply rendered unrecognisable by time.

## Classes of people

In an ideal study, there would be discernible class differences between those interred in the cemetery. In this location, however, the reality is that those interred were mostly of the one class – that of small farmers. This is born out in many respects by the simplicity of most of the headstones erected.

## Names

From a study of the surnames of those interred in Cloonmorris, Bornacoola Parish appears to have its own set of names. For context, let us first look at Mathieson's Report of 1894, which lists the 20 most common surnames in County Leitrim, as determined by registered births in 1890.<sup>39</sup>

**Table 4: Mathieson's Listing of Leitrim Surnames**

Rank	No.	Name	Rank	No.	Name	Rank	No.	Name
1	30	Kelly Reynolds	8	17	McTernan	15	13	Beirne
3	20	Flynn McLoughlin	9	16	Keany McGowan Moran Reilly			Gallagher McDermott McGovern McSharry Mulvey
5	19	McHugh	13	15	Maguire			
6	18	Rooney McMorrow	14	14	Dolan			

As will be seen from analysis of the surnames of Cloonmorris in Appendix 4, there is a wide range to be found among those interred in the cemetery. The most frequently occurring are:

**Table 5: Most Commonly Found Surnames in Cloonmorris**

SURNAME	Numbers	Percentage of Interred
Reynolds	44	9%
McGarry	37	8%
Shanley	32	7%
Beirne/O'Beirne	28	6%
McGlynn	26	5%
Kerrigan	16	3%
Campbell	14	3%
Fox	13	3%
Geelan	13	3%
<i>Subtotal of these names</i>	223	47%

<sup>39</sup> Robert E. Matheson, *Special Report on Surnames in Ireland*, Dublin, 1894. CD-ROM edition, published by Eneclann. Page 29.

SURNAME	Numbers	Percentage of Interred
All others	264	53%
<b>Full Total of all interred &amp; named</b>	<b>487</b>	<b>100%</b>

While the maiden names of married women were sometimes included on their memorials, it was more commonplace for just their married names to be recorded. These married names were used in compiling the above table, and some distortion of the figures can therefore be expected.

Even allowing for this distortion, the surnames from Table 5 allow some interesting comparisons to be made against different 19<sup>th</sup> Century sources.

**Table 6: Surname Frequency Comparison**

Cloonmorris Data		Data from Grenham's Irish Surnames <sup>40</sup>					Mathieson <sup>41</sup>
SURNAME	%	# Ireland	# Leitrim	Leitrim As % of Ireland	# Mohill Civil Parish	Mohill C.P. as % of Leitrim	
Reynolds	9	1190	336	28%	142	42%	Leitrim #1
McGarry	8	501	52	10%	27	52%	n/a
Shanley/Shanly	7	169	89	53%	47	53%	n/a
Beirne/O'Beirne	6	546	84	15%	24	29%	Leitrim #15
McGlynn	5	173	6	3%	0	0%	n/a
Campbell	3	3222	47	1%	1	2%	Ireland #31
Fox	3	1440	85	6%	6	7%	n/a
Geelan	3	43	23	53%	15	65%	n/a
Kerrigan	3	402	45	11%	5	11%	n/a

Mohill and Kiltoghert were the two Leitrim strongholds of the *MacRaghnaill* chieftains of Muintir Eolais, itself part of the ancient kingdom of Breifne. It is hardly surprising then that the anglicised version of their name, Reynolds, is still widespread in the general area, including Bornacoola parish. As can be seen, almost half of Leitrim's Reynolds households could be found in Mohill Civil Parish, and as such it is natural to find Reynolds the most common name in Cloonmorris cemetery.

The names Beirne and O'Beirne probably derive from the *Ó Birn* chiefs of *Tír Bhruinn* in nearby County Roscommon.<sup>42</sup>

Interestingly, of the other most commonly found Cloonmorris surnames (except for Kerrigan) there appears to be signs of clustering in the Bornacoola area.

53% of all of Ireland's mid-19<sup>th</sup> Century Shanleys were in Leitrim and 53% of those were in the Mohill Civil Parish area. The data further suggests that the name centred on Bornacoola parish. Indeed, MacLysaght tells us the chief of the Shanley Sept was known

<sup>40</sup> John Grenham, *Grenham's Irish Surnames*, Dublin, 2003. CD-ROM only, published by Eneclann. The publication summarises the occurrences of surnames, by county, on Griffith's *Valuation*, and the numbers quoted use these summaries.

<sup>41</sup> Matheson, *Special Report on Surnames in Ireland*. Pages 29, 31-73.

<sup>42</sup> Patrick Woulfe, *Sloinnnte Gaedhael is Gall*, Dublin 1923. CD-ROM edition, published by Eneclann. Pages 437-438; Edward MacLysaght, *The Surnames of Ireland*, 6<sup>th</sup> Edition, Dublin, 1985. Page 16.



as MacShanley of Dromod,<sup>43</sup> and, as Dromod is little more than a mile from Cloonmorris, it is hardly surprising to find the name occurring with reasonable frequency in this area.

Similarly, 53% of all of Ireland's Geelans come from Leitrim, and 65% of those from the Mohill area, though the origins of this name are somewhat complicated (see Case Study on Edward Doyle,. McGarry is another name that seems particularly associated with Mohill Civil Parish and, by deduction from Cloonmorris data, particularly with Bornacoola Parish.

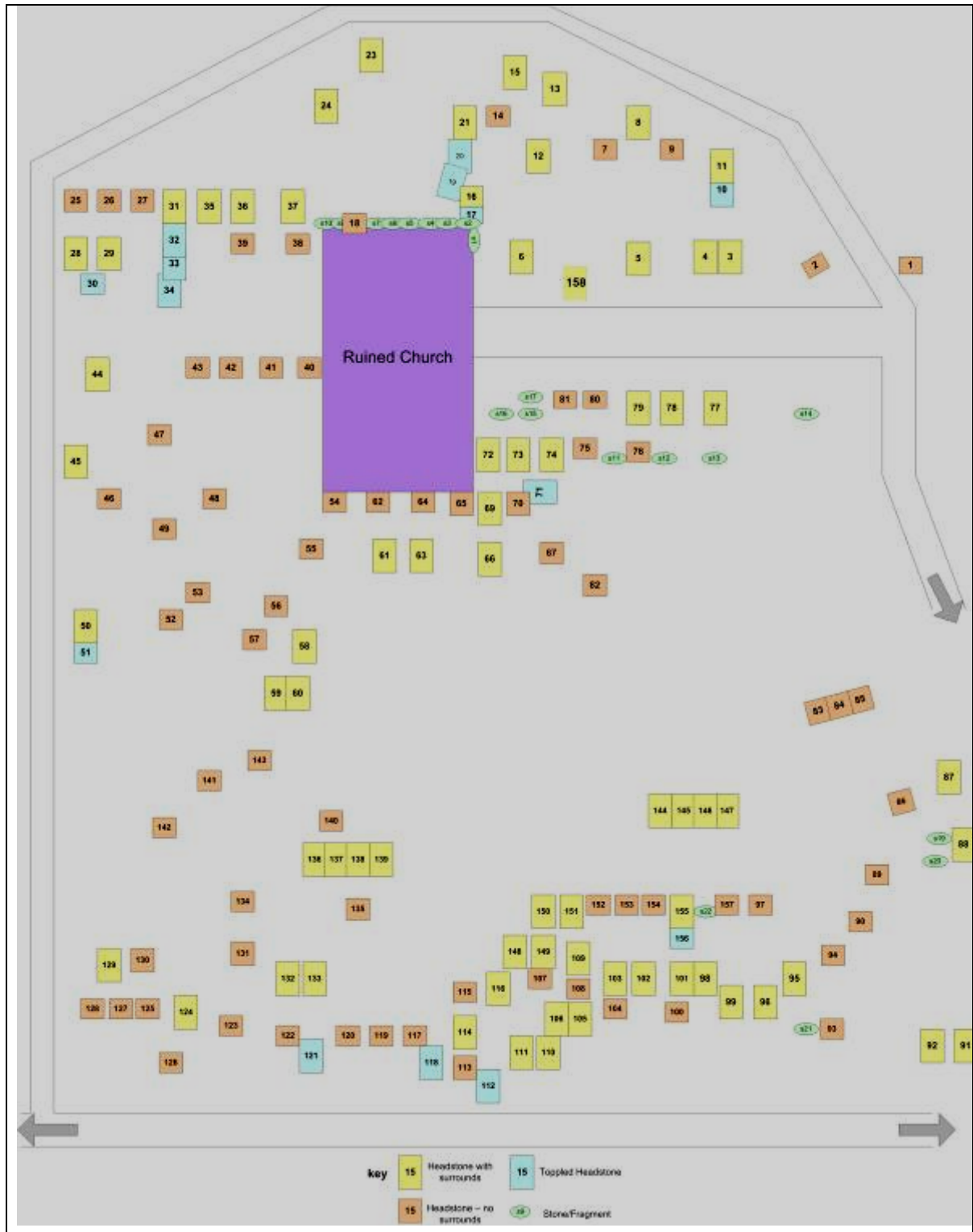
And while the surnames McGlynn, Campbell and Fox are not especially associated with either Leitrim or specifically Mohill Civil Parish, they are among the most common in the old cemetery, again suggesting specific clustering in the area.

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<sup>43</sup>MacLysaght, *The Surnames of Ireland*, Page 268.

## Appendix 1 – Transcribed Memorials

### Sketch Map



The Sketch Map is not drawn to scale but does provide a recognisable guide to the old part of Cloonmorris Cemetery. The entrance to the cemetery is just beyond the arrow on the right hand side of the drawing. Different symbols are used for headstones with surrounds, without surrounds, and topped. In addition, some of the more significant clusters of what appear to be ‘marker’ stones are also indicated on this map. Each recognised grave carries a stone number.

## Listing of Graves

In this table, the stone number identifies the position of the grave on the sketch map above. A number of inscriptions have been deliberately omitted from the main body of transcriptions below, and these are shown in italics on this table.

Some 487 people are commemorated on the inscribed memorials. An additional 71 people are named as ‘erectors’ of various memorials. This listing provides the surname(s) of those interred.

**Table 7: Listing of Marked Graves**

No.	Indexing name	No.	Indexing name	No.	Indexing name
1	Qenuven	2	Bohan and Shanley	3	<i>(unreadable)</i>
4	<i>McGlynn</i>	5	<i>McGlynn</i>	6	McGlynn
7	<i>Conboy</i>	8	Manning	9	<i>Conboy</i>
10	Geelan	11	Geelan (and Kenna and Burns) and Campbell	12	Manning
13	<i>Diffley</i>	14	Dooner	15	Scully Bell
16	<i>McGarry and Corcoran</i>	17	<i>(unreadable)</i>	18	McKeon
19	Hedian	20	Cox	21	Dooner (and Bohan) and Gray
23	Naughton	24	<i>McGlynn</i>	25	Reynolds
26	Reynolds	27	Reynolds	28	<i>Burbage</i>
29	Burbage	30	<i>(unreadable)</i>	31	Kennedy
32	Kennedy	33	Kennedy	34	Kennedy
35	<i>Smith</i>	36	Smith and McGuinness	37	<i>McGuinness</i>
38	Hoey	39	Hoey	40	Larkin
41	<i>Shuel</i>	42	McCormack	43	<i>McGuire</i>
44	<i>McGarry</i>	45	McGarry	46	McGarry
47	Drum	48	Devine and Reynolds	49	<i>Devine</i>
50	<i>Reynolds</i>	51	Shanley	52	Molloy
53	Kerrigan and Mallon	54	Drum and Conan	55	Reynolds
56	Devine	57	Kerrigan	58	Kerrigan
59	Campbell (and Burbage and Reilly)	60	<i>Campbell (and Crowe and Flynn and McDonald)</i>	61	<i>O'Flynn</i>
62	Byrn	63	Beirne (and Murray)	64	<i>(unreadable)</i>
65	Farrell	66	McGarry (and Foster and Brosnan)	67	Early
69	<i>Farrell</i>	70	MacDermod	71	Reynolds
72	Reynolds (and McGarry) and Bohan	73	Bohan	74	<i>Reynolds</i>
75	<i>Reynolds</i>	76	Reynolds (and Beirne and Reilly)	77	Dorrigan
78	Dorrigan	79	<i>Beirne</i>	80	Shanley
81	Donnely	82	McGoldrick	83	O'Beirne

No.	Indexing name	No.	Indexing name	No.	Indexing name
84	O'Farrell	85	O'Farrell	86	Shanly
87	McGrath and Flynn	88	Tiernan	89	Igoe
90	Igoe	91	Beirne	92	Winters (and Shanley)
93	Flynn	94	McDonald	95	Muldowney
96	<i>Fox</i>	97	<i>Kelleher</i>	98	Reynolds
99	<i>Fox</i>	100	Geelan	101	Reynolds and McGarry
102	McGlynn	103	<i>McGlynn and Bohan</i>	104	<i>Shanley</i>
105	<i>(no memorial)</i>	106	Shanley	107	McNulty
108	<i>McNulty</i>	109	<i>Cassidy</i>	110	<i>Diffley (and Glynn)</i>
111	Diffley	112	Diffly	113	<i>McLoughlin, Devine and Harvey</i>
114	<i>Collum</i>	115	<i>Reynolds</i>	116	Edgeworth and Geelan
117	<i>Diffley</i>	118	Cox	119	Cox
120	<i>White</i>	121	Cox	122	<i>Fitzpatrick</i>
123	Casserley	124	<i>Shanley</i>	125	O'Neill
				126	Reynolds
127	O'Neill	128	O'Neill	129	Kane and Casey
130	Keville	131	Wimsey	132	Doyle
133	<i>Doyle</i>	134	Stewart	135	Conboy
136	<i>Shanley</i>	137	Shanley	138	<i>Shanley</i>
139	<i>Shanley</i>	140	Burbage	141	Kelaugher
142	<i>(unreadable)</i>	143	<i>(unreadable)</i>	144	<i>Greene</i>
145	Greene	146	<i>Cox</i>	147	Cox
148	McGuinness	149	McGuinness	150	McGarry
151	<i>McGarry</i>	152	<i>McGarry</i>	153	<i>McGarry</i>
154	McGarry (and Burbage)	155	<i>McGarry</i>	156	<i>McGarry</i>
157	<i>Kelleher</i>	158	O'Farrell		

## Selection of Memorials for Transcription

While memorials are an excellent source of genealogical data, it can be argued that there are more reliable sources, especially the Civil Registers. Civil registration of births, marriages (for Catholics) and deaths came into law in 1864 and it can be argued that all births from after this date should be found among the General Register Office records. Similarly any deaths after this date should also be in the GRO records. This is of course an overly optimistic view, and many births and deaths were not registered, and this will be found to hold true especially for the earlier years of civil registration.

The question then is whether or not to include in this essay transcriptions of all memorials in the old part of the cemetery. On balance, the approach adopted by Eileen Hewson has been chosen. Hewson largely ignored all post-1940 memorials in her series of booklets on County Leitrim graveyards.<sup>44</sup> It can be argued that virtually all deaths occurring after that year would be of people whose births appear in the civil register, especially as compliance with the civil registration requirements became more commonplace after the earliest years

<sup>44</sup> Eileen Hewson, *Old Irish Graveyards, County Leitrim, Parts 1-4*. Wem, 2005.

of the new system. This then is the rationale employed in selecting what memorials are fully transcribed in this essay.

To cover the eventuality of later deaths featuring non-compliant people, Appendix 3 provides an alphabetical listing of those commemorated in the old part of Cloonmorris Cemetery but not included in the transcribed memorials section.

## Formats and Conventions

For each fully transcribed memorial below, the following convention and layout is used:

<b>Indexing Name</b>	<b>Number</b>
Transcription	
<i>Notes</i>	

With regard to these details, note the following:

- Indexing Name – contains the surnames of the family/families commemorated on the memorial. Where any of the surnames in question are the maiden names of married women, this is indicated by placing them in brackets.
- Number – Stone Number. As a broad guide, Numbers 1 to 82 are to be found in the general vicinity of the ruined church, and the remainder between are more clustered around the path dividing the old from the new part of the cemetery. Please see Sketch Map (Page 18)
- Transcription – for each memorial deemed to be of genealogical significance (see Selection, Page 18), a full transcription is given. Uncertainty is indicated by question marks. Inability to read words or lines is indicated by ‘...’
- Notes – have been added where relevant.

## Transcriptions

### Beirne

91

In loving memory of Edward Beirne Cashel Died 3/11/1938 His wife Catherine Died 30 7 1954 Their sons Hugh died 28/8/1923 John Joe died 25/12/1937 Michael died 29/8/1940 Anthony died 1/5/1941 Edward 16/3/1975

### Beirne (and Murray)

63

Beirne Pray for the souls of Bernard Beirne Edercloon Died 27th May 1922 - aged 54 yrs His wife Kate (nee Murray) Died 21st Sept 1955 - aged 78 yrs Their daughter Mary Kate Died 20th July 1947 - aged 43 yrs Their son Bernard (U S A) Died 25th Aug 1966 - aged 61 yrs Their daughter in law May Beirne Died 20th June 1985 - aged 68 yrs and her husband John Died 4th August 1998 - aged 89 yrs.

### Beirne - see Reynolds (and Beirne and Reilly)

76

### Bohan

73

In Loving memory of William Bohan Cloontumper Died 17th March 1928. Go ndéanaid Dia trocaire air Erected by his brothers Sean & Michael Bohan

### Bohan and Shanley

2

Have mercy O Lord On(?) the soul of Abby Bohan Born 1833 Died Feb 18th, 1900

Her sister Mary Shanley Born 1837 Died March 18th 1902

### Bohan – see Dooner (and Bohan) and Gray

21

### Bohan – see Reynolds (and McGarry) and Bohan

72

### Brosnan – see McGarry (and Foster and Brosnan)

66

### Burbage

29

Have mercy O Lord On the soul of Sarah Burbage Alias Lennon who depd this Life 17th dec 1878(?) aged 69 years Edward Burbage Died Oct 16th 1945 His wife Catherine Died 1st Sept 1960 Erected by her loving Husband William

*Edward and Catherine Burbage, who are commemorated on this stone, are also commemorated on the adjoining one.*

### Burbage

140

In loving memory of Francis Burbage Meelragh(?) Who died ... 1934 Aged 45(?). Years Adorable heart Of Jesus Grant eternal Rest Lord. Erected by James & Kate Burbage

### Burbage – see Campbell (and Burbage and Reilly)

59

**Burbage – see McGarry (and Burbage) 154**

**Burns – see Geelan (and Kenna and Burns) and Campbell 11**

**Byrn 62**

Pray for the soul of Elizabeth Byrn (?) Who died the 29(?) Of May 1776 aged 60 years Erected by John Ga(?) Laugher

*This is very worn - the certainty around the name of the deceased is low.*

**Campbell (and Burbage and Reilly) 59**

In memory of John Campbell Bohey Died 14th May 1847 His wife Elizabeth Nee Burbage Died 17 August 1870 Their sons John Died 17 June 1897 James died July 1916 His wife Mary nee Reilly Died 14 Jan 1900 Their daughter Ann Died 30 April 1886

**Campbell – see Geelan (and Kenna and Burns) and Campbell 11**

**Casey – see Kane and Casey 129**

**Casserley 123**

John Casserley died Aug 14 1936 His wife Mary died Dec 18 1958

**Conan – see Drum and Conan 54**

**Conboy 135**

Erected by James Conboy In memory of his father Stephen Conboy Of Rooskynamona Who Died 8th March 1916

*This is an unusual memorial, with a plaque attached to a small stone. There are no surrounds to the grave.*

**Cox 147**

In loving memory of Thomas Cox Cloonart, Bornacoola Died June 1937 His wife Mary Died April 27 1949 Their son Michael Died Dec 15 1978 His wife Katie Died Aug 6 1990

**Cox 20**

O most merciful (?) Jesus have ??? Michael Cox who departed this Life ??? 1818 aged ?? Yrs Also Elenor Cox Ag (?) 20 (?) ????: ??? Of Taken (?) of him (?) on ?????

Requiascet(?) in (?) Pace (?)

**Cox 121**

Have mercy on the soul of .... Thos Cox .... This life 25th Oct 1796 (?) Aged 62  
Also

his daughter Alin(?) Cox died Octr 1799 Aged .... Y.... Erected by Thomas (?)  
Cox His son

**Cox 119**

Pray for the soul of James Cox who died the 6th of October 1776 Aged 50 years.  
Erected by John Cox

**Cox 118**

O Lord have mery on the soul of John Cox of Clooncarn Who dep.d life  
December

6th 1823 aged 18 years (?) Erected by his father Mich (?) Cox

*The place and the day of death are very hard to read.*

**Devine 56**

In Loving memory of Stephen Devine Cloonohill Died 29 Jan 1949 Aged 90 years  
His wife Anne, Died 22/10/1939 Aged 81 years their son Patrick Died 29 Sept  
1937 Aged 33 yrs

**Devine and Reynolds 48**

O Lord have mercy on The soul of Edward Devine Of Cloontubred who died Aug  
1st 184(?)3 Aged 65 years In Loving memory of the Reynolds family Cloontubrid  
Patrick Reynolds died Nov 1963 His wife Rose Anne died Jan 1953 Their sons  
Patrick Reynolds Bohey Died Feb 1975 His wife Teresa died Jan 1984 James  
died Feb 1976 Peter

London died May 1976 Erected by his wife Rose Devine

**Diffley 111**

In Loving memory of Michael Diffley Clooncarn Died 15th Dec 1925, aged 62  
years Also his wife Mary Ellen Died 25th Nov 1931, aged 54 yrs Also their son  
William Died 7th June 1959 His wife Brigid Died 13th June 1960 Fondly  
remembered by his brothers And sisters

**Diffly 112**

O Lord have mercy on the soul of John Diffly of Clooncarn Who died on the 16th  
of

October 1854 Aged 69 years Also his wife Mary Who died on the 20th of  
December 1858? Aged 57 (?) years Requiescat etc This is erected by their  
beloved son Thomas Diffly of Clooncarn.

*Note this toppled stone is cracked across the line that  
states Mary's age.*



**Donnely 81**

God be merciful to Ye soul of Elenor Donnely alias Farrell Mother to .... Rose Donnely agd 21 erectd by their Father Tho. Donnely M lun 16 1765

**Dooner 14**

God be merciful to the soul of Bridget Dooner alias Geelan who depd this Life Nov the 13th 1806 aged 55 Also ... John(?) ... Departd (?) ... 1806 Aged 31 yrs ...Erected(?) by(?) her Husband Tho Dooner.

**Dooner (and Bohan) and Gray 21**

In Loving Memory of Eward Dooner died 1st April 1855 Bridget died 4th April 1908

Kate Bohan Dooner died 3rd Dec 1922 Thomas died 2nd(?) Nov 1933 John Gray died 15th Sep 1975 Also his wife Anne nee Dooner Died 4th April 1977.

**Dorrigan 77**

In memory of My loving mother Margaret Mary(?) Dorrigan Knockadranan Died Dec

9th 1943 aged 67 Also my sisters Margaret died Oct 26th 1926 Rosaleen died Sept 2nd 1937 Elizabeth died in infancy 1916 Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord R.I.P.

Erected by her loving daughter Mary K Dorrigan Talty And husband Martin Talty & Family New York

**Dorrigan 78**

Erected To The memory of our parents William and Anne Dorrigan 1903.

**Doyle 132**

Have mercy O Lord on the soul of Edward Doyle late teacher of the Clooneagh National School who depd this life on the 8th Day of Janry 1877 aged 45 years. Erected in fond memory by his nephew Edward Geelan.

*See Case Study "Edward Doyle"*

**Drum 47**

Have mercy O Lord On the soul of James Drum Who died April 23rd 1900 aged 74 years R.I.P. Also his wife Bridget Died August 9th 1912 Aged 74 years. Erected By His loving children.

**Drum and Conan 54**

In Loving memory of John Drum Aughna Who died 23rd Jan, 1894 His wife Anne Who died 2nd Nov. 1907 Their son James Who died 30th Aug 1918 Also their daughter Kate Conan Who died 7th May 1937 Her husband James Who died 24th Dec 1960 Their infant grandson Baby Duffy Died 5th April 1955 R.I.P.

**Early 67**

Pray for the soul of John Early who died The 15 of Oct 1779 Aged 46 yea...  
Erected by Bridget Ear

*Extremely worn stone that was restored somewhat during the year 2008.*

**Edgeworth and Geelan 116**

In loving Memory of Mary Ann Edgeworth Died January 9th 1939 Her husband Bernard Edgeworth Died 6th March 1962 And their sons Bernard died April 1932 John Tom Died February 9th 1981 Also Francis and Ann Geelan

*See Case Study "Edgeworths".*

**Farrell 65**

God be merciful to the Soul of Cat'ine Farrell Alias Shanly who depar This life Dec 25th 1810 Aged 67 Yrs Ereced by her Husband Laurence Farrell Also Daniel Farrell Died April 1770 aged 60.

**Flynn 93**

In loving memory of John Flynn Cloonmorris Died 29th Sept 1908 His wife Jane Flynn Died 13th Feb 1946 Their daughter Mary Kate Died 4th Jan 1959 John P Flynn died 8th May 1981 Erected by John P Flynn

**Flynn – see McGrath and Flynn 87**

**Foster – see McGarry (and Foster and Brosnan) 66**

**Geelan 100**

In loving memory of John Geelan Aughnamona Who died 1st(?) March 1935 Aged 50 years R.I.P. O Jesus under they mercy I will rest Erected to his memory by his Loving parents John and; Bridget Geelan.

**Geelan 10**

O Lord have mercy on the soul of Patk Geelan late of Cloonbar who depd this life 7th of Sep 185(?)8 agd 69 years Also his daughter Cathrine Geelan Who died 8th Sep 1881 agd 30 years And Mary Geelan who died 12th July 1880 agd 17 years.

**Geelan (and Kenna and Burns) and Campbell 11**

In Memory of James Geelan, Cloonageeher, 1847-1903 His wife Maria, nee Kenna, 1848-1925 Their sons Matthew 1889-1962 Edward Pettigo 1876-1920 Patrick Cloonmorris 1838-1919 His wife Maria nee Burns, 1839-1914 Their Daughters, Eliza (Betty) 1865-1956 Annie Campbell 1865-1925 Her Husband John 1870-1954

**Geelan – see Edgeworth and Geelan 116**

**Gray – see Dooner (and Bohan) and Gray 21**

**Greene 145**

God be merciful to the Soul of George Greene Who depd this life 2nd day of Nov 1840 Aged 19 years Erected by his nephew Francis Greene Annacullen R.I.P.

**Hedian 19**

God be merciful on the Soul of Bridget Hedian who Dep this life Oct 15 1799 Aged 36 years Erected by her Loving Father and Mother Michl Marg Hedian & Frans

*The surname Hedian still exists in Bornacoola parish but is now rendered as Heyden.*

**Hoey 38**

In loving Memory Of Michael Hoey Cloonmorris Died 27th Aug 1946 His wife Bridget Died 7th Dec 1931 Their son Michael Died 5th Oct 1985

**Hoey 39**

In Loving Memory Of Patrick Hoey Died August 1917 Aged 70 His wife Bridgid Died January 1927 Aged 77 His sister Catherine Died April 1924 Aged 76 His daughter Mary Elizabeth Died January 1924 aged 31 And his son Michael Died April 15th 1940 Aged 52

**Igoe 90**

In Loving memory of Michael Igoe Aughna Bornacoola Died 10 Jan 1930 Aged 68 years His wife Margaret Died 26 July 1939 Aged 72 years And their son James

**Kane and Casey 129**

In Loving memory of John Kane Aughna Died 1905 His wife Catherine Died 1940 Their daughter Bridget died 1942  
Erected by their son John Who died 17th Feb 1980 His wife Brigid Died 3rd May 1978 Mary Casey died 1950

**Kelaugher 141**

Lord have mercy on the soul of Michael Kelaugher who depd this Life in 1806 aged 69(?) years Also his wife Alice Murry Who died in 1804 aged 55 yrs  
Erected by their Son Peter Kelaugher

*The name Kelaugher became standardised as Kelleher.*

**Kenna – see Geelan (and Kenna and Burns) and Campbell 11**

**Kennedy 32**

God be merciful to the soul Of Anne Kennedy who depd This life the 1st of February 1895 Aged 67 years This tomb is erected by Her Husband James Kennedy

*This is a toppled stone, laid across the surrounds of Bryan and Mary Margaret Kennedy. Note that an online transcription (<http://www.igp-web.com/IGPArchives/leitrim/>) has the year as 1825.*

**Kennedy 33**

Have mercy O Lord on the soul Of Christopher Kenedy late of Cloonmorris who in hope of Glorious...?? Christian (?) .....1788(?) ?? ..... His soul(?) ...

*This is a toppled stone, also laid across the surrounds of Bryan and Mary Margaret Kennedy. It bears inscribed arms. The inscription is in an archaic style, and worn. Note that on <http://www.igp-web.com/IGPArchives/leitrim/>, this has been transcribed as "God be merciful to the soul of Christopher Kennedy late of Cloonmorris \_ in hope of a Glorious Reserection \_ \_ Christ in life January 26, 1788 in memory \_ \_ of \_ this monument was erected by his sons Bryan and James Kennedy".*

**Kennedy 34**

"This holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they may be loosed from their sins. Pray for the soul of the Rev. James Kennedy who departed this life on the 27th October 1816 in the 27th year of his life. Erected by his brother Hugh Kennedy."

*The author was unable to read this. The transcription is taken from <http://www.rootsweb.com/~irlarchive/>, accessed 07/12/2007.*

**Kennedy 31**

In loving memory of Our dear parents Bryan and Mary Margaret Kennedy And our brother Edward R.I.P. Erected by Maeve Tom John & Jim.

**Kerrigan 57**

In Loving memory of John Kerrigan Died 3rd May 1902 His wife Brigid Kerrigan Died 5th (?) Sep 1920 Pat Kerrigan Died 27th June 1930 (?) Wife Kate Kerrigan Died 7th Dec 1914(?) Margaret Kerrigan Died 21st July 1958(?) Michael Kerrigan 22nd April 1955 Aged 87 Yrs Wife Ann Kerrigan 14th March 1961 Aged 91 Yrs Molly Died Feb 15th 1983(?). R.I.P.

**Kerrigan 58**

In Loving memory of Thomas Kerrigan Currycramp Who died July 22nd 1934 And his wife Mary E Who died Oct 19th 1956 Their daughter Molly Died 4th May 1981 And their son Patrick Died June 9th 2005.

**Kerrigan and Mallon 53**

In loving memory of Edward Joseph Kerrigan Died 6th Jan 1927 Aged 8 years  
Also his brother Michael Died 5th April 1939 Aged 28 years And their parents  
Elizabeth Kerrigan Died 9th Oct 1953 Her husband Edward Died 20th feb 1966  
Mary Ellen Mallon Died 31st Jan 1969 Also her husband Peter Peter died 30-6-  
1994

**Keville 130**

In loving memory of John Keville Trean Died 20 March 1966 Aged 85 years His  
wife Sarah Died 1936 His parents and brothers Jimmie, Paddy & Harry And sister  
Bea Erected by his grandchildren.

**Larkin 40**

In loving memory of Mary Ann Larkin (?) Clooncolligan Died 3rd July 1933 Also  
her  
daughter Ellen Teresa Died 2nd July 1925 James died in infancy Her husband  
Michael Died 10th Sept 1956 R.I.P. Erected by their family.

**MacDermod 70**

O Lord Have mercy on the soul of James MacDermod Of Lisg..... Who departed  
this life On the 9th of December 1856 Aged 73 (?) years  
This stone erected to his Memory by his ..... Thomas

*It was not possible to read the rest of the placename. There  
is no townland starting Lisg- in Bornacoola parish.*

**Mallon – see Kerrigan and Mallon 53**

**Manning 8**

Erected by John Butler Manning 9 Lr Bridge St Dublin.... In affectionate  
remembrance of His ... Wife Anne Daughter of Michael Manning J.P. Longford  
Who died 24 July 1872 Aged ... Requiessat In Pacem

*This is the most ornate of the old memorials. It is  
surrounded by badly corroded railings. See Case Study  
"Manning".*

**Manning 12**

In Loving memory of Our father Frank Manning Tomiskey Co Longford Died 11th  
March 1947 Also our mother Annie Died 5th October 1964 And grandparents  
Patrick & Bridget Manning Meelragh.

*The headstone was replaced by a modern one in 2008. The  
original had an 'erected by' line at the end that  
unfortunately  
could not be deciphered. This is omitted from the new stone.  
See Case Study "Manning".*

**McCormack**

**42**

In Loving Memory of William McCormack Ruskey Died 22 Sept 1940 His wife Ann Augusta Died 4 June 1933 Their daughter Augusta Died 14 Feb 1947

**McDonald**

**94**

In Loving memory of John McDonald Poet and Patriot 1845-1932 His beloved Wife Mary Ann (nee Muldowney) 1855-1940 R.I.P.

*This stone lies under the large bush in the cemetery and is at times almost totally hidden although it was visible again in March 2009.*

**McGarry**

**46**

Of your charity Pray for the soul of James McGarry Who died 25th March 1904 Aged 60 years Jesus mercy! Mary help. R.I.P.

**McGarry**

**45**

I gcuimne Mrs Ellen McGarry Clooncolry died 26th Sept 1912 Michael McGarry (...?) 7th Nov 1916 Go ndéanaidh Dia trocaire orthu. 30-10-41

*The prayer at the end uses traditional Gaelic script, but is rendered here in modern script.*

**McGarry**

**150**

In loving memory of Frank McGarry Renefarna Died November 1928 And his wife Catherine Died May 1934 And their sons Ambrose Died November 1943 And John Henry Died June 1954 R.I.P. Erected by John Francis McGarry.

**McGarry (and Burbage)**

**154**

Erected To the memory of Michael McGarry Who died 25th of January 1880 aged 73 years And to the memory of his father Francis McGarry who died 9th of January

1863 aged 86 years May their souls rest in peace, amen Michael McGarry Ballygeeher Died 12th February 1934 Aged 79 years His wife Bridget Died 2nd July 1942 aged 83 years Their son James Died 6th Sept 1982 aged 81 years His wife Mae nee Burbage Died 24th July 1994 aged 85 years R.I.P. Erected by Michl & Ambrose McGarry

**McGarry (and Foster and Brosnan)**

**66**

In loving memory of Thomas McGarry Ballygeeher Died 30 may 1890 aged 70 years Wife Bridget McGarry (nee Foster) Died 6 June 1909 aged 76 years Thomas McGarry Died 17 may 1920 aged 55 years Interred in Chicago Wife Mary McGarry (nee Brosnan) Died 21 March 1925 aged 60 years John Patrick McGarry Died 20 Dec 1902 aged 6 months Edward James McGarry Died 7 July 1917 Aged

**McGarry – see Reynolds (and McGarry) and Bohan**

**72**

**McGarry – see Reynolds and McGarry**

**101**

**McGlynn 102**

Merciful Jesus have Mercy On the soul of William McGlynn, Drumard His wife Bridget Daughters Kate Elly(?) Mary Son Patrick Also his father and mother R.I.P. John McGlynn Died 1930 His wife Mary Ann Their daughters Bridget Mary Ann Josephine and son William Also their daughter Kate(?) Agnes who died 17th July 1988. Erected by William McGlynn.

**McGlynn 6**

In loving memory of Thomas McGlynn Edercloon who died Jan 11 1957 His wife Margaret Who died Aug 8 1968 Their son Ciaran Who died 1938 aged 3 years.

**McGoldrick 82**

Have mercy O Lord On the soul of Brg'd McGoldrick nee (?) Cain (?) Died March ??  
1906 Aged 64 years Also her son Michael Died Aug 13 1894 Aged 24 years.

**McGrath and Flynn 87**

In loving memory of Elizabeth McGrath Clooncarne Died 19th April 2004 aged 81 Son Barry, (interred) in London Died 25th Dec 2003 aged 58 Her mother Bridget Flynn Died 22nd Aug 1929 aged 30

**McGuinness 149**

In loving memory of Michael McGuinness Rooskeynamona Who died 8th Feb 1914 aged 74 yrs And his wife Annie who died 28th July 1919 aged 74 yrs Also their son James who died 8th Feb 1900 aged 24 yrs Also their daughter Mary who Died 11th Feb 1925 aged 50 yrs Patrick McGuinness died 23 Aug 1987 aged 78 yrs Francis McGuinness died 1 Nov 1990 aged 91 yrs

**McGuinness 148**

In loving memory of John McGuinness Rooskynamona Died 18 Sept 1926 aged 48 yrs His wife Mary Died 25 Feb 1963 aged 82 yrs Kathleen McGuinness Died 13 Feb 1992 Her husband Michael McGuinness Died 23 Nov 2002

**McGuinness – see Smith and McGuinness 36**

**McKeon 18**

Have mercy O Lord on the soul of James McKeon ..... R.I.C. (?) Died July 1st 1896  
Aged 42 years Also his mother Cathn McKeon Died 30th April 1896 Age 79 years.

*On first reading, James McKeon appeared to have held a rank of Superd (meaning Superintendent). However, further research revealed no such rank existed in the R.I.C. and so the conclusion is that this states P.C. Furthermore, Herlihy's "The RIC: A complete alphabetical list" shows no James McKeons of Officer rank. Badge numbers of the various James McKeons listed are: 17326; 24131; 28727; 38295; 40226;*

*49042; 53922; 61034; 68524; 68801. No further detail is available in this book.*

**McNulty 107**

In loving memory of Mary Ann McNulty (nee Shanley) Died 19th Nov 1937 Her husband Patrick Died 2nd Oct 1962, aged 65 yrs Their sons, Peter (Edenderry) Died 3rd July 1994, aged 68 yrs Thomas Died 5th Sept 1998, aged 74 yrs And the deceased members of the family of Thomas Shanley Clooneagh

**Molloy 52**

In Loving Memory Of Edward Molloy Clooncarn Who died June 8th 1900 His wife Anne Who died 22nd April 1916 Their children Martha died June 6th 1962 Eddie died Aug 12th 1928 His wife Alicia Who died April 2nd 1966 Their daughters Annie Died May 15th 1943 Mary ex N T died 17th April 1990 Willie Molloy died 3rd Dec 1995

**Muldowney 95**

In Loving memory of Annie Muldowney Died 1929 Her husband Pat Died 1943 Their sons Lawrence died 1918 James died 6th Mar 1990 Also Marian (infant) Died 1954 Mai Muldowney Died 23 Feb 1997 Aged 80 Years

**Murray – see Beirne (and Murray) 63**

**Naughton 23**

In loving memory of Michael Naughton Cloonart Who died Jan 4th 1933 His wife Margaret Who died May 2nd 1958 Their son David Who died July 20th 1967 Their Daughter Sabina Who died Aug 19th 1973.

**O'Beirne 83**

Erected by John O'Beirne Shannon View Rooskey In Memory of his parents John and Clare O'Beirne Who are Interred here Also of his brothers and sister who died as follows: Thomas Oct. 27 1866 aged 52 Francis Sep. 14 1886 " 58 Charles June 7 1887 " 72 Stephen Jan. 19 1892 " 70 Denis Nov. 7 1892 " 88 Clarendia " 28 1889 " 54 John O'Beirne died 20 Apr 1919 Also Mrs Denis O'Beirne who Died Mar. 6 1880 aged 80 years John O'Beirne Died 29th June, 1897 aged 84 years And his wife Ellen O'Beirne Died, Feb. 1910 aged 91 years John O'Beirne Died 15th November 1964 On whose souls ....

**O'Farrell 158**

In Loving Memory of Michael O Farrell Late of Dromard Dromod Died 6th October 1926. His Wife Margaret nee Reynolds Died 26th February 1942. Their Son James Died 26th July 1971. Also remembering their sons and daughter Fr. William (Florida) Died 5th Dec. 1959. Michael Died 31st Jan. 1970. Sean Died 23rd Aug 1972. Patrick Died 31st Aug. 1981. Mary (Baby Mahon) Died 10th Dec. *This is a brand new headstone, erected in 2008.*



**O'Farrell 85**

In; Loving memory; Of Clare Elizabeth O Farrell Shannonview Died Dublin 24th May 1924 Aged 3 years Also her aunt Clare Mary died May 1930 aged 27 years.

*This appears to the same Clare O'Farrell who is commemorated on stone 84.*

**O'Farrell 84**

In loving memory; Of Clare O Farrell Died 25th May 1924 Aged 3 1/2 years

*This is sandwiched between headstones 83 and 85, and seems to commemorate the same Clare O'Farrell who is also remembered on headstone 85.*

**O'Neill 128**

O Lord Have mercy on the soul of Bernard O'Neill Clooncarne Who died 13th October 1831 Aged 73 Years Also his wife Anne O'Neill Died January 1858 Aged 70 years And also their daughter Catherine O'Neill Who died December 1867 Aged 41 years Erected by their .... Son

**O'Neill 127**

In loving memory Of Edward O'Neill Died March 18th(?) 1912(?) Wife Mary O'Neill Died Feb 15th 1944 Kate O'Neill Died Nov 10(?) 1948 Kate O'Neill sister Died Sept 1st 1969 Eddie O'Neill who had this monument erected Died Sept 29th 1974 R.I.P. Erected by their son Eddie.

**O'Neill 125**

In loving memory of Edward O'Neill died 25 May 1900 His wife Rosanne O'Neill Died 6th March 1925 And their children Kate O'Neill died 20th Aug 1894 Thomas O'Neill 26th Oct 1941 Anne O'Neill 14th Nov 1904 James O'Neill 2nd June 1943 R.I.P. Erected by Elizabeth O'Neill

**Qenuven 1**

Qenuven T.... MA.... (remainder defaced)

*This Ogham stone only came to general notice in the early 20th Century. It was mounted in its current position in the 1950s'.*

**Reilly – see Campbell (and Burbage and Reilly) 59**

**Reilly - see Reynolds (and Beirne and Reilly) 76**

**Reynolds 26**

O Lord have mercy on the soul of Mary Reynolds who departed This life 3rd September 1895(?) Aged 25 years.... (Prayer?) Erected by her .... Father John Reynolds .....

**Reynolds 25**

Pray for the soul Of John Reynolds of Annacullen Who Died 21st Nov 1895 Aged 85 Years Also for the souls of His daughters Mary and Ellen

**Reynolds 27**

Pray For the Soul of Margaret Reynolds Annacullen Who died 3rd January 1900 aged 80 years Peter Reynolds Bally...(?) Died Nov 1937 [57?] His wife Mary Anne Died Oct 13 1956 Erected by their affectionate son Rev John Reynolds

**Reynolds 98**

Erected by James Reynolds Johnston's Bridge Died 1902 in memory of his beloved parents Robert and Mary Reynolds who are interred here Also his affectionate wife Anne Who died 10th Feb 1892 Aged 59 years And his sister Mary Who died 11th Feb 1852 Aged 45 years

**Reynolds 71**

O Lord Have mercy on the soul of Mary Reynolds Who depd this life 27th April 1861 aged 34 Years Erected by her daughter ..... Reynolds of Cloon.....

**Reynolds 126**

Your Charity Pray For the Soul of Catherine Reynolds Who died 17th May 1840. Aged 80 Years And Bernard Reynolds Son of the above Who died 18 June 1880(?) Aged 71 years.

**Reynolds 55**

For the love of The sacred heart of Jesus Pray for the soul of Michael Reynolds Rooskynamona Who died Nov 24th 1892 Aged 63 years Also his beloved wife Mary Who died March 6th 1902 Aged 64 years.

**Reynolds (and Beirne and Reilly) 76**

In Loving Memory of Ellen Reynolds (nee Beirne) Clooncolligan Died 6 March 1929 Her husband Patrick Died 8 March 1875 Her daughter-in-law Mary Reynolds (nee Reilly) Died 1 Feb 1974 Her infant son Patrick Michael Died July 1964.

**Reynolds (and McGarry) and Bohan 72**

In Loving Memory of John Mór Reynolds & His wife Mary McGarry Cloontumpher Also their daughter Elizabeth Bohan Died 23 December 1922 & Her husband James Bohan Died 20th March 1926 (prayer) Erected by Sean & Michael Bohan.

**Reynolds and McGarry 101**

In Loving memory of John Reynolds Knockdrinan Died 9th Sep 1943 His wife Brigid Died 13th July 1936 Their son James Died 20th May 1909 His brother Robert died 7th Oct 1929 His sisters Rose died 7th August 1932 Brigid McGarry died 12th Nov 1900 John Gerard Reynolds Died 25th April 1995 aged 81 years Mary (Mollie) Reynolds Died 14th Jan 1982.

**Reynolds – see Devine and Reynolds 48**

**Scully Bell 15**

O Holy Cross Under Thy Shelter We will Rest In loving memory of Edward Scully Bell Who died 8th January 1929 Aged 75 years Wife Mary Jane Died Nov(?) 1930 Their son Richard Died 20 May 1984 His wife Bridget died 5 Aug 1990 Erected by his wife and Children

**Shanley 51**

In Loving memory of James and Ellen Shanley Clooneen Shanley their sons James & John & Thomas Also their grandson James.

**Shanley 106**

In loving memory of William Shanley Clooneagh Died 11 March 1900 His wife Catherine Died 22 Aug 1907 Their grandsons John died 10 March 1919 William died 9th Sept 1965 Bridie Shanley Died 2 Aug 1995. Erected by their son John Shanley Longford 1920

**Shanley 137**

In loving memory of Michael & Ann Shanley Michael Shanley Clooncolry Died Jan 11th 1934 And his wife Mary A Died Feb 28th 1914 Michael Shanley Aughamore Died Aug 21st 1981 And his wife Elizabeth Died 6th July 1976 Erected by their affect? Sons Matthew Thomas & Michael

**Shanley 80**

In Loving Memory of Patrick Shanley Cloonatumpher Died 23rd January 1922 Aged 71 Years R.I.P. James Shanley Died 21st(?) Jan 1922 Aged 71 years His wife Eliza Died 6th June 1948 Aged 76 Years Erected by his nephews James and Patrick Beirne

**Shanly 86**

O Lord have mercy on the Soul of Patrick Shanly late Of Clooncolry who depd this life 22nd Nov 1880 aged 49 years R.I.P. This monument erected by his loving father Matthew Shanley.

**Shanley – see Winters (and Shanley) 92**

**Smith and McGuinness 36**

We have loved them in life Let us not forget them in death In Loving memory of John Smith Sandy Hill (?) Died 20 November 1925(?) Age 72 Years And his wife Anne Died 2nd April 1932 Aged 72 years Also their daughter Elizabeth McGuinness Died 14th November 1919 Aged 34 years R.I.P. Erected by The Family.

**Stewart, Peter** **134**

Erected by James Smyth Mason in memory of Peter Steward Who was killed on the 28th of October 1861 In the 36th Year of his age May he rest in peace amen.

**Tiernan** **88**

Pray for the souls of James Tiernan Died June 1937, aged 76 years His wife Mary Kate Died Sept 1935, aged 56 years Their son Michael Died March 1998, aged 88 years His wife Margaret (Gretta) Died July 1990, aged 73 years.

**Wimsey** **131**

Brother Kevin (John Wimsey) Born at Clooner, Co. Longford, Ireland 2nd May 1893 Died 25th April 19?? Lived 2 years in Community.

[BEHIND THIS IS:]

In Loving Memory of Mary Farrell Drumard Died .... 1954 Aged 73 years.

*The inscription is on a damaged metal plaque, and the headstone itself is damaged and broken in two. No further information can be gained from the plaque but according to the Booklet "Meandering Through Bornacoola" the dates are as quoted.*

**Winters (and Shanley)** **92**

In loving memory of Annie Winters Cashel Died April 10th 1920 Her husband John Winters Died September 7th 1946 Alice Winters (nee Shanley) Died May 12th 1997 Aged 81 years Her husband Michael Joseph Died October 15th 2000 Aged 90 years

## **Appendix 2 - Alphabetical Listing of Those Transcribed**

This appendix provides a full listing of all those named on the transcribed memorials. Note that in the case of married women, where the maiden name is known, this is entered separately from the married name, and is shown in italics. The same convention is applied for Brother Kevin (John Wimsey). The table should be read left to right, then down.

<b>Persons Name</b>	<b>Stone #</b>	<b>Persons Name</b>	<b>Stone #</b>
Beirne, Anthony	91	Beirne, Bernard	63
Beirne, Bernard	63	Beirne, Catherine	91
Beirne, Edward	91	Beirne, Edward	91
<i>Beirne, Ellen</i>	76	Beirne, Hugh	91
Beirne, John	63	Beirne, John Joe	91
Beirne, Kate	63	Beirne, Mary Kate	63
Beirne, May	63	Beirne, Michael	91
Bohan, Abby	2	Bohan, Elizabeth	72
Bohan, James	72	<i>Bohan, Kate</i>	21
<i>Bohan, Mary</i>	2	Bohan, William	73
<i>Brosnan, Mary</i>	66	Brother Kevin	131
Burbage, Catherine	29	Burbage, Edward	29
<i>Burbage, Elizabeth</i>	59	Burbage, Francis	140
<i>Burbage, Mae</i>	154	Burbage, Sarah	29
<i>Burns, Maria</i>	11	Byrn, Elizabeth	62
<i>Cain(?), Brg'd</i>	82	Campbell, Ann	59
Campbell, Annie	11	Campbell, Elizabeth	59
Campbell, James	59	Campbell, John	11
Campbell, John	59	Campbell, John	59
Campbell, Mary	59	Casey, Mary	129
Casserley, John	123	Casserley, Mary	123
Conan, James	54	Conan, Kate	54
Conboy, Stephen	135	Cox, Alin	121
Cox, Elenor	20	Cox, James	119
Cox, John	118	Cox, Katie	147
Cox, Mary	147	Cox, Michael	20
Cox, Michael	147	Cox, Thomas	147
Cox, Thos	121	Devine, Anne	56
Devine, Edward	48	Devine, Patrick	56
Devine, Rose	48	Devine, Stephen	56
Diffley, Brigid	111	Diffley, John	112
Diffley, Mary	112	Diffley, Mary Ellen	111
Diffley, Michael	111	Diffley, William	111
Donnely, Elenor	81	Donnely, Rose	81
Dooner (?), John	14		

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<i>Dooner, Anne</i>	21	Dooner, Bridget	14
Dooner, Bridget	21	Dooner, Edward	21
Dooner, Kate	21	Dooner, Thomas	21
Dorrigan, Anne	78	Dorrigan, Elizabeth	77
Dorrigan, Margaret	77	Dorrigan, Margaret Mary	77
Dorrigan, Rosaleen	77	Dorrigan, William	78
Doyle, Edward	132	Drum, Anne	54
Drum, Bridget	47	Drum, James	47
Drum, James	54	Drum, John	54
<i>Drum, Kate</i>	54	Duffy, Baby	54
Early, John	67	Edgeworth, Bernard	116
Edgeworth, Bernard	116	Edgeworth, John Tom	116
Edgeworth, Mary Ann	116	Farrell, Cat'ine	65
Farrell, Daniel	65	<i>Farrell, Elenor</i>	81
Farrell, Mary	131	Flynn Mary Kate	93
Flynn, Bridget	87	<i>Flynn, Elizabeth</i>	87
Flynn, Jane	93	Flynn, John	93
Flynn, John P	93	<i>Foster, Bridget</i>	66
Geelan, Ann	116	<i>Geelan, Annie</i>	11
<i>Geelan, Bridget</i>	14	Geelan, Cathrine	10
Geelan, Edward	11	Geelan, Eliza	11
Geelan, Francis	116	Geelan, James	11
Geelan, John	100	Geelan, Maria	11
Geelan, Maria	11	Geelan, Mary	10
Geelan, Matthew	11	Geelan, Patrick	10
Geelan, Patrick	11	Gray, Anne	21
Gray, John	21	Greene, George	145
Hedian, Bridget	19	Hoey, Bridget	38
Hoey, Bridgid	39	Hoey, Catherine	39
Hoey, Mary Elizabeth	39	Hoey, Michael	38
Hoey, Michael	38	Hoey, Michael	39
Hoey, Patrick	39	Igoe, James	90
Igoe, Margaret	90	Igoe, Michael	90
Kane, Bridget	129	Kane, Bridget	129
Kane, Catherine	129	Kane, John	129
Kane, John	129	Kelaugher, Alice	141
Kelaugher, Michael	141	<i>Kenna, Maria</i>	11
Kennedy, Anne	32	Kennedy, Bryan	31
Kennedy, Christopher	33	Kennedy, Edward	31
Kennedy, James	34	Kennedy, Mary Margaret	31
<i>Kerrigan(?), Mary Ellen</i>	53	Kerrigan, Ann	57
Kerrigan, Brigid	57	Kerrigan, Edward	53
Kerrigan, Edward Joseph	53	Kerrigan, Elizabeth	53
Kerrigan, John	57	Kerrigan, Kate	57

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Kerrigan, Margaret	57	Kerrigan, Mary E	58
Kerrigan, Michael	53	Kerrigan, Michael	57
Kerrigan, Molly	57	Kerrigan, Molly	58
Kerrigan, Pat	57	Kerrigan, Patrick	58
Kerrigan, Thomas	58	Keville, Bea	130
Keville, Harry	130	Keville, Jimmie	130
Keville, John	130	Keville, Paddy	130
Keville, Sarah	130	Larkin, Ellen Teresa	40
Larkin, James	40	Larkin, Mary Ann	40
Larkin, Michael	40	<i>Lennon, Sarah</i>	29
MacDermod, James	70	Mahon, Mary	158
Mallon, Mary Ellen	53	Mallon, Peter	53
Manning, Anne	8	Manning, Annie	12
Manning, Bridget	12	Manning, Frank	12
Manning, Patrick	12	McCormack, Ann Augusta	42
McCormack, Augusta	42	McCormack, William	42
McDonald, John	94	McDonald, Mary Ann	94
McGarry, Ambrose	150	McGarry, Bridget	66
McGarry, Bridget	154	McGarry, Brigid	101
McGarry, Catherine	150	McGarry, Edward James	66
<i>McGarry, Elizabeth</i>	72	McGarry, Ellen	45
McGarry, Francis	154	McGarry, Frank	150
McGarry, James	46	McGarry, James	154
McGarry, John Henry	150	McGarry, John Patrick	66
McGarry, Mae	154	McGarry, Mary	66
McGarry, Mary	72	McGarry, Michael	45
McGarry, Michael	154	McGarry, Michael	154
McGarry, Thomas	66	McGarry, Thomas	66
McGlynn, Bridget	102	McGlynn, Bridget	102
McGlynn, Ciaran	6	McGlynn, Elly	102
McGlynn, John	102	McGlynn, Josephine	102
McGlynn, Kate	102	McGlynn, Kate Agnes	102
McGlynn, Margaret	6	McGlynn, Mary	102
McGlynn, Mary Ann	102	McGlynn, Mary Ann	102
McGlynn, Patrick	102	McGlynn, Thomas	6
McGlynn, William	102	McGlynn, William	102
McGoldrick, Brg'd	82	McGoldrick, Michael	82
McGrath, Barry	87	McGrath, Elizabeth	87
McGuinness, Annie	149	McGuinness, Elizabeth	36
McGuinness, Francis	149	McGuinness, James	149
McGuinness, John	148	McGuinness, Kathleen	148
McGuinness, Mary	148	McGuinness, Mary	149
McGuinness, Michael	148	McGuinness, Michael	149
McGuinness, Patrick	149	McKeon, Catherine	18
McKeon, James	18	McNulty, Mary Ann	107
McNulty, Patrick	107	McNulty, Peter	107

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McNulty, Thomas	107	Molloy, Alicia	52
Molloy, Anne	52	Molloy, Annie	52
Molloy, Eddie	52	Molloy, Edward	52
Molloy, Martha	52	Molloy, Mary	52
Molloy, Willie	52	Muldowney, Annie	95
Muldowney, James	95	Muldowney, Lawrence	95
Muldowney, Mai	95	Muldowney, Marian	95
<i>Muldowney, Mary Ann</i>	94	Muldowney, Pat	95
<i>Murray, Kate</i>	63	<i>Murry, Alice</i>	141
Naughton, David	23	Naughton, Margaret	23
Naughton, Michael	23	Naughton, Sabina	23
O'Beirne, Charles	83	O'Beirne, Clare	83
O'Beirne, Clarenda	83	O'Beirne, Denis	83
O'Beirne, Ellen	83	O'Beirne, Francis	83
O'Beirne, John	83	O'Beirne, John	83
O'Beirne, John	83	O'Beirne, John	83
O'Beirne, Mrs Denis	83	O'Beirne, Stephen	83
O'Beirne, Thomas	83	O'Farrell, Clare	84
O'Farrell, Clare Elizabeth	85	O'Farrell, Clare Mary	85
O'Farrell, James	158	O'Farrell, Margaret	158
O'Farrell, Michael	158	O'Farrell, Michael	158
O'Farrell, Patrick	158	O'Farrell, Sean	158
O'Farrell, William	158	O'Neill, Anne	125
O'Neill, Anne	128	O'Neill, Bernard	128
O'Neill, Catherine	128	O'Neill, Eddie	127
O'Neill, Edward	125	O'Neill, Edward	127
O'Neill, James	125	O'Neill, Kate	125
O'Neill, Kate	127	O'Neill, Kate	127
O'Neill, Mary	127	O'Neill, Rosanne	125
O'Neill, Thomas	125	Qenuven	1
Qenuven	1	<i>Reilly, Mary</i>	59
<i>Reilly, Mary</i>	76	Reynolds, Anne	98
Reynolds, Bernard	126	<i>Reynolds, Brigid</i>	101
Reynolds, Brigid	101	Reynolds, Catherine	126
Reynolds, Ellen	25	Reynolds, Ellen	76
Reynolds, James	48	Reynolds, James	98
Reynolds, James	101	Reynolds, John	25
Reynolds, John	101	Reynolds, John Gerard	101
Reynolds, John Mór	72	Reynolds, Margaret	27
Reynolds, Mary	25	Reynolds, Mary	26
Reynolds, Mary	55	Reynolds, Mary	71
Reynolds, Mary	76	Reynolds, Mary	98
Reynolds, Mary	98	Reynolds, Mary (Mollie)	101
Reynolds, Mary Anne	27	Reynolds, Michael	55
Reynolds, Patrick	48	Reynolds, Patrick	48



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Reynolds, Patrick	76	Reynolds, Patrick Michael	76
Reynolds, Peter	27	Reynolds, Peter	48
Reynolds, Robert	98	Reynolds, Robert	101
Reynolds, Rose Anne	48	Reynolds, Teresa	48
Reynolds, Rose	101	Scully Bell, Bridget	15
Scully Bell, Edward	15	Scully Bell, Mary Jane	15
Scully Bell, Richard	15	<i>Shanley(?), Ann</i>	116
<i>Shanley, Alice</i>	92	Shanley, Ann	137
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Shanley, Michael	137	Shanley, Michael	137
Shanley, Michael	137	Shanley, Patrick	80
Shanley, Thomas	51	Shanley, William	106
Shanley, William	106	<i>Shanly, Cat'ine</i>	65
Shanly, Patrick	86	Smith, Anne	36
<i>Smith, Elizabeth</i>	36	Smith, John	36
Stewart, Peter	134	Tiernan, James	88
Tiernan, Margaret	88	Tiernan, Mary Kate	88
Tiernan, Michael	88	<i>Wimsey, John</i>	131
Winters, Alice	92	Winters, Annie	92
Winters, John	92	Winters, Michael Joseph	92

### **Appendix 3 - Interred not Transcribed**

The transcribed memorials only cover those with at least one person stated to have died prior to 1940. Therefore there are a number of other memorials in the cemetery commemorating people not included in the transcriptions. These are listed here.

<b>Name Of Interred</b>	<b>Stone No.</b>	<b>Died</b>	<b>Aged</b>
Beirne, Christina	79	11/02/1956	36
Bohan, Patricia	103	20/02/1948	
Burbage, Catherine	28	1/09/1960	
Burbage, Edward	28	16/10/1945	
Campbell, Catherine (nee Crowe)	60	19/09/1944	
Campbell, Kitty (nee McDonald)	60	30/07/1988	
Campbell, Margaret Anne (nee Flynn)	60	23/12/1967	
Campbell, Peter	60	20/11/1991	
Campbell, Peter	60	18/08/1958	
Campbell, Thomas P	60	26/07/1982	
Cassidy, Patrick	109	27/07/1981	
Collum, Ellen Jane (nee Diffley)	114	11/08/1978	
Collum, Peter	114	07/07/1950	
Conboy, Christopher	7	01/04/1981	
Conboy, Luke	9	25/01/1996	78
Conboy, Mary Ann	9		
Conboy, Michael	9		
Conboy, Michael Thomas	9	01/10/1979	58
Corcoran, Dennis	16		
Corcoran, Edward	16		
Corcoran, John	16		
Corcoran, Marie (nee McGarry?)	16		
Cox, Mary Kate	146	05/12/1970	
Cox, Michael	146	16/07/1956	
Devine, Elizabeth	49	09/02/1981	
Devine, James	113		
Devine, Patrick	49	May 1971	
Devine, Rose	113		
Diffley, Catherine (nee Glynn)	110	02/05/2003	
Diffley, John Patrick	117	04/02/1970	88
Diffley, Marcella	117	12/05/1968	78
Diffley, Norah	13	2/2/2000	92
Diffley, Thomas	110	29/11/1977	
Diffley, Thomas	13	26/07/1984	80
Doyle, John	133	10/04/1975	89
Doyle, John	133	09/08/1981	
Doyle, Mary (nee Diffley)	133	08/03/1971	79
Farrell, Edward	69	24/04/1968	73

<b>Name Of Interred</b>	<b>Stone No.</b>	<b>Died</b>	<b>Aged</b>
Farrell, Kate	69	01/05/1989	89
Fitzpatrick, James	122		
Fitzpatrick, Mary	122		
Fitzpatrick, Thomas	122	10/07/1972	84
Fox, Ann	99		
Fox, Mrs Annie	99	06/09/1983	70
Fox, Elizabeth	96	22/03/1955	
Fox, Ellen	99		
Fox, Helen	99		
Fox, Kathleen	99	06/10/1949	71
Fox, Mary A	99		
Fox, Pakie	99	15/02/1994	86
Fox, Patrick	99		
Fox, Patrick	96	27/1/1950	71
Fox, Patrick	99		
Fox, Thecla	99		
Fox, Teresa	99		
Greene, Anne	144	Sept 1970	73
Greene, Frank	144	20/02/1996	74
Greene, Patrick	144	30/03/1998	74
Greene, William	144	Jan 1963	83
Harvey, Ann	113		
Igoe, Bernard	89	26/06/1964	
Igoe, Margaret	89	14/09/1959	
Kelleher, Celia	157	04/01/1962	
Kellegher, Ellen	97	13/03/1997	
Kellegher, Patrick	97	27/10/1976	
Kelleher, Thomas	157	03/06/1964	
McGarry, Annie	44	09/08/1974	78
McGarry, Bridget	155		
McGarry, Catherine	155		
McGarry, Edward	155		
McGarry, John	155		
McGarry, John Francis	151	22/12/1996	68
McGarry, John Joe	152	04/09/1980	
McGarry, John Joe	44	01/09/1981	57
McGarry, Lizzie	16		
McGarry, Michael	16		
McGarry, Very Rev Michael	156	18/03/1985	
McGarry, Michael Ciaran	153	03/09/2003	
McGarry, Michael Joe	44	14/06/1972	79
McGarry, Mrs	16		
McGarry, Vera	44	19/08/1985	54
McGarry, William	155		

<b>Name Of Interred</b>	<b>Stone No.</b>	<b>Died</b>	<b>Aged</b>
McGlynn, Elizabeth	24	22/02/1966	
McGlynn, Ellen	103	10/11/1986	
McGlynn, Ellen	24	29/02/1948	
McGlynn, Gertrude	5	14/5/1972	
McGlynn, James Patrick	5	03/10/1973	
McGlynn, Johnny	4	26/12/2002	
McGlynn, Patrick	103	23/02/1974	
McGlynn, Patrick	24	14/02/1948	
McGlynn, Seamus	103	Nov 1991	
McGlynn, Winifred	103	09/11/2000	
McGuinness, Patrick Joseph	37	04/06/1949	29
McGuinness, Michael	37	Aug 1965	66
McGuire, Josephine	43	11/07/1987	70
McLoughlin, Annie	113	18/06/1966	
McLoughlin, Bridget	113	22/05/1966	
McLoughlin, Bridget (nee Devine)	113	01/09/1972	
McNulty, Thomas Francis	108	05/09/1996	
O'Flynn, Ellen	61	13/07/1947	
O'Flynn, Michael	61	07/03/1953	
O'Flynn, Thomas J	61		
Reynolds, Anne K	50	17/01/1965	
Reynolds, Bernard	50	29/04/1974	
Reynolds, Bridget	75	17/03/1971	74
Reynolds, Bridget (nee Bohan)	115	27/01/1973	
Reynolds, Francis	50	31/05/1962	
Reynolds, John	74	07/05/1988	65
Reynolds, Joseph	115	29/09/1991	
Reynolds, Michael	75	01/05/1965	76
Reynolds, Teresa M	50	12/10/1945	
Shanley, Anthony Joseph	136	1989	
Shanley, Bridget	104		
Shanley, Gerard	104	07/12/1970	
Shanley, James	104		
Shanley, Mary	104		
Shanley, Michael	124	10/08/1977	
Shanley, Michael	138	1989	
Shanley, Patrick	104		
Shanley, Teresa	139	17/01/1998	
Shanley, Teresa	124	09/03/1979	
Shuel, Eamon	41	29/03/1999	58
Smith, Francis	35	1959	
Smith, Margaret	35	1969	
Smith, Patrick	35	1979	
Smith, Tom	35	1955	

Name Of Interred	Stone No.	Died	Aged
Smith, William	35	1987	
White, Henry	120	09/09/1941	79

### **Appendix 4 – Surname Summary**

This is a listing of all surnames on memorials in the old part of the cemetery, together with the frequency of their occurrences. These are the names people are interred under (maiden names not taken into account)

Surnames	Nos.	Surnames	Nos.	Surnames	Nos.	Surnames	Nos.
Beirne	14	Doyle	4	Keville	6	Muldowney	6
Bohan	5	Drum	5	Larkin	4	Naughton	4
Brother Kevin	1	Duffy	1	MacDermod	1	None	1
Burbage	6	Edgeworth	4	Mahon	1	O Kennedy	1
Byrn	1	Farll	1	Mallon	2	O'Beirne	13
Campbell	14	Farrell	5	Manning	5	O'Farrell	10
Casey	1	Fitzpatrick	3	McCormack	3	O'Flynn	3
Casserley	2	Flynn	5	McDonald	2	O'Neill	14
Cassidy	1	Fox	13	McGarry	37	Reynolds	44
Collum	2	Geelan	13	McGlynn	25	Scully Bell	4
Conan	2	Gray	2	McGlynn,	1	Shanley	31
Conboy	6	Greene	5	McGoldrick	2	Shanly	1
Corcoran	4	Harvey	1	McGrath	2	Shuel	1
Cox	12	Hedian	1	McGuinness	1	Smith	7
Devine	9	Hoey	8	McGuinness	12	Stewart	1
Diffley	12	Igoe	5	McGuire	1	Tiernan	4
Donnely	1	Kane	5	McKeon	2	White	1
Donnely,	1	Kelaugher	2	McLoughlin	3	Winters	4
Dooner	5	Kelleher	4	McNulty	5		
Dooner(?)	1	Kennedy	5	Meehan	1		
Dorrigan	6	Kerrigan	16	Molloy	8		

### **Appendix 5 – Some Early Births and Deaths**

The following table uses, where available, stated ages at death to calculate the possible birth years of a small number of those interred in Cloonmorris, using 1850 as a cut-off point for births. The data is sorted in ascending order of birth year. As with many records of this type, a great deal of caution is recommended in relation to years of birth, as in many cases a rounded age can be assumed to have been recorded for the deceased.

**Table 8: Deduced Years of Birth**

<b>Surname</b>	<b>Maiden Name</b>	<b>First Names</b>	<b>Stone No</b>	<b>Death</b>	<b>Year Born</b>
Farrell		David	65	April 1770	1705
Byrn		Elizabeth	62	19/05/1776	1716
Cox		James	119	06/10/1776	1726
Farll		John	67	15/10/1779	1733
Cox		Thos	121	25/10/1796	1734
Kelaugher		Michael	141	1806	1737
Farrell	Shanly	Cat'ine	65	25/12/1810	1743
Kelaugher	Murry	unclear	141	1804	1749
Dooner	Geelan	Bridget	14	13/11/1806	1751
O'Neill		Bernard	128	13/10/1831	1758
Reynolds		Catherine	126	17/05/1840	1760
White		Henry	120	09/09/1941	1762
Meehan		Bridget	19	15/10/1799	1763
Dooner(?)		John	14	1806	1775
McGarry		Francis	154	09/01/1863	1777
Devine		Edward	48	01/08/1843	1778
Diffley		John	112	16/10/1854	1785
MacDermod		James	70	1856	1786
O'Neill		Anne	128	January 1858	1788
Geelan		Patrick	10	07/09/1858	1789
O Kennedy		James	34	27/10/1816	1789
O'Beirne		unknown	83	06/03/1880	1800
Diffley		Mary	112	20/12/1858	1801
O'Beirne		Denis	83	07/11/1892	1804
Cox		John	118	06/12/1823	1807
McGarry		Michael	154	25/01/1880	1807
Reynolds		Mary	98	11/02/1852	1807
Burbage	Lennon	Sarah	29	17/12/1878	1809
Reynolds		Bernard	126	18/06/1880	1809
Reynolds		John	25	21/11/1895	1810
O'Beirne		John	83	29/06/1897	1813
O'Beirne		Thomas	83	27/10/1866	1814
O'Beirne		Charles	83	07/06/1887	1815
McKeon		Michael	18	24/08/1896	1817
O'Beirne		Ellen	83	Feb. 1910	1819
McGarry		Thomas	66	30/05/1890	1820
Reynolds		Margaret	27	03/01/1900	1820
Greene		George	145	02/11/1840	1821
O'Beirne		Stephen	83	19/01/1892	1822
Stewart		Peter	134	28/10/1861	1825

Surname	Maiden Name	First Names	Stone No	Death	Year Born
Drum		James	47	23/04/1900	1826
McGarry		James	46	25/03/1904	1826
O'Neill		Catherine	128	December 1867	1826
Reynolds		Mary	71	27/04/1861	1827
Kennedy		Anne	32	01/02/1895	1828
O'Beirne		Francis	83	14/09/1886	1828
Reynolds		Michael	55	24/11/1892	1829
Shanly		Patrick	86	22/11/1880	1831
Doyle		Edward	132	08/01/1877	1832
Bohan		Abby	2	18/02/1900	1833
McGarry	Foster	Bridget	66	06/06/1909	1833
O'Beirne		Clarenda	83	28/11/1889	1834
McGarry		Michael	154	12/02/1934	1835
Shanley	Bohan	Mary	2	18/03/1902	1837
Drum		Bridget	47	09/08/1912	1838
Geelan		Patrick	11	1919	1838
Reynolds		Mary	55	06/03/1902	1838
Geelan	Burns	Maria	11	1914	1839
McGuinness		Michael	149	08/02/1914	1840
McGoldrick	Cain?	Brigid	82	March 1906	1841
McGuinness		Annie	149	28/07/1919	1844
McDonald		John	94	1932	1845
Geelan		James	11	1903	1847
Hoey		Patrick	39	Aug 1917	1847
Geelan	Kenna	Maria	11	1925	1848
Hoey		Catherine	39	April 1924	1848
Hoey		Bridget	39	Jan 1927	1850

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