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- STOP 1 BLOODY BRIDGE**
Located just off the Crevenagh Road, this is the site of a botched attempt to rescue Sir Phelim O'Neill in 1652. O'Neill was behind the unsuccessful 1641 rebellion 11 years earlier. There is a small car park at the bridge.
- STOP 2 DONAGHANIE CHURCH RUIN**
Just off the Crevenagh Road behind the farmstead rise the remains of an early Christian settlement and three church ruins and graveyard. Parking is available in the farmyard.
- STOP 3 CLOGHERNEY PARISH CHURCH**
The graveyard at this church, which was burned several times since the 17th century, contains the burial ground of the Buchanan family, ancestors of the 15th American President, James Buchanan (1857-1861).
- STOP 4 BERAGH VILLAGE**
The village was referenced on the Plantation map of 1609 and was the property of 1st Earl Belmore, resident of Castle Coole, Enniskillen (now under the care of the National Trust).
- STOP 5 COOLEY SWEEP**
Cooley Sweep was a natural resting place between Sixmilecross and Beragh where people stopped to pass the time of day. Drive back to Beragh village and turn left onto Redergan Road and follow signs to Redergan Viewpoint.
- STOP 6 REDERGAN VIEWPOINT**
Once on the Kilcarm Road travel to the highest point and pull into the side to take in panoramic views of the Sperrin mountains to the north and the Bluestack mountains to the west.
- STOP 7 BALLYHALLAGHAN HOUSE**
In front of Ballyhallaghan House is a beech tree which carries Marshall's name etched when a child. Nearby is the Cloughfin river, a favourite Marshall fishing spot.
- STOP 8 THE LAD'S HOUSE**
Follow signs to the home of "The Lad", subject of a very moving poem relating to World War One 1914-1918.
- STOP 9 SHANE BRIDGE**
This bridge was named after Shane Bernagh one of the most infamous "Rapparee" (criminal) in County Tyrone in the 17th century. The people of this area figured in RL Marshall's works such as the poem "Unconquered".
- STOP 10 CAVANREAGH HILLS VIEWPOINT**
Cavanreagh Hills were once the playing fields of the Marshall brothers and their classmates.
- STOP 11 BERNISH GLEN**
Park in the lay-by and take in the splendour of this wonderful geographical feature. It is believed that caves in the glen were used by Shane Bernagh and his gang.
- STOP 12 NINE MILE HOUSE**
This location takes its name from the fact that it served as a staging post in the 18th century, being nine Irish miles from Omagh, Dungannon and Ballygawley. Not far away is the old railway bridge where "John the Liar" provided the story line a poem of that name.

- STOP 13 DUNMISK FORT**
The site at Dunmisk was originally a prehistoric earthwork, which was modified and used by an Early Christian monastic community. It sits on a ridge with a commanding view of the Camowen River valley.
- STOP 14 ALTMORE FISHERY**
The bog nearby proved very difficult for King James' army as artillery has to be abandoned. Also nearby is the homestead of the famous American General Shiels. Why not visit the fishery and you might even catch your tea!
- STOP 15 TERMON GLEN**
The glen has a well known landmark called the "Bush", a tree standing in the road junction. The area was planted by a member of the Alexander family and within the glen is Athenree portal tomb, a relic of prehistoric Ireland.
- STOP 16 DRUMLISTER**
Near Carrickmore Village is Clabber Lane. Here you can see the house which inspired Marshall to write his most famous poem "Me an' Me Da" (also called Drumlister).
- STOP 17 SAM BLOW'S GLEN**
This glen, named after a 16th century planter, is a glacial valley with the Cavanreagh Hills in the background. Inspiration from this landscape was used by Marshall in his publication "Planted by a River".
- STOP 18 FAIRY HILL**
This hill featured in several poems written by both Marshall brothers.
- STOP 19 SIXMILECROSS**
Sixmilecross (six Irish miles from Omagh) is believed to have been established in 1634 and Tullyneil Hill, just outside, is said to be the geographical centre of Ulster. St Michael's Church of Ireland has a stained glass window commemorating the Dunlap family, one of whom, John Dunlap printed the United States Declaration of Independence. In 1916 Marshall was installed as Presbyterian Minister and in 1959 he died and was buried in the graveyard.
- STOP 20 DRUMDUFF HILL**
Two miles from Sixmilecross is Drumduff Hill. Nearby is the Remackin River considered by the Marshall brothers to be "the best mile of fishing".
- STOP 21 DERORAN BOG**
This bog is an ASSI (An Area of Special Scientific Interest) which has been identified by scientific survey as being of the highest degree of conservation value. Once a large lake, turf cutters in the 1950s found a wooden dugout boat dating from 100AD and it is now in the care of the Ulster Museum in Belfast.
- STOP 22 LEAP BRIDGE**
Stop off a while at the picnic site just below the bridge and watch the Camowen River meander by.
- STOP 23 DUNMULLAN**
Approximately four miles north of Omagh off the B48 Omagh to Gortin is the hamlet of Dunmullan, where Marshall spent summer holidays with his grandparents. At the cross roads there is information on other local places of interest.

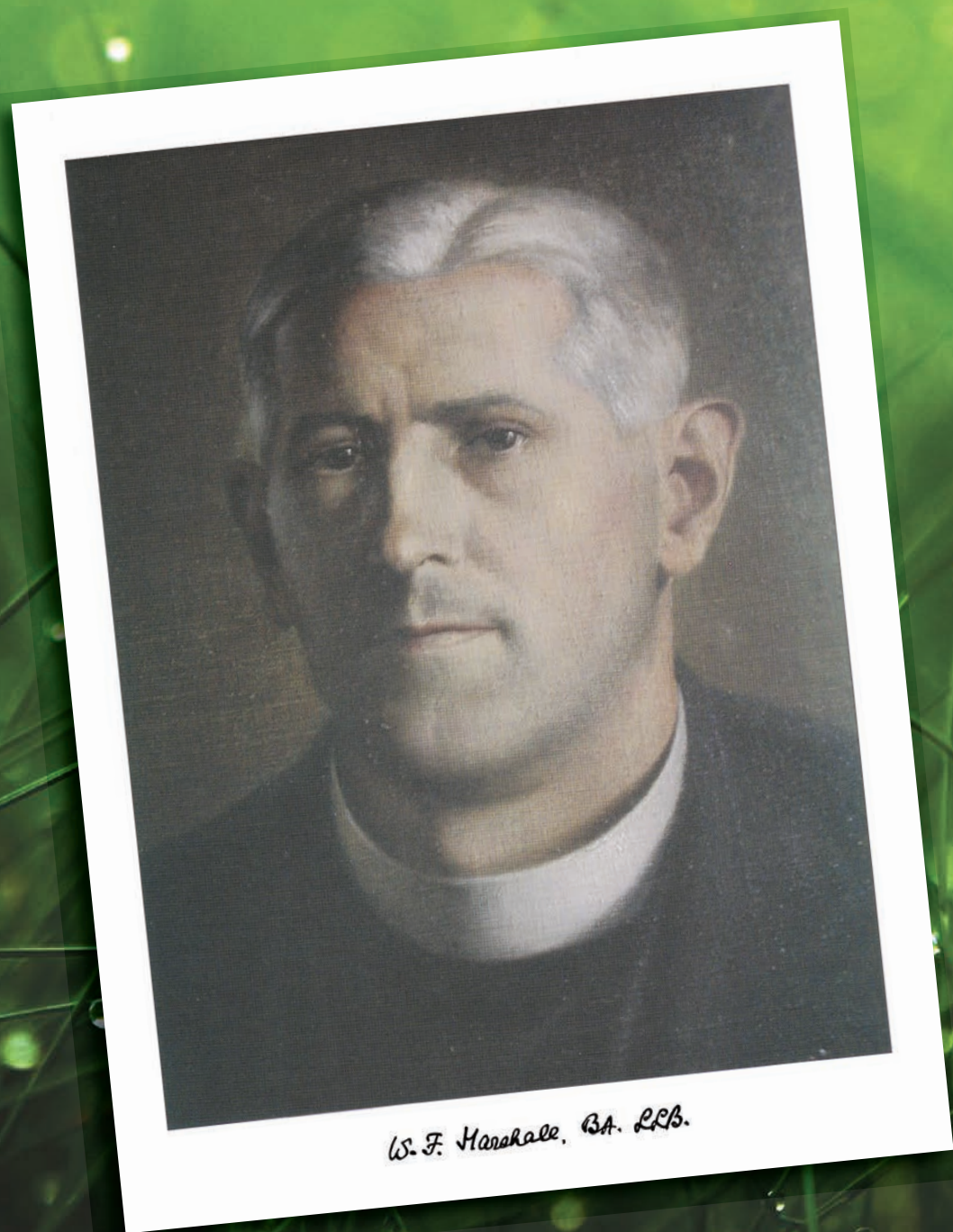


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WELCOME TO THE MARSHALL COUNTRY TRAIL

Welcome to the Marshall Country Trail named after the famous author and poet William Forbes Marshall (1888-1959). The Marshall Country Trail is a fifty one mile touring route through the towns, villages and townlands of mid Tyrone. This signposted trail commences from Omagh with twenty-three stops along the way. Simply just follow the signs!!

Tullyneil

*Enchantment waited here for me
In boyhood's golden day,
And still each gate and hedge and tree
Can sweep the years away,
And conjure pictures of the kind
No canvas need retain,
For I can paint them in my mind
And live my youth again.*

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