

THE COUNTIE OF GALLOWAY.

This Countie contayneth a great quantity of Land lying in a manner Square between thomond and maio, South and North between the Sheynen and the Sea East and West. It hath the River suck and the Countie of Roscoman to the Northeast thereof.

This Countie hath three Byshopricks
Tooam one Byshoprick
Clonfert a Byshoprick upon the Sheynen
Kilmacoughe a Byshoprick in Oshaghnes
Countrie
Galloway[1] exceeding fayre and well built
Athenrie[2] all ruined saving the Wall

*Corporal
Townes*

The principall Merchants[3] and Citizens in both are Linches[4]

Blakes [5]
Martins [6]
Frenches [7]
Darcies [8]
Skerrets [9]

Principall Castles

Meleeke belonging to the Quene
Portumno to the Earle of Clanrickard
Balliloughreaghe, the Earle of Clanrickard's
chief Hous
Ouran belonging to him also
Letrim to the Earle's eldest Sone
Goorte
Dunlaghlen, to one of the Odallies [10]
Longfoord
Clonfert to the Bishop thereof.
Ballineslo to Capten Brabazon's Sone
The Castle of Teaquin belonging to one of the
O'Kellies [11]

Men of Name

The Castle of Athenrie belonging to the Lord Bretingham
The Castle of Donemone and Turlevaghan be
longing to him also [12]
The Cabboyhe belonging to Frances Shayn
The Abbey of Kilconnell belonging to the
Quene
The Earle of Clanrickard [13] his name is Burke
The L. Brymingham his name is Bretingham
Sir Hubert Mc Davie[14] his name is Burke Mac-
koogh

The several Houses of the Burches[15] of Leytrim Of Clonrickard.

A great Sept of the O'Kellies[16] whereof are manie Houses.

The Omaddens [17]

O'Shaghnes [18]

Frances Shaen.

Oflagherties [19]

Thomas Dillon, Justice of Conaught.

The 3 Ilands of Arien[] are in this Countie within a Kenninge of the Towne of Galloway.

This Countie is in a manner unpeopled by reason of the Spoyles committed in the last Rebellion, partlie by the rebell and partlie by the Souldier, and the great famine that followed thereupon, which hath so wasted this countie that scarce the hundereth men or Hous is to be found now that was Several years ago. There is in Rebellion some of the Kellies and Burkes" and Omaddens, and in a sort all the Countie saving the Towne of Galloway and the Earle of Clanrickard and some of his Friends.

[1] A proper neat city. — *Campion*. The townsmen and wemmen present a more civil show of life than other towns of Ireland do. — *Lord Justice Pelham*. Noe towne in the three nations (London excepted) is more considerable for commerce. — *H. Cromwell* and Privy Council quoted by Hardiman. The *Description of Connaught* of the British Museum, dated 1612, which seems identical with that of the Lambeth MSS. written by Sir Oliver St. John in 1614, says — 'Galway is small but all of fayer and stately buildings ; the fronts of their howses towards the streets, being all of hewed stone, upp to the topp, and garnysed with fayer battlements in an uniform cowrse, as if the whole towne hadd beene builte upon one modell. The merchants are riche and great adventurers at sea. They keepe goode hospitality and are kind to strangers, and in their manner of entertaynement and in fashioning and appearlinge themselves and their wives doe most preserve the ancyeut manner and state of any town that ever I sawe. The towne is built upon a rocke envyroned almost with the sea and the ryver, compassed with a strong wall, and good defences, after the auncient manner, and such as with a fewe men it may defend itself against any army.'

[2] ' Eight miles from Galway, elder than yt, built by the English, whiles they hadd their swords in their hands, and kept themselves close in garryson. Now it hath a very small and poore habitacion and people. Yet the walls stand still large in compass and very strong and fayer.'— *Descript. of Con.* 1612.

[3] The chief families or ' tribes ' were
' Athy, Blake, Bodkin, Browne, Dean, Darcy, Lynch,
Joyes, Kirwan, Martin, Morris, Skerret, French.'

From 1590 to 1609 there were 7 mayors and 16 bailiffs named Lynch ; 4 mayors and 5 bailiffs named French ; 3 mayors and 4 bailiffs named Martin. The Mayor of 1598 was Nicholas Kirwan Fitz-Denis ; the Bailiffs were Marcus and Nat. Blake. The Members for Galway in 1585 were P. Lynch, Yonoke Lynch, and Robuck French. In 1518 the Corporation enacted that — ' If any man should bring an Irishman to brage or boste upon the toune to forfeit 12d. That no man shall oste or receive into their houses any of the Burks, Mc Williams, the Kellies. nor no cepte elles on pain of £5, that nether O ne Mac shall strutte ne swaggere thro' the streets of Galway.' — *Hardiman's Galway*, p. 201.

Names of Galway Jurymen in 1609 : Lynch FitzEdmund, alderman ; Browne, alderman ; 2 Kirwans, 3 Lynches, 2 Bodkins, 1 Blake, Athie, Martin and Bige, merchants J Teig Ballaghe, shoumaker; M c Follane, brogmaker; Mc Coghlane, weaver; O'Many, cottner; Shoy, taylour; Nolan, goldsmith ; MTnylley, glower ; O'Mollhane, cooper ; Duff, O'Fodaghe and Loghlin, fishermen.

[4] Ninety Lynches were Mayors from 1274 to 1654, and not one since. John L. made Bishop of Elphin by Elizabeth in 1584, surrendered the see in 1611, 'lived a concealed and died a public papist,' is buried in St. Nicholas' Church. — *Hardiman's Galway*, p. 235. The Royal Visitation of 1615 says : Wee found in Galway a publique schoolmaster named Lynch, placed there by the citizens, who had a great number of schollers not only out of that Province but also out of the Pale and other parts resorting unto him. We had daily proof during our continuance in that city how well his schollers profitted under him, by verses and orations which they presented to us. We sent for that schoolemaster before us, and seriously advised him to conform to the Religion established, and not prevailing with our advices, we enjoyed him to forbear teaching: and I, the Chancellor, did take a recognizance of him and some others of his Kinsmen in that city, in the sum of £400 sterling, that from thenceforth he would forbear to teach any more. — *Iar-Connaught*, p. 215.

Nich. L, Mayor, had 12 sons; the eldest, Henry became Mayor, M.P. and a Baronet and was ancestor of Sir H. Lynch Blossse. Sir Henry d. in 1633 leaving £500 for the marriage portions of 'poor maydens of the birth of Galway, for ever, 'the Linches and then the Martines to be preferred. — See Will in *Iar-Connacht*, p. 36.

Lynch of Shruel lived with much splendor . . . was grandfather Fr. Dominick L. the learned Regent of the College of St. Thomas Seville. Dr. J. Lynch, Archbishop of Tuam in 1674, said that, '*Since the time of St. Patrick*, the L. always preserved the Catholic faith.' Dominick L. in 1580 built the west side of the Town Hall at his own expense and founded a free school. — See *Irish Arch. Miscel.*, Vol. i., p. 48, 55.

[5] Blake of Ardfry was father of Sir R. B., Speaker of the Supreme Council, and ancestor of Lord Wallscourt. Blake FitzWalter, Mayor in 1611 and 1630, became a Baronet in 1622, is ancestor of Sir V. Blake of Menlough. Nicholas B., merchant, d. in 1620, owning Kilturroge etc. and lands around Athenry.

[6] Francis M., merchant, d. 1615 seized of Ballyglasse, etc. in Mayo. Robert M. d. 1622 seized of several lands in Iar-Connaught.

[7] R. French d. 1628 possessed of the castles of Dongendrick, Menlagh, etc. in Iar-Connaught. Patrick F. of the Castle of Monivea, d. 1630. Oliver Oge F. was Mayor in 1597 ; his wife, ne'e Joyce, was called *Margaret na Drehid*, Margaret of the Bridges, as she built stone bridges all through Connaught. — *Iar-Con.* p. 41, and *Hardiman's Galway*.

[8] Dorseys were Mayors in 1602 and 1614, and Bailiffs in 1602 and 1608. On Darcy's vault in the Franciscan Abbey we read — 'Epitaphium D. Jacobi Darcy Majoris, Connaciae Praesidis, Galviae Praetoris etc. Qui ob. an. 1603

Hie Amor Heroum, Decus urbis, Norma Senatus,
Mensa peregrini, pauperis area jacet.

This tomb was repaired by the descendants of James Darcy in the year 1728. Pray for the dead.' This was Darcy *Riveach* (the swarthy); his 7th son, Patrick, born in 1598, was a famous lawyer and a member of the Confederate Council.

[9] Edmund S., head of the race, owned the castle of Ath-cin or Headford in 1641. Skerrets were Mayors in 1594 and 1605. Brownes were Mayors in 1574, 1575 and 1609. Bodkin in 1610 ; Kirwans in 1598 and 1608; Mareis (Morris?) in 1588. In the Church of St. Nicholas there are tombs with the inscription, ' Pray for the Soule of Alderman Dominick Browne and his Posterity, who dyed in 1576.' 'Here lieth the Bodys of Richard Browne, his son Matthew Browne and their children — God rest their souls. Amen. 1635.' ' Moriertha O'Fiemagh, and his wife Kate Kernanigonhiv, and his brother Teig Og. An. 1580.'
— *Hardiman's Galway*, p. 268.

[10] 'Donnall O'Daly, a gentleman, who had command of a party of soldiers on the English side, in 1589 fell fighting against the Burkes of Tirawly.' — *Four Masters*. In 1641 Lieutenant Dermot O'D. with 3 companies of foot and 30 musketeers defended the Castle of Tirellan against the insurgents — a brave officer, grandson of Dermot O'D. of Lerra Co. Galway, gent, who in 1578 obtained from Elizabeth the lordship, castles and lands of Lerra.
— *Hardiman's Galway*, p. 112.

[11] 'Hy-Many or O'Kellys country comprises the baronies of Athlone and Athcarnan in Roscommon, and of Tiaquin, Kilconnell and Killian in Galway. In 1585, Hugh O'K. of Lisdallon in Roscommon, who was chief, renounced the title of O'Kelly. His Tanist, Teig Mc William O'K. of Mullaghmore, was chief in the baronies of Tiaquin and Kilconnell ; and Teig's rival for the Tanistship was Conor Og O'K., of Killian barony. Under Teig was O'Mannin of Mynloch (whose castle, says O'Donovan, was lately destroyed by lightning) ; under Conor was O'Concannen of Kiltullagh. — *Hy-Many* p. 18 ; *Iar-Con.*, p. 320.

[12] '*Brymegham's Country, or Barony of Donemore* ; ' Ullick, earle of Clanrickard ; Edmond Brymidgham, lord barron of Athenrie ; Tibbot boy Mc Jonen, of Tobberkeoghe ; Donyll O'Higgin, of Killelona ; J. duffe Brymidgham, of Feartemore ; R. Fowlle, of Feartemore ; W. Brymidgham, of Miltoun.

[13] *The Baronie of Clare*.

John Burke FitzThomas, and Mc Creamon, chiefe in the same.

Gents and Castles.

Therle of Clanricard, Clare ; Ullig Keogh, Dromghriffin ; J. Lynch fitz-William, Yowhule ; Tybbot Lyogh, Loscananon ; Mac Walter, called Thomas Mc Henry, Ballenduffe ; Moyler Mc c Shean, Cloynebow ; Walter Fitz-Ab, fitz-Ed., Masse ; N. Lynch, Anaghcoyne ; H. fitz-Edmond, Leagkagh ; Mc Reamon, Cloghenwoyr ; Ullig Mc Reamon, Castle Hackett; Walter Burke, Kilnemanegh ; Mc Walter's sept, Cahermorise ; Moyler Mc Reamon, Anaghkyne ; Wil. Grana Mc Ric, Cloghran ; Redmund Mc Moyler Mc Roe, Bealclarhome ; Redmund Mc Walter, Aghkyne; Ullig Mc Richard, Comor ; W. Gaynard, Carigin; Meyler Mc Rickard, Tawmagh ; R. Burke, Coroffyny ; J. fitz-Ambrose, Anbale ; Thomas Balue, Qworanony; Th. Ballagh, Beallabeanchere ; J. Burke fitz-Thomas, of Ballindere, and of Deremaclaghlyn ; Murrough M'Swyne, Kyleskiegh ; Edmund Owhny, Achrym ; Walter Boy, Grange ; J. oge fitz-John fitz-Ed., Carnan ; R. Burke fitz-Tho., Beallena ; Tirlagh Caragh Mc Swyne, Cahirnefieke ; Ffoxe's castle. Cas, 33.' — *Division of Connaught in 1586. Brit. Mus.* See *Iar-Con.*, p. 148.

[14] Mac Davye's Countrey.'

'Sir Hubert Bourke M c Davie, of Glenske, Knight ; Davie M c Edmond, of Kilcroan ; Thomas M'Henrie, of Ballyme ; R Betaghe, of the Cregg ; Hobert buy Mc Edmond, of the

Moate; Shane Mc Ullick Bourke, of Rahenile, otherwise called Mc Walter, chiefe of his name Shane Mc Ullicke, of Kilmogher, all having lands or holdings within the barony of Bellamoe and Mac Davie's Country by the east the river of Succke in the countie of Roscommon.'

— *Iar-Con.*

[15] 'There are more able men of the surname of the Burkes than of any name in Europe.'

— *Sir J. Davies, Car. Cat. an. 1606, p. 465.*

Country of Clanrickard.

Ulick, Earl of Clanrickard, the Lord Baron of Leitrim ; R. Bourke, of Derry M'Laghny, esquire ; Sherone Mc Knowge, of Killenedyaine, otherwise Mc Kowge ; Ullick Carraghe M'Hubbert, of the Dissharte, called Mc Hubberte ; Hubbert M'Edmund, of Gortnemackin ; Johnesone, of Binmore ; William Mostonne, of the Downe ; Shannock Mc William Roe, of the Naile, called MacWilliam Roe ; Walter Wall, of Droghtye, chiefe of his name ; Redmond Dolphine, of Rarroddy, chiefe of his name ; H. Mc Swine, of Cloghervanae ; O. Mc Swine, Kiltullage ; Oene Mantagh O'Heine, of Downgorye, called O'Heine ; Connor Crone O'Heine, taneste to the said O'Hiene; Hubbert boy Bourk Mc Redmond, otherwise Mac Edmond ; D. O'Shaghnes, of Gortynchgory ; J. O'Shaghnes, of Ardmollyvan, compettytors for the name O'Shaghnes ; N. Follane, of the Newtowne ; E. Mc Ullick Bourke, of Ballily ; R. Mc William, of Rahale; Shane Oge Bourke, of Mannyne ; Brian Reogh Mc Kilkelly, of Cloghballymore.

— *Iar-Con.*, p. 323.

[16] *O' Madden's Country.*

'Donyll O'Madde, of Longford, otherwise called O'Madden ; Owen Balluff O'M., of Lusmagh ; Cogh O'M. of Killyan ; Edmond Mc Downy, of Rathmore ; Donyll M'Brasill, of Dryowen ; Cathall Carragh O'Madden . . . having lands and holdings within the barony of Longford, otherwise called Syllanmuighie.' — *Iar-Con.* p. 321.

In 1596, when the Deputy summoned O'Madden's Castle, Cloghan, to surrender, the ward answered that if all his soldiers were Deputies they would not yield, and about 186 persons were killed in the Castle, or around it. Among them were these chiefe men — O'Madden, of Corglogher ; O'M., of Kineghan; two O'M., of Tomaligh ; two O'M., of Clare Madden; O'M., of Clare. In 1602 O'M. attacked O'Sullivan Beare, who was marching through O'Madden's country to the north. In 1611 Donnell O'M., of Longford, Co. of Galway, 'captain of his nation,' left his manor and castle of Longford, etc., to his son. — *Hy-Many*, p. 150.

[17] Sir Roger O'Shaughnessy of GortInchigory ; 'he used to have 280 reapers in harvest ; ' his fourth son, Sir Dermot, d. in 1606, seized of the territory of Kinalea, or O'Shaughnessy's country, which he left to his heir Gilliduffe O'S. — *Hy-Fiacrach*, p. 379.

A rich and noble family.' — *Description of Connaught in 1612.*

[18] The barony of Ballenehence, containing the ii Conymares, viii myles long and vi broad ; Murrough ne doo O'Flarty, chief in the same.

Gentlemen, and their Castles, viz. : —

Donnell Ecowga, Ballenehense ; Edmund Oflartie, Kyllindowne ; Edmund Mc Hugh, A new Castle ; Ochaghy, of Lettermellan ; Donell Ecowga, Bonowyn ; Tege ne Buly, of Arddearee ; Miles Mc Tibbot, Reynivylie ; Castles, 7 — *Division of Connaught in 1586 ; Iar-Con.*, p. 93.

'The Country of the O'Fflahertyes called Eyre-Conaght in 1585, Sr Morogh ne doe of Aghnenure, otherwise called O'Fflahertie; Donell Crone O'F., of the Cnocke, competitor for the name of O'Fflahertie ; Teig ne Boolye (na buile), of the Arde, otherwise called O'Fflahertie of both Con o Marrice ; Owine fitz-Donyell Coghie O'F., of Bonowen ; Moroghe O'F., of the sam ; Roger O'F, of Moycullen ; Danyell Mc Rory O'F. of the Owre ; Rory O'F. and Danyell, his brother, sonnes to Moroghe ne Mooe ; Mc Thomas ; Mc Connor ; O'Halloran ; Mc Cahill Boy Mc Donoghe; and Mc Enry ; Lynche, of the Ballaghe; Browne, of Beamy; Martyne, of Gortetleva ; Martyne, of Ballyerter; Linche, of the Dengine; Marcus Linch fitz-Nichollas, of Furboghe ; and Patrick ffrence, of Curcholline.

'The barony of Muckullen, in 1586,
Murrogh ne doe, chief.

Gentlemen and Castles (20) viz.: —

Rory O'Flahairte, of Muiykullen ; Murrogh ne doe, of Nowghe, and of Achneuir (Aghnenure) ; T. Colman, of Mynlagh (Menlo); Jonick O'Halorane, O'hery ; O. O'Halorane, Bearne (Barna) ; D. Lynche, Tyrellan ; R. Skeret, Short Castle (Castlegar) ; Donell oge O'Hologhan, Qwarown Brown (Carrobrown) ; Wm and Redmond MC Wm Ffiegh, Kellyn; Redmond Mc Thomas, Ballymuritty ; Redmond Reogh, Ballindully ; Richard Beg, Cloyne-canyn ; Darby Augny, Lysacowly ; J. Blake fitz-Ricard, Kiltullagh ; J. Blake fitz-Ricard, Kiltorogh ; Thomas Blake, Ballemicro ; Thomas and John Blake, Turlagh ne sheamon ; Muriertagh O'Conor, Tullekyhan ; M. Lynch, New Castle.'— *Iar-Con.* pp. 252 & 311.

O'Flaherty, of the Castle of Moycullen, d. in 1599, and was succeeded by his son Hugh, who was the last chief of his name, and d. in 1631, leaving a son, aged two years, who became the famous Irish Antiquary. A considerable part of the Castle of Aghnenure still remains.

'The barony of Ross or Joyce's country contains the Joyes, Walshes, Partrish (Partry) lands ; M'Thomas and MTybod chief in the same.

Gents, and their Castles, viz. : —

MacThomas, Castlekirke; Murrogh ne dow, Ballynonagh; Mc Envile, Ballenesleo; Albe Mc En vile, Cloynlaghell ; R. M'Moyler Joy, Castlenew.' Titus B. xiii. fo. 399.
— *Division of Connaught in 1586.*

1 In 1588 the Mayor and citizens of Galway petitioned Elizabeth in favour of Morogh Mc Turlogh O'Brien, and said that 'he and his ancestors under the name of Mc Teig O'Brien, of Arran, were captains or lords of the Islands of Arran, until of late he was expelled by the usurping power of the O'Flaherties.' In 1575 Morchow McTirrelagh M c Donill, chiefe of his nacion, called Clanteige, of Arran, claimed the ancient custom of connow and meales due to him and his ancestors, *i.e.*, for two days and nights in Galway. The 'Gentlemen of the isles in 1575 were, besides this captain, Eturgh, Morowe, Mc Morchowe, Meeagh, Mc Tirrelagh, M'Morchowe, MTirrelagh Oge, and M c Brene.' This clan descended from Brian Boromhe.
— See *Hardiman's Galway*, pp. 207 and 52.

Teig an *t-sleive* (of the mountain) O'Fahy and 8 gentlemen of the name had fee-simple property in the barony of Loughrea in 1617. There were the O'Lynes, of Ballinvoggan, Lisnagree, and Lehergen, in the bar. of Kilconnell, they were proprietors of handsome estates, and looked on themselves as Firbolgs. E. O'Horan, of Carrowanmeanagh ; R. O'Horan, of Carrowanclogha, on which stood a castle ; and others of the name in the bar. of Leitrim. In the bar. of Dunmore, the Lallys, of Tullaghnadaly, Ballynabanaby, and Lisbally,

paid chief rent to Lord Bermingham ; from the Lallys of Tullaghnadaly descend the Counts Lally, of France.

In the bar. of Leitrim, Mc Cnavin, of Cranog MacCnaivin, the head of the Clan, Hugo Mc Nevin, *alias* Mc Kelly, having joined the insurgents, was hanged in 1602 ; there were 8 other gentlemen of the name ; the last supposed head of the clan was Dr Mc Nevin, of 1798 celebrity. — *Hy-Many* pp. 36, 28, 88, 182, 68.

John Donelan, son of the Protestant Archbishop of Tuam, lived at Ballydonelan. John's brother became Lord Chief Justice of the Common Pleas ; and his grandson, John, erected the stone cross of Kilconnell, which is said by the country people to bow when a Donelan is taken by it to the grave ; it bears the inscription — 'Orate pro D. Johanne Donelano, ejusque familia, qui hanc crucem erigi fecit a.d. 1682.' — *Hy-Many*, p. 172.

In 1594 Dermoid Duff O'Halloran, gent, of Bearna, for a certain sum of money, 'dedit, concessit, barganizavit to Edmund Halloran, Merchant, of Galway, all his maneria, dominia, castra, etc., of Rinemoyly,' etc. In the same year John O'Halloran, of Galway, 'piscator,' gave to A. Martin, merchant, omnia manerium, castrum, etc. . . . boscos, suboscos . . . montium ... in villis, campis, et hamletis de Rynvile. — *Iar-Con.* p. 255.

In the bar. of Kilconnell were Brian Mc Cooleghan, of BallyM'Couleghan, and seven other proprietors of that name. In the bar. of Clanmacnowen O'Coffey owned 4 cartrons of land. — *Hy-Many*, p. 184, 84.

In the bar. of Kiltartan, and chiefly in the parish of Dawros Kinvara, there were 13 persons of the name O'Heyne in 1641. The *Four Masters* record the death of O'Heyne, of Lydegan, in 1594; he left a son, Hugh Buy O'H. There was a Knougher Crone O'Heyne, of Ledygan, gent., 100 years old and upwards in 1615, and O'Heyne, of Killaveragh, aged 80. — *Hy-Fiachrach*, p. 378 and 405.

"In 1599 the sons of Redmond Na Skoab, uncle to the Earl of Clanrickard, 300 f. ; in Sillanchie, four sons of Owen O'Madden, who was lately killed in action, 50 f. ; in Iar-Connaught the Joyes, c Donoghe, and the Flaherties, 140 f. In 1598 John Burke, 'Baron of Leitrim,' led some hundreds of O'Neil's soldiers, fighting through Connaught, Leinster and Munster. — *Car, Cal.*, p. 300 ; and *Four Masters*.

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