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BALLYMAGAUGHEY

Church site : not exactly located.

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BALLYMAGUAGHEY

CHURCH SITE (NOT LOCATED)

NOT DEFINITELY LOCATED

CS 10; IG 148

I 44 67

This is a small townland ^(J 44 67) to the SW. of Comber and is identified by Reeves ^{W. in} as [←]
 the site of 'The church of Balinacgehan' listed in the taxation of Pope Nicholas
 of 1306. ^{Most of} the townland appears to be ~~mostly~~ owned by one family who know
 nothing of a church or grave yard, ^{and not} ~~as neither~~ does their stockman who has
 ploughed much of the land.

Reeves, W. Ecclesiastical Antiquities of Down, Connor and Dromore (Dublin, 1847),
 p. 16.

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definitely,
possibly.

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| No. | Site Name | Parish | Alt |
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| Condition | Threat | Check/Action | Schedule |
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| Land use | Field boundaries | | |
| Site description | Photos? | | |

The owner of this small townland knows nothing of a church site, nor does her stockman who claims to have ploughed nearly all the land

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 FIELD RECORD

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| SITE NO | Td. | TYPE | ALT. |
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| O.S. 6" I.G. Down 10:60 | BALLYMAGUAGHEY | Church site: not exactly loc. | |
| PREVIOUS ACCOUNTS | | GRID REF. | |

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| THREATS AND/OR CHECKS | FURTHER ACTION |
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SITE REPORT

G.R.

O.S. 6"
I.G.

CONDITION

TD BALLYMAGAUGHEY/CO DOWN

PARISH Comber

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'Church of Balinacaghan' Tax. Pope Nich. (Reeves)
All traces of the church have disappeared, but
at the time of the Dissolution, ~~it was~~ the
rectory of Ballymakeaghan covered 9 tds., now
in Comber Par, & was approp. to Comber Abbey.

Field Visits

Files

Plans

Scheduled

Listed

State Care

Photos

P.T.O.

Notes W. 'Ecclesiastical Antiquities of
Down, Connor and Drogheda'

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(Dunenſ Dýocēſ.)

α Ecclia de Balim^egehan — xx·ſ — decia·ij·ſ.

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α Sm^a taxaōnis — lxxv·ſi·vj·ſ·viii·đ — Unde de-

Decanat^o de Ardo.

α Ecclia de Dofnachti — x·m^r — decia·j·m^r.

α Vicaria eiusdem cū capella

Scti Kolmani — vij·m^r — decia·ix·ſ·iii·đ.

α Ecclia

nity of the Hospitallers, whose possessions were exempt from charge.

* *Balimagehan*.—Now Ballymagauhy, or, as it is marked on Williamson's map, Ballymagehan, a townland in the parish of Comber.—Ord. Survey, s. 10. At the Dissolution, the rectory of Ballymagehan, embracing the nine townlands which form the S. E. portion of the modern parish of Comber, was appropriate to the abbey of Comber.—Ul. Inq. Nos. 75, 109, Car. I., Down. All traces of the church have disappeared.

* *Arde*.—This deanry was founded on the ancient civil territory, called by the Irish *Cluith Ulaio*, or, as the name is Latinized in the Books of Armagh and Kilkenny, *Altitudo Ulteriorum*.—Fleming, *Collectan.*, p. 305, col. 2. *Lib. Kilkenniae*, fol. 91, col. 2. In Anglo-Norman records, it appears in the form *Art* or *L'Arte*.—*Monast. Angl.*, vol. ii. pp. 1019–1021. In early times, the Ards of Ulster formed a petty principality: thus, A. D. 642, Ferdoman, son of Imoman, was styled—

Riġ airm-berġ Cluith Ulaio,

'The red-weaponed king of the Ards of Ulidia'.—*Battle of Magh Rath*, pp. 230, 231.

An ancient record of the diocese of Down states, that in the year 1034, "Cathalan M^cMuriedaig regnavit in Ardo".—*Cod. Clarend.*, vol. xlvi. p. 97, No. 4793. *Brit. Mus.* Soon after the English invasion, the Ards were placed under a new jurisdiction: A. D. 1226–7, Robert de Vallibus received "de Balliva del Art,—cxvii. lib. & xx. d".—*Rot. Cl. 2 Hen. III. m. 24, dors. Tur. Lond.* And this, together with the 'Balliva de Blathewic', formed the shire sometimes called 'Comitatus de Arde', and sometimes 'Comitatus Novae Villae'.—*Cal. Canc. Hib.*, pp. 144, 155 b, 237. The *territory* of the Ards (which was somewhat more extensive than the *rural deanry* so called, as it contained Bangor and Newtown,) is exactly represented by the modern baronies of Upper and Lower Ards.

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Reeves DCD (1847), 16.