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STATE CARE MONUMENT.

S.M. No.: 307

B Files:

County: DOWN

Townland: ANNADORN

Map Ref: 428 459

Official Name: ANNADORN DOLMEN

Other Names:

Ownership: ownership / guardianship / lease / other

Date of agreement: 27/7/73 (County Council memo)

Name of owner:

Address:

Telephone No.:

Access: open / timed / not accessible / special conditions

Details if relevant:

Publications:

Drawings (date):

Reconstructions:

Special Events:

Date of Form:

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PLATE 4



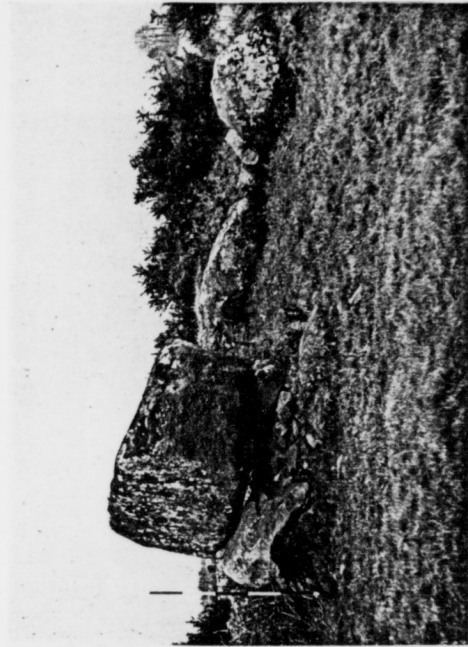
131. ANNADORN DOLMEN. View from S.



141. LOUGHMONEY DOLMEN. View from W.



135. BURREN DOLMEN. View from N.



132. BALLYGRAFTAN DOLMEN. View from N.E.

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MEGALITHIC TOMB

50 ft + OD
IGR J 428459

In the dip between ridges near the NW of Loughinisland at the Bucks Head cross roads. The tomb is a regular chamber of three sides with a capstone 0.68 m thick and 2.40 m by 2.13 m. The capstone is 0.60 m above the ground and in an Archaeological Survey of Co Down the authors comment that this is very low for the chamber of a passage-grave, but a description of the tomb when it was inspected in 1772 reports that the capstone was supported by side stones to a height of 3 ft 6 ins. The capstone was later slightly displaced.

The site is in State Care.

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ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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SMR Down 30:7	Td ANNADORN	Type PASSAGE TOMB	
A No.	Site Name —	Parish LOUGHIN ISLAND	Alt
IG	GR J 428459.	Barony KINELARTY	DC
OS 1-4 'Cromlech' + square			
NB previously classified as portal tomb. photographs with MM. + STATE CARE			
Condition 01- good	Threat 01 none	Check/Action Paint Name board - A N. missing	Schedule
Land use rough grass - in SC	Field boundaries wire with timber & cement posts		
Site description	Photos? ✓		
<p>On S slope of ridge beside & above main road at Bucks Head cross roads overlooking Loughin Island about 200 m to the S.W.</p> <p>In a square of fences off land was close to W wire fence</p> <p>Described: ASCD.</p>			
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ASCO (1966)

MEGALITHS

in 1954 within the eastern end of the gallery. The full length of the gallery and the position of the entrance end could only be determined by excavation. Slight traces of a cairn remain on the southern side of the gallery.

Prelim. Survey Anc. Mons N.I. (1940), 107.

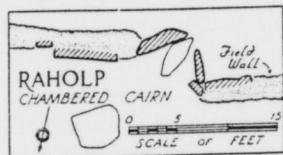


FIG. 43 (No. 115).

STONE BURIAL CHAMBERS ('DOLMENS')

131. ANNADORN TD: DOLMEN (fig. 44; plate 4) o.s. 30. Grid ref. 428459

A rectangular chamber (100 ft. o.d.) of three side stones with its capstone slightly displaced, 150 yards from the east shore of Loughinisland lake. The side stones are 2 ft. high and the capstone about 2 ft. 3 in. thick. The 1802 account says this chamber was originally beneath a cairn some 60 ft. across and had a lintelled approach passage. The chamber contained 'ashes and a number of bones, to appearance human'. If this 1802 description of a discovery 30 years earlier can be relied on, it seems that this was some form of entrance-grave or passage-grave, though the capstone is very low for the chamber of a passage-grave. A scatter of small hollows in the upper surface of the capstone are natural weathering of a type frequent on this Silurian grit (observation by Dr. J. Preston).

J. Dubourdieu, *Statistical Survey of the County of Down* (1802), 271.

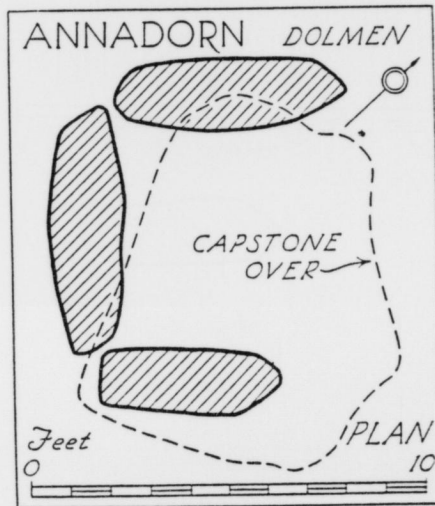


FIG. 44 (No. 131).

BALLYGRAFFAN TD: CHAMBERED CAIRN I (fig. 45; plate 4) o.s. 10. Grid ref. 473672

A single-chambered tomb built of basalt boulders, with traces of cairn material surviving. In its pre-

133. BALLYGRAFFAN TD: CHAMBERED CAIRN II (fig. 46; plate 4) o.s. 10 Grid ref. 477665

An almost destroyed cairn, now appearing only as a group of 6 basalt boulders in a field beside the Graffan Burn (50 ft. o.d.). One of the stones (8ft.

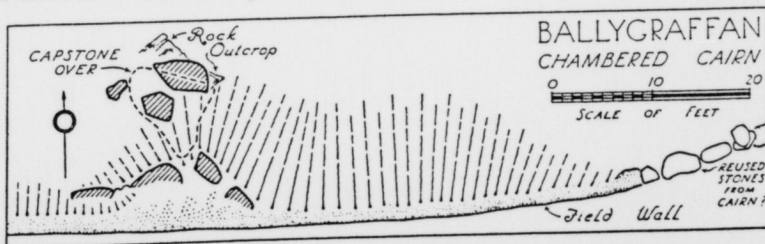
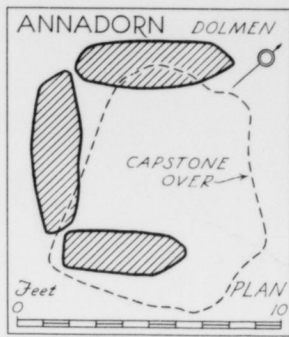


FIG. 45 (No. 132).

sent state it defies classification. It lies on low ground (50 ft. o.d.) close to the Graffan Burn. A large capstone about 3 ft. thick lies on two side stones, both of which appear to have collapsed laterally; the larger is 1 ft. 6 in. and the smaller 10 in. thick. Four massive boulders, apparently still *in situ* as uprights form an angular setting just south of the chamber. Possibly one or other alignment of these stones represents a remnant of a curved facade. Banked up between these and the modern field wall is cairn material of up to 4 ft. thickness. Five large boulders set in the field wall some 50 ft. E. of the chamber may be re-used structural stones.

Prelim. Survey Anc. Mons N.I. (1940), 88.

Reference SM7 DOWN 30:7



Co. Down Survey p. 78.

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Lisnafiffy td, Listullyard

1½ m. N.W. of Banbridge. Down, Sh. 26, Plan 12, Tr. 6 (marked in 1905 Edn. of O.S. Map only as a site). Levelled about 1850 to a platform some 5 ft. above surrounding ground. Visible from forts for many miles around, and may have been used for a watch post against invasion and place for signal fires. H.C.L.

Magheradrool td, Remains of Church

1 m. S.E. of Ballynahinch. Down, Sh. 29, Plan 4, Tr. 2. The ancient form of the name seems to have been *Machair Eadarghabhal*, the plain between two forks. It appears in the Taxation Roll of c. 1300 as *Eccles. de Ardaganalle*, its valuation being only half a mark. The present ruin measures externally 64 ft. by 32 ft., the gables being 4 ft., the side walls 3 ft. thick. The masonry when not obscured by ivy does not appear to indicate very great age, and a dated stone, 1607, said to be built into the W. gable but now, if still existing, buried by ivy, gives probably the date of the oldest part of the present ruin built on a much older site. Apparently the church was in use till about 1775, when it was abandoned in favour of a new church built in the neighbouring town of Ballynahinch by the Earl of Moira.

Atkinson, p. 171.

H.C.L.

Dunmore td, Templemoyle Church

½ m. N.W. of Dunmore village. Down, Sh. 29, Plan 15, Tr. 3. Locally the name seems unknown, and for this reason and owing to its secluded position the ruin is difficult to find. It is known locally merely as "The Temple" in a field known as the Temple Field, but even by these names the place seems to be little known. The ruin is on the top of a small but well-defined rath. Little more than the foundations exist, nowhere more than 4 ft. high; the walls are 39 ins. thick, and the church measured 48 ft. by 24 ft. outside. This church was anciently a chapel attached to the church of Dromara (*Reeves, D.C.D., p. 105, note d.*) Reeves refers to it as "Templemoyle within the ancient churchyard"; probably the rath top around the church was used as a burial place; to-day there are plenty of stones lying around, but which are grave stones and which stones from the church ruin, it would be difficult to say, none being inscribed.

H.C.L.

Annadorn td, "Cromlech"

20 yds. E. of the now ruined Buck's Head Inn, and 150 yds. N.E. of Loughinisland Lake. Down, Sh. 30, Plan 14, Tr. 5. Alt. 100. A single-chambered grave. 3 low sidestones, 2 ft. high, 2 ft. wide and 6 ft. long, support a capstone, measuring 8 ft. by 7 ft. by 2 ft. 6 ins., which rests also on loose boulders now blocking the open N.E. side. Here, according to Dubourdieu, an entrance "extending to the outside of the cairn" was discovered when the covering round cairn, 60 yds. in circumference, was removed, "about the year 1772". No trace of the cairn survives, and it is difficult to reconcile the low chamber with a passage-grave. In charge of Down County Council.

M.G. E.E.E.

Borlase, I, p. 286. Dubourdieu, Down, p. 270.

Walshestown td, Castle

Close to shore of Strangford Lough, ¼ m. N. of Myra Castle. Down, Sh. 31, Plan 7, Tr. 4. The earliest reference we can find to this castle is its inclusion in the

E. Evans field note book IV p. 27+28

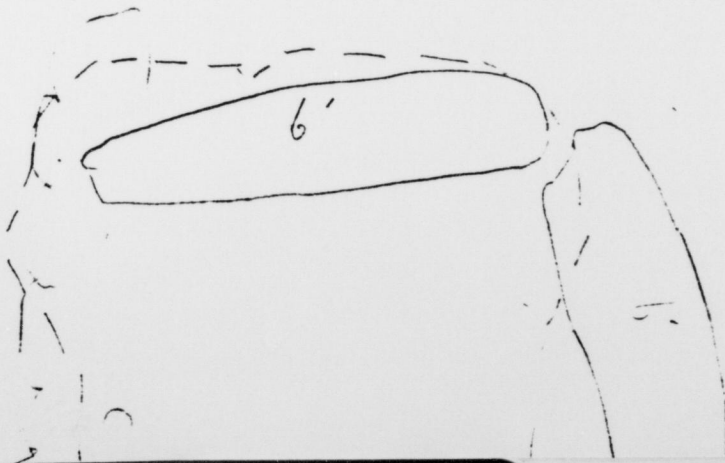
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Dr. Evans' Plant Diagram
Landscape

p. 27



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Red Brick's Hall Dist. in

Chambers



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IN THE BARONY OF KINELARTY.

1. In the Townland of Annadorn, and Parish of Loughinisland,



FIG. 264.—Loughinisland. Etched from sketch by Mr. Gray.

close to the N. end of the lake, is a dolmen marked *Cromlech* in Ord. Surv. Map No. 30.

This dolmen appears to have been dug out of a cairn. Dubourdiou says: "This very remarkable cairn was discovered, about the year 1772, to contain within its circumference, which is about 60 yards, and towards the bottom, a large smooth stone, of a square figure, from 7 to 8 feet over, and supported by several other stones about 3 feet 6 ins. high, forming underneath a kind of chamber, in which were found ashes, and a number of bones, to appearance human. Upon the surface of this large stone, when the smaller stones, which were pyramidically arranged, were removed, a quantity of black ashes were found. The entrance to this chamber was towards the N., and under several flat stones regularly disposed in front of each other, and extending to the outside of the cairn. These stones were removed for building purposes." This is the "Loughanisland Cromlech" of Mr. Gray. He says it had a well-defined chamber of four large blocks of stone, with a cap-stone measuring 3 feet by 7 feet. It had been turned over a little from its normal position."

"Survey of the County of Down," by Dubourdiou, p. 270; Journ. R.H.A.A.I. (1883-84), 4th Ser., vol. vi. p. 365.

IN THE BARONY OF LECALÉ LOWER.

1. In the Townland of Loughmoney, and Parish of Ballee, is a dolmen marked *Cromlech* in Ord. Surv. Map No. 31.

"This dolmen was, in 1884, in a good state of preservation. It stood in a field close to the public road, a few miles E. of Downpatrick. The cap-stone, measuring 9 feet 6 ins. by 5 feet 3 ins., was supported by only two stones on edge, each measuring 7 feet by 3 feet, forming a chamber about 2 feet 10 ins. wide, and open at both ends."

Journ. R.H.A.A.I. (1883-84), 4th Ser., vol. vi. p. 365.

2. In the Townland of Slievenagriddle, and Parish of Ballee, not far S. of Loughmoney, was a dolmen not marked in Ord. Surv.

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Dubouzien Statistical Survey of Co. Down (1802) 271

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Borlase I . 286

E.E. Evans field note-book IV p 27-8 (SMS/31).