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LOUGHMONEY: Portal Tomb

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p/h 6.6.95

LOUGHMONEY
CS 31; IG 225

PORTAL TOMB
'Cromlech'

150 ft OD
J 5391 4635

On the top of a broad pasture hill with good views across to Strangford Lough to the N. The site is an^s reported in ASCD - 'built of Silurian Shale, it has two long side stones 3 ft [1.0 m] high, supporting a longer capstone 2 ft [0.6 m] thick. The great length of side stones and capstone and lack of end-stones suggest that this might be the surviving remnant of a lintel-led gallery-grave. No trace survives of any covering cairn'. The monument is scheduled under the Historic Monuments Act (NI) 1971.

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SCHEDULED SITE

LOUGHMONEY

PORTAL TOMB

ALT 150 FT X 00

7 less # CS ~~DOWN~~/31; IG 225

'Cromlech'

IGR J 533 4635
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On the top of a broad pasture hill with good views across to Strangford Lough to the N. The site is as reported in an ^{ASCD} ~~Archaeological Survey of Co. Down~~ as being built of Silurian shale, it has two long side stones 3ft [$\frac{10}{16}$] high, supporting a longer capstone 2 ft [$\frac{0.6}{16}$] thick. The great length of side stones and capstone and lack of end-stones suggest that this might be the surviving remnant of a lintel-led gallery-grave. No trace survives of any covering cairn. [Cattle have been gathering around the monument and churning up the ground.]*

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Jepe, H.M., (Ed.) ~~Archaeological Survey of Co. Down (Belfast, 1966)~~ X, 81.

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SMR Down 31:2	Td LOUGHMONEY	Type PORTAL TOMB	
A No.	Site Name	Parish BALLEE	Alt 100'±
IG 225	GR J 539 464	Barony LECALE LOWER	DC
OS 1-4 ' Cromlech + symbol '			
NB			
Condition 01 Good	Threat 03 Cattle	Check/Action	Schedule 31.7.74
Land use 36 Pasture		Field boundaries stone wall + quickthorn	
Site description		Photos? ✓✓	
<p>On the top of a broad hill with good views to the N across Strangford Lough.</p> <p>The monument stands as described described in ASD with the capstone delicately balanced on the side stones.</p> <p>Cattle have badly trampled around site</p>			
OVER			
Visited by DM		Date of visit 20/9/83	SM.2 Input

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LOUGH MONEY CARN [S].

Albert Colmer reports it is suffering
from agricultural activity too close
to it

A. Gwen
28.9.84.

I visited this site and found it
in good condition as described
by E³ situated in pasture.

A slight depression in the vicinity
of the chamber has been caused
by animals trampling around
over the years.

B. J. W. L. L. L.
4. 10. 84.

capstone may be a structural feature but may equally be but one of a deposit of boulders forming the basal level of a cairn which can be traced under and around the dolmen.

Prelim. Survey Anc. Mons N.I. (1940), 113.

E. E. Evans in *Irish Nat. J.*, 6 (1937), 242-8; A. E. P. Collins in *Ulster J. Archaeol.* 22 (1959), 31-2.

139. KILKEEL TD: THE CRAWTREE STONE (fig. 50;
plate 2) o.s. 56. Grid ref. 307149

A small dolmen (100 ft. o.n.) built of granite boulders and now surviving in a field bank. There is no end-stone to the chamber. A low boulder between the portal stones now forming a sill might possibly not be an ancient feature.

Prelim. Survey Anc. Mons N.I. (1940), 140.

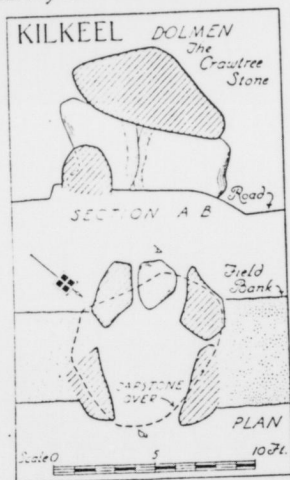


FIG. 50 (No. 139).

140. LEGANANNY TD: DOLMEN (fig. 51; plate 3)
o.s. 35. Grid ref. 289434

An unusually tall tripod-dolmen, at 850 ft. o.d. on the southern fringe of the Slieve Croob range, with extensive views to the south. The whole structure is of granite. The two portal stones at the southern end are 5 ft. 9 in. and 6 ft. high, while the single support at the north is 4 ft. high. The long capstone is nearly 2 ft. thick. A single slab lying beneath the

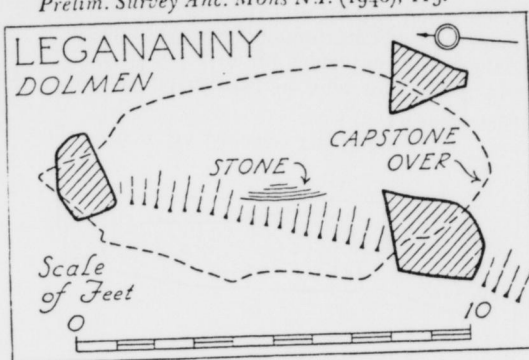


FIG. 51 (No. 140).

141. LOUGHMONEY TD: DOLMEN (fig. 52; plate 4)
o.s. 31. Grid ref. 539464

A dolmen (150 ft. o.d.) comparable in form and size with Burren dolmen. Built of Silurian shale, it has two long side stones 3 ft. high, supporting a longer capstone 2 ft. thick. The great length of side stones and capstone and lack of end-stones suggest that this might be the surviving remnant of a lintelled gallery-grave. No trace survives of any covering cairn.

J. Dubourdieu, *Statistical Survey of the County of Down* (1802), 270.

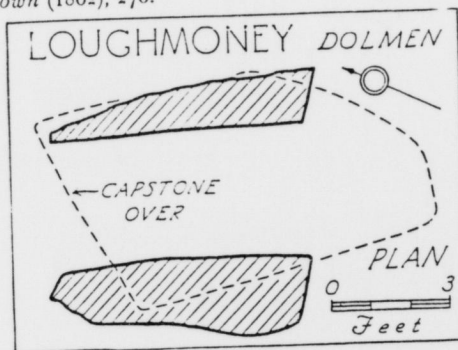


FIG. 52 (No. 141).

142. SLIEVE NA GRIDDLE TD: DOLMEN
o.s. 38. Grid ref. 529454

A large slab of gritstone, 10 ft. long by 6 ft. broad by 1 ft. thick, lies on the summit of this hill (414 ft. O.D.), on top of a slight eminence which may be the remnant of a cairn. It now lies flat but is referred

LOUGH MONAGH DOLMEN

Material - Salmon shale

Plan Great lengths of round capstones + lack of
bed stones suggest (though not conclusively)
that this is related to the gallery graves - perhaps
even the surviving remnant of a hitherto gallery - cf.
Clontarf. Height of each kiln is quite consistent
with this - rather lower than usual in eg portal
dolmens or polygonal ds. No real evidence of
carn

Situation on plateau with wide view on all sides
to Slieve-na-Griddle, Castle Park, etc. & over
Quade celtic. Scrubs variable.

CRONLECH $\frac{3}{4}$ mile S. of RAHOLP

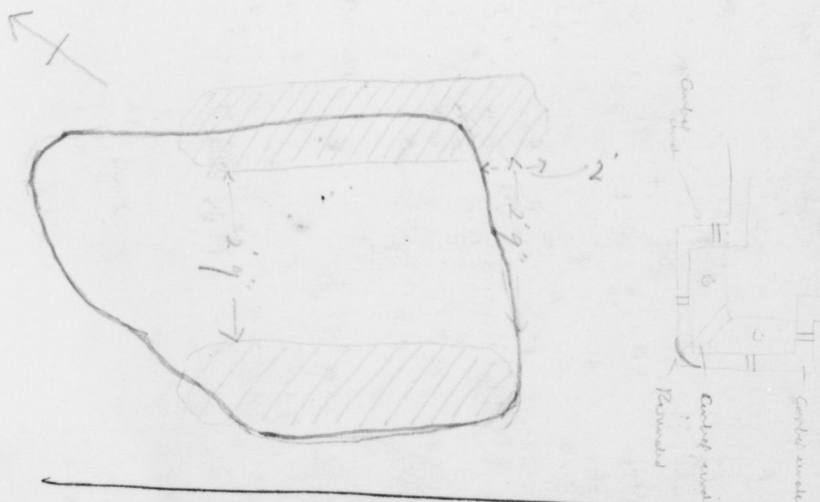
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Capsule - c. 10'6" long; ground
width 6'6" Max. thickness c. 2'9"

Side Slabs

E. - 7' long x 1' wide x 14" above
ground c. 2'6"

W. - 6'6" long x 2'6"-1'6" x c. 2'6"
above ground.



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Two storeys with a third one (lower from floor to roof) above, height 33 ft.; ground floor, 34 ft. 6 ins. by 26 ft. 6 ins. externally. Walls about 5 ft. thick, two chambers on ground floor; narrow wedge-shaped air-shafts, three in one side of ground floor and two diverging at an angle; staircases parallel to, and in thickness of wall and with no turns. Under Ministry of Finance surveillance (see note on p. 3). H.C.L.

Architectural details from C. H. Crawford's plans.

* Loughmoney td "Cromlech"

Nearly $\frac{3}{4}$ m. S. by E. of Raholp village and $\frac{1}{4}$ m. E. of the N. end of Lough Money. Down, Sh. 31, Plan 14, Tr. 6. Alt. 150. A single-chambered grave now consisting of 2 parallel orthostats (7 ft. by 1 ft. 6 in. by 3 ft. high) 3 ft. apart supporting a capstone (10 ft. by 5 ft. by 2 ft.) the top of which is some 6 ft. above ground. This was presumably once contained in a cairn, but there is no evidence of its existence. Under Ministry of Finance surveillance (see note on p. 3). M.G. E.E.E.

Gray, P.B.N.F.C., 1883-84, *App.*, p. 244, No. 4, *Sketch* 4. Borlase, I, p. 286.

✓ Raholp td, "Giant's Grave"

In a field on a hill slope broken by many outcrops nearly $\frac{1}{2}$ m. E.S.E. of Raholp village. Down, Sh. 31, Plan 15, Tr. 1. Alt. 200. The remains of a long megalithic chamber with signs of a cairn. The grave, which may once have been longer, is now 22 ft. in length but only one row of orthostats is standing. They are up to 7 ft. in length and $3\frac{1}{2}$ ft. in height and run E. and W. A transverse slab 3 ft. long, though irregular in outline, appears to be a septal stone between jambs. Some 200 yds. to the W. in the same wall is a collection of uprights and boulders, much overgrown and confused, which may be the remains of another megalith. Under Ministry of Finance surveillance (see note on p. 3). M.G. E.E.E.

✓ Carrownacaw td, "The Long Stone"

$\frac{3}{4}$ m. N.E. of Lough Money. Down, Sh. 31, Plan 15, Tr. 4. Alt. 180. A slender pillar 10 ft. high stands by the roadside. It is rhomboidal in plan, each side measuring about 2 ft. M.G. E.E.E.

✓ Saul td, "Abbey"


On W. side of a bye road about 300 yds. W. of Saul village. Down, Sh. 31, Plan 13, Tr. 6. This site, more sanctified than any other by its close connection with the life of Saint Patrick, derives its name from the barn (*sabhal*) which, the Lives of the Saint tell us, the chieftain Dichu gave to Patrick to use as his first church after his arrival in the year 432 and where he died in 461 A.D. It is near the mouth of the (only recently identified) Slaney Burn where he and his holy company landed. It remained as the Saint's home or headquarters during his lifetime in Ireland. (O'Lavery, I, p. 217, *et seq.*). By the S. entrance to the churchyard, are two carved stones built into the side wall, one a grave slab or coffin lid, 7 ft. long by 15 ins. wide on which is carved a large key in relief; the other stone is a carving of a lamb's head. To the N.W. of the church is a wall some 13 ft. long by 12 ft. high, 3 ft. thick, running E. by W., which has often been regarded as the gable of a very old church orientated N. by S. as we are told the original *Sabhal* of Dichu was; but this wall has joist holes in its S. face, $7\frac{1}{2}$ ft. from the ground and must have been part of a building of several storeys, and not a church gable; it is undoubtedly part

Long Money

Cape Hen 10' 6" x 5'



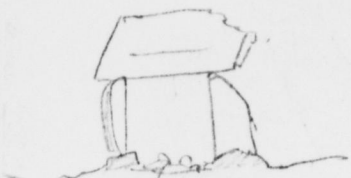
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Stone



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Stone - pile

Dam 31:2

G. Dann Survey, 20, 81 (with Fig.) ✓

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Dubourdieu 1802, 270

E.C. Evans field note. book IV p 65-6 (S15/31) ✓

