

SM7 / DOWN 37:3

TIEVENADARRAGH

PENAL SITE.

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CS37;IG224

Penal Site

100'+

This mass rock is referred to as follows in JDCHS ; 'Parish of Loughinisland. In Tievnadarragh townland, on the east side of Bishop's mountain is a very prominent Mass rock constructed on the face of a quarry with an imported cross-incised flat stone for an altar table. Crosses are also cut on the rock alongside. The field below is known as the altar field. Simple wooden crosses and flowers show continued interest and veneration for this hallowed spot...'

The mass-rock is marked on the O.S six-inch 1860 edition and subsequent six-inch maps. I was unable to locate the stone, and the parish priest, living nearby in the adjacent parochial house, has not been able to find it.

Mass Stations in Bryansford, Kilcoo and Loughinisland, JDCHS 10 (1939) p.82. [SM5/94].

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SMR DOWN 37:3	Td TIEVENADARRAGH	Type PENAL SITE	
A No.	Site Name	Parish LOUGHINISLAND	Alt 100ft + OD
IG 224	GR J	Barony	DC DOWN
OS			
NB			
Condition	Threat	Check/Action	Schedule
Land use		Field boundaries	
Site description		Photos?	
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OVER			
Visited by BW		Date of visit 5.10.92	SM.2 Input

TD TIEVENADARRAGH

CO Down

PARISH LOUGHNISLAND

O.S. 37:3

Aetor

100'+

Penal site

(could this be Priest's Stone, Alttaggart, & note in
Chart's PSAMNI - corresp. of Sept. 1941 on B2312/29?
Needs check in file.)

18y not marked

2nd }
3rd } 'Aetor' + symbol
4th }

Field Visits

Files 5115/94:

Plans

Scheduled

Listed

State Care

Photos

RBT 66870 5(M) 12/75 TP

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Up till 1720, both Catholics and Protestants were accustomed to worship, in the middle of the three churches at the lake in Loughinisland parish, the Catholics in the morning and the Protestants about noon. In that year, on account of a heavy storm and rain, the Catholics remained inside the church after Mass and the Protestants could not enter. This led to the erection, in 1728, of the present Protestant Church of Seaforde, for which the roof of the old church of Loughinisland was removed, and a subsequent prohibition on the Catholics to attend Mass in the roofless church. Father McCartan, parish priest and later bishop, erected a new Catholic church in 1740, in Tievnadarragh, near to the present church.

In the townland of Seavaghan, in a field known as Parannahalter, and at Cloughely (Savage's rocks), in Tievnadarragh, two additional Mass stations are recorded by tradition.

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