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BALLYALTKILLIGAN

Medieval Church (site of).

On the E. bank of the Ballystockart River ~~that~~^w here ^{it} flows through a small glen. A church is reported to have stood here until around 1770 when its walls were razed. Reeves suggests that this may have been ~~the~~ ^{the} 'The chapel of Rogerstone'^e listed in the taxation of Pope Nicholas of 1306. ^{of 18 and 19} On the 3rd, and 4th, editions of the OS six-inch map ^{the} site is designated as 'Church, Site of' beside the symbol for an antiquity. ^{Although} Many of the boundaries of the fields have been removed ~~but~~ the area around the site of the church is still referred to as 'the Chapel Field' by local people. The ploughed field to the W. above the site slopes steeply down towards the river before flattening out to a small level area of barley stubble that rises gently above the glen ^{and then} before ^{dropping} precipitously about 5 ^{to} m. ^{At this juncture} where ^{it} borders the N.W. section of the field in a snaking curve. On the N. face of the precipice is a small quarry which may have been opened at the time of the building of the church. There are no visible remains of ~~the~~ ^a church at the site.

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There is a possibility that 'the chapel of Rogerstone' was the medieval parish church.



Snaking curve

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SMR Down 110:56	Td BALLYALTKILLIGAN	Type Church (site of)	
A No.	Site Name	Parish	Alt 100'
IG 148.	GR J4373 6985	Barony	DC
OS			
NB			
Condition 06 Destroyed	Threat 18 Destroyed	Check/Action	Schedule
Land use 13 Arable	Field boundaries stout banks + next of the river		
Site description	Photos? ✓		

On the ^{bank} E₁ of a small stream that runs thro.
a narrow glen. Flat level ground that ~~the river~~ ^{the river}
to the NW to form a curved bluff that drops down
sharply c. 5 m to the stream. There is a small
quarry at the N side of the bluff which may
have been opened when the church was built.
The fields rise steeply E + W either side of
the stream. The ground still called chapel field.

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FIELD RECORD

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SITE NO	Td.	TYPE	ALT.
O.S. 6" I.G. Down 10:56	BALLY/ALTIKILLIGAN	Medieval church (site of)	
PREVIOUS ACCOUNTS		GRID REF.	

1+2 not shown

3+4 'Church (site of)'

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THREATS AND/OR CHECKS	FURTHER ACTION

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SITE REPORT

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CONDITION

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Site of Medieval Parish Church ?

'The walls were razed, and the cemetery ploughed up, about 70 years ago may have been the Rogerstown mentioned in the taxation.' (Reeves 1847)

1 + 2. not shown

3 + 4. 'Church
(Site of)'

chapel of Rogerstone (1306 taxation) appears in the tennier as Ecclesia Villae Rogeri described as the Parish Church, + after the entry for Comber Monastery. In the Uster Vis'n Book under 'Capella Villae Rogeri' is noted 'people repayre to the next which is Comber'. (Reeves, 1847)

Field Visits

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Plans

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Listed

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Photos

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Reverend W (1847)

'Ecclesiastical Antiquities of Down, Comber and Downe'

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(Diocese of Down.)

The church of Kilwyinchi ^d	— 20s. —	Tenth, 2s.
The church of Nedrum ^e	— 7 marks —	Tenth, 9s. 4d.
The church of Kilmode ^f	— 20s. —	Tenth, 2s.
The chapel of Rogerestone ^g	— 40s. —	Tenth, 4s.
The chapel of Castelbeg ^h	— 2½ marks —	Tenth, 3s. 4d.
The church of Dondafnald ⁱ	— 6 marks —	Tenth, 8s.
The church of Corgrippe ^k	— 20s. —	Tenth, 2s.

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^d *Kilmode*.—Now Kilmoed parish.—Ord. Survey, s. 16. At the Dissolution, the rectory of this parish was appropriate to the Abbey of Comber, and was called 'Kilmode-managh'.—Ul. Inq., No. 2. Jac. I., and 75 Car. I. Down. The present church was erected on the site of the old, about twenty-five years ago.

^e *Rogerestone*.—The exact spot where this chapel stood is unknown. In the Terrier, the "Monasterium de Cumber" is succeeded by the "*Ecclesia Villæ Rogeri*", with the observation,—“i. e. the Parish Church”. In the Ul. Vis. Book, under the head "Capella de Villa Rogeri", is the note "people repayre to the next which is Cumber". As the name Cumber does not occur in the Taxation, the chapelry of Ballyroger or Rogerstown, may be supposed to represent a part, at least, of that parish.—See *Appendix*.

^h *Castelbeg*.—Now Castlebeg, a small townland, in a tongue of Dundonald parish, which comes within about half a mile of the town of Comber.—Ord. Survey, s. 10. "Capella de Castlebege is the Archdeacon's".—Terrier. The name, in

Irish, is *carplean beag*, 'little castle', and is sometimes written 'Ballecaslanbege'.—Ul. Inq., No. 2, Jac. I., and 104, Car. I., Down.

ⁱ *Dondafnald*.—Now Dundonald (Dun Doimnail, 'the fortress of Donald'), a parish which derives its name from a large earthen fort which stands beside the church. In the modern parish of Dundonald have merged the ancient chapelries of Castlebeg and Ballyoran.—Ord. Survey, s. 5.

^k *Corgrippe*.—Now Gortgrib, a small townland in that part of Knock-Breda union, which is situate in Lower Castle-reagh.—Ord. Survey, s. 5. "Capella de Corcrib, a mensal, hath two townlands".—Terrier. "The great and small Tithes, and the Ecclesiastical Book-money for Christenings (Burials, Marriages, and Easterings excepted) belonging to the Lands of Gortgrill [-gribb], in the parish of Knock and barony of Castle-reagh", held under the See of Down by the Vicars of Armagh, at fifteen shillings per annum.—Report of Eccl. Commiss., 1833, p. 110. There are no remains

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Reeves (1847) D.C.D. 11 (Rogerestone) 198 (Ballyalrickilligan)

Chart's PSAHLI OSFR no. 74 — missing