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## INTRODUCTION

KILMASTULLA civil parish lies in the barony of Owney and Arra on the main Nenagh to Limerick road. Most of it lies in the Roman Catholic parish of Ballina-Boher with a small section in Ballinahinch-Killoscully (both in the Archdiocese of Cashel and Emly). The parish was already united with Templeachally when the Civil Survey was taken in 1654. It is part of the Killaloe Union of the Church of Ireland.

The graveyard is situated beside the main road about 2 miles east of Birdhill village.

There are a number of beautiful carved slate stones in the graveyard. The oldest memorial commemorates a Daniel O'Brien who died in 1760.

There are four stones recording several generations of the GUNSUN family, Merchants of Limerick, dating from 1781 to 1833.

The most interesting stone is, undoubtedly, that of the Revd. B. O'Brien, D.D., Chaplain to Louis XVI of France. He died in 1828 aged 86.

This graveyard is also the resting place of Matthew Ryan, Boher and John Sheehy, Killalane, both killed at Foilduff during the Civil War in March 1923.

The inscriptions from the church of Our Lady of the Wayside, Birdhill, and the small burial ground known as 'Kyle' nearby, are included here in Kilmastulla but, in fact, they are both in the civil parish of Kilcomenty.

All the gravestones in the graveyard have been transcribed. In a few cases it was impossible to decipher a word and it is recorded thus: ----. Sometimes a date is doubtful and is recorded ?1830, ?1850, with the more likely date first.

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BASSETT

1. Erected by his father in loving memory of Harry Bassett. Died 18th June 1884 aged 5 years.  
'Suffer little children to come unto Me, for of such is the kingdom of God.'

BOURKE

See White No. 45.

BRANTON

2. Erected by Margaret Branton in memory of her brother Michl. Branton who depd this life March 1840 aged 42 yrs.  
Also her father & brother John. May they rest in peace Amen.

BRIEN

See O'Brien No. 24.

BUTLER

See O'Meara No. 20.

CARROLL

3. Erected by William Carroll of Lackin in memory of his father James Carroll. His mother Mary and his brother James.

CUMMINS

See Sullivan No. 39.

DONAHUE / DONOHUE

4. Erected by William Donahue in memory of his wife Betty Gurdeu who depd this life August 1818 aged 40 years.
5. Erected by John & Sarah Donohue to the memory of their parents:  
Michael Donohue who died September 15th 1911 aged 77 years.  
Sarah Donohue who died October 27th 1913 aged 73 years. And their daughter Nora Ryan nee Donohue who died Nov 8th 1941 aged 61 years.

GOING

6. In loving memory of John G. Going who died February 2nd 1915. Also his wife Henrietta V. Going who died May 9th 1915.

'Trust in Jesus'.

GURDEW

See Donahue No. 4.



GUNSUN

See Holoway No. 10.

7. Here lieth the body of Robert Gunsun, deceased January the 15th 1781 aged 61 years.
8. Erected by Messers Robert & John Gunsun of the city of Limerick, Merchants, in memory of their father Mr. John Gunsun, who depd this life 27th Dec 1820 aged 69 yrs. Also their brother Mr. William Gunsun of said city, hardware merchant who died 22nd Oct 1827 aged 25 years.
9. Erected in memory of Mr. James Gunsun, of the city of Limerick, hardware merchant, who departed this life the 11th day of September 1833, aged 32 years.

HOLOWAY

10. Here lies the body of Mary Holoway, alias Gunsun, deceased Jany 15th 1783 aged 24 years.

HURLEY

11. Erected by Mrs. Jane McKeogh in memory of Bridget Hurley who died in 1881 aged 80 years, and her brother Michael Hurley who died October 1894 aged 90 years and their niece Mary Ryan who died in 1897 aged 70 years.

LYONS

12. In loving memory of Michael Lyons died 18th May 1932 aged 84 & his wife Mary died 26th March 1933 aged 70. Their son Patrick died 24th May 1950 aged 64.  
Michael Lyons died 12th July 1974 aged 79. His wife Sarah died 20th Feb 1975 aged 70. Their son Michael died 8th Jan 1958 aged 21.  
Erected by Rev. J.S. Lyons.

MEALY

13. In memory of Ellen Mealy, wife of John Mealy who died in the year 1846. May her soul rest in peace. Amen.

MEARA / O'MEARA

14. O Lord have mercy on the soul of Patk Meara who depd this life in the 40th year of his age, interred the 5th of Feby. A.D. 1831. R.I.P.
15. O Lord have mercy on the soul of Edmd. Meara who depd this life in the 91st year of his age, interred the 17th Dec. A.D. 1832. R.I.P.
16. This tomb is erected by John Meara for himself and his posterity A.D. 1833.  
John Meara of Greenhawl died Jan 19th 1834 aged 50 yrs. R.I.P.



17. This tomb was erected by Timothy Meara in memory of his father John Meara who depd this life in the 91st year of his age. Interred the 17th of Decr A.D. 1839. O Lord have mercy on his soul. Amen.
18. Of your charity pray for the repose of the soul of Timothy O'Meara of Ballyhourigan who died 5th Sept 1876 aged 37 years, and his beloved wife Johanna who died Decr 22nd 1922 aged 73 years. Timothy O'Meara died 23rd June 1948 aged 72 years.
19. Erected in memory of John O'Meara of Killoscully, died June 1915. Also his beloved wife Bridget O'Meara died Marc. 1913. And their sons, Timothy & Mortimer and their daughters, Margaret Anne & Bridget. Also James O'Meara, Killoscully, died 23rd May 1941.
20. In loving memory of Mortimer O'Meara, Clonalough, Killoscully died 8th May 1922. His wife Mary Anne O'Meara died 13th Dec 1926 and children: Timothy O'Meara died 9th Dec 1893. Nora O'Meara died 1st April 1908. Ellen McKeogh died 20th Sept 1913. Josephine O'Meara died 19th Feb 1933. John O'Meara died 25th Sept 1934. Bridget Butler died 17th Jan 1958.

McCORM-----

21. Sacred -----in mem----- McCorm-----  
life Feby. -----Res-----  
(Fragment of a broken headstone.)

McCUTCHIN

22. Erected by Thomas McCutchin of Bohorolody, parish of Dolla, to the memory of his father Robert McCutchin who died Oct 5th 1842. Also to the memory of his own three infant children, Robert William McCutchin died Sept 8th 1837 aged 18 mths. Robert McCutchin died May 4th 1847 aged 4 years. Thomas McCutchin died April 6th 1847 aged 11 months.

(This headstone is badly broken.)

McKeogh

See Hurley No. 11.

O'Meara No. 20.

Ryan No. 35.

NOLAN

23. Erected by Mary Nolan of Lackin in memory of her husband John Nolan who died Decr 28th 1879 aged 64 years.  
And her son Patrick Nolan who died May 22nd 1888 aged 28 years.



O'BRIEN / BRIEN

24. Here lieth the body of Daniel Brien, deceased 9 ber the 27th 1760 aged 64 yers.
25. Erected to the memory of the Revd. B. O'Brien D.D., one of the Knights of Malta and Chaplain to Louis 16th of France, who departed this life 28th December 1828, aged 86 yrs.

Requiescat in pace. Amen.

26. Here rest the remains of Mary O'Brien, the beloved wife of Cornelius O'Brien of Limerick, died Decr 21 1831 aged 30 years. May she rest in peace.
27. Erected by Revd. Michael O'Brien in memory of his father John O'Brien of Inchamore who died August 1st 1841 aged 49 years. Also his mother Bridget died Aug 27 1874 aged 81 years.
28. In loving memory of the O'Brien family, Lacken, Birdhill. James O'Brien, his wife Mary. Their sons: Patrick, Jeremiah, & James. Their sister Bridget. Erected by Kennedy O'Brien. See also Ryan No. 34.

O'KELLY

29. Erected by Catherine O'Kelly in fond remembrance of her beloved husband Patrick O'Kelly who departed this life June 5th 1853 aged 46 years.

O'SULLIVAN

See Sullivan No. 41.

RENNICKS

30. In loving memory of Bridget Rennicks died 19 June 1974 aged 83. Her husband Jim died 14 Oct 1975 aged 75.

ROHAN / ROUGHAN

31. Erected by Judy Roughan of Carrigatoher in memory of her husband John Roughan who died May 7th 1842 aged 57.
32. In loving memory of our dear father & mother Denis Rohan, Carrigatoher died 24th Nov 1942. Norah Rohan died 26th June 1972, and their children Rita and Nancy.
33. In loving memory of John Rohan, Barnagore, died 9th Aug 1970 aged 81 years and his wife Anne died 18th Aug 1980 aged 89 years.

RYAN

See Donohue No. 5.

Hurley No. 11.



34. Erected by Denis Ryan in memory of his father & mother Matthew Ryan and Margt Ryan (alias O'Brien), departed viz: he August 1st 1805 aged 46 yrs. she March 16th 1817 aged 52 yrs. May they rest in peace, Amen.
35. Erected by Mrs. Jane McKeogh in affectionate remembrance of her father Patrick Ryan, Bushfield, who died in 1882 aged 72 years. And her mother Sarah Ryan who died in 1895 aged 80 years. And her brothers John Ryan who died in 1887 aged 50 years. Michael Ryan who died Febr 27th 1908 aged 70 years.
36. In loving memory of Cornelius Ryan, Boher, died 30th Dec 1916 aged 61 yrs. And his wife Mary died 12th Aug 1923 aged 57 years. Also their son, Matthew, Commandant General I.R.A., killed in action at Foilduff on March 27th 1923 aged 30 years and their sons, John J. Ryan died 11th May 1968 aged 72 years. Ben died 5th May 1973 aged 78 years.

#### SAVAGE

37. Erected by John Savage in memory of his daughter Margt. died Sept 31st aged 3 yrs.  
Mary died June 1st 1827 aged 10 yrs.

#### SHEEHY

38. In affectionate remembrance of John Sheehy, Bushfield, who died February 14th 1900 aged 81 years. And his beloved wife Anne who died May 1st 1894 aged 82 years. And his son Michael Sheehy, Killalane, who died February 11th 1904 aged 61 years.  
Also his grandson Michael Joseph Sheehy who died November 6th 1899 aged 6 years.  
Also his son Matthew Sheehy died August 1907 aged 62 years. His beloved wife Margaret McKeogh Sheehy died February 11th 1907 aged 65 and their infant children Matthew & Margaret.  
In memory of John Sheehy, Killalane, died for Ireland, 27th March 1923 aged 27 years. His mother Hanora died 25th Sept 1945 aged 90 years & his brother Patrick died 4th Dec 1965 aged 70 years. Annie, beloved wife of Henry Sheehy, Bushfield, died 27th January 1915. Henry Sheehy died March 13th 1917.  
Kennedy Sheehy died March 27th 1917.  
Mrs. Rita Sheehy died Feb 9th 1963 aged 64 years.  
Her husband John died Oct 3rd 1964 aged 74 yrs.



SULLIVAN / O'SULLIVAN

39. Erected by James Cummins in memory of his mother Mary Sullivan alias Cummins who departed this life March 1847 aged 57 years.
40. Erected by Darby Sullivan in memory of his father Darby Sullivan who died June 1876 aged 56 years. R.I.P. Amen. (Holding 7 graves).
41. In loving memory of Mrs. Catherine O'Sullivan, Kilmastulla, died 17th Sept 1964 & her husband Jeremiah died 28th Nov 1965 aged 72 yrs.

TEEFY

42. In loving memory of John Teefy, Gurtybrigane, died 23rd July 1945 aged 85 years.  
Mrs. Bridget Teefy died 14th April 1951. Erected by his son Patrick.

UNTHANK

43. In loving memory of Patrick Unthank who died 1st Jan 1944. His wife Mary died 1st April 1922 & their children: John, James and Mary. Erected by their son Denis.

WALSHE

44. Thanks be to God which giveth us the Victory through Our Lord Jesus Christ.  
Maria Louisa Walshe entered into rest Dec 4th 1869.

WHITE

45. Erected by Thomas White, Kilruane in memory of his son Patrick White died March 7th 1890 aged 32.  
Also the above Thomas White died Novr 27th 1903, and his sons:  
Joseph White died Janry 7th 1909.  
John White died Jany 1st 1917.  
His niece Mrs. Margaret Bourke died March 25th 1920.

There is in this graveyard a large railed off area, but the compiler could not find any memorial within it.

CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF THE WAYSIDE. BIRDHILL.COFFEY

1. Erected by his wife & children in loving & abiding memory of John Coffey, Carrigeen House, who died January 16th 1917 aged 73 yrs.
2. Pray for the soul of Right Rev Monsignor James Coffey, who for 15 years was Adm. of St. Joseph's Cathedral, Dunedin, New Zealand.  
Born at Ballyglass, Nenagh; died in St. John's Hospital, Limerick on January 10th 1923 in the 57th year of his age and 33rd of his Sacred ministry. May he rest in peace.  
Et hic jacet in spe beatae resurrectionis.



KYLE GRAVEYARD. (Near Birdhill).RYAN

1. In loving memory of our dear mother Mrs. Mary Ryan, Coosane, Birdhill, who died 11th July 1967 aged 65 years.

TEEFY

2. In loving memory of Jack Teefy, Coosane, Birdhill, died 29 Feb 1979 aged 54 yrs. His father Michael died 1945. His mother Mary died 19 April 1971 aged 77 yrs.  
Erected by the Aherne family, Montpelier, O'Brien's Bridge.

There are other burials in this graveyard but none marked with an inscribed headstone.



