

'Church' and graveyard

This church was originally S. Catherine's Church of Ireland parish church, it was closed to worship in the early 1970s; I have not the exact date before me, when I was in the district in the late 1960s and early 1970s there were only one or two parishioners in the area. It has now been converted into the County Clare Heritage Centre where a fine collection of genealogical material has been built up. One of the founders and prime movers was the late Ignatius Cleary of Corofin - his local knowledge was unsurpassed. When I ceased transcribing in County Clare I deposited all my working 1" series O.S. maps there. c.1981/82 AnCO completed a survey of the memorials in the graveyard, this was a Youth Project and was extremely well done. In all, 39 memorials were transcribed and a scale map showing the position of each memorial was prepared, the resultant work being ring-bound and placed in various archives. Where the "AnCo" readings and mine are different I show the variations; in all cases, I give the "AnCo" reference number at the end of my Report, which, in the first instance, did not include memorials dated after 1880. Alfred Molony published the three BREW inscriptions, below, in the J. Memorials Association, vol.V, no. 3, pt. 1, pp316/7. I include with my transcriptions his short biographical notes on persons mentioned on the three memorials. The transcriptions below are in two sections: Section A Church interior memorials, Section B those in the graveyard.

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SECTION A, memorials and dedications within the church

BLOOD. To the memory of Thomas Blood Esq^r of Roxton Esqr who died 25th May 1847 and his wife Maria who died July 7th 1859 and their only son Frederick William Blood Esq who died October 26th 1855 and their grandson Richard Tounsend Herbert who died an infant March 28th 1834 son of Colonel Charles Herbert C B 54th Regt and his wife Elizabeth

1 **FITZGERALD.** These two windows are erected in memory of Francis John FitzGerald of Adelphi eldest son of William Fitz Gerald of Kilcarragh who died January 22nd 1854 aged 68 years and his brother William who died February 17th 1872 aged 83 years. (See, also, Section B, below)

2 **FITZGERALD.** Erected by William Fitz Gerald Esquire in memory of his daughter Mary wife of Sir Lucius O'Brien Baronet, her remains are deposited in the Kensal Green Cemetery near London where she died on the 26th of May 1852 aged 34 years.

HERBERT see BLOOD.

O'BRIEN see FITZGERALD, 2.

PATERSON. In loving memory of my dear husband Lieut Col. Paterson D.L. who died at Clifden January 8th 1898.

End Section A