My Townland:- Fermoyle

My Townland is Fermoyle. It is situated four miles from Sneem and about a mile from Derryleagh School. There are four families living in the village and the land is divided into four farms.

Long ago there were many families living in the village namely O'Kellys, Murphys, Dorohys and Sullivan Mśvzkēsd. The O'Kellys lived under a rock called "Cskksvz Tsidz" which is situated in the land now owned by Mr John D O'Sullivan. When this family died they were buried side by side in their own land and a stone on which there is ogham writing marks their their graves.

The Murphys lived in a house called Cró Murphy.

This is (is) still standing and is used as a cow house by John D O' Sullivan. When the Murphys died they were buried in a place called Lathair's Vein in our farm.

The Dorohys lived in a house called the Poor House in the land now owned by William O' Sullivan.

The Sullivan Mauzrésds lived in an old cabin called "Foisrsc" and its remains are still to be seen in Peter O' Sullivan's land.

The Sullivan Lawrence lived in a house called "Cró Larry". The ruin of this old house now occupies a part of the boundary fence between John D O' Sullivan and Peter O' Sullivan.

In addition to these ruins there are also many caves which would prove of interest to antiquarians. One of these caves is in the lands

of Peter O'Sullivan. It is supposed that when the Danes were defeated that they hid in those caves. In this place of retreat their food consisted of grass and whisky the latter made from heather.

There is also a "Kileen" in the village which was used as a burying place for those who died during the famine and children who died without baptism. There is one very large grave in it and it is supposed that six people were buried there together.

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Age = 74 years
Livelihood = Old Age Pensioner.
Birthplace = Fermoyle.
Where he has lived = Fermoyle.