

## The Townland of Carradoogan

The name of my townland is Carradoogan, but the old Irish name for it was Cearnam-Cool, meaning the narrow quarter, and it is situated ~~one~~ along the side of the mountain in the parish of Alty-mass Co. Mayo, and in the barony of Gallen.

Long ago there were no houses at all in Cearnam-Cool until a man called Slack came in from The Gap at Lough-Talt shepherding and he built a house here, and then some of the tenants followed him, and they divided the land among them.

There are sixteen houses in it, six of them being built lately, and ten of them are old houses. Nine of them are thatched houses, six slated, one galvanised, and one two storey high.

Three of the houses have the

rooms, two bedrooms and a kitchen, eight with two rooms, a bedroom and a kitchen, and one with four rooms, three bedrooms and a kitchen, one with five rooms, a kitchen and four bedrooms, two with only a kitchen, and one with two rooms, a kitchen and a bedroom. There are three with tiled roofs, three with slated roofs, one with a galvanised roof, and eight with thatched roofs.

The commonest surnames of the place are: Loftus, Moyles and Igoe. There are four people over seventy in my townland, two of them are able to tell Irish stories ~~stories~~ and the other two can talk Irish. The Irish story-tellers names are Mrs. Sarah Barnett and Mr. James Igoe, both of Carradoogan,

Some of the young boys and girls went to America long ago, and some of them remained there for ever, and some came home, when they had earned some money, but they do not go

now because they are not allowed, but nearly all the young boys and girls go to England instead. The girls go to work and remain there, but the boys only go to the hay, harvest, and the potatoes. When a man went to England long ago, his wife did the work or if he had any family they helped to do it.

The roads that were made long ago were made of stones underneath sods. The road leading from the the mountain to Ella more was made like that, and it is not now used. In the making of a road leading from Pat Ferguson's to the mountain, the men were paid with meal, and then that road was called the "slirabout" roads.

All the paths in the village are used, but there is one which was considered should not be used, because when the owners of that house were going to build it first, they intended to make it longer, but there was portion

of it built across the path, and it was knocked every morning in succession, for three mornings, because that was the "Good People's" path.

There are no lakes, rivers streams, or bridges that have got a name in my townland.

The crops set are potatoes oats, grass, and wheat.

Most of the land is sandy and reclaimed, because it was all a bog at one time, and if a person dug far enough down, he might meet bog to the present day.

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