

Dysart Graveyard

Townland: Dysart Glebe
 Parish: Castlecomer
 Ownership: KK Co. Co.
 Rothe House No: TG07e
 BG No: 190
 RMP No: 10-25-02
 Geolocation: E 653053, N 669943 (ITM)
 52.777903, -7.213659 (WGS 84)
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 Survey Date: June 1971

Foreward:

Dysart – a hermitage. Ancient Church dedicated to Saint Brendan of Birr was swept away in floods. The graveyard is on the banks of the River Dinin and a part of it has been swept away by floods over the years.

Many families of Brennans and other families including Dunns and Regans are buried in this graveyard under un-inscribed stones (Information supplied by Dan Fitzpatrick Deevy who lives near the graveyard). Six families of Brennans lived on the Knocknadogue Road, only one family remained in 1971. Most families around Comer had nicknames e.g. The “long” Martin Brennan. Regans are buried here too --- Born losers --- Dunne --- the “Ball O hair”.

Inscriptions:

Name	Tomb No.	Inscription
Brennan (1)	1	(Altar tomb, not deciphered – only name) Elinor Brennan
Brennan (2)	2	Erected by Garrett Brennan in memory of his sister Bridget Brennan who departed May 4 th 1801 aged 24 ? years. Also his brother Edmond Brennan who departed September 12 th 1803 aged 17 years.
Brennan (3)	3	(Upright stone top left of altar tomb (looking at Dysart Bridge) In November 1970 it was painted blue). Here lies interred the body of Mr Garret Brennan died 29 th September, 1759 aged 34 years.

Brennan (4)	4	(Altar tomb, 2 upright between it and the boundary wall) Sacred to the memory Mrs Elinor Brennan, the Baker, who departed November 1799 ? aged ----- . Also her husband Cornel Brennan of Ballyhemon who departed this life November ----- with 7 of their children who died young. Also William who departed this life October ----- aged 10. Also Geffery who departed this life September 1820 aged 30. Also Dan who departed this life June 1 st 1822 ? aged 25 years. Also John Brennan of Castlecomer who departed this life ----- 18-5? Erected by his children ? May they rest in peace, Amen.
Brennan (5)	5	(Standing Stone) Erected in memory of Mr James Brennan of Gillianstown who died September 28 th 1847, aged 72. Also two of his children who died young. Note: Gillianstown may be Julianstown (a townland south of the graveyard near the junction of road to Muckalee from the main road.)
Brennan (6)	6	(Large standing stone beside small grave stone) Erected by William Brennan of Augharue in memory of his beloved wife Bridget Brennan who died December 3 rd 1856 aged 61 years. Note: Augharue is the hill at Rossmore over-looking Carlow)
Comerford	9	(Standing stone leaning forward) Erected by Edmond Comerford of Kiltown in memory of his two daughters Margaret and Elinor and the former died October 1 st 1775, aged 10 years, the latter died June 27 th 1787 aged 17 years. R.I.P.
Hanlin	10	(Two upright stones together, farthest from bridge) Here lieth the body of Bryan Hanlin, he died June ye 7 th 1764 aged 62 years. Also his wife Catherine Brennan died March 3 rd 1790 aged 84 years. Note: (Old man named Tom Hanlin from Julianstown died 1969 in the mental hospital)
Hosey (1)	11	(Standing stone next boundary wall and near bridge) Erected by Peter Hosey in memory of his father Michael Hosey who departed this life 19 th May 1808 aged 56 years. Lord have mercy on his soul, Amen. And also here lie the remains of the same Peter Hosey who departed this life November 26 th in 1819, aged 28 years.
Hosey (2)	12	Here lieth the body of John Hosey of Ardough departed this life April 16 th 1801 aged 31 years. Also his son Pierce Hosey died January 28 th 1807 aged 24 years and his brother Andrew Hosey died May 30 th 1801 aged 14 years. Note: Andrew is still a predominant name in Hoseys of Clogh.
Kelly	13	(no inscription recorded)
Lawless	14	(Modern standing stone beside altar tomb of Brennan the Baker) Erected by Annie Lawless in memory of her beloved father Edward Lawless who died 24 th June 1909 aged 62 years. Also her mother Mary Lawless died 26 th March 1921 aged 53 years, her brother Michael Lawless died 31 st December 1927 aged 40. <i>Sweet Jesus have mercy on them.</i> Tomb maker - Gargan

		Note: The Lawless family came from Conahy parish of Lisnafunchion. Annie always in contact, her brother Ned living on the Dublin Rd., Kilkenny City (1971).
Ryan	15	(Standing stone next boundary wall) Here lie the remains of Catherine Ryan alias Brennan wife of Patrick Ryan of Damerstown. She died Good Friday A.D. 1811 aged 50 years, also their daughter Elinor wife of Michael Kavanagh who died 9 th May, A.D. 1829 aged 30 years. Note: In 1971 the Ryan family were still in Damerstown.
Shay	16	(Small standing stone) Here lies the body of Michael Shay, departed 1757. Note: In 1971 the Shay family were still in the area.

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