

Castleinch Cemetery

Townland: Castleinch (Inchyholohan or Inchiologhan)
 Parish: Inchiologan (Civil), St Patrick's (R.C.)
 Ownership: KK Co. Co.
 Rothe House No: TG07d
 KK BG No: 109
 RMP No: 23-03-02
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Foreword: by M. Buggy

About two miles south of Kilkenny lies Castle Inch or Inchyholohan. The ancient Catholic Church dedicated to St. David was taken down in the 1600s. A later Protestant church erected in its place is long closed and now a ruin. It is surrounded by the graveyard and contains the tombs of the Earls of Desert. Inside the mausoleum there is a sandstone font on a limestone base which has stylised leaves decorating the front. This font we hope to remove to the safety of Rothe House for preservation together with an Effigy found lying on the ground outside the Church. This effigy is in stone and appears to be a monk or an ecclesiastic of some sort crudely carved. The figure has long flowing locks and the head rests on a pillow of sorts. The left hand is across the breast and the right is by the side. A circle of lovely trees formerly enclosed the church and graveyard but when we visited the place in May 1971 we found that these had all been cut by vandals and altar tombs damaged. Catholic and Protestant burials still take place here but are rare.

Inscriptions:

Name	Tomb No.	Inscription
Baker	1	(Altar tomb left of Power and close to broken Barton altar tomb) Here rests the mortal remains of John Baker of Castle Bamford Esq. and of Barbara his wife, daughter of Saunders Barton of Rathcullen Esq. He remained a widower about 40 years and departed this life 1819 aged 86.
Barton (1)	2	(Upright tombstone close to Blunden, near entrance stile) Here lieth the body of Benjamin Barton, Ballyline, oldest son of the late William Barton of Ballyline in this County, Esq., who died 12 th May 1888 aged 56. Also Anne who died November 10 th 1907 aged 79 wife of above and daughter of Edward Bowers of Oldcourt, Piltown

Barton (2)	3	(Recently broken altar tomb close to No. 1) Underneath this stone lie the mortal remains of Mrs ----- Barton relict of -- ----- Barton Esq. Also Mrs Barton wife of ----- Barton Esq. and Mrs Whitehead wife of ----- Whitehead of ----- Wexford, Note: Christian names missing due to condition of tomb.
Barton (3)	4	(Altar tomb next to small Cross. Good lettering) Sacred to the memory of Miss Johanna Barton late of Patrick Street, City of Kilkenny who died 3 rd January, 1861 aged 86 years.
Blunden (1)	6	(Broken cross, white marble. 'Credo' on base, near stile. Iron surround) In memory of John Blunden of Castle Blunden third Bart. Born 21 st December 1814. Died January 1890 and Elizabeth his wife died 5 th October 1900. Note: M.P. for City of Kilkenny and Sheriff in 1844.
Blunden (2)	7	(Small Celtic cross near south wall of Church. 'Thy will be done' in circle.) 'Waiting for the coming'. Here underneath lie the remains of Maurice Robert Blunden M.B. M.C. T.C.D. son of Sir John Blunden. He died April 17 th 1876 aged 27 years patiently and thankfully awaiting the Lords own good time. Note: Sir John Blunden married Lucy Susanna Cuffe in 1755 and above was probably their son.
Boyd	10	(Large altar tomb next to Power, Ennisnag, near Meany) Here are interred the remains of John Boyd of the City of Kilkenny Esq. where he resided 60 years having settled there from Ballycastle, Co. Antrim, place of his nativity. He married in 1768 Margaret fifth daughter of Christopher Hunt Esq. of Jerpoint whom he survived 46 years and he departed this life 11 th May 1816 aged 78 years. Beneath this stone are also interred the remains of his only child and beloved daughter, ----- Anne Humpfrey otherwise Broderick who died at Kilkenny on 24 th November 1855 aged 85 years and 11 months. Note: Pigots Nobility and Gentry 1824 gives Christopher Humpfrey, The Parade Esq.
Broderick (1)	11	(Right side of mausoleum, 2 black and white marble plaques inside Church) (First plaque) Sacred to the memory of John Laurence Broderick Esq. Coronet 2 nd Dragoons or Queens Bays, eldest son of the late Rev. John Broderick, Ennisnag in County who died 4 th April 1819 aged 29 at Gort, Co. Galway. Born July 5 th 1790. Died April 4 th 1819.
Broderick (2)	12	(Second plaque in Mausoleum) Sacred to the memory of Henry Broderick Esq. Captain 29 th Reg. of Foot and son of Rev. John Broderick, Ennisnag in this County. He died 21 st December 1829 in his 38 th year at Cape of Good Hope. Born August 22 nd 1791 and died December 21 st 1829. This monument is erected in the burial place of their ancestors by their affectionate mother.
Broderick (3)	13	(Floor slab also in mausoleum)

		Interred here in same week 1756 St.John and Jane Broderick to the inexpressible grief of their most afflicted parents. Here lieth too the remains of Mary Broderick aged 16 years. Although void of utterance, possessed of every other sense with virtue, innocence and angelical temper. She passed from a base world to eternal bliss on 12 th August 1774.
Conningham	15	(Altar tomb to left of Crawford enclosure) Sacred to the memory of Mrs Jane Conningham who departed this life January 20 th 1809 aged ----years, sister to Mrs Henrietta Wall of Castleinch. To the right lieth the remains of Harriet Conningham who died November 1811 aged 16 years.
Crawford (1)	16	(Two upright tombstones enclosed by high iron railing at back of Morrissey monument. Left tombstone has urn on top. Right tombstone is Lambert) Erected by John and Letitia Crawford of Cuffesgrange in memory of their dear children William Crawford died March 25 th 1855 aged 3 years. Robert Crawford died December 13 th 1862 aged 6 years. Joseph Crawford died February 19 th 1873 aged 15 years. Letitia Crawford died March 26 th 1887 aged 59 years. John Crawford died December 7 th 1889 aged 74 years Anne Crawford who died young. Margaret Crawford mother of Anne died May 1 st 1931 aged 71 years. William Crawford born 9 th September 1856 died March 10 th 1940. Rachel Crawford born 9 th May 1897 died August 1955.
Cuffe (1)	18	(Left side of mausoleum. White marble mural monument flanked by two crests with another crest on top and two reclining figures on pediment.) To the pious memory of Joseph Cuffe of Castle Inch who died Christmas Day between 9 and 10 a.m. in the year of our Lord 1679 aged 58. Note: Above Joseph Cuffe was the first member of the Cuffe family to settle in Kilkenny. He was born in Ennis, Co. Clare, and served under Cromwell in the Irish campaign of 1649 and as a reward for his service was awarded the Castle, Manor and lands of the estate thereafter to be known as Castle Inch which was formerly in the possession of the Comerford family.
Cuffe (2)	19	(Black marble slab inside Mausoleum with Desert Coat of arms and Motto ' <i>Vertus repulsae vescia sordidae</i> ') In memory of John Otway 2 nd Earl of Desert born February 20 th 1788 and died November 23 rd 1820 and of his son Otway O'Connor third Earl of Desert, born October 12 th 1818 and died April 1 st 1865. Raised Latin Cross and prayer. Note: See booklet on ' <i>Ellen, Countess of Desert and Capt. The Hon. Otway Cuffe</i> ' by J. L. McAdams.
Elliot	20	(Upright tombstone behind wall tomb) Sacred to the memory of Ann wife of William Elliot late of Alnwick in the County of Northumberland, who died 6 th October 1814 at Desert near Kilkenny aged 56. Also to above William who died at Desert 18 th June 1816 aged 68.
Hartford	21	(Small stone built vault with fine classical doorway now bricked up with

		yellow bricks. Inscribed slab.) William Hartford of Grange in the County of Kilkenny built this vault entombed therein the body of Mrs Catherine Wilkinson the mother of his wife Anne. She died September 16 th 1797 aged 70 years.
Hogan	22	(A small stone cross and surrounded, left of wall) Erected by James Hogan of Waterford Road, Kilkenny in loving memory of his son, Joseph who died October 29 th 1918 aged 16. (This is on cross). (On surround:) - In memory of James Hogan who died 9 th May 1943 aged 80. Tomb maker - Walshe, Carlow.
Lambert	25	(Upright tombstone beside Crawford and inside same railing). Erected by Elizabeth Lambert in memory of her beloved husband Joseph Lambert of Cuffesgrange who died September 30 th 1854 aged 50. Also her nephew William Crawford who died March 25 th 1855 aged 3 years. Verse follows.
Madden	26	(Altar tomb behind Poe) Here lieth the body of Rev. Mr Dodgson Madden late Rector of this Parish. He died 2 nd January 1809 aged 31 years. Tribute and prayer follow. Note: See St. Marys (old) by M. Buggy for Madden also.
Meany (1)	27	(Upright tombstone (one of three) nearest roadway ditch) Erected by Richard Meany in memory of his father John Meany of Cellarstown who died January 22 nd 1799 aged 84. Also Michael Meany son to above Richard who died June 1 st 1810 aged 21 years.
Meany (2)	28	(Beside Meany (1) Smaller stone) Here lieth the body of Thomas Meany son of John Meany of Cellarstown -- ---1777.
Meany (3)	29	(This large tombstone is now lying face down.) The name and date were recorded in 1969 as follows: William Meany ---- 1845. Note: The above Meany family still reside at Cellarstown. Two brothers Patrick and Hugh reside there and a third brother Very Rev. Dr. William Meany D.D. resides at Maynooth College (1971)
Morrissey	30	(Large pediment on concrete base) Two rest here She and I. She, Hannah died 2 nd February 1908 aged 35. I, John Morrissey died 1 st September 1922 aged 64. Prayer. Right side of Pediment – Also their sons Martin who died 12 th September, 1959 aged 65, and John Rioch died 30 th May 1965. Tomb maker - Gargan & Son, Kilkenny Note: This grave belongs to Morrisseys of Walkin Street and is well kept.
Poe	33	(A square monolith enclosed by high railing.) Sacred to the memory of James Poe late of the City of Kilkenny who died 21 st June 1851 aged 69. Also his wife Henrietta Arabella who died 28 th

		<p>March 1865 aged 61. Also to the memory of their son Robert who died 2nd March 1869 aged 28. And their daughter Susan who died 1st October 1917 aged 84. Also son John who died 5th March 1919 aged 80 and their daughter Margaret died 5th April 1928 aged 85.</p> <p>On Side: - and of their grandson James, eldest son of James Poe of Troyswood who died 31st July 1861 in his 5th year.</p> <p>‘I am the Resurrection and Life ‘</p>
Power	34	<p>(Sarcophagus with chains and bollard. Next to altar tomb of Boyd)</p> <p>Erected by his widow, in loving memory of John Power of Ennisnag who died 19th November 1884. R.I.P.</p>
Richardson	35	<p>(Upright tomb with cross on top and surround)</p> <p>Nicholas Goselin Richardson, Tyaquinn, Co. Galway died 6th June 1917 aged 73 years and his wife Katherine eldest daughter of John Blunden Bart. Erected by their sons.</p>
Sandys	36	<p>(Altar tomb near boundary ditch – roadway side)</p> <p>Sacred to the memory of the Revd. Francis Robert Sandys, Rector of this parish for 24 years where he died in his 60th year.</p>
Shearman	37	<p>(Altar tomb next to Wiltshire and close to Sandys)</p> <p>Beneath this tomb are the remains of Robert Shearman of Kilcreen, Esq. one of his Majesty’s Justices of the Peace and deputy Governor for the County of Kilkenny. As a Magistrate he was upright, prompt and impartial in the distribution of justice. As a husband, father and friend he possessed all these dispositions which rendered those relationships happy and honourable. (A long tribute follows)</p> <p>He closed his eyes 28th Sept 1808 aged 69. This tomb was erected by his affectionate widow Anne Shearman who with regret pays this last tribute to his memory.</p>
Wall (1)	38	<p>(Altar tomb near Jane Conningham and James Hogan.</p> <p>Sacred to the memory of John William Wall Esq. of Castleinch who departed this life July 24th 1811 aged 41.</p>
Wiltshire	42	<p>(Altar tomb with triangular top. Near Madden and Shearman)</p> <p>Sacred to the memory of William Wiltshire Capt. 11th Reg. of Foot. He died 17th July 1826. Prayer from Gospel of St. John follows.</p> <p>On other side is the following:</p> <p>To the memory of Robert Marcus Wiltshire aged 6 years who was removed from this vale of tears 9th March 1819.</p> <p>“Suffer little children “</p>

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