

Mothel Graveyard

Townland:	Mothel
Parish:	Muckalee
Ownership:	Church - RCB, Graveyard - KK Co.Co.
Rothe House No:	TG16b
BG No:	238
RMP No:	10-78-02
Geolocation:	E 650439, N 665088 (ITM) 52.734528, -7.253138 (WGS 84)
Recorded by:	Rita Harte
Survey Date:	mid 1970s

Foreword:

The name Mothel has various spellings e.g. Mothell, Mohill and Moathail.

The old parish Church of Mothel is believed to have stood within the Rath about 100 m to the south-west of the present graveyard, and to have been destroyed by an incursion of Danes in 928 probably at the time they murdered local people sheltering in Dunmore caves nearby. A medieval Church dedicated to St Nicholas of Tolentine was later constructed within the graveyard. After the Reformation it was used for Protestant services to about 1800, with extensive rebuilding carried out in the 1730s (Carrigan, Vol. III). Today the Church is in ruins. A modern structure used as a ball-alley has been appended to the south-west side. Three families were buried in the church – Webb, Ellis and Stoatbury but only the Webb monument has a legible inscription.

In the graveyard a large number of graves are marked by roughly shaped undressed stones some with an incised cross and dating from the 18th century. None of the headstones are older than about 1750. All tomb slabs were much covered with lichens and most were illegible.

Inscriptions

Name	No.	Inscription
Phelan	1	Erected by Margaret Phelan of Moathail in memory of her husband Edmond Phelan died July 2 nd 1868 aged 70.
Muldowny (1) / Muldowney	2	(Second row. I.H.S. in sunburst surrounded by floral decoration) <i>Gloria in Excelsis Deo</i> Erected by Hugh Muldowney of Corbetstown in memory of his son Edmond Muldowney died February 6 th 1831 aged 20 also 2 children who died young.
Muldowny (2)	3	(Second row, Beside Church wall) Erected by Walter Muldowny of Corbetstown in memory of father

		Edmond who departed this life May 3 rd 1825 aged 72, also his mother Elinor Muldowny died February 24 th 1890 aged 70.
Muldowny (3)	4	(Third row) Erected by Mary Muldowney of Took in memory of her beloved husband Hugh Muldowney died 16 th December 1846 aged 52, also her son Patrick died December 27 th 1857 aged 33.
Ryan	5	Here lies Patrick Ryan of Damerstown died 6 th May 1820 aged 56 also his son Thomas died 1836 aged 46, also Catherine daughter of aforesaid Thomas Ryan and wife of Thomas Kelly of Rockheld died 17 August 1848 aged 60.
Mulhall (1)	6	(Fourth row, beside church) Pray for the soul of John Mulhall died 14 th April 1929 aged 90 and his wife Mary Ann died 15 th October 1931 aged 84.
Mulhall (2)	7	(A double slab with line down the middle) Erected by Mrs Katie Mulhall, Knocknew in memory of husband Thomas Mulhall died February 9 th 1912, also her sister Margaret Murphy died April 7 th 1918
Kealy (1)	8	Here lies Edmond Kealy died June 17 th 1790 aged 77. Here lies Mary Murphy alias Connery wife of Edmond Kealy died May 12 th 1780 aged 70.
Reed (1)	9	Here lies Robert Reed died July 30 th 1776 aged 33.
Kealy (2)	10	Here lies John Kealy died October 19 th 1772 aged 66.
Reed (2)	11	Here lies Margaret Reed alias Kealy wife to Patrick Reed died 9 th September 1770 aged 50.
Kealy (3)	12	Erected by Mary Kealy of Tunohaney in memory of her husband Richard Kealy died March 3 rd 1866 aged 72, also his son Thomas Kealy died March 3 rd 1866 aged 28, also her son Richard who died young.
Henessy	13	(At outside wall) Erected by Richard Henessy in memory of Father John Henessy died May 18 th 1790 aged 75.
Headen	14	Erected by John Headen of Moathill in memory of his father Daniel died November 3 rd 1820 aged 81, also his children who died young.
Craney	15	(This tomb has a simple cross in a circle like the early 7 th century stones) In memory of Michael Craney died December 6 th 1861 aged 70.
Brennan	16	(Inscription added at a date later than the survey) Mary Brennan (nee Wilson) Scanlansland, Dunmore 02/01/1868 - 13/04/1947. Also her husband John Brennan Inchakill, Dunmore, 12/07/1875 - 02/04/1954. Rest in Peace.
Brown	17	(Base of Cross, cross missing) Brown

Butler	18	(Small standing stone) In loving memory of our uncle Nicholas Butler 1894 – 1972 and our sisters Hannah 1920 – 1921 and Nancy 1929 – 1936.
Webb	19	(Floor slab in Church) (Read again).

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Mulhall (2)		7
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Phelan		1
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