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## MY CHILDHOOD

We used to live at Garryricken when I was born, and I think I have changed my residence as often as most persons. Garryricken was a good large house, but I am truly grieved to say has been pulled down ten years ago. *Remedium nullum exstat*. So we will not say more. My two eldest sisters & Walter were born during our residence. It was a very Irish place not in the English style of pleasure grounds, but good trees & large house. Comfortable & convenient but not showy. In the year 1816 we left it & moved to Dunmore, two miles from Kilkenny. This was at the period of my going to Iver, here I once got rowed for writing Dunmore Lodge as a copy, just as if it were not as good as "Declamation" or "Virtue is its own reward". Acheson was *criminis particeps*.

Dunmore is still in existence, a small and pretty cottage with very little ground about it unlet. A large deerpark was at that time let for twenty-one years. It contained 250 Irish acres & thorn trees & rabbits innumerable. What a pity to dispart it. At the time I write it is again on our hands, as speedily as it can be done. The trees & rabbits are I grieve to say extinct. Walter & James were very little at this time. The first distinguished himself by jumping out of a window, but was not hurt, & they both got tipsy one day, having got hold of some wine at luncheon time, no one else being with them. On the whole I was very fond of Dunmore and sorry to leave it. We used to be a good deal at Castlecomer where my grandmother lived, and at Ballyragget where my uncle Thos. Kavanagh had a house, in which we afterwards resided.

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