Journal of the Cork Historical and Archaeological Society

www.corkhist.ie

Title: Notes: Destruction of Carrig Castle, Mallow

Author: Chavasse, Claude

Journal of the Cork Historical and Archaeological Society, 1942, Vol. 47, No. 165, page(s) 52

Published by the Cork Historical and Archaeological Society

Digital file created: May 21, 2015

Your use of the JCHAS digital archive indicates that you accept the Terms and Conditions of Use, available at http://www.corkhist.ie/info/tandc.pdf

The Cork Historical and Archaeological Society (IE-148166, incorporated 1989) was founded in 1891, for the collection, preservation and diffusion of all available information regarding the past of the City and County of Cork, and South of Ireland generally. This archive of all content of JCHAS (from 1892 up to ten years preceding current publication) continues the original aims of the founders in 1891. For more information visit www.corkhist.ie.

This content downloaded from www.corkhist.ie

All use subject to CHAS Terms and Conditions

Digital content (c) CHAS 2015

Due to the field having been ploughed repeatedly during the last few years, it is now practically impossible to identify any evidence of habitation sites. There are, however, to be seen in the field at distances of 50 and 120 yards approximately from the site, two black patches. At first sight these suggested signs of habitation. The peculiar thing about them was that they were covered to some depth with rough stones which varied from the size of a matchbox to fine gravel. These stones look quite black in the moist soil but assume a reddish colour when dry. Furthermore, the presence of a stream some 100 yards to the north of the site, together with the boggy nature of the soil, suggested a " Fulacht Fiadh " or primitive cooking-place. However, an examination of the stones showed them to be quite hard, as distinct from the friable material so typical of " Fulacht Fiadh " sites. I am rather inclined to think that these stones have no significance and that they were dumped here when the field was being cleared. There are no traces of forts in the immediate vicinity, but Dunderrow graveyard, with an old church ruin, is a quarter mile to the N.E.

R. A. SWEETNAM.

DESTRUCTION OF CARRIG CASTLE, MALLOW.

On Monday, 22nd June, 1942, I visited the fine old castle of Carrig, 4 miles east of Mallow, standing on a rock overlooking the Blackwater. I found that the owner of the land had sold it to the County Council for road making. Only part of the ground floor remained. All the beautiful cut limestone was being smashed up. The former owner said that it was " no ornament." What made it more bitter was that quantities of now useless nineteenth century park walls and ruinous out-offices were untouched.

REV. CLAUDE CHAVASSE.

This content downloaded from www.corkhist.ie
All use subject to CHAS Terms and Conditions
Digital content (c) CHAS 2015